



October 2018

Dear parents, alumni, benefactors & friends of Saint Mary's Abbey,

In the mid-11th century, St. Odilo, Abbot of Cluny, decreed that all Cluniac monasteries offer special prayers and sing the Office of the Dead on November 2nd, the day after All Saints. The custom spread from Cluny, and was finally adopted throughout the Roman Church. As Benedictine monks part of an ancient monastic legacy, we keep alive this wonderful custom. During the month November, we celebrate in prayer at Saint Mary's Abbey the blessed remembered for their models of holiness and now saints of the Church, and we remember those who have gone before us to our Heavenly Father.

We invite you to list the names of loved ones whom you would like us to include in our prayers and Masses throughout the month of November, beginning at our All Souls Day Requiem Mass on *Friday, November 2, 2018*. You are invited to [email](#) your list of names of your deceased relatives, classmates and friends whom you wish to be remembered. The names will be placed in a basket at the foot of the altar. All are cordially invited to the sung Requiem Mass on November 2nd.

On behalf of Abbot Richard and the monks of Saint Mary's Abbey, please accept this as our gift to you, and do not feel compelled to make a donation to the Abbey. Throughout the year, however, Mass cards for the living and deceased are available from [Mrs. Karen Schiner](#), Abbey Administrative Assistant.

Thank you for your continued support of the monks of Saint Mary's Abbey.

Sincerely,

Fr. Edward Seton, O.S.B.

The Very Reverend Edward Seton Fittin, O.S.B. '82
Prior