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Charism

We are Benedictine women
called to seek God
in prayer and community,
serving where there is need.

Mission

Reverence:
Through common prayer,
stewardship, hospitality
and mutual respect,
we seek to find and honor
God present in each person
and in all created things.

Honorees Named for the 15th Annual Testimonial Dinner

On Wednesday, June 17, 2009, the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago will join many friends at the Park Ridge Country Club for the 15th Annual Testimonial Dinner. This year the honorees are LaVerne Dondlinger and the late Eugene Dondlinger (Spirit of Benedict Award), Sister Callista Kaley, O.S.B. (Spirit of Scholastica Award), and Rainbow Hospice (Spirit of Benedictine Hospitality Award).

LaVerne (Roberton) Dondlinger was born in Evanston, Illinois. Her late husband, Eugene, was born in Edgerton, Wisconsin. Gene moved into St. Hilary's parish in 5th grade, graduating in 1936. He was active as an altar server, and believed that Sister Mary Michael Link, O.S.B. and Sister Geraldine Stock, O.S.B. strongly influenced him while growing up. LaVerne was educated by the Mercy nuns at St. Ita grammar school, the B.V.M.s at Immaculata, and the religious of the Sacred Heart at Barat College.

Top: The late Eugene Dondlinger, and LaVerne Dondlinger at an anniversary celebration.
Middle: Sister Callista Kaley, O.S.B. after a recital.
Left: Pat Ahern, President of Rainbow Hospice, speaking at a summer program.

LaVerne and Gene met at a Sunday night dance at St. Hilary's. They were married in Savannah, Illinois, prior to Gene shipping out for overseas service during World War II. After the war, Gene went to work at his father's company, Auto Truck. He proudly worked to form a solid foundation for the company and, to his credit, a fourth generation now runs this thriving family business.

Gene and LaVerne were blessed with six children in eight years, and were married for sixty-one years. Each child graduated from Queen of All Saints parish school, and their four daughters graduated from St. Scholastica Academy. While Gene knew the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago since about 1930, LaVerne first became familiar with the community in 1951 when the family moved into a house in Queen of All Saints Parish. "There was at least one of our children being taught by the Benedictines from 1951 until 1973," LaVerne recalls. "That's twenty-two consecutive years of education. When you add the years of education Gene and his siblings received, there are 65 years of Benedictine influence of

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Message from the Prioress

Prioress Patricia Crowley, O.S.B.

Dear Friends, As spring begins to show its brave and fragile self, our community has just begun a future planning process. How does one plan in this world that seems to change each day? How does one plan with a group of 51 women whose lives center on a search for God and on serving where there is need? In a Benedictine community, the answer is clear – the community comes together to share life and pain and vision. With the help of a facilitator, we have begun that process and will keep you informed, and ask for your thoughts and your continued prayers, as we gradually come to articulate those plans. As spring, we begin in our brave and fragile realities. With listening hearts and an openness to God, to one another, and to our world, we move forward gradually, recalling the words of Teilhard de Chardin, S.J.:

Your ideas mature gradually – Let them grow, let them shape themselves without undue haste.
Don't try to force them on as though you could be today what time
(that is to say, what grace and circumstances acting on your own good will) will make you tomorrow.

As I write this letter, we are looking forward to a celebration - our 2009 Testimonial Dinner. This year we will honor two very generous donors - LaVerne and (the late) Eugene Dondlinger, one of our most gifted members - Sister Callista Kaley, O.S.B., and Rainbow Hospice - a group that provides very special service to our community.

In this issue, we also remember a very special woman who had spent some years in our community. Kathy Geroski died somewhat suddenly at the age of fifty-five. She recently re-connected with us as an Oblate and a monastery volunteer. We were privileged to celebrate her funeral in our chapel.

We do not have to look far to see just how interconnected our lives are, and can be, with all those around us. We hope that this spring brings you wonderful opportunities for new growth, quiet reflection, and true openness to the possibility of new connections with those you meet on your personal journey of faith. Gratefully, Patricia Crowley OSB

We give thanks for the mystery of creation
For the beauty
That the eye can see;
For the joy of music
That the ear may hear;
For the unknown
That we cannot behold filling the universe with wonder;
For the expanse of space
That invites us to imagine who we really are in the universe.

We give thanks for our friends
Who love us by choice;
For companions at work,
Who share our burdens and daily tasks;
For people from other lands
Who call us to grow in understanding.

With hearts of gratitude,
and lives filled with abundant blessings:

We pray to grow in generosity –
To give and not to count the cost,
To fight for justice and not to seek for rest.

We pray for strength to live with grace and humor,
with dignity and holiness.

We pray for wellness of body, spirit and mind.
And if this cannot be so, may we find in our pain
Ways to take into our hearts others who are in pain
And ways to find strength in our broken places.

~ Kathy Geroski

In Loving Memory

Oblate
Kathy Geroski
1953 - 2009

A Mass celebrating the life of Kathy Geroski was celebrated at St. Scholastica Chapel on Saturday, March 28, 2009. Kathy was the life partner of Jill Newberger, the beloved mother of Nathaniel and Alexander Gagnon, loving daughter of Margaret and the late Henry Geroski; dear sister of Dayle (Kathy) Geroski; fond sister-in- law and aunt of many. She was a licensed clinical social worker, and a Benedictine Oblate novice. In recent years she began attending Sunday Vespers in St. Scholastica Chapel during Advent, Lent and Holy Week. She also volunteered as a book cataloguer in the monastery library. "It is most significant that Kathy's last time here on earth is in this chapel which she loved so much and where she felt so at home," said Sister Suzanne Zuercher, O.S.B., as she offered her reflection at Kathy's funeral Mass. "At a recent monthly Oblate meeting, Kathy mentioned the joy she experienced working in the monastery library cataloguing books at a rhythm suited to her waning energy. She knew, she experienced, that her efforts became part of the efforts of the entire monastic community." Kathy's beautiful poem of thanksgiving (*left*) was adapted for use in the prayers of the faithful at her funeral Mass. May Kathy find peace in her new home, as the readings at her Mass proclaimed: "a heavenly mansion is prepared for her, without any veils and webs to hem her in."

Directions in Development

Easy Ways to Donate. Did you know that you can have funds automatically withdrawn from your checking account on a monthly basis and sent directly to the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago? You can also direct the Development Office to process monthly credit card donations from your account for the Benedictine Sisters.

E-mail Test. We sent a "test" e-mail in early March from the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago. Did you receive it? If not, it means we do not have your e-mail address or that the address we have is no longer current. Special thanks to those who enthusiastically responded to the test e-mail indicating a desire to receive updates about the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago and St. Scholastica Monastery. If you are interested in receiving these updates, please send an e-mail to kcaudill@osbchicago.org, listing "e-mail address" in the subject and your full name in the message. We do not sell or distribute any addresses, including e-mail addresses, to other organizations.

Typists for Monastery Library Needed. Could you donate two hours a week? Please call Sister Patricia Crowley, O.S.B. at 773/764-2413, ext. 230.

Wills and Trusts. These important estate planning documents should be reviewed periodically. Tax laws change, heirs listed in your documents may have died, or you may have changed your mind about the disposition of your estate. When making (or updating) your will, we ask you to prayerfully consider remembering the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago in your estate planning documents.

Questions? Need more information? Please contact Kathy Caudill, Director of Development (kcaudill@osbchicago.org or 773/764-2413, ext. 233).

We Love To Hear From You

Our family has been blessed in so many ways and we would like to share our blessings with you. We are grateful for all the work you do and have done for God's many children.
Your love and commitment is greatly appreciated.

I love being in the Oblate program and I feel it is a special blessing for me.

My father sacrificed to send me to the Academy in Colorado. What a wonderful place!

We couldn't think of a better way to celebrate Christ's presence than by supporting the wonderful work the community performs in our backyard.

In thanksgiving for my education at St. Scholastica.
Blessings on all of you who continue to pray for us and serve so many girls.

In memory of Sister Mary Grace – the only one who had faith in me.

Thank you for housing the homeless - including me.
Bundles of blessings and much love to you!

I was thrilled to hear about the use of community space for retreats for homeless women. This is a small donation for the work of the community. I wish it could be more.

I think of all of you – not only what I learned from you academically, but what I learned from you about being a confident, strong woman.
I often say, "I am the person I am today because I went to St. Scholastica."
Thank you for all you did and the care you gave to me and all the other young women that have been educated by you.

Serving "Where There Is Need"

Sister Kathleen McNamara, O.S.B. taught music to students in Cañon City and with Sister Mary Louise Lichtenberger, O.S.B. in Chicago. As SSA Cañon City admissions director and vice-principal, she also managed summer retreats for women and Elderhostel programs in Colorado. Sixty-five piano students a week was her high point. "Yes, it was a challenge," Sister recalls, "but I loved it!" She still teaches piano in Colorado. "The most 'dear to my heart' ministry is teaching students to play the piano well, and to watch their own enjoyment at doing so. Everyday I ask Sister Mary Louise in prayer to help me."

Sister Patricia Cielinski, O.S.B. serves the monastic community as catering coordinator, liturgical environmentalist, member of the ongoing formation team and liturgy committee, delegate to the St. Scholastica Federation Chapter, and chair of the "150 Years of Benedictines in Chicago" committee. She also works as administrative assistant to the President/CEO of Felician Services, Inc. "I am able to work creatively, organize and manage projects, make critical decisions, and extend Benedictine hospitality," says Sister Patti. "It offers me an opportunity to see firsthand how a sizeable religious community has handled the changes and losses of religious around the world, and given me insights into our own challenges to cope and grow and adjust for our own unfolding future."

Oblate Roberta Michaletz was the first lay woman to serve as Development Director for the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago. When she retired nine years ago, Roberta began volunteering as designer/administrator for the community's then newly created website: www.osbchicago.org. "Maintaining the website is good mental exercise," Roberta says, "there are many, many images and documents to keep updated and coordinated. As a watercolor artist, I enjoy working with color and composition of pictures. I feel blessed to be able to work with this religious community of gifted women who are striving to live the gospel of Christ."

Newsbriefs

Grand Junction Catholic Outreach Director, Sister Karen Bland, O.S.B., (*above, right*) awarded a certificate to Gene Romero, a dedicated volunteer with nine years of volunteer service with the organization. "He is a very faithful volunteer," said Sister Karen, "he is a gift to us."

Sister Judith Murphy, O.S.B. is a member of a University of Notre Dame task force established to study the participation of Latino children and families in Catholic schools. She is chairing the Innovative Case Studies subcommittee. Sister Judith has also been asked to serve as an evaluator for a grant proposal for a donor organization associated with the Chicago Community Trust.

Sister Patricia Crowley, O.S.B. has joined the Board of Directors of the Chicago Religious Leadership Network, an advocacy group working on Latin American issues.

In January, Sister Suzanne Zuercher, O.S.B. presented two Enneagram workshops at Siena Center in Racine, Wisconsin. In February she presented a women's weekend retreat for St. Francis de Sales parishioners entitled "Worried, Worn Out and Wondering: Get Rejuvenated by God's Grace." In March Sister Suzanne presented a workshop about Later Life Issues at Addolorata Villa, in Wheeling, Illinois.

This spring the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago welcomed Sister Lumen Choi, O.S.B., Prioress of the Missionary Benedictine Sisters, and Sister Mary Daniel, O.S.B., who traveled from South Korea to visit a member of their community, Sister Miseon Sagong, O.S.B. (also known as Sr. Zeno), currently a student in residence at the monastery.

On May 31st, Sister Karen Bland, O.S.B. will be receiving the Pedro Arrupe Distinguished Alumni Award for Service from Wheeling Jesuit University. The award is named in honor of the 28th Superior General of the Society of Jesus, and is presented by Wheeling Jesuit University to a graduate who embodies the ideals of Ignatian spirituality. The award recognizes a graduate who is living a life committed to serving others and who leads others to explore the link between peace and justice in the true spirit of Father Arrupe.

On February 15, 2009, the community came together for a special blessing of the International Sisters' student housing (otherwise known as the Room 223 project). Prayers of the faithful were offered, asking that all believers may be holy temples of God's presence, that all people and nations may live in peaceful co-existence, that the homeless, the imprisoned and the exiled will know the warmth of God's presence, and that the world will be freed of discord, poverty and injustice. Sub-prioress Sister Mariella Hathorn, O.S.B. (*above, right*) blessed the space.

Standing, l - r: Sister Patricia Crowley, O.S.B., Oblate Roberta Michaletz, Sisters Suzanne Zuercher, O.S.B. and Jane Smith, O.S.B. Seated, l - r: Marilyn Hennessy and Sister Mary Benet McKinney, O.S.B.

On Sunday, March 15, the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago celebrated a Mass recognizing Marilyn Hennessy's retirement from Retirement Research Foundation (RRF). RRF has awarded a number of grants to the community, including grants for wheelchair accessible vans, a wireless nurse call system, and a door alarm system.

This spring Sister Mary Sue Remsgar, O.S.B. has been busy preparing to move her offices to Colorado's new state hospital in Pueblo.

The Sisters in the infirmary have been busy with seasonal crafts and celebrations. Sister Ann Sharp, O.S.B. (*right*) joined in the festivities for Mardi Gras. Sister Joan Gannon, O.S.B. (*middle photo*) made cherry turnovers. Sister Pierre Marie Moore, O.S.B. (*bottom photo*) enjoyed the fruits of her labor in the taffy pull.

On February 10, the feast day of St. Scholastica, Sisters Benita Coffey, O.S.B. and Belinda Monahan, O.S.B., attended an intercommunity Novitiate program in Techny, Illinois. This program is open to local religious communities with novices, and provides an enriching series of speakers on topics relevant to the novitiate year (discernment, vows, Eucharist, prayer, etc.) The program gives novices an opportunity to meet and interact with other men and women in similar situations. This year there are thirteen different novitiates participating: six women's groups and seven men's groups. At the February meeting, Sister Belinda offered a reflection focusing on St. Scholastica and her brother, St. Benedict. You can read her reflection at our website using the following link: http://www.osbchicago.org/Feb10_2009ScholasticaReflMonahan.htm.

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morals, faith development, values and knowledge."

When asked about the influence the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago have had on her family, LaVerne Dondlinger thoughtfully responds, "My husband was always grateful for the man they helped him to become. The foundation and education our children received gave them a strong belief in self, and a strong belief in God. They carry themselves with dignity and pride. We are so proud of them."

Sister Callista Kaley, O.S.B. was born in Chicago, Illinois. She has known the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago since she was eight years of age. A graduate of St. Scholastica Academy, Sister Callista made her first vows in community in 1950, and professed final vows in 1953. Her first nine years of teaching were spent at several grammar schools – Queen of All Saints, St. Hilary, St. Symphorosa, and St. Lambert. For the next thirty four years she taught at St. Scholastica Academy. In 1994, she retired from full-time teaching, but continued to teach piano students in private lessons, which she still does today.

Within the monastic community, she is director of schola and the choir, and serves as community organist. She assists Sister Hilary Halpin, O.S.B. at the British Infant School providing piano accompaniment for music time at the school. Recently, Sister Callista performed piano pieces with Oblate Donna Dehnert at two archdiocesan "Padres Plus" fundraisers, and plays duets with fellow SSA alumna, Maureen Rita Kaucher.

Sister Callista's educational approach can probably best be summed up in her own words, written while she served as a volunteer Junior Red Cross teacher-sponsor. "Students … acquire this practical knowledge of service to their fellow man in many ways. Service is part of the lesson, often it is that part which makes learning come to life for the student, and enriches his own school work."

If there is a holiday celebration at the monastery, Sister Callista plays a part in the decorating. She coordinates the popular Friday movie nights in the monastery community room, and is always ready to step up and offer her assistance without question or fanfare. She is a living example of the Benedictine spirit.

Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care is a refuge for people dealing with serious illness in the Chicago area. The company began in 1981, with a wife's desire to help her husband live out his final months without pain and with dignity. Rainbow's founder, Betty Brosius, worked with her minister, a social worker, two nurses, and friends to create a team of supportive care for her husband. Rainbow now cares for nearly 2,000 patients each year in the Chicagoland region, also helping thousands of family members, friends and loved ones who are intricately woven into the hospice process.

In many ways, Rainbow has been connected with the Benedictine Sisters since the company's beginning. The current CEO of Rainbow and the nurse in charge of the team that cares for the Sisters, are both St. Scholastica Academy alumnae. Fellow honoree, Sister Callista, was the accompanist for Rainbow CEO, Pat Ahern, in high school.

In the last ten years, Rainbow has been involved in providing palliative and hospice care for a number of Benedictine sisters. With such strong personal ties to Benedictine education, perhaps it is no surprise that Rainbow shares many of the beliefs that the Benedictines value. "As the Benedictine Sisters are guided in the rules of Saint Benedict," says Rainbow Hospice President, Pat Ahern, "we embrace the Benedictine spirit by serving one another in love. The values found in the Benedictine Sisters' mission - stewardship, hospitality and mutual respect - are mirrored every day in the hearts and hands of those who care for the sick here at Rainbow Hospice."

May God continue to bless each of these deserving honorees!

News from Cañon City Alumnae

For four years, Teresa Hernandez and Jill Menning, assisted by Mercedes Downie, have maintained a SSA Cañon alumnae website. Due to other commitments, these dedicated women are no longer able to coordinate this website. Thank you, Teri, Jill, and Mercedes, for all your hard work keeping SSA grads up to date regarding reunions and other important news.

There is an Oblate group forming in Colorado. Oblates of St. Benedict are Christian women and men from all walks of life who associate themselves with a Benedictine community to enrich their Christian way of life. If you are interested in learning more about this faith opportunity in Colorado, please contact Sister Joan Hentges, O.S.B. (719/544-0993 or jmhentges@q.com).

Comments from a Cañon grad: "I have noticed that even though all our lives have taken very different directions, we all seem to still have a strong bond. It is one of the reasons I am honored to call myself a St. Scholastica Academy girl. When I try to explain to people what it was like to go to SSA I generally end by saying it's hard to really explain what it was like, you just had to be there to experience how 'cool' it was."

This certificate entitles the bearer to a day of quiet reflection at St. Scholastica Monastery.

Join the Sisters for Mass, morning prayer or evening prayer. Spend quiet time in St. Joseph or St. Scholastica chapels. Talk with one of the Sisters about your spiritual life. Walk the outdoor labyrinth.

Please contact the Sub-prioress, Sister Mariella Hathorn, O.S.B., (773/764-2413, ext. 231 or mhathorn@osbchicago.org) to schedule your visit.

Memorials

December 27, 2008 through April 2, 2009

In memory of:

Henry Ablerico
Emily Petrusky
Lois Abrams
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Sr. Benita Coffey, O.S.B.,
Matthew and Agnes Glavich,
Sr. Jeanne Hegarty, O.S.B.,
Raymond and Josephine Krasovic,
Marian Radacy, Sr. Rosemarie Rupar, O.S.B.
Adelaide Agnew
Thomas and Elizabeth Burke, Madeline Ringley
Sr. Mary Jude Ahern, O.S.B.
Terrence Ahern
Sybil Anderson
Gil and Marge Heaphy
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Donald and Dorothy Andries, Kathleen Dawson,
Sheila McGuire, Jim and Cecile Mikulski
Dale Bahr
Sr. Louise Eggen, O.S.B.
Deceased members of the Bentley family
Matt and Dorothy Miholic
Mark Blondell
Charles Kenny
Mary Bolt
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We remember daily those entrusted to our prayers ...

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Michael and Therese Reynolds
Jack O'Ryan
Sr. Mary Ann O'Ryan, O.S.B.,
Michael and Theresa Reynolds
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Georgette Kesselring

Margaret Zumstein
Helen Ueberbacher
Joseph "Sipsy" Zupec
Gertrude Miholic

Special Occasions

In honor of:

Jeff Caudill on his birthday
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Patrick and Kathleen Rooney
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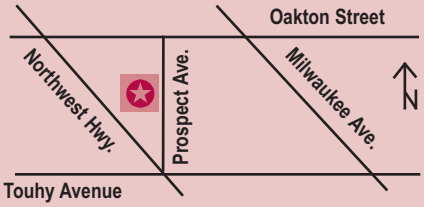

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