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Cover photos, clockwise from top left:

Sisters praying in the St. Scholastica chapel; Fourth of July gathering in the dining room with sisters, oblates, family and friends; Sr. Mary Susan Remsgar with Sr. Callista Kaley at the Labor Day Commissioning; Judy Borchers and Sr. Patricia Coughlin at Reunion Weekend Mass.



# Letter from the Prioress

Dear Friends,

At this time of year when we experience the change of seasons once again, we are reminded that change is constantly occurring in our lives and all around us, just as it does in nature. Sometimes we welcome change and sometimes we resist it. Deep within ourselves, we know that both anticipated and unanticipated change is part of all our lives causing at times much sorrow and pain and at other times great joy and celebration. I am sure we have all heard the words, *“The only constant in life is change.”*

And so, we sisters continue to work on planning and preparing for the changes we are facing in the months ahead. Our property has not been sold and remains on the market. While inquiries are being made, we have not received any offers for the sale of the property. We trust that, in God’s time, not necessarily our time, we will be blessed with a buyer who will plan to develop and use the property in service to the Rogers Park community. That is our prayer.



*Sister Mary Susan Remsgar, OSB  
Prioress*

Regarding our future housing, we are currently looking into one of the senior residential communities in our area, which thus far appears promising. As we continue to move forward, our Benedictine way of life calls us daily to holy listening, to faithfulness to one another, and to our God. At this particular time in our history, God’s Word speaks to us very poignantly, *“Behold, I am making all things new”* (Rev. 21:5).

As you read this current issue of *Sacro Speco*, you can see we have had a number of activities and events happening over the last several months. Notable among them are the Reunion Weekend of 2024, during which our alumnae celebrated this special occasion of reuniting together as “Scholasticans.” Needless to say, the gathering was quite spirit-filled! The Testimonial Dinner was delightful as we honored our former principals of St Scholastica Academy in Chicago and in Cañon City, Colorado, especially those who served in administration between 1970 and 2013. We were so happy to publicly thank them for their excellent Benedictine educational leadership. I hope you enjoy the many photos of these events and more included in this issue.

I spoke of change at the beginning of this letter and wish to close by referencing change once again. You have probably heard it said that some things never change. About one thing, that is absolutely true. Our love for each of you and our immense gratitude for your faithfulness to us will never change. We know deeply of your love and support, and we trust you feel our love for you as well. Thank you for your kindness and goodness to us. May you, your families, and loved ones be blessed by God with all that you hope and pray for.

In St. Benedict and St. Scholastica,

Mary Susan Remsgar, OSB

# Monastery News

We held a multi-day retreat with sisters and oblates on the topic of grief. Over the course of three days in July, our facilitators supported us while working through that difficult and present topic. The photo below (and that on the back cover) is of the daily candle lighting ceremony, in which we indicated our presence with light. We also lit candles for those who joined us on Zoom, those who could not be with us due to illness, and those who have gone before us to God.



Community Days occurred in July, where the following elections occurred:

- **Sr. Patricia Cielinski** was elected to the Monastic Council.
- **Srs. Virginia Jung** and **Judith Zonsius** were elected as delegates to the General Chapter of the Monastic Congregation of St. Scholastica.
- **Sr. Belinda Monahan** was elected as an alternate delegate to the General Chapter.



**Sr. Belinda Monahan** attended the national gathering of Benedictine Sisters who are 55 and under, held at Sacred Heart Monastery in Yankton, SD. The meeting is a time of sharing, relationship building, and mutual support, as well as spiritual, mental and physical renewal.



Through both the Republican and Democratic National Conventions, we joined with the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) to pray for the discernment of delegates, voters, and elected officials; peace and non-violence in the process of nomination and election; and transformation for us all in this time of polarization and division. LCWR will host a virtual prayer space during election week November 4-6 at [lcwr.org](http://lcwr.org).

Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society presented *The Nuns on the Ridge: A Peek into the Archives of Benedictine Sisters of Chicago*. Our Community Archivist **Sr. Virginia Jung** presented a brief history of the sisters and findings from her ongoing archival work. The society brought a potluck picnic, and after the presentation, attendees walked the labyrinth and toured the gardens.



**Sr. Susan Kilduski** lectured on *Peace and Harmony in Cenobitic Monasticism* at the Home of Harmony, as part of their ongoing series on world religions.



# Monastery News, continued

Ouroboros Opera brought new energy and life into our St. Scholastica Chapel as they presented *The Order of the Virtues*, featuring the words and music of St. Hildegard von Bingen and sonic meditations of Pauline Oliveros. We were delighted to host the artists, musicians, and their enthusiastic audience.



At the 28th Annual Testimonial Dinner, Spirit of St. Benedict awards were presented to St. Scholastica Chicago and Cañon City's past principals. Names of the honorees, photos from the event, and the list of sponsors begin on page 11.

On Labor Day each year, we each renew our commitment to God and to our Benedictine community. During this year's commissioning ceremony, Prioress **Sr. Mary Susan Remsgar** blessed each sister with oil on her head and hands with the words:

May you be blessed,

May these hands be blessed,

May they always serve with compassion and kindness.

You can read the sisters' commissions on our website - [osbchicago.org/meetthesisters](http://osbchicago.org/meetthesisters). Oblates and staff in attendance were also blessed.



Reunion Weekend 2024 was a beautiful time of celebrating our friendships and reminiscing about our high school days at St. Scholastica. Photos on pages 8 & 9.

At Saturday Mass in the St. Scholastica Chapel, Prioress **Sr. Mary Susan Remsgar** welcomed alumnae with: "We are very grateful to you for being our living legacy in the world and... for being such a significant part of our lives. We remember those who are not able to join with us today and especially those who have gone home to God. We hold them in our hearts and prayers."

At Sunday brunch, **Sr. Susan Quaintance** shared that Scholastica alumnae are special because "You live and model the tenets of Benedictine education – love of learning, respect for the individual, stewardship of gifts, a sense of balance, and the importance of community – in your families and workplaces. You commit to works of justice, peace, compassion, and grace. You leave places better than you found them. And, always, you demonstrate how women's friendships endure and sustain us – through the best and worst of times."

At the end of brunch, the 50th reunion class of 1974 received blessed St. Benedict medals and prayers.



During the Season of Creation, leading up to the October 4th Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we prayed for our planet: "*In the midst of the climate crisis, how are you called to sow hope?*"

The board of AIM-USA selected **Sr. Susan Quaintance** as its new president. AIM-USA provides spiritual, education, and financial assistance to monasteries in developing countries, enabling them to be centers of life for others.



# Oblate News



Oblate Kevin Chears (second from right) was elected president of the North American Association of Benedictine Oblate Directors (NAABOD) at their biennial conference held in July at the St. Benedict Center in Schuyler, NE.

Oblate Dan Raven hosted a number of groups at our labyrinth in summer and fall- guests of the Rogers Park / West Ridge Historical Society; attendees of the Unity World Day of Prayer; and students from Evanston Township High School.

We are so glad the labyrinth continues to bring spiritual grounding to the community and are grateful to Dan for being its host and steward.



In July Chicago oblates, family, and friends enjoyed their annual picnic with the sisters on the Monastery grounds.



To learn more about our oblates visit:  
[www.osbchicago.org/oblates](http://www.osbchicago.org/oblates)

To explore the call to this way of life, contact  
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# Save the Date

Join us for these upcoming events



## Additional Events

**Giving Tuesday**  
December 3, 2024

**Feast of St. Scholastica**  
February 10, 2025

**Solemnity of the Passing of St. Benedict**  
March 21, 2025

## ADVENT EVENING RETREATS

Join us for three evening retreats during Advent to prepare for the arrival of the Christ Child. These retreats will provide an opportunity for inner reflection and sharing with fellow believers.

Retreats will take place **6:30-8:30pm** on three December **Tuesdays** in the **Oasis Room at St. Scholastica Monastery**. Please RSVP to Sr. Virginia Jung at [vjung@osbchicago.org](mailto:vjung@osbchicago.org) or (773) 764-2413 ext. 262



### Tuesday 12/3: Holy Play

Learn about lectio divina and engage in faith sharing.  
Explore God's call through art and creative expression.



### Tuesday 12/10: Prepare Ye the Way

Practice lectio divina and participate in faith sharing.  
Explore God's call through silent prayer and meditation.



### Tuesday 12/17: The Road to Bethlehem

Participate in lectio divina and faith sharing.  
Explore God's call through prayer walking.

## Stamps for the Wounded

Many years ago, we collected postage stamps to support the veterans' support nonprofit *Stamps for the Wounded*.

We no longer collect for them as they now have their own collection program. Please do not send stamps to the Monastery. Thank you!

If you have old stamps or envelopes to donate, please send directly to their organization at:

Stamps for the Wounded  
P.O. Box 297  
Dunn Loring, VA 22027-0297



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You can read more about their program and how and what to donate at [stampsforthewounded.org](http://stampsforthewounded.org)



# Alumnae News - Reunion Weekend 2024

St. Scholastica Academy Chicago classes ending in '4 and '9 gathered and celebrated with prayer, laughter, hugs, and singing during Reunion Weekend 2024 in September, with Saturday Mass in the St. Scholastica Chapel and Sunday brunch at Chateau Ritz in Niles.

Special thanks to all the class representatives who updated contact information and rallied their classmates to attend- we could not do this annual event without you!





# Reunion Weekend 2024



# In Memoriam

## St. Scholastica Academy, Chicago

**Noreen Roche Brady (1943)**, sister of deceased sisters Sheila Hagan (1941), Maura Callaghan (1941), Eileen Parker (1947), and Cathleen Brotherton (1948)

**Phyllis Samuelson Duzmal (1945)**

**Jean Mann Sweeney (1949)**, mother of Theresa Sweeney Resch (1982) and Anne Sweeney (1987)

**JoAnn Catherine Hickey Milani (1950)** (\*11/8/2023)

**Janet Alber Rancich (1953)**

**Patricia Brown Darling (1954)**, sister of (Rita) Valerie Stevens (1953)

**Suzanne Stepan Coleman (1955)** (\*11/20/2023)

**Carol Ann Schiller Corby (1955)**

**Arthur J. Atkinson**, husband of Mary Jo Yunker Atkinson (1957)

**Catherine Koehler (1957)**, sister of Dorothy Holmes (1953)

**Joan C. Fox O'Toole (1957)**

**Thomas Pfeifer**, husband of Anne Degnan Pfeifer (1957)

**Marianne Freibert Hester (1959)**, sister of Janet Freibert Parrilli (1964), deceased sister Gertrude Freibert Kenney (1956) (\*11/19/2015), and deceased sister Joan Freibert Bressett (1962)

**Nancy Roeser Thomas (1959)** (\*9/8/2020)

**Mary Ann Witt Malek (1960)**

**Earl Porter**, brother of Gayle Porter (1963)

**Walter Zegers**, husband of Anne Burns Zegers (1963)

**Susan Streich Boldt (1964)**

**Patricia Kay Bergh Sowder (1964)** (\*4/29/2020)

**Mary Fran Conley Martinez (1965)**, sister of Sheila Johnson (1967)

**Kathleen Anne Reichert Waple (1965)**, sister of Margie Reichert Fischer (1973)

**Elizabeth Anne Maloney Olson (1968)**, sister of Barbara Hertz (1967)

**Corrine Pacer (1969)**, sister of Andrea Pacer (1963)

**James Michael Begale**, husband of Mary Ann Majewski Begale (1970)

**Mary Jane DeSloover**, mother of Mary Ann Collins (1971) and Lisa Herzog (1980)

**Mary C. Hofstetter (1972)**

**Helen Lyon**, mother of Mary Jo Stegeman (1973), Nancy Lyon (1974), Carrie Stutzman (1976), Ellen Lyon (1978), Donna Lyon (1979), Laurie Lyon (1983), and Lisa Lyon (1984)

**Susan M. Kramer Gransee (1974)** (\*2000) unsure of alum siblings

**Anne E. Klasinski Lorenz (1974)**(\*2023), sister of Louise Klasinski Valentin (1971), dec. sister Margaret Klasinski Cook (1975)

**Margaret Klasinski Cook (1975)**(\*2023), sister of Louise Klasinski Valentin (1971), dec. sister Anne Klasinski Lorenz (1974)

**Elizabeth Jones**, mother of Libby Jones Grabowski (1976), Maureen Jones (1979) and Kathy Jones O'Connell (1981)

**Kathleen Russell (1976)**, sister of Judith Loughlin (1977)

**Jean Bonell Lucia (1978)** (\*2/1/2024)

**Mary Margaret Moses Meadows (1978)**

**Mary Beth Wieszcholek (1979)**

**William Everett Thinnes**, husband of Katherine Murphy Thinnes (1976)

## St. Scholastica Academy, Cañon City

**Edward Lee Skerjanec**, husband of Alice Javernik Skerjanec (1953)

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*These notices were received April 1, 2024 - October 31, 2024*

*\*denotes that death was prior to April 1, 2024, but we received notice of their death in the last several months.*



# Testimonial Dinner

## Spirit of St. Benedict Awards

The **2024 Spirit of St. Benedict Award** was presented to former principals from our high schools in both Chicago, Illinois, and Cañon City, Colorado. These exceptional recipients promoted the education of the whole woman in spirit, mind, and body as our sisters have done since coming to Chicago in 1861. We are grateful to each of our former principals — those who were present at the Testimonial Dinner, those unable to join us, and those who have gone to God — for their many years of dedication to Benedictine education.

### Chicago, Illinois

Judith Borchers 1972-1980  
Judith Murphy, OSB 1980-1990  
Antonia Bouillette, PhD 1990-1995  
Judith Zonsius, OSB 1996-2003  
Anne Matz, oblsB 2003-2009  
Colleen Brewer, EdD 2011-2012  
Lynne Farmer, EdD 2012-2013

### Cañon City, Colorado

Karen Bland, OSB 1970-1989  
Olen Kalkus 1989-1992  
Benita Coffey, OSB 1992-1995  
Virginia Wilkinson 1997-2001



*Clockwise from top left: Sr. Judith Zonsius with her family members; Sr. Benita Coffey with her family members; Anne Matz with friends and supporters; Judith Borchers receives her award.*

# With Gratitude

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*Left to right: Lynne Farmer, EdD receives her award; awardee Colleen Brewer, EdD with her husband Chris; awardee Sr. Judith Murphy speaks about her time as principal.*





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# Testimonial Dinner Photos

Thanks to all our guests for making the 28th Annual Testimonial Dinner so special!





## Special Occasions

### In honor of...

**Patricia Minwegan Aijian**  
Mark Aijian  
**James Berger, Sr.**  
(future St. James Berger the First)  
Jim Berger  
**Judith Borchers**  
Barbara Soricelli  
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Anonymous  
**Mafalda Pennington on her  
90th birthday**  
James Pennington  
**Sister Jane Smith, OSB**  
John Hofherr  
**My amazing mom and  
my Godfather, the good Uncle Pete**  
Margaret Stanton  
**In appreciation of all the sisters who  
were involved in the education of  
young women at SSA**  
Drs. Dave and Edie Krueger

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*“...I remember you  
constantly  
in my prayers.”*

*2 Timothy 1:3*

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## Memorials

### In memory of...

**Virginia Adams**  
Don C. Winslow  
**Sister Mary Jude Ahern, OSB**  
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**Bernice Buchanan**  
Eileen and Lawrence Klonowski  
**Jack Cappozzo**  
Judith Borchers  
**Deceased classmates of 1974 and  
their family members**  
Terry Kiefer Alexander  
Hope and Lorenzo DeLeon  
Therese McGuire  
**Milton Coleman**  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago  
**Suzanne Stepan Coleman**  
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Mary Fechner  
Jayne Feldhausen  
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Margaret Cullen  
**George Cullen**  
Margaret Cullen  
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**Phyllis Samuelson Duzmal**  
Benedictine Sisters of Chicago  
Eileen and Al Samuelson  
**Deceased members of  
the Ehrmann family**  
Virginia Koerber  
**Cynthia J. Halpin Fairchild**  
John R. Fairchild  
**JoAnne Festle**  
Thomas E. Festle  
**Brian Finnigan**  
Joe Finnigan  
**Robert Fugiel**  
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# Prayer Ministry, continued

April 1, 2024 through October 31, 2024

## Memorials In memory of..

### **Richard and Patricia Hillenbrand**

James G. and Kathryn A. Hillenbrand

### **Richard "Dick" Hillenbrand**

Michael and Mary Jane Cole

### **Mary C. Hofstetter**

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Lora Todd

Marian Torrez

James Wong

The Wongs (Mei, Joe and family,

Kevin, Melissa and family, and

Stephen and family)

Yuk Wong

### **Dorothy Lind**

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Jackie LeSanche

### **Anne E. Klasinski Lorenz**

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### **Jean Bonell Lucia**

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### **Deceased members of the**

### **Lyon and Jendryk families**

Lyon Family

### **Helen Lyon**

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### **Martin Madden**

Sister Patricia Coughlin, OSB

### **Norene Mahoney**

Norene and Ray Lewis

### **Mary Ann Witt Malek**

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### **Cynthia D. Maloney**

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### **Joseph Marren**

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Edward and Carole Goeden

Mary Frances Linzer

### **Mary and Joseph Marren**

Mary Jo and Jason Green

### **Mary Fran Conley Martinez**

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Sheila Johnson

### **Lawrence McCauley**

Jayne Feldhausen

### **Mary Margaret Moses Meadows**

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### **Joanne Mele**

Eileen Moorman

### **JoAnn Catherine Hickey Milani**

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### **Carolyn Alice Mills**

Don C. Winslow





## Memorials

### In memory of..

**Joseph Monastero**

Joanne Spata

**Grace Moncada**

Judy Miranda

**Alan J. Musante**

Patricia Marino

**Ray Noesen**

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**Marie Ondo**

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**Elizabeth Anne Maloney Olson**

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**George B. Olson, Jr.**

Vivian Nemanich

**Joan C. Fox O'Toole**

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**Corrine Pacer**

Andrea Pacer

**Denise Perse**

Margaret Cullen

**Helen Perse**

Margaret Cullen

**Richard (Dick) Perse**

Margaret Cullen

**Taylor Perse**

Margaret Cullen

**Thomas Pfeifer**

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Kathy Statz Rees

**Earl Porter**

Judith Alexander

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**Sister Adelaide Rabida, OSB and**

**Sister Edith Rabida**

John F. Robida family

**Charles Rainwater**

Cheryl and John Love

**Janet Alber Rancich**

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Marguerite Newton

**Socorro Renteria**

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**Betsy Roman**

Margaret (Peggy) Reilly

**Marvin Ross**

Linda Strauch

**Jerry Ruskin**

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

and Oblates

**Kathleen Russell**

Denise Swarczewski Alferes

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Debbie Swarczewski Croghan

Carrie Dunn Frey

Geralyn Swarczewski McKay

Mary Pembroke

Katie Murphy Thinner

**John Albert Sawyer**

Marilyn Graybill

**Sister Johnette Sawyer, OSB**

Marilyn Graybill

**Peter B. Scaramuzzo**

Joanne Spata

**Richard Schermerhorn**

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Missi Currier

**Lambert J. Schommer**

Joan Schommer

**Deceased members of**

**the Serb family**

Ginny Serb Cox

**Jo Ann Serpico**

Joanne Spata

**Sister Mary Alice Setnicar, OSB**

Matthew Setnicar

**Sister Ann Sharp, OSB**

Douglas J. Laukaitis

**Tom Sharp**

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Holly Rumpel

**Edward Lee Skerjanec**

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**Rosalie Skinulis**

Eileen Moorman

**Patricia Kay Bergh Sowder**

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**Sigmund Swarczewski**

Denise Swarczewski Alferes

Debbie Swarczewski Croghan

Geralyn Swarczewski McKay

**Jean Mann Sweeney**

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**Jean Tate**

Patricia Martin

**Nancy Roeser Thomas**

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**Michael Wendel**

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**Walter Zegers**

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**Louis J. Zember**

Patricia and Raymond Erjavec

**Sister Mildred Zember, OSB**

Patricia and Raymond Erjavec

**Barbara Zonsius**

Mary Lou and John Waechter

**Sister Suzanne Zuercher, OSB**

Sylvia Rdzak

If you have a loved one you would like  
the sisters to remember in prayer,  
please share their names with us via the  
envelope provided in this newsletter.

## Ways to Partner with Us in Mission

### Serving the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

In this time of transition, there are a number of ways to volunteer your time and gifts to the sisters, such as running errands or helping in the archives.

To inquire about how you could best support us at this time, please contact Subprioress Sr. Susan Quaintance at [subprioress@osbchicago.org](mailto:subprioress@osbchicago.org) or 773-764-2413 x231

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## **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.

## **Donor-Advised Fund DAF**

As a registered 501(c)(3) charity, the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago are legally able and truly grateful to accept your thoughtful donation through your Donor-Advised Fund.

## **IRA Charitable Rollover**

A deeply appreciated donation and a major tax benefit all in one! If you are 70 ½ plus, you can make a transfer directly from your IRA to the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago. This gift will not only save you tax on the donation you transfer, but it also counts toward your required minimum distribution.

## **Appreciated Stock**

Your kindness through the donation of stock will not only help support the sisters, but may also lower your Capital Gains Taxes.

## **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 use at 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.

## **Legacy Society**

More than just a legal document, your will is a testament to your life's work, your values, and your beliefs. The Benedictine Sisters of Chicago would be honored to be remembered as a part of your legacy.

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*



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