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In 2006, Brother Peregrine Rinderknecht, OSB, instigated the annual theological limerick contest. The contest provides students with the opportunity to engage the material they are learning in classes in a way that is entertaining and perhaps even challenging.

2006

First Place: Andrew Gaylord

Don't tell me you're losing all hope
that the bishops will widen their scope.
Just ignore the nonsense
And stick to your conscience,
And one day they'll make you . . .
a very nice offer at a Protestant university.

Second Place: Judy Kniss

Theology has texts a-plenty
Whose meanings are varied and many.
Let's pull out new tricks
Called Hermeneutics
To determine that meaning, if any.

Honorable Mention: Andy Witchger

Nestorians don't intertwine
Christ's natures: human and divine
Monophysites claim
They are one in the same
Chalcedon would correct them in time

2007

First Place: Jeremy Schwager

Nestorius said "Theotokos?
You've got it all wrong 'bout the Logos!
I think Mary is cool
But to set down a rule
We should really say Anthropotokos."

Second Place: Andrew Gaylord

A sinner you held me complete
From the day I did covet the teat
But my appetite sated
I sat and I waited
For you to say "Take up and read!"

Honorable Mention: Judy Kniss

A note group moves slowly or zooms,
The chanter never presumes.
To set the church ringing
With the sound of one's singing,
One must strictly follow the nuemes.