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The Benedictine Sisters of Chicago joyfully announce the election and installation of



Sister Patricia Cielinski, O.S.B.

Sister Patricia
Crowley, O.S.B.

as Prioress of

Saint Scholastica
Monastery

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Sister Patricia Cielinski, O.S.B.

Honoree Sister Mariella Hathorn, O.S.B. accepts her award.

Friends Gather
for the
13th Annual
Testimonial Dinner

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Four Jubilarians Celebrate 255 Years of Service as Benedictine Sisters

By Sister Benita Coffey, O.S.B.

On July 11th, the Feast of Saint Benedict, four Jubilarians were honored by their community members, family and friends as they marked the anniversaries of their first profession of vows. A Mass of Thanksgiving, including a renewal of vows, was celebrated at St. Scholastica Monastery in Chicago. Sister Mary Alice Setnicar, O.S.B., celebrated seventy-five years, Sister Celine Beck, O.S.B. sixty years, and Sister Johnette Sawyer, O.S.B. fifty years. The guests in attendance joined the Benedictines at a festive reception immediately following the liturgy. The seventieth anniversary of the profession of vows of Sister Christina Kulovitz, O.S.B. was celebrated privately in St. Joseph Court, the monastery's infirmary.

Sister Mary Alice was born and raised in Waukegan, Illinois. She attended a parish elementary school staffed by the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, and entered the community in 1930. Her bachelor's degree was earned at DePaul University. Her long career as an elementary school teacher included a term as secretary/treasurer of Chicago Archdiocesan Primary School Association. Sister Mary Alice's ministry brought her to many of the community's local missions in

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Kathy Caudill/Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Left to right: Sixty Year Jubilarian Sister Celine Beck, O.S.B., Prioress Sister Patricia Crowley, O.S.B., Fifty Year Jubilarian Sister Johnette Sawyer, O.S.B., and Seventy-Five Year Jubilarian Sister Mary Alice Setnicar, O.S.B. Not pictured: Seventy Year Jubilarian Sister Christina Kulovitz, O.S.B.

Message from the Prioress



Prioress Jane Smith, O.S.B.

On June 24, 2007, I finished two terms as the Prioress of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago. I want to say a big "Thank You" to all of our friends who help us in so many ways. To those who volunteer their time and expertise by serving on our Boards and committees, our Oblates who give so much service especially to the older Sisters, to those who ask for our prayers and then tell us how our God has decided to answer them, to those who include us in their prayers, to the families of the Sisters in the Infirmary who always have something uplifting to say even in time of sorrow, and to those who share their dollars with us. It has been my privilege to work with you in taking care of the needs of the community. I could not have done the necessary tasks without the support of the other officers of the community and members of the Administrative Staff.

I am grateful to all of you! Thank you!

Jane Smith, O.S.B.

Dear Friends,

As I begin my time as Prioress of this very special community of Benedictine women, I want to express my gratitude to Sister Jane for her steady leadership over the past eight years. I have been privileged to work closely with her for six of those years on our Monastic Council.

I am also grateful to each community member, to each oblate, to each donor, friend and supporter of our community. Sisters Mariella Hathorn (sub-prioress), Patricia Coughlin (secretary), Kathleen Maloney (treasurer), and Judith Murphy (assistant secretary) will serve as our community officers.

I look forward to working with you in the next few years toward the furthering of our Benedictine charism, mission, and directional statements. In the spirit of Benedict and of Scholastica, I wish you all *Peace!*

Please know that you are always welcome here at our monastery.

Gratefully,

Patricia Crowley O.S.B.



Prioress
Patricia Crowley, O.S.B.

In Loving Memory ...



Oblate Jennifer Burns
1964 - 2007

Jennifer Burns finalized her commitment as an Oblate member of our community on March 18. For her, this was a major achievement! Suffering from terminal cancer for several years, she was steadfast in her efforts to live to make her Oblation in the presence of the community at Sunday Mass. Sisters and Oblates present rejoiced with her and offered their congratulations, good wishes and prayers, before her father, her sister, and two close friends took her home. Within a few days she was hospitalized for pain management. She died on April 17, eight days before her 42nd birthday.

Several years ago, Jennifer began a period of discernment as to God's desire for her. Suffering from chronic illness that indicated she would not be able to become a Benedictine, she remained in contact with the community. In October of 2005 she was enrolled as an Oblate.

Jennifer was a member of St. Paul of the Cross Parish in Park Ridge, Illinois, and, for a time, was employed at the rectory there. She lived with her parents and, in recent years, she has been the primary caregiver for her mother and was responsible for maintaining their home. Her positive attitude sustained her as the diagnosis of cancer added to her burden.

A valiant and courageous woman who loved life and held on to it tenaciously until the end, Jennifer has left us an example of strong faith, enduring hope, and a genuine love of God and a love of people that made her a wonderful friend.

Installation of the 18th Prioress of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Sister Patricia Crowley, O.S.B. became the eighteenth prioress of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago on June 24th. She was elected by her Sisters to lead their community for the next four years.

Sister Patricia was born in Chicago, and raised in Wilmette, Illinois. She graduated from St. Scholastica Academy, Chicago, Illinois in 1957. Sister Patricia entered the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago in 1959, and received the name Sister Mary Patrick. She made her first profession of vows in 1960. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature from Mundelein College and her Master of Arts degree in Catechetical Theology from Manhattan College. Sister Patricia taught in grammar school for two years. She was a faculty member at St.

Scholastica Academy for fourteen years, and also served as sub-prioress for Prioress Sister Colette Westrick, O.S.B. For ten years Sister Patricia was the Executive Director for the Howard Area Community Center, a community-based service and advocacy agency in a low income neighborhood of Chicago. She served as Community Service Fellow for the Chicago Community Trust for two years, traveling in Latin American and Caribbean countries studying women's organizing efforts. For thirteen years, Sister Patricia was the Executive Director of Deborah's Place, a not for profit organization providing residential programs, supportive housing and services for women who are/were homeless in Chicago. She then became the Executive Director of Chicago Continuum of Care

where she worked to consolidate that organization with the Partnership to End Homelessness.

Following her election, Sister Patricia reflected: "I am grateful to the community for giving me opportunities to live out the Gospel message. We need to address our future realistically, tending to community and common life, spirituality and prayer, and ministry and outreach." Sister Patricia brings to the position of prioress a background of action blended with contemplation. "Being Prioress offers an opportunity to integrate these two qualities into my community life," says Sister Patricia. "I feel blessed to be called to work within our community at this point in my life."

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Illinois and Colorado. After fifty-four years of teaching, Sister Mary Alice retired. More accurately, she changed careers! For the past twenty-two years, she has served as an aide in the college counseling department of St. Scholastica Academy in Chicago. She also assists the monastery kitchen staff, baking delicious treats for the Sisters and their guests.



Sister Mary Alice Setnicar, O.S.B.

Sister Christina was born in Atzgersdorf, Vienna, Austria, and moved as a young child to Chicago, Illinois. She was taught by the Benedictines at St. George parish school. She soon mastered English, developed a love of learning, and became an avid reader. She entered the monastery in 1935 and dedicated her life to the service of God and her



Sister Christina Kulovitz, O.S.B.

Sisters. Sister Christina has worked as a cook, housekeeper, headed the Altar Bread Department, and was in charge of the laundry. She was sacristan for the monastery chapel creating beautiful stoles, altar cloths, an exquisite funeral pall, and robes for the Infant of Prague statue. Before retirement, she took a beginning Spanish course and started to learn computers.

Sister Celine, a native of Cañon City, Colorado, is a graduate of St. Scholastica Academy in Colorado. She entered the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago after two years of employment at a stationery store in Denver. She studied at DePaul University. Her first assignments as a primary teacher were in Chicago, but for thirty-eight years her ministry and community life were spent in her home state. After leaving the teaching profession, she resided at St. Scholastica Academy in Cañon City where she operated the switchboard in the reception office. For ten years she assisted with the care



Sister Celine Beck, O.S.B.

of her mother through her last illness. She also maintained the archives at the Academy. Currently she is retired and living at St. Scholastica Monastery in Chicago.

Sister Johnette was born in Pueblo, Colorado. She attended St. Leander parish school, where she eventually served as teacher, principal, and pastoral minister. She is an alumna of Pueblo Catholic High. Love of liturgy attracted her to Benedictine life, and she entered the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago in 1955. She was awarded a B.A. degree in English from DePaul University and a Master's in Education from St. Mary's University. During her career in elementary education, she served parishes in Colorado and Illinois. Since earning an M.A. in Pastoral Ministry from Seattle University and taking post graduate courses in liturgy and music at Notre Dame, she has worked in pastoral and liturgical ministry at various Colorado parishes.



Sister Johnette Sawyer, O.S.B.

“Please keep me
in your prayers,
Sisters.

I am remembering you
in my will.”

The Benedictine Sisters of Chicago received this note from an alumna of St. Scholastica Academy. Nearly ten years later, the woman passed away. True to her word, she DID remember the Sisters in her will, leaving several hundred thousand dollars to the Benedictine Sisters! Thanks to this generous friend, the Sisters are able to provide for the needs of the Sisters in the infirmary, to support their many ministry projects, and to build up their retirement funds which are sorely underfunded.

The Sisters are most grateful for the many friends and benefactors who support the care and ministries of the Benedictine Sisters. The Sisters enjoy reading cards and letters from students and parishioners who have benefited from the presence of Benedictine Sisters in their lives.

As good stewards, the Sisters hope and pray that each of their friends and benefactors prepare a Will. If you have not done so, please know that the State of Illinois determines how your assets are distributed upon your death. This could be a very different distribution than you intended. If you are interested in learning more about remembering the Benedictine Sisters in your will, or in your other estate planning documents, please contact our Development Director, Kathy Caudill at 773/764-2413, ext. 233 or kcaudill@osbchicago.org.



News Briefs

Sister Judith Zonsius, O.S.B. and Sister Susan Quaintance, O.S.B. will be attending the fourth International Commission on Benedictine Education from October 31 – November 3, 2007. The conference will be held at Colegio San Benito school in Santiago, Chile. The theme of the conference is “Partnership in Benedictine Education.”



Dick Heidkamp (center) displays an afghan made by Sister Mercedes Moore, O.S.B. as Don Heidkamp (right) describes the raffle prize at the Testimonial Dinner in June.

Several Sisters contribute to the community in quiet but very creative ways. Sister Mary Alice Setnicar, O.S.B. prepares cookies for the community as well as for Development Council and Testimonial Dinner committee meetings. Sister Mary Cornella, O.S.B. creates beautiful baby sets. Sister Gregory Rohar, O.S.B. has fashioned beautiful doll outfits. Sister Mercedes Moore, O.S.B. crocheted an afghan for the Testimonial Dinner raffle, and continues to crochet baby blankets and colorful afghans. Sister Winifred Sommer, O.S.B. creates beautiful caps for the new babies at St. John’s Mercy Hospital where Sister Louise Eggen, O.S.B. was employed in Pastoral Services until she moved back to Chicago to head the Infirmary for the Benedictine Sisters here at the monastery.

Sister Suzanne Zuercher, O.S.B. works with Wright Directions. She and her colleague, Dick Wright, Ph.D., provide consulting services for faith-based organizations. They just completed a year’s contract with Maryville Academy where they were involved with administrators, managers, and youth care workers doing consulting and team building at all nine sites in northern Illinois. She continues to give retreats,

workshops and presentations as well as writing for publication.

Sister Mary Ann O’Ryan, O.S.B. will be attending four workshops this summer. The Bearing Witness Summer Institute addresses anti-Semitism, the Holocaust, and contemporary issues in Catholic-Jewish relations. The History of Women Religious Conference is sponsoring a program at Notre Dame University entitled “Challenge and Mission in the History of Women Religious.” Sister Mary Ann will also attend a weeklong program focusing on teaching East Asian literature in the high school. This workshop is sponsored by the East Asian Studies Center of Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. She will also attend an Advanced Placement Summer Institute on Human Geography to be held at Northwestern University.

Sister Patricia Coughlin, O.S.B. offered a memorable reflection on the 5th Sunday of Easter at the St. Scholastica Academy alumnae Mass in St. Scholastica chapel. “[T]he first word of the Rule of Benedict is ‘listen.’ In this place we were taught to listen.... We were taught to listen by being listened to.... We learned to listen beyond ourselves, to the poor, the racially marginated, the politically persecuted, to the needs of the wider world.... To listen is continually to give up all expectation and to give our attention, completely and freshly to what is before us, not really knowing what we will hear or what that will mean. To listen is to be willing to be changed by what we hear. To listen is to be willing to be surprised by the people and the world around us. To listen is to be attuned to the sound of the Holy Spirit, the wind blowing from God’s future.”

This summer three Benedictine Sisters spoke at weekend Masses, appealing for donations on behalf of the Alliance for International Monasticism (AIM USA), a network of monasteries in this country providing grants and support to 450 monastic communities in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Sister Benita Coffey, O.S.B. spoke at St. Luke Parish in River Forest, Sister Susan Quaintance, O.S.B. at St. Hilary Parish, and Sister Virginia Jung, O.S.B. at St. Denis Parish.

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Testimonial Dinner - a Spirited Success

More than two hundred friends gathered with the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago at the Park Ridge Country Club on June 13th for the 13th Annual Testimonial Dinner honoring **Sister Mariella Hathorn, O.S.B.** and Jane M. Sullivan.

The Invocation was delivered by **Sister Benita Coffey, O.S.B.**, who spoke of the Benedictine "extended family" present for the evening's celebration, and the "family reunion" where we expect good company to feed our spirits and good food to nourish us."

Jane M. Sullivan received the *Spirit of Benedict* award. Facing challenges in her life as a young mother and business owner, Jane said, "I was filled with fear. But once I replaced fear with faith, faith had wheels and took off to do God's work."

Sister Mariella Hathorn, O.S.B. accepted her award saying, "I didn't write down what I wanted to say this evening, because I wanted to speak to you from my heart."

The eight years of dedicated service of **Sister Jane Smith, O.S.B.** as Prioress were recognized, and Prioress-Elect **Sister Patricia Crowley, O.S.B.** was introduced to the guests.

The evening's celebration was definitely filled with "good company ... and good food" as friends and benefactors of the Sisters joined together for a spirited evening supporting the care and ministries of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago.



Above: Sister Jane Smith, O.S.B.



Top right: Honoree Jane M. Sullivan.
Lower right: Sister Patricia Crowley, O.S.B.



Center: Geri Gehrke joins her mother, Kitty Gehrke, for a photo during the cocktail reception. Kitty is a member of the Testimonial Dinner Committee and a member of the Development Council.

Far left: Testimonial Dinner Committee members Virginia Malter and Mary Ann Harrington greeted the guests as they entered Park Ridge Country Club.

The 14th Annual Testimonial Dinner
is scheduled for

Wednesday, June 18, 2008.

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Top left (l-r): Grace Gaughan, Mike Wrenn, and Catherine Wrenn.
Top right (l-r): Mary Sullivan, Osian O'Sullivan, Diane Wilder, Fr. Anthony Bus', Kelly Sullivan, Benedict Sullivan, and Oscar Delgado.
Bottom left (l-r): Development Council member Dan Henrick, Peggy Henrick, Tony Schimpf, Wally Schimpf, Ron Michelotti and Mary Ann Michelotti.

Memorials

April 11, 2007 through July 11, 2007

- In memory of Vincent Angeleri**
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Mr. and Mrs. Chester Zdunek
- In memory of Raymond Beyer**
Fred and Marie Zalaznik
- In memory of Henry Biedron**
Matthew and Dorothy Miholic
- In memory of Mark S. Blondell**
Charles T. Kenny
- In memory of Oblate Jennifer Burns**
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Margaret Hartney
- In memory of James Byers, Sr.**
Ann Byers
- In memory of John Camenga**
Eleanor Camenga
- In memory of Father Marty Carr**
Dennis and Jeannie Duffy
- In memory of Col. Don Clem**
Georgette Kesselring
- In memory of Father Thomas Conley**
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Virginia Malter
Eleanor Nauman
- In memory of Dorothy W. Cox**
Genevieve A. Delana
- In memory of Richard J. Cullen**
Margaret Cullen
- In memory of Marion Cvitkovic**
Betty Gerzel
- In memory of Martin Davis**
Bob and Gerry Blazich
- In memory of Rosemary Pape Dietz**
Dick and Nancy Crawford
- In memory of Robert Doucette**
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Rose Rosko
- In memory of Dr. Starkey Duncan**
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- In memory of Robert Fahey**
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- In memory of Zachary Foreman**
Jeff and Kathy Caudill and family
- In memory of**
Sr. Ambrose Frede, O.S.B.
Rev. Alcuin Greenburg
- In memory of Sr. Jerome Frede, O.S.B.**
Rev. Alcuin Greenburg
- In memory of Rose Garrett**
Loretta Garrett
- In memory of Martin and Katherine Gersick**
Margaret Cullen
- In memory of**
Sr. Carolyn Glach, O.S.B.
Martha Sook Song
- In memory of Joan C. Gosinski**
Sr. Joyce Gleeson, O.S.B.
- In memory of John Gray**
Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Einhorn
- In memory of Pat Grom**
Matthew and Dorothy Miholic
- In memory of Francis Hardy**
Tom and Ellen Hardy
- In memory of Philip Harrington**
John and Evilin McHugh
- In memory of Sr. Bernadette Harrison, O.S.B.**
Tom and Cathy Green
James and Kathleen Henry
Sr. Eleanore Hillenbrand, O.S.B.
Richard and Mary Ann Kenney, Jr.
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- In memory of John A. Hillenbrand, Jr.**
Iris Hillenbrand
- In memory of Betty Hoffman**
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- In memory of Gertrude Holmes**
Susan Holmes Gassen
- In memory of**
Mary Lou Nagler Hopkins
Catherine Nagler
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Anonymous
- In memory of Josephine R. Indovina**
Conrad and Dorothy Majcher
- In memory of Fred "Fritz" Jerina**
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Marge Drasler
Frances B. Jerina
Matthew and Dorothy Miholic
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Susan Fitzgerald Lee
- In memory of Andrew Johnstone**
Jeff and Kathy Caudill
- In memory of Joan M. Kenny**
Charles T. Kenny
- In memory of Margaret Kinsella**
Tom and Mary Lu McGreal
- In memory of Chester and Zofia Kouszawski**
Danuta Bajda
- In memory of Mary Ann Kreuser**
Virginia Bergmann
- In memory of Tom Kuhn**
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Sr. Mary Benet McKinney, O.S.B.
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- In memory of John Miholic**
Barbara Jurcin
- In memory of George Miketa**
Ray and Josephine Krasovic
- In memory of Sophie Mivshek**
Beedee Drasler
Marge Drasler
Jack and Mary Flessner
Barbara Jurcin
Brothers and Sisters
of Sophie Mivshek
Rose Rosko
Eino and Betty Seppala

We remember daily those entrusted to our prayers ...

In memory of David Moore

Helen Moore

In memory of Jeanne Nagler

Catherine Nagler

In memory of Denise Perse

Rudolph and Eileen Gallegos

In memory of Edmund A. Perse

Margaret Cullen

In memory of Gina Powell

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Patricia Campion

In memory of Patricia Sheehy

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In memory of

Sr. Beatrice Singler, O.S.B.

William Murray

In memory of Ruth M. Smith

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Evilin McHugh

In memory of Ray Snyder

Al and Marilyn Busa

In memory of deceased members

of the Sullivan Family

John Wren

In memory of Bill Twardy

Eino and Betty Seppala

Jim and Judy Moel

In memory of Mary Twardy

Eino and Betty Seppala

Jim and Judy Moel

In memory of Tom Twardy

Eino and Betty Seppala

Jim and Judy Moel

In memory of Betty Varner

Jeff and Kathy Caudill

In memory of Tillie Veylupek

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In memory of Clarence and

Lucille Wagner

John and Joan O'Sullivan

In memory of Lucille Wagner

Mike and Eileen Moorman

Bill and Ellen Wirth

Ed and Beth Zonsius

Sr. Judith Zonsius, O.S.B.

Michael and Mary Zonsius

Peter and Barbara Zonsius

In memory of Adelaide Waldron

Tom and Mary Lu McGreal

In memory of

Sr. Mary James Wendell, O.S.B.

Mary T. Flynn

In memory of Russell Dale Winslow

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of deceased members

of the Wren Family

John Wren

In memory of Marge Yordy

Julee Illner

In memory of Mary Zakrajsek

Eino and Betty Seppala

Jim and Judy Moel

In memory of Elizabeth Zimmer

George and Helga Ruby

Cañon City Academy Deceased Alumnae

Cleo Perkins Heimer '51

February 1, 2007



Special Occasions

In honor of Sr. Celine

Beck, O.S.B.

on her 60th Jubilee

Benedictine Sisters at Cañon City

Sr. Eleanore Hillenbrand, O.S.B.

In honor of the election of

Sr. Patricia Crowley, O.S.B.

as Prioress

Joseph Walsh

In honor of the 50th Wedding

Anniversary of Albert and

Katherine Gehrke

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In honor of Sr. Christina

Kulovitz, O.S.B.

on her 70th Jubilee

Benedictine Sisters at Cañon City

Sr. Eleanore Hillenbrand, O.S.B.

In honor of the 50th Wedding

Anniversary of Patrick

and Jean O'Malley

Fred and Mary Ann Henning

In honor of the 70th Birthday of

Maureen Sullivan O'Neill

Kathleen Sullivan Milks

In honor of Sr. Johnette

Sawyer, O.S.B.

on her 50th Jubilee

Benedictine Sisters at Cañon City

Sr. Eleanore Hillenbrand, O.S.B.

In honor of Sr. Mary Alice

Setnicar, O.S.B.

on her 75th Jubilee

Benedictine Sisters at Cañon City

Sr. Eleanore Hillenbrand, O.S.B.

In Honor of Sr. Jane

Smith, O.S.B., Prioress

Martin J. Callaghan

In honor of the 50th Wedding

Anniversary of Ed and

Charlotte Weber

Sr. Kathy Maloney, O.S.B.



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Ron and Mary Ann Michelotti –
Apple 80 GB video iPod

John Hourihane - Mrs. Murphy's
Rooftop – Cubs game for six

Richard E. Lind - Chicago Hotel
and Dinner Getaway Weekend
Package

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seat tickets on the 50 yard line

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Richard Heidkamp – handcrafted afghan from Sister Mercedes Moore, O.S.B.



Sister Patricia Cielinski, O.S.B.

Left to right: Veronica and Aisling draw the winning raffle tickets for Masters of Ceremony, Don and Dick Heidkamp, at the 13th annual Testimonial Dinner held at Park Ridge Country Club on June 13th.

The Benedictine Sisters of Chicago thank all those who purchased tickets, donated raffle prizes, or made contributions that help to support the ministries and care of the Sisters. We hope you will “take a chance” again. **Next year's Testimonial Dinner is set for Wednesday, June 18, 2008.** We would love for you to join us!

Do the Benedictine
Sisters of Chicago
Sell Mailing Lists or
Give Out
the Names of Donors?

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