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## Charism

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

## Mission

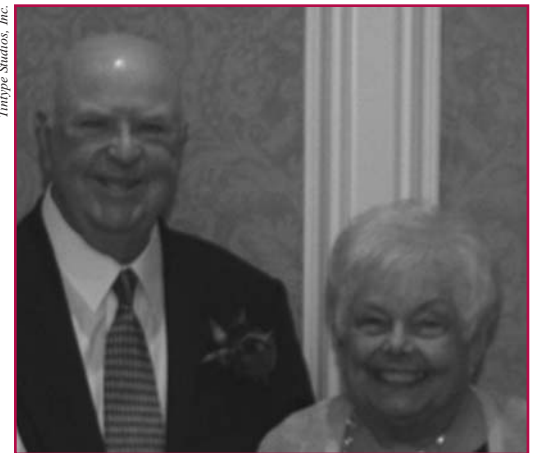
Reverence:

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

Sister Benita Coffey, O.S.B. introduced Edward and Mary Matthei, recipients of the *Spirit of Benedict* award. In preparation, she asked their children to describe their parents. "Ed is open, generous, benevolent and appreciative," Sister Benita summarized. "He's a strong man, nature loving, resourceful, and resilient. This fellow is an entertainer and a story-teller. He is a good friend whose life has been inspiring." Their children described Mary as "a beautiful and happy woman, someone who is truly unselfish. A loving advisor and mentor who is sincere, supportive, perceptive, kind, a person of strength, and a parent who can also be a best friend." Former co-workers, friends, and family of the Mattheis were present at the Testimonial Dinner. Sister Benita reminded the audience of St. Benedict's spirit which places such value on offering hospitality, responding to needs, using one's gifts well, and respecting all persons. "Do you notice, as I do," Sister Benita declared, "that this same good spirit is alive in the Mattheis' hearts? I think Ed and Mary perceive themselves as ordinary people. Their children recognize them as extraordinary, and we Benedictine Sisters acknowledge them as truly deserving our special recognition."

## Friends Gather at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Testimonial Dinner

The 17<sup>th</sup> annual Testimonial Dinner was held on June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Park Ridge Country Club. The Benedictine Sisters of Chicago gathered with friends and family to enjoy a delicious dinner, and recognize honorees Edward and Mary Matthei, Sister Kathleen Maloney, O.S.B., and Rosie Lee Randle.



2011 Testimonial Dinner Honorees

Above: Edward and Mary Matthei.

Left: Sister Kathleen Maloney, O.S.B.

Below: Rosie Lee Randle.



Friends Gather continued on page 4.

## Message from the Prioress

(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Kathy Caudill)



**Prioress Patricia Crowley, O.S.B.**

Dear Friends,

Last month I began my second term as the prioress of this Benedictine community of women. That role is a combination of pastoral awareness of and care for each woman in her own unique reality, and the exercise of discerning wisdom in moving with the community into a future that is undoubtedly going to be different than our past has been.

Guided by our mission of reverence and our charism to seek God in prayer / community and to serve where there is need, we continue to explore ways to spread the spirit and the spirituality of the Benedictine way of life to all who seek God. We do so through our lives, through our ministries, and very specifically through our Oblates both in Chicago and in Colorado. Many of you share in that movement to follow the Benedictine way wherever you may be. All of you who receive this newsletter do so by the support you give to our community.

In the Church of this 21<sup>st</sup> century, where the pendulum swings in sometimes unexpected ways, our efforts to live together in prayerful community anchor us in this centuries-old tradition and help us to move into the future, centered on the gospel message. We see that this 2000 year old message of Jesus Christ can lead our world to peace and justice – even as we recognize our world as evolving into a future that will be different than our past has been. We hope you do, too!

In peace,

*Patricia Crowley OSB*

## Directions in Development

Dear Friends of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago,

*Do you own an individual retirement account?*

*Are you 70½ years of age or older?*

*Would you like to make a charitable gift to the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago from your IRA but are concerned about possible tax consequences?*

*If so, you may be interested in the following information:*

Until December 31, 2011, you can transfer a lifetime gift of up to \$100,000 using funds from your IRA. If your spouse is also 70½ or older, and has an IRA, your spouse can also make such a gift totaling up to \$100,000.

To learn more about making such gifts, please have your tax adviser contact me. I would be happy to help you to support the care and ministries of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, while assisting your tax professional to achieve your gift without undesirable tax effects. Unless Congress extends this law, this option to donate gifts from an IRA directly to a charity will expire on December 31, 2011.

With gratitude for your continued generosity,  
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## In Loving Memory



*Sister Pierre Marie  
Moore, O.S.B.*

Alice Adeline Moore was born the fifth of six children of Charles Day Moore and Adeline Smith Moore on February 3, 1913. Theirs was a prayerful and happy family. All of the girls became Benedictines: Alice, Mary and Helen, in Chicago and Dorothy, the eldest, in Clyde, Missouri. Robert was ordained a Jesuit priest. David married.

Alice was baptized in St. Ambrose Church and attended the parish school until fifth grade. She finished the elementary grades at St. Thomas Apostle School and also attended St. Thomas Apostle High School.

On September 7, 1932, she entered St. Scholastica Monastery, the first of the three Moore daughters to become Benedictine Sisters of Chicago. Receiving the religious name Sister Pierre Marie, she began her novitiate on July 11, 1933, and made her triennial vows on August 16, 1934.

After earning a bachelor's degree in education at Loyola University in Chicago, she continued her studies at DePaul University

where she was granted a master's degree. She also studied theology at St. Joseph in Rensselaer, Indiana, with further academic work at Holy Cross Junior College and Pueblo Junior College in Cañon City, Southern Colorado State College in Pueblo, Colorado, Mundelein and Felician Colleges, the Institute of Technology, and at Resurrection Hospital in Chicago.

Sister Pierre Marie spent forty of her years of ministry teaching on elementary and secondary levels, beginning in the grade school of St. Scholastica Academy in Chicago where her versatility was noted and valued. She taught ten courses, including French and singing. Later, when teaching at St. Scholastica in Cañon City, she also provided instruction in gym classes.

Sister Pierre Marie served on the faculty of several parish schools in the Archdiocese of Chicago: as a teacher at Mother of God, (Waukegan), St. Hilary, and St. Symphorosa, and as a librarian at St. Juliana and St. Symphorosa. In southern Colorado, she was the principal and a teacher at St. Michael's in Cañon City, and a teacher at St. Joseph in Salida where she was also the superior of the local convent. Additionally, she taught at Sacred Heart Parish in Tucson, Arizona. Often, in addition to her classroom work, she served as parish organist, choir director, or sacristan.

She often taught ancient, modern and United States history in high school. In the summers she offered history courses at the Academy in Chicago, or taught religious education programs in Colorado, serving Alamosa, Ouray, Silverton, Eagle, and Minturn.

Her years of internal ministry included two as infirmarian at the Monastery, twelve as sacristan in the St. Scholastica Chapel, and eight as sacristan in St. Joseph Chapel in the monastery infirmary.

In addition, Sister volunteered her support by assisting with clerical tasks, including many years of preparing lunch passes for St. Scholastica Academy students in Chicago. Her handiwork included the making of rosaries as well as knitting projects - mittens and sweaters plus dozens of afghans for a local day care center.

Until her final illness, Sister Pierre Marie remained interested in local news, community activities, and the various ministries of the Sisters. She died peacefully on June 23, 2011, with her only living sibling, Sister Mercedes, at her bedside.

Sister Pierre Marie is mourned by family members, her former students in both Chicago and Colorado, friends, and her Benedictine Sisters of St. Scholastica Monastery.

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## We Love To Hear From You

**From the time  
we first visited  
with your community  
in 1955 you have always  
shown your love  
and hospitality  
to our family.**

**The death of our mother  
signals the end of an era,  
but it is gratifying to know  
you will be praying for her  
and her memory  
will continue.**

*You truly are  
a blessing to me.*

Thanks to all the Sisters  
for your prayers.  
I know that is why things went so  
well for my father's surgery.  
Please continue to keep him  
in your prayers.

*God bless you and all of your good work!*

**I love seeing the faces  
of you good women!**

**Thank you for your wonderful  
support these past months.  
We couldn't have done it  
without the prayers  
and support of  
the Benedictine Sisters!  
Your community is  
one of a kind and I am thankful  
for its presence.**



During the cocktail hour, Jade Craig and Andrea Ciccone enjoyed speaking with one another in French.

Sister Suzanne Zuercher, O.S.B. began her introduction of Sister Kathleen Maloney, O.S.B., recipient of the *Spirit of Scholastica* award by describing Sister Kathy in light of the enneagram. "There is one kind of person the enneagram describes as knowing how to sell him or her self. We say in enneagram circles that when they tell you about their lives, they make kindergarten sound like The Sorbonne, and there is another kind of person who makes The Sorbonne sound like kindergarten. Kathy Maloney is one of the latter kind. A woman of few words."

Sister Kathy is a south-sider and a proud Sox fan. She taught for twenty-five years at various schools, including St. Symphorosa, St. Nicholas of Tolentine, St. Mathias, and Queen of All Saints in Chicago, and St. Mary's in East Chicago, Indiana. She then served for nineteen years at St. Monica's Parish, as Pastoral Associate and Director of Religious Education, initiating innovative programs for parents of tots, and religious education for the developmentally challenged. Since 2005, Sister Kathy has served as the Treasurer for the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago. Since 2007 she has also served as Pastoral Associate and Religious Education Coordinator at St. Peter's Parish in Skokie, Illinois. Sister Kathy is the oldest of thirteen children. Many of her siblings (as well as friends from St. Peter's and St. Monica's) were in attendance to celebrate with Sister Kathy. Sister Suzanne concluded, "Just imagine how much organizational skill and administrative leadership that family role has developed. As you can tell, she has little time for relaxing, but rather says she derives her energy from her pastoral activities and her commitment to our monastic community."



Testimonial Dinner Committee members Muffie Dondlinger and Mary Ann Harrington selling raffle tickets to the evening's M.C., Joanne Rooney, and her husband, Patrick Rooney.

Sister Rita Nowak, O.S.B. shared special stories about Rosie Lee Randle, recipient of the *Spirit of Benedictine Hospitality* award. "Rosie, or M'Dear, as her family affectionately calls her, began her early life in the small town of Harrison, Mississippi," shared Sister Rita. "Rosie often refers to one or another of her father's sayings, such as 'Go out of your way to help others, not to hurt them' and 'Say your prayers, don't be lazy, be good, don't tell lies and don't steal.'" Rosie eventually moved close to St. Joseph Parish, at Hill and Orleans Streets in Chicago, enrolling her daughter at St. Joseph's School where Sister Mary Benet McKinney, O.S.B. was then principal. And so Rosie's connection with the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago began. For many years, Rosie has worked at St. Scholastica Academy as a member of the maintenance staff. While in that position, she decided to fund a scholarship so that a needy student could receive financial aid and be able to attend the academy. Proud members of Rosie's family joined her at the Testimonial Dinner celebration, including her daughter, Susie, and two of her grandchildren, Kim and Jade. Numerous faculty members, staff and alumnae of St. Scholastica Academy in Chicago came to pay tribute. Sister Rita noted, "Rosie's life, and her response to it, have brought the Rosie of today to us. Rosie continues to send positive energy outward, reaching deep within in order to center on something beyond herself. Her life will influence others for a long, long time. Who we are and what we believe and what we hope to give back to our world is very important to Rosie. She will keep on giving because "that's the way it is."

We hope you can join us next year!

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



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Above, top left, l-r: Sister Mercedes Moore, O.S.B. and Sister Leocretia Muganda, sTh chatting after dessert.

Above, top right, l-r: Marsha Heidkamp is greeted at the country club entrance by Sister Patricia Crowley, O.S.B.

Above, bottom left, l-r: Sisters Mariella Hathorn, O.S.B. and Mary Benet McKinney, O.S.B. visit together during the cocktail hour.

Above, bottom right, l-r: Peggy Fleming, Madeleine Hodur, Peggy Schermerhorn and Margie Hodur gathered for a group photo before the dinner.

## And the Winners Are ...

The raffle winners for the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Testimonial Dinner are:

- \$1,000 gift card – Eileen Griffin
- Murphy's Rooftop Company Cubs tickets – Josephine Meehan
- Notre Dame vs. Boston College football tickets – Patricia Clifford
- Chicago Shakespeare Theatre and
- Phil Stefani Restaurants gift certificates – Jim Wills
- Barnes and Noble NOOK Color Reader's Tablet – Peggy Lloyd

Additionally, there were fourteen lucky winners of the special "in house" raffle items which required the winner to be present.



*M.C. Joanne Rooney (right) accepts a winning raffle ticket from one of the evening's volunteers.*

The Benedictine Sisters of Chicago thank all those who generously sponsored the Testimonial Dinner, purchased tickets, donated raffle prizes, and made contributions that help to support the ministries and care of the Sisters. Special thanks to our Silver Sponsors: C & C Power, Inc., Robert and Sheila Hulseman, James and Dorothea Jung, Loyola University Chicago, and an anonymous donor.

Save the date! Next year's Testimonial Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, June 13, 2012, and will be a special part of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration activities. We hope you can join us for another wonderful evening of Benedictine hospitality!

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## The Legend of a Handcrafted Wooden Cross at the Monastery

Ed Matthei loved to tell the tale of how a beautifully handcrafted wooden cross came to find its home on



*Photo courtesy of Barbara Lyden.*

the wall of St. Joseph's Court Chapel in the infirmary at St. Scholastica Monastery. Ed Matthei met Robert Lyden, the artisan who carved this exquisite work, when both had daughters who were students at St. Scholastica Academy in Chicago. Ed first set eyes on the cross, however, in a most unusual place - in

the midst of the Lydens' garden. While supervising the project when the infirmary was being built, Ed encouraged Bob to consider donating the cross to St. Scholastica Monastery. Robert was present when the cross was first installed in the chapel, and the cross remains there to this day.

Robert Lyden passed away in 2009, but his wife, Barbara, was able to join the



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Benedictine Sisters of Chicago in recognizing and honoring Ed and Mary Matthei at the Testimonial Dinner on June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Park Ridge Country Club.



*(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Kathy Caudill).*

The Benedictine Sisters of Chicago treasure this precious gift, still prominently displayed in the Chapel in St. Joseph's Court infirmary on the east wall overlooking the tabernacle and altar.

## Newsbriefs

This spring, **Sister Patricia Coughlin, O.S.B.** provided a tour of St. Scholastica Monastery, St. Joseph's Court Chapel, and St. Scholastica Chapel for Catherine Barry Sloan (SSA 1957) and a group from her parish.

**Sister Virginia Jung, O.S.B.**, received her master's degree in Pastoral Counseling from Loyola University in May. **Sisters Benita Coffey, O.S.B.**, **Rita Nowak, O.S.B.**, and **Patricia Crowley, O.S.B.** attended her commencement ceremonies. Sister Virginia now begins new ministry work at Heartland Alliance, while also continuing her bi-lingual counseling work with Providence Family Services in Chicago.



*Sister Patricia Crowley, O.S.B., Dorothea Jung, Sister Virginia Jung, O.S.B., and James Jung attended the Institute for Pastoral Studies "leave-taking" ceremonies.*

In June, **Sister Suzanne Zuercher, O.S.B.** led a retreat for women from St. Mary's Parish, in Des Plaines, Illinois, coordinated by a St. Scholastica Academy (Chicago) alumna. Sister Suzanne also participated in the 12<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the International Thomas Merton Society leading the group in *lectio* during their conference entitled, "With Roots in Eternity, Merton, the Desert and the City" held at Loyola University Chicago in June.

On Saturday June 18, at the Vigil of the Feast of The Most Holy Trinity, the community celebrated the Affirmation of the Re-Election of Prioress **Sister Patricia Crowley, O.S.B.** The community gave thanks and praise for all who have gone before them in their monastic life. Sub-Prioress **Sister Judith Zonsius, O.S.B.** then called Sister Patricia forth to accept again the role she has held for the past four years, the place of Christ in the monastery. Sister Patricia pledged to serve the community. The community and the oblates promised their support of her service.

On July 19<sup>th</sup>, the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago hosted a special Vespers (evening prayer) service and reception in Cañon City to thank the people of Colorado for 111 good years. In 1890, the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago came to Cañon City, Colorado. St. Scholastica Academy served Cañon City and the surrounding communities until it closed ten years ago. In 2001, three Benedictine Sisters (**Sisters Amy Campbell, O.S.B.**, **Anne Krall, O.S.B.**, and **Kathleen McNamara, O.S.B.**) remained in Cañon City. This summer, Sisters Amy, Anne and Kathleen moved to St. Scholastica Monastery in Chicago. The Benedictine Sisters of Chicago will still be represented in Colorado by four memberse serving in Pueblo, Alamosa and Grand Junction, Colorado.



*Sister Belinda Monahan, O.S.B. pictured in Armenia with the son of two of the American project directors. His name is Avedis which means "Good News" in Armenian.*

**Sister Belinda Monahan, O.S.B.** spent a month working at an archeological dig site in Armenia this summer. Sister reports that the team was bigger than ever before, and the dig site included a medieval caravansary. Her work consisted of examining, weighing and classifying bones excavated last year.

On the website for the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, **Sisters Susan Quaintance, O.S.B.**, **Suzanne Zuercher, O.S.B.**, **Mary Benet McKinney, O.S.B.**, **Belinda Monahan, O.S.B.**, and **Benita Coffey, O.S.B.** offer their reflections on discernment and what brought them to live in community with the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago. You can access the wonderful accounts written by these women of faith on the archives pages of the community's website which can be found at: <http://www.osbchicago.org/Archives.htm>.

In May, Grand Valley Catholic Outreach held the ground breaking for St. Martin's Place, which will provide housing in Grand Junction, Colorado, for veterans who have been homeless. **Sister Karen Bland, O.S.B.**, Executive Director of Grand Valley Catholic Outreach, notes that this is a "tangible way for people to offer support to someone who has served our country and now finds himself (or herself) ill, without permanent shelter and with very few possessions." The sixteen unit apartment complex will be for single veterans; some units will serve as transitional housing, others will be permanent housing.



Volunteering with The Night Ministry, twelve Sisters, including **Sisters Susan Quaintance, O.S.B.**, **Belinda Monahan, O.S.B.**, **Patricia Coughlin, O.S.B.**, and **Judith Zonsius, O.S.B.**, (l-r above) prepared or distributed bag lunches for the people of Rogers Park, on Wednesday, June 22.



*Sister Patricia Crowley, O.S.B. and Dottie L. King, Ph.D., President of St. Mary-of-the-Woods College.*

**Sister Patricia Crowley, O.S.B.** received an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters at the one hundred and seventieth commencement of St. Mary-of-the-Woods College on May 7, 2011. Congratulations!



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

On Sunday May 15, **Kay McSpadden** of Chicago, Illinois, and **Terry Tatum** of Merced, California, made their final Benedictine oblation. This is the culmination of a year long study and spiritual journey with the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago. **Chris Johnston**, also of Chicago, Illinois, was received as an oblate candidate beginning his journey with the community. 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 St. Benedict*, a time-proven guide to a spiritual way of life, as it applies to their own lives.

In May, the St. Hilary Children's choir entertained the Sisters in St. Scholastica Chapel. Many of the Sisters who listened to the concert taught at or attended St. Hilary School in years past. The concert gave them the chance to renew ties and, in some cases, to see familiar faces. Since several of the Sisters can no longer attend events outside of the monastery, the community is grateful to the St. Hilary Handbell and Children's Choir for the beautiful concert!



(Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Kathy Caudill)

**Sister Mercedes Moore, O.S.B.** places the crown of roses on **Mary's** head as **Sister Susan Kilduski, O.S.B.** looks on.

On the Feast of the Visitation, the infirmary held a May crowning. Many of the Sisters living in the infirmary, and others living elsewhere in the monastery, took part in this lovely prayer service, filling the chapel with song.



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

With the help of **Sister Judith Zonsius, O.S.B.**, a monastery computer, and the Internet, **Sister Mary Alice Setnicar, O.S.B.** (above) was able to see and speak with two generations of her Slovenian cousins!

The Council of Elders offers advice and wisdom to the Prioress about matters affecting the Benedictine community. They have been asked to pray for Holy Name Parish in Fall River, Massachusetts – for the work of Father Jay Maddock, the parish and the school - and are delighted to be able to contribute in this special way.



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

This Spring, the monastery celebrated with a tea party in the infirmary. **Sisters Ann Sharp, O.S.B.** and **Joanna Trapp, O.S.B.**, join **Oblate Bertha Blattner** (center, above) enjoying a cup of tea. Bertha recently began coordinating Oblate volunteers to assist with activities in the infirmary.

This spring, **Sister Patricia Crowley, O.S.B.** met with the Colorado Oblates, speaking to them about the Rule of Benedict and social justice issues.

The Chicago Architecture Foundation tour of Rogers Park will take place the weekend of October 14 – 16, 2011, and will include St. Scholastica Monastery's Chapel as well as the foyer and gym of St. Scholastica Academy.

**Sister Mary Melady, O.S.B.** was a guest of honor at the End of the Year Celebration honoring retiring teachers from Taft High School. Sister Mary, who retired from teaching in the ESL program at Taft High School, was joined at the celebration by **Sisters Barbara McCarry, O.S.B.** and **Patricia Crowley, O.S.B.**, as well as members of her family.



**Sisters Barbara McCarry, O.S.B.** and **Mary Melady, O.S.B.**

Twenty-five Oblates of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago graciously donated gift cards for the Testimonial Dinner raffle – enough to fill TWO raffle baskets for the Testimonial Dinner (each valued at over \$350!) These wonderful women and men choose to commit themselves to Benedictine spirituality as Oblates with this Benedictine community, and the Sisters are grateful for their presence.

This fall, the Loyola University Museum of Art (LUMA) will include exhibits on "Holiness and the Feminine Spirit: The Art of Janet McKenzie" (August 20 – October 23, 2011), "Inscribing the Divine: the St. John's Bible" (August 20 – October 23, 2011), as well as "Pathways to Stable Housing" (August 20, 2011 – January 15, 2012). In August, at the opening of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, the Sisters and their guests will have a luncheon and enjoy these exhibits at the LUMA.



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

**Oblates Mary Catherine Ryan and Kathlyn Myers.**

On Sunday, May 22, **Oblate Kathlyn Myers** completed her first year of the "Called and Gifted" program, a lay ministry formation program sponsored by the Archdiocese of Chicago. She and **Sister Benita Coffey, O.S.B.**, her mentor in the program, joined **Oblate Mary Catherine Ryan** (who completed the program in 1996) at a luncheon celebrating thirty years of the program.

# Benedictine Sisters Then ... And Now



## **Sister Mary Alice Setnicar, O.S.B.**

**Then:** Sister Mary Alice Setnicar's given name at birth was Stephanie Setnicar. Born on December 25, 1911, she was the third of seven children born to

Anna and Matthew Setnicar, hardworking immigrants from Slovenia, formerly Austria.

Sister Mary Alice learned to help others early in life, carrying buckets and cleaning supplies to be used at a Protestant church on Saturdays, and helping sick and elderly women with chores. She attended daily Mass and her family prayed the rosary each evening.

Stefanie entered the Benedictines as an aspirant in 1927. She graduated from St. Scholastica Academy in 1931. That July she became a novice and received her religious name Mary Alice. She professed her first vows in 1932 and her final vows in 1935.

Many of Sister Mary Alice's early teaching years were in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades. Looking back, Sister Mary Alice wonders how she was able to be sacristan, help with other chores, attend classes at De Paul University, and still succeed in teaching those crowded classrooms of children.

Sister Mary Alice served as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Catholic Primary Grades Association whose membership numbered approximately 700, later serving as Chair when another officer was unable to attend the meeting.

Sister taught at several missions – Mother of God in Waukegan, St. John Nepomucene (learning some Bohemian to teach the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades), St. George (where German language skills were required), St. Symphorosa, St. Lambert, Queen of All Saints, and St. Hilary in Illinois, as well as schools in Pueblo and Salida, Colorado.

Sister Mary Alice's favorite hobbies have been sewing, crocheting, gardening and baking. Until very recently, when some health concerns limited her ability to spend hours in the bakery, Sister Mary Alice provided homemade cookies for the Development Council and Testimonial Dinner committee meetings.

Sister celebrated her golden Jubilee (50 years) in 1982, her 60<sup>th</sup> Jubilee in 1992, her 70<sup>th</sup> Jubilee in 2002, and her 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee in 2007.

## **And Now:**

At 99, she is still going strong. She is reminiscent of an energizer bunny – traveling the monastery halls with a walker at a very quick pace – she keeps going and going and going. On December 25, 2011, Sister Mary Alice will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Sister Mary Alice is a member of the Council of Elders. She prays for all St. Scholastica Academy graduates, and regularly visits her sister, Frances, now living in a retirement facility.



## **Sister Joanna Trapp, O.S.B.**

**Then:** Jean Anne Trapp was born on February 16, 1927. She joined the community in 1946, professed her first vows in 1948, and made her final vows in 1951, on the Feast of St. Benedict. She received the religious name of Sister Joanna, which today continues to be the name by which she is known.

Sister Joanna is a graduate of St. Ignatius Grammar School, St. Scholastica High School (Chicago), and DePaul University. She also attended Mundelein College for a year before entering the community.

Before college, Sister Joanna worked as a file clerk for two summers, including a summer working for American Airlines sending messages on the latest equipment. She distinctly recalls the day in August when she received a message on this new technology telling her that World War II was over.

After first vows, Sister Joanna taught second graders at St. Hilary's for five years. She also taught for four years at the new school built at St. Lambert's Parish in Skokie, for two years at St. Mary's school in Pueblo, Colorado, and for six years at St. Scholastica Academy in



Cañon City. Then, for the next forty-two years, Sister Joanna taught at St. Scholastica Academy in Chicago where her history classes were well known and loved.

During summers in Colorado, she often taught religion classes in the western parishes, preparing catechism students to receive the sacraments. When in Chicago, her summers were spent teaching U.S. or world history. Sister Joanna recalls fondly the summer that she took students to see the beautiful exhibit of treasures from Tutankhamen's tomb. As a large school group, they were admitted immediately into the exhibit, while long lines of people waited outside to gain entrance into the exhibit.

Sister Joanna enjoyed decorating Room 108 at SSA with history and seasonal pictures. She found the Peanuts characters especially helpful for this task!

Sister Joanna often served as sacristan during summers in mission schools or when she was stationed in local parishes.

Four years ago, Sister retired from teaching and became sacristan for St. Scholastica Chapel's daily needs while other Sisters plan liturgies, order flowers, set up the Christmas crib and Holy Week decorations, and move chairs, etc.

## **And Now:**

This past year, a fall limited Sister Joanna's mobility and activities for a period of time. For several months she could be seen carefully walking the monastery halls with her customized walker. Now she is fully recovered, walking to chapel and the dining room unassisted, ready to discuss a good book over dinner.

Sister Joanna, too, is a member of the Council of Elders. She prays for those who ask for the community's prayers and for those whose names are recorded in the community's memorial books. Her thoughtful handmade birthday and nameday cards delight the Sisters.



# Memorials

April 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011

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## In memory of:

### **In memory of Leamond Onnie Allen**

Leamond Anthony Allen

### **In memory of Lourinda Pettiford Allen**

Leamond Anthony Allen

### **In memory of Vacarious Pettiford Allen**

Leamond Anthony Allen

### **In memory of Joseph Babka**

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### **In memory of deceased members**

#### **of the Bajda family**

Danuta Bajda

### **In memory of Joseph and Angela Barosso**

Geralyn Barosso

### **In memory of**

#### **Sr. Marilyn Therese Beauvais, S.C.**

Sr. Rosemarie Rupar, O.S.B.

### **In memory of Sr. Maurus Becker, O.S.B.**

Jim and Carla Krcmarik

### **In memory of Al Belanger**

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### **In memory of deceased members**

#### **of the Beth family**

Kathy Beth

### **In memory of Edward Birmingham**

Catherine McDermott

### **In memory of Barbara "Bobbie" Birrer**

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Lloyd G. Birrer, Jr.

### **In memory of Maureen Boland**

Steve and Peg Lombardo

### **In memory of Bridget Hennessey Borchers**

Robert Borchers

### **In memory of Lawrence Bower**

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Bud Chess family

Joseph Van Alstyne family

Sr. Dorothy Van Alstyne, O.S.B.

### **In memory of William K. Braun**

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Jane Brennan Sedivy

### **In memory of Bill Brimstin**

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Paul and Carol Brimstin

### **In memory of Jim Brimstin**

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Paul and Carol Brimstin

### **In memory of Sr. Helen Capulak, O.S.B.**

Josephine Kelly

### **In memory of Angela DePrima Carlfeldt**

Patricia Nebgen

### **In memory of Tom Carmel**

Ellen Ward

### **In memory of Oscar Carmel**

Ellen Ward

### **In memory of Harold Carlson and Marion Boyle Carlson**

Diane Huntington

### **In memory of Jerry Cielinski**

Elissa Feldman

Don C. Winslow

### **In memory of Dolores Cole**

Michael and Mary Jane Cole

Sr. Eleanore Hillenbrand, O.S.B.

### **In memory of Alice Condren**

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Joseph J. Condren

### **Edward Corrigan**

Sr. Benita Coffey, O.S.B.

### **In memory of Bill and Mary Coultrey**

Catherine McDermott

### **In memory of Peggy Courtemanche**

Bill and Ellen Wirth

### **In memory of deceased members**

#### **of the Coyne family**

Catherine McDermott

### **In memory of Richard Cullen**

Margaret Cullen

### **In memory of Marguerite Cuny**

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Helen Jascoviak

### **In memory of Carl Damlos**

LaVerne Damlos

### **In memory of Patrick Dawson**

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Pat Campion

### **In memory of Margaret DiGiovanni**

Jeff and Kathy Caudill

### **In memory of John Donahue**

Patricia Ballard

### **In memory of Frank Donner, Sr.**

#### **and Annabel Donner**

Dorothy Donner

### **In memory of Joe and Pearl Drowinski**

Frank and Dorothy Holland

### **In memory of Ray Erjavec**

Joan Erjavec

### **In memory of Angelina Fidanovski**

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ivantic

### **In memory of Mary E. Fish**

Judith Alexander

Harry and Catherine Riley

### **In memory of Frances Flowers**

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### **In memory of Dorothy Pitz Foltz**

Francine O'Connor

### **In memory of Larry Froman**

Terry and Linda Strauch

### **In memory of Lt. Col.**

**Miguel Garcia, U.S.A.F.**

Father Michael Garcia, O.P.

### **In memory of Gloria Gazda**

Louis Gazda

### **In memory of Clarence and Alma Gels**

Richard and Carol Thompson

### **In memory of Clarence Gels**

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Marilyn Busa

Kevin and Maureen Cogan

### **In memory of Virginia "Ginger" Gibson**

Barbara G. Halloran

### **In memory of Matthew Glavich**

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Robert and Geraldine Blazich

Joe and Ruth Garcia

Mary Jo Glavich

Marian Radacy

Sr. Rosemarie Rupar, O.S.B.

Evelyn Vertovec

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

Suzanne M. Walsh

### **In memory of deceased members**

#### **of the Govekar family**

Helen Knapp

### **In memory of deceased members**

#### **of the Halleran Family**

Catherine McDermott

### **In memory of Sister Maureen**

#### **Halleran, O.S.B.**

Martin and Christine Halleran

### **In memory of James Haw**

Jim and Dot Jung

### **In memory of Gilbert "Gil" Heaphy**

Matt and Dorothy Mihollic

Tim and Penny Strand and Sons

### **In memory of Rosalee Hedin**

Virginia Brunk Lock

### **In memory of William M. Hellman**

Jean Hellman Ryan

### **In memory of deceased members**

#### **of the Hereley family**

Mary Marren

### **In memory of Dr. William Hetznecker**

James and Patricia Dolan

### **In memory of Curtis Ingram**

Greg and Sherry Hegarty

### **In memory of Richard Jakaitis**

Ron and Karen Celesnik

### **In memory of Frank and Rosina Jallits**

Frank Jallits

### **In memory of Gene Janson**

Peg Janson

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

**In memory of Elaine M. Johnson**

Kathy Caudill

**In memory of Jeff Johnson**

Matt and Dorothy Miholic

**In memory of Joyce Johnson**

Matt and Dorothy Miholic

**In memory of Joe and Sue Kanabay**

Dorothy Donner

**In memory of Rita Smith Keown**

Dorothy Andries

Sr. Jane Smith, O.S.B.

**In memory of Tadeusz F. Kieca**

Jeff and Kathy Caudill

**In memory of Edward Klinger**

Elizabeth Klinger

**In memory of Knapp Family**

Helen Knapp

**In memory of Laura Knipper**

Eileen Moorman

**In memory of Ludwig and Mary Kolman**

Gabriela Kolman

**In memory of Jeanne M. Kukla**

LaVerne Damlos

**In memory of Doug Lubbers**

Dr. John and Mardo Petrovich

**In memory of Max and Lorraine Mack**

Gayle Mack Gambill

**In memory of Marie Toomey Madden**

Roland and Mary Agnes Madden

**In memory of John Maloney**

Mark and Joan Harris

Dorothy Maloney

Elaine Skuding

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

Mary Marren

**In memory of Annette Mategrano**

Jeff and Kathy Caudill

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

Kathy Beth

**In memory of Patrick McDermott**

Catherine McDermott

**In memory of Bruce McPherson**

Olen and Kim Kalkus

**In memory of Peggy McQueen**

Agnes Ivantic

**In memory of Louis Metzger, Jr.**

Ann Metzger

**In memory of Joseph Miks**

Evelyn Miks

**In memory of Frank D. Miller**

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Suzanne Knorst Miller

**In memory of Catherine Miller**

Peter and Barbara Zonsius

**In memory of Mary Mills**

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Georgette Kesselring

**In memory of Jennie Mishmash**

Matthew and Agnes Glavich

**In memory of David Moore**

Helen Moore

**In memory of Sr. Pierre Marie Moore, O.S.B.**

Dorothy Andries

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Jeff and Kathy Caudill

George Courtney and Patricia Cowhey

Jennifer Fernandes

Robert and Marilyn Hammer

Dennis LaLiberty

**In memory of Ellen Lou**

Wescott Montemurri

Casmier Montemurri

**In memory of Sylvia Motyka**

Katie Anderson

**In memory of Mary Alice Mullery**

Matt and Dorothy Miholic

Joanne "Perpich" Paulson

**In memory of Theresia Mullins**

Sr. Barbara McCarry, O.S.B.

**In memory of Louise Nissel**

Sr. Mariella Hathorn, O.S.B.

**In memory of Mary Nolan**

John McGoldrick

**In memory of David W. Nory**

Margaret Hartney

**In memory of Catherine Nouka**

Sister Francisca Nzeke, H.H.C.J.

**In memory of Josephine O'Callaghan**

Mary Jo O'Callaghan Martin

**In memory of Sister Mary Joseph**

O'Donnell, O.S.B.

Nancy Swan

**In memory of Julia Ann O'Donnell**

Mary O'Donnell

**In memory of Jack O'Ryan**

Christopher and Irene O'Ryan Fox

**In memory of Kevin and Yvonne O'Ryan**

Christopher and Irene O'Ryan Fox

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

Irene Pajakowski

**In memory of Jeffrey Paul**

Monique P. Garrity

**In memory of Camille Paulson**

Rich and Teresa Brown

**In memory of Helen C. Perse**

Margaret Cullen

**In memory of Mary Gersick Perse**

Margaret Cullen

**In memory of Peter A. Perse, Jr.**

Margaret Cullen

**In memory of Ruth Ann Pierick**

Anonymous

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Andrea Ciccone

Dennis Hennessey

Sr. Susan Kilduski, O.S.B.

Betty Pierick

Ruth Salzmann

Kathleen Sauser

Daniel and GERALYN Volpendesta

Don C. Winslow

**In memory of Richard Pecho**

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Kay Pecho

**In memory of Francis and Lea Pirman**

Margaret Pirman

**In memory of Helen L. Powers**

Patricia Pruitt

**In memory of George Radacy**

Marian Radacy

**In memory of Ruth Rashman**

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**In memory of John "Jack" Reitberger**

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Sr. Callista Kaley, O.S.B.

**In memory of Audrey Riester**

Sr. Susan Kilduski, O.S.B.

**In memory of Bill and Rosemary Riordan**

Rosemary Riordan Palicki

**In memory of Mary Margaret Gillen Ruh**

Roland and Mary Agnes Madden

**In memory of Thomas A. Ruh**

Roland and Mary Agnes Madden

**In memory of Charles Ryan**

Joanne Ryan

**In memory of Mildred Sawyer**

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Judith Borchers

**In memory of Arthur M. Scheller, Jr.**

Mary Scheller

**In memory of Martha Collard Schrepel**

Frank Schrepel

**In memory of Marcella Schueneman**

Agnes Ivantic

**In memory of Angie Seretis**

Patricia Sacco

**In memory of Robert J. Smith, Sr.**

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**In memory of Ruth M. Smith**

Marilyn Smith

**In memory of Lydia Spengel**

Eileen Moorman

**In memory of Ted Spengel**

Michael and Eileen Moorman

# ...let us serve one another in love.

## **In memory of James Steinfels**

Patricia Ballard

## **In memory of Robert and Millie Sullivan**

Patricia McSweeney

## **In memory of Dan Szczerski**

Marina Volante

## **In memory of James Teal**

Georgette Kesselring

## **In memory of Margaret Toomey**

Roland and Mary Agnes Madden

## **In memory of Ted Van Zelst**

Louann Van Zelst

## **In memory of Alice Vella**

Sr. Mary Melady, O.S.B.

## **In memory of Sister Laura Walker, O.S.B.**

Andrea Ciccone

## **In memory of Mike and Emily Walsh**

Edwin and Janis McNamara

## **In memory of Robert Warmack**

Mary Jo Glavich

## **In memory of Vivian Weber**

Bill and Ellen Wirth

## **In memory of Mary Heyrman Wechsler**

Helen Heyrman

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

Kelly and Kathryn McCormick

## **In memory of Dale Winslow**

Don C. Winslow

## **In memory of Jim Winters**

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Kathy Caudill

## **In memory of Estelle Wroblewski**

Judith Borchers

Donna Dehnert

Goldman Sach Gives

Tom, Pam and Cairlin Tinsley

Don C. Winslow

Kristine Wroblewski

## **In memory of Joni Zahorik**

Marilyn Zahorik

## **In memory of Maria Marino Zamer**

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Diane Syms

## **In memory of Margaret Zonsius**

Peter and Barbara Zonsius

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

Judith Alexander

Dorothy Andries

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Jeff and Kathy Caudill

Andrea Ciccone

Margaret Crumley

Pat Heineman -Vernon

Greg and Judy Matz

Lillian Nacevska

Margaret Parke

Harry and Catherine Riley

Bill and Kathy Riordan

Val Stockmar

Bill and Ellen Wirth

## **Deceased SSA Cañon City Alumnae**

Alice Smith Condren (1941)

Jerie Ann Huebner McGuire (1988)

## **Deceased SSA Chicago Alumnae**

Marguerite M. Cuny (1926)

Betty Zimmer Eberlein (1936)

Suzanne Masterson (1939)

Mary Bergslien (1942)

Robert Brennan, husband of  
the late Marilyn Kolar Brennan (1947)

Patricia Piepho (1948)

Rosemary Castro Dohring (1949)

Dr. William H. Hetznecker III,  
husband of the late Noreen

Ryan Hetznecker (1950)

Gloria Berger Schetter (1951)

Joseph W. Babka, husband of  
Lorraine Lancaster Babka (1952)

Camille Sabia Paulson (1957)

Estelle B. Wroblewski, mother of  
Donna Dehnert (1958)

William K. Braun, husband of  
Louise, Brennan Braun (1960)

Maria Marino Zamer (1960)

Frank Clark, husband of Christine  
Kempf (1961)

Rita A. Hendrickx, partner of  
Karen Cohen (1963)

Lou Schumacher, husband of  
Peggy Schumacher (1965)

Mary VanDerhaeghen (1969)

Cathy McEnerney Moore (1973)

## Special Occasions

### In honor of:

**In honor of Sr. Patricia Crowley, O.S.B.  
and her re-election as Prioress**

Andrea Ciccone

**In honor of Mary Ruth Cullicott's  
100<sup>th</sup> birthday**

Mary Jo O'Callaghan Martin

**In honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Geis**

Mr. and Mrs. William Milleker

**In honor of Mary Ann  
Harrington's birthday**

Patricia Campion

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

Patricia Pruitt

**In honor of Cathy O'Ryan's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday**

Ron and Rita Nemchausky

**In honor of Rosie Randle**

Fr. James Fanelli

**In honor of Jeanne Spanknebell's birthday**

Josepha Walsh

I give thanks  
to my God  
at every remembrance  
of you.

Philippians 1:3

## News from SSA Cañon City Alumnae

The members of the St. Scholastica Academy - Cañon City class of 1959 are planning a reunion party to take place in the Fall of 2011.

The Cañon City Daily Record ran a loving tribute to Jerie Huebner McGuire, 1988 St. Scholastica Academy graduate, who passed away in February 2011, after a three year battle with cancer. You can read this wonderful article online at <http://www.canoncitydailyrecord.com/community/community-story.asp?ID=15895>.



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## Sister Joan Chittister, O.S.B. Speaking at St. Scholastica Monastery

Commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their presence in Chicago  
the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago cordially invite you to join the community  
in welcoming world renowned author and Benedictine Sister Joan Chittister, O.S.B.  
to St. Scholastica Monastery to discuss the topic  
"Only the Ancients Can Meet Our Needs."

Sunday, September 25, 2011, 2 p.m.  
St. Scholastica Academy Auditorium, 7416 N. Ridge Blvd., Chicago, IL 60645  
**RSVP – highly recommended.\*\***

This is a free 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event. Good will donations will be gratefully accepted,  
and will be used to cover the costs of this celebration  
and to support the care and ministries of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago.

\*\*Please help us ensure sufficient seating for all who wish to attend this special 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary event.  
Contact Kathy Caudill to reserve a seat for this special anniversary event ([kcaudill@osbchicago.org](mailto:kcaudill@osbchicago.org),  
773-764-2413, ext. 233, 7430 N. Ridge Blvd., Chicago, IL 60645).