



The Benedictine Tide

# Benedictine Sisters of Florida

Touching Lives through Prayer and Service

Summer 2016



## Why Do People Volunteer?

It's not for money, it's not for fame.

It's not for any personal gain.

It's just for love of fellow man.

It's just to send a helping hand.

It's just to give a tithe of self.

That's something you can't buy  
with wealth.

It's not medals won with pride.

It's for that feeling deep inside.

It's that reward down in  
your heart.

It's that feeling that you've  
been a part

Of helping others far and near.

That makes you be a Volunteer!

Author Unknown



*That in all Things God May Be Glorified...*

## *I Am, Therefore I Volunteer!*

VOLUNTEERISM is the theme of this edition of THE TIDE. A quick check on the etymology of the word tells what we may already know about "volunteering." The word comes from Latin *voluntarius* meaning "a person who performs a service of one's free will and without pay." Reading further surprised me. It can also mean: guinea pig (as subject of an experiment). And, if you are a "retired" volunteer you may have been asked if you are a "glutton for punishment." But, volunteering is a wonderful way to get involved in activities you've had on your "someday I'd like to try that" list – to learn new skills and hone rusty talents.

Volunteers – I think that's how **Jesus** made His mission work. And, I believe that is the wave of the future for religious orders. We can't do all we do without the "arms" of our lay volunteers helping to reach out to the people who depend on our prayers and services. Surely the 12 apostles alone could not have made disciples of ALL nations.



Remember it was not the apostles who stepped forward with supper for the 5000. They just whined to Jesus and suggested He send the folks away to get some supper. According to a children's story, it was Benjamin, a child-volunteer from the crowd, who offered homemade rolls. And, a generous soul who freely gave the fish he and his wife had planned for the family's supper. Who was it that anointed Jesus' torn body with burial spices? Who prepared the meal when Peter's mother-in-law lay abed with fever?

When the host overlooked the custom of providing water for foot washing, who bathed Jesus' feet? **Magdalene** may have been unwelcome in the crowd but her volunteer action was appreciated by Jesus. Her act of hospitality may have put all who observed it to shame but Jesus' words of appreciation were ointment for this troubled soul.



Our Sisters volunteer in a variety of areas, beginning with internal ministries – leadership positions, committee work, substitute receptionist, KP duties, gardeners, flower arrangers and aquaponics helpers. We serve as assistants, fund raisers and do the "grunt" work on human services boards, educational committees, youth activities, helping out at Daystar Thrift store and as parish religious education instructors.

Come to think of it: our whole life is one of "volunteerism," isn't it? From the time we said our first "YES" to the call to religious life we've been saying "YES" to requests of our superiors... maybe a hesitant YES when we've been asked to do something when we barely understood what the "invitation" involved. We've discovered we had abilities we would never otherwise uncover. We throw in our lot with the Lord and marvel as the journey unfolds.

- **S. Roberta Bailey**

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### **The Rule of St. Benedict Provides Tools for Good Works**

*"St. Benedict calls all of us not to simply see Christ in the other, but to treat the other as Christ."*

~ **Joan Chittister**





### Canonical Prioress Election

In the Rule, **St. Benedict** sets forth qualities of the prioress, her role and the process for electing her. This past May, the Benedictine Sisters of Florida held their election process with facilitators **Sister Lynn McKenzie**, President of the St. Scholastica Federation, and **Sister Bernadine Reyes**, prioress of her community in Boerne, Texas.

The election discernment committee chaired by **Sister Mary Clare**, included **Sisters Jean and Mildred**. Their work began in August 2015 a series of sessions during which they surfaced goals for the next six years which included awareness building of the mission, activities as well as continuing to be responsive to the signs of the times concerning the use of our facilities and resources.

There were months of community prayer and discernment. Consideration of the individual's spiritual leadership, her particular gifts and the times in which the Order finds itself are also part of the discernment.

We are exceedingly pleased to announce that on May 22nd consensus was reached with **Sister Roberta Bailey** (pictured above with S. Bernadine left and S. Lynn to her right) to serve as our prioress for the next four years!

"S. Roberta's leadership during her first term as prioress made the decision for the next four years easy for all of us," said S. Mary Clare. "She led us through a time of significant change which included the highly successful realization of our six-year strategic plan in moving to a new home to further our mission."

**A Vibrant Future is Ours!**

### Sister Mary David's 50th Jubilee

Wearing the very same lovely white dress worn for her final vows made fifty years ago,

**Sister Mary David Hydro**

celebrated her 50

years of service as a Sister on April 24th. Her Sisters in faith, friends and oblates were privileged to attend the *Mass of Thanksgiving* with celebrant, **Father Ed Lamp**.



S. Mary David was born and raised in Miami, Florida. She decided early in life that she wanted to be a nun. Graduating after twelve

years of Catholic education, Sister researched communities and decided that the Benedictines would be a perfect match for her.

"My Benedictine vocation is such a blessing," stated S. Mary David to the group during Mass. "I connected and made the values my own: Community, Prayer, Love of Learning, Simplicity, Silence, Peace...a Balanced Life of Prayer and Work." She taught second grade through college and loved being an educator. Sister serves her Community as Sub-prioress, Vocations and Oblate Director and is also a member of the Corporate Commitment, Peace and Justice and Liturgy Committees.

Sister Mary David's Jubilee homily gave us thoughtful words to ponder: "I've learned that life is a process to **Be-come**, to change and grow. Benedictines call it 'conversatio'." She reminded us that our challenge from Jesus is to keep His presence alive and to be a disciple - we must as Jesus' commands, 'love one another as I have loved you'." Relating her life's changes and difficulties, Sister said it has all deepened her relationship with Jesus and made her realize that "only Jesus can really, fully satisfy me."

## *I Am,*



The current Live-in Volunteer program started at Holy Name in 2003. Its purpose is to share our prayer and Community life. In exchange, interested women share their time and talents with the Sisters. I remember saying, "Our first volunteer has to be good or we'll decide it's not a good venture." Well, the first woman was **Barbara Molloy**. She has been from day one (which was over ten years ago), a warm and loving addition to our family and a loyal volunteer. Barb, as we tend to call her, handles housekeeping needs, kitchen duties, serving, driving airport and doctor runs and the list goes on. She has a sales background with an exquisite talent for sewing.

The mother of a beautiful family, Barb has six grown children, 18 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren and three more on the way later this year! Barb's husband died in January 2003 and not long after, she read an article in the St. Petersburg Diocesan Newsletter about Holy Name's new program. As they say, *the rest is history*. We thank the day Barb made the decision to move in and have been blessed to have her here every day since.

Barb is a member of the Oblate Program as well, another dimension of our family who volunteer when called upon. They give of themselves freely to study and put Benedictine values into practice in their parishes, schools, local agencies and places of employment. Sharing in community with the Sisters and one another strengthens them to be involved and serve.

**S. Mary David**

### **The Day My Life Changed Forever**

I had no idea what my future was going to be after the passing of my dear husband **Edward** in 2003. Seeing that newsletter (mentioned above by S. Mary David), I thought "I could do that." I called her, visited and completed an application. Then after two years of visits and discernment, I moved to Holy Name as a permanent Resident Volunteer and Oblate to the community.

My life has been forever altered in so many ways. I had always wanted to live close enough to a church so I could attend daily Mass. Now I just walk down the hall to chapel. I serve as a lector, gift bearer or acolyte and participate in all our liturgies, Morning Prayer/Eucharist, Mid-day and Evening Prayers. My life has known meaningful changes and this is another for which I am most grateful.

What do I do as a resident volunteer here? I always say "whatever needs to be done and that I am capable of doing." I still see my six children and their families when possible. They all come to visit and are as happy as I that I'm here with the Sisters. Truly the Holy Spirit knew exactly where I should be when I came to live with the Benedictine Sisters of Florida.

**- Barbara Molloy**

### *Lives of Praying and Doing*

For most of us lay people, it is difficult to imagine a life of devoted prayer and service as Jesus' life demonstrated. It is inspiring to be here and experience first-hand each Sister's devotion to change in the world.

Guests, oblates, friends and employees see it every day as the Sisters go about their daily routine of jobs, out-reach and living in community...a model for the entire world.

Service and daily prayer for the world and for requested individual intentions are fundamental to

the Sisters' monastic life. Such a life presents unique challenges in balancing work and prayer. But the commitment and dedication to this ministry never falters. It is not only extraordinary to witness, but fills the heart with hope, faith and love. If not the Sisters praying for all of us, then who?



Individually, the Sisters serve in a multitude of ways. At left is **S. Mary Romana** with DayStar customers who are all smiles with



## Therefore I Volunteer!

great buys on needed items including shoes, clothing, dishes and even furniture.

"DayStar and the Volunteers have been life savers to me and my family," says **Amanda Metz** (pictured below). Amanda brings others to DayStar Thrift Shop who need such help...desperate people living in many cases



at or below the poverty line.

Food items from the state, kind donations,

and volunteers like **S. Margaret Mary** (pictured right) make an impactful difference in many lives each and every day.



In addition to volunteering at DayStar, the Sisters host an annual Soup Supper to fund-raise and build awareness of hunger locally and across the



country. Pictured above is supporter **Gerri Jackson**. The March 2016 Soup Supper raised \$1,307 along with canned and other food items for DayStar.

### Earth Day Volunteer Joys—April 22, 2016

This joyous party-like day, the earth was again prepared to yield an abundance of life-giving energy — blueberry bushes and fig



tree seedlings—lovingly planted by aquaponic enthusiasts and friends of **Phil Reasons** and **Sister Miriam**. Having begun in a prayer circle, the Spirit

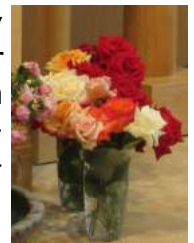
was evident as 16 faith-filled Christian-based Volunteers signed in and worked 70 total hours to complete the seven planned projects including: fruit trees, irrigation, greenhouse summer shade cloth, two compost bins from wooden pallets, tilapia tank plumbing, trench digging, and transplanting milkweed for monarchs in the butterfly garden. This monastery location generated more sacred spaces as each Volunteer experienced the earth's spirituality in cooperation with our divine Creator as they interacted with jovial bantering.

Heartfelt credit is owed to other donors who prepared the soil, leveled it, provided blueberry bushes and pine bark, and cooked the luncheon—most of which was made with crops from the aquaponics garden. Sister Miriam, grateful for so much help didn't want the day to be over and recalled her own father who said, "If heaven is anything like this, I won't mind going there." Many thanks and blessings to all who are instruments of God's love.

**S. Miriam Cosgrove**

### God's Beauty and a Volunteer's Toil -

It was just another ordinary day and in the monastery front door walked a distinguished man with a vase of magnificent roses in colors of every hue.



**Fred Hanson** knows roses. His back yard flowers some 7,000 buds that bloom to the delight of those fortunate to receive one of his backyard viewing invitations.

Fred offered to care for our rose garden in a Volunteer capacity with everything to be donated. All he asked of us was to agree that he would have complete responsibility. Can you imagine our delight?

Now mind you, this is NOT a man with a lot of spare time...Fred owns his own business, Challenger Pools. None the less, he makes time to keep our roses beautiful. Come see!

## Volunteers (Con't.)



Pictured left to right are two Columbiettes, **Sun Kropp** and **Carol Woodard**. This active and creative group of women from Saint Mark parish

give of their time to accomplish all kinds of parish activities plus raise funds. In addition, they have for a number of years volunteered at Holy Name. They and the parish Knights were instrumental in providing, for example, their labor for a smooth move for the Sisters to our new abode. Individual Columbiettes have developed an ongoing relationship with a Sister taking them to lunch and shopping. **Teresa Hernandez**, past president, has been instrumental in encouraging what has become a wonderful "mutual admiration society" of friendship.

### Reception Desk -

Benedictines value Hospitality as St. Benedict teaches... "all guests are to be greeted as Christ." A tall order for sure, but volunteers such as **Nilda DeSimone** (pictured left) along with staff member, **Jo Rinaldi**, make it look easy.



**Dr. Rochelle Ayala** (pictured at right with S.

Mary David) moved from Miami and was a live-in volunteer at Holy Name as she decided where she wanted to settle. Rochelle fit right in, willing to do whatever was needed and loved daily prayer and Mass with the Sisters. A warm and giving person, it sure was nice to have *Doc Rochelle* in the house!



**Thanksgiving Dinner**— Our annual home-cooked meal on Thanksgiving Day could not happen without our many faithful volunteers. Families who volunteer: the **Clowers, Lawsons, Lewis, Mejias, Newlons, Prowants, Quins, Reillys, Roths, Roys** and the **Swings**. Individuals who help annually are:

**Janet Collura, Ken Crawford, Steve Deloresco, Marietta Dinopol, Don Gottschall, Laura Hill, Lourdes Milan, Jane Martinson and Dale O'Brien.**



Appreciation goes as well to **St. Anthony students** who create decorations, the parish **Women's Club** who provide the desserts, and **Geri Hall**, owner of Classic Catering, who delivers and then takes back and washes all the dishware. What a team!

**Our Volunteers** care...they are individuals whose lives are imbued with making a difference. The Benedictine Sisters of Florida could not extend our reach without them. We honor and pray for them in all their good works here and in their communities.

## Day of Mercy for St. Clement's Parish Staff

**Fr. Mike O'Brien** and staff members from St. Clement parish in Plant City were here for a



Reflection Day on June 15th. This *The Year of Mercy*, they were led by **S. Mary David** to meditate on how they experience and express Mercy. With Jesus the "face of Mercy," those who work in varied ministries in their parish liked considering how in varied ways they perform the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

There was some surprise to discover how often they can Be and See the face of Christ. Pastor and staff felt their retreat was an excellent way to get away, pray, share and build community. With an enjoyable lunch and tour, the consensus was they would look forward to coming again very soon. In fact, the St. Clement Choir will be here for our May 2017 Sunday Concert.



## From the Oblate Office

The current Oblate program at Holy Name Monastery began in 1980. As stated earlier in this publication, the Oblates are family. They are nurtured by classes/meetings at five gatherings a year. This year they studied **Sister Joan Chittister's** book, Illuminated Life: Monastic Wisdom for Seekers of Light.

There are over forty Oblates who value the friendliness and spirit, the acceptance, the wisdom experienced and personal growth:

- ♦ "Learning to take time, be silent and just be me..." **Karen McFarland**
- ♦ "The Oblate program has been helpful in refocusing my life and relationship with Jesus Christ. I've found an increase in hope." **Theresa Jablonski**
- ♦ "The value of silence has become more important to me—less radio and television...more listening to what matters." **Jane Martinson**

An Oblate Summer Day was held June 6th with twenty expecting to attend. Then storm "Colin" threatened, so not everyone ventured



out. Those in attendance made a day of it—they walked outside, sat in nature, enjoyed some guided journaling and shared insights. The group also gave some direction to Sister Mary David as she plans for the upcoming new year of meetings (beginning September).

Many of our Oblates travel 60+ miles to be at the meetings. They are very much a committed group!

The next meeting is September 24th. If you would like to join us to see what it's all about, contact **Director S. Mary David Hydro**, at: **352-588-8320 \* vocations@saintleo.edu**.

**Please Note:** Oblate candidates will be accepted and one will make oblation at this meeting.



## The Angelus Bell

As far back as the 13th and 14th Centuries, the Angelus bell was rung in churches and monasteries three times a day. It served to remind farmers and townspeople to stop what they were doing and pray the Angelus.

Our angelus bell has been with us for a long time and has been installed at the back of the property near the Prayer Fountain. Its illustrious sound of strength stirs the soul as we recite daily the Angelus Prayer a homage to Mary and the Annunciation.

Hopefully, all who donated to the Special Gifts Campaign will come for a visit and not only see, but hear the voice of our Angelus bell. A special thanks to **Andy and Sandi Watkins**, owners of **A&G Electronic Technologies** for the design and generous donation to this project.



## Site Blessing

Blessing of the site for the new wing took place after Mass on May 22nd. Work began in mid-June and is expected to be completed by this Christmas. We are hopeful



to begin scheduling group retreats with overnight stays in early 2017. If you know of a group that might be interested, call or email us at:

**352-588-8320 \* retreats@saintleo.edu**

# From the Advancement Office

## Future Is Now Campaign

Donors to the May 3rd Give Day Tampa Bay made a considerable impact on the new wing campaign. **John Picciano** took us to 2nd place with a \$150,000 donation (this is in addition to his \$1 million gift)! We raised \$159,408 on Give Day which left only \$16,326 to goal! Our donors have since closed that cap and provided the funds required for construction to commence. Wow!



If you haven't yet donated to the **Future Is Now Campaign** and would like to, you might consider helping to furnish the wing. There will be ten rooms, a lounge area and kitchenette. Each of

the rooms has twin beds and a bath.

The items needed include: twin beds, linens, desks, chairs, lamps, wall décor, easy chairs, refrigerator, coffee maker, microwave and a stackable washer/dryer set.

In some cases an in-kind donation of something you already have would be wonderful (i.e. crucifix, desk, chair, iron and board, art work). If an item can't be used, we can give it to another local charity in your name.

For more information about the need, contact Faith Pridmore at **352-588-8443** or email at **hnmdevelopment@saintleo.edu**.

## Campaign Donors from April 1 to July 1, 2016:

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**Note:** All donors to the **Future Is Now Campaign** will be published in the December Tide.

## Listening Heart Circle



Members of the *Listening Heart Circle* are those who give to our mission monthly. They understand that creating a predictable flow of funds ensures a non-profit's sustainability. The name for this group, *Listening Heart Circle*, was chosen because as the **Rule of St. Benedict** instructs, we are to look to the heart in a spirit of willingness.

We salute the following donors and their willingness to listen with their heart in helping reach out in peace and love to others (the symbol of the olive branch):

**Dr. Rochelle Ayala**  
**Patricia Becker**  
**Matthew Clarke**  
**Janet Rodriguez Collura**  
**Frank and Kim Corradini**  
**John and Irene Doscher**  
**Beatriz Galvis**  
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**Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 to  
June 30, 2016**

The following are this fiscal year donors who helped us keep the monastery operational and provide programs to benefit others—bless you!

### **Commitment Circle \$2,500 - \$4,999**

Barbara Molloy

### **Hospitality Circle \$500 thru \$999**

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Columbiettes—St. Mark Parish  
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### ~ Monthly Concerts Begin Again ~



**Sunday, September 11th  
at 2 PM**

Friendship Singers and the  
Benedictine Sisters of Florida

***American Patriotic Concert***

Chapel at Holy Name

Reservations Not Required  
Free Will Donations Welcome

12138 Wichers Rd.  
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## A 40 Year Treasure

Employee loyalty is a blessing when you have the likes of **John Barthle** working for you. He is a treasure and at the May 6th Employee Luncheon, we celebrated John and his 40th Anniversary of employment at Holy Name Monastery.

Presenting John with a plaque to commemorate the occasion, **S. Roberta** stated that John is exceptionally kind and always finds a way to make our lives easier. He is a trusted advisor in all aspects of how best to maintain the monastery... and can manage to fix whatever needs to be fixed around here." Like Nike, John's motto for himself as our "Mr. Fix It" is— *Just do it!*



## Volunteer Profile

**Janet Rodriguez Collura**  
Volunteer  
Extraordinaire



Janet came to us over eight years ago through her husband, **FJ**. Schooled by our Sisters at St. Anthony Catholic School, FJ became a long time friend and supporter. Janet soon embraced that mantle and is also a dear friend to each of us.

Born and raised in West Tampa to Max and Trudy Rodriguez, Janet is the oldest of her three siblings, Jeffrey, Bryan and Wayne. Her family always volunteered with Boys Clubs of Tampa, St. Joseph's Catholic Church and other community based organizations.

A graduate of Florida State with a major in Social Welfare, Janet immediately moved to New York City. "My father always said I liked to be a small fish in a big pond!" After fourteen years, she returned to the area in 1989 to care for her mom. She soon met the love of her life and married FJ Collura about twelve years later.

As a team, they volunteered at the Pasco Fair Assoc., Habitat for Humanity, Red Cross, 4-H Clubs and others. "When I speak to people about volunteering," says Janet, "I emphasize that everyone has ways to give, support and invest in their community. It may be giving time, talents, and at some points in your life - financial support. All of which is needed."

After FJ passed away suddenly in 2012, Janet continued to fill her life with volunteer hours, travel and family. Part of her time and talents is devoted to creating gourmet creations for the Sisters. Her signature fare is fresh, healthy and always flavorful. "I try my best to spoil the Sisters a bit with new recipes and their enthusiastic response makes my day." In addition, Janet works on fundraising events, prep and serving of dinners for Thanksgiving/Love One Another AND manages to recruit more volunteers. "Together we grow as individuals part of the community for the Community. I am blessed to have the Sisters and their devoted volunteers in my life!"

## ICONS By Sister Dianne

The word "icon" means image. S. Dianne Wansley has worked in iconography for over two decades studying with masters through-out the United States.



Using acrylics or the ancient egg tempura media, the artist either reproduces a traditional icon or creates an original design.

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**Doris Block**—April 14, 2016, sister-in-law of S. Pauline

**Malcolm Wansley**—May 14, 2016, brother of S. Dianne

**Sylvia Govreau Gude**—June 25, 2016, HNA Class of 1945.





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