

The Benedictine Tide

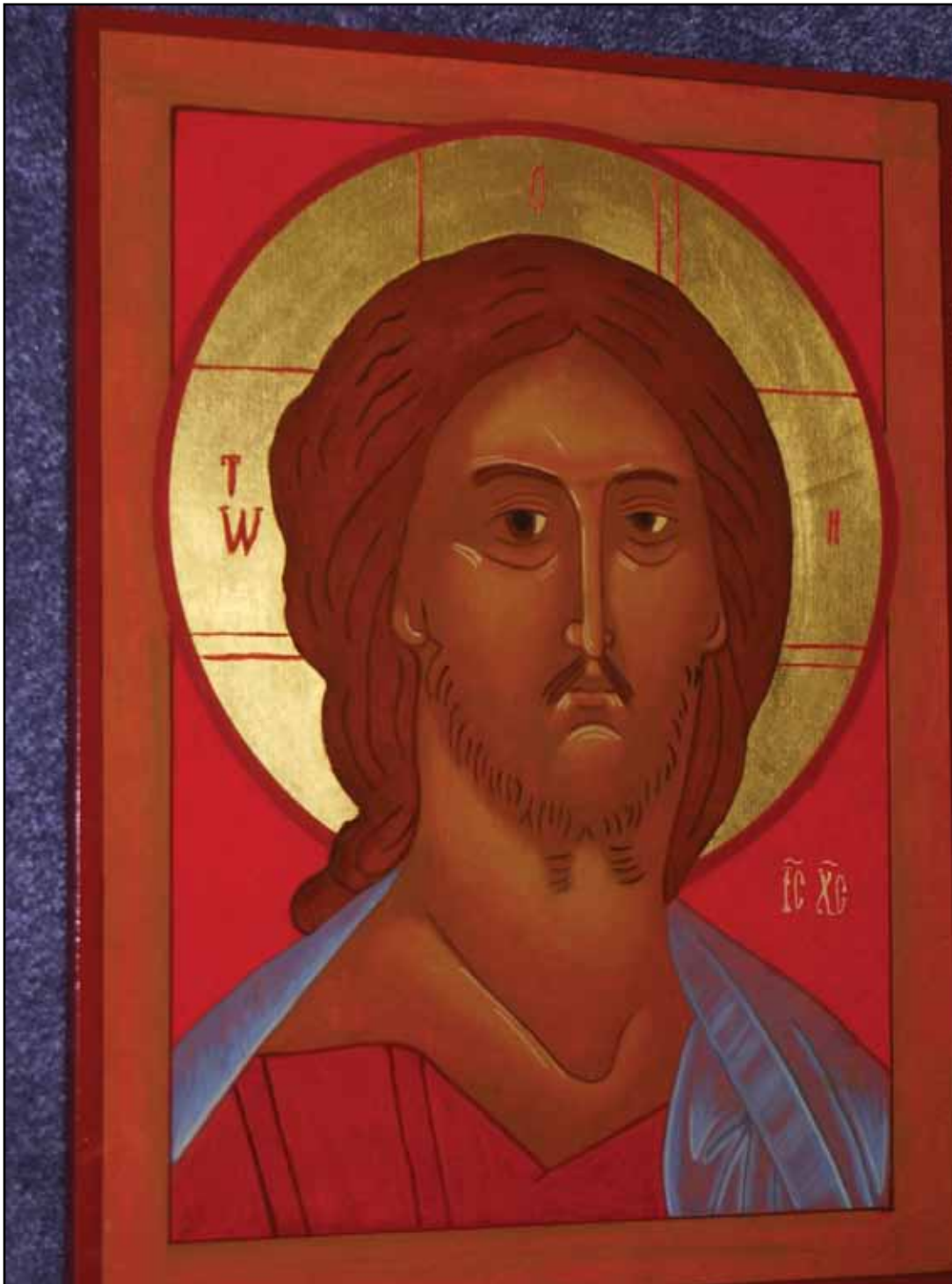
The Wave of the Future

Benedictine Sisters of Florida

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*This is our Easter joy:
Jesus is risen and is for-
ever in our midst!*

ALLELUIA!

*The Benedictine Sisters
of Florida
Wish you a bouquet of
Easter blessings -
May your spirit be
alive in the wonder
of Jesus' resurrection!*

Community iconographer,
Sister Dianne Wansley, O.S.B.

From the Prioress' Journal

"The Woman at the Well: A Model For Our Lenten Journey"

If you have ever visited our monastery you have surely seen the lovely display in our front office of *Jesus and the Woman at the Well*. When the fountain is turned on, the gentle, unending flow of water from pitcher to bowl can soothe the anxious soul. But, wait, what's happening here? (See photo.) Hasn't the crafter gotten it topsy-turvy? Wasn't it Jesus that asked the woman for water, not the other way around? But, here we see Jesus securely holding the pitcher, tilted toward the woman, looking into her up-turned face and pouring water into her bowl.

It looks to me like they are having an intimate conversation. They certainly seem to be chatting eye-to-eye. It is, I believe, the longest one-to-one interchange recorded in the Gospels.

She was some gutsy lady, wasn't she? She ventured out in the mid-day sun to get a pitcher of water from the town's well. Most women would have gotten the day's water supply much earlier in the day. I wonder...standing in her doorway did she see Jesus strolling toward the well? He was probably a good looking fellow and she had caught the eye of six other gents. So, she grabbed a pitcher and met him half-way, at the well.

What a surprise when Jesus disregarded the law and spoke to her. Jews were not allowed to speak to Samaritans and certainly not to a married woman without her husband in tow. This lady, if we can call her that, had an iffy reputation. And, she knew the law: "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?"

They both acted contrary to the law. Jesus offered her a gift she could not refuse and she brazenly questioned him about how he was going to draw water from a deep well without a bucket. She was curious, too. Can't you see her wrinkled brow and squinted eyes? "Living water, who ever heard of such a thing? And, I'll never be thirsty again! Where have you been? Don't you know how hot it gets around here?!"

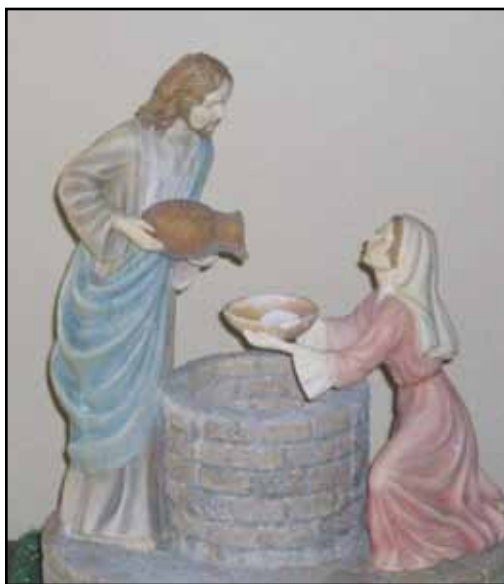
Now Jesus turns the tables on her: "Go, call your husband and come back." She is quick to respond, "I don't have a husband." She could have added "now." It would not have been unusual for a woman to have married more than once. Men's early death would have been a known fact to Jesus. What with wars, starvation and deadly ethnic squabbles, women often out-lived the men.



Sr. Roberta Bailey, O.S.B.

Listen to Jesus as with compassion He draws out from you the short-comings He wants you to face this Lent.

Here is Jesus' chance to bring the truth to light. He gently helps the woman face the reality of her living situation. Her waywardness, her sinful relationship is placed squarely in her face! "The fact is you have had five husbands. That man you are sharing your bed with is not your husband."



I suspect most women would have slunk away by now. Not this one! She changes the subject. "Sir, I can see you are a prophet." She goes on to talk about her ancestry and her belief that the Messiah is coming. Jesus picks up that thought and tells her, "I am He." With that His disciples join the couple at the well and confirm Jesus' identity. The story ends with the woman, changed, joyfully urging her neighbors to "Come, see this man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the one we are waiting for?"

Look again at the photo. Picture yourself beside the woman – don't replace her, she is integral to the story. Listen

to Jesus as with compassion He draws out from you the short-comings He wants you to face this Lent. You may try to distract Him for awhile but eventually the two of you will be oblivious to the other woman. You will hear Jesus speak to your heart. You will feel strength seep into your very bones. You will be able to listen without blaming, justifying or making light of what must be faced. You will be ready to gratefully receive the water of grace Jesus is waiting to pour over you. By Easter you will be ready to go out into the "town" and announce, "This is He, the One who is to come. He is risen! Alleluia!"

Why the Benedictine Order?

Choosing a religious vocation, as you might imagine, is as individual a process as the personalities who are drawn to this life. In some cases, it is a decision made in childhood and sometimes not until adulthood. The choice of a religious order with its values and philosophy is also a unique journey for each person.

See the boxes on this page and page 6 for some of our sisters' answers on why they chose to "Be Benedictine."

Benedictine spirituality adapts well to the lay life. Our oblates tell us they chose the Benedictine order because:

- "It is a practical guidance that enables my growth as a Christian."
- "It makes sense out of a world that can be chaotic."
- "Balance and moderation in life leads to a better life."
- "Following the Benedictine way can lead to a much more peaceful and respectful world."
- Several noted that it was "the welcome and acceptance here that made me feel at home. I love the sisters, the monastery—that's why I am Benedictine!"



To tell the truth I did not choose the Benedictines—God did. As a teen seeking to be a sister just as the Vatican II Council was beginning, the most distinguishing aspect of any religious order was its habit. Being in Florida was, for me, the selling point for this Monastery.

After I entered and time passed, I realized that Benedictine community life and the balance of prayer and work matched my personal charism. By the time I made final vows, I chose the Benedictine life. It was because I saw this life was for me...here I could be happy and grow as a person. Here I could be encouraged, challenged, supported in "Seeking God." As the years passed, it becomes even more clear that who I am at my core is Benedictine. My love for Jesus is translated in the Benedictine focus on prayer and ministry as well as hospitality, love of learning, and peace... Benedictine values for which the world today hungers.

— Sr. Mary David Hydro, O.S.B.



"How many of you are going to be priests or nuns when you grow up?" was the question Mother Superior always asked on each visit to our school on report card day. Thus was the seed of my vocation planted, and it was nurtured through my family life. As a family we prayed together at meal time and night prayers, and

we gathered at other times to pray for special needs. It wasn't until high school when the Holy Spirit touched me once more. The Spirit does call in the strangest places. We were at a dance when Sister Irma came dancing by and casually said to me, "Guess what? I'm going to enter the convent in a short time." My surprise reply was

As I sang the "Suscipe" my heart was filled with such love that I felt I was being lifted up to heaven.

"Wait for me! I'm going with you!" Three of my cousins also decided to go along. We talked to our Pastor and to Sister Rita O'Connell, O.S.B., who was teaching at our school at the time, and

together we studied the Rule of Saint Benedict. Our parents were proud of our decision, but were reluctant to let us go so far away from Texas. They pleaded with us to try some community nearer home, but the Benedictine Order seemed to draw us. The Benedictine spirit of community life seemed like an extension of family life. Simplicity, love, and togetherness were values which drew me as did the opportunity to be of service to others.

As a young Religious my life truly became complete at the time of my perpetual profession in 1935. As I sang the "Suscipe" my heart was filled with such love that I felt I was being lifted up to heaven. My motto became, "My heart is restless until it rests in Thee, O Lord." I spent many of my years of active ministry in education which was a joy for me. As a teacher I was educating God's children, and as a principal I was able to help parents instill the love of God in their children. I also worked for a time in the health care field. No matter what I was doing, I always remembered this quote of an old Indian Squaw: "People make heroes of each other but the most important thing is to respect each other. Everyone is important because what each of us does is built upon what those have done who have gone before us."

— Sr. Helen Lange, O.S.B.

More "Why Benedictine?" on page 6

Excerpts from The Benedictine Sisters of Florida: Memories of the First Hundred Years

Continued from last newsletter: CHAPTER TWO: TALES FROM THE NOVITIATE (or this may be the start of something big!)

Another of Sister Immaculate's novices, Sister de Chantal Ducuing, who entered in the 1940's, recalls the experience of being the only postulant in the house during her first months.

"It was beautiful in the summertime, we had the whole house full...Sister Mildred, Sister Beatrice, Sister Christine. (When) all these people came home for the summer, I was taken in with them and sat at the table with the black veils (sisters in temporary vows) and white veils (novices). Then, they all went back to the missions and Sister Mildred went to Atchison and that left just Sister Christine and me. Sister Christine became very sick and was taken to the hospital in Tampa. She was recuperating for a long time. So I was by myself during the day and with Sister Juliana who was soon to make her final vows in the evening.

We would just go walking at night with Mother Caroline who acted as novice mistress. Sister Anna Marie was with us during the day for work. And we had Sister Immaculate whom I just loved dearly. She was very particular about our reading and everything. We studied Scripture with Sister and the Rule and then she would just talk with us. Sister Immaculate would teach us different kinds of things if we were interested. It was difficult to read and crochet and to do testing; I didn't care too much for that, but I learned a little about crochet.

There were two classes with Sister Immaculate every morning after breakfast. She also instructed me in what to do in the chapel to assist the sacristan, Sister Anna Marie. If anything was out of order, you heard about it. I mean, she knew exactly how things were to be done. Sister was somewhat crippled, she wore high top shoes and had bad legs, but in those days she still went out some and we took walks in the evening.

We would walk out to the pecan tree and I would climb up on it because I was a little thing then. I'd climb up on the roof of the garage and she'd make me shake the tree with this stick, and the pecans would fall down. Then she would be down there picking them up and I'd come down and help her. One evening we walked farther down the hill into the grove where there was another pecan tree. That one was a little bit more difficult to get to and climb so we would just shake it with the stick. When we had gotten almost to the tree, Sister paused a moment in silence and then very quietly said to me, 'Let's go back.' I said, 'Go back?' 'Yes, let's go back.' So we turned around and that was it. When

we got to the top of the hill again she asked, 'Did you see it?' 'No, I didn't see a thing,' I said. 'A great big snake, that's why we came back,' she told me."

Sister Roberta, who was a novice in the late 1950's, wrote to her family of some of her novitiate experiences. (There were things that were private to the religious family and relating tales of such things and events was strictly forbidden. This rule was enforced by censorship – no longer a practice – of outgoing mail. Letters that contained inappropriate material or spelling and grammar errors were returned to be written again properly.) Sister Roberta's first letter home indicates a bit of a change from Sister Caroline's "gentle, thoughtful, progressing --week by week" initiation.

Notice how much was loaded into the first month in 1957. Sister Roberta writes, July 7, 1957,

Dear Mother and Daddy, Billy, Betty, and Cathy,

It doesn't seem possible a month has past since I left you. At least to me it doesn't, maybe with you it's different.

The girl we were waiting for finally came about 4:00 o'clock. We entered Wednesday at noon. Of course you know how much dinner we ate. Our forks were shaking so we could hardly get to our mouths. That afternoon we went swimming and unpacked.

The next day the things you read about began to take place. One of the postulants was late for meditation. Well that wasn't so bad; Sister Imelda says it happens to some newcomers. But later she fell down the stairs with such a bang Sister Imelda let out a "little yell" and caused many heads to appear around corners to see what happened. Sister Imelda explained: "It's just a postulant!" Later the same day while ironing I burned the curtain. That evening retreat started.

Things ran quite smooth during retreat. We had a wonderful, holy priest for retreat master. He was from Mt. St. Scholastica, well indirectly, that is, The Mount is a convent, but he's chaplain there. After retreat Father stayed on for classes. He left Friday. The classes were on the virtues. He really knows how to put across an idea and have it stick.

Well, want to hear some of the very original mistakes I've made? Like I told you I burned the curtain right square in the middle, I broke a dish, one of those individual custard dishes. Now, don't laugh too hard, one afternoon we were helping, or hindering as you will see, in the kitchen. Sister Imelda told me to help Sister Scholastica make sandwiches. Sister said she wanted us to use butter on them because she was going

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Sister Imelda

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to toast them. After we put out the bread Sister Scholastica said I could start buttering it and to be sure to butter on both sides. Well, naturally, but it turns out stupidly, I thought she meant both sides of the bread and not both sides of the sandwich. Well, everyone thought it was quite funny, including me when I realized what Sister had meant. That was bad enough, but a few days later Sister Scholastica and I were going to “help” again. We did alright. Sister wanted us to make open face sandwiches while she prepared a picnic for the campers. She put their mustard into a jar and put that jar on the end of the table where Sister and I were working. So what did we do? We put mustard on the sandwiches that weren’t supposed to have anything on them. They tasted ok if you like mustard. We postulants also made some fudge that was a flop! First it wouldn’t get hard so we cooked it some more and then it was like bricks because we used sweetened cocoa instead of unsweetened.



Sr. Roberta Bailey, O.S.B., (left) and her family on entrance day.

The domestic chores, the prayer, the instruction and the experiences of initiation retained a constant pattern through the decades even though the people and the times changed. New members learned from those who had been in the community a bit longer; much was taught and learned by the experience of working and praying together. The prioress, or a sister designated as novice mistress, was responsible to teach classes in scripture, the Holy Rule of St. Benedict, and the Benedictine vows; music was important to community prayer and choir practice was a regular community exercise. Novices often had extra music lessons whether they displayed talent or not. As Sister Rosaria recalled, novices could be heard practicing the piano in most parts of the house. This was as true of the novices in the late fifties under Sister Gertrude as it was of those under Sister Immaculate in the thirties.



Sister Rosaria

The Tyrocinium, a book which dealt with the proper virtues and decorum of religious life, was used as a text until about 1958. In addition, individuals were encouraged to develop any special talents they had that would enhance community life or be useful in school teaching. It was expected that most novices would eventually become school teachers and preparation for teaching was considered part of the formation. This included doing substitute duty at the Academy or

at St. Anthony, taking correspondence courses at the college level, taking teacher certification exams, and any other learning opportunity that might strengthen performance in the classroom.

Next issue of the *Tide* read about Sr. Mary David’s early days as a novice. To read Chapter 1 and the first part of Chapter 2, access previous newsletters on-line at www.floridabenedictines.com.

Mission Statement

We, the Benedictine Sisters of Florida, have as our purpose to seek God in community through the monastic way of life and to enable all people in our realm of influence to develop their fullest human and spiritual potential.

We accomplish our mission by sharing our human and material resources and our monastic values of community and liturgical worship through works of mercy, education, hospitality and stewardship.

Ensuring the Fulfillment of our Mission

The traditions of the Benedictine Sisters of Florida are grounded in the value of life and helping others. As you plan for your and your family’s future, we hope that you will consider a **Planned Gift to Holy Name Monastery**. Our commitment to helping enrich the lives of others is only possible with your help. Bequests, Stock Gifts, Charitable Gift Annuities, Life Estate Contracts, Charitable Lead or Charitable Remainder Trusts are vehicles that help charities attain financial stability while providing tax advantages to donors.

We will talk more about these opportunities in future *Tide* editions. In the meantime, if you would like information, please call Faith Pridmore, CFRE, in our Development Office and she will be happy to speak with you and/or your financial professional. You can reach Faith at (352) 588-8320 or email at hnmdevelopment@saintleo.edu.

We Need Your Help:

As you can well imagine, the cost of mailing the *Tide* newsletter continues to rise. We want to stay in touch with our dear friends, oblates and colleagues and the *Tide* is an important part of our communication.

If you have electronic email, please forward your address so that we can email the *Tide*. This would be a positive financial gift to the Benedictine Sisters as we continually seek cost efficiency in all that we do. Email addresses can be sent to the advancement office at hnmdevelopment@saintleo.edu. Send us your phone number as well.

Thank You!

OBLATES

There are different ways to live a monastic vocation. **Saint Benedict** wrote the Rule for monks. Oblates are not monks--yet from the sixth century lay people have affiliated with monasteries and used principles of the Rule of Benedict (RB) to guide their lives. When he "established a school for the Lord's service" (RB Prol. 45) Benedict was not considering monastic life as the beginning of Christian life, but as a way to live the Christian vocation. The only way to be a Christian is to follow Christ, to listen to the Spirit, and then to bear fruit for the reign of God. This is the call...vocation for all of us, religious or lay. Oblates are those who glean wisdom from the RB to develop and strengthen their spiritual life to become

their *best self in Christ*. The beauty of the RB is that it calls us all, monks or non-monks, to nothing more and nothing less than living the Christian life and Gospel values.

We were very pleased to welcome **Martha Sullivan**, our newest Oblate candidate, who was received at a Rite after Mass on Oblate Sunday, January 23rd.

The following are upcoming meetings and topics we will study in the process of *Be-Coming Benedictine*:

March 27th: Obedience to the Word of God (Part 2)

May 26th: The Process of Holiness

Why Benedictine?

It may sound simplistic but I was destined to be a Benedictine - it was in my blood. God had orchestrated leading me to the Benedictines a generation before I was a glimmer in my parents' eyes. My mother and her siblings were taught by the Ridgely, MD Benedictines in Wilmington, Delaware. It only took five moves in New England and a move to Florida to put me in touch with the Benedictine Sisters. I met two of them when they taught summer Bible School in DeLand. I looked forward to their coming for five summers. We connected also at Good Counsel Camp during the two summers I was among the lucky ones that the pastor sent to the diocesan catechetical camp. I was a sophomore when I finally landed "home" as a boarding student at Holy Name Academy (the resident and day school operated by our community until 1964). Although I have taught in various places, Holy Name has been "home" since my student days in 1953.



— Sr. Roberta Bailey, O.S.B.

When I was discerning my call, I initially did not know where the Lord was leading me. While working on the west coast, I received a brochure leading me to St. Leo. At the time of my discernment, I had accumulated certain skills through the years and it only made sense to me that I use those skills and incorporate them into a ministry to serve others. After visiting several religious communities, I found myself interested in the Benedictine Order in Florida because of their diversification. We sisters have a variety of skills and talents and complement each other in our own special services which come together in community. The diversification also allows us to learn skills we never knew we had! It works really well here. I find it a good community for the woman who has developed skills and wants to use them to serve others.



— Sr. Margaret Mary Roberts, O.S.B.

Christian women and men are welcome to join us for our Oblate meetings. Please RSVP by the Wednesday before each scheduled meeting.

Corporate Commitment Actions - Show and Share Benedictine Values

Christmas time is always busy for the sisters. One of our Corporate Commitment actions was to "Adopt-a-Senior." Ten residents at Heritage Park, the Rehabilitation Center in Dade City, each received a gift bag filled with personal items and books. We also sang Christmas Carols at the rehab center and at the Hospice House which is always a joyous way to get into the true spirit of Christmas.

Our New Year's Eve Prayer service moved us and our guests into 2011 with the theme that "it might be a taste of heaven" for all, as **Fr. Stephan Brown** says.

We were **Food Angels** to 22 **Habitat** workers building houses in Dade City on January 18th when sisters and volunteers delivered lunch. Homemade sandwich bread baked by **Sr. Donna DeWitt, O.S.B.**, was a huge hit! Many hungers were well-fed.



Sr. Donna making "her very special" bread.

FROM THE VOCATION OFFICE

Volunteer Program

There are different opportunities to share in the Benedictine vocation. If you have interest in volunteering, there are several areas that might be of interest. We invite women to join our community for a day, a few weeks or months. All of us have gifts to enrich the spiritual life of others. Our volunteers find this is a meaningful way to experience monastic life while donating time and talents in a relationship that is of mutual enrichment to them and to the Benedictine Sisters of Florida. Some of the areas in which volunteers help include: clerical, computer work, driving, answering phones, retreat hostess, housekeeping, kitchen help, gardening, visiting with elderly sisters or assisting infirmity staff...all balanced with prayer in a sharing of community life.

Recently we have had interest from several women about volunteering with us. **Elaine Blaicher** visited for a week in January from Colorado. She came for the personal interview which is part of the application process. Asked, "Why Benedictine?" Elaine replied that it was the sharing in daily Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours with the sisters that drew her.

We invite single, Catholic women age 18 to 50 who are free to consider a religious vocation to come away for a "Time For Seekers" to listen to God and your heart.

You can spend any or all of the days of Holy Week, April 17-24 with the sisters. We open our home to you so that you may share our life, prayer and meals. Contact **Sr. Mary David, O.S.B.** at: (352) 588-8320 or email vocation@saintleo.edu

It is our joy whenever an opportunity presents itself to discuss why being Benedictine is important to us. In December Sr. Mary David, gave a vocation talk to teens on retreat at Saint

Leo Abbey and preached the Appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious at Sacred Heart parish in St. Joseph, Florida.

Danica Sun, a Florida State University student and member of the Saint Leo Abbey's Peer Ministry program, was here for a Discernment retreat by appointment in mid-December. She enjoyed hearing from several sisters regarding their vocation stories and why they are Benedictine.

Seven teenage girls, **Amanda Findlay, Monica Findlay, Lauren Hale, Sarah Jones, Regina Pascalli, Monica St. George and Melissa Kruschwitz** from **Saint Ignatius** parish in Tarpon Springs stayed at the monastery for a retreat between Christmas and New Year's with **Choir Director Anne Harman** and musician **Irene Frolich**. Their focus was on the Rule of Benedict. Some of the sisters shared insights on their favorite passages and quotes from the Rule. A highlight of the girls' visit was their presentation of a beautiful and inspiring Taize Prayer Service.



Lighting of the candles.



Sr. Mary Clare and St. Ignatius teens

The girls also presented, the evening of December 29th, *The Christmas Story*. Jesus' birth was chronicled with the reading and, to the delight of all in attendance, costumed shepherds, Mary, Joseph, the angel of the Lord and the Christ child.



The Three Kings with gifts for the Christ child.

Following the St. Ignatius Youth Group's *Christmas Story*, they gave the sisters a Christmas party. The girls served two holiday cakes baked earlier in the day and hot chocolate. We were all given special ornaments to write our personal resolution and were directed to hang them on the



Christmas tree (see photo with Sr. Mary Clare). The evening concluded with a very special gift from Director Ann Harman to each of the sisters of a cross made of olive wood from Bethlehem (where she recently visited) that was touched to the places of Christ's birth, burial and resurrection.

The visit of this special group of teens, especially during this blessed time, lifted us all. These gals have learned well the values of prayer, hospitality and community.

CORPORATE COMMITMENT

In an effort to address contemporary local needs, we, the Benedictine Sisters of Florida, commit ourselves and our resources to respond with the compassion of Christ, to the physical, spiritual, social and emotional hungers of the People of God.

From the Office of Advancement

I joined the Holy Name Monastery family on November 8th and it didn't take long to see first-hand the true sense of community and caring by the Benedictine Sisters of Florida. Their passion and commitment to actively reach out to others is fundamental and is a powerful reminder that "it is through giving that we receive" (Saint Francis of Assisi). It is what made this career change so compelling for me.



Faith Pridmore, CFRE

The sisters appreciate the support you have provided in so many meaningful ways throughout the years. It is definitely a shared dedication to faith, values, family and community bringing about accomplishments that reflect real commitment. The sisters' friends, oblates, donors and volunteers exemplify

a remarkable tradition of loyalty. Many of you responded to our November Special Appeal which involved elevator and heating problems in the monastery. Also included in the appeal was a long-standing need to renovate the third floor rooms where guests stay during retreats. The beds, paint, desks, drapes and bedding in the rooms were part of the original building in 1960. We are very pleased to report that because of you, we had heat for the first cold wave that came in December and the elevator had new life breathed into it! We deeply appreciate your help and generosity.

Your positive response to our Adopt-a-Room third floor project has been inspiring. It has been exciting to see the rooms take shape through the creativity and work of our oblates and volunteers. A special thank you to **Joyce Welch** who really "set the bar" with the room she renovated and **Barbara Molloy**

who is coordinating this endeavor. The joy our dear volunteers have had in updating the rooms is contagious. We hope you'll come to visit and see the results. (See page 11 for some of the new renovations!)

There is a flurry of activity in the house not only day-to-day, but also in planning for the future. Plans that you will soon hear about and in which we hope you will be involved. I look forward to connecting with you as we work with the sisters – in the noble calling of Saint Benedict – to honor our God and create results that impact the lives of others.

Sincerely,
Faith Pridmore

P.S. If you would like to participate in the Adopt-a-Room project, please contact the Advancement Office at (352) 588-8443 or email at hnmdevelopment@saintleoabbey.edu.

The Benedictine Sisters of Florida gratefully acknowledge those whose generous support and active involvement in the life of Holy Name Monastery help us live out our mission.

You inspire us by your time-tested values of faith, loving concern for others, and sense of responsibility to the world.

The following represent gifts to our mission from **December 1, 2010, to February 28, 2011.**

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Memorials and Tributes
Please remember these families in your prayers.

JAMES BAYNES, husband of Leona (Pike),
 February 3, 2011

MARY BURGER, an HNA alum, Class of
 1954, December 16, 2010.

**BETTY ARSENA (Schevarlzewalder) HER-
 RMANN**, Class of 1947, February 25, 2010

ALFRED J. MULTER, Sr. Irma's nephew,
 December 2, 2010

THOMAS PORTER, December 15, 2010

JOAN "MONICA" STORM, formerly Sr.
 Monica, March 14, 2010

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Memorial gifts and gifts in honor of a special person or occasion are thoughtful remembrances that serve a meaningful cause as well. We gratefully acknowledge these gifts and ask that you say a special prayer for the families who have lost loved ones.

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NEWS BRIEFS

A basket containing the names of the deceased of our family/friends/benefactors was placed before the altar at Mass on All Souls Day, November 2nd and remained there throughout the month as a visible reminder to pray for our loved ones who have gone before us on their journey of faith.

The monastery hosted a retreat for AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) members the weekend of November 5th.

Srs. Jean, Eileen, Roberta and volunteer Barbara Molloy and Faith Pridmore attended a performance of Ionesco's "Rhinoceros" on November 13th at SLU. One of our affiliates, **Ryann Underwood**, was in the cast.

Srs. Roberta, Mildred, Miriam, Mary David, and Faith Pridmore attended the SLU University Ministry Dinner "Catholic Social Teaching and Immigration: Are We Our Brothers' Keeper?" at Saint Leo University on November 15th.

On November 20th, Sr. Mary David gave a vocation talk at Saint Leo Abbey to the 43 eighth graders from St. Isaac Jogues Parish (Orlando, Florida) who recently celebrated their Confirmation.

Michael Carbone, an SLU alumnus who was befriended by **Sr. Irma Multer, O.S.B.**, during his college years, came to visit with her November 25-26th.

Thirty-five Spanish-speaking retreatants were at the monastery for



Abbot Isaac and the Benedictine monks from Saint Leo Abbey joined the Sisters for Evening Praise and Dinner on the Feast of St. Scholastica (February 10).

a "Desert Day" retreat December 4th. An Advent Penance Service was held in the chapel on December 6th. **Fathers Damian and David** (from St. Leo Abbey), **Monsignor Frank Mouch** and **Father John Murphy** (from Sacred Heart Parish in St. Joseph) heard confessions.

On December 17th **Sr. Jean Abbott, O.S.B.**, and a team of volunteers drove to Clearwater to accept a donation of toys from the children of St. Cecilia Parish on behalf of the Daystar Hope Center of Dade City.

Srs. Dianne, Mary Clare, Roberta, Margaret Mary and Eileen provided the music for the 9:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass at Saddlebrook Resort.



A group of eight members of St. Mary's Episcopal Choir joined the sisters in the monastery chapel for vespers on January 18th in observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.



A new nativity scene, the artistic creation of Sr. Miriam Cosgrove, O.S.B., made its debut on the monastery front lawn Dec. 21st.

Golf Tournament 2011

Our golf tournament will be held in the fall. More to come!

IRA Charitable Rollover Reinstated for 2011

Did you know? The IRA Charitable Rollover, first enacted in 2006, as part of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 has been reinstated for 2011. Owners of Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) can transfer up to \$100,000 to a charity of their choice.

IRA charitable gift rollovers can be made retroactively from January 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011 for 2010 tax purposes. For 2011 tax purposes, an additional \$100,000 may be contributed between January 1 and December 31, 2011. You should consult your financial advisor and IRA administrator for guidelines and information.

- **Not Counted** - Your gift is not counted as taxable income to you.
- **MRD Counts** - The amount given to charity does count toward fulfilling the Minimum Required Distribution (MRD) amount you must remove each year from the IRA.
- **Direct Transfer** - The transfer must go directly to the charity.
- **Age of Owner** - The owner of the IRA must be 70 ½ years of age or older.
- **Maximum Amount** - The maximum amount that the owner of an IRA can transfer is \$100,000.
- **Deadline** - The deadline to make the direct transfer is December 31.
- **No Gifts in Return** - Donors cannot receive any goods or services in return for charitable IRA rollover contributions in order to qualify for tax-free treatment.
- **Written Receipt** - In order to benefit from the tax-free treatment, donor must obtain written substantiation of each IRA rollover contribution from the recipient charity.

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ALUMNAE NEWS

Holy Name Academy and St. Leo Prep School Classes of 1945, 1950, 1955 and 1960 held a reunion sponsored by Saint Leo University, November 11th through the 14th. **Sisters Roberta, Mary David, Donna, Mildred and Faith Pridmore** attended the reunion dinner at the university on November 12th. A reception and luncheon was held on November 13th which the sisters also attended. There was laughter and fun with stories and memories regaled. While several of the alums imagined that their mischievous deeds during those years went without notice, there were several shared that were not surprises to the sisters! There were twenty-four Academy alumnae and spouses

from the Class of 1960 who joined the sisters for Mass and dinner on November 14th at the monastery. **Sr. Patricia Ann Driscoll, O.S.B.**, did the first reading at Mass, **Rebecca (Calvert) Chura**, daughter of **Katie (Miller) Calvert** did the second reading, and **Gay (Longmire) Bush** read the intercessions. **Janet Collura** (wife of St. Leo Prep alumnus **Frankie Joe**) helped prepare dinner. Others in attendance were: **Margaret (Herrmann) Beaumont, Elizabeth Burke, Margaret (Longmire) Bush, Bill Calvert, Joyce (Gau) Harig, Mary (Stauduhar) Gillmore, Ed and Patsy Herrmann and Jeanne (Petrie) Showalter.**

Many thanks go to Katie for organizing the reunion and the visit at the monastery. It is always fun for the sisters to have the opportunity to talk to alums about "those good 'ole days."



Sr. Eileen Dunbar



Pat Driscoll '60 (now a nun O.S.B.), Betty Burke '60



Above left: Sr. Mildred, Mary Kay "Katie" Miller and Sr. Roberta '57. Above: Mimi Cotter, Mary Stauduhar, and Joyce Gau – all Class of 1960.

Left: Joyce and Carl Harig.

Adopt-a-Room Renovations



Saint Leo University Room



Anna Dorn, SLU student and fast painter!



The Bundy Room



Mother Mary's House by Joyce Welch



The Herrmann Room

A sample of some of the beautiful, new, adopted rooms! To participate in the Adopt-a-Room project, please contact the Advancement Office at (352) 588-8443 or email at hnmdevelopment@saintleo.edu.



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60th Anniversary

At the evening liturgy on December 22nd the sisters celebrated the 60th anniversary of vows for Sr. Mary Dorothy Neuhofer, O.S.B. The Gospel of the day where Mary sings her Magnificat was the perfect song of praise and thanksgiving. Father Ed Lamp was the celebrant and he and his mother, Annette, joined the sisters for a festive meal following the Mass.

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CALENDAR

March 9	Ash Wednesday
March 11	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:30-7:30 p.m. [Guests welcome]
March 14	Lenten Penance Service 7:30 p.m. [Guests welcome]
March 21	St. Benedict's Day
March 27	Oblate Sunday
March 28	Lenten Soup Supper
April 1	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:30-7:30 p.m. [Guests welcome]
April 5	Offering of Letters at St. Rita Parish
April 8-10	AA Retreat at the monastery
April 11	AIM Vespers
April 17	Passion Sunday
April 21	Holy Thursday
April 22	Good Friday
April 23	Holy Saturday
April 24	Easter Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.
April 28-May 2	Formation Meeting in Schuyler NE
April 29-30	Saint Leo University Commencements
May 6	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:30-7:30 p.m. [Guests welcome]
May 16	Employee Appreciation Dinner
May 20-22	Oblate Retreat
May 30	Memorial Day AOM Vespers