



# Sacro Speco Sacred Space

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Newsletter of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

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## Charism

We are Benedictine women called to seek God in prayer and community, serving where there is need.

## Mission

Reverence:

Through common prayer, stewardship, hospitality and mutual respect, we seek to find and honor God present in each person and in all created things.

(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Kathy Caudill).



Sister Kathleen Maloney, O.S.B.  
Spirit of Scholastica Honoree

## Meet Our Honorees for the 17th Annual Testimonial Dinner

On Wednesday, June 15, 2011, the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago will be joined by many friends at the Park Ridge Country Club for the 17th Annual Testimonial Dinner. This year the honorees are **Edward and Mary Matthei** (*Spirit of Benedict Award*), **Sister Kathleen Maloney, O.S.B.** (*Spirit of Scholastica Award*), and **Rosie Lee Randle** (*Spirit of Benedictine Hospitality Award*).

Through the *Spirit of Benedict Award* the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago seek to honor persons who have been generous with all of their gifts and goods. This year's recipients of the *Spirit of Benedict Award*, **Edward and Mary Matthei**, have known the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago for forty-two years, beginning in 1969, when their daughter, Suzanne, became a freshman at St. Scholastica High School in

Chicago. Suzanne, and her two sisters, Christie and Laura, are graduates of St. Scholastica. The Mattheis' daughters, along with their two sons, Edward, Jr. and John, have grown up knowing the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago. "We wouldn't have stayed within the city but for St. Scholastica," said Ed. "Over the years, Mary and I have considered the Sisters an extended part of the family. We tried to provide assistance when the need arose. Mary has served on numerous committees and co-chaired many successful fundraising events."

Honorees

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(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Kathy Caudill).



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Mary and Edward Matthei  
Spirit of Benedict Honorees  
(pictured here with  
Sister Judith Murphy, O.S.B., center)



Rosie Lee Randle  
Spirit of Benedictine  
Hospitality Honoree

## Message from the Prioress



*Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Kathy Canallil*  
**Prioress Patricia  
Crowley, O.S.B.**

Dear Friends,

As spring begins to blossom, our thoughts turn to the beauty and the potential of our earth and, in our tradition, to the ever unfolding paschal mystery of God in our lives. As I ponder these visible and invisible realities, I am reminded of a quote from an article published in the October 12, 2009, issue of *America* magazine, entitled "Confessions of a Modern Nun" by Franciscan Sister and theologian, Ilia Delia:

*We believe that what happened between God and the world in Christ points to the future of the cosmos. That future involves a radical transformation of created reality through the unitive power of God's love. To be a Christbearer is to focus on the inner depth of love. It is love that puts flesh on the face of God, love that makes Christ alive; love is the power of the future and the unfolding of Christ.*

Spring invites us to recognize and to marvel at the innate hidden life of our planet and to call ourselves to recognize the unitive power of God and of love within our very selves as human beings. Easter celebrates Christ alive!

This issue of *Sacro Speco* highlights some special people who have exemplified this ever-burgeoning love of God and of others and whom we, the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, will honor at this year's Testimonial Dinner on June 15 – Edward and Mary Mathei, Sister Kathleen Maloney, O.S.B., and Rosie Lee Randle.

Gratefully,

*Patricia Crowley*

## Books for the Fifty Days of Easter

The monastery librarian, **Sister Eleanore Hillenbrand, O.S.B.**, offers the following suggestions for Easter reading:

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| <i>A Risen Christ in Eastertime</i> by Raymond E. Brown, S.S.                              | <i>To Bless the Space Between Us</i> by John O'Donohue.   | <i>Miryam of Nazareth: Woman of Strength and Wisdom</i> by Ann Johnson.                                |
| <i>Biblical Meditations for the Easter Season</i> by Carroll Stuhlmueller, C.P.            | <i>An American Emmaus: Faith and Sacrament in the American Culture</i> by Regis A. Duffy, O.F.M.. | <i>Truly Our Sister: A Theology of Mary in the Communion of Saints</i> by Elizabeth A. Johnson, C.S.J. |
| <i>Easter Faith: Believing in the Risen Jesus</i> Gerald O'Collins, S.J.                   | <i>The Song of the Seed: A Monastic Way of Tending the Soul</i> by Macrina Wiederkehr, O.S.B.     | <i>Mary: Shadow of Grace</i> by Megan McKenna.   |
| <i>Seek My Face: Prayer As a Personal Relationship in Scripture</i> by William Barry, S.J. | <i>The Rosary: Mysteries of Joy, Light, Sorrow and Glory</i> by Alice L. Camille.                 | <i>Mary's Song: Living Her Timeless Prayer</i> by Mary Catherine Nolan, O.P.                           |
| <i>The Easter God and his People</i> by John V. Taylor.                                    | <i>Things Hidden: Scripture as Spirituality</i> by Richard Rohr, O.F.M.                           | <i>Radical Grace: Daily Meditations</i> by Richard Rohr, O.F.M.  |
| <i>From Resurrection to Pentecost: Easter Season Meditations</i> by Robert F. Morneau.     | <i>In Search of Mary: the Woman and the Symbol</i> by Sally Cunneen.                              | <i>Strange Heaven: The Virgin Mary as Woman, Mother, Disciple and Advocate</i> by John M. Sweeney.     |
| <i>Open the Door: A Journey to the True Self</i> by Joyce Rupp, O.S.M.                     | <i>Mary: Mother of My Lord</i> by Christine Granger.  | <i>Maria: Pope Benedict XVI on the Mother of God</i> by Pope Benedict XVI.                             |
|  | <i>A Woman Wrapped In Silence</i> by John W. Lynch.   | <i>My Life with the Saints</i> by James Martin, S.J.   |

Ed was also actively involved as a volunteer at St. Scholastica Academy, serving on the President's Council, as well as on the finance and building and grounds committees. "I met with the President's Council every Saturday, for twenty five years," recalls Ed. When the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago built the infirmary, Ed served as the architect, providing his time and the services of his firm. He also undertook numerous remodeling projects within the school and convent, including the new business and development offices, reception and waiting area on the ground floor of the school, the computer and science labs, upgrading of the fire alarm and emergency lighting systems in the school and the convent, creating new food service facilities, and remodeling the dormitory fourth floor into private rooms.

Each of Ed and Mary's children have gone on to careers which Ed and Mary believe were strongly influenced by the Benedictine spirit they observed in the Sisters' teaching and service to others. They are proud that the service to others which is so much a part of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago has carried over to the next generation.

If you speak with Ed and Mary for even a short time, you can see in their eyes the love and affection they feel for the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago. Ed loves to tell the story of how the beautiful hand-carved cross in the infirmary chapel, St. Joseph Chapel, came to find its home and touched the hearts of the Sisters and the artist who created it. Look for a story about this beautiful cross lovingly made by Robert Lyden (husband of Barbara Cook Lyden, SSA Chicago 1948) appearing soon in the "news of the monastery" area of our website and as a link on Facebook.

The *Spirit of Scholastica* Award is designed to honor a person who has a listening heart and gives of self in the service of others. **Sister Kathleen Maloney, O.S.B.** is this year's recipient of the *Spirit of Scholastica* Award.

Sister Kathleen is the oldest of thirteen children of John and Dorothy Maloney, with six brothers and six sisters. Her extended family now includes thirty-two nieces and nephews, as well as eight great-nieces and nephews

(with three on the way). As a South Sider she is, of course, a White Sox fan. Sister Kathleen loves to read and do crossword puzzles. With a love for liturgy, her passion is parish ministry.

Sister Kathleen has known the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago since 1972 when she began teaching as a lay teacher at St. Symphorosa School. She taught at St. Symphorosa for six years, then at St. Nicholas of Tolentine Parish for two years, and for another year in Indiana. "My first week as a teacher was something of a baptism by fire," Sister Kathleen recalls. "I was hired to fill an open position during a school year that had already begun. I had to re-create the report cards that had not yet been finished, and meet with parents at open house. I figured if I could handle that, I could handle anything that came my way."

She was drawn to the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago because of the value of community and prayer life. "The prologue of the Rule of Benedict directs us to listening with the ear of the heart," Sister Kathleen noted. "Community is important – a spirit of reverence and respect, and seeing Christ in the other. It is hard for me to put into words what Benedictine spirit means to me, you just live it out." This sounds a bit like the words of St. Francis of Assisi: "Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words."

The *Spirit of Benedictine Hospitality* Award recognizes a person who humbly lives a life in the Benedictine spirit of hospitable service, giving to those who are poor and those who are pilgrims on life's journey, recognizing and welcoming all persons as Christ. This year, **Rosie Lee Randle** receives the *Spirit of Benedictine Hospitality* Award.

Rosie Lee Randle was born in Mississippi, and is affectionately referred to by all as "Rosie". "I have known the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago since 1957," said Rosie. "Sister Mary Benet showed me kindness, generosity, and hospitality. I am blessed with so much happiness and gratitude that I am happy to give it back whole-heartedly." **Sister Mary Benet McKinney, O.S.B.** noted, "Rosie has worked for the community for so long, she almost feels a part of it. She is a wise and faithful steward, a woman of great faith."

Rosie Randle's presence and great faith are felt by all who cross her path - at the monastery as well as St. Scholastica Academy. **Sister Judith Zonsius, O.S.B.** observantly noted that "each morning, as she walks down the driveway to the building, she gently takes dew from one of the trees and blesses herself. She does this every day."

When someone commented about how well she maintained all in her care, she responded, "Oh, sure, we take good care of things, but you should see how we care for the girls!" Rosie continued, "Students are more important than any furniture or building, it is important to have a loving spirit, and enjoy a good laugh." Rosie always has a smile and a pleasant greeting to share with you. We are grateful for her amazing faith, hospitable spirit, her willingness to serve where there is need and welcome all persons as Christ, and her dedication to the Benedictine community!

The Benedictine Sisters of Chicago are thankful for the many ways these honorees have befriended the community of Sisters who live at St. Scholastica Monastery. May God continue to bless each of these deserving honorees!



(Tintype Studio, Inc.)

2010 *Spirit of Benedictine Hospitality* honoree, Susana Cordova, with **Sister Mary Melady, O.S.B.**, and 2011 *Spirit of St. Scholastica* honoree, **Sister Kathleen Maloney, O.S.B.**

# News from St. Scholastica Academy - Chicago

St. Scholastica Academy recently received a very generous gift of \$2 million from Ray and Kathryn Henderick Eckstein and the Ray & Kay Eckstein Charitable Trust. Kathryn (Kay) Eckstein is a member of the class of 1945. This is the largest single gift in the 145-year history of St. Scholastica Academy. With this gift, the Ecksteins invite more alumnae gifts to strength the works of St. Scholastica Academy.

On Sunday, March 20, alumnae from St. Scholastica Academy joined the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago and the community's Oblates for a Sunday liturgy in St. Scholastica Chapel.

The classes of 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, and 2001 gathered on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> for class reunions.

In our memorials section of the newsletter we have begun to list the names of St. Scholastica Academy alumnae who have died. In this issue, please see page 9.

If you would like to recognize a classmate's birthday, anniversary or other celebration, or if you would like a memorial card sent to friends or family members of a St. Scholastica Academy graduate, please send your requests to Kathy Caudill, Director of Development, Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, 7430 N. Ridge Blvd., Chicago, IL 60645. Your good will offering will help us to cover the cost of the card and postage, as well as help support the care of retired Sisters and support the ministry work of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago.

Please continue to send us your news, stories about your own life or your classmates', and we will print as the available space in our newsletter allows.

# A Good Steward

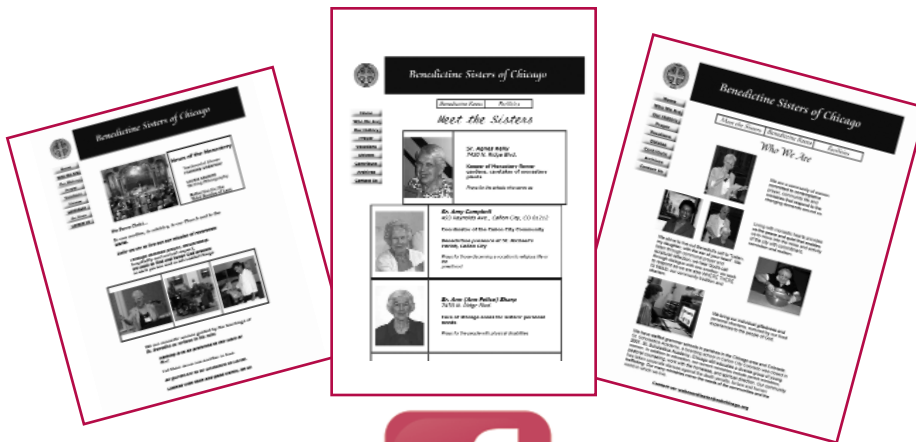


Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Kathy Caudill

## Erica Hall

The Rule of Benedict calls us to be good stewards. For nearly 29 years, Erica Hall has been preparing meals in the monastery kitchen. Originally from Belize, she is known for her sweet cakes and other tasty treats. She holds a special place in her heart for the Sisters residing in the infirmary. "She is a delight to work with," says Sister Judith Zonsius, O.S.B., Sub-Prioress for the community. "She works hard, is always looking for sales and cost-saving measures, and is especially patient and flexible dealing with thirty-nine women with thirty-nine different palates and food preferences."

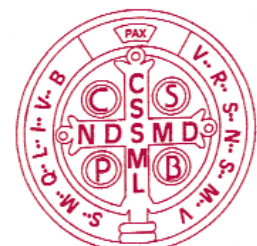
Erica's son, Dwayne, often comes to help with monastery barbecues. In her free time, Erica contributes her time and talents to the soup kitchen at Hemenway United Methodist Church in Evanston. Erica always has a ready smile to accompany the delicious cooking she provides for the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago. We are grateful for this good steward!



## Visit the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago on the Web and on Facebook

In February, the website for the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago added some new pages and features. On the home page (www.osbchicago.org) you can find "News at the Monastery" with links to several recent news items. You can also access "Meet the Sisters" at the following address: <http://www.osbchicago.org/MeettheSisters.htm>, or by visiting the page entitled "Who We Are" and then clicking on the box entitled "Meet the Sisters" at the top of the page.

The Benedictine Sisters of Chicago are also on Facebook! Check out <http://www.facebook.com/BenedictineSistersofChicago>. If you click on the box to "Like" our Facebook page, you will start to receive daily Scriptural reflections written by Sister Mary Benet McKinney, O.S.B., as well as regular news updates about the Sisters and Oblates.



# You Are Invited to Join Us as we Welcome Sister Joan Chittister, O.S.B. and Celebrate 150 Years as St. Scholastica Monastery

On August 23, 1861, the first Benedictine Sisters arrived in Chicago. One of the 150 Years Celebration events will feature Benedictine Sister Joan Chittister, O.S.B. speaking at St. Scholastica Monastery on September 25, 2011. Seating will be limited, so mark your calendar now. Look for more information about reserving a ticket for this special program in the summer issue of *Sacro Speco*.



A special thank you to the members of the 150 Years Committee, who have been meeting since July of 2010, to plan the special events for the 150 Years celebrations: Oblate Dorothy Andries, Kathy Caudill, Oblate Kevin Cheers, Oblate Mary Marren, Oblate Anne Matz, Ellen Munro, Sisters Patricia Cielinski, O.S.B., and Susan Kilduski, O.S.B., and the committee chair, Sister Benita Coffey, O.S.B.

## Save the Date

### September 25, 2011



## Can You "Name That Sister"?



Many of our readers first knew a Sister by her religious name. Here is a chance to test your memory. How many Sisters you can "match" with their religious name and their given name? The correct answers are listed on the bottom of page 7.



1. Sister Andrea
2. Sister Ann Felice
3. Sister Barbara
4. Sister Clare
5. Sister Denise
6. Sister Ellen Marie
7. Sister Jane
8. Sister Helen
9. Sister Joachim
10. Sister Josephine
11. Sister Lawrence
12. Sister Mary Denis
13. Sister Mary Gervase
14. Sister Mary Justin
15. Sister Mary Patrick
16. Sister Mary Peter
17. Sister Mary Stephen
18. Sister Theodore
19. Sister Veronica

- a. Sister Ann Sharp, O.S.B.
- b. Sister Anne Krall, O.S.B.
- c. Sister Barbara McCarry, O.S.B.
- d. Sister Dorothy Van Alstyne, O.S.B.
- e. Sister Jane Smith, O.S.B.
- f. Sister Joan Gannon, O.S.B.
- g. Sister Joan Hentges, O.S.B.
- h. Sister Judith Murphy, O.S.B.
- i. Sister Karen Bland, O.S.B.
- j. Sister Margaret Ann Holtz, O.S.B.
- k. Sister Marilyn Hattrup, O.S.B.
- l. Sister Mary Ann O'Ryan, O.S.B.
- m. Sister Mary Frances Schermerhorn, O.S.B.
- n. Sister Mary Sue Remsgar, O.S.B.
- o. Sister Patricia Coughlin, O.S.B.
- p. Sister Patricia Crowley, O.S.B.
- q. Sister Rita Nowak, O.S.B.
- r. Sister Rosemarie Rupar, O.S.B.
- s. Sister Suzanne Zuercher, O.S.B.



## Directions in Development

Dear Friends of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago,

I have served as Development Director for the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago since March of 2006. Even now, five years later, I am deeply moved by the generosity of the many friends of this amazing community of women religious.

Your heartfelt notes of gratitude for the opportunities the Sisters provided for you as students are much appreciated. We post them for the Sisters to read. You continue to share with the community the many ways that you, as lifelong learners, rely upon your early Benedictine education even now. So many of you generously share the valuable commodity of your time, offer your God-given talents in service to the Sisters and others, and strive to be good stewards of the treasures with which God has blessed your life. The Benedictine Sisters of Chicago are grateful. Thank you!

Please know that the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, following the instructions of St. Benedict in his Rule, strive to be good stewards of God's great gifts entrusted to them. The community faces growing annual expenditures for the care of the retired Sisters – providing loving “in home” care for their Sisters who did so much, with so little, for so many. Even now, the community strives to keep those costs to a minimum. Your generosity helps to provide for that care. Thank you!

The ministries of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago include St. Scholastica Academy, other educational areas, parish ministry, work with those experiencing homelessness, those seeking spiritual direction, and many other areas of service to those in need. Your generous gifts to the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago help to make these works possible. Thank you!

Kathy Caudill  
Director of Development

## Dreams and Spirituality

### Adult Spiritual Renewal

July 4 - 7, 2011

Sister Patricia Coughlin, O.S.B. will be teaching a short course on Dreams and Spirituality during the summer session for the Institute for Adult Spiritual Renewal. Classes take place from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m., July 4 - 7, 2011, at Loyola University Chicago's Lake Shore Campus. For further information visit [www.asrenewal.org](http://www.asrenewal.org).

## Oblate News

Once a month, many Oblates of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago gather together. There are three group meetings - on the first Monday evening or the third Sunday morning of each month at the Monastery or St. Scholastica Academy in Chicago and once a month at Christ the King Church in Pueblo, Colorado.

Four new Oblate candidates were received on Sunday, March 20, 2011, at a Vespers service at Christ the King Church. They join thirteen Oblates who meet monthly for prayer and study.

Oblates are women and men who seek God by striving to become holy in their own chosen way of life. They seek to receive spiritual strength and inspiration from the Benedictine way of life, to share in the apostolic works and prayer of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, and to extend Benedictine values into the world by applying the teachings of the Rule of Benedict in their family circles, in their places of work, and in their civic and social activities.



Colorado Oblate candidates  
*Rose Higgs,  
Theresa Randall,  
Della TeGrotenhuis,  
Kaley Rose and  
Oblate Director,  
Sister Joan  
Hentges, O.S.B.*

During vespers, after a reflection offered by Sister Joan Hentges, O.S.B., Oblate Director in Colorado, the Oblates were received with the question, “What do you seek?” Each responded, “I seek to serve God in the Oblate way of life.” Each received a Benedictine medal and a copy of the Rule of Benedict. In her final blessing, Sister Joan encouraged the assembled community to “go forward on the journey that has brought us to this moment!”

The Benedictine Sisters of Chicago are delighted to welcome the new Oblate candidates to the community!

In July, several Oblates of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago will be attending the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Oblate Institute in Atchison, Kansas. Norvene Vest, an Episcopal laywoman and an Oblate of Valyermo, CA, will be the speaker, and her topic will be “Desiring Life: The Benedictine Habit of our Wisdom.” Ms. Vest is a spiritual director and author of several books on Benedictine spirituality.

For more information on becoming an Oblate, please visit the Oblate page of our website: <http://www.osbchicago.org/program.htm>, or contact Sister Benita Coffey, O.S.B. ([bcoffey@osbchicago.org](mailto:bcoffey@osbchicago.org)), or Sister Joan Hentges, O.S.B. ([jmhentges@q.com](mailto:jmhentges@q.com)).

# Benedictine Sisters Then ... And Now

## Sister Mary Frances Schermerhorn, O.S.B.

**Then:** First known by the religious name of Sister Ellen Marie, she entered the community in 1949, was received into the novitiate in 1950, professed her first vows in 1951, and made her final vows in 1954.



Sister Mary Frances attended grammar school at St. Hilary Parish School and at St. Timothy Parish School in Chicago, and graduated from St. Francis Xavier Parish School, in Wilmette, in 1944. She attended St. Scholastica High School in Chicago, graduating in 1948. She also attended St. Teresa College in Winona, Minnesota.

Sister Mary Frances has served as a math teacher in grammar schools and high schools, and was principal of two elementary schools. She has served as the community's treasurer, and has worked in the finance office for St. Scholastica Academy, in Cañon City, Colorado, and for the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago.

### and Now:

In her retirement, Sister Mary Frances has taught at a preschool, the British Infant School, and now acts as its finance officer. She serves, on a rotating basis with other Sisters, as the monastery portress. Sister Mary Frances prays for Sister Hilary, and for the family members of the community, both living and deceased.



## Sister Karen Bland, O.S.B.

**Then:** First known by the religious name of Sister Mary Stephen, she joined the community in 1954, entered the novitiate in 1955, professed her first vows in 1956, and made her final vows in 1959.



Sister Karen earned a bachelor's degree in languages (Spanish and French) *magna cum laude* from Mundelein College in 1968; a Master's degree with honors in Educational Administration from DePaul University in 1970; a Master's degree in Spanish from Middlebury College in 1972, (named outstanding student in 1969); a Ph.D. in Multicultural Education with honors from the University of Colorado in 1982; and a Master's degree in Theology with an emphasis in Spirituality from Wheeling Jesuit College in 1994. She has also studied in Quebec, Canada, in Cuernavaca, Mexico, and in Madrid, Spain.

Sister Karen taught classes in various grades at St. Leander in Pueblo, Colorado, St. Joseph, in Salida, Colorado, and St. George and St. Joseph in Chicago. She also taught music at each of these schools. In addition, she taught religious education classes in the winter and at summer schools in Buena Vista, Gunnison and La Junta, Colorado. From 1967 – 1970, she taught French and Spanish at St. Scholastica High School in Chicago, and in 1969 she was named Outstanding Teacher of Chicagoland Region. Sr. Karen served as principal of St. Scholastica Academy, Cañon City, Colorado, from 1970-1989, and was the director of Camp San Benito from 1985-89. She was also the director of Elderhostels at St. Scholastica, Cañon City from 1984-89. During her years at Cañon City, an academic building, natatorium, gymnasium, chapel/library and residence for the Sisters were built.

From 1989 – 1995, Sister Karen served as Associate Dean, Assistant Academic Vice

President and Associate Professor at Wheeling Jesuit College, in Wheeling, West Virginia. She was elected to serve as Prioress of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago for a four year term in 1995. From 1998 – 2010, she was a Council Member for the Federation of St. Scholastica, and from 1982 – 1990 and 1994 – 1998, she represented the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago as the community representative to the Federation Chapter. Sister Karen served for several terms on the Monastic Council for the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago.

**and Now:** Sister Karen is the Executive Director and Director of Development for Grand Valley Catholic Outreach (GVCO), Grand Junction, Colorado, where she has worked since 1999. GVCO provides financial aid for



rental and utility assistance, emergency transportation, medicines, clothing, offers a food bank, runs a soup kitchen, provides emergency, transitional and emergency housing, collects books for young children, offers a day center for those who are experiencing homelessness, provides addiction recovery support for women who are currently homeless, and offers an "Almost Home" housing locator program. GVCO has built St. Benedict Place, which houses 23 homeless men and women with dual diagnoses, and in April 2011 will begin construction of St. Martin Place, a residence for homeless veterans. Sister Karen serves as a member of the Grand Valley Coalition for the Homeless, is a Colorado Commissioner for Low-income Energy Assistance Program, and serves on the Grand Junction Police and Fire Chiefs' Advisory Board as well as the Grand Junction 5-year Consolidated Plan committee.

# Memorials

January 1, 2011 through March 31, 2011

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**In memory of Kevin Andersen**

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

**In memory of Delphine Andrews**

Jeff and Kathy Caudill

**In memory of John Andrews**

Annie Jay

**In memory of Mary Benedetto**

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

**In memory of Mark Blondell**

Charles Kenny

**In memory of deceased members  
of the Born family**

Kathleen Krieger

**In memory of Jim Brimstin**

Donald and Dorothy Andries

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

**In memory of Winifred Brost**

Gerard A. Brost

**In memory of Nicholas Alexander Burnett**

Greg and Sherry Hegarty

**In memory of Dick Carlson**

Jim and Dot Jung

**In memory of Jerry Cielinski**

Anonymous, Ronald and Marjorie Auer,

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago,

Hassen and Caryn Bensmida,

Jacqueline Dombrowski,

Sr. Louise Eggen, O.S.B.,

Felician Services, Al and Kitty Gehrke,

Edward and Helen Martin,

C. John Marstrella and Clare Brandys,

Lawrence and Linda Misiewicz,

John and Lynne Mueller, Kathlyn Myers,

Francisco and Michelle Parada,

Kevin and Maria Parrillo,

Thomas and Sheila Pomagier,

Scandia Catering and Staff, Ruth Schwass,

Kenneth and Christine Seske, Mary E. Smith,

Trista Thomas, Linda Tyler,

Dolores Zygowicz

**In memory of Bishop Edwin Conway**

St. John Brebeuf Vincent dePaul Society

**In memory of John C. Conway**

John K. Conway

Marjorie Conway

**In memory of Sr. Mary Cornella, O.S.B.**

Andrew and Judith Cornella

Gerald and Mary Cornella

**In memory of Bernabe Cruz, M.D.**

Joseph and Bernadette Browne

**In memory of George and Annie Cullen**

Margaret Cullen

**In memory of Richard Cullen**

Margaret Cullen

**In memory of John Cullom III**

Helen Slattery

**In memory of Cullom Families**

Helen Slattery

**In memory of Virginia DeCoursey**

Patricia Campion

**In memory of Joanne Dillon**

Jim and Dot Jung

**In memory of Mary Alice Doherty**

Jim and Dot Jung

**In memory of John V. Donovan**

Patricia Donovan

**In memory of Eleanor Donnelly**

Jeff and Kathy Caudill

**In memory of Patrick Dooley**

Sr. Mary Melady, O.S.B.

**In memory of Claudette Whalen Duchek**

Jeannine Palmer, Harold and Audrey Tellefsen,

Mr. and Mrs. James Testin

**In memory of Caryl Eddy**

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

**In memory of Phil Farina**

Dominic and Margaret Caminiti

**In memory of Greg Fergie**

Sr. Susan Kilduski, O.S.B.

**In memory of Mariann Fowler**

Bill and Cay Hillenbrand

**In memory of Sr. Joyce Gleeson, O.S.B.**

Suzanne Walsh

**In memory of deceased members  
of the Govekar family**

Helen Knapp

**In memory of Dan Hanauer, Sr.**

Sr. Virginia Jung, O.S.B.

**In memory of Patrick Hannon**

Dot Jung

**In memory of Marcella Hathorn**

Sr. Mariella Hathorn, O.S.B.

**In memory of Gilbert Heaphy**

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago,

Roseann Jerdee, Gertrude Miholic

**In memory of Rosalee Brunk Hedin**

Maribeth Babler,

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago,

Susan Babler Powers,

Helen Brunk Ueberbacher

**In memory of Sr. Jeanne Hegarty, O.S.B.**

Jay and Pat Bower

**In memory of Eugene Heineman**

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Kathy Caudill, Patricia Heineman-Vernon,

Mary Zins

**In memory of the Hillenbrand family**

Sr. Eleanore Hillenbrand, O.S.B.

**In memory of Gary Illing**

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Sr. Margaret Ann Holtz, O.S.B.

**In memory of Vincent Jacobs**

Rose Mary Finnegan

**In memory of Mrs. Waikin Joe**

Ann Joe Gaines

**In memory of Sybille Kaempfer**

Mr. and Mrs. William Milleker

**In memory of Anton and Frances Kaplan**

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**In memory of Jean Kasian**

Elaine Sowa

**In memory of Joan M. Kenny**

Charles Kenny

**In memory of Ginnie Kerrick**

Annie Jay

**In memory of Roger Kesselring**

Pat and Jane Ellwood

**In memory of Gene Kidwell**

Dorothy Flock

**In memory of Chester Klos**

Madeline Ringley

**In memory of deceased members  
of the Knapp family**

Helen Knapp

**In memory of deceased members  
of the Kochmiarczyk family**

Dot Jung

**In memory of Victoria Krenn**

Helga Ruby

**In memory of Denise Labrie**

Sr. Susan Kilduski, O.S.B.

**In memory of Wanda Lechowicz**

Patricia Lechowicz

**In memory of Evelyn Corson Lenberg**

Bernadette Murphy

**In memory of Chaitanya Maddali**

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Marie Maloney

**In memory of Donna Marzano**

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# We remember daily those entrusted to our prayers ...

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Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

**In memory of Patricia Pasquesi**

Tom and Beth Kneesel

**In memory of Edmund Perse**

Margaret Cullen

**In memory of Denise Perse and Taylor Perse**

Margaret Cullen

**In memory of Lucien Phoenix**

Gertrude Miholic

**In memory of Anna Pilek**

Justyna Leniarn

**In memory of Helen Lufen Powers**

Patricia Pruitt

**In memory of Victor Pulphus**

Jeff and Kathy Caudill

**In memory of Andrea Quinn**

Anonymous

**In memory of Florence Raft**

Larry and Judy Brod

**In memory of Gloria Read**

Carol Santarella

**In memory of Clifford Rees**

Kathy Statz Rees

**In memory of Allan Roberts**

Larry and Judy Brod

**In memory of Mary Rohan**

James Rohan

**In memory of Billy Sanders**

Ann Fink

**In memory of Dr. Louis Scaramella**

Mrs. James Jung

**In memory of Marcella Schmitt**

Gertrude Miholic

**In memory of Felechia Simon**

Sr. Ann Sharp, O.S.B.

and Sr. Barbara McCarry, O.S.B.

**In memory of Charles Slaten, Sr.**

Mr and Mrs. Ray Krasovic

**In memory of Helen A. Slattery**

Helen M. Slattery

**In memory of Thomas Slattery**

Helen M. Slattery

**In memory of Peter and Mary Smith**

Maureen Cogan

**In memory of deceased members of  
the Stanton family**

Rosalie Clary

**In memory of Nondine Stec**

Joseph and Loretta Stec

**In memory of Edwin Steinhauser**

Bernice Steinhauser

**In memory of Rebecca Granieri Stone**

Kay McSpadden

**In memory of Camille Stryck**

John and Cheryl Love

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Marina Volante

**In memory of Edward Joseph Tomiser**

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Frieda, Erna and Lillian Tomiser

**In memory of Inez Tracy**

Jim and Dot Jung

**In memory of Thomas Walsh**

Josepha Walsh

**In memory of Robert Warmach**

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago,

Bill and Helen Davis,

Matt and Agnes Glavich

**In memory of Mary Heyrman Wechsler**

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Helen Heyrman

**In memory of Virginia Wenzlick**

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**In memory of David William**

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

**In memory of Dolores Winkler**

Paul and Sue Betts

**In memory of Estelle Wroblewski**

Anonymous, The Arcella family,

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Joan Brandt, Jeff and Kathy Caudill,

Andrea Ciccone, Bette Coulson,

Paul and Christine Dehnert,

Rose Mary Finnigan, Ms. M. Foley,

Corina Gabaldon, LeAnn Gannon,

Aaron Gold, Susan Hilkevitch,

Chrysanthe Hoegh, Rob and Cindy Kane,

Regina Krakowski,

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Liljana Nacevska,

Raymond and Judith Nergaard,

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John Zdanowski

**In memory of Louis J. Zember**

Ray and Patty Erjavec

**In memory of Edward**

**and Margaret Zonsius**

Peter and Barbara Zonsius

**Deceased SSA Chicago Alumnae**

Evelyn Corson Lenberg (1938)

Rosalee Brunk Hedin (1942)

Rosemary E. Lamich Smith (1944)

Virginia Gibson (1948)

Rhoda Doerann Jamruszki and

Patricia A. O'Shea Kennedy (1949)

Claudette Whalen Duchek (1951)

Virginia Liepold Wenzlick (1953)

Caryl Eddy and

Constance Brunell Hartnett (1955)

Elizabeth A. Rossi Draghi, Nancy Dunton,

Patricia Brocata Hall, and

Virginia Bullat Sachs (1961)

Cam Minardi Goodman (1964)

Mary Heyrman Wechsler (1966)

Katherine Marie McNamara Miller (1975)

Carol LaPorte Uecker (1976)

## Special Occasions

**In honor of Josephine T. Cruz**

**on her 74<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Joseph and Bernadette Browne

**In honor of Patricia Olson Dolan**

**on her Birthday**

Madonna Rogers McCutcheon

**In honor of Sr. Vivian Ivantic, O.S.B.**

Alfred and Amy Avakian

Deanna and Tina Avakian

Will, Tim and Peter Bowling

Joel, Josh, Phil and Andre Doucette

Bill and Ruth Ivantic

Elizabeth, Julie and Matt Ivantic

Katie, Annie and Susan Kneesel

**In honor of Sr. Callista Kaley, O.S.B.**

Helen Slattery

**In honor of Mrs. Dorothy Maloney**

Thomas and Diane Marini

**In honor of Sr. Mercedes Moore, O.S.B.**

**on her birthday**

Nancy Gutreuter

**In Honor of Joseph and Theresa Schaeffer**

**on their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary**

Joseph and Theresa Schaeffer

**In honor of Vicki Wolkerstorfer**

**on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday**

Jeff, Kathy, Tom and Pat Caudill

**In honor of the Confirmation**

**of Michael Zonsius, Jr.**

Richard and Stephanie KlingelSmith

Listen ... with the ear of your heart.

~ Prologue, Rule of Benedict

## Newsbriefs



*Sisters Benita Coffey, O.S.B., Patricia Cielinski, O.S.B., Susan Quaintance, O.S.B. and Belinda Monahan, O.S.B., and a member of the Roger Park Night Ministry team, braved the bitter cold, and shared lunches, smiles and words of encouragement.*

The Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, working in coordination with the Rogers Park Night Ministry, have been providing sack lunches to many who are experiencing homelessness in Rogers Park. In February, Sisters Agnes Kelly, O.S.B., Margarita Walters, O.S.B., Mary Alice Setnicar, O.S.B., Jane Smith, O.S.B. and Judith Zonsius, O.S.B. prepared the bag lunches. In the brisk cold temperatures experienced during the evening of February 16th, Sisters Belinda Monahan, O.S.B., Benita Coffey, O.S.B., Patricia Cielinski, O.S.B. and Susan Quaintance, O.S.B. provided meals to grateful recipients. On March 23rd, sack lunches were prepared by Sisters Ann Sharp, O.S.B., Eleanore Hillenbrand, O.S.B., Joan Gannon, O.S.B., Joanna Trapp, O.S.B., Margaret Ann Holtz, O.S.B., Marilyn Hatrup, O.S.B., Rosemarie Rugar, O.S.B., Sisters Judith Zonsius, O.S.B., and Suzanne Zuercher, O.S.B. Later that evening, Sisters Judith Murphy, O.S.B., Virginia Jung, O.S.B., Mary Ann O’Ryan, O.S.B., Patricia Coughlin, O.S.B., and Susan Kilduski, O.S.B. distributed the lunches.

Sisters Barbara McCarry, O.S.B. and Patricia Crowley, O.S.B. were among 800 guests attending the annual UNO dinner. Mayor Daley spoke about UNO’s commitment to education in Chicago.

A photo of Sister Benigna Bacherle, O.S.B. was featured in a photographic display of the works of Pulitzer prize-winning Sun Times photographer, John White.

In April, Sister Susan Quaintance, O.S.B. served as a facilitator for the election of a prioress for the Benedictine Sisters of Bristow, Virginia.

Oblate Fr. Michael Garcia, O.P., is now a psychotherapist with Comprehensive Clinical Services, a private clinical practice located in Lombard, Illinois.

An interview with Sister Patricia Crowley, O.S.B. was included in a new documentary entitled *A Question of Habit*. The film, from Bren Ortega Murphy, Ph.D. of Loyola University Chicago, was screened at the Queens World Film Festival in March. The documentary examines the commercial representation of women religious in U.S. popular culture. It also examines the contrast between these commercial images and the real women religious who have contributed much to our society. You can view a trailer for the movie on YouTube, and more information can also be found at the film’s website: <http://www.questionofhabit.weebly.com>.

*Band of Sisters*, another feature-length documentary about Catholic Sisters in the U.S. (including Sister Patricia Crowley, O.S.B.) who became social justice activists after Vatican II. The film, by independent filmmaker Mary Fishman, highlights community among the Sisters and the important role education has played in their lives and work. More information can be found at the film’s website: <http://bandofsistersmovie.com>.



*Above, l-r: Sister Pat Stark, O.P., Sister Virginia Jung, O.S.B., and Sister Patty Fillenwarth, S.P. at Providence Family Services.*

Sister Virginia Jung, O.S.B. continues her work on her Master’s degree in Pastoral Counseling from Loyola University Chicago. In May she completes an internship with Providence Family Services, providing counseling services to individuals, couples and families utilizing her bilingual skills in Spanish.

Sisters Mary Alice Setnicar, O.S.B. and Hilary Halpin, O.S.B., along with other members of the Benedictine community, attended an Open House to celebrate Catholic School Week at St. Hilary Parish.

Sister Karen Bland, O.S.B., the Executive Director of Grand Valley Catholic Outreach in Grand Junction, Colorado, was recently featured in an article in *The Grand Junction Daily Sentinel* entitled “Bland plays big role at Catholic Outreach.”

Sister Judith Zonsius, O.S.B. represented the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago at the installation of the prioress for the Benedictine Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery, in Lisle, Illinois.

Sister Eleanore Hillenbrand, O.S.B. was the subject of a “Voices of the People” letter written by St. Scholastica Academy alumna, Kathleen Leuschner Riordan, and printed in *The Chicago Tribune*. “This fantastic teacher accompanied me through college and graduate school and mentored me as a new teacher at St. Scholastica from 1965-1970,” Riordan wrote. “I think it is probably time to say thank you (and I’m sure that my comments could use some red-ink!)” To read the letter in its entirety, visit [http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2011-01-15/news/ct-vp-0115voicelettersbriefs-20110115\\_1\\_role-models-college-schedules-english-teacher/2](http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2011-01-15/news/ct-vp-0115voicelettersbriefs-20110115_1_role-models-college-schedules-english-teacher/2).

Sister Patricia Crowley, O.S.B. attended a luncheon to commemorate the donation of Sister Helen Prejean’s papers to DePaul University in memory of Sister Miriam Wilson, O.S.B. who, together with Sister Helen, worked to abolish the death penalty.

On February 10, the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago celebrated the Feast of St. Scholastica. Oblates and members of the Testimonial Dinner committee joined the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago for the evening liturgy in St. Scholastica Chapel. On March 21, the community and Oblates gathered for an evening Mass on the Feast of St. Benedict. A festive dinner followed both events.

## Newsbriefs continued

Once a month the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago host the viewing of a social justice film. Check the “News of the Monastery” box on the home page of the website ([www.osbchicago.org](http://www.osbchicago.org)) for more details.

In April, **Sister Suzanne Zuercher, O.S.B.**, was the featured speaker at a Tea and Poetry presentation at Immaculate Conception Parish in Chicago. She read from her book of poetry, *I Don't Expect an Answer* and commented on her own story as reflected in her poems.

The Benedictine Sisters of Chicago recently received a grant from SOAR! (Support our Aging Religious) ([www.soar-usa.org](http://www.soar-usa.org)) to purchase new mattresses, a digital scale with handrails, and four new recliner lift chairs. These purchases are designed to improve the quality of life for those Sisters who reside in the infirmary — many of them requiring additional assistance with daily tasks. Such improvements provide care for elders in the community in a manner fitting to the lives of prayer and service they have given over so many years. We are grateful for the generosity of SOAR!



Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Sister Belinda Monahan

*Sister Mercedes Moore, O.S.B. seated in one of the new recliner lift chairs purchased for the infirmary with a grant from Support Our Aging Religious (SOAR!)*

The Spanish translation work of **Sister Virginia Jung, O.S.B.** was highlighted in a recent issue of AIM USA, the publication of the U.S. Secretariat of the Alliance for International Monasticism. Sister Virginia is one of eight individuals who translate the newsletter into Spanish, along with seven who translate into Portuguese, and one who translates into French.

**Sister Judith Murphy, O.S.B.** now serves as the Director of Board Formation for the Archdiocesan Schools in Chicago. In this role, she offers workshops and consults with interested pastors and principals to introduce the new governance boards, called Boards of Specified Jurisdiction (BSJ), which are being formed to concentrate efforts to strengthen three specific areas in parish schools: Catholic identity, academic excellence, and vitality. Her work takes her to schools throughout Chicago, as well as in Cook and Lake Counties.

**Breana Barak**, a freshman at Loyola University, recently spent time with the community and talking to the sisters in order to write an ethnography of the community. An ethnography entails “participant observation” explains Breana, “we were told to immerse ourselves in a group.” In addition to interviewing the Sisters, Breana attended several liturgies, including the Mass for the Solemnity of St. Benedict, and helped in packing lunches for the Rogers Park Night Ministry. Breana was impressed with the ability of the community to change with the times, and was also delighted with the Sisters’ willingness to tell their stories.

In February, **Sister Patricia Crowley, O.S.B.** attended the Conference of Benedictine Prioresses (CBP) and the board meeting for the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR). Sister Patricia has been named as a substitute delegate to the Communio Internationalis Benedictinarum (CIB) and will travel to west Africa this fall with CIB.



*Above: Sisters Susan Kilduski, O.S.B. and Belinda Monahan, O.S.B.*

**Sister Belinda Monahan, O.S.B.** volunteers one day a week at the Ignatian Services food pantry.

In February, **Sisters Susan Quaintance, O.S.B., Susan Kilduski, O.S.B. and Belinda Monahan, O.S.B.** joined nearly 100 Benedictine Sisters from monasteries across the United States and Puerto Rico at Mount St. Scholastica Monastery in Atchison, Kansas, for the biennial “Under 55” meetings, designed to give women in the various monasteries a chance to get to know each other and to share the challenges and joys of being a “younger” Benedictine.

This year’s theme was “United in Hope,” and for the first time, Sisters from all three Benedictine federations, as well as Sisters from the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, attended. The Sisters listened to presentations by Ephrem Hollerman, O.S.B. on “Women in Labor: Benedictine Foundresses in North America” and Karen Joseph, O.S.B. on “RB 4:74 - Never Despair of God’s Mercy.” The Sisters reflected at their tables on the things that give them hope as Benedictines in the twenty first century. Additionally, each of the Federation presidents spoke and responded to questions from the Sisters. A group of Sisters drawn from the under 55 group from each Federation also presented reflections on Romans 8:25.

Participants had time for reflection, as well as questions and answers, after each presentation. Liturgies were celebrated with conference participants, as well as liturgical celebrations with the Sisters from Mount St. Scholastica Monastery. Such meetings are one way of allowing young Benedictine women to learn from each other and discuss the issues important to them. The participants left the meeting energized and full of hope for their Benedictine future.



*Pictured, second from left, Sister Susan Quaintance, O.S.B. with other Sisters attending the “Under 55” meetings.*



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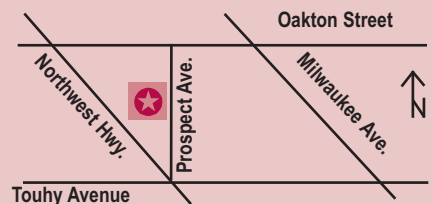
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