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Question:

Dear Abbot Pennings,

Before leaving SNC, many students have been known to climb up onto your lap in the middle of the night – braver students in broad daylight – and take a photograph with you as a St. Norbert keepsake. Do you mind when people sit on your lap and take pictures?

Sarah Schmidt '05

Answer:

I always enjoy getting to know students, and I am grateful that many have chosen to photograph me for their collection of keepsakes before they leave St. Norbert. However, as I grow older, the need for me to take good care of myself is becoming a top priority. In fact, because of my impending frailty, I will be moving to a new home in a prominent location within the new library when it is built.

I hope that our students and alumni continue to visit me here on campus – reunion weekend is one of my favorite times of the year, as I enjoy seeing you all so very much! I invite you to take photographs with me in a respectful manner, keeping in mind my need to stay in the best shape I can. Hope to see you soon!

Do you have any photos taken with me that you'd like to share with others? I'd love to see them! You can email them to alumni@snc.edu.

Responses to "Ask the Abbot" questions are penned by St. Norbert College staff in the name of Abbot Bernard Pennings,



Ask the Abbot

As the founder of St. Norbert College, and having a prime seat in the center of campus throughout the years, I, Abbot Bernard Pennings, hold the answers to many of your burning questions about the college.

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O.Praem., who founded St. Norbert College in 1898.

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