

# Weslcome Fr. Laszlo Simon, OSB

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This year we have welcomed numerous priests and a bishop who have stayed with us for various lengths of time here in downtown Minneapolis. The guest rooms are getting much use and there seems perpetually to be another plate set at the dinner table which continues a long tradition of welcoming priests to St. Olaf.

We are now welcoming a new priest who will be living with us for a couple of months this summer. His name is Fr. László Simon, a Benedictine priest who has come to Minnesota to teach at St. John's University for a month and then will be living here in Minneapolis for two months before returning to Europe. He is presently a professor of Sacred Scripture at Pontificio Ateneo Sant'Anselmo in Rome.

Fr. Simon was born in Győr, Hungary and was ordained a Benedictine priest in 1989. He has studied the Hungarian and English languages and literature as well as biblical theology and has taught extensive courses in scripture. We are hoping he will be able to share his knowledge of scripture with us here at St. Olaf.

This will be Father's first trip to the United States and he is looking forward to some pastoral experience in a parish here. Fr. Simon will be celebrating Mass both on weekends as well as week days and helping out with other sacramental duties around the parish. Please join me in welcoming Fr. Simon to St. Olaf.