



The Benedictine Tide

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The Power of Prayer



*Lord I pray to you again, to ...
Help me make it through the day
To do Your will, to live Your plan
Be with me Lord along the way.*

– Anonymous

From the Prioress' Journal

The theme of “prayer” for this issue of *The Tide* is certainly a topic of world-wide proportions, importance and impact. Stories of war and hunger, neglect, abuse, homelessness and loneliness fill the front pages in paper media and scream at us from television screens and websites. We seesaw between overwhelming feelings of powerlessness in the face of human tragedies and violent natural disasters. On the other hand, in times of community prayer we are buoyed up with hopefulness inspired by the psalmist who places words like these on our lips: “You charged us to care for all creation, all of it. Through all the universe your glorious name resounds, O God, source of all blessings!”

Seeds of our prayer style are sowed early in our life. “Did you say your night prayers?” “Who is going to say the meal blessing?” Similar prompts may have shaped us when we were small to think that there were specific times to pray? Or we may have grown up believing that there was a certain formula that had to be recited to make our words a prayer. Or perhaps you figured that you had to direct your words to a particular person: Jesus, Mary, a saint or your guardian angel? Memories of the closeness of an attentive adult kneeling with us or cuddled in bed for night prayers, or sharing a meal, may cause those, oh, so familiar words, to spring to our lips in times of fear, tiredness or at the moment of death. Continued education and



Pray for peace.

life experiences give our prayer life a shape that is very personal between us and our God. For us in a Benedictine community, the combination of communal prayer and private lectio (holy reading and reflection) bind us in a lifelong pursuit for holiness.

PRAYERS vs PRAYER is a concept that only gradually evolves, observable only in retrospect. Speaking for myself, there was an almost natural progression in my prayer life. My mother enjoyed crocheting for pleasure and to supplement the family income. I was fortunate to learn early in life to “make every stitch a prayer” for the person who will use the handiwork.”



S. Roberta Bailey, O.S.B.

“When beginning any good work, pray to God most earnestly to bring it to perfection.”

– Saint Benedict

Prayer became a way of life as I grew into the practice of holding intentions in my heart and calling to mind family members, people I knew or somehow I had heard about as I asked God’s blessing for their good health and happiness. As the years flew by, life’s circumstances would stretch my prayer list. That list is not like the typical “TO DO” list. Names do not get scratched off as “done.” As our world of friendships grow and our concept of global needs expands so too does our sense of responsibility to present to God a petition for gracious attention to the needs of our world and all its people.

Our readers can rest assured that Sisters peruse the *Book of Intentions* that stands in a central hallway between the Chapel, dining room and community room. Sisters pause at various times during the day to read the intentions

placed there and to raise a prayer for you, our readers or to write in an intention someone has requested. Let us know YOUR special needs by phone, mail or via email to holynamedevelopment@saintleo.edu.

Your Gifts-In-Kind make a difference

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Reflections on the Power of Prayer

“Prayer is not a spare wheel to be used when needed, it is a steering wheel.”
Anonymous

I learned early on in my Catholic upbringing that prayer is communication with God. It is how we connect and build our relationship with Him. Among the many blessings that came to my prayer life when I entered the Benedictine Sisters was *lectio divina*, the practice of prayerful reading of the Scripture much like a love letter. As such, you read and reread it, recall that special person, your time together and the special words and feelings experienced. Resting in the loving silence of such a reading is a treasure because I find I am in the story and Jesus is in the story of my life. Daily Eucharist, Liturgy of the Hours and *lectio divina* make-up the “steering wheel” of my life.

Expressing our love, need and appreciation for God takes time and effort to maintain and grow. Rather than a monologue, make it more reflective and you will be more aware of God’s presence in your life, in others and in nature. Try *lectio divina* – read a passage, reread it, note any special words or feelings – what does God say? Try some silence, just be in God’s presence lovingly. Note some love notes God sends you in nature like the song of a bird, clouds, sunrise, sunset, trees, flowers...

– Sister Mary David Hydro

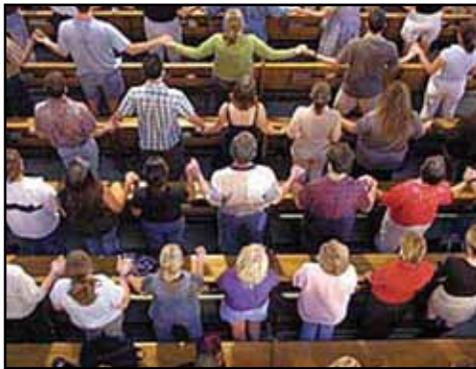
God’s Energy and Power

Prayer is without limits and includes all intentions. My list of people to pray for has grown over the years and today it feels endless. When someone requests my prayers, I remember that the Spirit of the living God is within both the person and me, coming alive in a special and deliberately conscious way. As my sister, **Marge Cantu** stated, “I have felt His presence and protection many times. Our prayers are very powerful because we love Him.” **Karen Bray**, a Community friend says, “Asking other people, especially the Benedictines, to pray for me is a wonderful thing. God’s will is in everything and praying is a way for us to gain strength, encouragement and support.” I love **Father Damian Duquesnay’s** words expressed on October 5, 1988 – “Prayer is the time to let the energy and power of God flow through us.”

– Sister Miriam Cosgrove

No Apologies Please!

My life is a life of prayer that has been enriched by this monastic Community and our friends and supporters. Praying to God is essential to our calling. We Sisters strive to express gratitude to those who embrace our mission through prayers and “thank you” calls. Recently, in making such a call, I inadvertently dialed the wrong phone number. The person who answered knew my voice and said my call, though not meant for her, was “a blessing in a time of need.” She went on to say, “Your call has brought joy and healing to my soul...it was God’s will be-



cause your words are what I needed to hear.” I often hear from others who apologize for their continual requests for prayers. They express confidence that the Sisters’ prayers help them and their families come closer to God.

Prayer is fundamental to Benedictine monastics. We could not imagine if your prayer requests were not made. I am so grateful that my dear mother originally taught me to love and pray to God always. It is my

daily way of life as a Benedictine Sister. I live in the assurance that while God knows our needs, He nevertheless is happy to listen to our prayers for help or to thank Him. Prayer is a gift that changes lives and hearts and can also heal body and soul. That is true for the person praying as well as for whom prayers are said.

– Sister Mary Romana Gomez

Seek Him

In so many ways prayer is an opportunity for me as a Benedictine Sister. It brings me closer to my Lord and Savior as it does for those who ask me to pray on their behalf. A truly meaningful request made to me recently was from a friend having family problems. She was deeply sad and depressed. Several months after requesting I pray for her and her husband, I received a call expressing the power of the Sisters’ prayers. “Sister, I really experienced your powerful prayers. This is a miracle. My husband has changed. He comes home right after work and is interacting with me now more than ever.” While my friend may have felt having such a turn-around in her relationship with her husband was a miracle, I see it as the result

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of their seeking to grow closer to God through prayer and the difference that can make.

– **Sister Elizabeth Mathai**

An Eye-opener

Asking friends to tell me what it means for the Sisters to pray for them was an eye-opener. Because prayer is such a focus in our everyday Benedictine lives, it had not occurred to me that asking for prayers to be said for oneself could be difficult. As explained to me by **Cindi Wise**, “*I thought asking others to pray about my worries would open up vulnerabilities.*” Cindi believed that it was tantamount to “*letting down your shield and exposing a weakness.*” How fortunate for me as a Sister dedicated to helping others, that she shared that such a request is not a simple act for some people. “*Sister Donna has helped me believe that I don’t have to be the wall all the time...that it is okay to have an open door or at least a door with a key! Sister has helped me to trust. I appreciate all her prayers which have helped me work through some hard emotional issues.*”

Many of our friends and supporters don’t realize that their faith and spirituality help the Sisters help others. As stated by another friend, “*It is a feeling of peace that through prayer, the Holy Spirit lays His hands on one’s shoulders giving strength. We live by faith and it is a great comfort to know the Sisters are praying for me.*”

Both of these women along with many other friends and family have made me a better Benedictine Sister. In opening our hearts to God and His love, we all have the capacity to create a better, kinder world.

– **Sister Donna DeWitt**

From the Oblate Office –

One of the benefits of being an oblate is participating in the Sisters’ daily prayerful remembrance. It is the desire for a deeper spirituality and prayer life that oblates seek.

During our May 24 week-end Oblate Retreat, **Lisa Geisler Tortoriello** made her Oblation and **Debi Prince** became an oblate candidate. Speaking for the six other retreatants, Debi commented on the retreat theme, “*Visiting with Hildegard*”, by stating, “*This time with Hildegard is a time of “greening” for the soul (for Hildegard “greening” was the spirit of Jesus in us giving us life and growth).*”

“*The retreat was theology, art, reflection, prayer, nature, music, video, mandalas, poetry and tai chi. It put me in touch with the artist within and taught me the importance of balance – how I need to open myself to these various parts of life.*”

Vocations and Retreats

It has been reported the two elements most sought after by women considering a religious vocation are *Prayer* and *Community*. Like many families today, life is busy and rushed which means the opportunity for quality time together is a challenge. As monastics, we strive to keep balance with daily prayer together, service to others, monthly Days of Recollection and an annual six day Community Retreat. In addition, we come together for daily meals, Sunday Family Night games, celebrations of birthdays and feast days and outings for business and pleasure.

If you or anyone you know is considering a religious vocation, we have the Prayer and Community you are looking for – Come and See! The next Come and See weekend is planned for August 16 – 18.

Join us with your RSVP to Sister Mary David at (352) 588-8320 or email vocations@saintleo.edu.

Retreatants come to the monastery for many reasons. Prayer with the Sisters unites and makes of many, a community. Our visitors learn to pray the Liturgy of the Hours and reflect over the Word of God as the love letter it is. As a Community we show our care by praying for each other and for those who have asked for our prayers. Do you need time away – a place to pray? Come. Be our guest!

Prayers Answered In Election of a New Pope



The world watched for days as gray smoke billowed from the Vatican chimney. Then on March 13, 2013, the fifth ballot of the conclave brought forth a decision. White smoke from the chimney told the world that a new pope had been elected.

It was 7:05 pm in Rome and 2:05 pm here in Florida. One hour later, French **Cardinal Jean-Louis**

Tauran walked out onto the Vatican balcony to announce “*Habemus papam!*” (We have a pope.) **Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio**, Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Argentina was elected. He is the first Jesuit ever to be elected pope and took the name of **Francis I** for **St. Francis of Assisi**.

Robed in his papal vestments, Pope Francis stepped out onto the balcony to greet the faithful and began his remarks with a simple “*Buona Sera*” (good evening). He humbly asked the faithful for their prayers and bowed his head in silence to permit the crowd to do so. He invoked

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

CHAPTER FIVE, PART 4 MISSIONARIES TO THE PARISH SCHOOLS

In New Orleans **Canon Roth** ruled with a unique flare. Canon Leander Roth, as sisters who knew him remember, was “quite a surprise, an elderly gentleman, very formal in his approach to everything.” Canon Roth resided in his rectory about a block away from the school and operated things from his armchair; he was quite disabled. However, in addition to **Sister Caroline’s** weekly reports he gleaned information through an informal communications network that kept him abreast of all the latest developments in the school. This sometimes required the sisters to be a bit creative about their reports and responses to his inquiries.

One of Canon Roth’s “sources” reported to him that there was a black child attending St. Teresa’s school. This occurred in the 1930s when the South was experiencing not only the Great Depression but also a strict racial segregation established by law. Enrolling black children in white schools was “just not done.” The Canon complained to Sister Caroline, “I heard you have a little black girl there. Now I want you to dismiss her. I don’t want her in that school.” And Sister remembers, “I did not have the heart to argue with him, nor did I have the heart to put out a little black child...black anybody. So the following Friday when I brought my weekly report, Canon said, ‘Did you dismiss that little black child?’ I said, ‘Well, no Canon, she has been absent a couple of days.’ This was some pious excuse! This went on, with one excuse or another, for several weeks until finally he said to me, ‘Now, you always say, yes, yes, yes. But you don’t do it!’ This was the first reprimand I ever got from him. I can still hear him, he was so distraught over my not dismissing that child. But I didn’t. I never did dismiss her.” This action on behalf of justice took place about thirty years before the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s. There were other ways in which the mission sisters were called upon to care for the children above and beyond teaching duties.

Most missions included children of the poor who needed more than classroom instruction in the four R’s. There were children who came to school hungry and were fed; who came dirty and poorly clad who were bathed by the sisters and given clean clothes to wear in school—the clothes and shoes were returned at the end of the day so they would not get “lost at home.”

Even though the sisters were charged with the duty of collecting tuition from pupils, which in New Orleans in the 30s was 25 cents, children were accepted and educated in many cases without charge. This burden was borne by the sisters who were not always paid for their work, nor paid regularly. A house was provided and there was usually enough food, often donated by grateful parents and at



times brought from Holy Name at the beginning of the school year to have something “to get the pantry started”, as **Sister Annunciata** called it. Salaries, however, for teaching were not always received due to the financial circumstances of some parishes.

Occasionally a pastor would create an unexpected situation which required heroic sacrifices “in the line of duty” for the sisters. **Sister Pauline** remembers one of these times when she played the “heroine-victim.” Sister was responsible for preparing meals for the sisters at Holy Family in North Miami. On one Thanksgiving day she had prepared a large turkey with all the trimmings for the sisters. Shortly before the feast was to begin a call came from the rectory; the unprepared pastor was suddenly the host of the bishop and several of his clergy staff. Could Sister cook a meal for them?, just something to eat?, the rectory cook had the day off. Sister agreed and prepared to share the sisters’ Thanksgiving feast with the bishop and a few priests. When the appointed time arrived, so did the bishop with about eight priests. They sat down around the sisters’ table and enjoyed a delicious Thanksgiving dinner. The sisters had to wait as there was a strict protocol to be observed and limited space at the table. The clergy were appropriately grateful and complimented sister on her fine meal. They left not realizing that they had eaten everything sister prepared! That was the Thanksgiving that the Holy Family sisters had a “pick up” meal. Somewhere in



the translation the idea had been lost that the meal had not been prepared solely for the benefit of the clergy. Sister Pauline and **Monsignor Radstater**, the pastor at the time, recalled the incident with laughter in 1989 when Monsignor came to celebrate with the community the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the priory.

NEWS BRIEFS

March 5 - Lenten Penance service was held in the Chapel with Confessors **Fathers David** and **Felix** from the Abbey and **Father John Murphy** from Sacred Heart Parish.

March 9 - **Susan Gilmore**, accompanied by ten of her fellow St. Mark parishioners, New Tampa, kindly offered her culinary talents. The Sisters were also presented with hotel size lotions, shampoos, and conditioners that were collected by Susan's bunko game group. Thank you all!

March 11 - **S. Roberta** attended a public meeting on the planned closure for cost cutting reasons of Moore Mickens Education Center. As a member of the School Advisory Committee for Moore Mickens, she was there to add to the testimony about the school's importance in the community. Compelling arguments led to a decision against the school's closure.

March 21 - The Pasco section of the Tampa Bay Times



did an article about **Sister Helen** regarding her need for a new reader to magnify her books and papers onto a large television screen (video magnifier). The Sisters are grateful to the **Dade City Lions Club** and its members who conducted a fundraising campaign to raise the \$1,200 needed to buy the machine. God and His people are good!

March 28 - The Triduum began with evening Mass of the Lord's Supper in chapel followed by Veneration of the Blessed Sacrament in the parlor until 10 p.m.



March 29 - Good Friday, Day of Silence and Fasting. The Afternoon Liturgy of the Lord's Passion was celebrated at 3 pm with S. Roberta presiding, **S. Dianne** playing the keyboard and **S. Eileen** singing the chants.

The Easter Vigil and Sunday Mass were celebrated with us by **Father David Steinwachs OSB**.

April 7 - The SLU Student Mass in our Chapel included baptisms and confirmations this year. Students were baptized by **Father Stephan** who was given special permis-

sion by **Bishop Lynch** to dispense the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Sisters and the SLU community enjoyed a celebratory party in the monastery dining room following the Mass.

April 13 - The monastery hosted a women-only day of reflection entitled "New Evangelization." The participants praised **Sister Mary David's** leadership, the quiet reflection and the sharing. The Divine Mercy Chaplet was led by **Magda Robles** and **Amy Persault**.

April 26-28 - Sr. Roberta attended the Saint Leo University Board meetings and the Commencement Ceremonies on campus.

May 3 - The Employee Appreciation luncheon was hosted by the Sisters in the community dining room with words from S. Roberta. Sister concluded her remarks to the employees that they represented the meaning of "Triumph" – they represent the "umph" added to the "try."

The evening meal for the Sisters was a fresh fish fry courtesy of **Jack and Jean Vogel** and friends...delicious!

June 3 - The Sisters were guests of **Dr. Arthur Kirk**, President of Saint Leo University, for supper and a presentation on the future plans for the university.

June 20-24 – The Federation of Saint Scholastic meeting in St. Leo, Florida was attended by 67 Sisters from across the United States and Mexico.

June 21, 2013 – Blessing of the property where the new monastery will be built. S. Roberta, (seen in photo), prepared the ground for the burial of a St. Benedict statue.



Above: Blessing ceremony.
Right: S. Roberta placing St. Benedict at the property.

Angels in the Wings Luncheon



YOU are cordially invited to join us for the Angels in the Wings Luncheon on **November 7, 2013**. It is an extraordinary privilege for us to Honor our *Angels* past and present. The luncheon is an annual event that provides the opportunity for:

- our friends and supporters to learn about Financial Life Planning.
- us to publicly express gratitude to those who have remembered the Sisters in their plans.

Planning for you and your family is first and foremost so that your wishes are best assured. If a charity or charities doing good work are part of what you want your legacy to be, we are proud to be considered.

Our Guest Speaker is **Rick Cantelano** who has been an estate attorney for over 30 years. Rick is a Saint Leo University alum and dear friend of the Sisters.

Be with us as we honor our *Angels* and learn more about Financial Planning. Seating is limited so be sure to RSVP by Wednesday, October 30th to Faith Pridmore, (352)-588-8320 or email her at hnmdevelopment@saintleo.edu.

Listening Heart Circle

Balance in one's life is integral to St. Benedict's **Rule**. He opens his instructions for living such a life – "Listen with ear of your heart." St. Benedict teaches us that life is meant to be a combination of work and prayer. Each work day whether as a teacher, a craft's person, an artist or caregiver for family, is intertwined with prayer and attention to what God wants of us.

The Listening Heart Circle is inspired by St. Benedict's words. It is our way of honoring those of you who have made a monthly commitment to the Benedictine Sisters of Florida and our ministries.

Listening Heart Circle Members as of July 1, 2013 are:



- Virginia Gordon '57
- Faith Pridmore
- Pat and Jeanette '58 Reilly
- Allan and Lynn Powell
- Barbara Molloy
- Joseph B. Vogel

We invite you to consider becoming a part of this special group of people. You can make your gift through PayPal or have your bank make a direct deposit monthly. Either way, convenience for you in helping the Sisters and those who look to them for assistance is achieved.

Phone Calls – The Sisters have greatly enjoyed calling donors this past year to just say "Thank you" for supporting our mission. The conversations have been uplifting for the Sisters and based on your response, the feeling is mutual. If you haven't already done so, please provide your phone number so that we can connect personally with you too! You can call or leave a message after business hours at (352-588-8443) or email at hnmdevelopment@saintleo.edu.

Tribute Gifts

(March 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013)

IN HONOR OF:

Bridget Barthle
The Benedictine Sisters of Florida
Sister Pauline Block
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Sister Miriam Cosgrove
Sister Mary Romana Gomez
Sister Mary David Hydro
Sister Helen Lange
Merritt and Mary McCardle
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Esther Montes deOca
Pat Fenton
Dorothy Flury
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God's Grace in Each of You

The Non-Profit sector is so much more than just a tax code. Together with God's grace, we solve social problems that the For-Profit arena cannot. Your gifts each year to the Benedictine Sisters of Florida, a 501 © 3 organization, are inspirational, re-invigorate our purpose and are a meaningful demonstration of God's grace in you which strengthens us all.

We truly could not do what we do without you! The following represents donors to our 2012/13 Annual Fund.

(July 1 2012 – June 30, 2013)

Stewardship Circle

Gifts of \$5,000 to \$9,999

We commit our resources for good works, education and hospitality. We are compelled to cherish, nurture and preserve all that is touched by the Creator's hand.

Joseph and Rose Herrmann
Charitable Foundation
Raymond LaDue+ and
Myrtle Dunn

Pat and Jeannette ('58) Reilly
Saddlebrook Resort residents
Saint Leo University
Anne Silvers '63
John and Barbara Sinnott
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Commitment Circle

Gifts of \$2,500 to \$4,999

We are called to listen prayerfully and respond with the compassion of Christ to the physical, spiritual, intellectual, social, and emotional hungers of the people of God.

Norman Kaye
Barbara Molloy
Sara Arline Thrash

Hospitality Circle

Gifts of \$500 to \$999

We place ourselves in service to the larger community. We discern the presence of the Creator in all creatures as we see Christ in our Sisters, our guests, the stranger and the poor. Our prayer is that all experience God's grace and peace.

Warren and Bernadette Broz
Sebastian, Cassandra and
Anthony Cabrera
Dean J. Cherre
Felicitia Finney
AASYS Group – Tony Coleman
Steven and Roberta Klar
Edward and Frances Kuchar
Frances E. Martin
R. A. Milliman
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Christopher and Gina Neuhofer
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Maureen Raub and
Barbara Gilboy
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St. Paul's Catholic Church
Marlene Sumner '52
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Richmond and CJ Taylor
Clara Wansley

Friends Circle

Gifts of \$50 to \$249

We form bonds of mutual love and respect as we embrace the importance of the person and the relationship of persons living together "that in all things God may be glorified."

Anonymous (7)
Dr. Tyson and Kelly Anderson
Deacon Michael and Joan Arno
Jacqueline Arrowsmith
Steve and Marsha Arvedson
William and Barbara Atteberry
Jack and Marian ('62) Austin
Barbara Backus
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Kathryn Baker
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Stella Barthle '50
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John and Linda ('63) Blommel
Rev. Clyde A. Bonar
Robert Brennan
Robert and Phyllis Broz

Balance Circle

Gifts of \$1,000 to \$2,499

We are steadfast in living a life of prayer and service nourished by God's word, Liturgy of the Hours, Lectio Divina (holy reading) and personal prayer.

Anonymous
Michael Avadikian
Rochelle K. Ayala
Patricia Becker
Linda L. Bishop
Bill and Faye ('54) Brown
Cay Corwin ('59)
Msgr. George W. Cummings
Kathleen DiSanto
Dr. Maribeth Durst
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Virginia M. Judge
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Timothy Muscaro, DDS, PA
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Allan and Marilyn Powers

Peace Circle

Gifts of \$250 to \$499

We strive for peace through our commitment to pursue justice for all.

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Lee Beaton
Jody L. Bollinger
Connie and Gary Caudill
Knights of Columbus –
Hudson, FL

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Emily Gross '53
Dwayne and Patricia Gullett
Bernard and Kay Halfmann
Omer and Bernice Halfmann
John and Margaret Hall
Carl and Joyce ('60) Harig
Maris Helfrich
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6th Annual Golf Tournament

The 6th Annual Invitational Golf Tournament to benefit the Benedictine Sisters of Florida took place on April 5th at Saddlebrook Golf and Tennis Resort. This event and all those who participate each year, represents a remarkable contribution to the Sisters' welfare. The sponsors, players, the Saddlebrook organization, our Silent Auction donors and volunteers made the tournament another awesome day of friendraising and fund-raising. Their efforts provided a net benefit to the Sisters of \$16,094! (Please visit our web-site to see the Tournament Program and the listing of everyone who participated.)



Special thanks to:

- Co-chairs **Msgr. Frank Mouch** and **Tony Olivito** whose leadership makes the day possible.
- Sponsor **Thomas Dempsey**, CEO and President of the Saddlebrook Golf and Tennis Resort and his wonderful staff who provide for a spectacular tournament.
- Sponsors **LeCesse Construction**, **Marti ('60)** and **Wayne Huizinga**, **Epiphany Cathedral**, Venice, FL., **St. Paul Catholic Church**, Jacksonville Beach, FL. the **Olivito Family** and **Jarrett Ford** Dade City, FL. whose generosity ensured a successful event.

The Sisters pray God's continued blessings for all of you.

In Memorium

- + **Helen Solik Noble**, HNS Class of 1962, April 6, 2013
- + **Father Andrew Metzger, OSB**, dear friend and St. Leo Abbey priest, April 12, 2013
- + **Jan Barthle Dillard**, cousin to Srs. Dorothy and Mary Clare Neuhofer, employees Trudy Neuhofer, Pat Neuhofer, John Barthle, J.L. Barthle and Jenna Barthle, June 3, 2013
- + **Hildegard P. Langton ('38)** Osburn of Campbell, New York, June 17, 2013

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Jarrett Ford Donates a Chair and Lift



Pictured with Sister Dianne and Sister Roberta are **Cliff Martin** on the left and **Ron Jennett, Service Director** on the right.

Jarrett Ford Dade City very generously donated and installed a chair and lift for the community's van. The dealership has been actively supporting our community for over 35 years and this gift edifies their reputation. The Managing Partner **Cliff Martin** responded immediately when he heard that the old lift stopped working. Jarrett Ford came to the rescue with a mechanism that guides the chair inside the van. "This is wonderful," said Sister Dianne (the old lift was on the back of our van and exposed to all kinds of weather conditions), "I can't tell you how many times, I've arrived somewhere – having driven through the rain – and had to sit on a wet chair!"

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a plenary indulgence (full pardon from all sin) to all who were listening to his first papal blessing.

True to his past in Argentina, Pope Francis departed not in the special papal vehicle, but in one of the mini buses provided for the cardinals. **Cardinal Dolan** of New York said, "I guess he told the driver, 'That's ok I'll just go with the guys on the bus'." His simplicity and sense of humor were apparent when the pope then asked the cardinals to join him for a meal. "We toasted him and then he toasted us with 'May God forgive you'" for having elected him pope, which "brought the house down" with laughter."

At the monastery, **S. Mary Romana** rang the Angelus bell to announce the good news. We celebrated that evening with Mass offered for the new pope by **Father Stephan** wearing white vestments for the occasion.

ALUM NEWS

Alum Profile – Ann Bozeman ('52) Grieshop

Most of us do not live a straight path – linear from A to Z. **Ann Grieshop** feels that her life is no different. There have been forks in the road and in looking back, she says she wouldn't change a thing.

Ann's relationship with the Benedictine Sisters of Florida started at the very beginning of her life. "*Mother Rose Marie Easley, OSB befriended my adoptive mother, Ruby Stanley Bozeman, who in her early youth needed help after the birth of her son, Jim Bates. That friendship and support led to my mother's conversion from her strict Baptist upbringing to Catholicism.*" Many years later, Ann was adopted from St. Mary's Orphanage in Jacksonville, Florida. As it was explained to Ann by her mom, "*I was chosen.*" She never felt anything, but loved. When Ann was four, Ruby adopted another infant girl, **Mary Lou**. Their father, **Henry Bozeman**, was in politics so the family lived part of the year in Tampa and were fortunate to have a second home in Land O'Lakes.

Both of Ann's parents were entrepreneurs and go getters. "*My mom was ahead of her time, in owning several businesses while providing a social life important to my father's career and rearing children.*" There was always a lot going on in the Bozeman home. "*Such a life made it possible for me to stay at Holy*



Name Academy from time to time. The exposure to the many beautiful devotions left a deep impression. The Sisters and the education I received provided stability to the hectic comings and goings experienced at home," explains Ann. "*In fact, it was because of Sister Carmen who would not give up on me that I graduated.*" She convinced Ann's parents to keep her at Holy Name through high school so she could graduate and as Ann remembers, "*You didn't say no to Sister Carmen! I enjoyed my studies; performed under Sister Mary Grace's tutelage in operettas in other cities; felt the Sisters' love and care; and blossomed in the structure of Holy Name. I even remember the big day that our basketball team traded our bloomer uniforms for snazzy silk blues!*"

After graduation in 1952, Ann worked in Tampa and two years later married **Louis Grieshop**. They started a family in 1956: **Bruce** who is currently retired from the military; **Tim**, a retired computer

tech who God took to Him this past year; and **Guy**, who works on a local ranch as a foreman and has two girls, **Lacey** and **Stacey**. We thought our three boys were it and then ten years after Guy's birth...we were surprised with a daughter, **Cassandra**, who is a teacher at St. Anthony where her two boys, **Philip** and **Bern Plazewski** attend.

The family moved to this area when Cassandra was a newborn at the request of Louis' **Aunt** and **Uncle Barnes** who needed help with their large orange groves. "*That was a huge adjustment coming from 'the big city' of Tampa. There were no shopping malls back then. I felt like a pioneer woman!*"

Determined to adjust to life in the country, Ann's life took flight through her volunteerism. She joined women's groups at Sacred Heart, St. Anthony and St. Joseph parishes – a path she continues to this day.

Later Ann worked in the Media Center at Saint Leo University and after Louis retired as a GTE foreman, they began to travel. Pilgrimages to the Holy Land, Lourdes, Fatima and this summer to Ireland have been particularly joyful. "*In all my travels, I have found that if you take the good Lord with you, you meet Him and see Him everywhere you go. He has been with me throughout my life and I am thankful as I visit the Benedictine Sisters today for the wonderful circle of life it has been.*"

2013 Holy Name Academy and Saint Leo College Prep Reunion

We look forward to celebrating the Classes of **1948, 1953, 1958 and 1963**

on November 8, 9 and 10, 2013.

The Sisters, as always, hope those of you in other classes as well as those who attended, but may not have graduated from HNA or SLCP join us too!

ALL are WELCOME.

Calling All Alums! Attendees and Grads

**The Sisters love hearing from you...
the St. Benedict's Prep School boys too.
Send us your stories, photos and remembrances
of your days at Holy Name. It does a heart good to
hear about your lives and what you are up to.**



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Upcoming Events Calendar

August 1-6 – Annual Retreat with S. Glenna Smith, OSB ~ **August 6-7** – Community Days ~ **August 11-13** – Prioresses meet during LCWR in Orlando ~ **August 15** – Feast of the Assumption ~ **TBA** – Groundbreaking for new monastery ~ **November 1** – Feast of All Saints~ **November 2** – Feast of All Souls ~ **November 8-9** – Reunion for Holy Name Academy and St. Leo Prep School ~ **November 28** – Annual Thanksgiving Dinner sponsored by Benedictine Sisters and St. Anthony Women's Club