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Dear Friends,

Not long ago I heard an interview on National Public Radio in which a researcher described a millennial in Europe who wanted to hack into the Rule of Benedict to “learn about community.” There may be easier ways!

Visitors to the monastery say they find something here in the monastery that feels peaceful, when they come to join us in Eucharist or evening prayer or a meal. Benedict’s (and Scholas-tica’s) Rule guides the lives of those who belong to this monastery, where they serve under a rule and an abbot/prioress. Sisters vow “Conversion through a monastic way of life,” ongoing conversion through living with one another and sharing prayer, work, and daily life. Here we learn that each day invites a new beginning: we try; we fail; we begin again, converted over a lifetime through day to day life in the monastery.

You know the exhortation, “Ora et Labora:” Pray and Work. We reverence the pattern of life that is Prayer and Work. These interacting activities help us grow over a lifetime into who we are to be. We say, “We seek God together in prayer and community, and serve where there is need.”

Herein you will see three of our sisters and their work “serving where there is need.” Thus, the atmosphere of joyful, life-giving peace spreads beyond the monastery. Thank you to all of you--friends, alumnae, oblates, coworkers, associates, relatives--who join in our life together so meaningfully.

In peace,

Judith Murphy, OSB

Letters From You

ST. SCHOLASTICA MEMORIES

Saint Scholastica meant so much to me as far as social justice & liturgical grounding was concerned. Thanks to the Benedictines of St. Scholastica, I was spared the Baltimore Catechism, which as we “cuss & discuss” about new images of God I find, is a great blessing.

-Sister Mary Moloney, S.P.
St. Scholastica Academy, Chicago ’57

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The Oblates of St. Scholastica Monastery sponsored an inspiring lecture Sunday afternoon, January 21, 2018, where Judy Logue spoke on the topic of forgiveness. Logue’s lecture, “Forgiving the People You Love to Hate: the Psychology and Spirituality of Forgiveness”, was well received and was live-streamed for our online community as well. Logue both challenged and provided guidance in navigating the waters of forgiveness that will surely resonate beyond the afternoon.

National Catholic Sisters Week, at the St. Scholastica Monastery, welcomed many guests to the Chapel for an evening event: Monasticism For the 21st Century. On Thursday, March 8th, Sister Belinda Monahan, OSB, Vocation Minister, organized an evening beginning with a warm welcome from Prioress Sister Judith Murphy, OSB, the premiere of a short-film (Monasticism for the 21st Century by SurtzMedia), followed by Sisters and an Oblate speaking on aspects of Monastic life, these included: Community, Hospitality, Love of Learning, Ministry, and Prayer. Coinciding with NCSW, was a visit from students from Detroit Mercy College who were guests at the Monastery during their alternative spring break. The students could be found volunteering at Misericordia during the day or studying for exams in the Monastery dining room.

Congratulations to Sister Patricia Crowley, OSB, on receiving the St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Award from the Archdiocese of Chicago’s Office of Human Dignity & Solidarity-Immigration Ministry. Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago, presented the award to Sister Patricia at the Keep Hope Alive Benefit Concert on Monday, April 9, 2018, at Holy Family Church. Four other community leaders were also recognized with awards that evening for their dedication to immigrants and immigration reform.

Sister Pat Coughlin, OSB hosted a sold-out Dreams Workshop over the month of April on Wednesday evenings in the Oasis Room. Participants talked about the 4 levels of meaning in dreams, and each participant did experiential work on their own dreams. They also shared what they discovered in doing the exercises with a partner and listened to their partners’ insights and questions. Finally, there were large group discussions on the value of dreams in living a spiritual life.

Once again on the first Saturday of May, the Sisters celebrated World Labyrinth Day with picture perfect weather. Oblate Dan Raven created the outdoor labyrinth at the monastery and co-hosts the event with the Sisters Mary Melady, and Rita Nowak, OSB. Photos of the day may be found on our blog or Facebook.

The Spring Discernment Retreat: Discern Your Gifts, Discern Your Life welcomed a group of young women to the St. Scholastica Monastery for a weekend in May where the women took time to discover their gifts and learned how to put those gifts to use in service to God and God’s people. The women also explored how using their gifts might lead to a fuller understanding of their vocation. Sister Belinda Monahan, OSB, Vocation Minister, facilitated the retreat. For more information about vocations, please contact Sister Belinda by emailing or calling her: vocation@osbchicago.org or 773.338.7063.

Sister Judith Zonsius, OSB, began her first year of teaching at Cathedral High School, which shares the very corner the community was founded. Read more of her story on page 6.
One Celebration Day (the day before Christmas Vacation) at St. Scholastica Academy - Chicago, the auditorium was filled with eager students and faculty, when the Franciscan priest at mass gestured to the altar cloth as he began the homily, pointing out to us the enormous letters appliqued on the front of the cloth. The letters were J O Y, which, the celebrant pointed out, stand for Jesus, Others, and You. It is a very simple way of stating the most essential truth of Christianity and therein Benedictine life. Being in right relationship with God, neighbors, and yourself is the ongoing work of a Christian life and sometimes, along the way, we look for guidance in the form of therapy, spiritual direction, courses, reading, membership in a parish, not necessarily in that order!

I sometimes share that example of J-O-Y – Jesus, Others, and You, with people who come to me for counseling because typically, what brings a person into therapy is that they are out of sorts with themselves, others, and/or their Higher Power (if they recognize one). Joy may be their goal, or abundant life, or peace of mind, or peace in the home.

People who come to me for counseling know that I am a Catholic sister and they know that they are coming to meet with me at a monastery. For some individuals, that is not very important or they don’t yet have a clear sense of what it means, while for others, it is part of what draws them to check me out as a counselor.

As a pastoral counselor, I use a person–centered, feminist approach, integrating techniques from ACT, CBT, and narrative therapy. Together with my clients, I want to create a sacred space in the counseling office, walking with them as they find and recognize sacred space within themselves, a space of healing and of creativity that flows back out into the world around them, into their relationships, and into their work or play. We work together, using the person’s strengths and values to guide us in telling the story of their life and their path to healing.

That I recently was appointed community archivist is exciting for me since I have the opportunity to continue Sister Vivian Ivantic’s work with the life story of our community and the stories of the individual sisters, as well as the stories of the many places we have worked and prayed. I hope I can create sacred space in the archives as a place for others to come explore and work with that story. May researchers, scholars, and storytellers find Jesus present in the story of our work and prayer together over the centuries and may it increase their faith.

Sister Virginia Jung, OSB, LCPC’s Counseling Hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. (773) 764-2413 extension. 262
Though the Benedictine vow of stability is not meant to be interpreted as geographically remaining in the same place, my life has certainly been that way. Despite having lived my entire life within an 8-mile radius, my family, education, community life and ministry have provided me with a broad worldview of both diversity and unity. Raised in Niles, my family roots are very Catholic. A member of St. John Brebeuf parish, I attended grade school there, then on to St. Scholastica Academy, Mundelein College (BA), Loyola University (MPS), and Northeastern University for certification in Educational Administration.

Though I had an aunt that I saw quite often who was a BVM, I really wanted no part in becoming a religious, that is until 7th grade when the seeds were planted by my teacher who was a Franciscan from Dubuque. As a student at SSA, my interest in entering a religious community grew by the year. The strongest influences in my life at that time were two-fold: the retreat experiences both Junior and Senior years, and the Benedictine sisters I got to know outside the classroom, Sr. Judine (now Judy Borchers) and Sr. Benita Coffey.

The other great influence on me, and where my passion for liturgy began, was Vatican II. I was eager to participate in the new roles laity, particularly women, were being given at liturgy. (I would have really liked to have been an altar server, but I was born about 15 years too early for that.)

The sisters at SSA seemed very human, warm and welcoming, enjoying each other and the work they were involved in with us as students. After I completed my BA in religious studies/education, I decided to enter the Benedictine community that September. I was the first person to enter formation (and remain in the community) after the reforms of Vatican II, so I think everyone, including myself, my family and the Benedictine community, were a bit suspect about how this was all going to work out. My formation director, Sr. Suzanne Zuercher, couldn’t have been a better choice for me. A lifelong friendship grew from those early years in community, and I’m truly grateful for her presence in my monastic life.

My first year of teaching took place at Cathedral High School, and it was not lost on me that I began my ministry at the very corner where our community began in 1861: Chicago & Wabash Avenues.

Over the course of these past forty-two years in ministry, thirty-two were spent at SSA in the theology/campus ministry department (20), as principal (7) or as IB coordinator (5). Though the hardest I’ve ever worked in my life, I consider my years as principal to be the most rewarding. A wonderful Benedictine spirit was formed among administration, faculty, staff and students. It was an honor for me to be “servant leader” for the school community during those years.

Since 1992, I have been the appointed liturgist for the monastery community. Since our prayer and worship are fundamental to our Benedictine way of life, I consider it a great privilege to serve in this capacity. Within the community I have also served as subprioress and been a member of the Monastic Council.

For the past few years I’ve worked in the ministry office of the Chicago Cenacle Retreat and Conference Center and as coordinator for the Archdiocesan Retirement Fund for Religious. Most recently, I’ve begun a full-time office manager position at St. Gertrude Parish in Edgewater. Since many Scholasticians attended St. Gertrude’s School, it feels like a second home.

Then there’s Uncle Pete! When I was 7 or 8, Uncle Pete and his family moved to a house on our block in Niles, where he eventually took a maintenance job in the parish. I was probably in 4th grade and would always say “Hi, Uncle Pete” when I saw him in the hallways. After a while, everybody was calling him Uncle Pete, so it stuck. Before his death in 2012, the Benedictine and SSA communities were on his list as recipients of his generosity on his way to-or-from his regular deliveries of sandwiches and other items in his van to the West Side. After his death, a number of dedicated people he’d worked with during his years at St. John Brebeuf wanted to continue his sandwich-making ministry, and so it continues today.

Though at the time I was not too keen on everyone calling MY uncle, “Uncle Pete,” I’m now happy to share his name and good works both with those who serve and those who are served. We are all grateful that his generous ministries continue. As he would always say on his way out the door, “God bless.” I pray that, also, for each of you.

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-Sister Judith Zonsius, OSB
Oblate News from Colorado and Chicago

There are twenty-eight Benedictine Oblates in Pueblo, CO., most of whom were introduced to The Rule by the late Sister Joan Hentges OSB. The current leadership team includes: Phyllis King, Rose Higgs, Connie Godfrey, and John Chavez. Pueblo Oblates meet monthly. Among the social justice activities of the Pueblo Oblates is silent peace walks along the Riverwalk. The ceremony for Rites of Oblation and Reception of Candidates will take place at Sacred Heart Cathedral there on August 19. Sister Benita Coffey, OSB, Director of Oblates, and Sister Mary Susan Remsgar, OSB will be in attendance.

On Palm Sunday in Chicago, the Oblates enjoyed a Lenten Afternoon of Reflection. As part of the focus of the day, Oblate Matt Ambre provided some original art pieces. Oblate Kevin Chears presented a reflection on Lent from her pastoral experience. The Oblates joined the Benedictine Sisters for sung Vespers followed by the Oblation ceremony for Rachel and Benedict Hane, welcoming them officially into the community. Then all the Oblates present renewed their Oblation.

Earth Day 2018

“Beyond a Throwaway Culture: Reduce Waste—Grow Community” was the theme of this year’s Earth Day program for the Oblates. “Beyond a Throwaway Culture” is all about plastic, how we use it, how it is harmful when thrown away and what we can do about it.

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

The Alumnae of both St. Scholastica Academies, Cañon City and Chicago will gather in the next few weeks to walk down memory lane and celebrate their reunions. Cañon City alumnae will join together August 17-19 at The Abbey Events Complex for an all-school reunion, along with the alumni of The Abbey. Alumnae of St. Scholastica Academy in Chicago, who graduated in years ending in 3 or 8, will celebrate their Reunion Weekend September 22-23. For more information, visit www.osbchicago.org/reunion.

Members of the class of 1967 (right) are all smiles during last year’s reunion in Chicago.

In Memoriam

St. Scholastica Academy, Chicago

Louise Schnitzius (1942)  
Virginia Williams (1943)  
Kathryn Hendrick Eckstein (1945) (deceased 6/19/17*)  
Timothy “Bo” Kemper, son of Joan Fullenkamp Sealy (1946)  
Marion Watrous Plencner (1947)  
Antonette Haupt Lynn (1948)  
Donamary Fieberg Keefe (1948)  
Anne Marie McDermott (1949) (sister-in-law of Sister Mary Frances Schermerhorn, OSB (1949))  
Claire S. Schermerhorn, sister-in-law of Sister Mary Frances Schermerhorn, OSB (1948)  
Carolyn Stone Maley, daughter of Mary Gay Barrett Stone (1948)  
Jacqueline Erickson (1949)  
Nancy Schaffer Sullivan (1951), (deceased 1/10/17*) sister of Dorothy Schaffer Sullivan (1949)  
Donald Howe, husband of Judith Pfaffhausen Howe (1952)  
Dr. Gerald Robert Blake, brother of Joan Blake (1953), Barbara Blake Glanz (1956) and Nancy Blake O’Connor (1960)  
Dorothy Haley Arvidson (1953)  
Nancy Hayden Lechner Pope (1953)  
Peter Schueneman, son of Therese Byrne Schueneman (1953)  
Jane Frances Back Struck (1953) (deceased July, 2017*)  
Richard A. Thompson, (deceased 3/2/16*) husband of Carol Manning Thompson (1953)  
Kevin Wehling, son of Mary Lambrecht Wehling (1953)  
Donna McWayne Hielscher (1954) (deceased 7/30/16*)  
Jane Kemper King (1954) (deceased 10/21/17*)  
Mary Serb, daughter of Ann Toland Bales Serb (1954)  
Eleanor Scanlan Wagner (1954) (deceased 3/15/17*)  
Raymond Charles Wieser, husband of Maureen Manion Wieser (1954)  
Skip Chidester, (deceased July, 2017*) brother of Patricia Chidester Muehl (1955)  
Mary Devine (1955), aunt of Karen Devine (1986)  
David Harman, son of Catherine Church Harman Arts (1956)  
Joan McWayne Shannon (1956) (deceased 2/1/15*)  
Patricia Monahan Wall (1956)  
Cynthia Barney Douglas (deceased 10/6/17*), daughter of Mary Francis Ekstrom Barney (1957)  
Maureen McGovern Porth Koch (1957)  
Tom Moloney, (deceased 10/15/17*) brother of Mary Moloney, S.P. (1957)  
Karen Bales, daughter of the late Barbara LaVarre Bales (1958)  
Kathleen Kinsella Pecchi (1958), sister of Sharon Kinsella Tomasello (1961), Margaret Kinsella (1969), and the late Ruth Kinsella-Tyler (1966)  
Henry J. McGoldrick, husband of Joan Wagner McGoldrick (1960)  
David Scott Plummer, (deceased 8/5/17*) husband of Kathleen Butz Plummer (1960)  
Vincent Wiemer, son of Susan Fischer Wiemer (1960) (deceased 8/19/17*)  
Faith Beaumont Bryant Wenger (1961)  
Patricia Rowland Anderson (1963) (deceased 2017*)  
Robert “Bob” Zwaska, husband of Catherine Kovac Zwaska (1963)  
Mary Jane Ryan, (deceased 10/3/17*) mother of Kathy Ryan Roberts (1967) and Joanne Ryan (1969)  
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Linda Landi Schar (1968)  
Jean T. Gump, mother of Mary Gump, deceased (1969) and Katherine Gump Lage, deceased (1969)  
Mitchell Bennett, Sr., father of Joanne Bennett (1970)  
Frances Allen Rassenfoss, mother of Janet Rassenfoss (1970) and Sarah Johnson (1977)  
Susan Jardien (1971)  
Eileen Farrell Schulz (1978)  
Edward J. Mellon, father of Eileen Mellon Carter (1977)  
Maureen Anne Nicholl (1978), sister of Mary Therese Turro (1982)  
Jesus Manuel “Manny” Ortiz, father of Sara Ortiz Sanders (1987) and Anita Ortiz Maddali (1996)  
Shalandra Dexter (1989)  
Eugene Rooney, Jr., father of Kathleen Rooney Casey (1991)  
Jim Chrobak, father of Jamie Chrobak (2006)

St. Scholastica Academy, Cañon City

Annette Aragon (1951), daughter of Euphrasine Mary Madrid Aragon (deceased) (1930), sister of Maria Aragon Stucker (1954), Patricia Aragon Reyes (1962), Margaret Aragon Toews (deceased) (1963), Rita M. Aragon Clark (1965) and Geogene L. Aragon (1969)  
Clint Brown, husband of Julie Brown (1961)

The above represents notices received November 2, 2017 - May 31, 2018. * Denotes that death was prior to November 2, 2017 but we received notice of their death in the last seven months.
Remembering an Alumna’s Legacy

Kay and Ray Eckstein, Marquette University courtesy of http://ecksteincharity.org

Kathy “Kay” (Hendrick) Eckstein first made her mark on the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago when she attended St. Scholastica High School. A member of the class of 1945, Kay never forgot her roots, nor the Benedictine Sisters. After graduation she attended Marquette University, where she majored in speech. It is at Marquette, during her second year, that she met her husband Ray Eckstein who was working on his law degree. Together, they have been long time supporters of many charities, but have always kept a special place in their hearts for the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago. Throughout their family and business successes, the Eckstein’s continued to honor their personal values – faith, family, education and human needs. Kay passed away at the age of 90, in June of 2017, but her legacy continues through the Ray & Kay Eckstein Charitable Trust. The Benedictine sisters of Chicago humbly thank Ray & Kay Eckstein and the Ray and Kay Eckstein Charitable Trust for their generous support over the years.

’78 Alumna Performs in 25th Anniversary Show

Rosie Newton, SSA Chicago ’78, (pictured left in costume) does our Sister’s proud, as she performs in Late Night Catechism at the Royal George Theatre, Chicago. She thoroughly enjoys performing in this one “Sister” comedy, especially after the years of material she has to work with from her time at St. Scholastica High School. Writer, (with MariPat Donovan) producer, good friend and most generous supporter of our community, Vicki Quade has kept this gem of a theatric comedy on the stage for 25 years now. Congratulations on reaching this milestone!

‘98 Alumna Combines VR with Palliative Care

Letizia Perna-Forrest, SSA Chicago ’98, has been working at The Royal Trinity Hospice in London since March 2011. As the Head of Patient and Family Support she leads the team of psychologically minded professionals (social workers/counsellors/psychologists/art therapists/etc.) who provide specialist palliative psychological care to patients and their loved ones including children. Perna-Forrest is also part of an important research study that explores the potential of virtual reality (VR) as a therapy at the end of life. Because the study is due to end in the Fall, Perna-Forrest will not be able to attend the reunion weekend in Chicago. She lives with her husband and 4 year-old daughter in London, UK.
Joyous Service
Grand Valley Catholic Outreach celebrates 30 years
Sister Karen Bland, OSB, has served as the Executive Director of GVCO for 19 years and counting.

Before the doors open at 9:00 a.m. each weekday, the Grand Valley Catholic Outreach (GVCO) of Grand Junction, CO, staff and volunteers gather together in prayer led by Sister Karen Bland, OSB, Executive Director of GVCO. The calm before the storm, as each day is unique and the operating service hours are typically from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Grand Valley Catholic Outreach provides emergency services to individuals and families in need on a non-discriminatory basis with the mission of proclaiming the dignity and worth of each person, by responding to their human needs and striving to show the compassion of Christ. The morning prayer touches on this mission and the importance of dignity for each and every person.

As Grand Valley Catholic Outreach continues to celebrate their 30th anniversary, it is remarkable how much they have accomplished and are able to offer to clients. Sister Karen Bland, OSB, the Executive Director for 19 years, says, “30 years of building on a foundation set and augmented year by year - 30 years of “caring and sharing” by dedicated Boards of Directors, Staff, and Volunteers; 30 years of a faith community - ecumenical in nature - proclaiming the dignity and worth of each individual and responding to human needs while striving to show the compassion of Christ; 30 years of faith in action!”

Sister Karen continues by proclaiming, “The vision of the four Catholic parishes in the Grand Valley and a subsequent collaboration with more than 50 churches in the valley, whose members provide volunteers and resources have
enabled Grand Valley Catholic Outreach to provide food, clothing, and shelter to more than 2,341,159 individuals over these thirty years. Responsible leadership through the Board of Directors, committed staff, dedicated volunteers, and a generous community have all contributed to Catholic Outreach’s spirited and financially stable presence in western Colorado.”

GVCO offers: Financial Aid, utilities assistance, transportation vouchers, out of state birth certificates assistance, a Food Pantry, a Clothing Bank, a Soup Kitchen, Housing assistance through their Rapid Re-Housing program as well as Permanent Supportive Housing for those with mental or physical impairments who have been chronically homeless and are not abusing drugs. It is truly amazing to see the services that are offered to clients in the Grand Junction community. It is the way they are offered, with grace and care, that is most noteworthy. GVCO has an army of 525 volunteers, this past year alone, who help in any way they can to make this difficult time hopeful for clients. Two-hundred and twenty-five of those volunteers, along with the GVCO Board of Directors, attended the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on April 26th 2018. Despite the Dinner being a celebration of the volunteers who make GVCO run like a well-oiled machine, these volunteers continued their role by bringing side dishes and desserts as well as cleaning up the dining room so that it is ready to go for the Soup Kitchen. Most of all, one can’t help but notice the joyous service from all who participate in assisting those most in need that come to GVCO. Congratulations to the Grand Valley Catholic Outreach community on this 30th Anniversary year.

Discover more here: http://www.catholicoutreach.org/

“30 years of a faith community - ecumenical in nature - proclaiming the dignity and worth of each individual....”

-Sister Karen Bland, OSB
24th Annual Testimonial Dinner

Special thanks to our event sponsors

Over 200 friends and supporters gathered at the Park Ridge Country Club on June 6, 2018, as we hosted our annual gala. This year we honored our Finance Committee members: Kathleen Brennan, Nancy Bryers, Sister Kathleen Maloney, OSB, Myron “Mickey” Resnick, Dan Schermerhorn, Leo Sheridan, Jr., and Sister Mary Ann O’Ryan, OSB. 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. Through your continued support you have assisted us in meeting our expenses for our ongoing ministry and mission. We are truly grateful!
Memorials

In memory of deceased members of the Chicago Class of 1948
Patricia McSweeny

In memory of deceased members of the Canon City Class of 1953 and their teaching Sisters
Barbara Bowdish

In memory of deceased members of the Chicago Class of 1954
Marilyn Oettringer

In memory of deceased members of the Chicago Class of 1959
Mary Ellen and John Quinn

In memory of Patricia Rowland Anderson
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Annette Aragon
Alex Aragon
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Dorothy Haley Arvidson
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Ron Auer
Edward and Mary Coffey

In memory of Gina Marie Aweve
Lawrence and Judy Brod

In memory of Rebecca Babcock
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Bernice Babler
Helen Ueberbacher

In memory of Barbara LaVarre Bales
Lorraine Kottra

In memory of Karen Bales
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Kathleen Kirschen Janessa

In memory of Louis and Genevieve Balkin
Charlene Balkin

In memory of Patricia Butz Barilla
Madonna Rodgers McCutcheon

In memory of Frances and John Barron
Margaret Barron
Noranne Barron Siemers

In memory of Rudolph Basile
Joanne Spata

In memory of Judith Ann Beaumont
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Juliet and William Bergner
Judith Lee

In memory of Sister Maurus Becker, OSB
Carla and James Krcmarik III

In memory of Edwin Belz
John Masters

In memory of Mitchell Bennett
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Jeffrey Marc Bergen
Michael and Debbie Cielinski
Patricia Cielinski, OSB

In memory of Myron P. Bergstrom
Dominic and Margaret Caminiti

In memory of Ken and Florence Betts
Sue and Paul Betts

In memory of Margaret and Frank Bishop
Jane Bishop
Julie Brown

In memory of Dr. Gerald Robert Blake
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Pat and Martha Bower
Joseph Bower

In memory of Woods Bowman
Michele Thompson

In memory of Margaret Schorsch Boyle
Mary Finnan

In memory of Rev. Valentine Boyle, OCARM
Barbara Anne Bowdish

In memory of Marilyn Brod
Lawrence and Judy Brod

In memory of Lucie Brock Broido
Barbara Burns

In memory of Clint Brown
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Julie Brown

In memory of Joan Fogarty Brown
Gerrie Pretzel

In memory of Patricia Anne Buald
Lynn Laughlin

In memory of James Byrne
LuAnne Jautz Feik

In memory of Jacki Caldwell
Kenneth and Bonnie Nordstrom

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Susan Quaintance, OSB

Judith Zonsius, OSB

In memory of Stanley Ciesiun
Eileen and Michael Moorman

In memory of Margaret Clevenger
JoAnn Bonwell

In memory of Joan Coffey and other deceased members of the Coffey family
Edward and Mary Coffey

In memory of Robert G. Collins
Mary Pat Collins

In memory of Joseph Cotteleer
Marilyn Cotteleer

In memory of Jeremy Coutre
Sandy Gaynor

In memory of Donald Crandall
Noreen Brady

In memory of Melissa Craven
Harold and Audrey Tellefsen

In memory of Forrest Cray
Mary Ann, Anne, and Joe Jewell

In memory of Patricia Croak
Helga Ruby

In memory of Laura Cruz's parents
Laura Cruz

In memory of Barbara Crystal
Mary Nowesnick

In memory of Calogera “Lilla” Cuccia
Joanne Spata

In memory of John J. Cullom
Helen M. Slattery

In memory of Richard J. Cullen
Margaret Cullen

In memory of Bill and Helen Davis
Patricia McClelland

In memory of Sister Victoria Davis, OSB
Sue and Paul Betts
Gwenn and Steven Suvada

In memory of Barbara Cassidy De Smet
Harry De Smet

In memory of Mary Devine
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Patricia Cowhey and George Courtney
Mary (Jinx) Kotowski
Joan Marubio
Alicia and Myron Resnick

In memory of Shalandra Dexter
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of LaVerne and Eugene Dondlinger
Hixson Family Charitable Fund
In memory of Patricia Hasselhorn Donovan
Richard and Evelyn Wynne and family
In memory of Cynthia Barney Douglas
Mary Francis Ekstrom Barney
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In memory of Darcy Dudley
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In memory of Delia Duarte
Estella Duarte Meluso
In memory of Dino Duarte
Lisa Duarte
In memory of Denny Dupin
Deborah Wataszek
In memory of Marion E. Eckel
Mary C. Eckel
In memory of Kathryn Hendrick Eckstein
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
In memory of deceased members of the Ehrmann Family
Virginia Koerber
In memory of Marie, Rolf and Rolfe Ehrmann
Paul and Frances Fredricks
In memory of Karen Elliott
Bill and Ellen Wirth
In memory of Jacqueline L. Erickson
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
In memory of Ray Erjavec
Joan Erjavec
In memory of Jack and Juli Evans
Don and Leslie Dickerson
In memory of Julie Jaronik Evans
Mary Jo and Douglas Wilson
In memory of Ginger Evers
Barbara Nohr
In memory of deceased members of the Farrow family
Margaret A. Schermerhorn
In memory of Joan Fickinger
Joan Frazier
In memory of deceased family and friends of Maryanne Forde
Maryanne Forde
In memory of John and LaVelle Frawley
Paluch Family Foundation
In memory of Ugo and Eugenia Frediani
Paula Roselli
In memory of Lisa A. Fuss
Carol Popovich
In memory of Anita Roselli Galassini
Paula Roselli
In memory of John Galassini
Paula Roselli
In memory of Lois Hayhurst Gaquin
Jim Gaquin
In memory of Lynell Gaston
Uncle Pete Ministries
In memory of Marilyn Albrecht Gillespie
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Maureen Quinn
In memory of Joseph T. Glab
Lois Glab
In memory of Sister Joyce Glesson, OSB
Suzanne Walsh
In memory of Jeff Goldman
Dianne Goldman
In memory of Steven Gould
Judith Borchers
In memory of Thomas E. Green
Joseph Green
In memory of Darlene Grumbech
Genevieve Delana
In memory of Silvia Zaldívar y Guardiola
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
In memory of Maria C. Guarín
Ivette Guarín
In memory of Jean T. Gump
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
In memory of Frank Haas
Patricia Hartmann
In memory of Peter Hajdu
Melissa Bianchi Hajdu
In memory of John Halleran
Martin and Christine Halleran
In memory of Charles “Buddy” Hanlon
Maureen Hanlon
In memory of deceased members of the Hansen and Richter families
Jim Richter
In memory of Mary Kolstad Hardy
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Roger Hardy
Colleen and Glenn Laske
In memory of David Harman
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Cecile Mikulski
In memory of Lillian Hart
Judith Palmer
In memory of Catherine Hartmann
Patricia Hartmann
In memory of Emily Hartmann
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago and Oblates
In memory of Fred Hartmann
Patricia Hartmann
In memory of John Hartmann
Patricia Hartman
In memory of Rosalee Hedin
Helen Ueberbacher
In memory of Charles Heffernan
Marynell Heffernan Mayfield
In memory of Sister Joan Hentges, OSB
Theresa Randall
In memory of Ruth Hervoy
William Ivantc
In memory of Donna McWayne Hielscher
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Betty McWayne Johnson
In memory of Patricia and Charles Hinni
John and Mary Yena
In memory of Peggy Hogan
Michael J. Hogan
In memory of Brent Hohnemann
Francine O’Connor
In memory of Paul Hoover
Fay and Joseph Hutsky
In memory of Jayne Owens Hotton
Vincent Hotton
In memory of Honorable John N. Hourihane
William and Catherine Eggebrecth
In memory of Donald Howe
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Judith Howe
In memory of Joseph Hrutka
Joan Alexander
Mary Ellen Hrutka
Judy Joy
Marie Zelenik
In memory of Mary Therese Huber
The Kulans family (Gerry and Gunars Kulans)
In memory of deceased members of the Ivantic family
Paul Ivantc
In memory of Ruth Ivantic
Charlene Merlock Neuses
In Memory of Frank Jallits, Sr. and Rosina Jallits
Frank Jallits
In memory of Susan Jardien
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
In memory of Catherine Jarzombek
Arlene Porter
In memory of Kevin Jennings
Paul and Frances Fredricks
In memory of Mary Neuses Jordan
Charlene Merlock Neuses
In memory of Anton Kaplan
Margaret Cullen
In memory of Frances Kaplan
Margaret Cullen
In memory of Marshall Kearney
Denise Ryan Kearney
In memory of Donamaria Fieberg Keefe
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
In memory of Colleen Carter Kelly
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
In memory of Ruth Ivantc
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Francine O’Connor
In memory of Timothy “Bo” Kemper
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Cecile Mikulski
In memory of Anne Marie Kenter
William Kenter
In memory of Bonnie Keppinger
Mary Ann Quinn
In memory of Jane Kemper King
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Cecile and James Mikulski
In memory of Gary Klug
Mary Klug

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In memory of Walter D. Kobeski
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Kathleen Krieger
In memory of Maureen McGovern Porth Koch
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Ken and Mary Kay Bueltmann
Glenn R. Koch
Kathy Stratzt Rees
In memory of Krista Annetti Kopp
Mary Annetti
In memory of Albert Anthony “Abby” Krall
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
In memory of Irene Krizan
Helga Ruby
In memory of Manfred Krupka
Juliana Krupka
In memory of Cecilia Kuhlmann
Mary Groark
In memory of Sister Hildegard Kunz, OSB
Michael Surdyk
In memory of Sister Juliana Kunz, OSB
Michael Surdyk
In memory of Jean Mitchell Lake
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
In memory of Dorothy Trapp La Mere
James and Eileen McQuillan
In memory of Louis and Anna Lang
Lorraine Kottra
In memory of James Langton
Sister Victoria Marconi, OSB
In memory of Richard LaVan
Wayne and Margaret Wagner
In memory of Timothy Lawler
Maureen Lawler
In memory of Wanda and Victor Lechowicz
Carlos Martinez and Patricia Lechowicz
In memory of Jean Maloney Leiston
Andrea Ciccone
In memory of Ann and Cliff Leuschner
Meg Riordan
In memory of Richard E. Lind
Kathy and Jeff Caudill
In memory of Ann and Francis Littau
Katherine Littau Bell
In memory of Sister Catherine Lynch, OSB
Helen M. Slattery
In memory of Sister Catherine Lynch, OSB
John and Mary Yena
In memory of Antonette Haupt Lynn
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
In memory of Frank Mafin
Angela Schrimpl and John Oldershaw
In memory of Mary Mahoney
Norene T. Mahoney
In memory of Carolyn Lynne Maley
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Mary Halvorsen
Mary Gay Barrett Stone
In memory of John and Dorothy Maloney
Therese Dokman
In memory of Beth Marcela
Pilar and Jerald Meyers
In memory of John Marconi, Jr.
Sister Victoria Marconi, OSB
In memory of Mary Marren
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Mary J. Green
Maureen Kaucher
Cecile and James Mikulski
In memory of deceased members of the Martin family
Patricia Martin
In memory of Marion Martin
Arlene Martin
In memory of Julia and Rafael Martinez
Carlos Martinez and Patricia Lechowicz
In memory of Elizabeth Masculli
Sister Victoria Marconi, OSB
In memory of Dr. Gregory Matz
Lauren Wolfgram Beuerlein
Leo and Kathleen Dietlin
Evan Greenbaum and Elizabeth Pappano
Judy Matz
Kathleen and Norman Pater
Anthony Rizzato
Rosa Rizzato and Lee Goldfine
Rosarina Rizzato
Dr. Kirk and Mrs. Nadine Shepard
Valerie A. Wolfgram
In memory of Petro Mbehoma
Sister Leocretia Muganda, sTh
In memory of Wilma McCallister
Judith Alexander
In memory of Anne Marie McDermott
Anne Ackerman and Edwin Frank
Kay Ackermann and family
Sarah Andrews
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Diane and Mario Bertellotti
Frederick Huebner
Steve Krol and Greg Raub
Lambrecht’s Jewelers, Inc. – Mary Lambrecht
Judith Parrilli and Felicia Matula
David and Teryl McDermott
Joanne Morand and family
Brian and Judy Paras
Bill and Judy Reidy
In memory of Henry J. McGoldrick
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Patricia and Donald Lund
Joan McGoldrick and family
In memory of deceased members of the McMahon family
Susan McMahon O’Neill
In memory of Sister Kathleen McNamara, OSB
Barbara Bowdish
Mike and Andrea McNamara
In memory of Elizabeth Ann Meehan
Nancy Butler Slagg
In memory of Peter Meehan
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
In memory of Katherine Mella
Katherine Sherman
In memory of Edward J. Mellon
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Eileen Carter
In memory of Joseph and Jean Miks
Evelyn Miks
In memory of Kathleen Meade Miller
Wayne and Peg Wagner
In memory of Tom Moloney
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Patricia Crowley, OSB
In memory of deceased members of the Mullenix family
Nancy Frazer
In memory of Colleen Nelson
Colleen DesRosiers
In memory of Maureen Anne Nicholl
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
In memory of Richard William Niemi
Karen and Ronald Celesnik
In memory of Mary Noah
Seraphine Noah Wang
In memory of Ann O’Connell
Shirlanne Reynolds
In memory of William O’Donnell
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Charlotte O’Donnell
Charles and Mary Smoot
In memory of deceased members of the O’Neill family
Susan McMahon O’Neill
In memory of Gloria Orlowski
Friends and family of Gloria Orlowski
Susan Goedke
John Orlowski
Wilma and Jerome Spellman
In memory of Barbara Kob Ostdiek
Glen Ostdiek
In memory of Manuel Ortiz
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
In memory of Jack O’Ryan
Jean Marie and Kevin O’Ryan
In memory of OSB Sisters who served at St. George School, Chicago
Joseph L. Rhodes
In memory of Barbara Ostdiek
Glen Ostdiek
In memory of Mary Pardue
Ma Martha Pardue
In memory of Maury Pardue  
Martha Pardue

In memory of Margaret Pasteris  
Susan Quaintance, OSB  
Judith Zonsius, OSB

In memory of Camille Paulson  
Florence Sabia

In memory of Valorio Paulo  
Lilian Nacevska

In memory of James T. Pazik  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Kathleen Kinsella Pecci  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Mary Jane Ryan  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Claire S. Schermerhorn  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Richard Perse  
Margaret Cullen

In memory of Peter A. Perse, Jr.  
Margaret Cullen

In memory of Richard Perse  
Margaret Cullen

In memory of John Peterlin  
Josephine and Raymond Krasovic

In memory of Kimberly Tyda Pieper  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Joseph “Papa Joe” Pillizzi  
Thomas and Elizabeth Knessel

In memory of Elizabeth Pirman  
Margaret Pirman

In memory of Marion Watrous Plencner  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of David Scott Plummer  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Nancy Hayden Lechnor Pope  
Madonna Rodgers McCutcheon

In memory of Mary Jane Porcelli  
Dorothea Jung

In memory of Dominica Raccuglia  
Judith Zonsius, OSB

In memory of George Radacy  
Susan Ernst  
Marian Radacy

In memory of Frances Allen Rassenfoss  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Cliff Rees  
Kathy Stalz Rees

In memory of Kathleen M. Dorgan Rhea  
Jerry D. Rhea

In memory of deceased members of the Rhodes family  
Joseph L. Rhodes

In memory of William and Rosemary Riordan  
Meg Riordan

In memory of Stephen W. Rock  
Ann Lamas

In memory of Sharon Rodie  
Susan Ernst  
Marian Radacy

In memory of Eugene Rooney, Jr.  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Josephine Rosner  
Patricia Kardasz

In memory of Mary Jane Ryan  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Thomas Schermerhorn  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Donnie Schill  
Mary Schill

In memory of Michael Schlitz  
Mary Schlitz

In memory of Louise Schnitzius  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Al Schorsch III  
Rosemary Frazel

In memory of Sister Dolores Schorsch  
Judith M. Palmer

In memory of Peter Schueneman  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Eileen Farrell Schulz  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Anne Sedgeley  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In memory of Mildred Ann Sharum  
Susan Lange Sedgeley

In memory of Mary Serb  
Dorothy Andries

In memory of George Sheehan  
Catherine and Salvatore Ingraffia

In memory of Nora Silvestre  
Juli Campagna

In memory of Suzy Skoczylas  
Kathleen Krieger

In memory of Helen A. Slattery  
Helen M. Slattery

In memory of Dr. Thomas Slattery  
Helen M. Slattery

In memory of Leona Herder Smelich  
Alice Smelich Heigel

In memory of David Sobor  
Anne Sobra-Brohan and Joseph Brohan

In memory of Joan D. Stearns  
Nicolie Sotelo and David Heimann

In memory of Ann and Joseph Streich  
Susan Streich-Boldt

In memory of Jane Frances Back Struck  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
In memory of Jorge Humberto Suarez
Jorge Luis Suarez
In memory of Nancy Schaffer Sullivan
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
In memory of William and Margaret Symms
Diane Symms
In memory of Bishop Arthur Tafoya
Bernice and Rudolph Krasovec
Michael and Theresa Randall
In memory of Richard A. Thompson
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Carol Thompson
In memory of Bryan Tingstad
Holly Rumpel
In memory of Richard Tomz
Nancy Tomz
In memory of Ivy J. Rhodes Toutloff
Helen K. Rhodes
In memory of Sister Joanna Trapp, OSB
David and Dorothy McCarty
Norene Mahoney
Ann Metzger
In memory of Richard Valenzo
Dominic and Margaret Caminiti
In memory of Joseph Van Alstyne
Betty and Bud Chess
In memory of deceased members of the Van Derbosch family
Margaret A. Schermerhorn
In memory of Jack Van Derbosch
Edward and Mary Coffey
In memory of Dominic Verlotta
Joanne Spata
In memory of Eleanor Scanlan Wagner
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Mary Scanlon Specht
In memory of Patricia Monahan Wall
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
In memory of Kevin Wehling
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
In memory of Edward Wells
Cynthia Bachmann
In memory of Faith Beaumont Bryant Wenger
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
In memory of Margaret Mary Wenthe
Mary Ellen Wenthe Bolt
In memory of Sister Collette Westrick, OSB
Edward and Barbara Cunningham
In memory of Eleanor Wetzel
Peggy Matson
In memory of Esther Whitlock
Joanne Spata
In memory of Vincent Wiemer
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Susan Fischer Wiemer
In memory of Raymond Charles Wieser
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Ann Toland Serb
In memory of Marie William (sister of Rosie Randle)
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Andrea Ciccone
Jackie LeSanche
In memory of Virginia Williams
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
The Fellendorf family
Patty and Eric Fess
Diane Ford
Kathleen Meyers
Al and Sandy Schellinger
In memory of Sister Miriam Wilson, OSB
(Sister Gerard)
John Colomer
In memory of Fred and Dolores Winkler
Sue and Paul Betts
In memory of Dale Winslow
Don C. Winslow
In memory of Sister Marilyn Wolfgram, OSB
Lauren Wolfgram Beuerlein
Elise McDonald
In memory of Marie Talaznik
Dorothy and Matthew Miholic
In memory of Louis J. Zemba
Raymond and Patricia Erjavac
In memory of Anna Ziegler
Brigitte and Johnie Guffey
In memory of Uncle Pete Zonsius on his birthday
Elliott and Rosemary Saitoven
In memory of Danilo Zucchelli
Rosemary Peck Kuga
In memory of Sister Suzanne Zuercher, OSB
Philip Lo Dolce
In memory of Bob Zwaska
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Catherine Zwaska
In memory of Bob Zwaska
Philip Lo Dolce
In memory of Virginia Williams
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
The Fellendorf family
Patty and Eric Fess
Diane Ford
Kathleen Meyers
Al and Sandy Schellinger
In memory of Sister Miriam Wilson, OSB
(Sister Gerard)
John Colomer
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Philip Lo Dolce
In memory of Bob Zwaska
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago
Catherine Zwaska

Special Occasions

In honor and remembrance of our beloved teachers on our 57th anniversary
John and Terese Terry
In honor of Judy and Ken Bartels
Martin and Jeanne Stanton
In honor of Kenny Bartels
Martin and Jeanne Stanton
In honor of Kenny Bartels on his birthday
Martin and Jeanne Stanton
In honor of Judith Borchers
Robert Borchers
In honor of Patty and Leo Cassidy
Martin and Jeanne Stanton
In honor of Steph and Michael Cassidy
Martin and Jeanne Stanton
In honor of Sister Benita Coffey, OSB
Margie Auer
In honor of Sister Benita Coffey, OSB and her ongoing support of Dreamers
John and Patricia Sebahar
In honor of Margaret Fricano on her 100th birthday
Paula Roselli
In honor of Sister Hilary Halpin, OSB
John Brady family
Sharon P. Wang
In honor of Pat Heineman-Vernon and Margaret Heineman
Marian Vernon
In honor of Marilyn Hennessy on her birthday
Julie Kaufman and Beth Wright
In honor of Sister Eleanor Hillenbrand, OSB
Michael and Mary Cole
In honor of Cathy and Sam Ingaffia
Martin and Jeanne Stanton
In honor of Tony Ingaffia
Martin and Jeanne Stanton
In honor of Tony Ingaffia on his birthday
Martin and Jeanne Stanton
In honor of Sister Vivian Ivantic, OSB
Edward and Carol Finnegan
Mary Jo and Douglas Wilson
In honor of Sister Vivian Ivantic, OSB on her 104th birthday
Vivian Gingras
Joe and Geri Mesec
In honor of Sister Callista Kaley, OSB
Linda Knesel Barnard
Mary Ann and Jeff Liautaud
In honor of Sister Susan Kilduski, OSB
Ellen and Thomas Hardy
In honor of Sister Kathleen Maloney, OSB
Kathleen Egloff
Robert Jung
In honor of Sister Kathleen Maloney, OSB for her dedicated service to St. Peter Parish
Knights of Columbus, Father Joseph C. Stroot Council 3243
In honor of Sister Victoria Marconi, OSB
Mary Jane and Joseph D'Amore
Janice Graziano and Joanne Anderson
In gratitude to Sister Mary Melady, OSB for spiritual guidance
Leslie Pitner
In honor of Sheila McGuire on her 80th birthday
Sister Jane Smith, OSB
In honor of Carolyn Murphy, USF Trustee Emeritus from Univ. of St. Francis, Joliet, IL
Arvid Johnson
In honor of John Olen
Martin and Jeanne Stanton
In honor of John Olen on his birthday
Martin and Jeanne Stanton
If you have a loved one that you would like the Sisters to remember in prayer, please share their names with us via the envelope provided in this newsletter.

In honor of Mary Jo and George Olen
Martin and Jeanne Stanton

In honor of Francine and Steve Palm
Martin and Jeanne Stanton

In honor of Georgine Reynolds on her 90th birthday
Kathleen Murphy Anderson

In honor of the Schermerhorn family
Ann and Edward Tearman

In honor of Carol McHugh Schweidel on her 50th birthday
Anna Pasteris

In honor of the Sisters who served at St. Lambert’s School
Susan and Thomas Reilly

In honor of Lawrence Skaja
Joanne Spata

In honor of Judith Valenti
Philip Lo Dolce

In honor of Barbara Zonsius on her birthday
Martin and Jeanne Stanton

In honor of Eddie Zonsius on his birthday
Martin and Jeanne Stanton

Other ways to Partner with us in Mission

Pray for the Benedictine Community
Please keep the Sisters, Oblates, Alumnae, and friends in your prayers. Your prayer support helps sustain us!

Become a Monthly Donor
Automatic monthly donations are an easy way to support the Sisters. To learn more about making donations directly from your checking account or credit card, please contact us.

Matching Gifts
Many employers sponsor matching gift program that match, double, or even triple any charitable contributions that their employees make. Consider asking your Human Resources Department.

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

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

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

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

Questions? Contact Joanne Spata, Director of Development, at 773-764-2413, ext. 233

One Last Thing-Thank You!

Photos from left to right: a.) Sister Vivian Ivantic, OSB- Well For Life was built in Uganda in honor of her 104th Birthday, donated by John Velaszquez; b.) Thank you to Skokie Fire Station 16 for hosting Sister Mary Frances Schermerhorn, OSB, (l), Sister Hilary Halpin, OSB, (r), and the British Infant School preschool students on their field trip to the station. Learn more about the British Infant School here: www.britishinfantschool.com