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# Letter from the Prioress



*Sister Judith Murphy, OSB  
Prioress*

*D*ear Friends,

Many large gatherings resumed this summer including the Centennial Celebration of our Monastic Congregation of St. Scholastica (formerly known as the Federation of St. Scholastica), the North American Association of Benedictine Oblate Directors (NAABOD), and right here at home our annual St. Scholastica Alumnae Reunion. In this issue of *Sacro Speco* relive these joyous occasions that propel hope and gratitude for our shared rich history as Benedictines.

The Sisters and I continue to offer and provide new ways for all of us to safely connect in-person and virtually. We remember you and your loved ones daily in our communal prayer.

Peace,

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

Judith Murphy, OSB



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## Letters From You

"I have the Benedictine Sisters to thank for my desire to be of service in my community and to always be a vessel for social justice. I often brag to others I've met in all walks of life that to be educated by the Benedictine Sisters is more than just learning math and science in textbooks- it is an education in seeing some of the finest women I'll ever know who actually 'walk the walk' not just talk about doing good. The sisters are boots on the ground serving God with their lives and showing generations of young women that a life of service is the true purpose of our lives- however we each choose to live that out. I know how blessed I am because I was educated at St. Scholastica. I was shown I could do all things through Christ if I followed the gentle nudge of the Holy Spirit. To say I am grateful is an understatement. I promise to live a life of service to God and my community. I learned from the best."

*-Jacqueline Owen Quinn, SSA Chicago, Class of 1984*

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We will publish letters as space permits.

# Monastery News

In July, the 70th Jubilee of Profession of [Sister Margaret Ann Holtz, OSB](#) along with the 60th Jubilee of Profession of [Sister Marilyn Hatrup, OSB](#) and [Sister Judith Murphy, OSB](#) and the 25th Jubilee of Profession of [Sister Margarita Walters, OSB](#) (*now deceased Nov. 20, 2022*) were celebrated! On August 28th, our [Sister Vivian Ivantic, OSB](#) celebrated her 109th birthday! Sister Vivian remains “the oldest living Benedictine in the World!” Congratulations! We are grateful and blessed by her over 88 years as a Benedictine Sister of Chicago.

On September 28, a peace delegation from Urakami Cathedral, Nagasaki, Japan visited St. Scholastica Monastery. Fr. Hisashi, Pastor of the Urakami Cathedral in Nagasaki, who is a second-generation atomic bomb survivor, celebrated Mass and shared his mother's experience of being 18 years old and working in a factory in Nagasaki at the time of the atomic bombing on August 9, 1945. A wooden cross and the head of a statue of Mary were among the ruins of the old Urakami Cathedral. The primary purpose of the peace delegation's visit to the United States is to donate a replica of the bombed cross to Wilmington College, OH. We thank the peace delegation, Northwestern University Professor Hiro Miyazaki, [Sister Belinda Monahan, OSB](#), and Sheil Catholic Center for arranging this opportunity to engage in the work of peace and celebrate Mass together.

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, and our ongoing commitment to Care for Creation as advised by Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*, the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago once again hosted a *Virtual Season of Creation Prayer Service* on Oct. 4th. This gathering, modeled after the Catholic Climate Covenant prayer service, brought to mind "God's footprint" throughout all of nature. With prayer, readings, lectio divina, and song, this powerful service celebrated creation and all of its goodness.

[Oblate Barbara Wahler](#) hosted a hybrid poetry workshop *Meeting Your Inner Poet* on Sunday October 9th at the St. Scholastica Monastery Chapel. In this gathering, Barbara – who has been writing poetry since high school – helped participants discover poetry in their own lives. Exploring various types and meanings of poems, participants were also invited to bring favorite poems to read and share as well as to create their own during the workshop. Barbara certainly drew out the Inner Poet in all.

Congratulations to Bethany House of Hospitality on celebrating its 5-year Anniversary on Oct. 24th! Our own [Sister Patricia Crowley, OSB](#) continues to serve as the BHH Board President. BHH provides housing and support services to young asylum seeker women as they journey to independence.

The third annual Meet Our Sisters Tour, a collaborative National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) event with Chicago area Communicator for Women Religious members was a great success! This fully hybrid event is designed to raise awareness about the hundreds of Catholic sisters who live and serve in Chicagoland. The Benedictine Sisters of Chicago offered a social media campaign highlighting "Be-ne-dictionary" terms relating to Benedictine spirituality and the role of monastic women living out this tradition. You are able to relive the week by visiting our website [osbchicago.org/blog](https://osbchicago.org/blog)

We welcomed guests in person and virtually to our annual Donor Appreciation Mass the Sunday before Thanksgiving for the first time since 2019. What a joy it was to thank our donors, friends, alumnae, and oblates, for their continued generosity. A highlight of the day was at the closing of Mass: the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago extended their hands in a final blessing for all present and those attending virtually. We are grateful for all of you and remember you in our prayers daily.

“...in memory of her.”

[Sister Margarita Walters, OSB \(1938-2022\)](#)



Margarita was born in New York City, on April 21, 1939, the first child of John Anthony and Katherine Moos Mella. She was baptized on May 7. The Mellas had seven more children; in all, there were three girls and five boys.

The Mella family relocated to Wilmette, Illinois, and they became parishioners of St. Joseph Parish and she was enrolled in St. Joseph School. After graduating in 1952, she enrolled at Saint Scholastica High School in Rogers Park. Margarita graduated from SSA in 1956.

Shortly after Margarita finished high school, she moved to California and spent the greater part of her adult life there. She was married and eventually

widowed. As her five children grew to adulthood, her success in the business world began to be less important to her than a yearning for a deeper relationship with God. As she tested that "call" by short memberships in the Carmelites and a small Italian community, she finally entered St. Scholastica Monastery June 4, 1995.

Margarita was mother of Debi Mella, Dale Burks, Katherine Bond, Rebecca (Rex) Hatch, Jason (Tatjana) Walters, and step-mother of Debbie Sullivan and Steven Walters. She was grandmother and great-grandmother to many. Please read more about Sister Margarita's remarkable life on our website: [osbchicago.org](https://osbchicago.org)





Left to Right: Prioress Sister Judith Murphy, OSB with Sister Vivian Ivantic, OSB (Archivist Emeritus) and Sister Virginia Jung, OSB (Archivist).

## 1846 Handwritten Benedictine Book Remembered

### *An Archival Treasure Rediscovered*

Prior to Sister Vivian Ivantic's 109th birthday this past August, Prioress Sister Judith Murphy recalled a significant "treasure" Sister Vivian had found in our archives: a handwritten book containing the Benedictine Constitutions from Eichstätt, Monastery 1846 in Germany.

Traveling down memory lane, Sister Judith recalled this find with Sister Vivian as well as Sister Ephrem Hollermann, OSB of Saint Benedict's Monastery in St. Joseph, Minnesota. In the 1980s, Sister Ephrem, while doing Ph.D. work at Marquette, visited our monastery and Sister Vivian, who was the inaugural archivist for the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago at the time, offered Sister Ephrem a small notebook written in German script that Sister Ephrem "might be able to put to use" in her writing of the history of the first Benedictine women in the U.S. It turned out to be a pivotal help to Sister Ephrem: this was a handwritten copy of the approved 1846 Bene-

dictine Constitutions from St. Walburg Abbey in Eichstätt. This book had been given to the Abbey by the Bishop of Eichstätt at the time of the restoration of the St. Walburga Abbey. Sister Ephrem shared that the real "breakthrough" from this book was its contents that legislated for the pedagogical training of the Benedictine teachers for the girls' school in Eichstätt. This meant that in a post-French Revolution world, the Benedictine Sisters in Eichstätt were embarking on their first work outside of the Monastery. Prior to this, Benedictines had been cloistered, that is, they lived a vowed life within the enclosure of the Monastery.

In a note that accompanies this book in the Chicago archives, Sister Vivian wrote: "It is probable that the first Sisters to come to America in 1852 brought this with them to form the foundation for their new life in this country."





Group photo of Benedictine delegates at the Centennial Celebration in June 2022.  
Photo credit: Julie A. Ferraro, Social Media and Digital Communications Manager, Mount St. Scholastica.

## Centennial of the Federation of St. Scholastica

### *17 Benedictine Women's Monasteries Celebrate*

*T*he Benedictine Sisters of Chicago at St. Scholastica Monastery are founding members of the Federation of St. Scholastica (now Monastic Congregation of St. Scholastica) who celebrated 100 years in 2022. From June 15-21, fifty-two delegates from 17 Benedictine women's monasteries in the United States and Mexico gathered at Mount St. Scholastica in Atchison, Kansas to mark the historic occasion. The rich history of Benedictine women who first came to America in 1852 was celebrated by all members of the Federation who were able to join from their home Monasteries virtually. Our own St. Scholastica Monastery delegates [Prioress Sister Judith Murphy, OSB](#), [Sister Susan Quaintance, OSB](#), and [Sister Mary Susan Remsgar, OSB](#) reflect on their time at the in-person gathering in this article.

"In preparation for this Centennial Chapter of the Federation of St Scholastica, in Atchison KS, in June of 2022, the delegates from each member monastery brought a photo of the woman who was the Prioress at the time of the first gathering 100 years ago, in 1922. (Or, of their first Prioress if the monastery's foundation was later.) These photos were displayed around the meeting room during the week of Chapter meetings and they came to symbolize for me all the Benedictine women who preceded us, a 'cloud of witnesses' who lived this life into its current existence. I found it moving to have our Mother Imelda in my line of sight for the week. I never knew her, but have heard much about her from my sisters in Chicago. Delegates included new friends as well as women I've met over years through study or mutual service shared among our Federation's monasteries. In the assembly there was familiarity and unity of Benedictine spirituality and culture, as we've all evolved over time in the values of common life, prayer, work and service, and in a shared contemplative stance of reverent listening both to the Word and the reality around us. Two of our shared decisions show the breadth of content dealt with. **The Federation of St. Scholastica was re-named as the Monastic Congregation of St. Scholastica to better express the relationship with Rome; and we affirmed a practice of Radical Hospitality to respond to our world's justice issues.** Benedict said that guests are to be received as Christ, who said, 'when you care for those who are hungry, or lonely or in need, you do it for me.' We unpacked an understanding of 'guests' to reference the needs of our times."

- [Sister Judith Murphy, OSB](#)







"Though this was the sixth General Chapter I have had the privilege of attending, I believe that this one will stay in my memory for a long time. One reason is that the exhibits and rituals celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Monastic Congregation of St. Scholastica (formerly called the Federation of St. Scholastica) were so thoughtfully crafted and reverently enacted. Another is that the meeting intersected with the current global and national reality in a way meetings like this usually don't. After the Pre-Chapter meeting happened virtually in 2021, it seemed safe for this gathering to be in person again since all participants were vaccinated and tested within forty-eight hours of arrival. Then, at the end of the second full day of the gathering, two participants fell ill and tested positive for COVID. As a result, those gathered were told that all remaining business (which included presentations on various topics

and elections for Congregation President and Councilors), would be conducted the next day, truncating the meeting by two whole days. However, more importantly, the content that we heard and considered over the days that we did have together, on the theme of 'Radical Hospitality,' was exceptionally strong. **Well-grounded in Benedictine scholarship and values, and cognizant of the communal, national, and global moment, the input was thought-provoking and soul-stirring.** Processes intended to integrate what we were learning were frank and heartening. Finally, what was most significant for me was the sense of community I experienced. Perhaps because of the smaller size of the gathering, or the similar situations communities find themselves in, or some combination of factors, participants were vulnerable and honest in a way I have not experienced at these meetings before. Even as we pondered painful and sobering issues, there was an authenticity that sent me home with hope and energy."

- Sister Susan Quaintance, OSB



"The opportunity to participate in the Centennial Celebration and Chapter this past June in Atchison was a grace-filled experience for which I continue to be grateful. It was a much different experience being gathered together in person with the sisters from our member monasteries than the virtual experience of the Pre-chapter in the summer of 2021. **The warmth, excitement and expectation was palpable as we came together to share in the process of celebrating the past and envisioning the future of our ever evolving**

**monastic life.** Here is a little bit of what I was privileged to experience during these blessed days with the other sister representatives of our Monastic Congregation.

I learned about the history of our Federation, now renamed as the Monastic Congregation of St Scholastica, via the beautiful and informative exhibit featuring the many gifted women who competently and lovingly led the Congregation over the last 100 years. I listened to the challenging presentations from our current gifted Benedictine women posing new questions at a new juncture in our history. I interacted with my companion sisters in our reflection/discussion group sharing our heartfelt common struggles with diminishment though tempered by our hope-filled desire to discern where God may be leading us now and into a renewed monastic future. I engaged in the communal discernment process and election of Council Members and Congregation President which is essential to the effective and canonically approved governance of the Congregation. I prayed with these very human and holy women who humbly and faithfully continue to seek God trusting that God is doing something new. And I would be remiss if I did not mention how much fun it was to be with these women...we laughed a lot!

For all that I experienced, really much more than can be recounted here, I feel so blessed to have shared love, friendship and hope with the many genuinely gracious, strong and persevering Benedictine women who came from all over the country to do what Benedict asks of us in the first sentence of his Holy Rule: Listen carefully, my (daughter)... listen with the ear of your heart. "

- Sister Mary Susan Remsgar, OSB



# St. Scholastica Alumnae & Teachers Reunite



*Laughs, hugs, and more laughs at the 2022 Alumnae Reunion Brunch for the St. Scholastica Academy Chicago classes ending in '02 and '07! What a fantastic gathering of Scholasticans, Susies, & Stingers - thank you all for joining us at Chateau Ritz! Special thanks to all of the Class Reps who rallied and invited their classmates to attend-we couldn't do it without you! Nancy Bryers of the 50th Reunion Class, 1972, gave a moving speech while we also celebrates Director of Development, Joanne Spata's class, 1977, and three Benedictines from the class of 1957s: Sisters Hilary Halpin, Pat Coughlin, and Patricia Crowley along with the other over 200 Alumnae in attendance! What a great weekend together! Here are a few photos from the Sunday, Sept. 18th Alumnae Reunion Brunch.*



# Save the Date!

## St. Scholastica Academy Chicago

### Reunion Weekend:

#### September, 16-17, 2023



## In Memoriam

St. Scholastica Academy, Chicago

**Kathryn Erbach Schafer (1941)**  
**Mary Cassidy Burns (1945)**, sister of deceased Margaret "Peggy" Burns ((1947) and deceased Barbara De Smet (1955)  
**Mary Ellen Molony Brady (1946)**, sister of deceased Joanne Malony Hopkinson (1951)  
**Lois Ann MacDonald Simms (1947)** (\*8/8/2021)  
**Jacqueline Andelbrat Zeller (1948)**  
**Barbara Jane McCauley Besler (1950)**  
**Patricia Smith Stanis (1950)**  
**Mary Gray Kaye (1951)**, mother of Tracy Kaye (1977), Molly Kaye Walsh (1979), Jaime Kaye Hernandez (1980) and Margery Kaye Punnett (1982)  
**John "Jack" Kremer, husband of Jacquelyn Richter Kremer (1951)**  
**Dorothy Weber Van Maldegiam (1951)**, mother of Debra Van Maldegiam (1972) and Karen Van Maldegiam (1977)  
**Patricia Claire McGrady (1953)**  
**Gloria Pastorelli Tralmer (1953)**  
**Linda Leonard Collins (1957)**  
**Sheila Halpin Yankee (1957)**  
**Terry Smith Tatum (1959)**, sister of Loretto Smith James (1957) and Kathlyn Smith Meyers (1961)  
**Beatrice Liske Finn (1960)**, sister of Rita Liske Steiner (1966), deceased sister Mary Ann Woodcock (1954), and deceased sister Eleanor Liske Langton (1958)

**Virginia "Ginny" Betz Fontana (1961)**, sister of Margaret Betz Drugan (1964)  
**Patricia Ann Rothbauer Fittshur (1962)**  
**Kathleen Meeker Severyns (1965)**, sister of Mimi Meeker Wherfel (1968)  
**David Dollevoet**, husband of Jill Formeister (1969) (\*11/27/2021)  
**Michele Dill Sheehan (1969)**, sister-in-law of Ruth Ryan Dill (1972)  
**Kathleen Nolan D'Angelo (1970)**, sister of Colleen Nolan Trimarco (1976)  
**Mary Burke Siemsen (1970)**, sister of deceased Lauretta M. Burke (1967)  
**Wendy Finnerty (1972) (\*3/4/2015)**  
**Marlene Parra Looney (1978)**  
**Walter E. Smithe**, father of Cynthia Smithe Perry (1979) and Margie Smithe Stock (1980)  
**Maureen D. Kelly Stauffer (1979)**  
**Donna Marie Harrell, (\*4/16/2022)** mother of Christine Harrell (2002)

St. Scholastica Academy, Cañon City

**Judy Javernick Dionese (1965)**, (\*4/21/2022), sister of Alice Javernick Skerjanec (1953)

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

*\*denotes that death was prior to June 1, 2022, but we received notice of their death in the last several months.*





# Oblates and Oblate Directors Explore the Future of Benedictine Life

## *North American Association of Benedictine Oblate Directors Meet*

St. Meinrad's ArchAbbey in southern Indiana hosted the North American Association of Benedictine Oblate Directors (NAABOD) biannual four day conference in August 2022. Representing the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago and St. Scholastica Monastery, Oblate Director, Sr. Benita Coffey, OSB, Oblate Nancy Labiak and Oblate Dan Raven attended this fruitful gathering.

Guided by the theme "Weaving St. Benedict's Life into the Future" presentations, lectures, discussion, and prayer filled the days with "much to ponder," said Oblate Nancy Labiak.

Sister Benita shares, "The major presentations on *Being Benedictine* and *Liturgy of the Hours* were those I found most stimulating. Oblates are now moving ahead, weaving gospel values into the very fabric of their lives. Theirs is the challenge of sharing the richness of St. Benedict's teachings experience: how to be supportive community for one another while seeking God. In families and places of work, oblates are, by their self-giving, able to model what it means to seek God: to recognize the Christ present in ALL people. In addition I found my role (as Oblate Director) somehow clarified; it is to accompany, yes. But also it is to gratefully acknowledge my privilege. A bountiful future is being woven, and it was a joy

to observe it already happening because these women and men are willing to risk and trust. The world will be a better place: this tapestry is already on the loom."

Oblate Dan recalls, "During one of the discussion periods, Father John, wearing his long cassock, tapped me on the shoulder and said, "Let's talk." He mostly asked questions. We got on the topic of intention. I said how it was important for me to get centered, or set my intention before I begin walking a labyrinth, or giving a massage or eating a meal. To be present, taking a moment to settle and focus on whatever I am doing is how I begin." Attending this gathering gave Oblate Dan insight into the variety of people and the diversity of their backgrounds for those who call themselves Benedictine.

Oblate Nancy similarly shared her experience of meeting other Oblates. "It was so interesting to hear the many ways that Oblates across the country live out their oblation."

"I especially delighted in our gatherings for Morning and Evening prayer and Eucharist." Nancy remembers: "Without practice the group made up of a number of monasteries were able to join together with ease into the common chant tones—raising our voices in Opus Dei. It made me feel very connected to our ancient yet living Benedictine tradition of prayer."



Although all the lectures were interesting, the questions brought forth by Sr. Judith Sutera, OSB regarding the future of Benedictine Life was most challenging to all. She asked "What excites you?" And "What will move us forward?"

These questions are good for all to ponder.

*Page 10 group photo of the NAABOD gathering on the steps of St. Meinrad's Abbey, and the page 11 photo is the interior of the chapel during the NAABOD August 2022 conference.*



## Oblate News

### *New Oblates Enroll in both Colorado and Chicago*



*Daria (Dee) Marshall (left) enrolled as an Oblate on August 21, 2022 with Sister Mary Susan Remsgar, OSB (center) leading the ritual and Connie Godfrey (right) assisting in the Pueblo Diocese Chapel.*

*Jacqueline Rickman (far right) was enrolled Sept. 16, 2022. She is being mentored during her formation period by Oblate Bonny Roth (left in blue). Director of Oblates Sister Benita Coffey, OSB is pictured center in the St. Scholastica Chapel.*



*Kelly Shermach (second from the left in orange) was enrolled October 16, 2022. She is being mentored by Oblate Kevin Cheers (second from the right). Prioress Sister Judith Murphy, OSB (right) led the oblation ceremony with the Benedictine Sisters in attendance following the Oct. 16th Mass. Director of Oblates Sister Benita Coffey, OSB is pictured left in the group.*

# Join us for these upcoming events

## Lectio Divina Opportunities

Led by Sister Patricia Crowley, OSB  
Monthly on the third Thursday of the month  
To learn more, contact:  
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[pcrowley@osbchicago.org](mailto:pcrowley@osbchicago.org)

## Heavenly Illuminations: Small Works of Sr. Celestine Fischer, OSB, 1872-1953

A presentation from the archives with  
Sister Virginia Jung, OSB  
Wednesday, January 4, 2023  
7:00-8:00 p.m. via Zoom  
To attend virtually please contact:  
Siobhan O'Neill Meluso, 773.764.2413 x232  
[communications@osbchicago.org](mailto:communications@osbchicago.org)

## Book Discussion Group- God Reflected

Led by Sister Pat Coughlin, OSB  
Flora Keshgegian's *God Reflected: Metaphors for Life*. The group will meet twice a month from  
January through April at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.  
Dates: Jan. 16 and 30, Feb. 13 and 27, March 13 and  
27, April 3 and 24, 2023.  
For more info or to register, contact:  
Sister Pat Coughlin, OSB, 773.764.2413 x374

## Feast of St. Scholastica Mass

Friday, February 10, 2023  
5:00 p.m.  
To attend virtually please contact:  
Siobhan O'Neill Meluso, 773.764.2413 x232  
[communications@osbchicago.org](mailto:communications@osbchicago.org)

## Lay Off the Horn, Please: Patience in the Rule of Benedict

A presentation by  
Sister Susan Quaintance, OSB  
Sunday, February 19, 2023  
3:00-5:00 p.m., free (in-person and Zoom)  
Open to the public. Limited Capacity.  
For more info, contact: Sister Benita Coffey, OSB  
773.764.2413 x327

## Life Giving Water in the City of God and the City of Chicago

A mini-retreat for Lent 2023  
Led by Sister Virginia Jung, OSB  
Wednesday, March 1, 2023  
7:00-8:30 p.m. - Community Room  
To attend in person, please contact:  
Siobhan O'Neill Meluso, 773.764.2413 x232  
[communications@osbchicago.org](mailto:communications@osbchicago.org)

## Catholic Sisters Week

March 8-14, 2023, free  
To learn more, contact:  
Sister Belinda Monahan, OSB, 773.338.7063

## On the Road with Sr. Vivian Ivantic, OSB – Archiving the Summer Schools of Religion

A presentation from the archives with  
Sister Virginia Jung, OSB  
Wednesday, May 3, 2023  
7:00-8:00 p.m. via Zoom  
To attend virtually please contact:  
Siobhan O'Neill Meluso, 773.764.2413 x232  
[communications@osbchicago.org](mailto:communications@osbchicago.org)

## World Labyrinth Day

Led by Oblate Dan Raven and  
Sister Mary Melady, OSB  
Saturday May 6, 2023 Noon - 8 p.m.  
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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, 2022 through November 1, 2022

## Memorials

### In memory of deceased classmates of 1954

Marilyn Oetringer

In memory of Elaine Beaulieu

Joanne Cipolla Moore

In memory of Geraldine Bernacchi

Gerrie Pretzel

In memory of Barbara Jane McCauley  
Besler

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Mary Ellen Molony Brady

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Jean Christensen

Mary LoCasto

Maureen Popolak

In memory of Carol Brimstin

Patricia Ballard

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago and Oblates

Dolores Blandin Furlong

Paul Brimstin, Meredith, Michael and Anna

Patricia and Daniel Gillespie

Irma Munoz

Mary Ann Schwartz

Mary Ternes

In memory of Mary Cassidy Burns

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Carol Ann (Barrett) Butler

Richard Butler

In memory of Lorraine Elizabeth Calio

Francine O'Connor

In memory of Ismael Carrasco

Sister Kathleen Maloney, OSB

In memory of Patricia Jane Cavanaugh

Sister Benita Coffey, OSB

In memory of Kevin Cogan

Mary Ann Harrington

In memory of Linda Leonard Collins

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In memory of May Corbo

Annette Dluger

In memory of George Courtney

Mary Ann Harrington

In memory of Kathleen Nolan D'Angelo

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Judith Borchers

In memory of Sister Victoria Davis, OSB

Paul and Sue Betts

In memory of Judy Javernick Dionese

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Edward and Alice Skerjanec

In memory of David Dollevoet

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Jill Formeister

In memory of Martin Fecarotta

Francine O'Connor

Veterans for Unification

In memory of Richard Fields

Patricia Ballard

Benedictine Oblates

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Pat Heineman-Vernon

In memory of Beatrice Liske Finn

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Patricia Ann Rothbauer

Fittshur

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Virginia "Ginny" Betz Fontana

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Margaret Betz Drugan

In memory of Margaret Fricano

Sharon Schorsch

In memory of Bridget Gallegos

Rebecca Gallegos

In memory of Rose Mestas Gallegos

Rebecca Gallegos

In memory of Sister Joan Gannon, OSB

Ellen Ward

In memory of Kathy Geroski

Jill Newberger

In memory of Sister Joyce Gleeson, OSB

Suzanne Walsh

In memory of David Green

Joseph Green

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you would like the Sisters to  
remember in prayer,  
please share their names with us  
via the envelope  
provided in this newsletter.





# Ethical and Socially Responsible Investing

*By Joanne Spata*

*T*he Benedictine Sisters of Chicago have been recognized over the years for serving where there is need. They have shared their time and talent in the field of education, counseling, civil rights, community organizing, developing supportive housing, prison ministry, and more. Each of these fields has a common bond: they all help to make our world a better place.

The Sisters are committed to the practice of stewardship and honoring the sacredness of all creation. They dedicate themselves to ecological conversion and working with others to foster the earth's human and natural environment, and they devote themselves to work for the healing of our common home, the earth. They practice integral ecology, a vision of the world that includes respect for creation, and an emphasis on our mutual respect for one another.

Together they commit themselves to ecological education, to provide opportunities for everyone to learn about the severity of the climate crisis and opportunities to engage in action and advocacy for a sustainable future. Given this deep concern for our world, the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, have made certain that even their investment strategy is helping to attain these goals.

In previous times, investing responsibly meant avoiding the purchase of stock in companies that did not produce wholesome products or treat their employees in an ethically responsible way. It also meant avoiding investing in companies that showed little regard for our common home, the earth, and its natural resources. Rather than choosing to passively deal with rogue com-

panies, our Sisters, through Christian Brothers Investment Services, have decided to make a positive impact on the world and maintain a role through Active Ownership.

The Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, in agreement with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and many other Catholic organizations, believe that ethical and socially responsible investing requires that we evaluate specific investments in terms of how those companies or groups protect life, promote human dignity, act justly, enhance the common good, and provide care for the environment. Today, our investment strategy goes even further than that. With the assistance of Christian Brothers Investment Services, rather than passively investing in entities that do not clash with our values and beliefs, we use our collective strength to help generate social and environmental returns in alignment with the teaching of the Catholic Church. In this way, our investments seek to influence corporate behavior in order to promote human rights, economic justice, and environmental stewardship, now and in the future.

Believing first and foremost in human dignity, economic justice, and environmental stewardship, the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, through their partnership with CBIS, stress that all humans are created in God's image and therefore sacred. They must be protected and treated with dignity. They agree that the measure of any economy is how the weakest are faring and that we are stewards of God's creation. It is our responsibility to nurture, respect, and protect the planet as a home for all, especially for future generations. *(cont'd page 31).*





# Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

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## *Annual Stewardship Report* *Fiscal Year 2021-2022*

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# Message from the Prioress



Dear Friends,

We are so very grateful for your support and encouragement as our future “right size” planning continues to evolve. Given the current market and economy, our housing plans face unpredictable delays at this time. As we consider our options, we will keep you updated as our plans develop. However, as you know, our presence and service continue in Chicago and in Colorado to serve where there is need. We continue our witness to Benedictine life and spirituality in ministry outside of the Monastery as well as through programs and spiritual direction offered within the Monastery.

Our Oblates, both in Chicago and in Colorado, grow in number and in spirit, and we thank them for also witnessing our shared Benedictine values and spirit. They daily live in the spirit of The Rule of Benedict, touching many lives through their living example to their families, friends, co-workers, and neighbors. We especially appreciate the Oblates’ support of our works of peace and justice for our common home, the Earth.

The generous responses of our friends and acquaintances to our appeals to support our ongoing needs, such as #Giving Tuesday, give us pause in gratitude. Also, you who connect with us through matching gifts programs, donor-advised funds, and varied alternative gifting suggestions are appreciated profoundly. We are also thankful for the foresight of people in our Legacy Society and Memorial Benefactors, alumnae, and friends who have benefitted from our teaching and mentoring, and who arrange for bequests to

continue to support our way of life.

And we appreciate the grants we receive from generous foundations: SOAR helps fund the respectful quality of life for our sisters who receive health care in our St. Joseph Court. This year we were able to upgrade our technology in the St. Scholastica Chapel to provide a more joyful and spiritual experience of virtual Mass and spiritual programs.

The Bernard Heerey Foundation values enabling our Sisters to age in place with their community, through support that makes possible at the Monastery the needed special health care. A Brach Foundation grant supports ongoing education and collaborative meetings with appropriate resources to help keep our processes and practices current.

You will find our Annual Report in this issue of *Sacro Speco* following this letter. We are most grateful for all the ways you support our life in Benedictine community and our works in the Church and the world. We pray for you daily with grateful hearts.

Gratefully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Judith Murphy, OSB". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small cross at the end of the last name.

Prioress, Sister Judith Murphy, OSB

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## List of Donors, Fiscal Year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022

The following foundations, organizations, and individual donors are listed in alphabetical order. Please see page 31 for a listing of those who donated to Uncle Pete’s Ministries. A “+” cross indicates that the donor passed away this year. Every effort has been made to accurately acknowledge our donors’ gifts for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. We apologize for any errors and encourage you to call any inaccuracies or omissions to our attention. Thank you!

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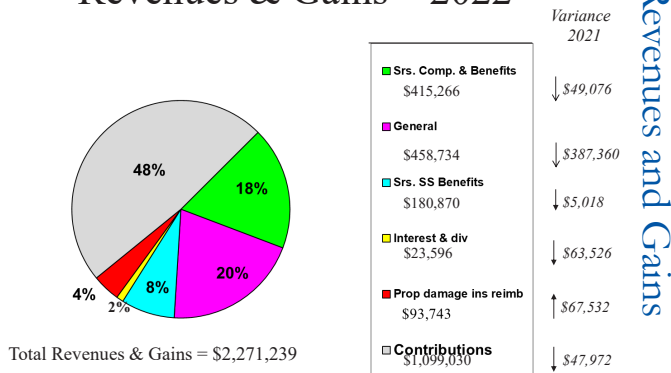
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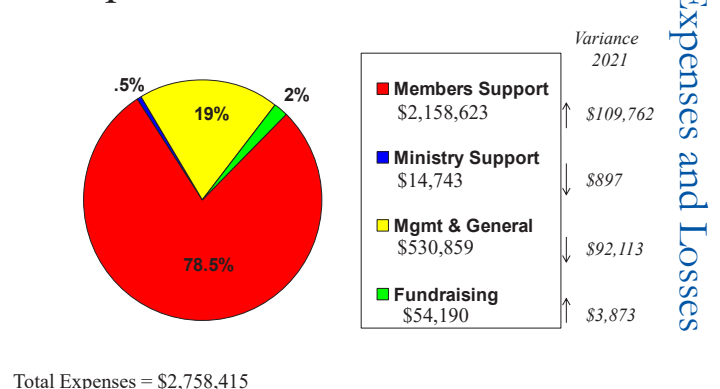
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# 27th Annual Testimonial Dinner and Awards

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Wednesday, June 7, 2023  
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Through our investments with CBIS, we are involved in Active Ownership Programs. We have a direct stake in the success of these companies, which encourages ongoing communications with various corporations helping to influence the development of a wide range of responsible policies and programs. Together we build relationships through trust and mutual respect.

Collectively, through Shareholder Resolutions and Proxy Voting with other like-minded investors with CBIS, we endeavor to influence companies to share Catholic values. Mutually we work toward having our views and ideas appear on the ballot, for all stockholders and investors to view. By guiding a company's management to address the concerns we raise, the goal is to influence the strategic direction of a corporation to become morally and ethically responsible.

Through the establishment of short and long-term goals, our investment strategy with CBIS is to create a process change that can directly impact people's lives

for the better. Together our role is to work for change in corporate behavior that results in better alignment with Catholic beliefs. No group can do this alone, but we believe that this long-term perspective makes companies not only more ethical and responsible but also better investments that are in line with Church teachings.

Together, with the leadership of CBIS, our role as investors is not only to avoid or discourage bad practices but also to encourage companies to positively contribute to the common good.

In keeping with Benedictine values, the goal is to not only change companies' behavior but to ultimately improve people's lives, and our common home, the earth. Just another way the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago continue in their mission.

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