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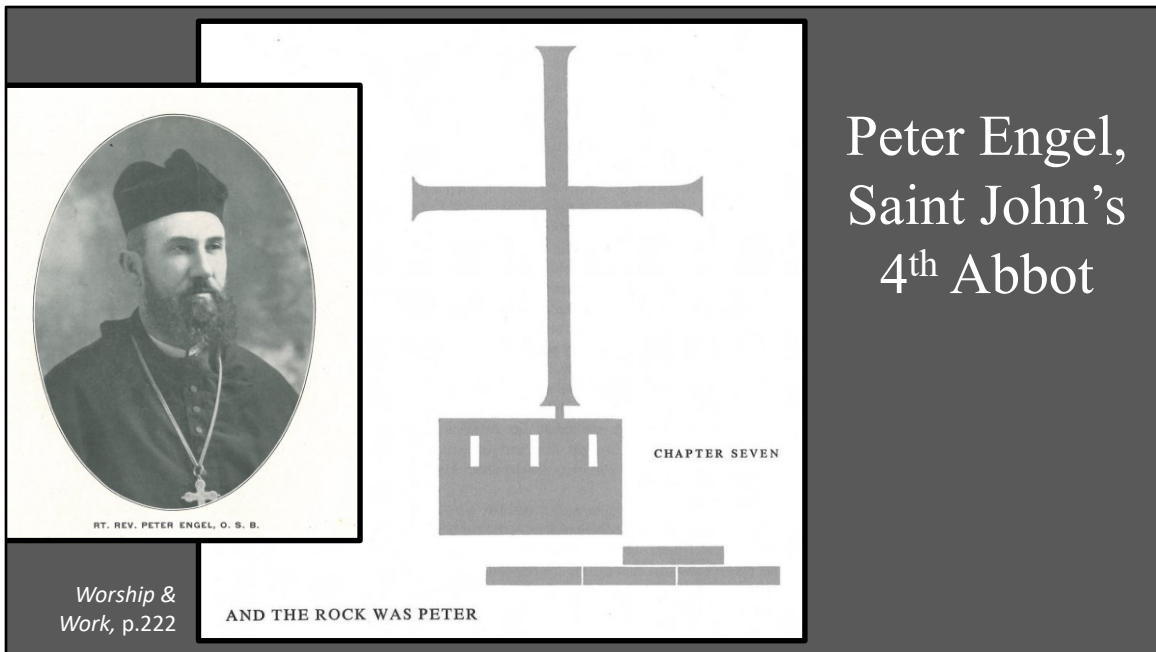
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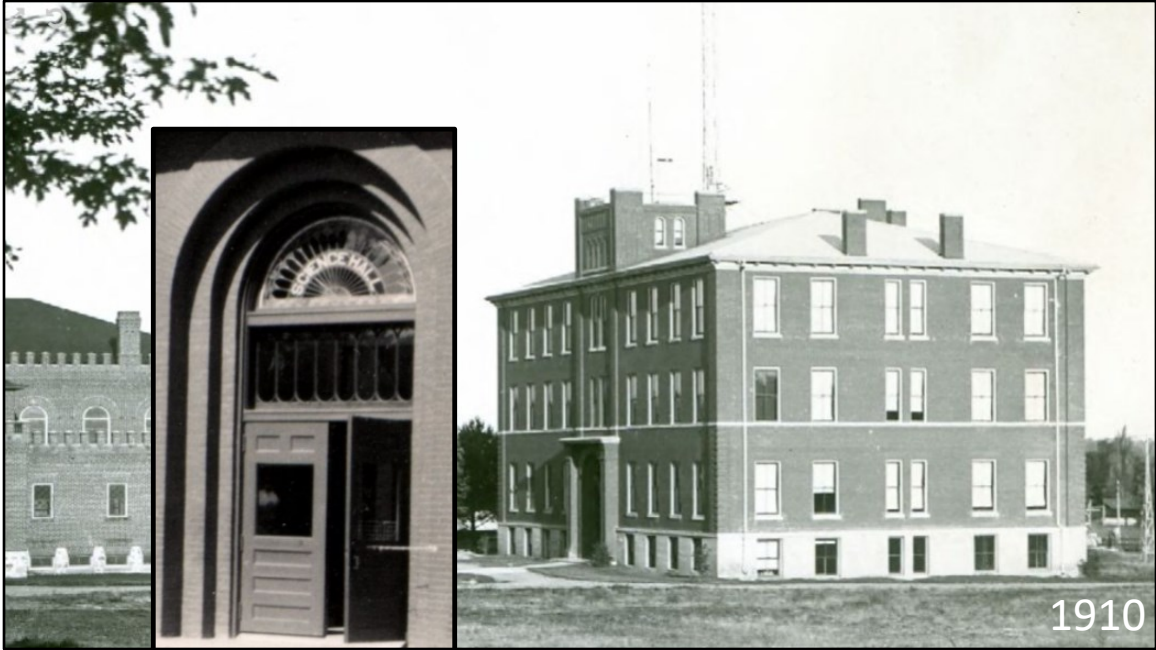


One of the things I noticed right away when I became the SJU Archivist was the place of honor given a framed photo of Peter Engel on the wall in the Archives. It may have been there only because it was an easy place to keep it, but nonetheless I wanted to learn more about him. A few years back, I made a note to myself to do a history lesson about him in November 2021 – the 100th anniversary of his death – but I decided to save it until today, to mark the annual visit to the Assembly by our current abbot.

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Worship & Work, p. 222

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I knew that this building had initially been called simply the Science Hall, clearly labeled as such above the door...(maybe not so clearly in this photo, though).

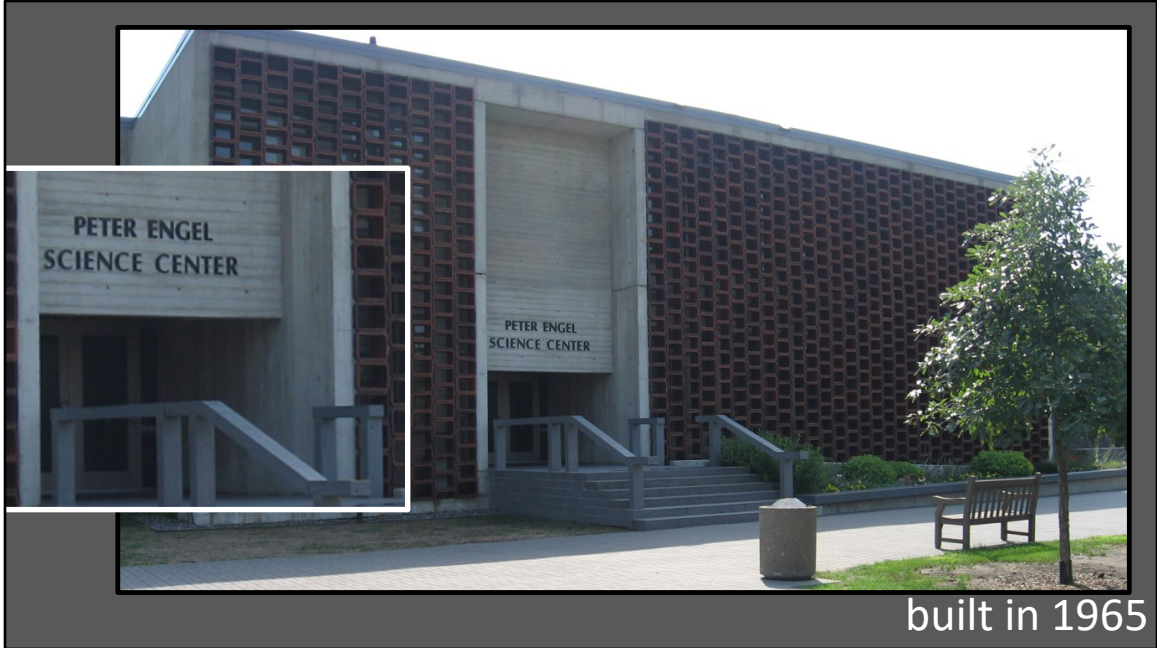
Science Hall (Engel Hall/Simons Hall)

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...but that it had been re-named as Engel Hall in honor of the scientist-Abbot. By the time I was a student in the 1970s, it was familiar to everyone as Engel Hall, but the connection to the sciences had been lost....

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...with the 1965 construction of this building, which, for over 30 years, was known simply as *the Science Hall*. From the mid-1960s, all the science classes were held in this building. It was finally given a name, the Peter Engel Science Center, in 1999...
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...when the former Science Hall/Engel Hall was renovated and re-named in honor of the renovation donors, the Simons family.

[Simons Hall south view](https://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/SJUArchives/id/59) 2006 plr photo

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“New”
Science Center



renamed 1999



dedicated 1999

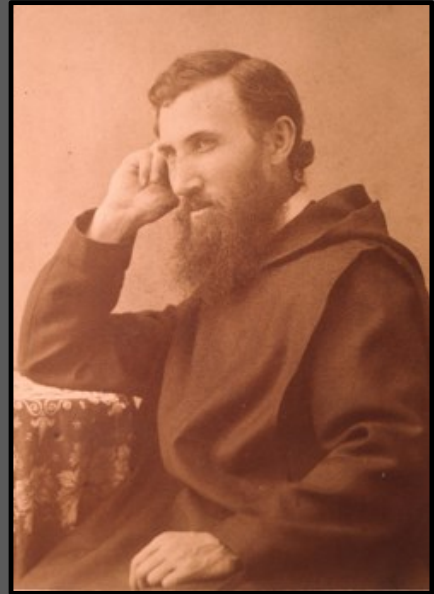
Not coincidentally, 1999, the year that the current Science Hall was renamed the Peter Engel Science Center – aka the “Pengel” – was the same year that the building we still know only as the “New’ Science Center” was dedicated. (20-some years later, it’s no longer “new,” but it, too, will probably need to await a major renovation before it gets named in honor of a big donor!)

[New Science Center](https://www.csbsju.edu/sju-archives/sjuhistory/sjubuildings/new-science-center) <https://www.csbsju.edu/sju-archives/sjuhistory/sjubuildings/new-science-center>

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- 1856
- 1869
- 1875
- 1878
- 1894



But back to Peter. Like our present abbot, he was raised in rural Minnesota. Born on February 3, 1856, two months before the monks arrived in St. Cloud, he came to St. John's from St. Michael in 1869, was sent to St. Vincent's for his novitiate, made simple vows before Abbot Boniface Wimmer there in 1875, and returned to St. John's to teach and continue studying. He was ordained in 1878. Without going into the details, there was a lot of turmoil in the community when the 2nd abbot resigned in 1890, and not all of the bad feelings had been healed before the early death of the 3rd abbot. Peter Engel only very reluctantly accepted his election as 4th abbot in 1894.

Peter Engel's early life is recounted by him on p. 224 of *Worship & Work*.

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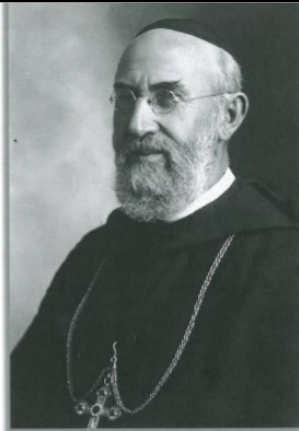
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“Meet me in Chicago, Peter, meet me at the Fair.”

by Lee Hanley

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Chicago World's Fair in 1893.*



Abbot Peter Engel, OSB, 1856-1921

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The Columbian Exposition was a dazzling showcase for cutting edge products and technology. It was the first event of its kind to be powered and lit by electricity—thus the “White City” moniker. Telephone lines made it possible to broadcast live a New York orchestra concert. Other new products included Thomas Edison's motion picture machine, Cracker Jacks, Shredded Wheat, Cream of Wheat, Quaker Oats, Aunt Jemima pancake mix, Juicy Fruit gum, diet carbonated soda and Pabst beer.

The term “Midway” for the fair's central corridor was coined here, and there was a 166-foot high “wheel” designed by Pittsburgh bridge-builder George Ferris. This was the first Ferris wheel with thirty-six glass-enclosed cars, each of which accommodated sixty passengers or a total of 2,160 at one time. The White City

1893

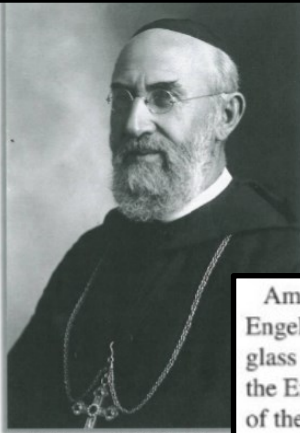
In 2008, a few years after I became the archivist, the *Abbey Banner* published this article by Lee Hanley about Peter Engel's trip to the 1893 Chicago World's Fair. This was a year before he became Abbot. The Fair featured electricity, telephone lines, a new motion picture machine, and the first “Midway,” featuring a huge revolving wheel with glass-enclosed carriages designed by a bridge builder named George Ferris.

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The *Banner* article noted that Fr. Peter had lugged his camera all over the Fair to take photos, in those days on glass plate negatives – plates which have been preserved in the Abbey Archives.

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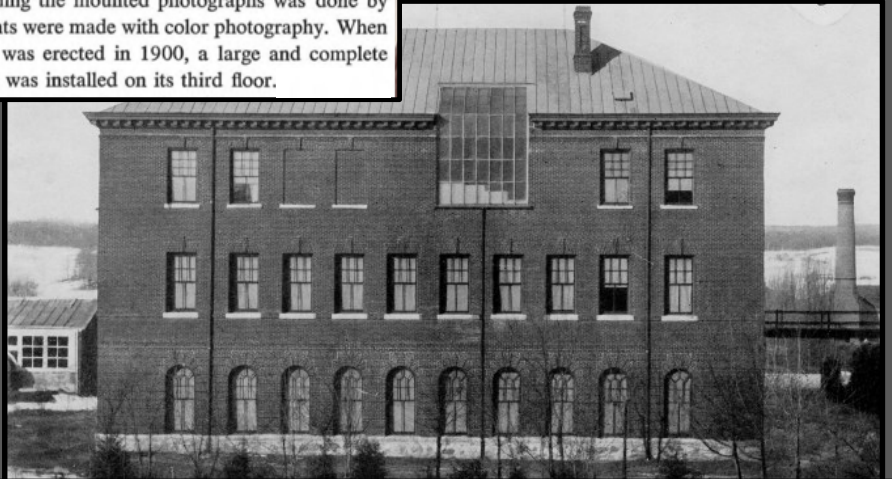


Hardly a day goes by that I don't feel gratitude to Peter Engel for his photographic efforts. Many of my "history lessons" would be pretty bland – or even impossible – if he hadn't had the ability, the foresight and the *image*-ination [pun intended!] to preserve St. John's history in photographs such as this one, which includes Fr. Peter on the right.

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Matted Photos Box 8 #6 (1891) L-R: 1. Fr. Charles Cannon 2. Otto Weisser 3. Fidelis Lucking 4. Ansgar Osendorf 5. Justin Welz 6. Bernard Kevenhoerster 6. Fr. Peter Engel

Besides pursuing the above sciences, Engel had as a first love the field of photography. Beginning with a meagerly equipped photographic shop in the corner of his chemistry room, and with a camera which he had made himself, Father Peter and his associates next set up more spacious quarters in the old frame house. Everything from sensitizing the plates to polishing the mounted photographs was done by this group, and experiments were made with color photography. When the new library building was erected in 1900, a large and complete photographic department was installed on its third floor.



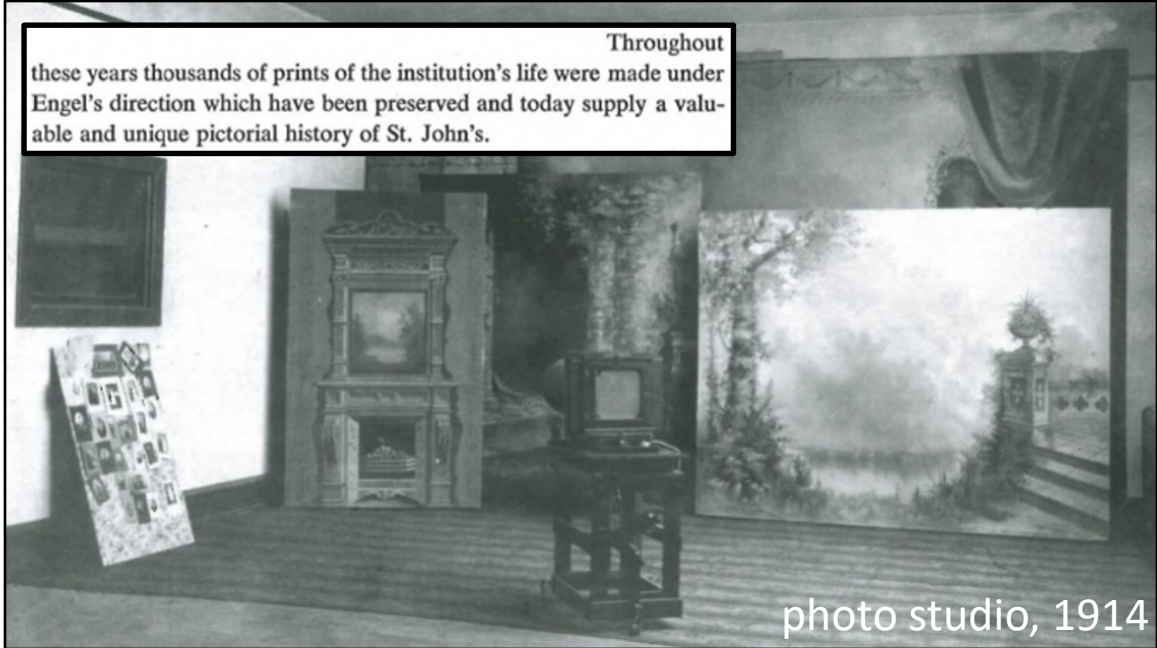
Worship & Work notes that Fr. Peter started with a camera he made himself, with a photo shop first in the corner of his chemistry room; then in the old Frame House; and later on the 3rd floor of the new library, what we know today as Wimmer Hall. It was complete with a large skylight, necessary in those days before flash photography.

Text: Worship & Work, p. 227

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Throughout these years thousands of prints of the institution's life were made under Engel's direction which have been preserved and today supply a valuable and unique pictorial history of St. John's.



Thousands of these photos were made and preserved. The studio in Wimmer Hall was also equipped with a selection of backdrops and furnishings such as these... Wimmer studio in 1914 [2008 Volume 08 Issue 01 Abbey Banner](#). See [The beginning of the St. John's Photo Studio](#).

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The galleries were also placed at the service of the people of the region for family sittings on important occasions like baptisms and weddings, and for innumerable individual pictures of clergy and laity.

...and the galleries were also placed at the service of the local people for family portraits such as this one, which shows the Michael Joseph Roske family, including my husband's grandfather, Joe, in the center.

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Father Peter Engel in his science laboratory.

1880s?

The photo studio was one manifestation of Peter Engel's mindset as the industrial age was in full swing and technology was advancing. Colman Barry writes in *Worship & Work* that Peter Engel understood the scientific dogma of his time, and used it to contribute to the Church's effort to synthesize *progress with faith and tradition*. In addition to photography, Peter Engel taught chemistry and physics, algebra and geometry...

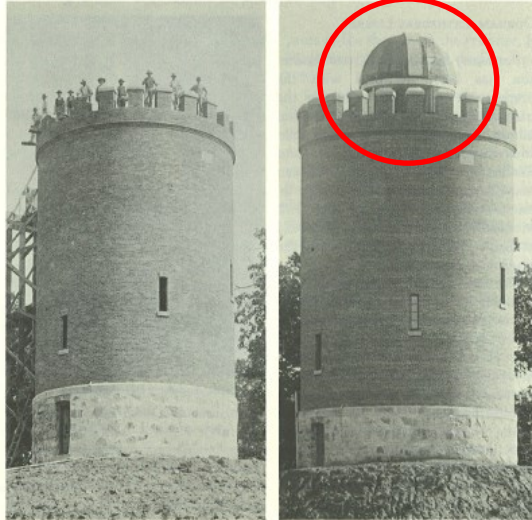
Worship & Work, p. 186 of the pdf

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The Old Water (Watch) Tower — Saint John's Guardian

Was I less curious than other students of the 1930s about some things which stood on the campus? If memory serves me right, only once in the more than fifty years—when I walked the trails of this campus—was I inside the tower which overlooked the whole campus and stood as a guard over anyone who came near the campus. Looking more like a medieval turret than a water tower, it might well—for all I knew—have hidden a monk watching through a conning window and alerting the entrance office to the arrival of strangers. Perhaps there were heaps of stones lying on the crenellated top, perhaps even a medieval sling to repel any strangers. I never knew for I never stood atop the building.

More than once I had climbed that hill, approached the building, handled the fat padlock which secured a steel door, browsed around the area, and found a pit just north of the tower. Only once in those many trips was the lock open, and I dared to pull the steel door. Inside was the beginning of a circular wooden staircase wrapped around a huge tank. Timidly I began the dark climb, tested each step, found



The old Saint John's Water Tower (left) as it neared completion on 11 September 1890. Photo by Peter Engel o.s.b. After the Tower was completed, a telescope was mounted on a revolving dome (right). Abbey Archives photo.

1890

...and he also taught astronomy. He had a telescope mounted on a revolving dome when the water tower was erected in 1890. It was later moved...

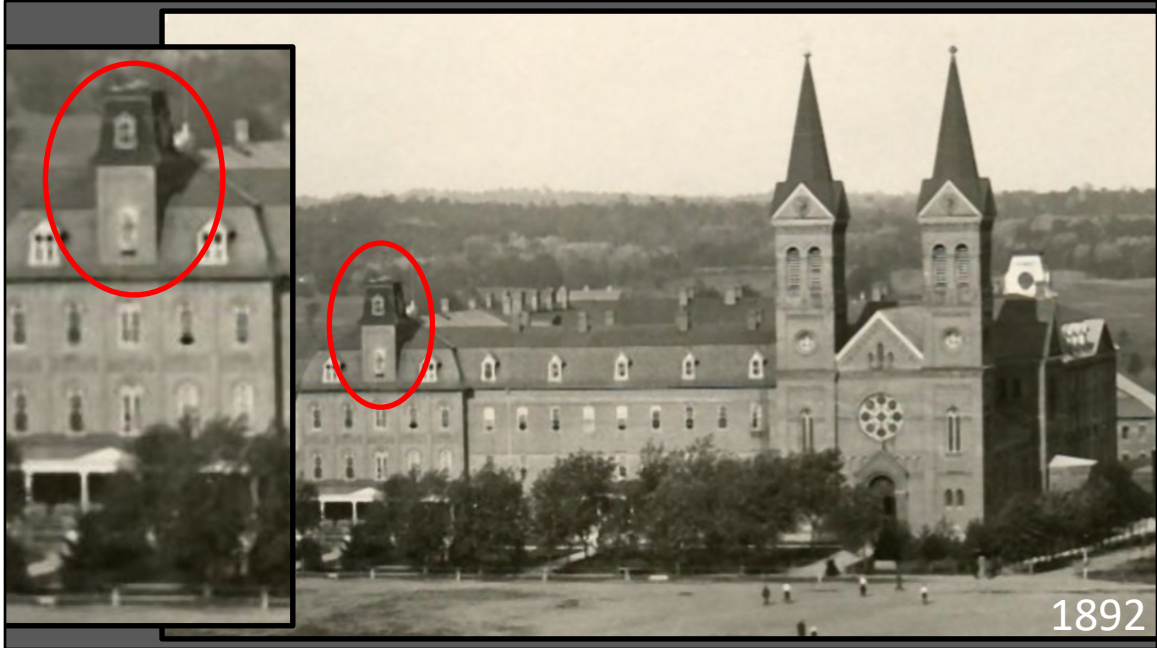
Abbey Quarterly 1985



...in 1894, to the new Observatory on a hill above Lake Sagatagan, where the Prep School is today. *Worship & Work* says that Peter Engel's reputation as an astronomer was such that he was even considered for the job of director of the Vatican Observatory in Rome.

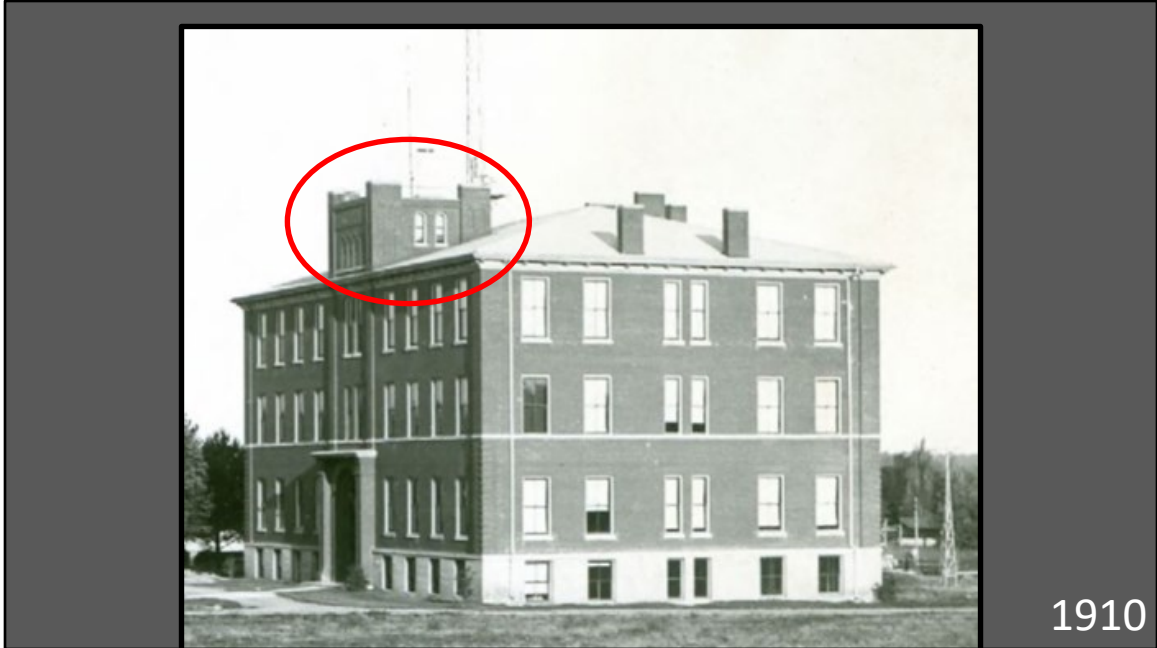
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Worship & Work p. 227 re: Vatican Observatory.



Our scientist also established Saint John's in meteorology, with a weather station mounted, at first, atop the "college tower" of the University.

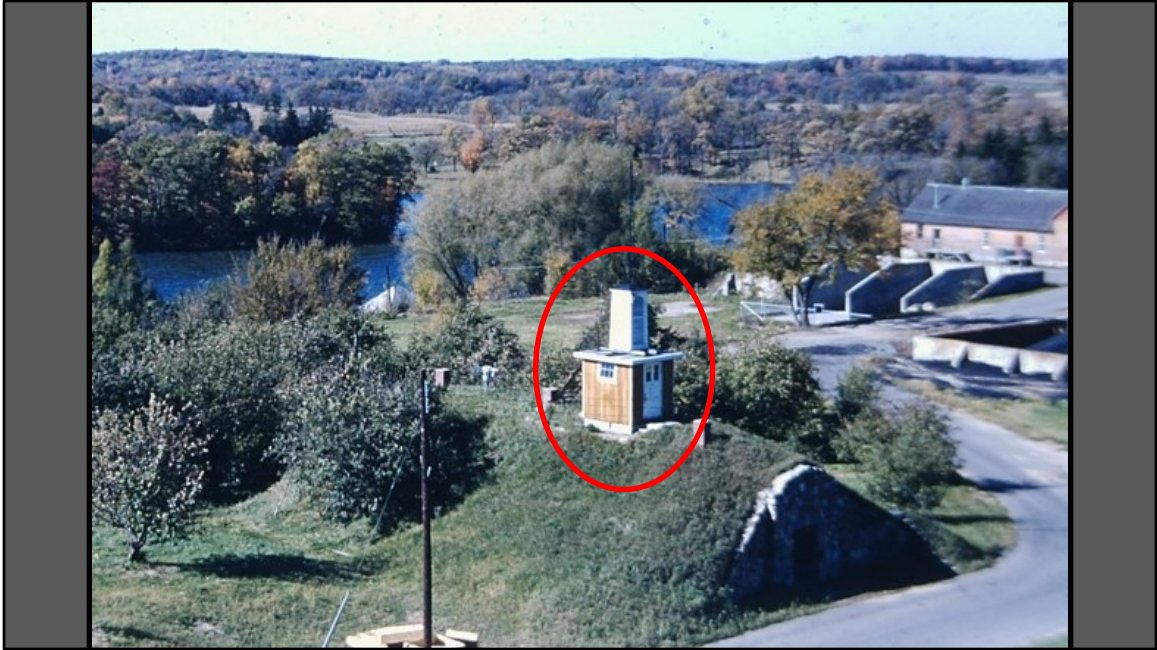
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It later moved to a specially-built space at the top of the new Science Hall's stairs, and the daily weather observations have been taken by monks and reported to the state Weather Bureau since the beginning.

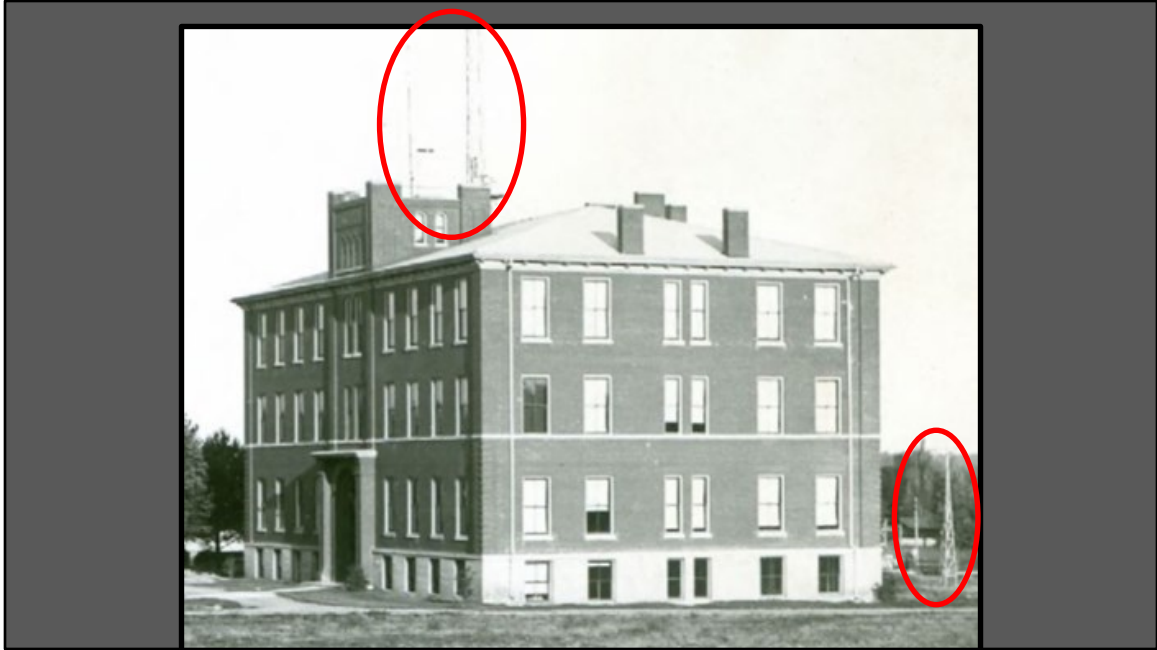
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Later moved atop one of the root cellars, the weather station is monitored faithfully nowadays by Br. Neal Laloo – who sends me the weather report every month for archiving.

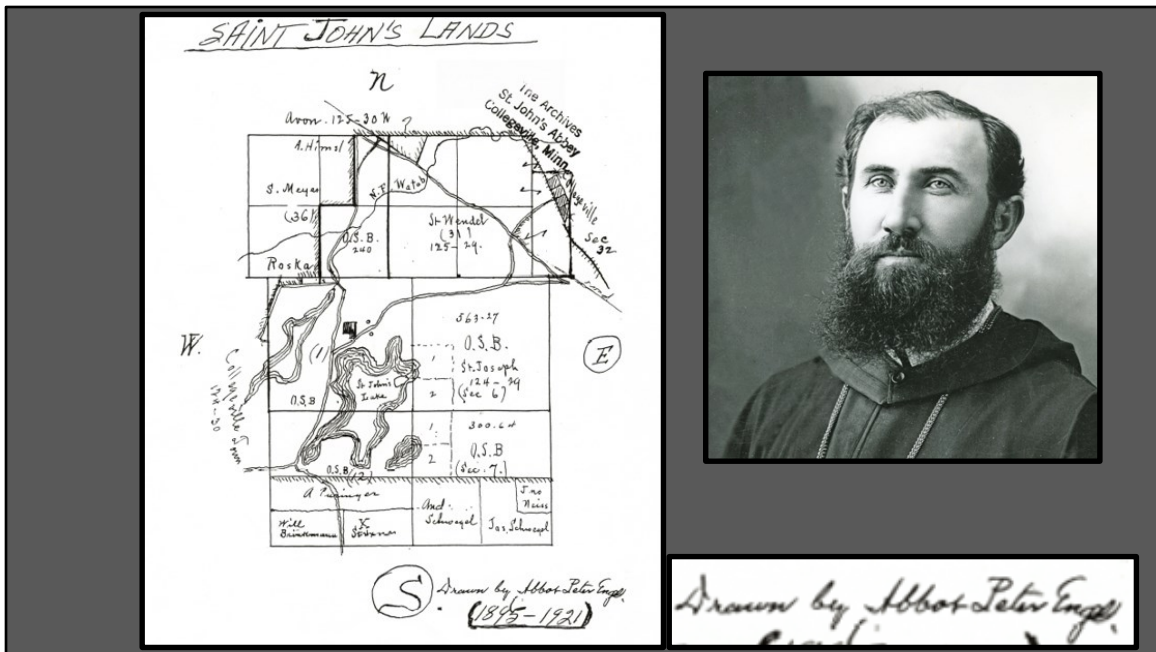
SJU Archives photo.



The top of the Science Hall was also a good place for the wireless telegraph and radio efforts to begin, and towers were erected on top of and next to the building. (See my 2019 history lesson about the history of Wireless at St. John's if you missed it.)

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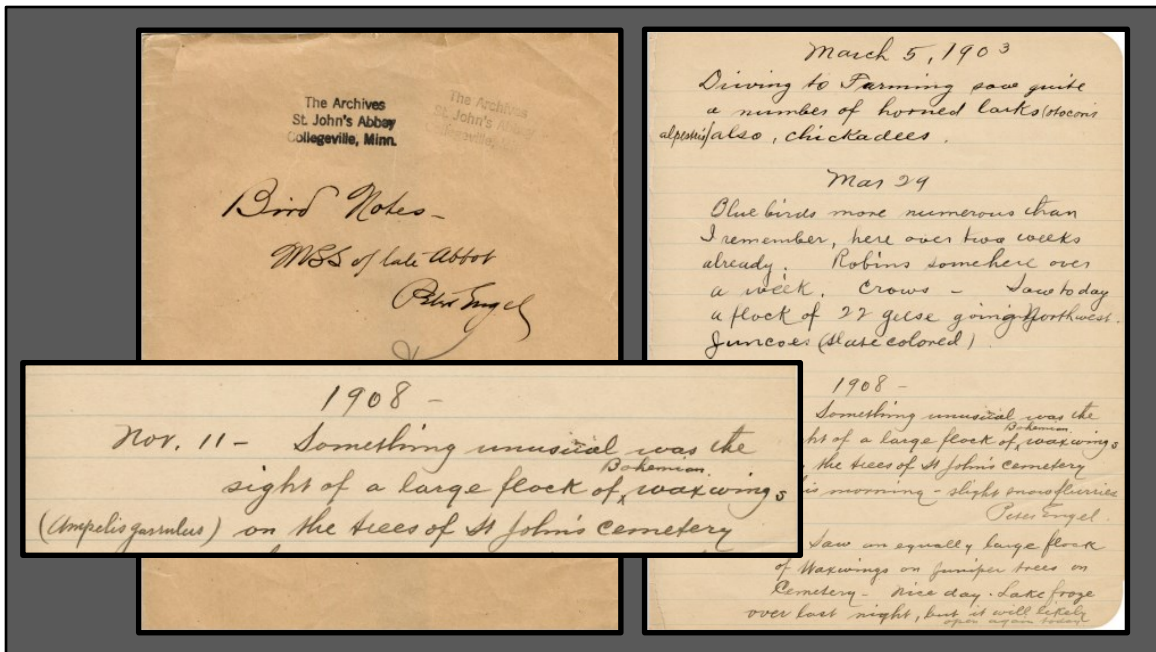
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I regard this map drawn by Peter Engel as one manifestation of his abilities in geography...

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...and Colman Barry notes that Abbot Peter also “studied ornithology privately” – for which I found evidence in the Archives, in this notebook of “Bird Notes” taken by Peter Engel in the early 1900s.

2020 f35 Engel, Peter and Thelen, Lambert (Bird Notes) Observations



Under Abbot Peter's watch, electricity came to Saint John's, horticultural developments took place (such as Fr. John Katner's "alpha grape"), and a fish hatchery provided food and sport for the students and monks.

Left: Photo #74 in *Worship & Work*

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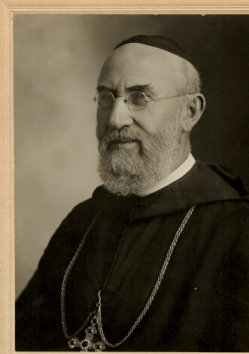
Photo #72 in *Worship & Work*

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(Abbot 1875-1889)



(Abbot 1894-1921)

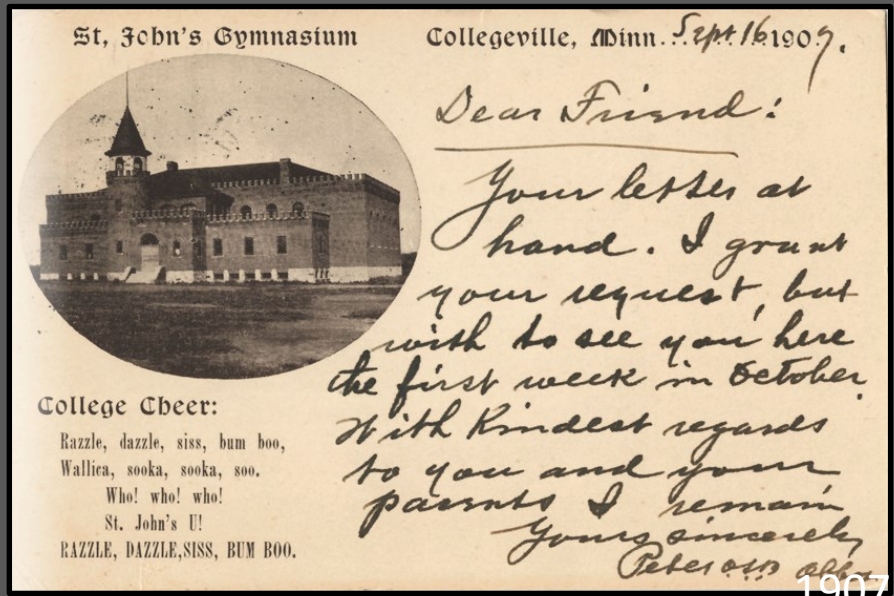
St. John's second abbot, Alexius Edelbrock, is generally regarded as "The Builder" – since it was during his leadership that the Quad was built. But Peter Engel's term as abbot saw a lot of building, too.

Left: Alexius Edelbrock, photo #39 in *Worship & Work*

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- Joe Hall 1891
- Luke Hall 1892
- Library (Wimmer Hall) 1901
- Gym 1901
- Convent (Frank House) 1904
- Infirmary (Greg House) 1907
- Football field 1908
- Science Hall 1910
- Flynntown 1914
- Benet Hall 1922



The expansion of the campus during Abbot Peter's term was remarkable: Joe Hall, ... [etc.] The Gym was featured on this postcard which Abbot Peter mailed in 1907.

084/7 (Box 1:45) St. John's Gymnasium Postcard.

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Picture postcard, sent to John Cismowski, Muenster, Saskatchewan, and postmarked at Collegeville September 16, 1907.

College Cheer:

Razzle, dazzle, siss, bum boo,
Wallica, sooka, sooka, soo.
Who! who! who!
St. John's U!
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Collegeville, Minn. Sept. 16, 1907.

Dear Friend:

Your letter at hand. I grant your request, but wish to see you here the first week in October. With kindest regards to you and your parents I remain
Yours sincerely
Peter A. Abbot

Here's a cheer for the Rats to try! [RA-zle, DA-zle, Siss – Bum – Boo]

Regarding athletics, "when the Minnesota Athletic Conference was formed, Abbot Peter readily entered St. John's in its membership." To a dissenter he said, "Well now, we have to be up with the times."

084/7 (Box 1:45) St. John's Gymnasium Postcard.

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Quote from the "Green Notebook" in the SJU Archivist's office, p. 120.

Peter Engel, he was a fine priest. He used to go around in a buggy, Rosary in one hand and reins in the other.

One day we were hanging the door on the hay barn and we did not quite have enough help, and my dad shouted: "One more guy then we can do it." Father Abbot came, he pitched in and helped hang that door.

The parishioners generally knew their pastors well and loved them. That the "parishioners loved him" is perhaps the highest honor paid to any priest. The priest who was loved above all the rest was Fr. Abbot Peter Engel.

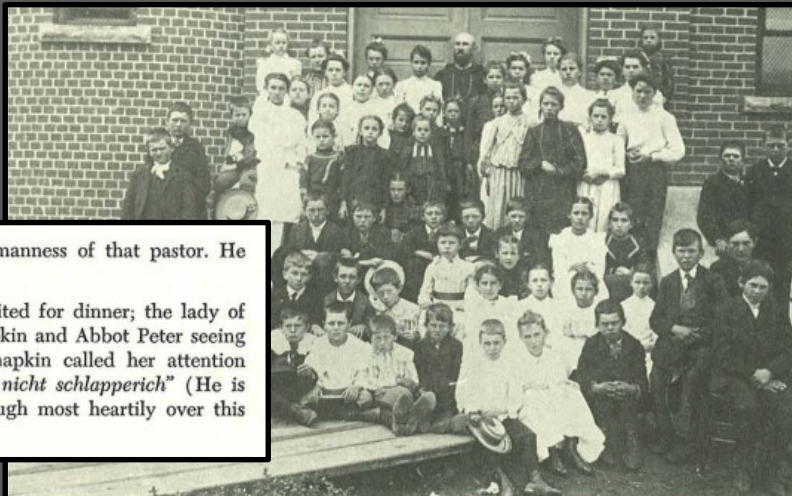


Abbot Peter's responsibilities were not so heavy that he could not also serve as the pastor for the Collegeville parish, which he did from 1910-1917. He was warmly remembered in the Parish's centennial history book, *Stones & Hills*, as a fine priest. To quote a biography in the Archives: "His zeal for the local people is legendary. There was not a morning that he did not spend half an hour in the parish confessional... He knew all the local children by their first names...and always had a full pocket [of candy] for them.

[Stone & Hills, chapter 3C part 3 \(pp. 88-99\)](#) Text from p. 95 & p. 100

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The biography referred to is the "Green Notebook" in the SJU Archives office, p. 118.



The stories surround the humanness of that pastor. He knew his people well:

Father Abbot Peter was invited for dinner; the lady of the house handed him a napkin and Abbot Peter seeing that the husband had no napkin called her attention to it. She replied: "*Der ist nicht schlapperich*" (He is not slobbery). He could laugh most heartily over this incident.

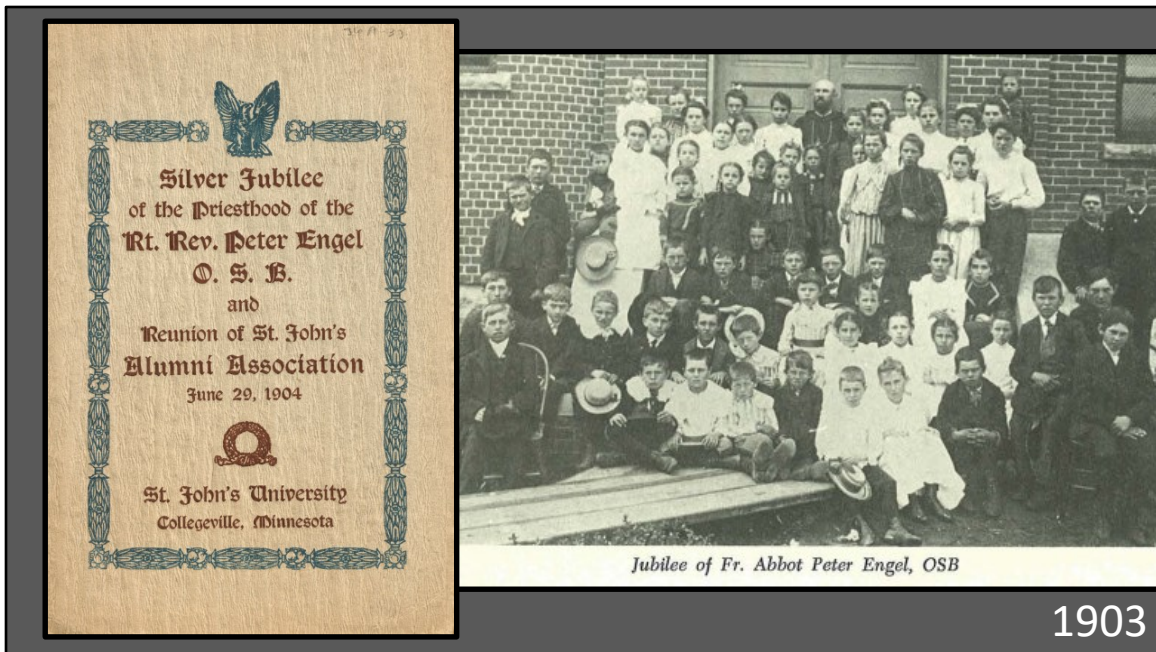
Jubilee of Fr. Abbot Peter Engel, OSB

1903

“Stories surround the humanness of that pastor...” but not so much his *humor*, of which I could find scant evidence. But here’s one.

[Stone & Hills, chapter 3C part 3 \(pp. 88-99\)](#) Text from p. 95 & p. 100

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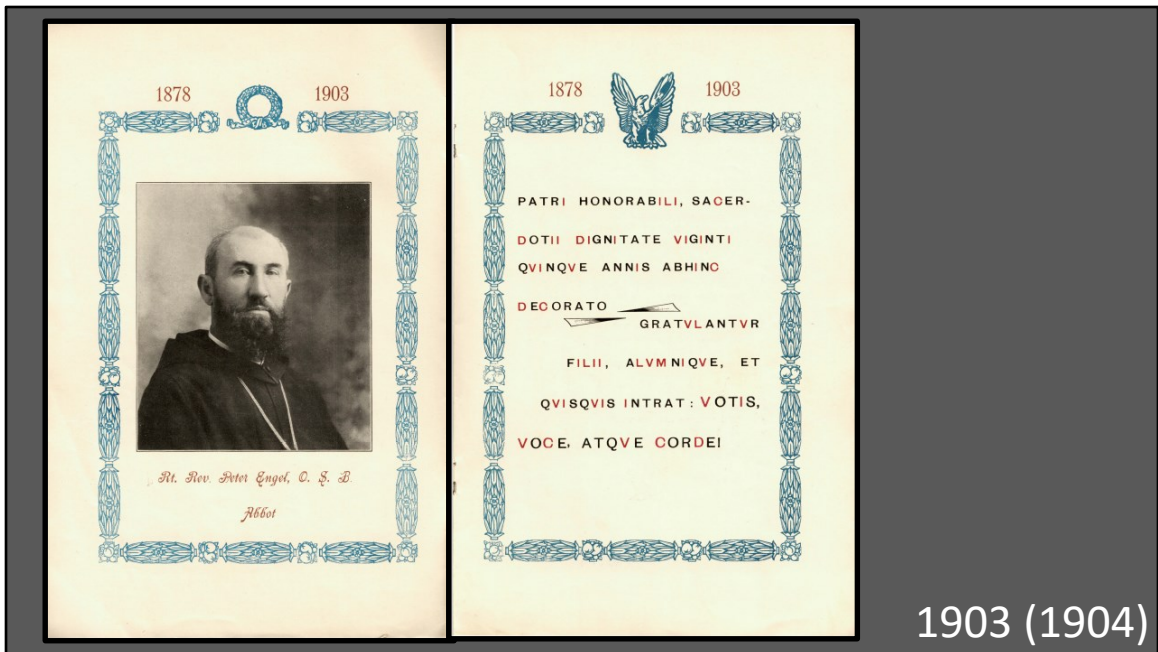


This photo is believed to be from Abbot Peter's 1903/04 Jubilee, celebrating his 25 years as a priest...

Engel Peter Jubilee program 1903 (celebrated in 1904) Box 2020 f4

[Stone & Hills, chapter 3C part 3 \(pp. 88-99\)](#)

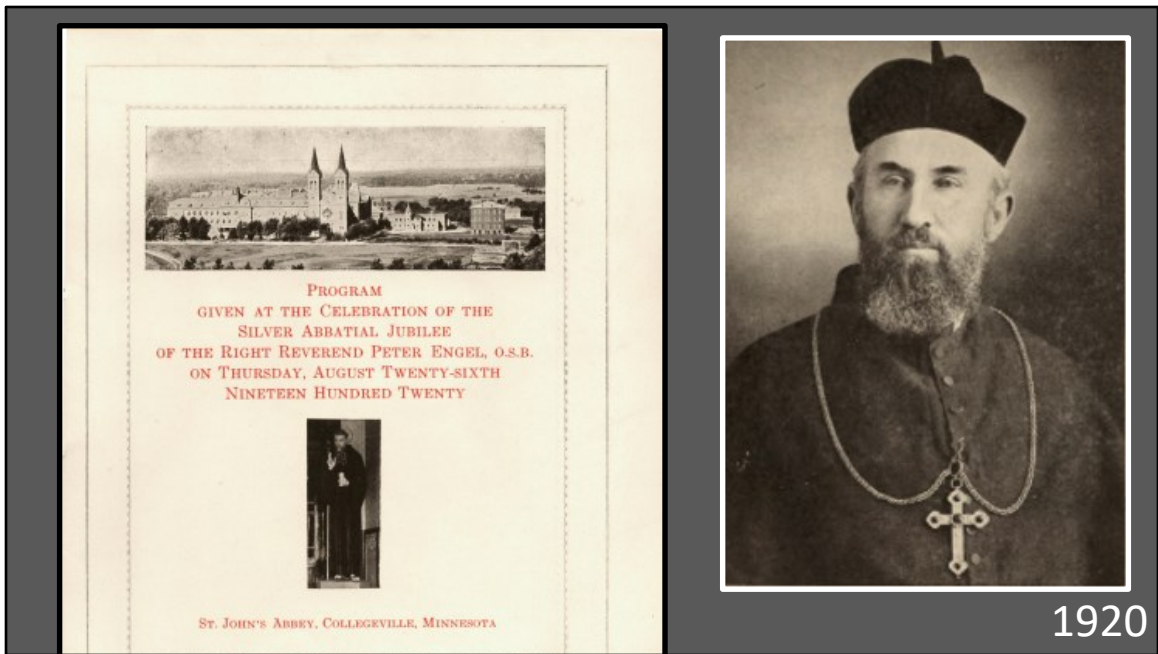
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– though the major celebration was delayed, from the actual anniversary in November 1903, until the following summer, when the festivities were combined with the 1904 Johnnie reunion.

Engel Peter Jubilee program 1903 (celebrated in 1904) Box 2020 f4

He was elected abbot in 1894, but not officially installed until 1895 (*W & W* p. 223), hence the dates 1903 & 1904.



We have another booklet, from his other jubilee, marking his 25th anniversary as *abbot*.

Engel Peter Jubilees program, 1920. Box 2020 f4.pdf


To
Our
Abbot
PETER ENGEL
J-U-B-I-L-E-A-R-I-A-N
MCMXX

P	Praise the Lord in Jubilee,	J
E	Ever chant with Us in glee:	U
T	Thine the glory, Blessed God!	B
E	E'en Creation, In a throng,	I
R	Renders with us, Lord, the song.	L

In thy eternal years, O, but a momentary fleeting,
God, the Five and Twenty years; befrien**D** my pray'r, entreating:

E	Ever bless the Abbot's days,	A
N	Now direct a- Right his ways,	R
G	Grant him lavish In thy love,	I
E	Ease and wisdom, All his years,	A
L	Life and joy, the Nap of cheer.	N

This record
Through Christ
Our Lord



1920

The author of this piece no doubt took some pride in his cleverness with the alphabet and the verses – and threw in an “IOGD” for good measure..
Engel Peter Jubilees program, 1920. Box 2020 f4.pdf

The lasting contributions that Abbot Peter made to St. John's itself during his long administration are more difficult to measure. These so-called intangibles were the values, the spirit and the atmosphere that gave character to his term of office and continue on at the abbey and school to the present time. This lasting contribution was, perhaps, best summed up by the monks, students and friends of St. John's who so often declared that he was deeply loved.

“Long years of self-discipline made it possible for him to live the Benedictine life as though it were a simple and easy experience... He brought to his monks spiritual confidence and inspiration through his own example.”



“Abbot Peter wanted the St. John's family to grow in charity and knowledge through generous living according to the precepts of St. Benedict's Rule.

Wisely and kindly he strove for this by example and counsel.”

By all accounts, Abbot Peter was more than a builder, a scientist, and a leader. His lasting contribution: “He was deeply loved.”

Text: [Worship and Work](#) p. 249-250

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“Those who too often missed morning choir could expect to have Abbot Peter knock at their rooms on his way to the choir and say: ‘Father, we are just about to begin Lauds.’”

“He was reluctant to cause pain. He asked his monks to look at the bright side of developments ‘and then everything will be all right.’”



“He possessed an open mind, however, and did not expect his men to agree with all his views.”

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Text: [Worship and Work](#) p. 250

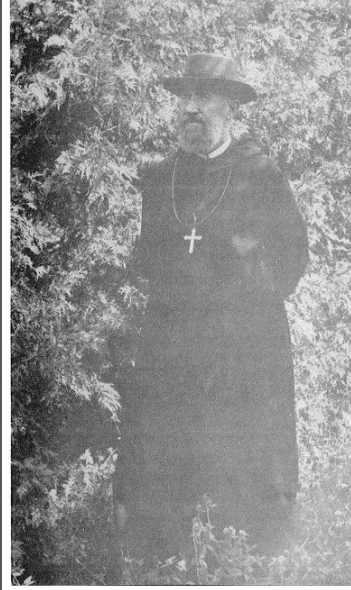
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“Before giving a command or making a correction, he would prepare every word in advance, write a letter by hand and correct it, hold off and rechart his course.

He claimed that he never mastered the art of expressing his thoughts so as not to offend.

He was correct to the extent that his brief and halting public speeches were undistinguished.”

Abbot Peter Engel



Hmm, that last one seems like a backhanded complement... Except for the “slobbery” comment a few slides back, this is about as close as I got to anyone saying anything negative about Peter Engel, which didn’t give me much material for humor this time around! Otherwise, he is described as prudent, patient, with an easy-going temperament (*Worship & Work*, p. 563, footnote 17), with “broad knowledge, persistent energy, ... love of study,, religious depth, [and with a] quiet but firm leadership” (*Green Notebook*, p. 112).

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Quotes on slide from [Worship and Work](#) p. 250

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CHAPTER SEVEN

AND THE ROCK WAS PETER

Peter Engel,
Saint John's
4th Abbot

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*Worship &
Work, p.222*

The end. But I have an addendum. I think...

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Worship & Work, p. 222

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...that this donor-less, generically-named “New Science Building” may also deserve to be named. And I suggest that the Development staff and the Powers That Be consider the name...

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... of another chemistry professor turned Abbot. (And preferably *before* it would need to be named the “John Klassen MEMORIAL Science Center”!)

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