Bethany House of Hospitality

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Letter from the Prioress

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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

Truly yours,

Sister Judith Murphy, OSB
Prioress

Special Thanks To:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Community Archivist, Sister Virginia Jung organized the first “Open Archives at Benedictine Sisters of Chicago” event on October 20, 2017. Following in the footsteps of Sister Vivian Ivantic, Sister Virginia was inspired to host this event through her association with the Chicago Archives Association. The event featured the life of Miriam Wilson, OSB and her work as prison chaplain and death penalty abolitionist. Archival materials of Sister Miriam’s monastic life that influenced her work as chaplain at Cook County Jail were exhibited on several tables for patrons to read before a performance of “Miriam, In Her Own Words” by the Northwind Players of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago’s St. Scholastica Monastery and Still Point Theatre. Following the performance many community members shared fond memories of Sister Miriam’s vast impact on the lives of so many.

Sister Elisangela of the Sisters of Charity of Our Lady Mother of Mercy (SCMM), came to Chicago from Brazil to study English and fully immerse in the language by staying at the St. Scholastica Monastery from July through October. Sister Mel Ryley, of the same community, had lived and worked in Brazil for several years. She was concerned that if Sister Elise, as she is commonly known, lived with her in Chicago that they would frequently be tempted to converse in Portuguese. Sister Mel decided to ask her Benedictine friends at St. Scholastica if Sister Elise could live with them in order to have lots of practice in conversational English. It worked out well for everyone.

The Benedictine Sisters of Chicago congratulate Elise on being elected a member of the General Governing Board (General Council) of her congregation which is comprised of the superior general (an Indonesian) and three council members, who happen to be Dutch, Filipino, and herself. Also, as a member of the leadership team she will travel to visit the various countries where the SCMM Sisters are located and where English is the international language. Congratulations Sister Elise for completing the language program, so successfully. Our prayers and goodwishes go with you as you begin your new ministry of leadership within your community.
Having dedicated the majority of her life to helping those in need, Sister Patricia Crowley, OSB, intuitively knew she had found her next challenge in the area of immigration. On February 24, 2017, a meeting was convened of women religious from various religious communities in Illinois to further learn about the situation of unaccompanied immigrant children and to brainstorm on what to do to help them. From this gathering, with representatives from 30 religious communities, Bethany House of Hospitality was born.

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

According to the Administration for Children and Families, as published in the Chicago Tribune on February 24, 2017, “Nearly 60,000 children came across the border without their parents during the fiscal year ending in September of 2016. Thousands landed in Illinois where last year, 2,300 kids were placed by the agency in juvenile detention centers, called shelters, as they awaited a decision on whether they’d be released to relatives in the U.S. or remain in detention.”

Sister Patricia and the other women religious founders knew they could not ignore this situation. They will work closely with Viator House, a similar home for young men, founded by the Viatorians, Brother Michael Gosch and Father Corey Brost. They will also garner assistance for the residents of Bethany House from The Young Center at the University of Chicago, which offers advocacy for unaccompanied children as they seek asylum in our country. These young women come to the United States as children without an adult accompanying them from such countries as China, Romania, Poland, Taiwan, Ghana, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Ethiopia, Guinea, Nigeria, Jamaica, Somalia, and Brazil. Without the assistance of Bethany House, they would be transferred to adult detention, where the conditions are dire.

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

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

She reflects on this ministry by saying:

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

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

For more information: Patricia Crowley, OSB at 312-909-9968 or at pcrowley@osbchicago.org

“Deepest gratitude to the Bernard Heerey Family Foundation for again being so generous in supporting our elder Sisters.”
Oblate Ceremonies Abound

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

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

If you are interested in becoming an Oblate, contact Sister Benita Coffey, 773.764.2413 x327, bcoffey@osbchicago.org

"I seek to serve God as an Oblate of St. Benedict"
In Memoriam

St. Scholastica Academy, Chicago
Ann O’Hara Yeomans Mueller (1942) (deceased 1/9/16*)
Irene Conway Bucher (1943) (deceased 5/18/16*), mother of Mary Kloe (1971), Ann Mertes (1974) and sister of Madeline Chitko (1947)
Suzanne M. Sydow Davis (1947)
Jacqueline Donovan Cross (1947) (deceased 2/24/07*)
Tom Sagan, son of Patricia Malloy Sagan (1947)
Helen Wade O’Brien (1948)
Sister Joan Hentges, OSB (1949)
Carol Toohey Smith (1949), sister of Janet Toohey Hagenreder (1956)
Denise Stanton Edwards (1952) (deceased 2/4/07*)
Sheila Hartnett Horne (1952)
Barbara Owens Zak (1954), mother of Carla Zak Hayes (1985)
Patricia Anne Buord (1957) (deceased 5/28/17*)
Lucille Anichini Stangel (1957) (deceased 11/21/16*)
Barbara LaVarre Bales (1958)
Molly Mullahy Heraty (1960)
Maureen A. O’Malley (1960)
Jeanne Miller Van Bree (1960) (deceased 3/6/17*)
Veronica Brucker McCann (1962), sister of deceased Patricia Gardanier (1955) and Diane Streff (1978)
Patricia “Pattie” Butz Barilla (1963), sister of Susan Lutz (1956), Kathleen Plummer (1960) and Rosemary Mehner (1970)
Constance (Connie) Carramusso Cunningham (1964)
Paulette Wirth Murray (1964)
Brother of Marynell Heffernan Mayfield (1965) and Martha Heffernan Daly (1968)
Cynthia Halpin Fairchild (1968) (deceased 3/15/16*)
Deborah Lingenfels Berke (1970)
Mary Kaye Syron Carro (1970)
Virginia Therese Schulten, mother of Mary Beth Schulten (1970) and Cathleen Schulten Cermak (1978)
Tammy Fender Lawless (1977) (deceased 5/18/15*)
Bridget Murphy Mak (1977) (deceased 4/1/06*)
Florence Fontana (1987) (date of death unknown)
John Leo Giannini, father of Amy Giganti Cabrera (1989)
Wilma McCalister, mother of Helen McCallister (2000)

St. Scholastica Academy, Cañon City
Alice Gibbs Thompson (1944)
Betty “Boo” Gredig Finucane (1949) (deceased 5/27/17*)
Christopher Holston, husband of Maria Velez Holston (1983)

The above represents notices received June 1, 2017-November 1, 2017.
* denotes that death was prior to June 1, 2017, but we received notice of their death in the last five months.

Dr. Patricia Canchola, pictured at the 2017 American Humane Hero Dog Awards® Gala that took place at the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, CA in September 2017.
St. Scholastica Alumnae & Teachers Reunite

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

A Monastery guest honors the sisters

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

A Colorado native, Velasquez, through an act of providence, met Priorress Sister Laura Walker of St. Scholastica Monastery (Chicago) during one of her visits to Colorado in the late 1950s. Sister Laura heard Velasquez had been one of only two high school graduates awarded a full college scholarship to the Art Institute of Chicago. Unfortunately, Velasquez’s family could not afford to send him to Chicago, nor support his living expenses in the city. Fortunately, Sister Laura graciously invited Velasquez to live in the lower level of the Chaplain’s house here at St. Scholastica Monastery, so that he could fulfill his dreams of becoming an artist. Velasquez has never
“What an honor to have something dedicated in our name, as important as a well that will allow Ugandan women and girls to attend school and learn.”

-Sister Vivian

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

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

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

Velasquez’s gratitude, especially to Sister Vivian, who in August celebrated 104 years of life, is warmly appreciated not only by her but by the entire Benedictine community. She stated, “What an honor to have something dedicated in our name, as important as a well that will allow Ugandan women and girls to attend school and learn, instead of spending so many hours of their days walking miles to provide clean water for their families.”

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

**Forgiving the People You Love to Hate:**
*The Psychology and Spirituality of Forgiveness*
A lecture by Judy Logue
Sunday, January 21, 2018
3:00-4:30 p.m., free
Open to the public.
For more info, contact: Sister Benita Coffey, OSB
773.764.2413 x327

**Feast of St. Scholastica Mass**
Saturday, February 10, 2018
5:00 p.m.
To attend, contact:
Sister Judith Murphy, OSB, 773.764.2413 x230

**Movie Screening: A Evening at the Monastery for Young Catholic Women**
To Celebrate National Catholic Sisters Week
Thursday, March 8, 2018, free
To learn more, contact:
Sister Belinda Monahan, OSB, 773.338.7063

**Dreams and Spirituality**
Led by Sister Pat Coughlin, OSB
Wednesdays on April 4, April 11, April 18 & April 25, 2018; 7:00- 9:00 p.m.
$60 suggested offering.
For more info or to register, contact:
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Prayer Ministry

We remember you in our daily prayers.

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

Memorials

In memory of Jeanne Marie Kelly Andrews
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Agnes Atwood
Carrie Frey and Jean Rice
In memory of Ron Auer
Catherine Hennessy

In memory of deceased members of the Bajda family
Danuta Bajda
In memory of Frank Bajda
In memory of Wojciech Bajda
Danuta Bajda
In memory of Barbara LaVarre Bales
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Kathy Kirschen Janessa
In memory of Jadwiga Bloch
Danuta Bajda
In memory of Patricia “Pattie” Butz Barilla
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
In memory of Richard Basso
Patricia Hartmann
In memory of Don Beezley
Diane Syms
In memory of Joyce Bregor
Agnes Glavish
In memory of Patricia Board
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
In memory of Irene Conway Bucher
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
In memory of Shirley Louise Buckingham
Joanne Spata
In memory of Deborah Lingenfelser Burke
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
In memory of Jean Kimmick Butler
Thomas Butler
In memory of Phylis Caiafa
Michael and Eileen Moorman
In memory of the deceased members of the Ciciona family
Danuta Bajda
In memory of Genevieve Cloppoy
Carol Cloppoy
In memory of Jacqueline Donovan Cross
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
In memory of Constance (Connie) Carramusa Cunningham
Judith Alexander
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Jackie LeSanche
Peg and John Parke
In memory of Mary Kaye Syron Carrao
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
In memory of Tim Coughlin
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
In memory of Annie Cullen
Margaret Cullen
In memory of George Cullen
Margaret Cullen
In memory of deceased members of the Dabrowski family
Danuta Bajda
In memory of Suzanne M. Sydow Davis
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Connie and Richard Rosler
In memory of Sister Victoria Davis, OSB
Steven and Gwenn Suvada
In memory of Richard Edward Day
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
In memory of Ewa Domagalski
Danuta Bajda
In memory of Al Eberhardt
Marianne Eberhardt
In memory of Denise Stanton Edwards
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
In memory of E. Ralph Egloff
Kathleen Egloff
In memory of deceased members of the Ehrmann family
Virginia Koerber
In memory of Jack and Julie Evans
Leslie Dickerson
In memory of Cynthia Halpin Fairchild
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
John Fairchild
In memory of Betty “Boo” Gredg Finucane
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
In memory of Adrienne Fischer
Jackie LeSanche
In memory of Florence Fontana
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
In memory of Margaret Olson Forrest
Patricia Olson Dolan
In memory of Marlise Gunther Gaines
Barbara Anne Bowdish
In memory of Kathy Geroski
Jill Newberger
In memory of John Leo Giannini
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
In memory of Sister Joyce Gleeson, OSB
Suzanne Walsh
In memory of Terrance Hallagen
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Steven D. and Margaret McCormick
In memory of George Hathorn
Sister Mariella Hathorn, OSB
In memory of the deceased members of the George and Marcella Hathorn Family
Jeanne Klaiber
In memory of George and Marcella Hathorn
Jeanne Klaiber
In memory of Richard Hathorn
Sister Mariella Hathorn, OSB
In memory of Sister Joan Hentges, OSB
Therese Dokman
Noreen Ferrari
Mary Ann Harrington
Colette and James MacDonald
Helen Sieben
Edward and Alice Skerjanec
Margaret Goehl Trujillo
In memory of Molly Mullady Heraty
Susan Jans Aste
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
In memory of Christopher Holston
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
In memory of Sheila Hartnett Hornof
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
In memory of Hon. John N. Hourihane
May and John Ahn
Mareon Arnold
Barbara Bryja-Friery and Sean Friery
Kathy Caudill
Beth and Robert Cerrado
Peggy Cusick
Judith and William DeGiulio
Phil and Lois DeGiulio
Katherine Gehrke
Ed and Christine Fitzgerald
Jeffery Gottstein
Christina and William Guswiler
John N. Hourihane, Jr.
Marilyn and Jose Infante
Barbara Isaacson
Patricia and Robert Joyce
Philip and Gaye Kenny
Richard A. Lee
Stephen and Margaret Lombardo
Alice Madden
Patrick and Mary Ellen McGrath
Mary Susan and Lawrence McPartlin
R. P. Nicholson  
Gregory O’Brien  
Tom and Ginger Peak  
Tanika Pierre  
Kathy Statz Rees  
Steven Roeder  
Sister Jane Smith, OSB  
Cheryl M. and Thomas M. Stanton  
Charlotte and Mary Sugrue  
Barbara Urban  
Hon. James J. Wimbiscus  
James Zatopa  
Beryl and Donald Zerwer  
In memory of Ruth Ivantic  
Susan Barber  
Greg and Linda Barnard  
Robert Bassett family  
Tami and Joe Bellisario  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago  
Joyce and Ted Bond, Sr.  
JoAnn Bonwell  
Debra Brady  
Robert and Mary Bzik  
Lyle and Tara Caldara  
Daniel and JoAnne Coughlin  
William and Teddi Dunham  
Carol and Edward Finnegan, Jr.  
Patricia Finnegan  
Mary Flessner  
Sonia Guadiana  
Marion Haack  
Margaret Heaphy and Michael O’Grady  
Paul Ivantic  
Walter Ivantic  
William Ivantic family  
RoseAnn Jerdee  
Robert and Teresa Jesenovec  
William and Mary Jo Jesenovec  
Laurel Johnson  
Mike and Cheryll Johnson  
Richard and Ann Klaess  
Eileen and Lawrence Klonowski  
Bob and Ann Knessel  
Karie R. Kobiske  
Michael and Cheryl Komenda  
Beth and Joseph Leffelman  
Lisa Ling  
Paul Louis  
Diane Mancini  
Sister Barbara McCary, OSB  
Frank Merlock  
Jim and Kathie Merlock  
Linda and Thomas Moran  
Suzanne and Frank Mynard  
Joseph and Vivian Nemanich  
Jack and Bobbi Nieds  
North Shore Trust & Savings, Stephen G. Lear, Pres.  
Leo Nycz  
Bob and Elaine Ogrin  
Nancy Nolan Ouska  
Robert and Georgene Petrusky  
Donna Pucin  
Kathleen Reilly  
Debbie and Ryan Rodbro  
Tami Rohr  
Tom and Terry Rosko  
Marie Schlagenhaft  
Joann Schulz  
Mary Beth and Keith Self  
Sister Ann Sharp, OSB  
Tom and Kathy Sivia  
Jan Smith  
Kristen Stewart  
James and Christine Stickler  
Mary and Timothy Stone  
Eileen Sullivan  
Agnes Vettese  
Martha Weinburter  
Beth and Ron Williams  
Hercules Zagoras  
Margaret and Manley Zanco  
Renee Zorc  
In memory of Rose Jirasek  
Violet and John Jirasek  
In memory of Pat Erhard Johnson  
Marilyn Oetringer  
In memory of Ronald W. Johnson  
Charlotte Johnson  
In memory of Rose Jurkovic  
John and Joan Delisi  
In memory of Anton Kaplan  
Margaret Cullen  
In memory of Frances Kaplan  
Margaret Cullen  
In memory of Violet A. Karpinski  
Bernard Karpinski  
In memory of Alfred Kilgen  
Mary Joan Kilgen Truesdell  
In memory of Charles Kilgen  
Mary Joan Kilgen Truesdell  
In memory of Mary Lou Kilgen  
Mary Joan Kilgen Truesdell  
In memory of James and Jeanne Klaiber on their wedding anniversary  
Jeanne Klaiber  
In memory of deceased members of the Kociszewski family  
Danuta Bajda  
In memory of Sister Anne Krall, OSB  
Martha Beauchamp  
Patricia Hartmann  
Martha Krall  
In memory of deceased members of the Kurcz family  
Danuta Bajda  
In memory of Patricia Shanley Lambert  
Marilyn Oetringer  
In memory of Tammy Fender Lawless  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago  
In memory of Jim Liautaud  
Marilyn Oetringer  
In memory of Betty Lieberman  
Linda Herrmann  
In memory of Sister Catherine Lynch, OSB  
Kathleen and William Riordan  
In memory of Bridget Murphy Mak  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago  
In memory of Rose Marie Manice  
Mary Ann and Fred Henning  
In memory of Geraldine Copp Marqui  
Margaret Heaphy  
In memory of Margaret Martin and Carroll Martin  
Patricia Martin  
In memory of Dr. Gregory J. Matz  
Judith Alexander  
Margie Auer  
Edward Bales  
Marilyn Ballard  
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Patrick Carpenter  
Kathy Caudill  
Andrea Ciccone  
John and Patricia Ciprian  
Suzanne and John Coggins and family  
Patricia Cowhey and George Courtneu  
Mary and John Coyle  
Beth and Jeff Cousins and family  
John Dainauskas  
Christine Brennan Davis, Christopher Davis and Helen Rose Davis  
John and Barbara Donnelly  
Renata Dooley  
Peter Doris  
Deborah and Sunny Eappen  
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Prayer Ministry—June 1, 2017 - November 1, 2017

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Janet Guerrero and Patricia Kensel-Hammes
JoAnn Harano
Patricia Heidkamp
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Nancy Horton
Tim Hughes
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Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

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Fiscal Year 2016-2017
Message from the Prioress

Dear Friends,

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

Through your contributions we are able to be involved in varied services for one another and many others who are transitioning from homelessness, or are in need of couples counseling and spiritual direction and much more. As you know, these are not lucrative works, although they are very rich in meaning for us and for those we serve. Thank you for all the ways you graciously support our Benedictine mission. Each day we hold you in grateful remembrance and prayer.

Gratefully,

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