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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.

Happy 100th Birthday, and 80th Jubilee, Sister Mary Alice!

Born on December 25, 1911, Stephanie Setnicar was a special Christmas gift to her family. In 1931, Stephanie became a novice of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago. Receiving the religious name of Sister Mary Alice, she professed first vows in 1932, and made her final vows in 1935. On Christmas Day in 2011, **Sister Mary Alice Setnicar, O.S.B.** celebrated her 100th birthday at St. Scholastica Monastery, and on January 15, 2012, the community, with her family and friends, commemorated both milestones. Mass was followed by a celebration of her 100 years of life and her 80 years of service to God and God's people.



(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Sister Leocadia Maganata, S.Th.)

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Sister Judith Zonsius, O.S.B. presented Sister Mary Alice Setnicar, O.S.B. with a cake on her 100th birthday.

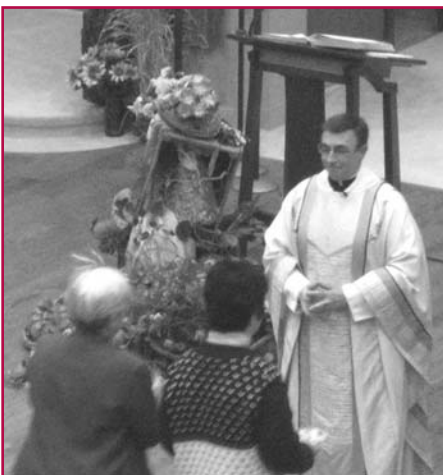
We Give Thanks ...

On Sunday, November 20, 2011, the Feast of Christ the King, the monastic community hosted a Liturgy of Thanksgiving for benefactors of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago. St. Scholastica Chapel reverberated with the sound of voices raised in songs of worship and praise: "Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!"



(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Kathy Caudill)

Sister Eleanore Hillenbrand, O.S.B. visited with Janet Hayes in the chapel following the liturgy.



(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Kathy Caudill)

Sister Judith Murphy, O.S.B. and Sister Carol Ong, R.S.M. presented the gifts to Oblate Father Michael Solazzo, the presider at the Liturgy of Thanksgiving.

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Message from the Prioress

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Kathy Caudill



Prioress
Patricia
Crowley,
O.S.B.

Dear Friends:

This winter issue of *Sacro Speco* spotlights several events that focus on many years of service and of monastic life. As I thought about these events, I began to consider the various dimensions of “time” in the context of Benedictine life.

The Rule of Benedict recognizes the challenge we humans have to use our time well! Without some sense of balance between work and prayer and learning and leisure, we often say to ourselves, “*Where did that day go?*” but with some balance, we can peacefully move through our days. Such an approach does not necessarily result in getting more things done. Rather it is designed to help us develop our inner awareness of the present moment. Benedict’s approach is aimed at nurturing our internal consciousness of the primary purpose of our lives - to seek God. The directions given in the Rule undoubtedly have made it possible for groups of strangers from many different backgrounds to live together in an orderly way.

Over the 150 year history of this Benedictine community, some 445 women have tried to live this daily rhythm, as suggested in the Rule and as adapted over the centuries. Of course, as in any human community, achievement of the internal or external goals of structuring time has varied.

In this issue, we celebrate the sesquicentennial reality of our presence in Chicago and we recognize the amazing person of our Sister Mary Alice Setnicar, who has spent her 100 years of life in service to others and in prayer, 80 of them as a vowed member in this community. We are grateful for her life and for her time and service as a Benedictine Sister, and for the 150 years of our community as a whole. You, our readers, are a big part of that celebration.

Gratefully,

Patricia Crowley O.S.B.

Directions in Development

Dear Friends of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago,

Your overwhelming generosity in 2011 has truly warmed the hearts of the Benedictine Sisters who pray daily for each of you. I am grateful for the opportunity to assist these wonderful, faith-filled women as they strive to meet their financial needs, provide for the care of elderly and infirm Sisters, and continue their ministry to God and God’s people.

So many of you share your time, talents, and treasures with St. Scholastica Monastery. Over 130 individuals made nearly 200 in-kind donations in this past calendar year. Such wonderful surprises and gifts were given. Thank you!

There were 175 credit card gifts made to the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago in 2011, totaling more than \$23,000. Some were made on-line at our website (www.osbchicago.org/GetInvolved.htm), while others were made with assistance of the Development Office or by authorizing a credit card donation. Many thanks!

Each month, friends of this Benedictine community authorize monthly donations. Last year, St. Scholastica Monastery received nearly \$15,000.00 through these generous monthly donations from a growing number of monthly donors. The Sisters (and I) thank you!

Some of you have provided us with your e-mail addresses, making it possible for us to continue to strive to make the monastery’s actions as “green” and ecologically responsible as we can. In the future, we hope to provide the option of an electronic newsletter which will result in reduced postage costs and less paper being used. You can help us reach our goal of a green communications plan for the monastery by providing us with your e-mail address. Thank you!

For more information about making in-kind donations, credit card gifts, joining our monthly donors, or provide us with an e-mail address, just call or e-mail our development office (773/764-2413, x233, kcaudill@osbchicago.org). 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

Benedictine Sisters Then ... And Now



**Sister Kathleen
McNamara, O.S.B.**

Then: Eleanor Elizabeth McNamara is the youngest child of seven siblings, five boys and two girls. She and her sister each have a twin brother! Eleanor was just nineteen years old when she entered the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago after a year of college at Mount St. Scholastica College in Atchison, Kansas. She entered the community on September 15, 1943, made her first vows on August 16, 1945, and her final vows on August 16, 1948. Her religious name was (and is) Sister Kathleen.

At St. Scholastica Academy (in Chicago and in Cañon City, Colorado), Sister Kathleen was a private piano teacher. She served for eighteen years as the Director of Admissions for St. Scholastica Academy (Cañon City). In Cañon City, Sister Kathleen also coordinated various summer programs, including elderhostels, women's retreats, and group use of the dormitories. For three years she served as Initial Formation Director for the community. Sister Kathleen is a gifted Liturgist who also served as the Choir Director.

Accompanying her brother, a medical doctor, on a six week medical mission to Haiti is an experience that she values to this day. "I left my heart in Haiti," says Sister Kathleen.

And Now: In July, Sister Kathleen, together with **Sisters Amy Campbell, O.S.B.** and **Anne Krall, O.S.B.**, moved from Colorado to St. Scholastica Monastery in Chicago. Getting settled permanently in a different home in a different state requires a great deal of planning and adjustment. Sister Kathleen is still in the "discussion stages" about the roles she will

officially serve here in Chicago. But in the meantime, her smiling face and listening heart are both greatly appreciated. When one meets her at the monastery, she is often on her way to cheerfully help others where and when she is needed.



**Sister Patricia
Coughlin, O.S.B.**



Then: Sister Patricia Coughlin, O.S.B. began her early life with two names: Mary Patricia (the name listed on her birth certificate) and Patricia Mary (the name listed on her baptismal certificate). She joined the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago on September 12, 1957, made her first vows on May 9, 1959, and final vows on August 16, 1962. Her religious name was Sister Andrea. Pat, as she is now called, was a seasoned babysitter, and held summer jobs at St. Francis Hospital, Hillman's supermarket, and a doctor's office. She entered the monastery right after high school.

Sister Patricia's ministry work has been varied, including teaching students in grades 2, 4, 6, and 8 at Queen of All Saint School, as well as seventh graders at St. Symphorosa School. She excelled in teaching, especially in the upper grades.

At St. Scholastica Academy in Chicago, Sister Patricia taught English, Religion and Spanish. She also served as the yearbook moderator and coordinator of the Big Sister Club. For several years she ran the Irish Club with **Sister Hilary Halpin, O.S.B.**

As a seasoned spiritual director, she also taught and supervised spiritual director trainees for twenty-two years at the Institute for Spiritual Leadership.

Sister Patricia has given retreats and spiritual workshops in the United States, Ireland, England, Wales, Lithuania, Indonesia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Brazil and Kenya. Her renowned specialty is in the area of dreams.

From 1969–1972 and from 1980–1986, Sister Patricia served as the Formation Director for the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago.

Since 1994, when she received her doctorate, Sister Patricia has been a Pastoral Psychotherapist.

And Now: Sister Patricia continues her work as a Pastoral Psychotherapist, a Spiritual Director, and a presenter of programs about interpreting dreams.



Sister serves as Secretary for the monastery corporation, and is a member of the Monastic Council for the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago. As of this year, she is a member of the St. Scholastica Academy School Board.

Reflections by Sister Patricia on scriptural readings are posted on the website (<http://www.osbchicago.org/prayer.htm>). Occasionally Sister facilitates community retreats.

An avid reader, Sister Patricia is a great source of interesting book titles. She has a wonderful sense of humor and an excellent ability to tell a great joke. These skills are greatly appreciated, especially at table in the monastery dining room!

In Loving Memory

On December 23, 2011, **Oblate Naomi Foreman Fleming** died. Naomi became enrolled as an Oblate with the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago in 1996, and made her Oblation on February 21, 1999. As an Oblate, she followed the *Rule of St. Benedict*, having promised to deepen her faith and lead an enriched life according to the Gospel.

Naomi's funeral Mass was held on December 29th at St. Ambrose Church in Chicago where she was a very active parishioner. She served the parish as sacristan for many years. The pastor spoke of her service to the parish with gratitude. With no close relatives living in the area, her St. Ambrose parish community became her extended family.

Naomi was known and loved by many, as evidenced by her devoted service to those in her local parish. Oblate Naomi Foreman Fleming clearly shared in the prayer and works of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago. May she rest in eternal peace.

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At Mass, Sister Mary Alice renewed her vows, as she first declared 80 years ago, promising “stability, fidelity to the monastic way of life, and obedience according to the Rule of our Holy Father Benedict and the Constitution of the Federation of St. Scholastica, in the presence of Sister Patricia Crowley, Prioress, and the Sisters of this community.”

When anyone joins the Sisters for 5:15 p.m. Evening Prayers in St. Scholastica Chapel, Sister Mary Alice is there in the choir stalls, reciting the Psalms, and singing the Magnificat as she has done for 80 years, just as Sisters who first founded the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago did 150 years ago.

Still using a walker after a small stroke, Sister Mary Alice ZOOMS down the monastery halls, alert to the people, sounds, and happenings around her, ready to “serve where there is need”. Many credit her longevity and good health to her Slovenian roots. Others point to the studies which show that the life expectancy of women religious, on average, is longer than married or other single people in America. Perhaps this is due to the balance that Benedictine Sisters seek – in work, prayer, and play. No one knows for sure, but Sister Mary Alice is a daily reminder of the importance of staying physically active, mentally challenged, and making time for contemplation and prayer.

Thanks be to God for Sister Mary Alice's 80 years of service as a Benedictine Sister, and for her 100 years (and counting!) of life!



(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Sister Judith Zonsius, O.S.B.)

Catherine Setnicar (left), joins her sister-in-law, Sister Mary Alice Setnicar, O.S.B. for this special day of celebration.



Left: Stephanie Setnicar (now known as Sister Mary Alice Setnicar, O.S.B.) in 1926.



Right: Sister Mary Alice's brother, Father Matthew Setnicar, with Sister Mary Alice at St. George Parish in 1940.



(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Sister Judith Zonsius, O.S.B.)

Bottom row, seated: Sister Mary Alice Setnicar, O.S.B. and Catherine Setnicar. Middle row: Bernadette Mesec Bartnicki and Mary Sue Setnicar. Top row: Geri Mesec, Joe Mesec, John Setnicar, and Matt Setnicar and his fiancé, Chris.



(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Sister Judith Zonsius, O.S.B.)



(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Kathy Caudill)



(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Sister Belinda Monahan, O.S.B.)



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Top, left: Sisters Mary Alice Setnicar, O.S.B. and Patricia Crowley, O.S.B., Prioress, with Peter Zonsius (affectionally known by all as “Uncle Pete”), the “real” uncle of Sister Judith Zonsius, O.S.B., Sub-prioress.

Top, middle: The Prioress and the community offer a prayer over Sister Mary Alice.

Top, right: Sister Patricia Crowley, O.S.B. looks on as Sister Mary Alice Setnicar, O.S.B. signs a copy of her vows.

Bottom, far left: Dr. Anthony Altimari, Sister Mary Alice, and Leonard Altimari.

Bottom, middle left: Sister Mary Alice with members of her “second family” - Geri Gehrke, Kitty Gehrke, and Greg Gehrke.

Bottom, middle right: Sisters Mary Alice Setnicar, O.S.B. and Jane Smith, O.S.B. prior to the celebration of the Mass.

Bottom, far right: Family friends, Alice and Joseph Leben, join Sister Mary Alice at her birthday/jubilee celebration.

Events Celebrating the 150 Years of the Benedictine Sisters in Chicago

The Benedictine Sisters of Chicago hosted a 150th Anniversary Schola Concert in St. Scholastica Chapel on Sunday, January 8, 2012. The Sisters' families, Oblates and invited guests listened as **Sister Callista Kaley, O.S.B.** directed and accompanied the members of the Schola: **Sisters Patricia Cielinski, O.S.B., Benita Coffey, O.S.B., Patricia Coughlin, O.S.B., Virginia Jung, O.S.B., Agnes Kelly, O.S.B., Susan Kilduski, O.S.B., Mary Melady, O.S.B., Belinda Monahan, O.S.B., Judith Murphy, O.S.B., Susan Quaintance, O.S.B., Margarita Walters, O.S.B., Judith Zonsius, O.S.B., and Suzanne Zuercher, O.S.B.**

century "Alle Psalite" to the late twentieth century "Wake From Your Sleep". The program included two songs sung in Latin: *Veni, Veni Emmanuel* and *Dominus Dixit*, as well as a translation of the Polish carol, "Wsrod Nocnej Ciszy" ("Midst the Deep Silence"). The Schola then sang "Snow Tracks" which combined a poem written by Sister Faith Schuster, O.S.B., of Mount St. Scholastica Priory, with music composed by the late Sister Jane Klimisch, O.S.B., a dear friend of Sister Callista's from Sacred Heart Monastery, in Yankton, S.D.

In addition to the selections sung by the Schola as a group, the attentive and appreciative audience listened as **Sister Agnes Kelly, O.S.B.**, sang "Sweet Little Jesus Boy". Classically trained clarinetist Beth Berend, great-niece of **Sister Gregory Rohar, O.S.B.**, performed "Adagio". Tim Finnegan, great-nephew of **Sister Vivian Ivantic, O.S.B.**, performed two songs on two different instruments – "Silent Night" played on the mandolin and "O Susanna" performed on the accordion. The audience enthusiastically joined in on the chorus of "O Susanna".

The concert concluded with the Schola performing the Christmas "Gloria." The audience joined in on the refrain. Sister Callista closed the concert with an organ recessional. All who have attended Sunday liturgies at St. Scholastica Chapel will recognize this as the powerful music that is often played as the community processes out of the chapel.



*Sister Callista Kaley, O.S.B. (seated) accompanies members of the Schola (left to right):
Front row, l-r: Sisters Mary Melady, O.S.B., Agnes Kelly, O.S.B., Benita Coffey, O.S.B., and Patricia Cielinski, O.S.B.,
Middle row, l-r: Sisters Virginia Jung, O.S.B., Susan Quaintance, O.S.B., Judith Zonsius, O.S.B., and Patricia Coughlin, O.S.B.,
Back row, l-r: Sisters Susan Kilduski, O.S.B., Belinda Monahan, O.S.B., Suzanne Zuercher, O.S.B., and Margarita Walters, O.S.B.,*



(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Kathy Caudill)

Top, left: Beth Berend, great-niece of the late Sister Gregory Rohar, O.S.B.

Top, right: Tim Finnegan, great-nephew of Sister Vivian Ivantic, O.S.B.

Bottom left: Sister Agnes Kelly, O.S.B.



The Schola is comprised of Sisters who sing for the special liturgies. They performed Christmas carols ranging from the thirteenth

Following the concert, the guests joined the Sisters for cookies, punch, and coffee. Many stopped by the community room to watch the DVD prepared in celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, first played at the September 25th event featuring Sister Joan Chittister, O.S.B. Others visited with the Sisters in the north room, the library or the infirmary. The Sisters enjoyed the chance to visit with their families and friends at the end of the Christmas season, and to commemorate 150 years of the community's presence in Chicago by sharing the music that is such a rich tradition of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago.

What is God Calling You To Do In Your Life?

Do you feel that God is calling you to *something*, but you aren't sure what?

Do you wonder what direction your life will take?

Can you imagine a life lived out of love for God and others, but don't know what it would look like for you?

If you are asking yourself these questions, join single women ages 18 – 49 for a discernment weekend at St. Scholastica Monastery March 9 - 11, 2012. A time to reflect, to pray, to ponder what life has in store for you. To learn more, or to sign up for the weekend, contact Sister Belinda Monahan, O.S.B. (bhmonahan@yahoo.com, 773/764-2413, x246).



(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Kathy Caudill)

We Give Thanks ...

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In the fall, benefactors supporting the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago were sent invitations to the liturgy and were asked to send in cards listing the names of their deceased loved ones for the Sisters to include in their daily prayer. Numerous prayer cards were sent to the monastery from those living nearby and those residing far away. Throughout November, the Sisters remembered these dear departed friends and family members in their liturgies and daily prayers. During the liturgy on November 20th, the memorial cards were presented at the offertory and placed near the altar.

After Mass, the Sisters shared Benedictine hospitality with a delicious brunch for friends, old and new.

Whether gifts given are financial contributions, donations of time, talents, or goods, or heartfelt prayers, the Benedictine Sisters give thanks for the many loyal friends who assist the Sisters as they aspire to receive all guests as Christ, and strive to live out the community's charism as "Benedictine women called to seek God in prayer and community, serving where there is need."

Below: *Sister Patricia Cielinski, O.S.B. (right) takes a few minutes from organizing the brunch to visit with Madeline Ringley (left).*

(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Kathy Caudill).



(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Sister Belinda Monahan, O.S.B.).

Right: *Chuck and Marilyn Feit.*



(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Kathy Caudill).

Left: *Development Council members Mary Ann Harrington and Mary G. Kaye.*



(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Kathy Caudill).

The community expressed gratitude for the many ways that friends and benefactors support the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago. After communion, with hands outstretched, the monastic community blessed friends and benefactors gathered in the chapel:

*Blessed are you,
O God of mercy,
who through your Son
gave us a marvelous example
of charity
and the great commandment
of love for one another.
Send down your blessings
on these your servants,
who so generously
devote themselves
to helping others.
We ask this through
Jesus, the Christ. Amen.*

Left: *Oblate Carolyn Fields pours juice.*



(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Kathy Caudill).

Right: *Former classmates Louann Van Zelst and Sister Joanna Trapp, O.S.B., visit in the monastery community room.*



(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Kathy Caudill).

Left: *Chuck Smith and Sister Jane Smith, O.S.B. join guests in the monastery dining room.*



(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Sister Belinda Monahan, O.S.B.).

Below: *Maureen Dondlinger, Sheila Hogan Schultz, Harriet McCullough, and Maureen Kaucher visit together after Mass.*



(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Kathy Caudill).

Top, right: *Sister Judith Murphy, O.S.B. and Sister Francisca Nzeke, H.H.C.J.*



(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Kathy Caudill)

Middle, right: *Peggy Hayes and Andrea Ciccone visit near the organ in the chapel after Mass.*



(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Kathy Caudill)

Bottom, right: *Sister Carol Ong, R.S.M., and Sister Rita Nowak, O.S.B.*



(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Kathy Caudill)



(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Sister Belinda Monahan, O.S.B.)



(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Sister Belinda Monahan, O.S.B.)



(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Kathy Caudill)

Above, left: *Oblate Pat Heineman-Vernon offers sugar and cream to Patricia Sacco, sister of Sister Agnes Kelly, O.S.B.*

Above, right: *Patrick Rooney, Judy Matz, Joanne Rooney, and Sheila McGuire in St. Scholastica Chapel after Mass. Joanne and Sheila are members of the Development Council for the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago.*

Bottom, left: *Oblate Anne Matz distributes prayer cards as people entered the chapel. Anne is a member of the 150 Years Committee.*

A Good Steward

(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, K. Caudill)



Jeanine Silas

The Rule of Benedict calls us to be good stewards. One such good steward is Jeanine (Jeannie) Silas, a Registered Nurse who works in St. Joseph Court infirmary.

For the past two years, Jeannie has shared her valuable time and considerable talents with the Sisters at St. Scholastica Monastery. The Sisters have great trust in her skills. Always ready with a quick and infectious smile, she brings her professional knowledge and kind heart to her many nursing tasks. One minute she is checking the cast on the arm of a Sister who resides in the infirmary. A few minutes later she may be called to the main monastery building to monitor the vital signs after a Sister has fallen, offering basic first aid and assessing the need for a trip to the emergency room. "Jeannie is truly a gift to all of us," said Sister Mariella Hathorn, O.S.B., Infirmary. "Her loving care and her listening heart are so in tune with St. Benedict's care of the sick." The Benedictine Sisters of Chicago are grateful for the care of this good steward.

Please join us at St. Scholastica Monastery

During Lent

Sung Vespers – Sundays (March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1) 5 p.m. at St. Scholastica Chapel

and Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 1

10:30 a.m. Mass 5:00 p.m. Sung Vespers

Holy Thursday, April 5

9:00 a.m. Tenebrae 5:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 6

9:00 a.m. Tenebrae 3:00 p.m. Service

Holy Saturday, April 7

9:00 a.m. Tenebrae 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 8

11:00 a.m. Mass 5:00 p.m. Sung Vespers

Newsbriefs



Sister Eleanore Hillenbrand, O.S.B., (center), (class of 1942) visited with former students Mary Morrissey and Louise Setzler Jewett (both from the class of 1972) after the St. Scholastica Academy Alumnae Memorial Mass.

On Sunday, November 13th, alumnae, family, and friends of St. Scholastica Academy joined the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago for Mass, honoring the deceased alumnae, faculty, and staff of the Academy. At the beginning of Mass, SSA President, Loretta Namovic, read the names of the more than fifty alumnae and community members who had died during the past year. Loved ones placed carnations in a vase as the names were called. The vase was then placed in front of the ambo for the Mass.

On Sunday, October 16th, the community was entertained by “The Finnegan Brothers”, Tim and Will Finnegan, great-nephews of **Sister Vivian Ivantic, O.S.B.**, who played several instruments and sang to a group of Sisters and Oblates in St. Joseph Chapel. Their cousin, Marie, whose orchestra recently played at Carnegie Hall, played a solo flute piece before joining them for several songs, including “This Land Is Your Land” as the community sang along. Everyone—audience and performers—left with a smile, having enjoyed the performance thoroughly!



The grandchildren of Kay (R.I.P. 2011) and Terry Hallagan visited the infirmary, brought soup and sweets to share with the Sisters, and joined the Sisters around the Christmas tree to sing carols with (left to right) Sisters Ann Sharp, O.S.B., Mary Frances Schermerhorn, O.S.B., and Winifred Sommer, O.S.B., Irene Nowak, sister of Sister Rita Nowak, O.S.B., and Sisters Jane Smith, O.S.B., and Hilary Halpin, O.S.B.

The weekend before Thanksgiving, **Sister Virginia Jung, O.S.B.** participated in the annual vigil seeking the closure of the School of the Americas in Fort Benning, Georgia. She, with thousands of other concerned citizens from across the United States and the world, participated in a rally and a funeral march near Fort Benning.



Over 800 people visited the monastery the weekend of October 15-16, during the Chicago Architecture Foundation's first Open House Chicago. The monastery was one of over 100 sites in the city that participants of the free event could visit. The Chicago Architecture Foundation and their partners provided official greeters, including **Sister Sue Kilduski, O.S.B.** Several Sisters volunteered to be present on the first floor and direct people to the chapel. Tours were given to a full chapel by **Sister Benita Coffey, O.S.B.** and **Sister Mary Ann O’Ryan, O.S.B.** (pictured above). Both women spent time each day in the chapel answering questions from tour participants. “I love our community and the chapel,” explained Sister Benita, “This is a chance to tell people who we are and what we do.”

Sisters Benita Coffey, O.S.B. and **Kathleen Maloney, O.S.B.** each presented an appeal to parishioners for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Sister Kathleen spoke at St. Peter Parish in Skokie, where she is the Pastoral Associate, and Sister Benita talked at St. Margaret Mary Parish in Rogers Park. This annual appeal is coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office and distributes financial assistance for retirement needs to eligible religious institutes, including the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago.



Photo courtesy of Andy Hamacher.

Sister Karen Bland, O.S.B. with Joe Prinster, a benefactor supporting Grand Valley Catholic Outreach.

On a frigid Tuesday, December 6th, **Sisters Karen Bland, O.S.B.** and **Patricia Crowley, O.S.B.**, gathered in Grand Junction, Colorado, with nearly 100 donors, volunteers, and other interested citizens of Grand Junction, to celebrate the opening of St. Martin Place. The apartment complex provides housing for veterans who are homeless. Sister Karen Bland is the executive director of Grand Valley Catholic Outreach, which sponsors the apartments. “It was cold that day,” Sister Patricia recalled. “That made the opening of the apartments even more poignant, when you realized that without them, many of these people would be sleeping on the streets.”



(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Jeanine Siles).

Sister Mercedes Moore, O.S.B. crocheted scarves beside the Christmas tree. She handcrafted dozens of beautiful winter scarves which she gave to many delighted infirmary aides and monastery employees.

The Sisters gathered together with many of the monastery employees for the annual employee Christmas party on December 21st. This annual gathering provides an opportunity for the community to express their thanks for the dedicated efforts of the women and men who spend so many hours helping to keep the monastery operating smoothly.

On December 21st, **Sister Patricia Crowley, O.S.B.** took part in Chicago's annual memorial service for those who died while experiencing homelessness in 2011.

Newsbriefs

On November 4th and 5th, **Sister Belinda Monahan, O.S.B.** attended a conference, "Radical Gospel Living: Monasticism Today", at Ohio Wesleyan University. Along with members from nearly twenty other communities, she hosted a display table for the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago. Nearly four hundred people attended the conference, examining the various forms that monasticism takes in the 21st century.

In December and January, **Sister Suzanne Zuercher, O.S.B.** presented programs based on the Rule of Benedict and Sister Joan Chittister's commentary, to the Women's Rosary Group at St. Clement Parish. In January she presented a staff development program on the Enneagram in Relationships at the Eighth Day Center. In February 2012, she will speak about Benedictine spirituality at the parish mission for St. Tarcissus Parish.

For nearly a year, many of the Benedictine Sisters have been volunteering quarterly with The Night Ministry in Rogers Park. **Sister Belinda Monahan, O.S.B.** shared her thoughts about this ministry work at <http://www.osbchicago.org/NightMinistryNovember.htm>.



Photo courtesy of Mike Randall.

This December, in a mid-day prayer service led by **Sister Patricia Crowley, O.S.B.**, Prioress, four women in Colorado (above: **Kaley Rose, Phyllis King, Rose Higgs, and Theresa Randall with Sister Patricia Crowley, O.S.B.**) made their final oblation as Oblates of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago. The women's families, as well as many of the Oblates from Colorado, were present as the women promised to follow the Rule of Benedict as community Oblates.

This Thanksgiving, the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago and Oblates shared thoughts about the many things for which they are grateful in their lives. Visit <http://www.osbchicago.org/Thanksgiving.htm> to read the thankful (and inspiring) messages.

On New Year's Eve, after two evening prayers (Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God in St. Joseph Court Chapel and a prayer for peace in St. Scholastica Chapel), the community blessing of the clocks and calendars took place. Sisters set their watches and calendars on a table. The items were sprinkled with holy water. The community prayed that the hours marked by these devices would be richly blessed in the coming year. Benedictine life is centered on the Liturgy of the Hours. In his rule, Benedict noted that nothing should come before the Work of God (RB 43), but the day in Benedict's monastery was sanctified by periods of prayer, work, and study. The annual blessing of the clocks and calendars provides a reminder of that sanctification, which can be carried in these tangible objects, in daily life.

The Benedictine Sisters of Chicago are members of Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants (SBI), an organization of women and men religious dedicated to working toward just immigration reform and ministry for immigrants. **Sister Benita Coffey, O.S.B.** and **Oblate Kathlyn Myers** are actively involved and attend monthly meetings of SBI. They, along with **Sister Patricia Crowley, O.S.B.**, took part in the "Posada", on December 16th, reenacting the plight of Mary and Joseph seeking refuge on Christmas night. On January 6th Sister Benita and Kathlyn attended a joint meeting of Priests for Justice for Immigrants (PJI) and SBI to discuss combining efforts in the work for advocacy. Both of these women are on the special events committee of SBI which is sponsoring a program titled: "Detention and Deportation: A Faith Response" to be held on March 31, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the auditorium of St. Scholastica Academy. The event is open to the public. To learn more details, contact Sister Benita at (773)764-2413, x327 or e-mailing bc Coffey@osbchicago.org. Sister Benita is also a member of Illinois Coalition Against Torture (ICAT). On January 12th she testified before the Chicago City Council in support of ICAT's proposal calling for a resolution to be passed declaring Chicago a Torture-Free City (<http://www.osbchicago.org/AntiTortureResolution.htm>).



(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, **Sister Belinda Monahan, O.S.B.**)

Oblates Colleen Mullarkey and Wanda Romanas (above) shared their time as volunteers at the Donor Appreciation Liturgy and brunch. They returned to the monastery three weeks later to attend the Advent retreat for Oblates.

Ten Oblates participated in an Advent Retreat directed by **Sisters Benita Coffey, O.S.B.**, and **Suzanne Zuercher, O.S.B.** at St. Scholastica Monastery in Chicago. In periods of quiet reflection, as well as group discussions, they focused on "Christ's Comings: Past, Present, and Future."

On Sunday November 28th, the Roman Catholic Church in the United States implemented a new translation of the ritual text for the celebration of Mass. Sisters blessed the new Roman Missal, Third Edition, with the following words:

O loving God,
we ask your blessing
on this new translation
that it may lead us
to a deeper sense
of your presence among us.
We ask you to help us
as we call ourselves
to mindfulness and attentiveness
as we pray together.
This we ask through Jesus the Christ
and through your Holy Spirit
now and forever.
AMEN.

Sister Patricia Coughlin, O.S.B. will be offering a 1 1/2 day workshop on dreams and spirituality at the Claret Center in Hyde Park on March 24 - 25, 2012. Details are available at www.claretcenter.org

Reading for the Lenten Journey

From January 24 - 26, 2012, the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago participated in a community retreat facilitated by Sisters Mary Melady, O.S.B. and Patricia Coughlin, O.S.B. A collection of books was compiled in the monastery library by Sister Eleanore Hillenbrand, O.S.B. for the community to consider as a "Retreat with a Book" during this winter retreat. Perhaps you will find a book listed here that is suitable for your own personal retreat.

Seek My Face: Prayer as Personal Relationship in Scripture by William Barry, S.J.

The Cry of the Prophet: A Call to Fullness of Life by Sister Joan Chittister, O.S.B.

Around the Monastic Table: RB 33-42: Growing in Mutual Service and Love by Sister Aquinata Bockmann, O.S.B., and Marianne Burkhard, editor.

Praying with Benedict by Sister Katherine Howard, O.S.B.

A Blessed Life: Benedictine Guidelines for Those Who Long for Good Days by Wil Derkse.

In a High Spiritual Season (Women's Wisdom) by Sister Joan Chittister, O.S.B.

Praying with Thomas Merton by Wayne Simsic.

Enduring Grace: Living Portraits of Seven Women Mystics by Carol Lee Flinders.

A Retreat with Benedict and Bernard: Seeking God Alone - Together by Linus Mundy.

With Burning Hearts: A Meditation on the Eucharistic Life by Henri J.M. Nouwen.

Retreat with John the Evangelist by Raymond Brown, S.S.

My Life with the Saints by James Martin, S.J.

Reading the Bible as God's Own Story: A Catholic Approach for Bringing Scripture to Life by William S. Kurz, S.J.

Perspectives on the Rule of St. Benedict: Expanding Our Hearts in Christ by Sister Aquinata Bockmann, O.S.B., and Marianne Burkhard, editor.

A Deepening Love Affair: The Gift of God in Later Life by Jane M. Thibault.

The Gift of St. Benedict by Verna Holyhead, S.G.S. with illustrations by Lynne Muir.

Using the Enneagram in Prayer: A Contemplative Guide by Sister Suzanne Zuercher, O.S.B.

The Radical Christian Life: A Year with Saint Benedict by Sister Joan Chittister, O.S.B.

We Love to Hear From You

With gratitude, as always,
for the gift of a fine education.

In thanksgiving for
all the holy men and women
who have influenced my life
for the better.

The amount of my donation
represents my graduation year.

Thank you to Sister Suzanne
Zuecher, O.S.B. (Sister Clare)
who always listened.

**Thank you for having my loved
one remembered in prayer.**

I enjoyed seeing my 2nd grade
teacher, Sister Agnes Kelly, O.S.B.,
at our recent 60th reunion for the
Queen of All Saints Class of 1951.

My donation recognizes the 110 years
the Benedictine Sisters served
Cañon City, Colorado.
Hello to Sisters Amy, Kathleen and Anne.
Merry Christmas!

**I do think of you all often,
especially at my times of prayer.
I send my greetings, my love
and my promise of continued prayers.**

Thank you so much
for opening your arms
and providing such comfort
at the Mass for our mother.
It was a beautiful way
to remember her.
She always loved visiting you
and had great respect
and admiration
for your members, your work
and your vision.

Here is a gift of my birthday money
to make a "drop in the bucket"
for all your needs
for the older Sisters.
Sister Hilary tells me that
you all prayed for me
at Mass on my birthday.
That means a lot to me!

Your prayers
(just knowing you were praying)
are comforting.

Congratulations on 150 years
of doing so much for so many people.
We treasure you and your friendship.

May this anniversary lead to
many more years of life and service
by your community.
We keep all of you in our prayers
with gratitude for all you have given us.

Memorials

October 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011

In memory of:

In memory of Joseph Adler

Diane Adler

In memory of Vickie Adler

Diane Adler

In memory of Adelaide Agnew

Frank and Gerrienne Savage

In memory of Sr. Mary Jude

Ahern, O.S.B.

Terrence Ahern

In memory of Vacarius

Pettiford Allen

Leamond Anthony Allen

In memory of Stephen T. Allie

Florence Allie

In memory of Sheila

Rooney Anderson

William Rooney

In memory of Lose Antophy

George Weber

In memory of Lois Armbrost

George Weber

In memory of Amalia Arzer

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In memory of Frank, Ludwika,

Antoni and Stanislawa Bajda

Donna Bajda

In memory of deceased members of the Bajda family

Donna Bajda

In memory of Teddy Bales

Barbara Bales

In memory of Sr. Maurus

Becker, O.S.B.

Virginia Becker-Michael

Janet and Spitz Stephenson

In memory of Edward Begley

St. Vincent de Paul Society

of St. John Brebeuf Parish

In memory of Ken and Florence Betts

Paul and Sue Betts

In memory of Frank and

Margaret Bishop

Julie Bishop Brown

In memory of Stanley C. Blackowicz

Angela Schroeder

In memory of Mark Blondell

Charles Kenny

In memory of Leonard Borkowski

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In memory of Larry Bower

Jay and Pat Bower

Margaret Bower

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Dooling Boyland

J. Patricia Dooling Gertie

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St. Scholastica Academy faculty and staff

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Sr. Ann Sharp, O.S.B.

In memory of Emilio Cadamagnani

Don and Dorothy Andries

In memory of the Honorable

Robert P. Cahill

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In memory of Jeannette Cassidy

Peter and Barbara Zonsius

In memory of Lillian Ceh

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lang

In memory of Peter Ceh

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lang

In memory of Dorothy Charnota

Nick Charnota

In memory of Rev. Alvin Ciciora

Donna Bajda

In memory of Antonia

and Wawrzymec Ciciora

Donna Bajda

In memory of Jerry Cielinski

Don C. Winslow

In memory of Mary Cipolla

John and Joyce Cipolla

In memory of Dolores Cole

Sr. Eleanore Hillenbrand, O.S.B.

In memory of Alice Condren

Joseph J. Condren

In memory of Joseph Conley III

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Michael Wrenn family

In memory of deceased members

of the Conrardy family

William Conrardy

In memory of Laverne Cousineau

Don and Margaret Caminiti

In memory of Sally Malone Cowhey

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In memory of Jerome Crowley

Anne Crowley Fortmann

In memory of Patrick

and Patty Crowley

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Mariwin Cullinan

In memory of Marguerite Cuny

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In memory of Frank, Stanislaw,

Lsadyслава, Stanislaw,

and Zofia Dabrowski

Donna Bajda

In memory of Peter Davis

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In memory of Sr. Victoria

Davis, O.S.B.

Anthony and Jayne Altimari

Paul and Sue Betts

In memory of Vito DeCarlo

Betty DeCarlo

In memory of deceased members of

the Class of 1948, St. Scholastica

Academy, Cañon City, Colorado

Carolyn Duncan

In memory of all deceased members

of the Class of 1960,

St. Scholastica Academy Chicago

Kevin and Maureen Cogan

In memory of Bernard Dentzer

John and Cheryl Love

In memory of Betty DiLuia

Jim and Dot Jung

In memory of Rosemary Dohring

Donald Dohring

In memory of Eugene Dolan

Eileen Guenther

In memory of Ewa Domagalswa

Donna Bajda

We remember daily those entrusted to our prayers ...

**In memory of Eugene
and LaVerne Dondlinger**

Mary Lynne Hixson

In memory of Ann Donohoe

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Mike and Patsy O’Ryan

In memory of Peter J. Dramisino

Philip and Kathleen Dramisino

In memory of William Dunne

Sheila Kelly

In memory of Rolfe F. Ehrmann

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Fran Ehrmann Fredricks

Kate Jennings

Virginia Koerber

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Fran Ehrmann Fredricks

Kate Jennings

Virginia Koerber

In memory of Jacqueline Elwood

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In memory of Raymond Erjavec, Sr.

Joan Erjavec

In memory of Nancy Feys

Kevin and Maureen Cogan

In memory of Evan Fisher

George Weber

In memory of Gertrude Fitch

Dick and Marilyn Halvorsen

In memory of Dorothy

McGann Fitzgerald

Patricia Lunblad

In memory of Msgr. John Flanagan

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of St. John Brebeuf Parish

In memory of Janice Flannery

Eileen Moorman

In memory of Naomi

Foreman Fleming, Oblate

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In memory of Marc Frankfort

St. Vincent de Paul Society

of St. John Brebeuf Parish

In memory of Joe Fredrick

George Weber

In memory of Bertha Fulton

Sr. Belinda Monahan, O.S.B.

In memory of William Gadishar

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In memory of Ellen Braasch Garvey

Mr. and Mrs. John Garvey

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Van Sicklen Geddings

Jean Clark

In memory of Virginia M. Gibson

Barbara J. Halloran

In memory of John Gleason

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Gleeson, O.S.B.

Suzanne M. Walsh

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Sr. Susan Kilduski, O.S.B.

In memory of William Gadishar

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In memory of Lucille Graf

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Michael Hegarty

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Hegarty, O.S.B.

Michael Hegarty

In memory of Bridget Hennessy

Kathy Caudill

In memory of Mary Jane Heyl

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John Rohlfing

In memory of Charles Hoberg

Thomas and Elizabeth Kneesel

In memory of Ruth Holley-Steffens

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In memory of Rita R. Horen

Nancy S. Simonian

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In memory of Irva Joye

Odman Jenkins

Michele M. Gordon

Patricia Sullivan McSweeny

In memory of William Jereb

Thomas and Elizabeth Kneesel

Rose Rosko

In memory of Mary Kadane

Gabriela Kolman

In memory of Anton

and Frances Kaplan

Margaret Cullen

In memory of Rose Marie Kasmeirz

George Weber

In memory of Shane Patrick Kelly

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Charles Kenny

In memory of Al Kilgen

Mary Joan Kilgen Truesdell

In memory of Mary Lou Kilgen

Mary Joan Kilgen Truesdell

In memory of Ron King

Sr. Susan Kilduski, O.S.B.

In memory of Sophia A. Kirn

James P. Kirn

In memory of Ludwig and

Mary Kolman

Gabriela Kolman

In memory of Joseph Kopec

Mary Cielinski

In memory of Joseph Kos

Gabriela Kolman

...let us serve one another in love.

In memory of Zofia

and Chester Kouszawski

Donna Bajda

In memory of George Kraft

Mary Catherine Ryan

In memory of Kystyna, Helena, and Anthony Kurcz

Donna Bajda

In memory of Betty Lahart

Mary Hughes

In memory of Thomas LaPalermo

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Thomas and Patricia Loftus

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In memory of Josephine Majestic

Marian Radacy

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In memory of Dorothy Maloney

Sadath Fatima Ahmed

Anonymous (2)

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Nancy Simonian

In memory of Edward Matthei

Heidi Eglash

Kristie Neve

James and Laura Paquette

Patricia Pruitt

We give thanks to God always for all of you ...

In memory of Almarie

Sackley Matthews

Joan O'Shea

In memory of Gertrude McArdle

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M. Jane McHugh

In memory of Shannon McNamara

Edward and Jan McNamara

In memory of August Mecali

Anthony Mecali

In memory of Serafina Mecali

Anthony Mecali

In memory of Chris

and Noema Messina

Roxanne Messina Captor

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Casmier Montemurri

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Ray and Josephine Krasovic

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Helen Moore

In memory of Sr. Pierre Marie

Moore, O.S.B.

Wayne and Kathy Hixson

Marjorie June

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Ann Murray

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and Elaine Nordby

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis D'Amato

In memory of Helen O'Connor

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Agnes Glavich

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Monique Garrity

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and Helen Perse

Margaret Cullen

In memory of David Pfeiffer

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Margaret Pirman

In memory of Thomas Predey

Biatta Mentecka

In memory of Frank

and Hattie Pribish

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Patricia Pruitt

In memory of George Radacy

Marian Radacy

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Virginia Radler

In memory of Margaret Mary Reinert

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Agnes Madril Reininger

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William E. Kearns

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In memory of William

and Rosemary Riordan

Rosemary Riordan Palicki

In memory of Elana Rogers

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Rohar, O.S.B.

Bill and Helen Davis

Madonna Ivers

Evelyn Matkins

Michelle Rohar Parsons

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Eleanor Small

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Francis McGhee

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Mary Cielinski

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In memory of Edward Sarsha

Janet Sarsha

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Janet A. Gengler

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Marilyn L. Graybill

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Terry Tatum

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Richard Schwegel

In memory of Jack Schwendau

Robert Schwendau

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Caroline Shebenik

In memory of William M. Shebenik

Caroline Shebenik

In memory of Bishop Patrick Sheridan

Robert and Mary Bzik

In memory of Sr. Beatrice

Singler, O.S.B.

Richard Singler

In memory of Joan

Imhoff (Lambrecht) Smith

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In memory of Vivian Smith

Eileen Guenther



...remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly.

Special Occasions

In honor of:

**In honor of the 150th Anniversary
of the Benedictine Sisters
of Chicago**

Mary Ellen Stuermer
Richard and Arlyne Zorc

**In honor of Sr. Benita Coffey, O.S.B.
on her 60th Jubilee**

Jean Hellman Ryan

**In honor of the 50th Wedding
Anniversary of Peter
and Mary Fitzgerald**

Sr. Jane Smith, O.S.B.

**In honor of Margaret Herbert
on her Birthday**

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Kevin Herbert

**In honor of Dorothy M. Lind
on her 75th Birthday**

Jeff, Kathy, Tom, and Pat Caudill

**In honor of Marianne Littau
on her Birthday**

Birthday group

**In honor of Sr. Mary Benet
McKinney, O.S.B.**

Josepha L. Walsh

**In honor of the 60th Wedding
Anniversary of Matt and
Dorothy Miholic**

Barbara Jurcin

Matt and Dorothy Miholic

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

Dennis Randall

**In honor of Frances Setnicar
on her 90th Birthday**

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Sr. Jane Smith, O.S.B.

**In honor of Sr. Mary Alice
Setnicar, O.S.B.**

on her 100th Birthday

Margaret Mei

Gertrude Miholic

**In honor of Sr. Winifred
Sommer, O.S.B.**

on her 70th Jubilee

Edward and Susan Baley

Dominic and Margaret Caminiti

In honor of Sr. Joanna Trapp, O.S.B.

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In memory of Edwin Steinhauser

Bernice Steinhauser

In memory of Linda Warren Talbot

Maureen A. Brewer

In memory of Dr. Pattie Tighe

Kevin and Maureen Cogan

In memory of Jan Tkaczow

Donna Bajda

In memory of Maude Tobin

Maureen Cogan

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Helen Moore

In memory of Elinor Van Houghton

William Van Houghton

In memory of Bernadine Venn

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**In memory of deceased members
of the Raymond Watson family**

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**In memory of Sr. Colette
Westrick, O.S.B.**

Ed and Barb Cunningham

In memory of Judy Wilhelm

George Weber

**In memory of Sr. Miriam
Wilson, O.S.B.**

Kevin McDonald and Judy Chan

Gayle Porter

Richard and Marybeth Runnion

In memory of Bob Winfield

Bud and Betty Chess

**In memory of Fred and
Dolores Winkler**

Paul and Sue Betts

In memory of Dale Winslow

Don C. Winslow

**In memory of Elizabeth
and Joe Wojcik**

Ruth Wojcik

In memory of Sr. Anna Wrenn, O.S.B.

Michael and Grace Gaughan

Catherine Wrenn

Michael J. Wrenn

Michael P. Wrenn

In memory of Frederick Zonsius

Peter and Barbara Zonsius

In memory of Fr. Jack Zuercher, S.J.

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**In memory of Louis, Mary
and John Zupec**

Mary Watson

*Deceased SSA Cañon City Alumnae
or their family members*

Bob Winfield, son of
Dannette Murphy Bergin (1950)

*Deceased SSA Chicago Alumnae
or their family members*

Lilyan Grafft Nash (1931)

Rosalee Brunk Hedin (1942)

Mary Kearns Richard (1943)

Dorothy McGann Fitzgerald (1945)

Betty Lahart (1947)

Joan Inhoff Lambrecht Smith (1947)

Beatrice Dooling Boyland (1948)

Irva Odman Jenkins (1948)

Rosemary C. Dohring (1949)

Ellen Lou Wescott Montemurri (1949)

Bernadine Venn (1950)

Gretchen Fieweger O'Neill (1953)

Sheila Rooney Anderson (1955)

Sally Malone Cowhey (1956)

Ellen Braasch Garvey (1957)

Nancy Kelly Kohl (1957)

Camile Sabia Paulson (1957)

Frank Schorsch, husband of
Sharon Mass Schorsch (1959)

Lucille Graf, mother of Susan
Graf Marineau (1964)

Helen O'Connor, mother of Francine
O'Connor (1967) and

Eloise O'Connor Roche (1969)

Sydney Barton Hames, husband of Mary
Fisher Hames (1968)

Thomas Lapalermo, father of Nanci
LaPalermo Billings (1973)

Honorable Robert Cahill, father of
Elizabeth Cahill (1984)

Jacqueline Elwood (1984)



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Save the Dates - 150th Anniversary Celebration Events

18th Annual Testimonial Dinner - Wednesday, June 13, 2012

5:30 p.m. cocktails

6:30 p.m. dinner

Park Ridge Country Club, 636 Prospect Avenue, Park Ridge, Illinois

Please plan to join us for a special evening with our 2012 Honorees,
the members of the Development Council for the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago:

Katherine Gehrke, Mary Ann Harrington, Dan Henrick, John Hourihane, Mary G. Kaye,
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Look for ticket information in the Spring 2012 issue of *Sacro Speco*.

Additional 150th Anniversary Celebration Dates:

Saturday, July 21, 2012 - Picnic on the monastery grounds

Thursday, August 23, 2012 - Celebration concluding the 150th Anniversary events