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Letter from the Prioress



*Sister Judith Murphy, OSB
Prioress*

*D*ear Friends,

This is my final letter to you as Prioress as we welcome our new leader, Sister Mary Susan Remsgar, OSB. On behalf of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, we thank you for your prayers during our discernment process and election as well as for Sister Mary Susan's Installation that took place on June 18th. We most certainly felt prayed for!

This issue of the *Sacro Speco* touches upon our Monastic Congregation and Canonical traditions for electing a Prioress. For you history buffs, the first three Prioresses of the community were appointed by the local Chicago bishops from the time of our foundation as the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago in 1861. This makes Sister Mary Susan the 20th Prioress of our community, but the 17th elected.

We invite you to take a look at our 27th Annual Testimonial Dinner further on in the magazine. This year we honored our devoted and dedicated health care heroes who serve in St. Joseph Court Infirmary, as well as Tapestry 360 (formerly Heartland Health). After several delays, we were also finally able to toast Jerome McDonnell, our 2020-2022 honoree, for his continued work in caring for our earth.

My time as Prioress has been blessed by your presence in spirit during our period of confinement by the global pandemic, as well as in person and in prayer throughout my eight years of service. I wholeheartedly appreciate your sincere and heartfelt support of our Benedictine way of life. And I am touched by your examples as you continue to share the Benedictine spirit through your generosity, and in your hospitality for others, especially those most in need. Thank you.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Judith Murphy, OSB".

Sister Judith Murphy, OSB
Prioress

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Thank you!



Monastery News

Sister Virginia Jung, OSB, Community Archivist, rang in the New Year with a virtual presentation entitled, *Heavenly Illuminations: Small Works of Sr. Celestine Fischer, OSB, 1872-1953* on January 4th. Sister Virginia highlighted Sr. Celestine Fischer, OSB who was an art teacher and an artisan of the monastery. The presentation from the archives explored some of the miniature illuminations Sister Celestine began to create when she was in her 70's. If you missed the presentation, you are probably already a devoted follower since Sister Celestine is the artist who designed the stained glass windows in St. Scholastica Chapel.

Once again, Sister Pat Coughlin, OSB offered a bi-weekly book discussion group that began mid-January. This year, the group read *God Reflected: Meditations for Life* by Flora Keshgegian, which is premised on the idea that everything we say about God is metaphorical. Keshgegian begins with a chapter on metaphor and goes on to explore seven metaphors for God. The book group thoroughly enjoyed delving into these metaphors and meditations together.

Sister Susan Quaintance, OSB was the featured lecturer for the 7th Annual Oblate Lecture series just before Lent. *Lay Off the Horn, Please: Patience in the Rule of Benedict* was an eye-opening reflection that challenged the attendees to pause, especially in our ever-moving society.

Many took advantage of the March 1, 2023, in-person mini-retreat Sister Virginia Jung, OSB hosted during Lent, entitled: *Life Giving Water in the City of God and the City of Chicago*. The practice of lectio divina with Scripture, visions of the river of life and participation in a theological reflection on one's connection with water here on the shore of one of the Great Lakes was a wonderful guide for a more fulfilled Lent.

The Benedictine Sisters of Chicago joined other Catholic Sisters to highlight and celebrate Caring for the Earth and *Laudato Si* once again for the 2023 Catholic Sisters Week through

their commitment to *Refuse to Use* single-use plastics. The Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, along with the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, have a focus on the intersection of racism, migration, and climate change which this important campaign highlighted. We are grateful for all those who joined us March 8-14th and continue to *Refuse to Use*.

During Holy Week and Easter, the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago were grateful to host many Oblates, Alumnae, and friends at the Tenebrae and Triduum services. Thank you to all who joined us!

On May 3rd, Sister Virginia Jung, OSB offered another virtual presentation from the archives: *On the Road with Sr. Vivian Ivantic, OSB – Archiving the Summer Schools of Religion*. Built on the work of the late Sr. Vivian Ivantic, OSB herself, and DePaul students Emma Benson, Tinsae Tessema, and Spozmai Khan, the hour-long gathering shared some of the sights and stories that were brought back to the archives in the Summer of 1989. Sr. Vivian Ivantic, OSB, Community Archivist at the time, with her able assistants, Sr. Jeanne Hegarty, OSB, and Sr. Eleanore Hillenbrand, OSB set out across the highways and byways of Colorado on a mission to locate sites and track down data about summer schools staffed by our Sisters from 1920s – 1980s. A treasure trove of stories and photos were brought back. Sister Virginia shared many of them and made this presentation available for all on the archives page of our website osbchicago.org/archives.

Sister Patricia Crowley, OSB, and Sister Sue Kilduski, OSB both contributed to the *Reflections on the Practice of Hospitality* article found in the 2023 Spring/Summer edition of *Benedictines* published by Mount St. Scholastica (Atchison, KS). Each shared personal experiences and insights on *radical hospitality*, a cornerstone in the Rule St. Benedict. (pictured below). Sister Patricia will be the Bethany Award recipient at the 6th Anniversary event of Bethany House in October. (details below at left).

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Newly elected Prioress, Sister Mary Susan Remsgar, OSB, with the Pueblo, Colorado Oblates at her celebration and farewell gathering.



Oblate News

*T*he Benedictine Oblates of St. Scholastica Monastery have grown to 127 Oblates including our newest member, Daria (Dee) Marshall, who made her Oblation in Pueblo, Colorado in July. New inquirers to the Colorado group were welcomed at the July meeting where the Oblates also made their annual renewal of oblation. In the coming year, the group will be revisiting a commentary on the Rule at each meeting. Their goal is to look at the basics with new eyes.

It was a tearful goodbye to Sister Mary Susan Remsgar, OSB who has served as the liaison to the Colorado Oblates for the past few years. Along with a few laughs, the Oblates sent the Prioress-elect off with a blessing:

*Gracious God of the Journey,
We ask your blessing upon Sr. Susan as she finishes her tasks to complete her calling in Colorado and opens to her calling to be Prioress of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago and their Oblates.
Be her traveling companion and watch over her. Guide her over terrain both pleasant and perilous.
Share her laughter when the sun shines and lead her to shelter when the storms come.
Bless her with wisdom, peace, and a listening heart as she*

takes on her new role.

Be her constant reminder that with you, the Holy Pilgrim, she is never alone, never unheld, and never unloved.

We ask this in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Chicago group welcomes and continues to pray for our two candidates, Kelly Shermach, who is being mentored by Kevin Cheers and Jacqueline Rickman, who is mentored by Barbara Boland

In other news, Susan Garthwaite, a parishioner of St. Nicholas in Evanston, is also a St. Hildegard scholar. Ms. Garthwaite will be the speaker for the mid-winter Oblate lecture series on this Benedictine Saint in 2024. The 8th annual event will be held February 11, 2024 in St. Scholastica Chapel.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Sister Benita Coffey, OSB, Director of Oblates, at bcoffey@osbchicago.org or 773.764.2413 x327.

“...in memory of her.” Sister Vivian Ivantic, OSB (1913-2023)



Rosalie M. Ivantic was born August 28, 1913, the third of nine children of Agnes Jakopin and Math Ivantic. She was baptized on the following September 14. The family belonged to Mother of God Parish in Waukegan, Illinois, and the children, five girls and four boys, attended the parochial school there.

Even before first grade, Rosalie strongly

desired to dedicate herself to God, but learned early that ordination was denied to women.

Deeming religious life to be the best option available to her, she became an aspirant in Chicago at Saint Scholastica Monastery for her first three years of high school. Rosalie interrupted aspirancy, returned home to help her mother with a new baby, and bonded with her youngest sibling, Theresa. She then completed her senior year at Holy Child High School in Waukegan.

On September 7, 1932, Rosalie entered the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago at Saint Scholastica Monastery, becoming a postulant. She was received as a novice on July 11, 1933 and given the name Sister M. Vivian.

At the completion of the novitiate year, on August 16, 1934, she professed her first vows and almost immediately began her long career as an educator.

In those times, as Catholic parochial schools were growing and teachers were in demand, it was common for young religious, to be sent out as teachers under careful supervision while still working for degrees and certification. That was Sister Vivian's experience too. Through years of after-school, Saturday, and summer courses, she finally received her Bachelor of Arts degree from De Paul University in Chicago which was followed by completion of a Master of Library Science degree from Rosary College, River Forest, Illinois.

In her early years, Sister Vivian taught in parish schools of Chicago: St. Hilary, St. George, and St. Joseph. Then she spent one year at St. Mary's in Pueblo, Colorado followed by two years at her home parish in Waukegan. Her next assignment was to teach in Arizona, where she was a faculty member for four years at Sacred Heart School in Tucson. This was followed by a single year teaching at St. Symphorosa in Chicago and two years at St. Scholastica High School in Chicago. In 1952 she was assigned to her home parish in Waukegan again to be the House Superior while serving as the teaching principal at Mother of God School for a year.

In 1953, Sister Vivian was assigned to St. Scholastica Acad-

emy in Cañon City, Colorado, where she was also the librarian and served as a dormitory prefect for boarders. In 1958 she returned to Saint Scholastica High School in Chicago to be both teacher and librarian. This position she held for 17 years, leaving the faculty in 1975.

Now at age 62, Sister Vivian became what she termed a "jack-of-all-trades" at the monastery. She served as sacristan, procured reading materials for the visually handicapped, and found time to do gardening, harvesting rhubarb and asparagus. Then followed a two-year period when she helped again at her home parish in Waukegan, assisting in the school.

In 1978 Sister Vivian again took up residence at the monastery in Rogers Park. Apparently, she never considered herself "retired". Always a lover of learning, she took on the daunting challenge of formalizing the data and artifacts of the then over 117-year-old community. In reality, she established the Archives!

On the second floor of what was the original laundry building, in a large room where Sisters previously had baked altar breads for local parishes, Sister Vivian served as the Archivist until she could no longer climb the flights of stairs at the age of 102.

After January of 2015, it seemed best for Sister Vivian to reside in St. Joseph Court, the community's infirmary wing. Here though wheelchair-bound and with failing vision, she continued to participate in common prayer, reciting with the group much that she had committed to memory.

While her fine mind sustained her in her career as an educator, it was the total gift of herself as a vowed religious that brought her holiness. She was widely known for her gratitude to her Creator for life and the abundant love she experienced in family and community. Sister Vivian said "thank you" countless times each day, sensing God's love being shown to her through every person with whom she was in contact.

On the Feast of St. Scholastica, February 10th, Sister Vivian was seated at the head of a table of ten Sisters and Oblates. Enjoying her wine and the festive meal, she showed gracious appreciation to those nearest to her, trying to catch and repeat names.

While being assisted with her bedtime routine she mentioned some discomfort. Since she had been a hospice patient for several years, the aides followed all of the protocols and one of them was sitting at her bedside when she died in the early morning of February 11 at the age of 109.

At Sister Vivian's request, her body was cremated and her remains were buried as she wished at Calvary Cemetery. She is survived by her only living sibling, Bill Ivantic, many very close family members of multiple generations, and her beloved Benedictine Sisters. The Mass of Resurrection was celebrated February 25.

To be cherished is Sister Vivian's legacy of unsurpassed gratitude.



Discernment, Election, & Installation of Prioress

*I*n the Benedictine Tradition when the election of Prioress is to take place, an election committee, chaired by the subprioress, is appointed at least one year in advance of the scheduled election. During this time the election committee is in close contact with the facilitator for the discernment process. The facilitator, chosen in consultation with the community, is a member of another Benedictine monastery. One of the most important tasks of the election committee is to provide opportunities for the community's spiritual preparation for discernment and election. Additionally, the facilitator leads the community through a process of setting Direction Statements that will guide the new prioress and sisters for the next four years.

For the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, Easter Week was scheduled for the community to gather and discern their next prioress. Sr. Elaine Fischer, a member of the Benedictine Sisters in Atchison, KS, served as facilitator. Throughout the discernment days, ample time was given for prayer as well as discussion regarding what the community needs at this time in its history. After approving the Direction Statements, the questions "What do we face as a monastic community and what do we need?" formed the basis of the initial discussion. The discussion then moved into determining the characteristics and talents needed in a leader to help the community answer these questions and achieve these goals. Then the overarching question: who in the community would bring these characteristics and talents to the position of prioress for the next four years and, if elected, what support does she need from the community?

Following the discussion and surfacing of names, each sister wrote down the name of the person she believed should be asked to serve as

prioress. The facilitator tabulated and reported these names and numbers. This process was repeated until the community reached a comfortable level of consensus. When consensus was reached, Sr. Lynn McKenzie, President of the Monastic Congregation of St. Scholastica, who was also present, announced the time of the canonical election. Remembering that Benedictine authority resides in the entire group, the canonical vote began with a secure ballot which was tallied. Votes are tallied in front of the group of professed sisters as part of the Rite of Election.

This prayerful setting ushers in the women noted on the ballots who embody the named characteristics. Throughout the entire discernment process and election, St. Benedict's words, "Listen with the ear of your heart," RB Prologue, are at the forefront.

Following the final vote on April 15th, a moving and touching ritual occurs where community members individually approached the Prioress Elect each affirming their support of and prayers for her. The President of the Monastic Congregation then asked the Prioress Elect if she will accept the position to serve as Prioress for the community. The community then gathered for Mass to pray together for the future of the community with their prioress-elect. Following the liturgy, all of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago raised their hands in blessing over Sister Mary Susan Remsgar, their prioress-elect. Prayers of hope, wisdom, and stability to serve the Chicago community as the 20th Prioress were extended.

The Rite of Installation that took place on June 18th was the official commencement of Sister Mary Susan's term as Prioress. A tradition rich in prayer, the community, family, friends, oblates, and alumnae join in the collective support for the new leader of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago.



The Discernment was facilitated by Sister Elaine Fischer, OSB and the Canonical vote was administered by Sister Lynn McKenzie, President of the Monastic Congregation of St. Scholastica.



Left to right: Sister Lynn McKenzie, President of the Monastic Congregation of St. Scholastica, Prioress elect, Sister Mary Susan Remsgar, facilitator Sister Elaine Fishcer, OSB and Prioress Judith Murphy, OSB.

Sister Lynn McKenzie, OSB leads the congregation in a blessing over the newly elected Prioress, Sister Mary Susan Remsgar, OSB.

Sister Judith Murphy, OSB (right) with the newly elected Prioress Sister Mary Susan following the election and Mass.



Prioress, Sister Mary Susan Remsgar, OSB leads the congregation in a blessing over the new administration and also over the elected Monastic Council member, Sister Belinda Monahan, OSB. This Installation ceremony took place on June 18, 2023.



The new administration of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago from left to right: Corporate Secretary, Sister Kathleen Maloney, OSB, Prioress, Sister Mary Susan Remsgar, OSB, Subprioress, Sister Susan Quaintance, OSB, and Treasurer, Sister Judith Zonsius, OSB.

Meet the New Prioress - Sister Mary Susan Remsgar, OSB



Born and raised in Waukegan, IL, Sister Mary Susan Remsgar first met the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago at Mother of God Parish school. She graduated from Holy Child High School, where she was taught by the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus before entering the Benedictine community. After completing one year of college, Sister Mary Susan was assigned to teach at St. Mary's Parish School in Pueblo, CO in 1967-68. In that short year, she "fell in love with Colorado and with the warm, welcoming children and families in the parish." This was also when Sister Mary Susan first met and began a wonderful friendship with Bishop Charles Buswell: a truly loving, gentle, and courageous shepherd of the Church.

Upon returning to the monastery and completing her undergraduate studies at Mundelein College, Sister Mary Susan taught at St. Symphorosa Parish School on the Southside of Chicago where she experienced the joy and excitement of creative teaching and learning. Given the freedom to venture somewhat outside the academic lines, the students did marvelous things, which still makes her smile upon recalling those very memorable years.

Like many of the Benedictine Sisters who taught in Chicago, Sister Mary Susan spent several summers in Colorado at Camp San Benito. When in the mountains of Westcliffe, CO, Sister was the "Outcamp Cook" and used an open fire to prepare all the meals. She was up to the challenge as it was so much fun! She recalls fond memories with the campers, counselors, and Sisters who often went on long hikes, rode horses, learned various crafts, and best of all, slept under the beautiful stars in the Colorado night sky.

In 1975, Sister Mary Susan moved back to Colorado and taught at St Michael's Parish School on the western slope of the Rocky Mountains in Delta, CO. Thus began her many long years of ministry in Colorado which took her from several years in parish ministry to working as an in-patient psychiatric social worker with women offenders for 22 years. "What a journey it has been! I feel privileged to have walked with so many people, who like myself, are seeking God and discovering how much God is seeking us," shares Sister Mary Susan.

Reflecting on being elected Prioress, Sister Mary Susan shares, "I am humbled by the trust my

sisters have placed in me to walk with them in the role of prioress as we discern God's call to us at this point in time. We desire to continue to respond to God's will for us and for our future together. Our community has been so blessed over the years by the gracious, generous and gifted women who have served us in this administrative role. I only hope to further the path they have made in supporting the living out of our Monastic way of life and continuing to serve God's people wherever there is need.

I perceive religious life today as being directly impacted by the uncertainty of a rapidly changing society, Church and world. Having attended our Congregational Chapter this past summer, I had the privilege of interacting with prioresses and delegates from various Benedictine communities across the country. What impressed me most of all was the courage and hope expressed by these women who are facing very similar challenges in their respective communities. As Benedictine women, we all seem to share the affirmation that 'God is doing something new.' We share the belief and we trust that our God is re-creating, re-fashioning our monastic landscape possibly to better prepare us to serve the People of God in response to the current and continually emerging needs of our Church and world.

My prayer is that in the spirit of St. Benedict and St. Scholastica, we may continue responding to God's grace enabling us to grow in our love, compassion and service to those we encounter daily, and that we may truly see and receive Christ in one another, especially in those who are the most vulnerable among us."



In Memory of...

Sheila Ellen McGuire
(1937-2023)



On the license plate of Sheila's car was the word "JOY". That one word epitomizes the essence of this loving, caring woman who did so much for others. Born on November 23, 1937, Sheila Ellen McGuire, through and through a Chicago north-sider, was born and raised in St. Gertrude Parish. During her life she

influenced countless people in Sauganash at Queen of All Saints School at St Symphorosa's near Midway Airport, at St. George, off the Dan Ryan before it was built, in Cabrini Green at St. Joseph's on Orleans, and at St. Juliana's in Edison Park. In more recent years, she creatively nurtured children and families at Children of Peace School when three parish schools joined as one in Little Italy.

Always reaching out in new arenas to be with people of diverse backgrounds, Sheila was ever active in the Cursillo Movement, writing grants for Children of Peace School, calling her friends and colleagues, and, of course spending time with her beloved family. In her younger years, her courage sur-

passed her own expectations as she marched on Selma and as she initiated an afternoon storefront center, My Sisters' Place, for girls from the Cabrini Green projects and specifically from St. Joseph and St. Dominic's schools.

Always imagining possibilities and always planning adventures, she was fun beyond words whether it be in an evening ride under the green lights of Lower Wacker Drive, singing about Emerald City from the Wizard of Oz or in planning vacation surprises to share with her ever-faithful sister, Kathleen (Dawson) with family and friends. Sheila cherished her very special nieces and nephews Peggy, Sheila, Marty, Michelle, Rosemary, and Jim as well as her great nephews and nieces Michael, Brendan, Shannon, Megan, and Lizzy.

When Sheila died on January 7, 2023, our world lost an amazing human being who was always giving. Her spirit reminds one of the widow in the gospel who offered her mite. Sheila was always willing to offer what she had. As the years went on, her physical strength waned but her energy for the people in her life expanded. She gave of herself to the end and did so willingly and generously from her rather limited energy and financial resources. Sheila's life was celebrated at St. Gertrude Parish on January 21, 2023 with her burial at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines.

Obituary tribute written by Sister Patricia Crowley, OSB



Photos of Sheila Ellen McGuire SSA Chicago '53 from left to right: In full Benedictine habit, known as Sister Celestine; Sheila in a modified Benedictine habit; with her family Sheila McGuire (top left) Kathleen (Kay) Dawson SSA Chicago '54 (top right), Peggy Dawson SSA Chicago '81 (lower left), Sheila Dawson Barton SSA Chicago '82 (lower right); Lower photo at Patty Crowley's apartment. Patty Crowley is in the middle, Kathleen is to her right on the couch and Sheila is in purple standing.

(All photos shared with permission by the family of Sheila McGuire).



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Sally Bredemann (1944)
Jean Corcoran McCarthy (1945)
Louann Hurter Van Zelst (1945)
Frances Coleman Crowe (1949) (*7/19/2022)
Mariwin Mackey Cullinan (1950)
Betty Lou Midday Clements (1951) (*3/6/2022),
mother of Sharon Clements Oswald (1977)
John Fitzpatrick Sullivan, M.D., (*6/29/2022), son
of Maurice Wieland Sullivan (1951)
Terri Ellis (1952)
Mary Frances Plunkett Madden (1952)
Joan Havlik Daray (1953), (*10/22/22) sister of
Carol Havlik Rodriguez (1954)
Janice Mary Zeller Gast (1953)
Ann McMahon Metzger (1953), sister of deceased
Estelle McMahon Schaefer (1949)
James (Jim) Meyer, husband of Eileen Barry Meyer
(1953)
Carol Manning Thompson (1953)
Nancy Enright Beaudry (1954) (*1/28/2022) sister
of Marian Enright Jannusch (1957)
Dorothy Ringley Flock (1954), sister of Madeline
Ringley (1957)
Sheila McGuire (1954), sister of Kathleen Dawson
(1954), Ellen Keane (1958) and deceased sister,
Eileen McGuire (1964), niece, Margaret Dawson
(1981) and niece, Sheila Barton (1982)
Mary O'Brien Coleman (1955)
Mona Ann Cahill Ladner (1955), sister of Loretta
Cahill O'Malley (1957) and Catherine Cahill
Hamilton (1963)
Joan Marie Wester Anderson (1956), sister of Pam
Wester Gerlach (1959) and Susan Wester Fichter
(1969)
Sister Margarita Mella Walters, OSB (1956)
Mary Ann Leslie Ginocchio (1957), mother-in-law
of Martha Fraga Ginocchio (1989)
Margaret Burns Evans (1958), (*5/25/2022) sister
of Patricia Burns Moody (1951) and
Colleen Burns Medeiros (1960)
Barbara Baumgartner (1959) (*9/28/2021)

Patricia Nangle (1959), sister of deceased Mary
Nangle Newhouse (1958) and Eleanor Nangle
(1964)
Mary Frances Walsh Stuker (1959), sister of Jeanne
Walsh Franz (1954)
Michael Patrick Connolly, brother of Patricia Con-
nolly (1960), deceased Marianne Connolly (1966),
deceased Barbara Connolly (1968), deceased Carol
Connolly (1970), and Kathleen Connolly-Gale (1972)
Julia (Judy) Monahan Kobliska (1960)
Marilyn LaManna Sewall (1960), sister of Karen
LaManna (1963)
Robert "Bob" McDonald, husband of deceased
CeCe Cook (1961), father of Lynn McDonald
McAteer (1985) and Margie McDonald McNamara
(1986)
Kay Waldron Meintzer (1962)
Kathleen Marie Heenan Bailey (1965)
John Mayr, husband of Janice Kapryn Mayr (1965)
Linda Martha Kneesel Barnard (1966) (*2/7/2021)
Irene Fontana (1966), sister of Gail Fontana Green
(1965)
Caryn Alverdy (1969)
William Minnick, brother of Dr. Katherine Minnick
(1973)
Kathleen Jane Hamerik O'Grady (1973)
(*9/30/2022)
Niki Berbas Shinas (1973)
Thomas P. Conrardy, father of Sue Schutz (1977),
Marijo Pasquale (1979), Elizabeth Hodge (1980),
and Carolyn Husemann (1983); grandfather of
Elizabeth Pasqualue 2007
Marilyn Heffernan McGuire, mother of Therese
McGuire (1974), Mary McGuire
Pembroke (1976), and Bridget McGuire Nagai
(1980)
Joan Pernecke (1975)
John G. Jemilo, (*10/24/2022) brother of Claudia
Jemilo Peterson (1976)
Richard "Dick" Hillenbrand, father of Jean Hillen-
brand Levine (1979)
Colette Howard (1982), first cousin of Jacqueline
Owen Quinn (1984)

Blanca Gonzalez, mother of Marianela Gonzalez
(1984)

St. Scholastica Academy, Cañon City

Margaret (Meg) Turner, (*7/20/2022) mother of
Anastasia Betterton (1993)

*The above represents notices received
November 2, 2022- June 1, 2023.*

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2, 2020 but we received notice of their death
in the last several months.*

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Spirit of St. Benedict Awardees, left to right, Jeanine Silas, RN, Denise Forte, RN, with Prioress, Judith Murphy, OSB reflecting on the vow of obedience the Sisters faithfully kept during the Covid 19 pandemic.



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We remember you in our daily prayers.

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from November 2, 2022- June 1, 2023

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In memory of Sister Mary Jude Ahern, OSB

Andrea Ciccone

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In memory of Joan Marie Wester Anderson

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In memory of George Cullen, Sr.

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In memory of Richard J. Cullen

Margaret M. Cullen

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In memory of Patrick T. Diskin

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In memory of deceased members of the

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In memory of Sister Vivian Ivantic, OSB

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In memory of Joan Perneck

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Denise Perse

Margaret M. Cullen

In memory of Edmund A. Perse

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In memory of Peter A. Perse, Jr.

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In memory of Catherine Rehfeldt

Sister Susan Quaintance, OSB

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Susan and James Ernst

In memory of Renee Butcher Rudolph

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Patricia Hartmann

In memory of Sister Johnette Sawyer, OSB

Andrea Ciccone

Marilyn L. Graybill

In memory of Mildred Sawyer

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In memory of Sister Mary Frances

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Maurice Wieland Sullivan

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David Szostak

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David Szostak

In memory of Uncle Walter Tacke

Paul and Fran Fredricks

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In memory of Carol Manning Thompson

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Mary Ann and Anne Jewell

In memory of Daniel Toomey

Georgianne Ellis

In memory of Sister Joanna Trapp, OSB

David McCarty

In memory of deceased members of the Trapp family

John Pearson

In memory of Margaret (Meg) Turner

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Pamela Javernick Jones

In memory of John F. and Sara (Carney) Ure

Sally Bredemann

In memory of Louann Hurter Van Zelst

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In memory of Sister Laura Walker, OSB

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In memory of Sister Margarita Walters, OSB

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Maggie Jung

Philip and Nancy Mella

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Robert and Katherine Sherman

Sue Shorey

Nancy Butler Stagg

Suzanne Weber

In memory of Jack Welsh

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Rollie Wilson

Patricia Hartmann

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In memory of Sister Marilyn Wolfram, OSB

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In memory of Michael Patrick Wrenn

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In memory of Peter Zonsius

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In honor of Patricia Minwegen Aijian, Class of 1971

Mark Aijian

In honor of James H. Berger, an all around swell fella!

Jim Berger

In honor of Catholic Sisters Week

Patricia Kardasz

In honor of Sister Benita Coffey, OSB

Virginia Atz Collings

In honor of & with love to Sister Benita Coffey, OSB

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In honor of Sister Benita Coffey, OSB on her 70th Jubilee

Karen and Bryan LeBlanc

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In honor of Carolyn Murphy

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In honor of Sister Judith Murphy, OSB on her 60th Jubilee

Karen and Bryan LeBlanc

In honor of Sister Rita Nowak, OSB on her 70th Jubilee

Andrea Ciccone

In honor of Sister Susan Quaintance, OSB

Elizabeth A. Rochford

In honor of my grandmother, Patricia Malloy Sagan, Class of 1947

Colleen Patricia Finch

Thank you to the Sisters who helped educate and prepare Joan M. Pernecka to live an extraordinary life

Edward Phillipp

In honor of Sisters who taught me

Mary Anne Pikrone, Class of 1959

Thank you and remembrance of the Sisters who taught at St. Lambert, Skokie, Mother Adelaide, Sisters Sheila, Joanna, Clare, Mary Thomas, and Stanislaus

Susan and Thomas Reilly

In honor of Sister Jane Smith, OSB on her 70th Jubilee

Andrea Ciccone

Marjorie McDevitt

In honor of Sister Jane Smith, OSB

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In honor of his mom, Jane Warren

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July 11, 2023

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