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Bethany House of  
Hospitality

Newest Ministry of Sister Patricia Crowley, OSB

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# Letter from the Prioress

*D*ear Friends,



*Sister Judith Murphy, OSB  
Prioress*

I welcome this opportunity to greet you on behalf of our Benedictine Community at St. Scholastica Monastery. You, our families, friends, and supporters, are a great gift for our community.

In turn, you are included with love and gratitude as we pray, work, and grow in learning--as the Rule of Benedict says, on our way to learning "to run in the ways of God's commands."

Prayer, together with Work and Learning are the three major activities of our monastic life, our life in community, day in and day out.

These were the essentials of monastic life in the time of Sts. Benedict and Scholastica, and they remain the essentials today. These core actions express our core values.

In work, we strive to provide service where there is need, while taking care of our daily life together. And, in learning, we strive to grow in human knowledge, of ourselves and our world, our cosmos, in spirituality and the ways of God, and of the ways of people with one another.

Hospitality is at the heart of our community and at the heart of this issue of *Sacro Speco*. Whether in prayer, ministry, work, or a growing awareness of the needs of the human family, we strive to be people of openness and welcome. We thank you for all you do to enable our life in community.

Truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Judith Murphy, OSB". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. To the right of the signature is a large, faint, circular watermark logo containing the letters "PAX" at the top and "PIB" in the center, with a cross-like design.

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## Special Thanks To:

Brenna Wall and Olivia Gerasole, who shared their time, extraordinary talent and summer break with us by producing a beautiful video on The Elder Members of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, which was viewed at our 2017 Testimonial Dinner.

Vince Gerasole of CBS-2 for once again gracing us with his presence as our distinguished Master of Ceremony for our Testimonial Dinner.

DePaul University History Department Professor Amy Tyson and her students for creating the striking 7 panel display, highlighting the timeline of our Oblate Program.

### SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

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# Monastery News

**S**ASSY (Scholastica Alumnae Still Serving Youth) members and supporters gathered for a Scholastica pot-luck picnic on the Monastery grounds August 6. SASSY is a group of young SSA alumnae, primarily composed of women who graduated after 1990. The group's mission is to raise money and do service in support of young women who choose single-gender secondary education in the Chicagoland area. If you'd like to learn more or make a contribution to SASSY, please contact [Sr. Susan Quaintance](#) or [Sr. Judith Zonsius](#) at the Monastery.

**O**n September 21, International Day of Peace, [Sister Benita Coffey](#) was joined by sisters, oblates and neighbors in solidarity for a silent peace walk around the St. Scholastica Monastery and greater Rogers Park neighborhood (Photo page 31). As Social Justice Promoter for the Community, Sister Benita attends "Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants" meetings as well as monthly meetings with the Illinois Women Religious Against Human Trafficking (IWRAHT) and Illinois Coalition Against Torture (ICAT).

**V**ocation minister, [Sister Belinda Monahan](#) this past Fall attended NRVC Board Orientation in North Dakota, hosted a Discernment Retreat at the monastery: *Ora et Labora*, directed the Busy Students retreat at St. Ambrose University, attended NCYC in Indianapolis where 20,000 youth gathered together to pray, learn and grow in their faith and much more. If you know a young woman interested in religious life, please share with them Sister Belinda's contact information: email [vocation@osbchicago.org](mailto:vocation@osbchicago.org) or call 773.338.7063.

**C**ommunity Archivist, [Sister Virginia Jung](#) organized the first "Open Archives at Benedictine Sisters of Chicago" event on October 20, 2017. Following in the footsteps of [Sister Vivian Ivantic](#), Sister Virginia was inspired to host this event through

her association with the Chicago Archives Association. The event featured the life of [Miriam Wilson, OSB](#) and her work as prison chaplain and death penalty abolitionist. Archival materials of Sister Miriam's monastic life that influenced her work as chaplain at Cook County Jail were exhibited on several tables for patrons to read before a performance of "Miriam, In Her Own Words" by the Northwind Players of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago's St. Scholastica Monastery and Still Point Theatre. Following the performance many community members shared fond memories of Sister Miriam's vast impact on the lives of so many.

**S**ister Elisangela of the Sisters of Charity of Our Lady Mother of Mercy (SCMM), came to Chicago from Brazil to study English and fully immerse in the language by staying at the St. Scholastica Monastery from July through October. Sister Mel Ryley, of the same community, had lived and worked in Brazil for several years. She was concerned that if Sister Elise, as she is commonly known, lived with her in Chicago that they would frequently be tempted to converse in Portuguese. Sister Mel decided to ask her Benedictine friends at St. Scholastica if Sister Elise could live with them in order to have lots of practice in conversational English. It worked out well for everyone. The Benedictine Sisters of Chicago congratulate Elise on being elected a member of the General Governing Board (General Council) of her congregation which is comprised of the superior general (an Indonesian) and three council members, who happen to be Dutch, Filipino, and herself. Also, as a member of the leadership team she will travel to visit the various countries where the SCMM Sisters are located and where English is the international language. Congratulations Sister Elise for completing the language program, so successfully. Our prayers and goodwishes go with you as you begin your new ministry of leadership within your community.



1) Sister Elisangela (left) proudly holds up her Certificate. 2) Pictured (from left to right) Prioress Sister Judith Murphy, Sister Mel Ryley, Sister Elise (center), Sub Prioress Sister Mary Melady, and Dana Sullivan for whose support she was especially grateful.



## Bethany House of Hospitality

# Sister Patricia Crowley, OSB

*Sister Patricia Crowley, OSB, bottom right with the Bethany House of Hospitality Board.*

Having dedicated the majority of her life to helping those in need, Sister Patricia Crowley, OSB, intuitively knew she had found her next challenge in the area of immigration. On February 24, 2017, a meeting was convened of women religious from various religious communities in Illinois to further learn about the situation of unaccompanied immigrant children and to brainstorm on what to do to help them. From this gathering, with representatives from 30 religious communities, Bethany House of Hospitality was born.

Bethany House welcomed its first residents, two young women from Somalia, on October 23, 2017. Developed as a residential option for girls turning 18 in children's centers, this facility will prevent young women, like its first two guests, from going to adult detention centers, while they await their asylum hearings. To further assist young female immigrants between 18 and 22 years of age, Bethany House will also help to develop a network of safe housing among groups of women religious or families, for those who are not yet financially independent and are finishing their education.

According to the Administration for Children and Families, as published in the Chicago Tribune on February 24, 2017,

"Nearly 60,000 children came across the border without their parents during the fiscal year ending in September of 2016. Thousands landed in Illinois where last year, 2,300 kids were

placed by the agency in juvenile detention centers, called shelters, as they awaited a decision on whether they'd be released to relatives in the U.S. or remain in detention."

Sister Patricia and the other women religious founders knew they could not ignore this situation. They will work closely with Viator House, a similar home for young men, founded by the Viatorians, Brother Michael Gosch and Father Corey Brost. They will also garner assistance for the residents of Bethany House from The Young Center at the University of Chicago, which offers advocacy for unaccompanied children as they seek asylum in our country. These

young women come to the United States as children without an adult accompanying them from such countries as China, Romania, Poland, Taiwan, Ghana, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Ethiopia, Guinea, Nigeria, Jamaica, Somalia, and Brazil. Without the assistance of Bethany House, they would be transferred to adult detention, where the conditions are dire.

*"As Christians and as Benedictines, the call to be hospitable to all is ours, especially today."*

*-Sister Patricia*



This is far from the first time that Sister Patricia Crowley has led the charge to care for women in need, with dignity. From her earlier years as a founding board member of Dehon House and Housing Opportunities for Women H.O.W. to her time as the Executive Director of Deborah's Place (1991-2004), a not-for-profit organization that provides shelter, supportive housing, and services to women who are homeless in Chicago, followed by her time as Executive Director for the Chicago continuum of Care (2004-2007), a public/private partnership that oversaw Chicago's ten year plan to end homelessness, Sister Patricia has utilized her leadership skills to benefit the most vulnerable in our society. She continues her ministry today, gathering assistance to help unaccompanied young women with dignity at Bethany House of Hospitality.

She reflects on this ministry by saying:

*"As a Benedictine community we value hospitality to all— our guests, those we don't know and are in need, those who are poor and so many more. Our country is built on this principle as well. For decades our country's welcoming of immigrants has been waning. As Christians and as Benedictines, the call to be hospitable to all is ours, especially today."*

Several Benedictine Sisters of Chicago attended the Bethany House house warming event the weekend of September 24, 2017. Oblate Maureen Martin is a regular volunteer and several other Oblates are interested in becoming involved with this effort. Please join us in this ministry through prayer, your donations, or the volunteering of your time.

For more information: Patricia Crowley, OSB at 312-909-9968 or at [pcrowley@osbchicago.org](mailto:pcrowley@osbchicago.org)



Sister Benita (left) Social Justice Promoter pictured holding the "Support Immigrant Youth" sign near Milwaukee and Belmont before the monthly meeting of Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants. Other members also take this public stand on the busy corners there.

*"Deepest gratitude to the Bernard Heerey Family Foundation for again being so generous in supporting our elder Sisters."*



*“I seek to serve  
God as an Oblate  
of St. Benedict”*



## Oblate Ceremonies Abound

Learning about Benedictine spirituality from Oblate Deacon Dan Leetch during his pastoral visits with women at La Vista Correctional Facility in Pueblo, Colorado, a number of women grew interested in becoming oblates. They were enrolled and the culmination of their year-long orientation was on August 19. Sister Judith Murphy, Prioress, with Sister Pat Coughlin present, conducted the official rite and accepted their Oblation. The following day, on August 20th at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Regina Dow, and Loretta Hernandez were enrolled as Oblate candidates. Rose Guerrero and Sophie Ruskin then came forward and made their Oblations. There followed prayers for these newest members of our Oblate community and then a celebration!

Additionally, at St. Scholastica Chapel, Dan Raven and Kate Zilla completed their year of orientation and made their Oblation on October 29, 2017. Oblate Dan shared of the ceremony: “Sunday capped off the year with signing my oblation on the altar (how is that for symbolism). Making this commitment with my wife, Wencke, and son, Bill, present in front of the assembled Sisters, was powerful. I feel truly accepted as an Oblate of this monastery. The dozens of sunflowers in the Chapel that day were a fitting touch, honoring Sister Joan Hentges’s memory, as they were her favorite flower.” Sister Joan Hentges, OSB, facilitated the orientation of oblate candidates up until her death on Mother’s Day in 2017.

*If you are interested in becoming an Oblate, contact Sister Benita Coffey, 773.764.2413 x327, [bcoffey@osbchicago.org](mailto:bcoffey@osbchicago.org)*



*(Top right) Oblates after the ceremony at Levista Correctional Facility in Pueblo, CO (Middle, left to right) Candidates and Oblates during the ceremony with Sister Judith Murphy, Prioress, at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Pueblo, CO. (Above, left to right) Oblate Kate Zilla, Sister Benita Coffey, Oblate Dan Raven, and Sister Judith Murphy, Prioress, following the Oblation ceremony at St. Scholastica Monastery.*

## Save the Date!

**Abbey St. Scholastica Academy Alumni Weekend:**

**August 17-19, 2018**

**St. Scholastica Academy Chicago Reunion Weekend:**

**September, 22-23, 2018**

*Dr. Patricia Canchola, pictured at the 2017 American Humane Hero Dog Awards® Gala that took place at the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, CA in September 2017.*



## Cañon City Alumna 2017 Hero Veterinarian

**D**r. Patricia Canchola, 1981 graduate of St. Scholastica Academy, Cañon City was awarded the 2017 Hero Veterinarian Award by American Humane. Dr. Canchola, staff veterinarian at Pueblo Animal Services (PAS) since 2009, also operates her own nonprofit pet food bank and runs an independent, low-cost pet health clinic several Saturdays a month. Congratulations to Dr. Patti!

## In Memoriam

### **St. Scholastica Academy, Chicago**

**Ann O'Hara Yeomans Mueller** (1942)

(deceased 1/9/16\*)

**Irene Conway Bucher** (1943) (deceased 5/18/16\*), mother of Mary Kloet (1971), Ann Mertes (1974) and sister of Madeline Chitko (1947)

**Suzanne M. Sydow Davis** (1947)

**Jacqueline Donovan Cross** (1947) (deceased 2/24/07\*)

**Tom Sagan**, son of Patricia Malloy Sagan (1947)

**Helen Wade O'Brien** (1948)

**Sister Joan Hentges, OSB** (1949)

**Carol Toohey Smith** (1949), sister of Janet Toohey Hergenreder (1956)

**Mary Virginia "Mimi" King Nolan** (1951), mother of Marietta Stevens (1972), Kathleen Martin (1973), Gina Cohen (1974), Julie Nolan (1976) and Jennifer Monteleone (1980)

**Gloria Joy Ibison Stelmack** (1951), sister of Donna Ibison Leonard (1961)

**Denise Stanton Edwards** (1952) (deceased 4/2/08\*)

**Sheila Hartnett Hornof** (1952)

**Marguerite Molitor Sutor** (1954), mother of Ann Marie Gergits (1983)

**Barbara Owens Zak** (1954), mother of Carla Zak Hayes (1985)

**Dr. Gregory J. Matz**, husband of Judith Wolfgram Matz (1955), father of Susan Rizzato (1982) and Anne Matz (1985)

**Patricia Anne Buard** (1957) (deceased 5/28/17\*)

**Lucille Anichini Stangel** (1957) (deceased 11/21/16\*)

**Barbara LaVarre Bales** (1958)

**Jeanne Marie Kelly Andrews** (1960), mother of Laurie Andrews Linchenat (1983)

**Molly Mullady Heraty** (1960)

**Maureen A. O'Mara** (1960)

**Jeanne Miller Van Bree** (1960) (deceased 3/6/17\*)

**Richard Edward Day** (deceased 3/17/17\*), father of deceased Leslie Nichols (1961), Marylynn Stone (1965), Dottie French (1966), Paulette Zroback (1973) and April Epstein (1976)

**Leslie Day Nichols** (1961), sister of Marylynn Stone (1965), Dottie French (1966), Paulette Zroback (1973) and April Epstein (1976)

**Veronica Brucker McCann** (1962), sister of deceased Patricia Gardanier (1955) and Diane Streff (1978)

**Patricia "Pattie" Butz Barilla** (1963), sister of Susan Lutz (1956), Kathleen Plummer (1960) and Rosemary Mehner (1970)

**Constance (Connie) Carramusa Cunningham** (1964)

**Paulette Wirth Murray** (1964)

**Brother of Marynell Hefferman Mayfield** (1965) and Martha Hefferman Daly (1968)

**Cynthia Halpin Fairchild** (1968) (deceased 3/15/16\*)

**Terrance Hallagan**, father of Mary Lin Yoshimura (1968), Peggy McCormick (1969), Maureen Hallagan (1973), Cathy Maassen (1976), Joannie Hallagan (1978), Colleen

Hallagan (1981), Deanna Hallagan (1984) and Laura Noonan (1986)

**Deborah Lingenfelter Burke** (1970)

**Mary Kaye Syron Carrao** (1970)

**Virginia Therese Schulien**, mother of Mary Beth Schulien (1970) and Cathleen Schulien Cermak (1978)

**Bernard Namovic**, father of Margaret Carr (1975), Jeannette Namovic (1976), Kathleen Jensen (1977), Marian Namovic (1981) and Loretta Namovic (1984)

**Tammy Fender Lawless** (1977) (deceased 5/18/15\*)

**Bridget Murphy Mak** (1977) (deceased 4/1/06\*)

**Florence Fontana** (1987) (date of death unknown)

**John Leo Giannini**, father of Amy Giannini Cabrera (1989)

**Wilma McCallister**, mother of Helen McCallister (2000)

### **St. Scholastica Academy, Cañon City**

**Alice Gibbs Thompson** (1944)

**Betty "Boo" Gredig Finucane** (1949) (deceased 5/27/17\*)

**Christopher Holston**, husband of Maria Velez Holston (1983)

*The above represents notices received June 1, 2017-November 1, 2017.*

*\* denotes that death was prior to June 1, 2017, but we received notice of their death in the last five months.*



## St. Scholastica Alumnae & Teachers Reunite



Photos, top row, left to right, 1) 1967 Alumnae pose for a photo at the SSA reunion in Chicago, 2) Cañon City SSA 1967 Alumnae in front of the Fine Arts Building; Middle row, left to right, 1) 50th reunion SSA grads take a tour of the Monastery and Academy, 2) 1987 Alumnae pause for a photo while on a tour of the Monastery, 3) Sister Benita Coffey, OSB, and 1972 Alumnae grab a quick photo before the reunion dinner; Bottom row, l to r, 1) 1977 SSA Alumnae at the front door of St. Scholastica Monastery, and 2) 1987 Alumnae are all smiles at the reunion dinner.



## Benedictine Hospitality Returned

### *A Monastery guest honors the sisters*

In gratitude for her spirit and longevity, Sr. Vivian Ivantic, OSB and the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago collectively, will have a freshwater well, built and named in their honor in Uganda. This life altering undertaking will be managed by the nonprofit organization Wells of Life, courtesy of their Advisory board member John Velasquez. In so far as girls and women are responsible for gathering clean water for their families in this area, the well will provide water for them closer to their homes, saving these women hours of walking and fatigue, providing time for other pursuits such as education that might ease their difficult lives.

A Colorado native, Velasquez, through an act of providence, met Prioress Sister Laura Walker of St. Scholastica Monastery (Chicago) during one of her visits to Colorado in the late 1950s. Sister Laura heard Velasquez had been one of only two high school graduates awarded a full college scholarship to the Art Institute of Chicago. Unfortunately, Velasquez's family could not afford to send him to Chicago, nor support his living expenses in the city. Fortunately, Sister Laura graciously invited Velasquez to live in the lower level of the Chaplain's house here at St. Scholastica Monastery, so that he could fulfill his dreams of becoming an artist. Velasquez has never



*John A. Velasquez from 1958-1959 when he was a guest at the St. Scholastica Monastery.*



*Mother, Sister Laura Walker served as Prioress of St. Scholastica Monastery from 1953-1965.*

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*“What an honor to have something dedicated in our name, as important as a well that will allow Ugandan women and girls to attend school and learn.”*

*-Sister Vivian*

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forgotten the Benedictine hospitality extended to him by Sister Laura, Sister Elizabeth (Barbara) Mallinger, the Community Bursar at the time (who oversaw his finances), Sister Vivian Ivantic who was the Sacristan, as well as the members of the community then living at the monastery.

In addition to attending the Art Institute and working at janitorial duties while living in the chaplain's house, young John often volunteered to serve mass on Sunday. It was as an altar server that John had ample opportunity to observe Sister Vivian and to be inspired. He still recalls her arranging the many details for the liturgy with such love and respect. The Gregorian chant seemed to take him to heaven. It deepened his faith and added to his appreciation of the environment. By the compassion and care he received, John saw the Rule of St. Benedict being lived out before his eyes. It was shaping his character and manhood.

Velasquez credits the Benedictine hospitality he received, for his dedication to volunteer his life of service to the needs of the poor through the Wells of Life organization. Wells of Life hopes to solve the water crisis of East Africa through the drilling of wells in rural areas of Uganda, making clean water available to serve the needs of between 1,500 – 2,000 people living there.

Velasquez's gratitude, especially to Sister Vivian, who in August celebrated 104 years of life, is warmly appreciated not only by her but by the entire Benedictine community. She stated,

“What an honor to have something dedicated in our name, as important as a well that will allow Ugandan women and girls to attend school and learn, instead of spending so many hours of their days walking miles to provide clean water for their families”.



*Similar Well of Life bore hole and water well will be dedicated in Sister Vivian Ivantic's honor by John Velasquez. The dedication plaque will read: “Dedicated to Sister Vivian Ivantic, OSB A wonderful woman who dedicated her life to educating and enriching the lives of others.”*

# Join us for these upcoming events

## **Forgiving the People You Love to Hate:**

### **The Psychology and Spirituality of Forgiveness**

A lecture by Judy Logue

Sunday, January 21, 2018

3:00-4:30 p.m., free

Open to the public.

For more info, contact: Sister Benita Coffey, OSB  
773.764.2413 x327

## **Dreams and Spirituality**

Led by Sister Pat Coughlin, OSB

Wednesdays on April 4, April 11, April 18 &  
April 25, 2018; 7:00- 9:00 p.m.

\$60 suggested offering.

For more info or to register, contact:

Sister Pat Coughlin, OSB, 773.764.2413 x374

## **Feast of St. Scholastica Mass**

Saturday, February 10, 2018

5:00 p.m.

To attend, contact:

Sister Judith Murphy, OSB, 773.764.2413 x230

## **Movie Screening: A Evening at the Monastery for Young Catholic Women**

To Celebrate National Catholic Sisters Week

Thursday, March 8, 2018, free

To learn more, contact:

Sister Belinda Monahan, OSB, 773.338.7063

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# Prayer Ministry

*We remember you in our daily prayers.*

The following represents Memorial and Special Occasion prayer requests  
from June 1, 2017 through November 1, 2017

## Memorials

In memory of Jeanne Marie Kelly Andrews  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago  
In memory of Agnes Atwood  
Carrie Frey and Jean Rice  
In memory of Ron Auer  
Catherine Hennessey  
In memory of deceased members of the  
Bajda family  
Danuta Bajda  
In memory of Frank Bajda  
Danuta Bajda  
In memory of Wojciech Bajda  
Danuta Bajda  
In memory of Barbara LaVarre Bales  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago  
Kathy Kirschen Janessa  
In memory of Jadwiga Bloch  
Danuta Bajda  
In memory of Patricia "Pattie" Butz Barilla  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago  
In memory of Richard Basso  
Patricia Hartmann  
In memory of Don Beezley  
Diane Syms  
In memory of Joyce Gregor  
Agnes Glavish  
In memory of Patricia Buard  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago  
In memory of Irene Conway Bucher  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago  
In memory of Shirley Louise Buckingham  
Joanne Spata  
In memory of Deborah Lingenfelser Burke  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago  
In memory of Jean Kimmick Butler  
Thomas Butler  
In memory of Phyllis Caifa  
Michael and Eileen Moorman  
In memory of the deceased members of the  
Ciciona family  
Danuta Bajda  
In memory of Genevieve Collopy  
Carol Collopy  
In memory of Jacqueline Donovan Cross  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago  
In memory of Constance (Connie)  
Carramusa Cunningham  
Judith Alexander  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Jackie LeSanche  
Peg and John Parke  
In memory of Mary Kaye Syron Carrao  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago  
In memory of Tim Coughlin  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago  
In memory of Annie Cullen  
Margaret Cullen  
In memory of George Cullen  
Margaret Cullen  
In memory of deceased members of the  
Dabrowski family  
Danuta Bajda  
In memory of Suzanne M. Sydow Davis  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago  
Connie and Richard Rosler  
In memory of Sister Victoria Davis, OSB  
Steven and Gwenn Suvada  
In memory of Richard Edward Day  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago  
In memory of Ewa Domagalski  
Danuta Bajda  
In memory of Al Eberhardt  
Marianne Eberhardt  
In memory of Denise Stanton Edwards  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago  
In memory of E. Ralph Egloff  
Kathleen Egloff  
In memory of deceased members of the  
Ehrmann family  
Virginia Koerber  
In memory of Jack and Julie Evans  
Leslie Dickerson  
In memory of Cyntia Halpin Fairchild  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago  
John Fairchild  
In memory of Betty "Boo" Gredig Finucane  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago  
In memory of Adrienne Fischer  
Jackie LeSanche  
In memory of Florence Fontana  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago  
In memory of Margaret Olson Forrest  
Patricia Olson Dolan  
In memory of Marlise Gunther Gaines  
Barbara Anne Bowdish  
In memory of Kathy Geroski  
Jill Newberger  
In memory of John Leo Giannini  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago  
In memory of Sister Joyce Gleeson, OSB

Suzanne Walsh  
In memory of Terrance Hallagen  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago  
Steven D. and Margaret McCormick  
In memory of George Hathorn  
Sister Mariella Hathorn, OSB  
In memory of the deceased members of the  
George and Marcella Hathorn Family  
Jeanne Klaiber  
In memory of George and Marcella Hathorn  
Jeanne Klaiber  
In memory of Richard Hathorn  
Sister Mariella Hathorn, OSB  
In memory of Sister Joan Hentges, OSB  
Therese Dokman  
Noreen Ferrari  
Mary Ann Harrington  
Colette and James MacDonald  
Helen Sieben  
Edward and Alice Skerjanec  
Margaret Goehl Trujillo  
In memory of Molly Mullady Heraty  
Susan Jans Aste  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago  
In memory of Christopher Holston  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago  
In memory of Sheila Hartnett Hornof  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago  
In memory of Hon. John N. Hourihane  
May and John Ahn  
Mareon Arnold  
Barbara Bryja-Friery and Sean Friery  
Kathy Caudill  
Beth and Robert Cerrado  
Peggy Cusick  
Judith and William DeGiulio  
Phil and Lois DeGiulio  
Katherine Gehrke  
Ed and Christine Fitzgerald  
Jeffery Gottstein  
Christina and William Guswiler  
John N. Hourihane, Jr.  
Marilyn and Jose Infante  
Barbara Isaacson  
Patricia and Robert Joyce  
Philip and Gaye Kenny  
Richard A. Lee  
Stephen and Margaret Lombardo  
Alice Madden  
Patrick and Mary Ellen McGrath  
Mary Susan and Lawrence McPartlin

## Prayer Ministry-June 1, 2017 - November 1, 2017

R. P. Nicholson  
Gregory O'Brien  
Tom and Ginger Peak  
Tanika Pierre  
Kathy Statz Rees  
Steven Roeder  
Sister Jane Smith, OSB  
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*-2 Timothy 1:3*

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*Annual Stewardship Report*  
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# Message from the Prioress



Dear Friends,

We are blessed by your generous support in so many ways. You know that we are people of the Word, and that our prayer life revolves around the Word of God and the Eucharistic celebration together of the Word made flesh. We share a rich though simple daily community life of work and prayer. This year, both of our prayer spaces have been enhanced: in the larger chapel the HVAC was renewed, and the organ was rebuilt, and in the smaller chapel a new sound system makes our hearing there better than ever. We enjoy enrichment programs for our homebound, too. Because of your support we can be involved in ministry that supports religious and sacramental education in parishes and colleges, and with students from preschool through adult learners.

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Gratefully,

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

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## Matching Gifts

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## Memorial Gifts

Families may choose to name the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago as their preferred recipient for a memorial tribute, instead of flowers. Pre-printed envelopes are available for the funeral home.

## Memorial Card

At your request, a lovely card can be sent to the bereaved, expressing your sympathy and notifying them that a donation was made in memory of their loved one.

## Celebration or In Honor of Someone Special

A thoughtful gift for the person who has everything; a donation in their honor to the Sisters. Or, you may consider stating, "In lieu of gifts, a donation to the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago may be made". An acknowledgment card on your behalf will be sent to the honoree.

Of course all donors, deceased loved ones, and honorees will be listed in Sacro-Speco and remembered daily in the Sisters' prayers.

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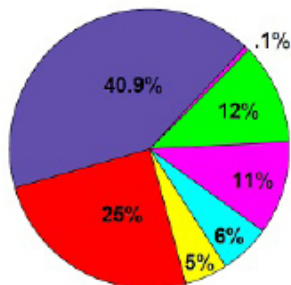
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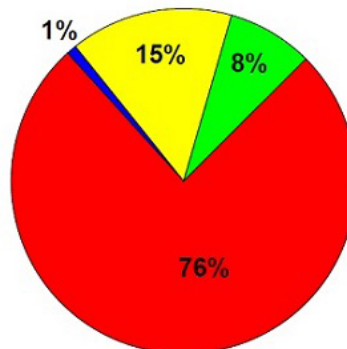
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Contributions	\$945,640
Proceeds from sale of beneficial trust assets	\$1,580,000
Other*	\$4,768

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Members Support	\$1,866,381
Ministry Support	\$20,696
Admin & General	\$376,921
Depreciation	\$201,032

### Expenses and Losses

Total Revenues & Gains = \$3,485,665

(Graph does not include gain on the sale of equipment of \$3,809 and cost of beneficial trust assets sold of -\$329,220.)

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