Appeal for images of scholas

Father Mark Bachmann O. S. B. of Clear Creek Abbey in NE Oklahoma is in the process of translating the second of three volumes of *Laus in Ecclesia*, which is a complete course in Gregorian chant put out by the Schola Saint Grégoire in France. The level of this second volume corresponds approximately to that of a schola member. So he is looking for all kinds of photos of scholas: men, women, children, religious of all shape and color: use your imagination here. The photos will be used to decorate and illustrate the lessons of this manual. Would you have something in your personal collection that might be of some use to this project? Would you be willing to contribute to this project by sharing them with him? Any contributions in terms of images could be sent to [guestmaster@clearcreekmonks.org](mailto:guestmaster@clearcreekmonks.org). The message accompanying them could be labeled “schola images” or something similar to differentiate them from other messages coming to the guestmaster.

The first volume of *Laus in Ecclesia* is an initiation to Gregorian chant. It would correspond roughly with the skill level of the chorister in a chant choir: that of the kyriale and other well-known chants. The English translation of volume 1 is available through the Clear Creek abbey bookstore (online). The second level builds on the first and sharpens the skills so that it could be described as answering to the skill level of a schola member, corresponding to the proper chants of the Graduale, typically. Hopefully this second volume will become available by mid-2022. The third level is aimed at Gregorian choir and schola directors: the French version of this last level is currently in preparation for publication.