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How to find
“Good Zeal”
for your journey

A reflection by Sister Benita Coffey

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Letter from the Prioress



*Sister Judith Murphy, OSB
Prioress*

*D*ear Friends,

What leads you to feel close to God? Maybe it is forging good relationships with friends and family, volunteering at your local food kitchen, or perhaps attending a summer retreat. Saint Benedict writes about the need to cultivate “good zeal” in our lives, a fervency that leads to God. He poses this as opposite to “wicked zeal,” that which leads away from God.

As I look at current events in our country’s civic life and the sufferings and insecurity across the globe, I feel the urgency of our responsibility as Catholics to cultivate *good zeal* in our lives and to support that spirit in others for the sake of the human community and the care of the earth. Sister Benita Coffey, OSB speaks to this “good zeal” in our cover story. I hope you’ll also enjoy other stories in this issue that depict the different ways Oblates, alumnae, and other friends of the monastery are coming together and living out Benedictine values in their daily lives.

Wherever your summer travels take you, whether around the corner or around the country, may you be inspired to take along some of Saint Benedict’s good zeal!

In peace,

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

Judith Murphy, OSB

Letters From You

ST. SCHOLASTICA MEMORIES

I am positive that my years at St. Scholastica prepared me for a career in social work for the state of Wisconsin for 25 years in long-term care for the elderly, the mentally ill, and the disabled, and crisis intervention. I love a challenge to this day!

-Mary Ann Delisi Steppke
St. Scholastica Academy, Chicago '60

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Monastery News

Sister Judith Murphy, Prioress of our monastery, was named to the Founding Mother's Advisory Board by the Young Women's Leadership Charter School in Chicago. The honor was bestowed on Sister Judith at the school's "Girl Power Luncheon" on April 6th. Sister Judith served as a consultant for the school when it began 17 years ago.

On the first Saturday of May each year, the Sisters celebrate World Labyrinth Day. Oblate Dan Raven created the outdoor labyrinth at the monastery and co-hosts the event with the Sisters. People around the globe use the day to raise awareness about this spiritual practice and to pray for peace. At the monastery, people are invited to walk the labyrinth with others between 1 and 8 pm, view Dan's labyrinth information table, and learn more about this ancient form of prayer. Sister Mary Melady led a closing prayer walk after sunset, illuminated by candles along the outer rim of the labyrinth. If you missed this year's event, we invite you to mark your calendar for next year's on the first Saturday of the month, May 1, 2018, and meanwhile we invite you to take a prayer walk on the outdoor labyrinth any day of the year during daylight hours.

The Sisters hosted a group of women for a spring discernment retreat in May. Some women attended to discern whether to become Sisters and other women participated to discern other vocations or opportunities in life. There was a desire among the participants to continue to deepen their spiritual journey. Together, with the help of Sister Belinda Monahan, the Vocation Minister, they have formed a spiritual book club that will meet monthly at the monastery, composed of women 50 and under. If you are interested in joining this group, contact Sister Belinda at 773.338.7063 or email vocation@osbchicago.org.

Sister Patricia Crowley has initiated a group of women, both religious and lay, to address the need for housing for young immigrant women between the ages of 18 and 22 who have come to this country unaccompanied by an adult and are now aging out of youth detention centers. The group hopes to open Bethany House of Hospitality in September of this year. If you are interested in helping the committee prepare the house for these young women, contact Sister Patricia at pcrowley@osbchicago.org or call 312.909.9968.

Congratulations to Sister Belinda Monahan on her selection to the National Religious Vocation Conference (NRVC) board of directors. The NRVC is a national organization that supports religious communities in their vocation ministries. She has previously volunteered time with this organization on various projects and looks forward to serving on the board for a three-year term, beginning in the fall of this year.

Every year, Sisters and Oblates gather together for the YWCA's "Stand Against Racism," pictured below. It is a national movement to raise awareness for racial justice. Participants in our area congregate with signs during the lunch hour along a main road in nearby Evanston, IL. Former St. Scholastica Academy, Chicago teacher, Sarah Tardiff, brought students from her new school to join our group. Sister Benita Coffey (pictured below, right) organized the group. Also joining her were Sister Patti Cielinski, Sister Patricia Crowley, Sister Belinda Monahan, Sister Mary Ann O'Ryan, Oblate Penny Kerndt, Oblate Rick McAllister, Oblate Dan Raven (pictured below, left), Oblate Rosalie Riegle, and Oblate Kathy Riordan.



Oblates and Sisters came together on April 26th for the annual Stand Against Racism in Evanston, IL, part of a nationwide movement organized by the YWCA.



*“I give my
sincere thanks.”*

-Sister Sue Kilduski

{Sister Story}

Sister Sue Kilduski, OSB

Sister Sue Kilduski has served in a number of ministries since she entered the monastery in 1992. Over the years, she has participated in interfaith ministry, worked and volunteered at Misericordia Heart of Mercy's home for mentally and physically challenged adults and children, and been a board member of the Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society. Having studied the trumpet as a young woman, she is a volunteer for Buglers Across America, playing taps at veterans' funerals. One job she never imagined holding, however, was that of a stamp collector to help charitable causes.

She has recently stepped into this additional ministry that has been an effort of the monastery for nearly a century. Sometime before 1929, Sister Sybille Osko began collecting cancelled stamps and requesting them from friends. She sorted and soaked the stamps, in order to sell them and send the money to missions around the globe.

Sister Sue researched the origins of this ministry in the community archives. A newsletter article from 1931 recorded that “aspirants,” young women who recently entered the monastery, would help sort the bags of stamps. Various Sisters carried out the service over time, including Sister Vivian Ivantic who passed the ministry to Sister Sue last year.

“To all our generous friends,” says Sister Sue, “who donated stamps so far this year, I give my sincere thanks. In fact, I received one box that had hundreds and hundreds of stamps.” Over the last year, the Sisters have sent the stamps

to Tubfrim, a Norwegian charity that uses money from the sale of the stamps to help physically-challenged children. Tubfrim's stamp project will soon close, however, so in May Sister Sue donated a batch of thousands of stamps to the Foxborough Regional Charter School in Massachusetts whose students have collected over 9 million stamps and hope to acquire 11 million. “Each of the cancelled stamps represents one person killed in the Nazi camps, the Jewish people, and everyone else,” says Sister Sue. The students “sort all the stamps they get and then use them to make an art exhibit. Every year they have an Open House where the projects are displayed for viewing.” The projects help raise awareness of prejudice, discrimination, and bullying.

Sister Sue wrote a note saying, “So all of you friends that have donated stamps, know that you are doing a ministry that can be used for a cause we didn't know at the beginning of our efforts, but come to see its worth as time goes by. I know the names of most of you who have contributed stamps, but there are a few I don't know. I will be thanking personally all those who are known to me, but the others, I take this time to offer gratitude for your donation.”

She invites you to partner with her in this ministry as we share stamps with various charities. Sister Sue says you can simply cut around a stamp on any piece of mail you receive, leaving a half-inch margin of paper around it. You may then drop off your stamps or mail them to: Sister Sue Kilduski, OSB, c/o St. Scholastica Monastery, 7430 N. Ridge Blvd., Chicago, IL 60645. On behalf of the charities, we thank you!

Remembering God's gifts

Join us in thanking God for the lives of these Benedictine Sisters. Together, they gave a total of 351 years of service to the church. From teaching to pastoral ministry to daily prayer, these Sisters embodied the spirit of St. Scholastica who understood the gospel call to care for God's people. They have been a gift to countless Sisters, Oblates, alumnae, parishioners, families, and friends of the monastery.



"...in memory of her."

-Mark 14:9



Sister Anne Krall, OSB
(1928-2017)

Anna Rose Krall worked at Minnequa Bank, played an impressive game of golf, and served in her parish before she felt the call to religious life in her mid-20s. After careful discernment, she left Colorado to enter the monastery in Chicago. She was given the name of Sister Barbara and began teaching elementary school.

In Chicago, she taught at Queen of All Saints, St. Joseph, and St. Hilary. In Colorado, she taught at St. Michael (Delta), St. Leander (Pueblo), and St. Scholastica Academy, Cañon City. After teaching, she began a new ministry in religious education at St. Mary and St.

Joseph parishes. In the summers, she served at Camp San Benito and with "vacation school programs." After retiring, she continued to serve people, making home visits and helping at St. Scholastica Academy, Cañon City.

She returned to Chicago in 2011 and continued a ministry of prayer, attending Liturgy of the Hours with her fellow Sisters, praying for the needs of the world. She passed away on January 5, 2017. To read more about Sister Anne's dedicated life, visit our news blog at www.osbchicago.org/news and look for her story posted on January 5th.



Sister Joan Hentges, OSB
(1931-2017)

Sunflowers were Sister Joan's favorite flower. Her room was full of images of these bright earthly stars. It was only later in life that she learned that they were a symbol of love and friendship, both divine and human. It is perhaps fitting that Sister Joan who was a bright ray of sun to others would choose this as her favorite flower. It seems to symbolize her bright outlook on life that she shared with thousands over her lifetime. In Chicago, she taught at St. Symphorosa, Queen of All Saints, and St. John Nepomucene. She also taught at Sacred

Heart in Tucson, AZ. In Colorado, she served as both a principal and teacher at St. Joseph in Salida. Later, she ministered in the towns of Capulin and La Jara and served in various roles for 38 years at Christ the King Parish in Pueblo. She was also known for her ministry with Oblates.

Sister Joan, who was known as Sister Theodore in her early days, passed peacefully into God's loving arms on May 14, 2017. To read a longer biography about Sister Joan's remarkable life, please see our May 17th blog post at www.osbchicago.org/news.

Sister Joanna Trapp, OSB (1927-2017)

Jean Ann Trapp seemed to love the Benedictine Sisters from the time she met them as a student at St. Scholastica Academy, Chicago. Following graduation, she spent a year at Mundelein College before she entered the community and received the name Sister Joanna.

She devoted the majority of her ministerial life to teaching. She taught in Chicago at St. Hilary where she also served as the parish sacristan. She then served as a teacher and parish sacristan at St. Lambert in Skokie, IL and St. Mary in Pueblo, CO. Later, she taught at St. Scholastica Academy, Cañon City. While

in Colorado, she spent many summers teaching religious education in Las Animas, Alamosa, Crested Butte and Pueblo.

In 1965, she returned to Illinois and spent the next 42 years as a faculty member at St. Scholastica Academy, Chicago. After she retired, she happily took on the role of sacristan at St. Scholastica Chapel in the monastery. In her later years, she ministered through daily prayer. She died peacefully on March 3rd. For a full account of her devoted life, see www.osbchicago.org/news and look for her story posted on March 6th.



Sister Kathleen McNamara, OSB (1924-2017)

Sister Kathleen loved teaching piano, but behind her love of music was her love for the people she taught. After becoming a Benedictine Sister on July 11, 1944, she taught at St. Hilary in Chicago and then St. Scholastica High School in Chicago. She returned to her home state in 1950 to teach piano at St. Scholastica Academy, Cañon City. Except for another four years back at the high school in Chicago, between 1954 to 1958, the rest of her active ministerial life took place in Cañon City. For the first thirteen years, she was the piano teacher, in addition to serving as Dormitory Prefect. In 1971,

Sister Kathleen was asked to become the Director of Admissions at the Academy. In the summers, she was a counselor at Camp San Benito and coordinated women's retreats for 25 years. She later returned to piano teaching and also oversaw the Elderhostel program that had become part of the Academy's summer ministries.

Even when she "retired," she still prayed and served until just a few weeks before her death on June 16, 2017. To learn more about her long life of service, visit www.osbchicago.org/news and look for her story on June 23.



Sister Mercedes Moore, OSB (1915-2017)

Sister Mercedes enjoyed finding new ways to serve God's people. She started her ministerial career as a teacher, serving in Chicago at St. Hilary, Queen of All Saints, St. Symphorosa, and St. Scholastica Academy. In Colorado, she taught at St. Leander and St. Mary (both in Pueblo), St. Michael (Delta) and St. Michael (Cañon City). She ventured into parish ministry at St. Athanasius in Evanston, IL, and worked as chaplain at Evanston Hospital. Some of her best memories came from her service as Superintendent of Catholic Schools for

the Virgin Islands. In her later years, she tutored deaf students at Holy Trinity School and served as Sub-Prioress for the community. Along the way, she earned two Bachelor of Arts degrees, a Master of Science in International Relations, and certifications for Hospital Chaplaincy and Gregorian Music.

Even after she began losing her eyesight, she crocheted afghans for those in need. She passed away on January 25th. To learn more about her life's journey, visit www.osbchicago.org/news and look for her story on February 2nd.





Join us for Reunion

Alumnae of the St. Scholastica Academies, Cañon City and Chicago, will gather again this year for their reunions. Cañon City alumnae will gather August 18-20 at The Abbey Events Complex for an all-school reunion, held with the alumni of The Abbey. Alumnae of St. Scholastica Academy in Chicago will meet the weekend of September 23- 24 for a reunion that celebrates the class years ending in '2 or '7. For more information, visit www.osbchicago.org/reunion.

Members of the class of 1991 (left) reminisce during last year's reunion in Chicago.

In Memoriam

St. Scholastica Academy, Chicago

Eileen Kilroy Cook (1941) (deceased 2006*)
Frances Rita Hart Frost (1941) (deceased 2005*)
Rose Marie Borst Lake (1941) (deceased 2015*)
Lorraine Carner Pulver (1941) (deceased 2012*)
Margaret Harvey Cavanaugh (1942) (deceased 2011*)
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Viola Miller Codman (1942) (deceased 2000*)
Mary Jean Wolfe Georger (1942) (deceased 2011*)
Ellen Wehrheim Jones (1942) (deceased 2012*)
Mary Koch Pritchett (1942) (deceased 2006*)
Patricia Konle Rein (1942) (deceased 2013*)
Patricia Hasselhorn Donovan (1945)
Sister Joanna Trapp, OSB (1945)
Patricia Amberson Nice (1946) (deceased 2013*)
Sally Wolf Mutert Swanlund (1946)
Marian Voss Sands (1947)
Wallace Sands, husband of deceased Marian Voss Sands (1947)
Henry Heinz (deceased 2016*), husband of Joan Wietor Heinz (1948), father of Christine Luebcke (1969) and Marilyn Brierton (1970)
Susan Caryl Davis Kisielewski (1948)
Thomas Schermerhorn, brother of Sister Mary Frances Schermerhorn, OSB (1948), Margaret Schermerhorn (1951), and Nancy Van Der Bosch (1956)

Gina Phillips Moran Glick (1949)
Joseph Schaeffer, husband of Theresa Klein Schaeffer (1949)
John O'Neal, husband of Patricia Hand O'Neal (1951)
Phyllis Reschke Schabow (1951) (deceased 2016*)
Ronald Auer, husband of Marjorie Coffey Auer (1952)
Barbara Cassidy De Smet (1955), sister of Mary Cassidy Burns (1945)
Judy Novesky Parrilli (1957)
Patrick Smith, brother of Loretto James (1957), Terry Tatum (1959) and Kathryn Myers (1961)
James McDonnell, brother of Mary Pat Kalbas (1957) and Sheila Mickus (1958)
Mary Becker Manion (1958)
Marion Carrera Karl (deceased 2016*), mother of Patricia Van Wert (1960) and Camille Basak (1969)
Rosemary Burke Vogt (1960)
Kathleen McCarthy Foley (1961)
Thomas Green, brother of Beatrice Green Hahn (1962)
Toni DeVoy Heimann, sister of Ellen DeVoy Burgess (1963)
Mary Ellen Bell Weber (1968), mother of Rebecca Weber (1997) and Emily Weber (2006)
Anne Fisher Young (1963), sister of Mary Fisher Hames (1968)
Susan Beaumont Kading (1964), sister of Faith Wenger (1961)
Kathleen Dorgan Rhea (1964) (deceased 2016*)
Virginia Moroney, mother of Mara McHugh (1965) and Jamee Moroney (1971)
Marion Eckel, mother of Mary Eckel (1966)

Anna Molnar (1966), sister of Madeline Molnar Kiss (1965)
Susan Dempsey Nelson (1967)
Frank R. Zilla, Sr., father of Gail Zilla Bardach (1968) and Kate Zilla (1969)
Virginia M. Flynn (deceased 2014*), mother of Mary Radlein (1972) and Geryl Cerney (1974)
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Marion M. Hohmeier, mother of Diana Engler (1972), Jeannette Kollar (1976) and Margaret Hohmeier (1978)
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St. Scholastica Academy, Cañon City

Julia (Jill) Ruhmann Brown (1953)
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Marlise Gunther Gaines (1953)

The above represents notices received October 24, 2016 - May 31, 2017.

** Denotes that death was prior to October 24, 2016 but we received notice of their death in the last seven months.*



Welcome new Oblates & Oblate Candidate

While some people become acquainted with Benedictine spirituality later in life, James Holzhauer-Chuckas has known about it his entire life. One of his parents worked at St. Scholastica Academy, Chicago. "I grew up running around the monastery and have always felt the community as a second home," says James, a youth minister who serves at St. Nicholas, a Roman Catholic parish in Evanston, IL.

James was enrolled and began his year of orientation as a candidate on Sunday, April 2nd in St. Scholastica Chapel. "I hope to experience a better sense of prayer and thought in my everyday life as I minister to others," remarks James.

As part of the same service, Mary Cunningham and Fr. Michal Lewon made their Oblations, having completed their year of orientation to the Benedictine way of Life. "The Benedictine oblation and spirituality, in a special way, helps me to be connected with a bigger church," says Fr. Michal, "and all different ways of life:

monastic, married, single, lay, religious, clergy, male and female. To be an Oblate we only need to be Christian. When I am at the monastery, I'm a Christian who tries to follow Christ together with others in a Benedictine way...."

Mary Cunningham graduated from St. Scholastica Academy, Chicago, in 1966. Over the years she continued to value the teachings of St. Benedict. She believes that being an Oblate will be her best way to live in the tradition while fulfilling her responsibilities of family and career.

The service took place at the close of an Oblate Day of Reflection for Lent. Each year as part of the day of reflection, all Benedictine Oblates are invited to renew their Oblation. Those who are present make their renewal publicly in the chapel as part of the Vespers service that concludes the afternoon retreat.

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-James Holzhauer-Chuckas

Sister Judith Murphy, Prioress (second from right) stands with (left to right) Oblate Mary Cunningham, Oblate Candidate James Holzhauer-Chuckas, and Oblate Father Michal Lewon.



How to find “good zeal” for your journey

by Sister Benita Coffey

*I*n the last issue of *Sacro Speco*, Oblate Kevin Cheers reflected on spring as a time for new life, new beginnings, and renewal. She eloquently spoke of how, as a Benedictine Oblate, she has experienced a difference in her life. Her relationship with God is deeper and the practical spirituality of the Rule has provided new connections with the world.

Now as we come to the end of summer and move toward the inevitable changes of autumn, I am conscious of the movement toward the end of the year. Here in the Midwest we will be awed by the magnificent colors of fall, then the dull lifeless time of winter, before spring dances in again with its promises of renewal. For me this awareness of the cycle of the seasons, the trust in the inevitability of next spring and its new beginning, give me the hope I need to believe that better things are ahead. The year’s end is really another beginning. Will it provide us better connection with the world?

Looking back over the past months, I’ve felt a disconnect from the world as I knew it. We have seen peace threatened and values disregarded. We’ve been challenged to speak out clearly, to stand up boldly, and to

remain people of hope. Our God is consistently and lovingly gifting us with all we need. God’s Spirit remains deep in our hearts. We are called to act, empowered by that abundantly loving Spirit, to make a difference in the world around us. But that’s a challenge, for sure. It seems almost too much.

In these uncertain times, almost daily we are confronted by news of injustice and inhumanity. We look for appropriate action to take and we pray for solutions, but each day we seem confronted by more news of violence and unrest and further appeals to work for peace. We hear calls to oppose what we know is wrong. Yes, we strive to remain hopeful but it is tiring. How can we continue to face these times with energy and enthusiasm?

As a Benedictine, the Rule of our founder often serves as my “go to” text. You might ask, “Can this ancient document offer words of wisdom for ordinary people today?” Yes, we know that for over 1500 years that Rule has guided monks, nuns, and their Oblate members. But did that man of the sixth century give any clues about energy and enthusiasm? Is there someplace in the Rule that seems to be about that? Yes, indeed there is.

Almost at the very end of his Rule, St. Benedict titled Chapter 72, “The Good Zeal of Monks”, and it’s a key chapter, though brief. Yes, zeal seems a good way to describe “energy and enthusiasm”, and that is what people like me are desperately needing to stay strong and hopeful these days as we continue our efforts for peace and justice.

This chapter is very real in that it recognizes us as imperfect and flawed people gifted with free will. We are creatures capable of power and energy to act, but faced with the choice of using that strength for good or evil. For me there’s no interest in talking about “wicked zeal”, which would not be good for me or others. Let’s concentrate on good zeal.

Benedict makes it clear. He states that each one should try to be first to show respect and to be patient with one another’s weaknesses of body or behaviors. He encourages those choosing the path toward good to do what is determined better for someone else, rather than just what someone thinks is better for him/herself. The key is to show genuine love for the people in our lives, as well as to God and any rightful authorities.

Philip Lawrence, OSB, Abbot of Christ in the Desert, has written about Chapter 72, “it is a Chapter filled with wisdom and love...we can be sure that it is a very important teaching for us. What is our zeal like? Do we have any zeal at all?”

Sister Aquinata Bockmann, a German scholar, in her book, *Perspectives on the Rule of St. Benedict*, says on page 57 “Good zeal thus is ardent enthusiasm, the total engagement of our power of loving.” And later on page 73 she adds “If we live this chapter, we truly follow Christ in community according to the Gospel, providing service needed in our time and for our time.” Yes, it’s those needs of our time that have been wearing us down. We so need good zeal.

In this chapter on zeal, written likely after years of experience with people striving to live good lives, Benedict

is simply urging us to love! Certainly we know that the love he means is truly the presence of God who IS Love, resting in our hearts, waiting to empower us.

In 2011 Ron Rohlheiser, OMI, noted theologian, wrote in an online column, *Feeding Off Life’s Sacred Fire*, something that catches in rich metaphor what Benedict was saying to his simple monks centuries earlier. Father

Rohlheiser wrote, “Scripture tells us that we carry within us the image and likeness of God and that this is really our deepest identity and the source of our deepest energies.....God is fire, holy energy, infinite creativity, infinite freedom, wildness beyond our imaginations and an energy that is boundless and fuels everything that is, that lives, that breathes, that searches for meaning, that loves. Sacred fire fuels all of life and infuses everyone, saints and sinners alike. And God has given us the freedom to use it as we choose, wisely or wickedly. We feed on sacred fire and we become

a saint or a hedonist, a peacemaker or a warmonger.”

Knowing ourselves as flawed and free, ordinary people anxious to be our best selves, let us find energy, enthusiasm and strength in the days ahead. The final lines of this chapter on good zeal provide the way. It is challenging, yes, but it is a sure way. “Let them prefer nothing whatever to Christ and may he bring us all together to everlasting life.”

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-Sister Benita Coffey

Sister Benita Coffey (pictured right), a member of our community, ministers as Social Justice Promoter and Director of the Oblate Program. She entered the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago in 1949.



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This year's fundraiser on June 14th brought together 250 attendees at the Park Ridge Country Club. Hundreds more participated by donating auction items, purchasing raffle tickets, sponsoring the event, placing ads in the program book, and countless other ways. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped us meet our budget this year, ensuring we have the resources to care for our elderly sisters and continue our ministries. We are grateful to partner with you!

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Margaret and Wayne Wagner
In memory of Peter Zonsius
The Patton and Gross Families
Margaret and Wayne Wagner
Barbara Zonsius
Michael and Mary Zonsius
In memory of Peter Zonsius on his birthday
Rosemary and Elliott Satinover
In memory of Sister Suzanne Zuercher, OSB
Julianne Trubac Henington
Elizabeth Rochford

Special Occasions

In honor of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Barbara C. Gauer

In honor of Sister Karen Bland, OSB

Jan and Bill Holmes

In honor of Christella Buchberger

Mimi Meeker Wherfel

In honor of Sister Patricia Cielinski, OSB

Andrea and W. Brent White

In honor of the Class of 1948, SSA Chicago

Jean Merkle Simms

In honor of Mike and Mary Jane Cole on their 25th wedding anniversary

Sister Eleanore Hillenbrand, OSB

In honor of the Feline Fund

Sharon P. Wang

In honor of Sister Hilary Halpin, OSB

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In honor of Marilyn Hennessy

Julie Kaufman and Beth Wright

In honor of Sister Joan Hentges, OSB on her 85th birthday

Mary and Bill Brewer

In honor of Sister Eleanore Hillenbrand, OSB

Michael and Mary Cole

In honor of Sister Vivian Ivantic, OSB with a Belated Birthday Wish

Carol Czapar

In honor of Sister Vivian Ivantic, OSB

Edward and Carol Finnegan

Vivian Gingras

Patricia Prusa

In honor of Sister Callista Kaley, OSB

Patricia Clifford

Julianne Trubac Henington

Robert and Anna Kneesel

Brian and Wanda Pabich

In honor of Sister Agnes Kelly, OSB

Patricia Sacco

In honor of Rita Killean

Mimi Meeker Wherfel

In honor of Judith Knorst, Ph.D.

Suzanne Miller

Carolyn Samuel

In honor of Marianne Littau on her birthday

Tina Stretch

In honor of Sister Victoria Marconi, OSB

Helena Frey

In honor of Sister Victoria Marconi, OSB on her birthday

Sister Mariella Hathorn, OSB

In honor of Sister Mercedes Moore, OSB

Nancy Mayer

Rev. Robert Oldershaw

Dennis Randall

Kathy Rees

In honor of Carolyn Murphy

Cecilia (Lilly) and Bart Murphy

In honor of Mary Nahser

Mimi Meeker Wherfel

In honor of Sister Johnette Sawyer, OSB

John Sawyer

In honor of Sister Jane Smith, OSB

Scott, Lauren, Hayden, Shay and Eden Dethloff
Richard and Elaine Olds

In honor of Eddie, Kenny, John, Tony, Mary Jo and George, Judy and Ken, Cathy and Sam, Patti and Lee, Francine and Steve, and Steph and Mike

Jeanne and Martin Stanton

In honor of my years at St. Scholastica

Marie Bornhofen Roti

In honor of Charlie and Mary Rose Smith

Shena and Ben Keith

In honor of the Martin Stanton family

Martin and Jeanne Stanton

In honor of Sister Joanna Trapp, OSB

David McCarthy

In honor of Barbara Zonsius

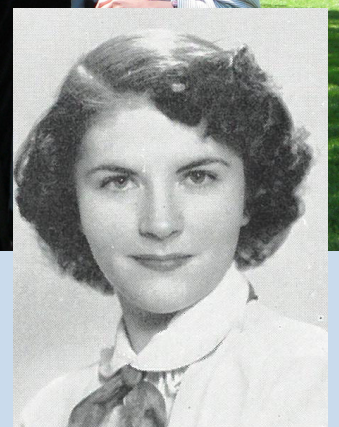
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If you have a loved one
that you would like
the Sisters to remember
in prayer,
please share their names with us via
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Her Legacy Lives On: *Mary Kay McAllister*

After Mary Kay (Rochford) McAllister '52 (pictured, below right) raised her family and managed multiple businesses, she sought a way to help other women succeed. She worked with the Benedictine Sisters to establish a scholarship program for graduates of St. Scholastica Academy, Chicago. Each year, two students received full-tuition to attend Benedictine College in Atchison, KS. This year, Sister Judith Zonsius (pictured, far left) and Sister Susan Quaintance (pictured, far right) drove to Kansas to witness the graduation of Cynthia Jones (pictured, middle) and Laurencia Ouedraogo, the final two recipients of Mary Kay's scholarship. Over the years, Mary Kay's scholarship supported 26 young women to pursue their dreams. On behalf of the young women her legacy served, we are deeply grateful. If you are interested in leaving a lasting legacy, like Mary Kay, for a particular ministry or to help support our retired Sisters, contact Joanne Spata at 773.764.2413 x233 or jspata@osbchicago.org.





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