**The Divine Office and Opus Dei**

Beginning in November last year, I had to find a new technical manager for Opus Dei and the Divine Office. These sites had to be moved to a new host service and required enhancements and updates that had to be managed by a professional. It was a complicated process since two versions of Java are used. The first vendor that was selected could not do the work and in fact broke the sites. Our regular website also needed work

In late January, I found a vendor who was able to repair the broken sites and get us up and running. A second vendor, Webcitz, has become our main developer and engineering support for us. Since February the following work has been completed:

The website pages ‘Membership’, and ‘Our Offering’ has been updated with a new listing of Br. Steven’s, OSB books has been added.

The Opus Dei and Divine Office has undergone many changes and enhancements, so they can be used not only for private and virtual prayer; but, for convocation services as well.

1. Eucharist services with special rites for convocations have been added to the site.
2. Matins, Mid-day, and Vespers have rubrics included to guide users (both virtually and at convocation) in monastic practices. This is in response to members who wanted to have these instructions included in the new customary. It was decided that these instructions be included in the services for ease of maintenance.
3. The psalm portion for Mid-day service has been simplified.
4. In Matins & Vespers, links to special rites are included. In addition to adding these links, in Vespers there is a link to “Readings from the Desert” as a second reading for the service. This is an optional reading.

By the time you read this, the site will be up and running. It’s still a work in progress; therefore, I am creating a ‘punch list’ of proposed changes that could be implemented late this year or early next year. So, please let me know of your ideas and any errors found.

This has been a time consuming and expensive process, but it will save money in print costs for convocation, In addition, since Opus Dei was opened 11 years ago, we have invested minimal money on the site. What’s been done is catch-up maintenance and an expansion investment.

Thank you all for your support,

Abbot David