



Lisle Benedictine Women

Vol. 45 No. 1

Sacred Heart Monastery

June 2022

*"Were not our hearts burning within us
while he was talking to us on the road ..."*

Luke 24:32



Uncommon Encounters

Message from the Prioress...

“Uncommon Encounters”

Do you sometimes allow your life to be consumed by depressing news clips or situations? Rev. Carmen Mele, O.P. writes *“Eastered people don't close themselves off from the world because of its nonsense. Rather, as Jesus Christ, they show the world what true love is.”* At Pentecost we concluded the Easter season. We have again been reminded that we have been given the gifts of the Holy Spirit that Jesus promised as He departed His earthly presence to return to His Father.

What was that encounter like when Jesus met his Father face to face? Father Donald Senior in the May 22, 2022 Chicago Catholic writes about Jesus' journey on earth as being two-fold. *“On the one level it is a journey from his ministry in the northern region of Galilee to the city of Jerusalem where Jesus' destiny will unfold. On a deeper level the journey in which Jesus is engaged is a journey through death and resurrection to the eternal embrace of his Father at the completion of His mission.”* Jesus encountered many situations and people in his life on earth; being eternally embraced by His Father was the ultimate Uncommon Encounter.

Recently, a friend of mine, Mary Ellen Durbin, one of the founding members of Daybreak of Lisle, and I planned and facilitated a retreat called Uncommon Encounters for the mentors/volunteers of Daybreak. The term “Uncommon Encounters” intrigued me and challenged me to put a positive spin on encounters.

Since 1989, Daybreak has provided transitional housing and supportive services to homeless families with children so that they can work toward recovering economic and familial stability. The retreat challenged a willing but stressed group of mentors to find the uncommon encounter of Christ within the scope of their work. Uncommon Outcome: on June 29 the executive committee will meet with Matt Zurek, outreach coordinator at St. Joan of Arc, who was very excited about getting younger (40s and 50s) involved in Daybreak. He has been getting calls from people who really want to get involved in helping people in concrete ways.

All the world has been experiencing an uncommon encounter with President Putin and the war in Ukraine. One outcome: Tonya Urkoski, Villa St. Benedict's liaison with the public, reached out to Sister Ann Hoffman, OSB of Erie, PA and familiarized us with the charitable works of AIM (Alliance for International Monasticism). Over \$10,000 was raised to support Benedictine Sisters in Lviv, Ukraine.

I challenge each of us: Be an Eastered people and show the world what true love is. May we make the most of grace-filled opportunities presented throughout our daily lives, as we look forward to the ultimate uncommon encounter of being eternally embraced by our heavenly Father.

Sister Mary Bratsosky, O.S.B.



May She Rest in the Peace of the Lord



Sister Carolyn Sieg, OSB
July 4, 1939 – January 5, 2022

*Excerpts from Reflection written by
Sister Christine Kouba, OSB:*

Sister Carolyn was born on Independence Day, July 4, 1939, and was brought up on the family's vegetable truck farm on Walnut Avenue in Lisle, Illinois. Joseph and Catherine Sieg were her beloved parents. Carolyn was the youngest child in her family, always tenderly protected by her three brothers and three sisters. Her mother often called her "the joy of her life," as she was a happy child with an enthusiastic spirit.

From childhood, she attended St. Joan of Arc School in Lisle taught by the Benedictine Sisters. She found the Sisters to be gentle, fun loving and prayerful, and she wanted to grow up to be like them. She especially admired her fourth grade

teacher, Sister Mary Patricia Fallon. Later, it became natural to follow the Sisters to Sacred Heart Academy for high school. During her studies at the academy, on April 8, 1954, she decided to enter the postulancy, the first phase of formation in becoming a Benedictine Sister. Not yet 15 years old, but with a strong drive to follow the Lord, she was determined to proceed with her plans. She spent her Novitiate year preparing for the following phase of professing her first vows on June 25, 1956, and in 1960 made her final profession.

With qualifications to be a teacher and doing well in her college classes, she was soon introduced to start her teaching ministry. It was exciting for her to be sent to parochial schools - first to Fort Worth, Texas, then to Chicago and later to Cicero, as well as to her home school at St. Joan of Arc for 2 years. Through the experience of teaching every grade except second grade in these schools, she was ready for greater challenges.

The brightest light of her ministry in education came in 1967. With a background in teaching, a degree in education from St. Mary of the Woods College in Indiana, and soon to have a Masters in Administration from St. Thomas University in St. Paul, she was ready to take over the daunting job of principal of St. Joan of Arc School. The enrollment was over 500 students, preschool to eighth grade. However, she was not intimidated, rather, she immediately loved her ministry at St. Joan of Arc School and as she put it, "she pitched her tent there to be ready for her adventure in service."

St. Joan of Arc School became her passion, impelling her to keep learning useful educational guidelines, envisioning potential ways to be attentive to every student and to set up programs of teaching through the years to benefit the whole student body according to their level and ability. She would take an interest in every individual child's learning progress. She knew that she needed always to pray with the children to remind them that God loved each of them and would always be ready to help them. She included students to take part in the Morning Prayer Ritual on the loudspeaker. Her aim, as well, was to keep inspiring the teachers to have an optimistic, Christ-centered attitude in the classroom in order to integrate the curriculum with an environment of respect and companionship for one another. She wanted all children in her care to be regarded as "sacred vessels of the altar", quoting St. Benedict. She often told parents that Catholic school education isn't finished at any point in life; learning the "good news" of the Gospel is a forever learning endeavor; an ongoing, joyful journey to reach eternal life.

As the principal, Sister Carolyn mentored the parents of the students and shared her leadership role with the pastor of the parish. She called her threefold responsibility to the pupils, their parents and the pastor her "three P" duty.

Sister Carolyn's exceptional visionary attention in conceiving the addition of classroom space, a learning center, a gymnasium, and a computer lab was very important for the betterment of the school, but just as important was her dynamic, inspirational leadership. She took time to listen to the needs of everyone in her care and was able to offer

solutions with her helpful insights. Her focus for the total five decades of serving St. Joan of Arc School was always student-centered.



In the school year of 1985-86, the United States Department of Education recognized St. Joan of Arc as a school of excellence and gave national recognition to the accomplishments of Sister Carolyn Sieg as principal and her faculty and staff. In receiving the award in Washington, D.C., she was able to meet with President Reagan in the White House with almost 300 other elementary school principals who also received this distinctive recognition. In 2010, Sister Carolyn Sieg received another leadership award, "The Bishop Kaffer Outstanding Principal Award" from the Diocese of Joliet. She was chosen by all the elementary and secondary schools in the Diocese of Joliet, known for her innovation and technology in the classroom, as well as creating a high morale with the staff, students and parents and for fostering professional growth of the staff. Her unifying spirit resulted in a family

atmosphere at the school in that everyone was welcome.

We know that Sister Carolyn's 2 years of teaching plus her 48 years of principalship equaled 50 years of a loving relationship with the people of St. Joan of Arc parish and school. At her retirement in 2015, she credited the St. Joan of Arc people who worked closely with her to accomplish the work mapped out for them and thanked them for their continuous partnership in her 50 years.

As a member of our monastery, Sister Carolyn was known as a person of loving kindness. She tried to remember each Sister on her birthday or with a get-well card when she was sick. She loved to develop her personal association by encouraging the good that the Sisters were doing. She had an attitude of gratitude that was her significant attribute in community life. Her ability to speak up and support a good cause was the reason that she was acknowledged for leadership roles throughout her monastic life as a council member.

After her retirement from her role as principal at St. Joan of Arc, though afflicted with health issues, she was active in interviewing and later mentoring new principals in the Joliet Diocese. She was also active in tutoring our international Benedictine Sisters studying at Benedictine University.

Her presence here at the monastery will be missed, but knowing that she is happy in God's loving embrace is reason to rejoice. Her patient suffering is being rewarded. Let us give thanks to our most loving sacred heart of Jesus for her good life!

In gratitude as Benedictine Sisters, we want to express our sincere thanks to Sister Carolyn's sister Donna Gray and her wonderful family, who did so much in providing care and comfort for many years in support of Sister Carolyn, especially being with her continuously in her dying moments. May God's abundant blessings uplift all of you knowing that she is at peace.



Encounters at Sacred Heart Monastery



The Sisters' Annual Community Retreat

Father Joseph Feders, OSB, a popular retreat leader from St. John's Abbey in Collegeville, Minnesota, spent a second yearly retreat week here with the Sisters from May 30 - June 3. His theme this year was "The Seasons of Our Life." With this title he carefully crafted ways, replete with examples and stories, to show the Sisters how to be mindful of the time they spend in Liturgical functions, as well as in daily events of their monastic life, by practicing awareness of the Divine presence. The graces received in every moment while reflecting on God's goodness can be visualized everywhere when engaged in living a loving relationship with God as well as neighbor. The Sisters are grateful to Father Joseph for his unique insights achieved in his role as an experienced spiritual director.

Pictured at right, Judy Simon (foreground) joins Sisters Hyacintha, Alberta and Celestine to assist Sister Mary with weeding and planting in Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto.

True to their annual tradition, a group of nursing students from Lewis University also spent time in the Grotto to help with early spring cleanup.



Dear brothers and sisters, let us have a good journey together! May we be pilgrims in love with the Gospel and open to the surprises of the Holy Spirit. Let us not miss out on the grace-filled opportunities born of encounter, listening, and discernment. In the joyful conviction that, even as we seek the Lord, he always comes with his love to meet us first. – Pope Francis



Ellen Rodman, R. N. is retiring. As the part time nurse for our Sisters for the last twenty-two years, she will be sorely missed. With an ideal, loving personality for taking care of our Sisters, she became a vital person in our community; in fact, some people thought she was a Benedictine Sister. She was responsible for ordering and dispensing medicines and other items, always a trusted confidant to our Sisters and employees, a knowledgeable advisor when making decisions related to the Sisters' health, and above all a person with a cheerful, invigorating attitude that made everyone happy.

— — — — —

On Palm Sunday, we welcomed music back to our liturgies in Sacred Heart Chapel!

We are thrilled to have Sharon Christenson and Irma Conley back on the organist's bench, as well as Janet O'Brien and Kathleen Madden as cantors at our Masses.



Our hearts were saddened by the death of Brother Charles Hlava, OSB (August 10, 1951 – May 7, 2022), who for many years enthralled us with his musical talent as an organist in Sacred Heart Chapel. May he rest in the peace of the Lord.

— — — — —



On May 6th, a group of 1st-grade and 4th-grade students from St. James visited Sacred Heart Monastery. Original plans included pulling weeds in the Grotto, then praying the rosary there. Rainy weather moved the group indoors where Sr. Mary Bratrsovksy gave a presentation on the legacy of St. Benedict.

*With grateful hearts, we acknowledge and thank
the following donors who gave us their support and gifts
January 2021 - December 2021*

With grateful thanks

~ A ~

Helen Ackermann
 Michael McDonald Adair
 Dorothy Adamek
 Francis S. Agnoli, MD
 Diane Ahern
 Patricia Aitchison
 Lillian Albarran-Fleming
 Chuck and Kathy Allberry
 Allegra Marketing Print Mail
 Sharon Allport
 Svea Alm
 Patrick G. Anderson Jr.
 Lori and Rob Anderson
 Martin and Rebecca Anderson
 William and Linda Anderson
 Carolyn Vonesh Andree
 Anonymous
 Carol Arbuckle
 Michelle and Joseph
 Archibald III
 Edward J. Archibald
 Judith Arcy
 Charles Argianas
 Mark and Susan Armamentos
 Laurence and Diane Austin
 Marcella Autero

~ B ~

Robert and Anne (Sonnefield)
 Bailie '60
 Joan Bales
 Jerome and Roberta Balicki
 Josephine Barauskas
 Philip and Regina Barden
 Kevin Barrett Sr
 Joella J. Barrett
 Patrick and Karen Barrett
 Dennis and Patricia Batchos
 Baumgartner Construction Inc
 Toni Baumgartner

Dr. Robert and Denise Bayer
 Richard and Marilyn Bazan
 Lou and Anne Beccavin
 Jerome and Bernadette
 Becker
 Mary Lou Bellio Pugliese
 Marguerite and Richard
 Belval
 Benedictine
 Anne Benitz
 John A. Benvegnu
 Ernie and Rosemary Beran
 Ann Beranek
 Angela Beres
 Barbara Beres
 Gertrude "Trudy" Bowe Berg
 Carol Ann Bergant
 Mary J. Berger
 Raymond and Vonnice Berger
 Mary Bergman
 Mary Berkhout
 Perry and Donna Bernstein
 Mary Claire Berry
 LaTanya Berry-Johnson
 Judy Beumer
 Robert Bezouska
 Phyllis Bibbo
 Chris and Bob Biedron
 Steven Biel
 Thomas and Susan Binder
 The Birck Family Fund at The
 Chicago Community
 Foundation
 Mark and Diane Birkley
 Samuel and Josephine
 Bishop
 Robert and Patricia
 Blackshear
 Kristin Joan Bladek
 Barbara J. Blair
 Mr. and Mrs. Keith
 Blakemore

Mary Ann Blandford
 Linda Blanek-Novak and
 Richard Novak
 Mrs. Eleanor (Volka)
 Blankenship
 Lawrence and Theresa Bobko
 Mary Ann and Brand Bobosky
 Ken and Christine Boeschen
 Dolores Bogolin
 Brian and Janet Boland
 Patrick and Beatrice Boland
 Anna Mae Bolbat and Eric
 Shumaker
 Robert and Eileen Boyda
 Mary Graff Bozek
 William and Margaret
 Brabeck
 Larry and Roseann Brady
 Rose Braidon-Hall
 Ramona Branchaw
 Ellen T. Brannigan
 Joan Brazda
 LaVerne Breisch
 Bill Brejcha
 Mrs. James G. Brennan
 Michael and Kathryn Brennan
 Maureen C. Brinkman
 Lorrie Brinn
 Dan and Barb Brochmann
 Donna Bronoski
 Joseph and Joanna Brooks
 Audrey Brown
 Gerald and Joan Broz
 Karen Bruketa
 Jeffrey and Tamara Bruner
 John R. Bruno
 John and Laurie Bruzan
 Kenneth and Magdalena
 Brzoski
 Therese M. Buc
 Marie M. Buchelt
 Irene Buckner

2021 Donor acknowledgement continued

Michael J. and Lynn M. Budd
LaVerne B. Budilovsky
David and Kathleen Buettner
Stephen A. Burak
Tom and Wanda Burdett
Ken and Judith Buric
John and Nancy Burns
Kevin and Stacey Zigmond
Burns
Anne Burton
Ed and Kay Burton
Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Bush
Susan Butler

~ C ~

Carol A. Cain
Asuncion Calinog
Myra (Molly) Callaghan
Dennis and Joan Callan
Marie Campagna
Clem and Mary Campbell
Jeremy and Julia Capetillo
Anthony and Annie Cappetta
Lois Justat Caprata
Abelardo and Iluminada
Capulong
Gloria Caracello
Bob and Deborah Cargo
Judith A. Carlisle
Lori and Kevin Carlson
James D. Carney
Bob Carr
Dolores Carroll
Patrick and Joanna Cassata
John and Kathleen Catalani
Barbara Catrone
Catheryn Cawiezel
Patrick Cawiezel
James and Linda Celba
Donna and Robert Cellini
Gary and Carol Chandler
Elaine and Charlie Chase
Cathy and Norb Chesta
Yvonne Chicoine
Peter Cho and Family

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Chobot
David and Karen Choie
John and Sung Eun Choie
Dennis and Sharon
Christenson
Helena Chung
Margaret Y. Chung
Teodosia Cinert
Donna Jean and David
Ciuffreda
Marlene Clark
Evangeline Clement
Susan Cole
John and Rosemary Collins
Phyllis Collins
Margaret Colucci
Mary Compton
Mary Lee Conley
Martha E. Conlon
Suzanne R. Connors
John and Michaelene Conrad
Nanette Conrad
Robert and Elisa Correia
John and Carol Corrigan
Robert and Helen Corsentino
Elizabeth Cosgrove
Michael and Joan Costin
Joanne and Steve Coutchie
Valdina Creasy
Richard and Darlene Crilly
Stu and Cathy Crowley
Linda A. Cull
John and Jacki Cullen
Maureen Cunningham
David Cupal
Paul and Gail Curtin
John, Patty and Michele
Czopor

~ D ~

Mary Jo Dailey
Frank Daly
Don and Linda Daniels
Claudette Mae Danna
Wanda and Thomas Dardis

Jeannine R. Darrah
Chuck and Charlette Davidson
Henry and Elaine Davis
Raulando and Erlinda de Lara
Miriam Vicky J. De Leon
Judy DeAngelo and Tom
Lukaszewski
Daisy A. Decamotan
Jesus and Ellen Delos Reyes
Steven and Therese DeSitter
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Devine
Rosemarie L. Devine
Kathy and Anthony DiCristina
Ray and Ruth Dillon
Carl M. DiNello
Patricia Diya
Theresa Dohler
Joe Donnelly
Nancy Doran
Joe and Laura Dorenkamp
Bill and Lori Dougherty
Pat and Harriet Dowling
Jane A. Doyle
JoAnn Doyle
Meghan Doyle
Ed and Debra Drager
Thomas and Susan Drake
Richard and Sandra Drapeau
Leo and Sheila Dreisilker
Bill and Laura Norman Drew
Stephen and Cherlyn Dubina
Margaret Ducaji
Mary and Andrew Dugenske
Sallie G. Duncan
Mary Ellen Durbin
Jean Durnik
Jonathan and Amy Dye

~ E ~

Raymond F. Ecker
Mary Edmondson
Judith Egan
Michael E. Einweck
Ken and Sue Ekins
Elizabeth C. Elmen

With grateful thanks

2021 Donor acknowledgement continued

With grateful thanks

Peggy Ann Elrod
Lee and Sue Elting
Terri Elting
Laura Emerson
Ruben C. Enguio, Jr.
Helen Ercegovac
Beverly Z. Esser
William Esser
Nancy and Bill Etzkorn
Cheryl L. Evans

~ F ~

B. Falcone
Patricia Fallon
Norb and Jacque Farnaus
Charles Dennis Farrell
Tom and Nellie Fassbender
Marion B. Fayta
Joseph K. and Eileen R.
Fedinec
Jill Ferree
Janice Ferreri
Olga Ferris
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fichter
Frank and Marilyn Fish
Dolores Fisher
Deacon Robert Fitt
Ronald and Karen Fitz
James and Margaret Fletcher
Leonard and Joan Fletcher
Randall B. Flint Jr.
Rose Ann and Jack Flowers
Dennis and Margaret Flynn
Maureen Flynn
Bill and Carla Focke
Mary Fornatto
Adrienne L. Forstneger
Joseph F. Fosco
Jim and Andrea Fox
Brian and Nijole Fredricks
Dorothy Fritz
Mary Pullam Fritz ('64)
FSC Foundation, Inc.
Margaret C. Fullmer

~ G ~

Jean and Bill Gacek
Tom and Sandra Gaffney
Kay Gaido
Dan and Carol Gallagher
Annette Gambo
Marguerite and William
Gamboney
Dorothy and Kenneth Garhan
Tom and Gloria Garrett
Adrienne Garvey
Mary K. Garvin
Irene Gasior
Frances and John Gattuso
Mary Frances Gattuso
James Gefre
Joanne Jacques Geist
Mr. and Mrs. William Gendusa
Carlene Gerlich
James Gettings
Luciana F. Giancola
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Giangregio
Vincenza Giannelli and Anna
Robinson
Traci L. Gillespie
Marjorie Gilmartin
Helen B. Giordano
David and Shirley Glaser
Rosemary (Horna) and Chuck
Glickley
Gary and Paula Goforth
Bernadine Gonda
Edward Gonwa and Judith
Frank-Gonwa
Ofelia B. Gonzales
Phyllis Goodman
Sara Gordon
Florence Gorgen
Carl and Karen Grabinski
Richard and Patti Grantner
Jarie Granton
Theresa Gratz
Marie K. Gray

Michael J. Greco
Joe Green
Charlie and Brenda Gregory
Andrew Greskovich Jr
Ann Cleary Greybill
David Grimes
Louise Grobl
Steve Grobl
Margaret Grouzard
Margaret Weatherhead
Guccione
Bernadette Guzy-Blaurock

~ H ~

Mary and Peter Hable
Genowefa B. Hadamick
Michael and Nancy Conley
Haeger
Tom and Joan Haffner
Mark and Kathleen Halligan
John and Rosemarie Hamerla
James and Linda Hammond
Barbara Hanchin
Charles and Gertrude Hanley
Chris Hannigan-Wiehn
Arleen Hannon
June Haptas
Sheila Hargrave
Les and Joanne Harper
Ann Harris
Rick and Penny Harter
Raymond and Jean Hartman
Daniel and Dianne Harvanek
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hatfield
Mary LaVerne and Leonard
Haubl
Anthony and Linda Haugen
J. C. Haugen
Cecile and Francis Haugh
Elizabeth F. Hayes
James P. Healy
Gerard W. and Eileen Heble
Kurt, Cindy and Blake Heier
Eleanor Heinze

2021 Donor acknowledgement continued

Chip and Annette Heiser
 Deacon Donald and Susan Helgeson
 Joan M. Helie
 William and Monica Hellenbrand
 Karen R. Hembrough
 Karen S. Hembrough
 Elizabeth Hemzacek
 Mary Pat Hengesbaugh
 Hal B. and Mary Ann Henry
 Roberta Hering
 Rose Herlien
 Jaime Hernandez & Maria Narvaez
 Ana Herrera
 Timothy and Margaret Herter
 Terry Herzog
 Brad Hettich
 Mary Ann Hiles
 Adam and Antoinette Hill
 JoAnn Hill
 John and Dorothy Hinds
 Carol and Jerry Hinterlong
 Carol Hlavac
 Barbara and John Hocking
 Pat Hogan
 Kathi Holper
 Andrew Honiotes
 John Hopkins
 Barbara Hopp
 Harriet Pribyl Hora
 Cyndi Horn
 Rich and Mary Jean Horna
 Sylvia Hoso
 Bert and Mary L. Hrnicek
 Rose Marie Hrozenjak
 Thomas Hrozenjak
 Douglas and Elizabeth Hucek

Roger and Bonnie Huerter
 Lois A. Hughes
 Joyce Hutchinson
 Judith Hyland

~ I ~

Susan M. Illing
 Sharon and Rudy Illy
 David C. Inge
 Judy Hanratty Iverson (Sacred Heart Academy 1966)

~ J ~

Ronald and Charlotte Jablonski
 Thomas and Loretta Jacobs
 Chuck and Brenda Jaegle
 Irvin M. Jana
 Michael and Pauline Jascur
 Peggy and William Jasien
 Rick and Darcy Jasien
 Shirlee Jasien
 Millie and Rob Jaskula
 Donna Jasurda
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jasurda
 Rita Jasurda
 Tom and Rita Jasurda
 Shirlee Jecmen
 Chris and Lori Jensen
 Jack and Jo Jerak
 Mr. and Mrs. Jerome L. Jeslis
 Alo Jha
 Tony Jilek
 Julia Jilek
 Jeanne Johnson
 Lillian T. Johnson
 David R. and Nicole B. Jones
 Ray and Marilyn Jones
 Mary Jose

Barbara and Thomas Jurack
 John and Dorothy Jurcenko

~ K ~

Cynthia Kadela
 Laurie K. Kagann
 Janet Kahl
 Maureen Kallen
 Bobby and Lillian Kallus
 Elizabeth Kallus and Luke Berube, PhD
 Ken and Donna Kamyszek
 Su-Pa and Frances Kang
 Ashok and Jyotsana Kapadia
 Alejandro and Prudence Kapauan
 Tina Karakourtis, Tina's Closet
 Gary and Ann Karch
 Carol Karvon
 Stephanie L. Kastelic
 Gary and Theresa Kaszynski
 Patrick and Mary Kauffold
 Donald Kazak
 Lester Keck
 Kathleen Keilman
 Kathleen T. Keilty
 Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Kellen
 Kathleen E. Kelley
 Charlotte Kelly
 Theresa Kelly
 John B. and Regina Kelzer
 Mary E. Kent
 Michael and Terese Kerner
 Dorothy Kett
 Keystone Partners LLC
 Bryan and Laura Kibilowski
 Gabrielle Kidney
 Michael and Jane Kidney
 Joseph J. Kilzer

With grateful thanks

*We most gratefully hold all our donors and friends
 in our hearts and in our prayers*

2021 Donor acknowledgement continued

With grateful thanks

Ann E.N. Kim
Jane King
Martha Kinsey
Linda and Greg Klawitter
Diane Kleckler
Harry and Robin Kleronomos
Antoinette Klimowski
Dolores Kling
Barbara Knierim
Rina Knight
John and Janet Knobloch
Kurt and Patricia Koch
Diann Kohley
Lisa Kohout
Jerry Kolpa
Rudolfine (Rudy) Korst
John and Katherine
Koschwanez
Rosemarie Kosik
Sharon Stancl Kostel
Jim and Marilyn Kothmann
John and Kathy Kouba
Robert and Christi Kouba
Carol Kowaleski
David Kowalski
Richard and Mary Kozerski
Mary Riedy Kramer
Ken Krauth
Marlene V. Krawczyk
Marie and William Krejci
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Krejci
Kenneth and Mary Ann
Krivanek
Patricia Krolak
Alan Kruml
Roger and Elizabeth Krumme
Russell and Carolyn Krupicka
Betty and Ron Krupp
Jeanne and Michael Kruppe
Michael and Lorraine
Krzywosz
Len and Joan Kubera
Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kubiak
Wish and Shirley Kucik
Maria Kulma

Gregory and Lueddy Kurkjian
Anita L. Bosen Kvitek

~ L ~

Marian Labin
Julie LaFond
Sandra Sojka and John G.
Lagedrost
Kathleen (Kuhn) LaJeunesse
'66
Dona M. Laketek
Helene Lamarre
Richard and Susan Lamb
Ursula (Sue) and Jim Lambke
Rachel Lang
Barbara Langfeld and Trudy
Wissing
Thomas and Alison Lapinski
Cathy Larchey
Patrick and Mary Ann Larmon
John and Fran LaRock
Oscar Larson
Don and Terri Larson
John and Sharon Larson
Barbara Lausch
Judy A. Lauten
Daniel and Roberta Lawinger
Gary Ledvora and Colleen
Kenney
Joseph Ledvora
Dianne Bebb Lee
Eileen and Paul LeFort
Mary F. Lein
Cathy and Rob Lentz
Leo's Cleaners
Eileen J. Lestina
John Levock
Patrice and James Lia
Edward J. Liczwek
Mary Jane M. Lin
Walter Liptak
Therese H. Liu
Isobel Lobo
Patricia D. Long
Barbara Lorr

James D. Lorr
Robert Arthur Lorr
Donna Luczak
Carol Lukowski
Karen Lundgren
Ann Luzbetak
Francis and Mary Luzbetak
Paul Luzbetak
Bro. Pat Lynch, CSC

~ M ~

Robert and Maria MacFarlane
Robert and Jeanne Maday
Thomas and Pamela Mader
Joann Madon
Joe and Becky Magera
Gerry and Karen Maguire
Therese Mahowald
Joseph and Joann Majewski
Rita and Ann Malec
Arlene Malloy
Dorothy Maloney
Sandy (McWayne) Mann
Corinne Marcello
Frank and Jeanette Marchese
Guy Marella
Bernard K. Maresh
Mary Ellen Marik
Carl and Mary Anne Marker
Pamela and Richard Marker
James Marks
Chris and Cynthia Marler
Rose Mary Marquette
Frank Mastny
Andrew Masura
Eleanore Mate
Greg and Marianne Matecki
Andrew J. Matejczak
Mariko Mathews
Teresa Matlock
Joanie and John McAvoy
Alma and Edward McCabe
Ruth F. McCarthy
George and Kathy McConaghy
James and Mary McFarland

2021 Donor acknowledgement continued

Phil and Mary McGovern
 Ronald and Margaret McGovern
 Sarah McGowan
 Jean McGrath
 McKee-Zurbriggen Family Fund
 Linda McLaren
 Mary Ann Turner McLoud (Althoetmar '63)
 Mary Claire and James McParland
 William and Eileen McShea
 James McSheffery
 Louise A. McSweeney
 Catherine Meaney
 Ken and Carole Meeker
 Ralph and Pamela Meeker
 Raymond and Patricia Mehler
 Dave and Carol Mejdrich
 Jim and Kathy Melsa
 Gary and Patricia Menconi
 Barbara and Ken Meyer
 David and Rita Meyer
 Sherry Michaels
 Victoria Michalik
 Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Michelin
 Andrew J. Mikuska
 Joseph and Pauline Mikuska
 Marianna Mikutis
 Robert N. Milano
 Mary Therese and Bob Millar
 Fred Miller
 Patricia J. Miller
 Helen R. Mills
 Nick and Celeste Minarich
 John M. Misak
 Kurt and Melissa Whitaker Miscinski
 Eleanor Mitchell
 Patricia Treonis Mitlyng
 Tom and Kay Mizerk
 Joyce Riedy Mlyniec
 Mary Ann and Dennis Mlynski

Robert and Jean Modaff
 Steve and Ruth Mohyla
 Bill and Anna-Marie Moncrief
 Crystal Moore
 Patrick and Candice Moore
 Nancy M. Moran
 David and Gosha Moravecek
 Daniel and Mary Mordini
 Vincent and Roxanne Morello
 Nancy Morman and Dan McNeil
 Deacon Robert and Regina Morris
 Susan Morris and Paul Varichak
 Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Morrissey
 Doreen Moskal
 Terry and Susan Mueller
 Donald E. Mullen
 Brian and Gisela Mulligan
 James and Sarah Mulloy
 Carol Mulvihill
 Tom and Jan Murray
 Dorothy S. Myers (class of 1946)

~ N ~

Mary Ann Naas
 Ted and Margie Naegel
 Mrs. Edwin W. Nasby
 Daniel J. Nasharr
 Ronald and Madeline Nasharr
 Jeanette K. Nedelsky
 Edward and Carolyn Nemergut
 Mary Newsam
 Lori Nichols
 Jean Marie Nickelman
 Diane Nilan
 Mary M. Norman

Ann M. Novak
 Joseph G. Novak
 Mary Cosgrove Noven
 Gary and Ann Novey
 John P. and Kathleen Novotny
 Richard Novy
 Janice V. Nowak
 Mary A. Nunke
 Joan Nyhan
 Matt and Rebecca Nykiel

~ O ~

Janet O'Brien
 Steve and Deb O'Connor
 Mary Jane O'Donnell
 Judith O'Hara
 Char O'Keefe
 Bernard and Martha O'Reilly
 Dorothy Mukenschnabl O'Reilly
 John P. O'Rourke
 Oblates
 Rosemary Oddo
 Barbara Odenkirk
 Deacon Michael and Suzanne Opalka
 Konstancja Ostrowski
 Joe and Barb Ott

~ P ~

Vicki and Steve Pachol
 Robert and JoAnn Palmer
 Michael and Theresa Shonka Palmer
 Mary J. Palmquist
 Harry and Marion Panka
 Anna Paparella
 Ted and Mary Parks
 Ron and Christine Paryl
 Margaret Patterson
 Richard N. Paulsen
 Robert and Cindy Pavelchik
 Eugene and Patricia Pawlik
 Carole Pawlikowski
 Marita and Philip Peffley
 Mary T. Pellizzari

With grateful thanks

2021 Donor acknowledgement continued

With grateful thanks

Clara Pelosi
 Judy Bales Perle
 Kathleen H. Pervan
 Bernadette Petrauskas
 Christopher Pett
 Patricia Pfeifer
 Rosemary Phillips
 John Picchietti
 Donna Piegore
 Mary Pieranunzi
 Betty Pierce
 Jim and Pat Pignatiello
 Robert and Janet Pircher
 Dolores R. Pircon
 Mary Jayne Piscitelli
 Linda A. Pliml
 Joan and Charles Pluchar
 Robert and Dianne Pogwizd
 Georgia Mae Pohl
 Rosanne and Joseph Polich
 Michael Pomorski
 Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Pospisil
 Thomas G. Potter
 Sister Mary E. Potthast
 Cynthia Power
 Rose and Jack Powers
 Leo and Sue Poynton
 Sheila Prado
 Leo and Bernadette Priebe
 Anna Prieboy
 Joseph and Jean Prieboy
 Daniel and Judith Printz
 Judy and John Provenzano
 Roger and Vivian Pscherer
 John and Susan Psenicka
 Patricia Putzbach

~ Q ~

Jerry Quigley
 John and Kathleen Quinn

~ R ~

Marilyn Radicker
 Aida V. Ramirez
 Larry and Deborah Randa
 John and Dorothy Rapant
 Clara Raupp
 Scott and Patricia Rayfield
 Georgiana Razniewski
 Margaret M. Rea
 Marguerite M. Regan
 Mr. and Mrs. James Regis
 William and Teresa Ann Reid
 Marion and Mary Kay Reis
 Bill and Angie Rendina
 Rosa Rendon
 Shirl Riccetti
 Tom and Frances Rich
 Donna Richardson
 Marion Richardson
 Marilyn and Glenn Riggs
 Patricia L. Riggs
 William L. Rigsbys
 Nancy Riley
 Walter and Carol Rittle
 James and Rosemary Robbs
 Al Robinson
 Sarah Rocuskie
 Bruce and Ellen Rodman
 Marianne Roenna
 Edward S. Rog Jr
 Lori Rogalski
 Karen Romano

James Rongaus
 Dennis and Terese Ronowski
 Roquette America, Inc
 Donald and Janice Rose
 Barbara Roseborough
 Warren and Margarete Roth
 Peggy Rotunno
 Charles and Carole Rozhon
 Daniel Rubel
 David and Pam Ruda
 Robert A. Rudman
 Judith C. Rudman-Stoll
 Maureen Vap Ruf
 Edward B. Ruff III & Susan M.
 Ruff
 Mary Ruh
 Mrs. Joanne Rungaitis
 Greta Olson Rusk
 Lila Conrad Russavage
 Joan M. Russell
 Matthew C. Rychetsky
 Clarence (Bill) Ryneerson

~ S ~

Bob and Janet Saflover
 Marlene Sage
 Marilyn Sak
 Richard and Janice Sako
 Ron and Linda Samoska
 Thomas Sarsany
 Mary M. Sauriol
 Tom and Frances Scarpellino
 Maria O. Schaff
 Thomas and Judeen Schedler
 Francis J. Schima
 Sharon Mocny Schipiour

*Words and lists cannot express adequately how very grateful the
 Sisters are for all our friends who give so freely to us.*

*We are especially blessed by the generosity shown by Villa
 St. Benedict residents for our Chapel Flower Fund.*



2021 Donor acknowledgement continued

Donald M. and Joann Schmidt
 Hillard Schmidt
 Schneider & Associates, Inc.
 Chris St. Mary Schrader
 (1965)
 John and Donna Schreiber
 Suellen F. Schulthesz
 Kathleen Schulz
 Paula and Chuck Schumacher
 Greg and Kathy Scriba
 Carolyn Scutella
 Paula S. Sedlacek Living Trust
 James R. Sefcik, Jr.
 Joseph Seliga and Vanessa
 Vergara
 Greg Sellers
 Diane Sellinger
 Edward Selvas
 Trini Selvas
 Charles J. Sener
 Rose Sepeda
 William L. Sexton
 Thomas J. Shanley
 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shannon
 Frances Shantz
 Ronald Sharko
 Annie Udovitsch Shaw
 Charlotte C. (Fischer) Shaw
 Dr Leo J. Shea III
 Patricia D. Sheehan
 Mary Kathryn Sheetz
 Louise Shepard
 Susan Shih
 Thomas Shilgalis
 Gary and Mary Shipp
 Dianne Shorter
 Janice A. Shuck
 Marie Shultz (Skopec)
 Michael and Pamela Shuta
 Joan and Roger Shutes
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Siefert
 Alice Nykl Sima
 Evelyn Sirinek
 Arlene Hanus Sirovatka
 Thomas Sirovatka

Sister Josephine Sincak
 Anna Skala
 Phyllis Skehan
 Jerry Skiba
 Robert and Nancy Skrok
 J.P. and P.A. Skubick
 Debra and Rob Skultely
 John Slack
 Thomas and Mary Ann Sladek
 George A. Sloane
 Clare Slowik
 Kathleen Slucas
 Marie Sluka
 Pete and Mary Sluka
 Gary and Helen Smith
 Mary M. Smith
 Raymond and Theresa Smith
 M. Patricia Smok
 Dolores M. Smolen
 Frank Smutnak
 James and Colleen Sobie
 Rose (Roller) Sodergren '66
 Francis A. Sojka
 Michael and Joan Soland
 Mrs. Jeanine Soloy
 Patricia Souder
 Bonnie Spalla
 Loretta Spesia
 John Spokas
 Ms. Cheryl Sporlein
 Judith Ann Squire
 Janet Srail
 Raymond Sramek
 St. James the Apostle Catholic
 Church
 St. Procopius Abbey
 St. Joan of Arc Church and
 School
 Roseann Stachura
 Francie Stamate
 Ernie and Edith Stark
 Bernice Stavinoha
 Kathryn (Simek) Stimetz
 Dorothy Stodola
 Ivan and Linda Stodola

Paul Stodola
 Rudi and Mary Dore Strahl
 J. Wayne Strittmatter
 Judi Strong
 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stubits
 Frank and Beverly Studnick
 Edward and Shirley Sullivan
 Joseph M. Sullivan
 Rita Sullivan
 Nancy E. Supena
 Joyce and Walter Sura
 David and Carol Surowiec
 John and Bobbie Sweeney
 James and Linda Sweet
 Jerome and Ellen Sychowski
 Oleh Sydor
 Arlene Cerven Sypniewski
 Jane F. Szafranski
 Susan and Marty Szczech
 Joseph and Mary Szczepaniak
 Lester and Karen Szczypkowski
 Judith Szorc

~ T ~

Edward and Shirley Talbot
 James and Lois Tallarovic
 Glenn and Mags Tan
 Eugene and Maria Tashjian
 John and Patricia Taska
 Rosanne Taube
 Mary E. Taylor
 Thomas and Linda
 Teichgraeber
 Florence Terronez
 Betty J. Thomas
 Raymond Thome
 Nieces and Nephews of Ray
 Thome
 Alice Tinnes
 Cory S. Tintera
 Frank and Callie Mae Tobolski
 Regina Tomal
 Eva Tomsic
 Therese Trojak
 Fred and Vicki Tuch

With grateful thanks

2021 Donor acknowledgement continued

With grateful thanks

Gregory and Marla Turek
James and Melissa Turner
Rosemarie Turner
Colleen Therese Turner-Johnson
Joan and Joseph Turos
John Twarogal

~ U ~

James J. Uchytel
Bonita L. Untiedt
Barbara and Jim Urchek
Shirley Schloegel Utley

~ V ~

Susan R. Vadovicky
Eugenio and Carmen Valdes
Mrs. Peter D. (Judy) Valek
Aldona Valicenti
David A. Vanden Brook
Jeffry and Kristine Vann
Helen K. Varichak
Mark and Claudia Varichak
Steven J. Vatch
Steven and Mary Verdick
Marilyn Viator
Bonnie Vicha
David M. Vidican
John and Dawn Vidmar
Bernadette Viskocil
Sam and Carolyn Vitale
Claude and Sue Vodrazka
Diane Vogel
George and Shelby Vogrin
James and Joanne Vojahosky
Martin Volpe
Helen Vopenka
Tom and Sue Votruba

~ W ~

Mary Wabiszewski
Donna J. Wagner
Edith and Richard Wagner
Mel and Betty Wagner
Tom and Mary Wagner
Chris and Dorothy Walker
Debra Walker
Gerry Walker
John and Pat Walker
Carole Piller Wall
Donald and Sandra Srotyr
Wall
William Walsh
Sarah and Chase Walton
(Barden)
Mary Ann Yackley Walz
Eileen Ward
Nancy Warden
Karen C. Watson (Benay)
Bess Weglarz
David Wegman
Richard and Barbara Weigel
Edward T. Weingartner
Fran Weiss
Scott and Mary Jo Weller
Nancy Deeley-Earley and John
Welling
Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Welty
Joyce Wesolowski
Marie Diener West and Keith
P. West Jr
Frank and Lucy Whalen
Robert and Patricia Wheeler
Phil and Rosemary White
Jeff and Marisa Whitnell

Joan Brummel Wiczek
Craig and Leslie Wiedder
Joy Wilcox
Kathleen Ballard Wildenthaler
Janet Cook Wilmoth
Dennis and Rosemary
Wisnosky
Catherine S. Wokas
Daniel C. Wood and Lynn
Lazzarotto
Mary Anne Woodcock
William and Camille Woodward
Anita Wozniak
Joan S. Wrenn
Ana Wubker
Tom and Jane Wuellner
Annette Wulffe

~ Y ~

Liz Yablonicky
Norma Yeates
Mari Yohannan
Beth Youle
Audrine Yu
Hermenegildo and Adela Yu

~ Z ~

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zak
Nancy Zak
Micquela Zambrano
Joan Zaorski
Barbara Zeiler
Theresa and John Zigmond
Steven and Karen Zimmerman
Tom and Debbie Zimmerman
Theresa Zuchowski

We sincerely regret any omission or errors in our acknowledgements, and have also done our best to honor our friends' wishes to give anonymously with such generosity. Please call the Development Office (630.725.6013) with any questions or corrections.

Come and Be Oblates of St. Benedict

Are you searching for more on your spiritual journey? Is your work load in competition with your relationship with God? Have you found some distance between you and Church because of COVID?

Then consider becoming an Oblate, sustained by the way of life presented in the Rule of Benedict.

Oblates are men and women, married or single, who hunger for a deeper experience of God. Join others in prayer, Lectio Divina, and work in the context of an extended Community.

To date we have had 40+ women and men make an Oblation (a Promise) to Sacred Heart Monastery. We meet once a month to socialize, reflect on Lectio Divina, and share the values taught in the Rule of Benedict and how these values have enhanced our lives. Oblates volunteer to assist here at the Monastery with garden work, as receptionists, praying with us at Lauds and/or Vespers, and in our Eucharistic ministries. Needless to say, they also share in the needs of their local communities.

As Director of Oblates, I am humbled and amazed at the depth of spiritual growth I witness in each Oblate, as well as how this wisdom has been taken into their homes and communities. Hospitality, Stewardship, Respect and Justice are alive and practiced well in their lives.

Come join us for an open meeting on August 21, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. See for yourself if your spiritual life can include a new depth and comradeship as you continue to journey through life.

Sister Karen Nykiel, O.S.B.

630-632-2216

knykiel@shmlisle.org



PLANNED GIVING

Benefits of making a Planned Gift, which include wills, bequests, life insurance and other estate plans:

- Provide a lasting tribute that offers ongoing support for the Benedictine Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery.
- Make a gift today without spending current income or retirement resources.
- Realize income tax and future estate tax advantages while providing for your heirs.
- Become a partner in ministry with the Benedictine Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery.
- Be remembered in the prayers of the Sisters each day.

The Sisters thank you for considering a bequest to the Benedictine Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery.

By virtue of our listing in the Official Catholic Directory, the Treasury of the United States has ruled that contributions to the Sisters fully qualify for federal income, estate and gift tax deduction purposes as provided within the law.

The legal title of our monastic community is:
Benedictine Sisters of the Sacred Heart
Our FEIN is 36-2169170

Persons interested in making special gifts or bequests are asked to contact:

Development Office
Sacred Heart Monastery
1910 Maple Ave. Lisle, IL 60532
630 725-6013
development@shmlisle.org

Here and There



Congratulations to Sister Norbertha Mlowe, OSB, on her graduation from Benedictine University, where she studied English Literature.

Best wishes always to Sister Norbertha and her future endeavors!

— — — — —

We'd also like to congratulate Hayley Hofmann and Shania Gimenez on their graduation from Lewis University! While earning their nursing

degrees they had been honing their skills tending to our Sisters here. We wish them all the best as they pursue their careers: Hayley at Edward Hines VA Hospital and Shania at Christ Hospital.

— — — — —



Each year Sister Mary Bratrsovsky constructs the Pascal candle for Sacred Heart Chapel.

And for many years, Sister Helen Jilek has created Resurrection Gardens for the Sisters' dining room and for Villa St. Benedict. This year, Sister Hyacintha Nepela helped in assembling the scenes.





While access to Sacred Heart Chapel is still restricted to outside visitors, you may join us for Sunday Mass on-line: livestream at 10:00am or view the video later. Available on our chaplain Father Becket's Facebook page at facebook.com/fr.becket



Volunteers at Sacred Heart Monastery

The Sisters are blessed with many friends who volunteer time and talents to assist us on our Board, and with our Chapel and Monastery needs.

In spite of physical distancing and suspension of some ministries—some volunteers still anxiously wait to return—the Sisters have certainly felt enriched and uplifted by your love and support in 2021.

We are ever grateful, and say, Thank You.

Rebecca Anderson	Richard DeMichael	Charlotte Kelly	Linsey Schoemehl Payne
Judy Arcy	Jane Doyle	Jane King	Cindy Power
Anne Albrecht	Meghan Doyle	Rina Knight	Dan Printz
Nancy Albrecht	John Durso	Ray Kridle	Mary Rammien
Lynn Aument	Janet Elischer	Bob Krone	Bill Rendina
Toni Baumgartner	Jean Elliott	Ron Krupp	Nicole Rich
Norman Beles	Adrienne Forstneger	Dick Lamb	Edward Rog Jr
Marguerite Belval	Joe Fosco	Sue Lamb	Randy Ruther
Richard Belval	Beena Francis	Cathy Larchey	Suzanne Ross
Ann Beranek	Kay Gaido	Cathy Lentz	Kevin Rymanowski
Ann Brennan	Annette Gambo	Jim Lia	Bill Rynearson
Jim Briggs	Helen Giordano	Patrice Lia	St. Procopius Abbey monks
Cathy Brummel	Nick Giuliano	Gerry Maguire	Betty Scheet
Michael Budd	Carole Gravelle	Arlene Malloy	Tom Shanley
Carol Cain	Bob Greene	Ron McGovern	Joseph Shannon
Dr. Tom Callanan	Jody Grimaldi	Mary Jane McMahon	Susan Shih
Jerry Carley	Gen Hadamik	John Meis	Tom Shilgalis
Cathy Cawiezel	Katie Hannon	Bill Mersch	Daina Siliunas
Ann Chackanad	Jean Hartman	Peggy Mersch	Jay Sterns
Helena Chung	Ray Hartman	Carol Miller	Diana Stolte
Phyllis Collins	Beth Hemzacek	Tim Moore	Rosanne Taube
Paul Curtin	Peggy Hogan	Maureen Naughton	Florence Terronez
Estelle Dambach	Roger Huerter	Janice Nowak	Shelby Vogrin
Chuck Davidson	Sister Susan Hutchens, OSB	Janet O'Brien	Jane Weir
Vicky DeLeon	Jo Jerak	Lil Omana	Christine Welch
Kathy DeMichael	Prudence Kapauan	Tom Omana	Pucky Zimmerman

Queen of Heaven Monastery

Sr. Marion Dobos

Seventeenth Annual Day of Reflection for Women
“A New Perspective on: Courage, Compassion & Confidence”
Sponsored by the Office of Religious Education
Archeparchy of Pittsburgh, PA

On May 7th, sixty-seven women gathered at the Byzantine Catholic Cathedral Center of St. John the Baptist in Munhall, PA to pray together and reflect on the qualities needed to remain spiritually & physically healthy. Mindful of the war in Ukraine, the setup for the day included the colors of Ukraine and sunflowers. The day opened with a prayer service for the women and children of Ukraine.



Our first presenter was Dr. Regina Poletunow Boerio, Ph.D, a Professor of Psychology at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. Her clinical interests include anxiety, depression and women's issues. She gave specific examples on how we can show compassion to others and grow in self-compassion. Regina's excellent Power Point presentation included a few scenes of the plight of women and children in Ukraine and the outpouring of compassionate assistance to this war-torn country.

The second presentation was given by Andrea Wedner. She is truly a “*Woman of Valor*.” (Proverbs 31:10). This is the opening line from the poem honoring a righteous woman in Proverbs. It is sung every week on Friday night at the Sabbath meal and read at the funeral of a Jewish woman.

On October 27, 2018 during morning service at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA Andrea was seriously wounded in a vicious attack on the Jewish community. Her 97-year-old mother, Rose Mallinger was killed along with 10 other worshippers. In the midst of tragedy and grief, she finds

support and healing in her family, friends and community. She told her story with courage, dignity and grace. Her inner resiliency and ability to heal from the hurt was a gift to all present.



Our final presenter was Alissa West. Alissa graduated from Elizabethtown College in 2004 with a Bachelor of Music in Music Therapy. For over ten years, she provided services for individuals of all ages with physical and developmental disabilities at Matheny Medical and Educational Center in NJ and Arts & Services, Inc. in Los Angeles, CA. Her presentation was interactive and fun. A perfect ending to a great day!

Women's Day Committee; Sister Marion Dobos, 2nd from left

Centennial Prayer for Federation of St. Scholastica 100th Anniversary February 25, 2022 – 2023

The Federation of Saint Scholastica, comprised of 17 Monasteries of Benedictine Women, was established on February 25, 1922.

The same call and gift of the Spirit that came to Benedict of Nursia and his sister Scholastica early in the 6th century came to the women who formed the Federation of Saint Scholastica early in the 20th century. This same call and gift of the Spirit comes to us today, inspiring and animating us to respond to the gospel with their good zeal, with listening hearts, with clarity of spiritual vision, and with hearts impelled by love. And so we pray:



Loving God, we give you thanks
for our Benedictine heritage,
and for the expression of this call and gift in the
communities of the Federation of St. Scholastica.

May our celebration
of the Federation's first 100 years
strengthen us in our spiritual tradition,
deepen our capacity to listen,
widen our hearts with your love,
and sharpen our spiritual vision
that seeks to see Christ in the heart of all Creation
and at the center of our common life.

One in Christ,
may the communities of the Federation,
oblates, benefactors, and friends,
share the peace of Christ,
show the love of Christ,
and make Christ known in our world.



Sacred Heart Academy Alumnae

We are searching for all of our Alumnae. If you received this issue of the LBW, but did not receive the March *Echo*, or invitations to our last October Homecoming, you are on our mailing list, but not coded as a Sacred Heart Academy alumna.

Please help us update our records by contacting Beth Hemzacek at ehemzacek@shmlisle.org, or send a note to Benedictine Sisters attn.: SHA Alumnae, 1910 Maple Ave, Lisle, IL 60532.

Homecoming is planned for Saturday, October 15th at Villa St. Benedict. Invitations will be mailed in September.

Villa St. Benedict

Nicole Rich

It continues to be an amazing time—in the world and at Villa St. Benedict. As we all strive to resume beautiful normalcy where we safely can, unfortunately, horrible, “normal” things happen too: notably in the form of unprovoked, inhumane war being waged in Ukraine by Russia. This tragedy certainly puts everything in perspective—and created an intense desire to help—in the larger world and here at VSB. “Unite for Ukraine” on behalf of the Benedictine Sisters of Lviv, Ukraine has resulted in over eight thousand dollars being raised so far to support these Sisters as they continue their humane, and human, work to care for those who face unfathomable fear, loss, and uncertainty.

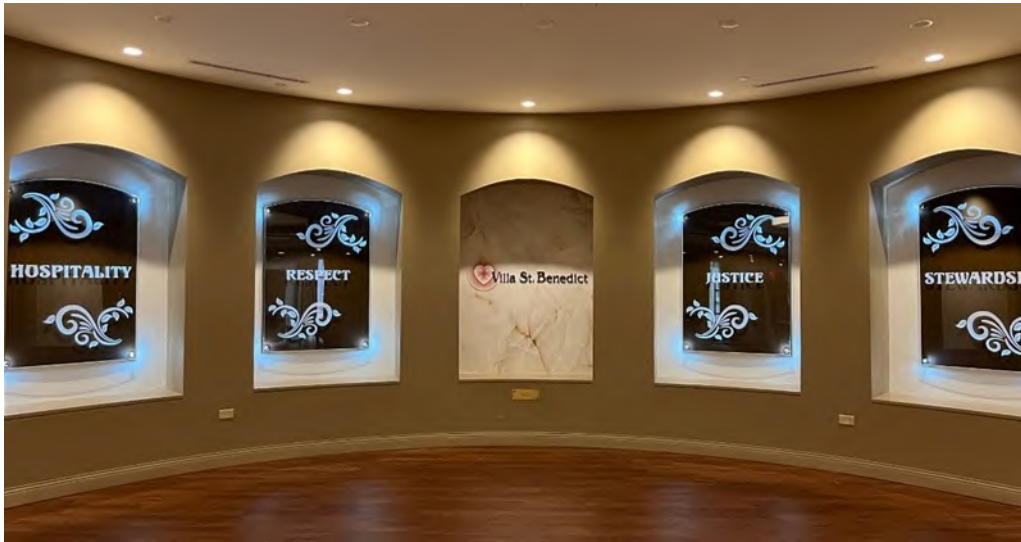
That call to help others—and the commitment to carry it out—is evident at VSB daily. Just as important as the desire to help is, everyone needs to take care of themselves so that they have the physical, emotional, and spiritual reserves to fulfill that mission. A recent example of nourishing and renewing oneself was during the Ladies’ Retreat in the monastery.



Presentations, conversations, and meditation were absorbed and relished by everyone who participated. Hopefully, this will become a recurring event.

Residents, families, and employees helped the entire community when the Great Room project began years ago. The pandemic put some obstacles on the path to completion, but the beautiful memorial and donor wall commemorating everyone’s vital role was worth the wait. The final piece will be celebrating formally—hopefully when the weather is beautiful and our new Foundation Director joins Villa St. Benedict.





The Sisters were finally able to resume hosting their traditional High Tea luncheon on April 23rd for Villa St. Benedict residents who volunteer their time and talents at Sacred Heart Monastery. Here are a few of our guests with the Sisters...





Lisle Benedictine Women

Sacred Heart Monastery
1910 Maple Avenue
Lisle, IL 60532-2164
(630) 725-6000
www.shmlisle.org

MISSION STATEMENT

The Corporate Mission of the Benedictine Sisters of the Sacred Heart is Hospitality. Directed by the Gospel and the spirit of the Rule of Saint Benedict, the mission is based on a commitment to use time, talent and resources of the Community for those in need.

We, the Benedictine Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery, Lisle, Illinois, proclaim hospitality to be our corporate commitment. This mandate, found in the Hebrew scriptures, the Gospels, and reiterated by Benedict to be the cornerstone for our interaction with one another (Rule of Benedict, Chapter 72) and our reception of strangers & guests (RB 53), is our particular corporate response to the needs of this 21st century.

We are proclaiming our commitment to hospitality as one significant way of being

counter-cultural in the midst of global fear and mistrust. We are determined to create an environment of non-violence among ourselves that will allow our own members to experience gentle warmth and reverence for the gift each is to the community. We will create an atmosphere in which the stranger will be recognized as a guest - received as Christ Himself - the gift of God among us.

We are willing to risk and model that strangers, coming together as friends, can nourish one another in the prayerful atmosphere of cenobitic community, can share resources, can host and reverence the other as sacred. In the act of "opening our door" to the other, we in fact open our hearts - emptying ourselves of ourselves. This will be our gift to those "who knock." With open hands, we receive the gift they are to us.