

INTRODUCTION – ABBOT PRIMATE GREGORY POLAN

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It is a great joy for me to introduce Father Abbot Dom Gregory POLAN, elected as the 10th Abbot Primate on September 10, 2016. Father Abbot Dom Gregory was born on January 2, 1950 in Berwyn, Illinois. He entered Conception Abbey in Conception, Missouri, in 1970, made profession in 1971 and was ordained a priest in 1977. He studied at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota and completed his PhD in Sacred Scripture at St. Paul University in Ottawa, Canada. He has held various positions at the College-Seminary of Conception as a teacher and musician, and has also been its rector. His teaching mandate here in St'Anselmo was interrupted when he was elected abbot of of Conception Abbey in 1996. He was a member of the Council of the Swiss American Congregation. As a professor of Sacred Scripture he carried out scriptural translation work for part of the New American Bible and later directed the complete translation of the Psalms, leading to the Revised Psalter Grail. He is the author of many articles on Sacred Scripture and is in high demand for workshops, retreats or conferences in many communities.

Please join me in welcoming this friend of the CIB, who has often told me: "Tell the sisters that I pray for them every day".

Welcome, Father Abbot Primate Dom Gregory!