



# ST. NORBERT ABBEY

## FACT SHEET

### Mission Statement

Canons Regular of Saint Norbert Abbey live the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the traditions of Saints Norbert and Augustine. We live a common life “one in mind and heart on the way to God” through celebration of the Eucharist, liturgical prayer and service to the People of God.

### History

- 1120 - The Norbertines were founded by St. Norbert of Xanten in 1120.
- 1582 - Norbert canonized a saint.
- 1893 - Fr. Bernard Pennings, O. Praem., and two other Norbertines from Berne Abbey arrived in the Diocese of Green Bay.
- 1898 - Fr. Pennings established St. Norbert Priory in De Pere.
- 1898 - Fr. Pennings founded St. Norbert College in De Pere.
- 1908 - St. Norbert Priory becomes independent of Berne Abbey.
- 1925 - St. Norbert Priory becomes St. Norbert Abbey with Fr. Pennings as its first abbot.
- 1959 - The current St. Norbert Abbey building completed in De Pere.

### Abbey Leadership

Abbot Dane Radecki, O. Praem.  
Elected in 2018

Fr. Bradley R. Vanden Branden, O. Praem.  
Prior, appointed in 2018

*Updated July 19, 2019*

### Number of Canons

- The number of Solemnly Professed Norbertines who belong to St. Norbert Abbey is 34.
- The number of Norbertines in formation is 5.

### Ministries

- St. Norbert College
- Notre Dame de la Baie Academy
- Norbertine Parishes in the Diocese of Green Bay
  - Our Lady of Lourdes
  - St. Norbert College Parish at Old St. Joseph Church
  - St. Willebrord Parish
  - Holy Cross Parish
- Many Norbertine outreach ministries in the Diocese of Green Bay.

### Safe Environment

- St. Norbert Abbey established an Independent Review Board in 2004.
- St. Norbert Abbey was first accredited by Praesidium, Inc., in 2005. The Abbey was re-accredited in 2015.