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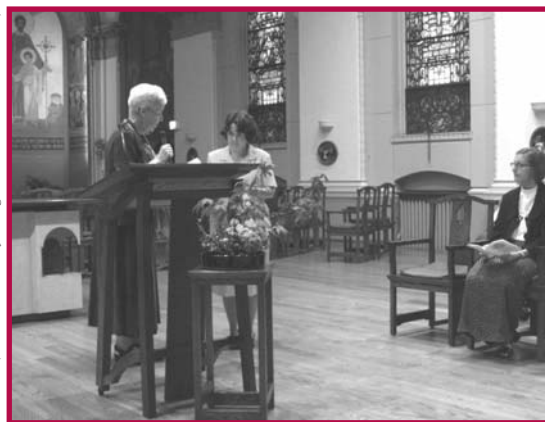
We are Benedictine women called to seek God in prayer and community, serving where there is need.

Our 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.

Sister Makes First Vows

(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Sister Patricia Cielinski, O.S.B.)



Sister Susan Quaintance, O.S.B., Director of Initial Formation, (seated) looks on as Sister Patricia Crowley, O.S.B., Prioress, (left) asks Sister Belinda Monahan, O.S.B., (center) the question, "What is it that you ask this day?"

Sister Belinda Monahan, O.S.B. made her first monastic profession at St. Scholastica Monastery, Chicago, Illinois, on Sunday evening, September 20, 2009. The traditional ritual took place during a Vespers service at which Sister Patricia Crowley, O.S.B., presided. "We have come together this day to praise God and to humbly thank God for the grace and favor given to us," said Sister Patricia. "We pray as the people of God, united in our common faith and in our common desire to do God's will." She then asked: "Sister Belinda, what is it that you ask this day?" Sister

Belinda responded: "I ask to make profession in this monastic community for the praise of God and the service of God's People."

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New Oblates Make A Commitment

On August 30, 2009, eleven men and women were welcomed as new Oblates during a Eucharistic Celebration at St. Scholastica Chapel.

Oblates of St. Benedict are women and men, single or married, who seek a deeper relationship with God through association with a Benedictine Community. They follow the *Rule of Benedict*, a time-proven guide to a spiritual way of life, as it applies to their own lives.

The oblates of St. Scholastica Monastery share in the prayer and works of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago.

To learn more about becoming an Oblate, see page 4.



The new Oblates, left to right: Richard McAllister, Jean Ehlert, Kevin Cheers, Angela Barosso, Matt Ambre, Judy Alexander, Judie Byers, Mary Clare Cadieux, Joan Marubio, Rosie Newton, and Mary Catherine Ryan, join Sister Patricia Crowley, O.S.B., Prioress, (sixth from the right) standing before the assembly at the Sunday liturgy celebration on August 30th as they made a commitment to the Benedictine community.

Serving Where There Is Need

Sister Jane Smith, O.S.B. is currently serving as weekday chauffeur for the monastery. "I like to drive," said Sister Jane, "I enjoy the brief visits with the Sisters as we travel, and I volunteer for St. Scholastica Academy. I take the school bank deposits with me on my daily visits to the bank for the monastery." She continues to be the Registrar for the closed Cañon City school, and prays for Sister Amy Campbell, O.S.B., and for all refugees. Sister Jane taught in elementary schools, was the principal of St. Hilary School, acted as infirmary administrator, and was Prioress of the community for eight years. "For the most part, I have enjoyed each of these experiences," she said. "Each presented its own challenge and each was beneficial in terms of personal growth." Which assignment did she enjoy most? Without hesitation Sister Jane answers, "Camp San Benito from 1963 – 1972. I loved camping in the mountains."

Sister Rosemarie Rugar, O.S.B. is the assistant to the monastery development director. She also distributes the monastery mail, and prays for Sister Anne Krall, and for all of the community's benefactors. "I enjoy doing all that I am doing in the office," said Sister Rosemarie. "I find it a challenge to find new ways to make our work in the office easier for us. I am at peace here and that is important to me." Filing papers, preparing for a mass mailing of invitations or letters, entering data in the computer, preparing memorial cards – Sister Rosemarie does all these tasks (and many more!) faithfully and quietly, "serving where there is need." She has served in the monastery kitchen, bakery, St. Scholastica development office, community archives, as guest mistress for the monastery, and worked summer weekend retreats for lay women. Sister Rosemarie is a huge sports fan – rooting for the Cubs, Bears, Broncos and Rockies. At the end of a busy day entering data, one can find her sending e-mails to family and friends, or playing games on her computer!

Sister Ann Sharp, O.S.B. is a member of the Council of the Elders, and prays for Sister Barbara McCarry, O.S.B., and for people with physical or mental disabilities. She has been an elementary teacher in Chicago, and served as local superior, principal, and teacher in Colorado. She was Director of Scholastics and joined the faculty at St. Scholastica Academy in Chicago where she taught theology and was later named as Dean. She has served as House Superior. She was elected to serve as Prioress of the community for four years, during which the monastery's infirmary wing, St. Joseph Court, was constructed. She later also served as co-administrator of that new facility. Currently a resident of St. Joseph Court, with her smiling and welcoming words Sister Ann strives to follow the Rule of Benedict: "Let all guests who arrive be received as Christ...."

We Love To Hear From You

I am so proud to be a product of Benedictine education
and I would have it no other way.

Sister Mildred (Zember) is like the energizer bunny, she keeps on going and going and going. I have such good memories of her. She is one of the first people who nudged me and nudged me and enabled me to do so many things I was convinced I could never do. She had confidence in me and so then did I. I like to think of her as the person who pushed me out of myself as I was then, and led me into very active participation as a layperson in this faith I love so much. Please give her a hug for me.

*I give thanks for the wonderful teachers I had at St. Scholastica Academy,
especially Sister Sebastian.*

Recently the class of 1947 gathered to celebrate our 80th birthdays. The enclosed represent offerings from thirty of our class, plus a few guests. Our good wishes and prayers come with this token of our thanks.

Thank you for a wonderful education. I wish I could give more!

*We were so blessed to have grown up
in such a wealth of learning and leading and family.*

New Books in the Monastery Library

The following books have recently been added to the monastery library. Perhaps you will find these titles helpful on your own spiritual journey:

*The Great Catholic Reformers:
Gregory the Great – Dorothy Day*
written by C. Colt Anderson.

*Living with Wisdom: Life of Thomas
Merton* written by Jim Forest.

Prophetic Witness: Women by Colleen
Griffith.

*Guests of God: Stewards of Divine
Creation* written by Monica Hellwig.

Paul: His Letters and Theology by
Stanley Marrow.

The Story of the Church by Alfred
McBride, O. PRAEM.

St. Paul, Apostle for Every Day written
by Michael Kerrigan, C.S.P.

Merton's Rule of Benedict edited by
Patrick O'Connell.

Newsbriefs

This summer Sister Suzanne Zuercher, O.S.B. was featured in a television program on WTTW Chicago with the interview she participated in as a part of a film about Merton. She was also interviewed for an article in the August issue of *U.S. Catholic*, entitled "Senior Moments." To access this article, visit <http://www.uscatholic.org/life/2009/07/senior-moments>.

Sister Virginia Jung, O.S.B. continues her studies, pursuing her master's degree in pastoral counseling at Loyola University's Institute for Pastoral Studies.



(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Kathy Caudill).

Sister Agnes Kelly, O.S.B. cut the ribbon after the community blessed the new chair lift. She then demonstrated the use of the chair for the others attending the blessing ceremony.



(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Kathy Caudill).

Members of the community gathered on Friday, September 4th, for the blessing of a new chair lift from the first floor to the community room. The lift was generously funded with a grant from SOAR! (Support Our Aging Religious), and will make it much easier for more Sisters to access the stairs to this important gathering space for the community.

On Monday, August 17, 2009, the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago were featured in a story on the WTTW 11 (PBS) program "Chicago Tonight" entitled "Vatican Investigating American Nuns." This feature can be viewed online at <http://video.wttw.com/video/1218220437/>.



(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Kathy Caudill).

Left: Students from DePaul University donated their time to the labyrinth located on the monastery grounds, weeding, adding gravel and sand, and raking. After they were finished the labyrinth (below) was picture perfect and ready for visitors. A heartfelt "thank you" from the Benedictine community for this good deed!

Interested in walking the labyrinth? Please call first to make sure others are not using the space at that time.



(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Kathy Caudill).

Oblate Rosie Newton (above) shares her valuable time, and considerable gardening talents, making a beautiful difference in the monastery gardens.



(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Kathy Caudill).

Shortly after their return from their summer travels to Rome to attend the Monastic Institute, Sisters Judith Zonsius, O.S.B. and Susan Quaintance, O.S.B. shared delicious food and photos with the community at a special "Italian night."

Sister Susan Quaintance, O.S.B. will be serving on the 2010 St. Scholastica Federation election committee and will be facilitating an election for the Benedictine community in Covington, Kentucky in early 2010. Sister Judith Murphy, O.S.B. will be serving on the 2010 Federation core committee.

Sister Mariella Hathorn, O.S.B. attended the annual sub-prioresses meeting in Atchison, Kansas, renewing friendships with, and meeting newly appointed, sub-prioresses.



(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Sister Louise Eggen, O.S.B.).

Left to right: Sister Belinda Monahan, O.S.B., Sister Karen Bland, O.S.B., Sister Gregory Rohar, O.S.B., and Judith Borchers gathered together in the infirmary hallway before one of the Jubilee Masses in July.



Members of the Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP) planning team, including Sister Patricia Crowley, O.S.B., (second from left), gather with retreat attendees from various Chicago shelters and programs for a retreat focused on women who are, or were, experiencing homelessness.

In late September, WTTW 11 (PBS) returned to the monastery to film a piece for the program, "30 Good Minutes," a weekly ecumenical and interfaith program which airs on Sunday evenings at 5 p.m. The airdate will be announced when it becomes available.

Seeking God As an Oblate

Oblates of St. Benedict are Christian men and women in all walks of life who associate themselves with a Benedictine community to enrich their Christian way of life.

Oblates seek God by striving to become holy in their own chosen way of life. Integrating their prayer and work, they manifest Christ's presence in society.

Oblates do not take on new religious practices. They simply promise to deepen their faith and to lead enriched Christian lives according to the Gospel as reflected in the Rule of St. Benedict.

Through association with the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Oblates receive help and guidance in living a full Christian life. The Oblates are offered guidance and enrichment through newsletters, prayer reflections, and personal guidance.



The Prioress looks on as Kevin Chears formalizes her commitment to be an Oblate of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago.

(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Sister Patricia Ciehlinski, O.S.B.)

What are the basic values of Benedictine life that Oblates share?

- ~Seeking God through prayer and reflection.
- ~Spending time daily to reflect on God's Word in Scripture.
- ~Devoting time to the praise of God.
- ~Developing a deep reverence for life.
- ~Practicing responsible stewardship towards the goods of this world.
- ~Working for peace in the world.
- ~Participating more fully in the work of their local church.

Are you interested in learning more about becoming an Oblate?

Contact **Sister Benita Coffey, O.S.B.**
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bcoffey@osbchicago.org
www.osbchicago.org

Grand Valley Catholic Outreach

Ten years ago, **Sister Karen Bland, O.S.B.** came to Grand Junction, Colorado, to support a collaborative social service program developed by four local Catholic parishes in 1988, now known as Grand Valley Catholic Outreach.



Left to right: Soup Kitchen Director, Angela Walsh, and Executive Director, Sister Karen Bland, O.S.B., at Grand Valley Catholic Outreach in Grand Junction, Colorado.

"As Benedictines," Sister Karen explains, "we are called to seek God, to listen with the ear of the heart, to serve where there is need." Besides offering supportive leadership, Sister Karen also serves as spiritual leader to those called to seek God in service to their brothers and sisters. Five hundred individuals, representing more than 38 churches in the valley, provide many daily operations needs. Volunteers begin their day of service with a short *lectio* based on the day's scripture or other prayers. "Daily prayer," said Sister Karen, "reminds us that among our guests, if we but open our eyes, we will see the face of Christ." She encourages good stewardship of all that is given to the agency. "A dollar is frequently stretched to become a dollar and ten."

Originally, there was a soup kitchen and day center for the homeless located in an 800 sq. ft. home. Catholic Outreach is now located in a renovated warehouse. Services also include emergency housing, financial assistance, and managing twenty-three apartments. Last year, the soup kitchen served 79,000 meals to guests ranging in age from two days old to ninety-six years young, and regularly scored 100% in local health inspections. Under the guidance of a dedicated board, each year more than \$1,000,000 is raised to assist people in need on the western slope of Colorado. People come to serve and to be served because Grand Valley Catholic Outreach strives to be a place that warmly welcomes all in an effort to share the compassion of Christ. Through open hands, and open hearts, doors are opened for those in need.

For more information, please visit www.catholicoutreach.org.

Perhaps God is Calling You to Religious Life?

Do you desire God above all else?

Wouldn't it be a grace to find something worth living for, maybe even worth dying for? Something that energizes you, enthruses you, gives you life?

Do you have the courage to explore life in a community for the sake of the Gospel?

If you are a single, Catholic woman between the ages of 20 and 50, the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago invite you to come, inquire, and experience our way of life.



At the conclusion of the Vesper Service and Monastic Profession of Temporary Vows, the Prioress, Sister Patricia Crowley, O.S.B., offers a blessing to the entire assembly.

There are several stages in the journey to become a Benedictine Sister of Chicago: inquirer, affiliate, pre-postulant, postulant, novice, temporary profession, and final profession.

As Benedictine women we seek God in community by living the Gospel values through our vows of obedience, stability and fidelity to the monastic way of life.

To schedule a visit to the monastery, contact **Sister Benita Coffey, O.S.B.**
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Vows

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Sister Patricia then asked Sister Belinda if she wished to seek and glorify God, to serve the world through a life of prayer and work, and follow Christ by living a life of stability, fidelity to the monastic life, and obedience according to the *Rule of Saint Benedict*, to which Sister Belinda responded "I do." The members of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago were then asked if they would receive Sister Belinda as a member of the community. After a resounding chorus from the Benedictine community of "yes, we will," Sister Belinda promised a temporary profession of stability, fidelity to the monastic life, and obedience according to the rule of Holy Father Benedict and the Constitution of the Federation of Saint Scholastica. After Sister Belinda signed her vows on the Gospel book placed on the altar, she received *Call to Life*, a sign of her monastic profession. Sister Patricia then lead the community in prayer: "Stir up, O God, in your Church, the spirit served by Holy Father Benedict. Filled with that same spirit may we strive to love what he loved and practice what he taught." The community then came forward to greet Sister Belinda. Her parents, her younger sister, and friends were also present, and shared a festive meal with the community after the ceremony.

Since the autumn of 2007, Sister Belinda has fully participated in the community life at St. Scholastica Monastery. Having recently completed a year of intensive preparation, including prayer, study, volunteer service, and reflection, she has chosen to formalize her membership by this temporary profession.

This period of time will provide her with the opportunity to integrate what she has learned and to develop a rhythm of prayer, ministry, and leisure as she resumes her work as an archaeologist. She will also engage in courses to broaden her knowledge of scripture and theology.

"This is not at all what I expected to be doing with my life," remarks Sister Belinda. "The journey has been hard at times, but always interesting. I look forward to what comes next." After three years, she may request to take final vows, leading to full membership in the community.

Sister Belinda is the daughter of John and Mary Ellen Monahan of Three Bridges, New Jersey, where she attended the local elementary and high schools. She studied at Boston University, University of Chicago, and Northwestern University in Evanston where she completed her Ph.D. in Anthropology in 2000.

Spiritual Spa Days

Spiritual Spa Days
at St. Scholastica Academy
with **Sister Suzanne Zuercher, O.S.B.**

The Spiritual Journey Through Creative Expression

Prayer, reflection and discussion will be part of both Spiritual Spa Days.

Saturday, December 5, 2009

Poetry breakout session
with Judy Valenta
and
Universal Dance
breakout session
with Marcia Heeter

Saturday, February 20, 2010

Graphic Art breakout session
with **Matt Ambre**, Oblate,
and Maria Ambre
and
Music breakout session
with **Mary Clare Cadieux**, Oblate

To register, call
773/764-5715, ext. 363

News from St. Scholastica Academy (Cañon City) Alumnae



Left to right: *Patty Alessi Kotwica ('81)*, *Beth Phillips Walsh ('80)* and *Gina Worley Roberts ('81)* arranged to meet together at Montague's Tea Room in Colorado Springs for a mini-reunion. They arrived at an important conclusion: when you hit your 40s, you can all share one pair of reading glasses and nobody minds!

SSA Cañon City alumnae from the class of 1969 gathered together in Cañon City, Colorado, for an amazing reunion in July! Activities included a barbecue potluck, a hike up Skyline Drive, a picnic at Centennial Park, dinner out together, and Sunday brunch. Visit their class website to see more photos: <http://ssaclas-sof69.wordpress.com/>.

We love to hear from you. Please share your SSA Cañon alumnae news with the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago (kcaudill@osbchicago.org).



(Photo by Gary Alex.)

Those gathering for the 1969 class reunion took a moment to pose for a photo together. Standing, left to right: *Tammie Ortega*, *Susan Ryan Moy*, *Charlotte Benedict Metcalfe*, *Collette A. Cahoj Honn*, *Angie Javernick Jones*, *Karen Kirchner Alex*, *Tena DeFellippie Gallagher*, *Anne M Johnston McFarland*, *Kathleen Javernick Koehn*, *Jerriann Andrews Early*, *Micki Degnan Kleymann*, *Mary Kay Crawford Anderson*, *Jane Kennedy Amerson*, *Sarah Bowsher Bergman*, *Joyce Fox Connors*, *Carol Mondragon-Cavaliere*, and *Mary Christmas Short*. Seated, left to right: *Wanda Newmyer Diekhans*, *Sister Kathleen McNamara, O.S.B.*, *Eleanor Nauman* and *Barbara Beaudette Murphy*.

Memorials

July 3, 2009 through September 30, 2009

In memory of:

Joe and Mickey Adler

Diane Adler

Joseph and Stephanie Adler

Diane Adler

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Sr. Joyce Gleeson, O.S.B.

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Kevin Cole

Mary Conroy

Anna Cwik

LaVerne Damlos

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Elizabeth Hanley

Arthur Giebner

Margaret Giebner

Lois Smith Hansen

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

We remember daily those entrusted to our prayers ...

Sheila Harrington

Jeanne Caliendo-Harrington
Jerome and Patricia Flanagan

Jami Harrington

Patricia Peterson

Darcy Rea

Angeline Schlosser

Dorothy Havertine

Barney and Margaret Namovic

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Rita Teeple Six

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Ruth Wojcik

Special Occasions

In honor of:

Benedictine Sisters for their ministry to foreign students

Sr. Leocratia Muganda, sTh

Carolyn Fields

on her retirement

Fr. Michael Solazzo

Jean Ehlert on becoming

a Benedictine Oblate

Genevieve Delana

Matthew and Agnes Glavich

on their 60th Wedding

Anniversary

Raymond and Josephine Krasovic

Jubilarians

Fr. Michael Solazzo

Sr. Vivian Ivantic, O.S.B.

on her 75th Jubilee

Florence Steele

Edwin and Janis McNamara on

their 55th Wedding

Anniversary

Maureen Blackburn

Their Marriage

James and Elaine Sharp

Sr. Judith Zonsius, O.S.B.

Richard KlingelSmith

*Listen ... with the ear
of your heart.*

*~ Prologue,
Rule of Benedict*



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Directions in Development

Greetings to my fellow friends of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago,

First and foremost, thank you for your continuing generosity! Even in the face of economic uncertainty, so many of you have continued to share your treasures with the community.

Thanks to your donations, Sister Mary Martin Gehl, O.S.B., Sister Gregory Rohar, O.S.B., and the other Sisters currently residing in the infirmary receive around the clock care, as needed, and have access to various activities including chair exercises, taffy pulling, and making homemade cinnamon rolls for the entire community to enjoy.

Due to your generosity, Sister Virginia Jung, O.S.B. continues to assist women as they transition from incarceration to life outside of prison, and Sisters Benita Coffey, O.S.B., Suzanne Zuercher, O.S.B., and Joan Hentges, O.S.B. continue to share their faith with lay people who have chosen to become affiliated with the community as Benedictine Oblates.

If you have visited with the Sisters at the monastery, you know all about Benedictine hospitality. If you haven't been to the monastery in a while, why not call and arrange a time to stop by and join the Sisters in daily prayer, walk the labyrinth, or visit with Sisters in the infirmary? There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place that I would love for you to experience.

It is my pleasure and privilege to serve as the Director of Development for the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago. After three and a half years, I continue to be amazed, and humbled, by the generosity of the many friends of this amazing religious community. Thank you for all that you do to support the care and ministries of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago!

With gratitude,
Kathy Caudill, Director of Development

During
Advent 2009

Sung
Vespers

Sundays

5 p.m.

St. Scholastica
Chapel

(Please enter through
the monastery door at
7430 N. Ridge Blvd.)