

WE HAVE A NEW LOOK!



The Benedictine Tide

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Giving Is in Our DNA

Philanthropy and volunteerism are extraordinary aspects of our history in the United States and represent uniquely American traditions. Before the American Revolution it was all about necessity. Philanthropy was the only answer to the service needs of those early communities. Historian Henry Steele Commager has said that “Americans managed without energetic government for so long a time that they came to prefer voluntary public enterprise.” In early rural America if a farmer lost his barn to fire, flood or storm, the entire community responded immediately to “barn raise.” It mattered little if the farmer was of a different faith, from a different homeland or a stranger. As Commager notes, “if a community wanted a college, they built one – and they kept on doing that into the 20th century. If they needed a hospital, they raised money for it; if they lacked books, they got together and collected them.”



Think of our communities today without nonprofit organizations and the generous donors like you who make them possible:

- Libraries across the nation built with Dale Carnegie’s vision.
- Hospitals where no one in need of care is turned away.
- Cancer wellness centers that provide cancer patients uplifting services at no cost.
- Universities and the scholarship funds that open door for the less fortunate.
- Art museums with private art collections donated for all to enjoy.

- Homes for the needy built by volunteers through Habitat for Humanity.

According to Giving USA, the total giving in 2011 was up four percent to \$298.42 billion. This remarkable outpouring of generosity speaks volumes about who we are as a people. When we share our time, talent and resources, the life we most change is our own. As Saint Francis tells us, **“it is in giving that we receive.”**

The philanthropic spirit of our donors is very much alive as you exercise your power to impact the world with every life we touch together. Your caring changes lives and we pray that the life most changed is yours. We dedicate this *Tide* publication to all of you.

Some of you have told us why you give...

I thank you all for the love and help you’ve given with your simple, prayerful touch. - Paul Kelly

Any work caring for others is pivotal in our decision to give. Caring is a beautiful thing and was THE message of Jesus. - Jeanie Vogel

I always appreciated the education the Sisters provided. - Patricia McDuffie, M.D. ‘33

The Sisters worked so hard at educating the students and never said no to any request I made of them. - Monsignor George Cummings

I love the Sisters and want them to have what they need to carry out their ministries. - Kathy DiSanto

The Sisters have given so much over the years...their praying for our intentions, their teaching our children and their gratefully performing so many other kind acts. We should remember that, even though the Sisters take a vow of poverty, they still have those ‘daily bills of life’ like the rest of us. - Lynn Powers

From the Prioress' Journal



S. Roberta Bailey, O.S.B.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Did you hear that expression when you were growing up? And what about, "You can divide the cookie to share with your sister, but she chooses the first piece." We learn early in life the lessons of sharing when prompted to offer a treat to sibling, toys to playmates in the sand box, turns on swings on the playground, crayons in day care and pennies in the church collection basket. Sometimes the lessons obviously "stick" as is manifested in acts of generosity throughout one's life. Other times peer pressure and a sense of responsibility to family and a downturn to life's circumstances cause a person to stray from an attitude of giving. But the "apples do not fall far from the tree" and when circumstances are reversed, persons look for what they consider "worthy causes" to fund with their money or service.

During this liturgical time of year the Gospel stories are vivid messages in generosity. One in particular, told in all four gospels, exemplifies the expression, "A little child shall lead them." Prompted by a little boy's spontaneous sharing of his packed lunch, Jesus feeds 5000 people (not counting women and children) with a seemingly unending supply of bread and fish. Everyone is satisfied and there are even leftovers for another day. As happens often, a young child's generosity must have put the crowd to shame. They quickly turned to share with their neighbors on the hillside the snacks they'd tucked in their pockets and knapsacks.

We have all been inspired by someone who acted like the widow in the Gospel who gave her last penny. Growing up I frequently witnessed my parents inviting an unexpected guest to join us for a meal. Was FHB a signal in your family – "Family Hold Back" in order to

let the guests serve themselves first? Then you know how your tongue was hanging out for a bigger slice of cake. You learned to take satisfaction in your family's "feeding the hungry."

My life at Holy Name is directly related to the fact that our local parish Women's Club funded my high school years at our former boarding school. Their looking out for me was the seed of a Benedictine vocation and beginning of 50-year ministry of teaching or administration in Catholic schools, public schools, day care, colleges and religious education programs.

We just never know, do we, where the ripples of our tiny stone tossed into the waters of someone else's life will lead? Gifts from our Oblates, students from our Academy and the various schools where our Sisters ministered, along with readers of the TIDE, local townspeople and people who hear about us from a friend of ours, donations from even virtual strangers have been a continual source of fiscal and prayerful support throughout our community's 123-year history. Sometimes the gifts come as "payback" in gratitude to the Sisters who taught the donor or their children. Sometimes it is "pay forward" in the form of annuities, behests, stocks, and other forms of planned giving. Sometimes an anonymous gift quietly arrives to support our retired Sisters or our Sisters in formation; our members' education or professional travel or it may be tagged "where there is greatest need." ALWAYS we are grateful for our donors' generosity and remember them in our daily prayer.

New Look Announcement

The Benedictine Sisters of Florida are proud to announce the new design of **The Benedictine Tide** newsletter and our web-site. We want to continue to be a vital resource on whom others can depend. Providing professional communications and messages of hope that engage and inspire is part of our ministry. Since our early beginnings almost 125 years ago, thousands of people have participated in our educational, spiritual, psychological and healthcare outreach. **Touching lives in prayer and service** is and always has been the ordinary part of our lives as consecrated women.

Our oblates, friends, benefactors and families are true believers in how we dedicate our lives. We hope that you will embrace and celebrate our new motif too! Visit our new web-site at www.floridabenedictines.com. We would love to get your feedback on the web-site as well as newsletter.

The new web-site will launch in late September!

Annual Luncheon with The ANGELS

The first annual *Luncheon with the Angels* will honor *Angels* who have remembered the Benedictine Sisters of Florida in their will. For many of these individuals, the funds they have provided represent part or all of their life's work. Their legacy is a profound commitment to their love of God and faith in us.

The 2012 luncheon will be our very first opportunity to publicly thank our *Angels* and their families. If you have made a planned gift to the Sisters or would like to learn more about how to do so, we would love to have you attend the luncheon on **Thursday, November 8, 2012 at Holy Name Monastery from 12 to 1:30 pm.**

Call Faith Pridmore at (352) 588-8443 or email her at hnmdevelopment@saintleo.edu. Invitations will be mailed in early October.

We Don't Always Know the Difference We Make

A Phone Call -

The greatest challenge when helping others is not always finding the means to help someone in need of assistance. Sometimes it is far more difficult to convince them to accept the help that is offered.

As a cagey twelve-year old, I knew the family rule about money...it was to be spent only on that which was necessary. So when I decided that I wanted to go to Girl Scout summer camp (real camp, two weeks away from home), I knew that finding forty dollars was up to me. Earning the money from babysitting at the rate of fifty cents a hour was going to take a lot of hours, but I thought I could manage it. During that fall and winter every cent was saved and soon my goal was in sight!

But that spring, my hopes were shattered upon learning that the camp fee had gone from \$40 to \$55. My disappointment was confided to my Scout leader, a good woman who suggested an application for something called a "Campership."

I was not prepared for Mom's response to my good news. Many years later she confided to me that her worst childhood memory was being paraded out of her Catholic School classroom in front of everyone to the cafeteria for graham crackers and milk. Mom never expressed gratitude for the food that the Sisters provided...she only remembered the shame felt at being stigmatized as poor in front of her friends. Her children would never suffer such humiliation because we were not poor!

At the next Scout meeting, I was unable to hold back tears when explaining to my Scout Leader my mother's position. What happened next was something I will never forget.

That good lady made a phone call to my mother and somehow convinced her that it was not a disgrace on the family to accept the assistance. Requesting only half a campership seemed acceptable. That summer camp was one of the best experiences I had growing up.

I do not know exactly what the Scout Leader said or how she talked my mother into accepting help. To this day, I wonder if Mrs. Green ever knew what a difference she made in my life. - **Sister Eileen**

Confidence -

Dr. Elton Smith was an English Professor at the University of South Florida as well as a Southern Baptist minister. While a student at the university, I was privileged to have him as a professor in a few scripture classes.

Around that time my home church was without a pastor so I suggested to my father, a Deacon, that Dr. Smith would make an excellent interim pastor. My father followed through on the suggestion and Dr. Smith accepted

the position. The sermons he gave were always inspirational because he could paint such vivid pictures with words.

I was in charge of the youth of the Church, though I didn't think of myself as a Youth Minister. During a dinner with Dr. Smith, he announced that the church was fortunate to have a Volunteer Youth Director. It took a moment for me to realize he was referring to my leadership. Dr. Smith's acknowledgment and confidence in me was a gift that made me realize I could serve my church in a significant way. - **Sister Dianne**

Students, Friends and Colleagues -

It is one of life's unique circumstances that students of a teacher, one day become that teacher's dear friends and colleagues. There are several students in my life who, because of whom they are, have enhanced and enriched my life. **Guy Moore** and **Tom Goldsworthy** are two students whom I taught in sixth grade at Saint Martha's in Sarasota. Both these fine gentlemen have loving marriages, families



and highly successful businesses. Guy continually puts a smile on my face as seen in this photo of me surrounded by Teddy Bears he sent for use as Bingo prizes at Heritage House. Guy recently made sure I was able to attend his June Cardinal Mooney High School 50th Reunion in Sarasota. What a joy to see so many of my 6th grade students. Unfortunately, Tom was not able to make the reunion, but I'm so proud that he has recently

become a Deacon in his parish.

Lifetime friends and former students, **Dr. Dewey Kramer**, **Alice DeSchryver** and **Jeanette Reilly** bring meaning to my life through their visits, prayers and the outings we share. Jeanette is a Holy Name Academy graduate and both she and Alice are former Community members who decided on careers in teaching. Long after my retirement from the educational arena, they sought my counsel and shared their teaching experiences. It was obvious they were both influential and caring. Dewey was my student for just a very short time, but our conversations during her 8th grade in Jacksonville revolved around Saint Benedict and his influence on the world. Those talks were the beginning of a life she now leads as an expert consultant on Benedictine philosophy. Dewey and her husband, Victor speak professionally and present retreats across the country. A highlight for me was when Dewey gave an

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Sisters Helen and Pauline: 80 Years of Inspiration!

The Benedictine Sisters of Florida have been blessed for over eighty years with the love, wisdom and service of **Sister Pauline Block** and **Sister Helen Lange**...yes 80 years! The Community celebrated the Sisters' 80th Anniversary of Vows on April 19th with Evening Praise and a festive dinner. The event was made all the more special with the presence of relatives who traveled from afar to participate. Guests included Sister Pauline's sister, **Gladys Gray** from California and her "baby" brother, **Jimmy Block** with his wife, **Frances** who came from Texas. Sister Helen's brother, **Arnold Lange** and his wife **Ernestine** also came from Texas.

The Sisters were all smiles as they visited, listened to and told stories about their childhoods and life in Texas "in the good old days."



Sister Helen's family (left) and Sister Pauline's family (right) visited to celebrate their 80th Anniversary of Vows on April 19th.

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enlightening retreat for our Community on Benedictine saints. It was nice to sit back and be the pupil of a former student and now a friend.

Each of these dear friends gives of their time, talent and resources in so many ways and each is a treasure to me.

– **Sister Helen**

Acceptance -

There are not many gifts in life that we yearn for and need more than the simple gift of acceptance. My early experience as a novice at Holy Name was closely tied to that of Sister Mary David. She has become a dear friend through the years, but it wasn't always so!

Sister Mary David was a year behind me – a "lowly" postulant. But she possessed a serenity which I was totally lacking. Our journeys would prove to be very different. I was outspoken, determined, *a letter of the law* type of person. We engaged in energized conversations in those early days and there were instances when Sister Mary David, out of frustration with me, would stand up and just walk out of the room.

Both our callings were to serve God, but it would take many years for my conversion – the process by which we surrender to a new life in Christ. Sister Mary David played a pivotal role in my process of conversion because she always accepted me for who I was. To this day, her patience, gentleness and spirituality have a calming effect on everyone with whom she comes in contact.

For my 25th Jubilee, I asked Sister if she would be my presenter. She endeared me to her even more describing me in those early years as "a diamond in the rough." I continue to be grateful for her acceptance and lifetime influence.

– **Sister Donna**

Tribute Gifts

(April 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012)

Tribute Gifts IN HONOR OF:

Sister Jean Abbott
Benedictine Sisters of Florida
Sister Pauline Block
Sister Mary Romana Gomez
Sister Mary David Hydro
Sister Helen Lange
Mr. and Mrs. James Sparks

Tribute Gifts IN MEMORY OF:

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In Memoriam

Please remember our dear friends and their families in your prayers.

- + **Leona Pike Baynes**, HNA Alum Class of 1948, May 3, 2012
- + **Agnes McCarthy Croft**, HNA Alum Class of 1953, June 20, 2012
- + **Tim Grishop**, son of Louis and Ann Bozemann ('52) Grishop, June 19, 2012
- + **Spc. Robert Joseph "Robbie" Allen**, son of Robert Allen, and Kathy and James Sprigg, August 2, 2012
- + **Theresa Scharber Blommel**, (95) mother of John and mother-in-law of Linda Blommel, August 7, 2012

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

CHAPTER FIVE, PART 1: MISSIONARIES TO THE PARISH SCHOOLS

Holy Name Convent was founded to provide school teachers for the Catholic colony of San Antonio. For the first forty years or so the work of the sisters was teaching in the several schools

established in this area: Holy Name Academy, St. Anthony School, St. Joseph School, and beginning after World War I, St. Benedict's Prep School for Boys. This latter was a boarding school for boys K-6 opened and maintained by the Sisters in a building across the street from the Convent. The boys attended classes at St. Anthony but lived at St. Benedict's or, as it was called, The Boys' House.

All the members of the community lived at Holy Name and taught in one of the local schools until the early 1930's. The number of community members was increasing and so were the requests for sisters to teach in parishes outside of Florida. Some of these invitations were accepted and sisters from Holy Name traveled to missions, as these parishes were called, in Olfen, Texas (1932), New Orleans, Louisiana and Ocala, Florida (1933), Bougaloosa (1939) and Slidell, Louisiana.

For about twenty years during the 1930s and 40s, sisters traveled to missions and lived and taught in parishes in Louisiana, Texas and Ocala. The Texas mission was short-lived perhaps due to distance; the Ocala mission is still active. Sisters now provide pastoral ministry services and the school is maintained by a lay principal and staff who gradually accepted the responsibility from the sisters during the 1970's.

Bishop Joseph Hurley of the Diocese of St. Augustine, which was the entire state of Florida, requested that the sisters of Holy Name return to Florida to teach in the schools in the parishes growing up here. So in the 1950s and 60s, the sisters opened missions in the parish schools in Jacksonville Beach, Sarasota, North Miami, and Venice, Santa Fe High School in Lakeland, a diocesan school, was also a mission of the Benedictine Sisters for a time. These were in addition to the Academy and the local schools "at home." Though the community experienced rapid growth at this time, growing to as many as sixty-five members in the early 60s, the sisters withdrew from parishes outside of Florida.

Mission life was, from the beginning, an adventure in

community living and religious fidelity. **Sister Caroline** was sent to Texas in 1932 after twelve years of living at Holy Name and teaching in the Academy. She recalls "I was a neophyte in this business of going out. However, Olfen was a nice, secluded, quiet, rural area, where there were not too many demands made on us in any way but in the classroom. We taught in the public school, and that was a new experience for me, because I was always so carefully shielded here in the private academy situation, where I had taught everything, mainly in the high school before I left." Assignments to the missions were made annually and the sisters knew they could be transferred at any time as the superior might think best to meet needs. After one year in Olfen, Sister Caroline received a letter re-assigning her to New Orleans where a new mission was being accepted. Sister's reaction to the transfer reflected some of that pioneer spirit of moving on into the unknown in the power of obedience. She says now, "**Mother Rosemarie** invited me to open a house in New Orleans. That, of course, was another very new experience, and being of an adventuresome nature, something like that naturally appealed to me. Not without trepidation, of course, mainly because of my youth and inexperience."

New experiences were not always what the sisters were ready for, nor what they had in prayer embraced as obedience. When the sisters arrived in New Orleans they were to take over a convent and school from which another community of sisters was withdrawing. However the timing of the transfer was a bit "off" and the Benedictines arrived to find that the house was not ready for them. They found shelter with the **Ursuline Sisters** and "more or less rested there and waited for Mother Rosemarie to join them and take them to St. Theresa's parish where they were to teach, as Sister Caroline recalls. There were three sisters in this initial group, but when it was discovered that there were three hundred pupils it became obvious that help was needed. So one more sister was assigned. Four sisters to teach three hundred children, or a teacher pupil ratio of 75:1 was considered about right at the time! Of course, in later years in some of the Florida schools this record was beaten. **Sister Juliana** boasts of the largest class on record as her sixth grade class of eighty-eight at Holy Family in North Miami; this has been challenged by a record 100 plus first graders in a class at St. Martha's in Sarasota. However the challenge failed because the class was divided before too long whereas the eighty-eight more or less continued on with Sister Juliana for the entire term. Sisters teaching at St. Anthony in the 1970's with 18-25 students per class was considered by some veterans to be "vacationing" even though they might have had two grades in a classroom.



Class of "hundreds" or so it seemed ...

News Briefs

March 3 to 4 - The monastery hosted a retreat with twelve girls from Saint Leo University. The topic was "Listening with the Ear of the Heart" and culminated on Sunday with participation in the Walk for Life in Zephyrhills.

March 10 - Fourteen men of the Knights of Columbus of St. Michael's Parish in Hudson, Florida came for a day of reflection with **Sister Mary David**.

March 13 - Sister Mary David gave a day of reflection entitled "Companions on the Journey" for members of the **Conference of Catholic Women** from Spring Hill, Florida.

March 19 - A group of Sisters were guests for Mass and lunch at Sacred Heart Parish in St. Joseph, Florida in honor of Saint Joseph. Parishioners **Frank Gude, Bud Grieshop, and Jimmy Gant** spoke about the Sisters' commitment to their parish through the years.

March 24 - **The Ladies of the Knights of Columbus group of Saint Mark Parish** in New Tampa have been connecting with the Sisters by lunching out and shopping. **Sisters Dianne and Elizabeth** were the guests of **Kathleen McDermott and Eileen Flanery** and **Sister Mildred** enjoyed an outing at Limoges in Dade City courtesy of **Diane Crowley**.

March 25 - Twenty-four oblates attended Oblate Sunday and all warmly welcomed new oblate candidates, **Marty Copenhagen and Patricia Clower**.

March 27 - The monastery hosted a day visit for a group of 17 women from the **Women's Guild** at St. Michael's Parish in Hudson, Florida.

April 16 - **Sister Judith Heble OSB**, CIB Moderator, gave an interesting and comprehensive presentation of the history of the **Communio Internationalis Benedictinarum (CIB)** to a group of Sisters and volunteers. "It was fascinating," says volunteer **Barbara Molloy**, "to learn of how these nuns and sisters from around the world have come together enriching one another by their cultures and experiences to form a common charism."



S. Judith

April 18 - The Sisters were guests for supper and a presentation by **Dr. Arthur Kirk**, President of Saint Leo University and Chief Financial Officer, **Frank Mezzanini** on the future construction and expansion plans. The university continues to grow and serve our Benedictine tradition.



S. Margaret Mary

April 20 to 23 - **Sister Margaret Mary**, a paralegal who works for a firm specializing in child custody and abuse cases, attended the annual Florida As-



S. Atanasia

sociation of Legal Support Specialists (FALSS) conference.

April 27 to 29 - Sister Roberta attended the Saint Leo University Board meetings and the SLU Center for Online Learning Commencement where she gave the invocation. The commencement ceremonies included Sister proudly handing **Sister Atanasia**

Lwila, OSB her diploma. **Sister Winfrida** and Sister Atanasia hosted a festive luncheon after the graduation with wonderful African specialties. Many of the African religious and priests in the diocese attended.

May 4 - The annual Employee Appreciation Luncheon took place in the Community Dining Room on May 4, 2012. Towering over the Sisters is **John Lee Barthle** who was recognized for seven years of service. His uncle, **John Barthle**, was recognized for 35 years of outstanding service! We are blessed with our employees.



S. Mary Romana, John, S. Roberta

May 13 - The May Birthday/Feastday Party and Evening Praise were held in the Heritage Park Nursing Home Dining Room where **Sisters Nilla, Helen and Pauline** reside. Pizza, courtesy of community friend **Lourdes Milan** and Asian Indian desserts, courtesy of **Sister Elizabeth** were on the menu. To celebrate Mother's Day, Sisters shared recollections of their mothers and other mother figures in their life.

May 18 to 20 - **Sisters Mary David, Mary Clare and Dianne** spent the weekend relaxing in Daytona Beach, Florida thanks to the generosity of **Barbara Sinnott**.

May 22 - **Sister Donna's VPK (pre-kindergarten)** class of the "Dragonflies and Fairytales Christian Learning Center" graduated from Sacred Heart Parish in St. Joseph, Florida.

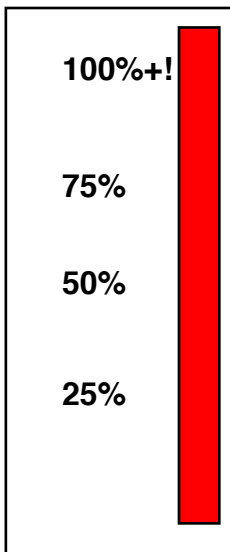
May 31 to June 30 - S. Elizabeth attended a one-month workshop on the Benedictine Rule at the monastery of the Missionary Benedictine Sisters in Norfolk, Nebraska given by **Sister Aquinata Böckmann, OSB**. The workshop is part of the education Sister Elizabeth is receiving in preparation of her final vows.

June 7 to 12 - The Community's Annual Retreat took place at the monastery. **Father Ed Lamp**, of St. Mark's Parish in New Tampa and a former member of Saint Leo Abbey, was the retreat director.

June 16 - The monastery received a surprise visit from **Dr. Carol Stanton**, a classmate of Sister Donna when they were in the novitiate.

Thank You for Caring

The Good Works Annual Appeal was a success! You helped us reach our goal and then some. We are grateful to every one of you. A special thank you to those who stretched your gifts and two donors,



Leo Neuhofer and Elizabeth Hippe, who remembered us in their wills. Our goal was \$200,000 and because of your generosity, \$246,729 was contributed. On behalf of the Benedictine Sisters of Florida and those we serve, God bless you. It could not happen without your support and willingness to make a difference in this world.

The following represent gifts to our mission for **Fiscal Year July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012**. Our Giving Circles represent Benedictine values.

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Gifts of \$10,000 and above

We seek God in a balanced life of prayer and work, community and solitude and an integration of contemplative living and active ministry where all are called to participate.

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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.

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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.

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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."

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Alum Profile – Margaret Hermann Beaumont

When asked how Maggie got through what most people would say was an unthinkable life challenge, she credits family, faith and the child who would become for everyone, their treasured “teddy bear.” Everyone agrees that **Kenny** to this day, demonstrates so much of the loving ways of the dad he never knew... God is good.

“It was overwhelming – the feeling that I was pregnant with our sixth child because my husband, who rarely took a sick day from work, that week was going to die. This baby was God’s way of helping us to get over it. Two days later, **Dave** suffered a heart attack and was gone. I never felt mad at God because it was such a blessing to have been married to Dave Beaumont for the thirteen years we did have together.”

Margaret Herrmann Beaumont was born and raised in San Antonio, Florida to Rose and Joseph Herrmann. Maggie is the second of nine siblings - a family that enjoys a long and very rich history in this area. They were all educated by the Benedictine Sisters including Maggie’s mother **Rose** and her mother-in-law, **Madeline Gouverau Beaumont**.

“The nuns had such an effect on my life and touched the lives of thousands of girls. Most of us remain good Catholics and still talk about the advantages of a Catholic education,” says Maggie. She relates that during



Maggie Hermann Beaumont

those days, the academy and Saint Leo Prep School were the center of life in the local community. “We were fortunate as dayhops,” recalls Maggie, “to feel embraced by the boarders at Holy Name, many of whom became my lifelong friends.”

The education and faith received as well as the role models of the nuns, remain guiding forces. “My mother was taught by **Sister Mary Grace** - as was I - that when confronted with temptation imagine whether the **Blessed Mother** would act on whatever the temptation was. That advice was always kept foremost in my mind and helped make for good decisions, especially after graduating from Holy Name. The ‘big city’ of Jacksonville awaited. Leaving my very small town to attend nursing school at Saint Vincent Hospital of Nursing with girls from all over the country, was an eye-opener!”

Maggie graduated nursing school in 1960, married in 1961 and a couple of years later had their first child. Family, friends and faith are central to who Margaret Beaumont is and how she has lived. “I’ve been very blessed in my lifetime to have wonderful parents, good friends, the benefit of Catholic values, a strong marriage, loving children and dear grandchildren.” Photos and stories about her children, **Dave, Mike, Kathy, Allison, Stephen** and **Kenny**, and their

musical background (she credits the Beaumont side for that gene) provide fond memories. The children performed throughout the area and were especially proud to win the National Amateur Musical Family of the Year award in 1986. “The contest wasn’t just about talent, but also about the part music played in the family’s life and what was done for the community.” A personal congratulatory letter from President Reagan was another highlight.

“Dave always said that he was a better Catholic because of my faith. I guess through me, Holy Name Academy and the Benedictine Sisters of Florida were influential in his life too.”

Wish List!

Vocations and Retreats -

The Benedictine Sisters of Florida don’t want to be “The Best Kept Secret in Florida.” Communicating what we can offer women seeking a God-centered life is central to our mission. We also want to build awareness of our Retreat Program. Your prayers along with our friends and retreatants who spread the word are appreciated and helpful.

We would like to develop a comprehensive Vocations Campaign as well as an expanded Retreat Program. If you are interested in sponsoring an ad(s) for Vocations and/or Retreats, please contact **Faith Pridmore 352-588-8443** or email her at hnmdevelopment@saintleo.edu.

Chapel Flowers –

The beauty of nature encircles the monastery because of the toil of **Sister Mary Romana, Sister Miriam** and the grounds oversight of **Sister Dorothy** and our grounds crew. The gardens are not a constant, however, in the Florida heat!

If you would like to sponsor flowers for the chapel, we know the good Lord would be pleased! It is a lovely tribute to loved ones for holidays, birthdays, anniversaries or just because...

Alumnae Reunion Weekend November 2nd – 4th 2012

The Classes of 1947, 1952, 1957 and 1962 Are Ready to Celebrate!

All **ALUMS** who graduated or attended Holy Name Academy and Saint Leo Prep are invited to join us!

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Our Oblates -

Oblates and friends enjoyed two Summer Days in June of reflection focused on “Spiritual Tools” and “Spiritual Growth.”

Our new year of study will focus on **Hildegard of Bingen** who will be canonized and named a Doctor of the Church in October of this year.

Join Us for what promises to be another inspirational and growing year in closeness to God and our Benedictine values. Catholic Oblates meet on Sundays for a program that includes Liturgy, dinner and instruction.

Mark your Calendars for our gatherings on:

September 23, 2012

November 25, 2012

January 27, 2013

March 24, 2013

May 26, 2013 – an Oblate Retreat is also planned for May 24 through the 26.

We are delighted to announce that **Lisa G. Tortorillo** will become an Oblate candidate at our September 23rd meeting!

*From the
Vocation
Office -*



The Sisters are always impressed with the middle school children who attend our “Share Life” day. The three young ladies who visited with us in June are among this group. The purpose of the day is to give 8th grade girls an opportunity to learn about the Benedictines and what life is like in a monastery.

Upcoming Events Calendar

Sunday Evenings – SLU Student Mass, 7 PM

Sunday Evenings – Sisters’ Family Night Activities

First Sunday of the Month – Holy Hour for Vocations

Third Friday of the Month – Peace Compline

Last Sunday of the Month – Affiliate Day

November 2 to 4 – HNA and St. Leo Prep School Reunion

November 8 – Luncheon with the Angels

November 22 – Thanksgiving Dinner. Hosted by the Sisters and St. Anthony Parish

November 27 - Oblate Sunday