



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY CHURCH  
MARCEL BREUER AND THE CREATION  
OF A MODERN SACRED SPACE

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Please join us  
this fall for **two**  
**exciting events**  
celebrating the  
publication of  
Victoria Young's  
new book.



Architect Marcel Breuer  
at St. John's Abbey.



## Saint John's Abbey Church

*Marcel Breuer and the Creation of a Modern Sacred Space*

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In the 1950s the brethren at the Benedictine Abbey of Saint John the Baptist in Collegeville, Minnesota—the largest Benedictine abbey in the world—decided to expand their campus, including building a new church. From a who's who of architectural stars, the Benedictines chose a former member of the Bauhaus, Marcel Breuer. This untested religious designer produced a work of modern sculptural concrete architecture that reenvisioned what a church could be and set a worldwide standard for midcentury religious design.

### TWO UPCOMING EVENTS

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2014

7:00 pm: Evening Prayer in the Abbey and University Church

7:45 pm: Talk in the Abbey Chapter House by Victoria Young, "Breuer and the Benedictines: A Modern Collaboration," followed by a book signing and reception.

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2014

10:00 am: Tour of the Abbey and University Church conducted by Victoria Young.

11:15 am–12:30 pm: Book signing in the SJU Bookstore.

Documenting the dialogue of the design process, *Saint John's Abbey Church* showcases the making of an architectural masterpiece in Minnesota, a church that helped to define modern religious design.

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