The corporate mission of the Benedictine sisters of the Sacred Heart is directed by the gospel and the spirit of the rule of St. Benedict. The mission is based on a commitment to use time, talent and resources of the community for those in need.
Dear Friends,

If you build it they will come. People have built on dreams over the centuries. Saints Benedict and Scholastica had a dream and built a lifestyle and a place to live that dream over 1500 years ago. People came. Abbot Boniface Wimmer and Mother Benedicta Riepp continued that dream in America in 1846 and 1852. People came. Abbot Nepomucene and Mother Nepomucene Jaeger brought that same dream to the Chicago/Lisle area in 1885 and 1895. People came. I have a dream, like Benedict and Scholastica did in 6th century Rome, that men and women would be open and respond to God's call to the Benedictine way of life, seeking God in Community, and living by the Rule of St. Benedict under a Prioress or an Abbot.

To help make this dream become reality, we sisters are praying for vocations. Each sister has a specific day of the week to fast and pray, we periodically include that intention in our daily Mass, a few of us celebrate Eucharist with the Benedictine University community on Sunday night to make our presence known, and each evening we conclude our prayer after meals with a prayer for vocations.

This year I am sharing Benedictine Life with Benet sophomores, juniors and seniors via a PowerPoint depicting “The Life and Legacy of Sts. Benedict and Scholastica”. Every student has been given a prayer card asking them to pray for themselves and encourage others to investigate this call. Students from St. Irene in Warrentville and St. Joan of Arc in Lisle have come to tour both Sacred Heart Monastery and St. Procopius Abbey.

Sister Christine, our vocation directress, and I are marketing the Benedictine way of life, because, unlike my story, where I entered Sacred Heart Monastery having three aunts, one great aunt, one cousin and an older sister already in the community, (additionally I had two uncles who were diocesan priests and a Dominican aunt), most persons today do not have immediate contact or family models suggesting this is an awesome way of life.

I am asking you, our readers, to pray with us, learn about the richness of religious life and help us promote this God-given call among yourselves. If you are single and a practicing Catholic or know of someone who is, or have children or grandchildren, please encourage them to consider this vocation.

Please read Sister Christine’s article as a follow-up to my request and for an invitation to attend a “come and see” experience.

I close with the end of the prayer we sisters pray after meals. “We pray that our example of love for one another and good zeal will draw others to monastic life and the service of the Lord.”

God bless you,

Sister Mary Bratsovsky, OSB
Prioress
In Loving Memory

Sister Margaret Bebb, OSB, was born on October 30, 1926 in Wichita Falls, Texas and died at Sacred Heart Monastery on January 4, 2013. The story of her life is truly a magnificent unfolding of God’s plan for her.

She was the youngest child of Kenneth and Gertrude Bebb, and sister to Edwin and Kenneth. At age six, she began taking piano lessons and later studied the cello as well. She received her Master’s degree in Musicology from Texas State College for Women, and then was on the faculty of the music department at Austin College in Sherman, Texas. While at Austin College, she met Mademoiselle Lelia Gousseau, the renowned concert pianist from Paris, who invited young Margaret to study with her. From 1954-56, she studied at the National Paris Conservatory and performed in numerous concerts.

It was while in Paris that she converted to Catholicism. Her return to Texas brought her into contact with the Benedictine Sisters who were stationed there. She came to Lisle and Sacred Heart Monastery, and was a member of the Community from 1962-1969. She returned to Texas to care for her father in 1969 after her mother’s death and would remain there until 1988. Her return to Sacred Heart brought an appointment at Benedictine University and numerous private students, many of whom would become professional musicians.

In 1992, Sister Margaret earned a Master’s Degree in Religious Studies and received an assistantship to work on the development of the Center for Women and Peace in Chicago. She was instrumental in involving the Sisters in the PADS program which provided overnight housing for the local homeless. Sister Margaret worked hard with the volunteers; teaching them to see Jesus in these special guests they were feeding and sheltering. She was at her best caring for the guests, providing them with warm clothing to protect them from their days in the cold.

Sister Margaret’s memory failed her in the last years, but she accepted her cross graciously. Her winning smile and her love of music will long be remembered by her Sisters. May she be at peace in the risen Christ.

from Sister Christine Kouba’s Reflection at the Vespers Wake Service

Save the Date for our Next Spirituality Programs at Sacred Heart Monastery

◊ Saturday, June 8, 9:00-11:00am, “A Trinitarian Reflection on the Year of Faith” by Cathy Lentz
◊ Saturday-Sunday, June 8-9 “COME and SEE”, experience Benedictine life with the Sisters through prayer, meals and conversation
◊ Saturday, August 10, 9:00-11:00am, “Mary, A Woman for All Ages” by Dr. Chris Fletcher
◊ Saturday, December 7 or Tuesday, December 10, 9:00-11:00am, A Morning of Reflection in preparation for Advent
◊ Saturday March 8 or Tuesday March 11, 2014, 9:00-11:00am, A Lenten Reflection

To reserve a place, or for further information, please call 630.725.6013
Today we will share the story of St. Joseph Bohemian Orphanage which opened its doors with twelve children on March 14, 1899 in a small farm house in Lisle owned by the monks from St. Procopius Abbey. Father Procopius Neuzil, OSB, was the leader and spirit of the Orphanage. Three Benedictine Sisters were initially placed in charge of the children's care and education, Sister Ludmilla Neuzil, Sister Zita Matous and Sister Mechtild Pallas. Official supervision of St. Joseph was handled by the Archdiocese of Chicago and Catholic Charities.

By 1902, there were 30 children in residence, and as the population continued to grow, funds were collected from Bohemian Catholics throughout the United States and in 1910 construction was begun on a four-story brick building to house 150 children. A new dormitory was added in 1920.

The original frame house was very cold in the winter, and in the summer, they took their meals outdoors to avoid the heat. There was a farm and a dairy herd, and the Sisters worked along with the children to supply the needs of the growing institution. The property, which is now the home of Benet Academy, had a power plant, athletic fields and gymnasium, a lagoon for swimming and skating, a chapel, laundry, bakery, print shop, barbershop, clinic, dorms and classrooms. It was a self-contained community.

St. Joseph Orphanage closed in 1956 when the Diocese of Joliet was established. The Orphanage was in the unique position of being spiritually under the Bishop of Joliet, but financially under the control of Archdiocesan Chicago Catholic Charities. Since there were many vacancies in other orphanages, the remaining children were transferred to Maryville in Des Plaines, St. Hedwig's and Angel Guardian in Chicago, and Guardian Angel in Joliet. In 1957, St. Procopius Academy for boys was relocated to the Orphanage buildings.

In a 50th anniversary (1949) booklet, it was noted that "four graduates had been ordained to the priesthood, and two are seminarians. Fourteen girls have entered the convent". Sister Irene Jasien and Sister DePaul Stava are the last of the Sisters who grew up in the Orphanage with their siblings. Commemorative booklets of postal cards were published in the early 1920s. Some of them illustrate this article. The captions provide highlights into the activities of the children at St. Joseph:

*Special business training is afforded the children on completion of eighth grade.* Instruction is given in
everything pertaining to the commercial line as shorthand, typewriting, commercial law, etc.

Kindergarten students age 2-6

The time for work, sleep and recreation is equally divided.

Children were brought to St. Joseph as young as six months and could remain until they were eighteen. There were as many as 350 children in the Orphanage during the 1940s.

At present there are twenty Sisters of the Order of St. Benedict in charge of the children of the institution. Under the supervision of the Sisters, the children receive intellectual aid in the classroom and instruction in housework.

Lessons were available in piano, organ, violin and vocal culture.

A thorough course in domestic science, which comprises cooking, sewing and nursing, is given to the girls. When they leave the institute, they are able to make their own living.

Plenty of open air exercise, adapted to their age, has been provided for both boys and girls.

During the summer of 1911, before the convent building was ready for occupancy, Mother Nepomucene moved the Novitiate to the orphanage in order to take advantage of the quiet country environment for the early training of the young entrants in the community. A number of the Sisters professed their vows in the chapel in the orphanage.

Illustrations are from old postcards published by The Hermitage Art Company, Inc., Chicago, IL and Hermann Post Card Chicago, IL.
Remembering our Beloved Sister Mary John

Sister Mary John Semon, OSB, died after a short illness on December 20, 2012 at The Assumption Village in North Lima, Ohio.

She was born in Glen Campbell, Pennsylvania on May 10, 1916, the daughter of the late Peter Semon and Susan Franko Semon and the oldest of eleven children.

Encouraged by friends, she entered the newly-formed community of the Sisters of Christ the Teacher in Pittsburgh on December 7, 1959, and made her final profession of vows on January 6, 1964. She taught at Byzantine Catholic parish schools in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Ohio. When the Community disbanded, she transferred to the Benedictine Sisters of the Byzantine Rite at Queen of Heaven Monastery in Warren, Ohio in 1973. She taught elementary grade students at Saints Peter and Paul School, Warren until 1989. For many summers she also volunteered with the Appalachian Project in Vanceburg, Kentucky. She began working with the young children at the Benedictine Early Learning Center on the property of Queen of Heaven Monastery in 1989. When the BEL Center closed, she volunteered as a teacher aide at the Children’s Rehabilitation Center in Warren from 1999 to 2007. In 2009 she was one of the two honorary co-chairs for the Retirement Fund for Religious appeal in the Diocese of Youngstown.

Sister Mary John leaves behind four brothers, Edward, Albert, John, and David Semon, and three sisters, Irene Semon Verbiak, Dorothy Ann Semon Callaghan, and Margaret Semon Rudin. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Joseph and Michael Semon, and a sister, Mary Semon Moe.

The Funeral Liturgy was concelebrated at Saints Peter and Paul Church on Thursday, December 27 by Metropolitan Archbishop William C. Skurla of Pittsburgh, Very Reverend Andrew J. Deskevich, and Abbot Leo R. Schlosser of Holy Trinity Monastery, Butler, Pennsylvania and pastor of St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, Lyndora.

Sister Mary John enjoyed life and God’s blessings. She was a strong-minded, gifted woman, enjoying books, quiz shows, word puzzles, opera, ballet, art museums, sports, plants, vegetable gardening, yoga, arts and crafts, traveling with Scope, the annual pilgrimage to Uniontown, and the activities of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society. She also volunteered at the St. Vincent DePaul Dining Hall in Warren. Sister Mary John had a deep spirituality and love for prayer. In her last days which were often filled with pain, she asked to receive the Sacraments as often as possible. As Father Deskevich remarked in his homily, she left a mark on the lives of many.

Grant, O Lord, to the nun Sister Mary John Semon blessed repose and eternal memory.

Holy Week in Warren

Sister Barbara Pavlik prepared the traditional foods for blessing, as well as the baked paska. Sister holds the hand-made cover for the basket. Baskets are blessed after Resurrection Matins.
Why Benedictine Life is a Good Way of Life

Benedictine life is pure and simple. It requires one to listen with the “ear of one’s heart” to the voice of the Lord. Nothing can be sweeter than to hear God’s voice. From listening to the welcoming voice of God, a strong desire is felt to use all of one’s energies and talents in the service of Christ to help build up God’s kingdom.

What are the blessings of Benedictine life? The Benedictine life of prayer is the greatest blessing. To converse with the “Greatest Celebrity” who is in love with you, together with a community at prayer several times a day, is the invisible powerhouse of grace for the Church and the World.

Benedictine ministry is the work at hand; to minister to the young, the elderly, the sick, the grieving, the poor and all who need attention is a blessing. Here at Sacred Heart Monastery, each Sister’s ministry becomes her vocation and is her gift of Benedictine hospitality. She is awed by the beauty of seeing the beloved Christ in the other’s eyes.

Dear Christian Women, can anything more wonderful happen to you than to receive God’s personal invitation to follow Christ as a Benedictine Sister? God is offering you the love you need for a full and happy life as you walk the talk of the Gospel. Can you respond?

You are most welcome to join the Sisters for a Come and See Weekend experience June 8-9. Share prayer, meals and conversation with us, as you see what our life is all about.

Check out our website for more information: www.shmlisle.org.

Jesus said to Mary of Magdala: “Woman, who are you looking for?”

John 20:15

Is Jesus asking the same question of you but you cannot recognize His voice? Would you like to discern His call with someone?

Learn more about how you can do this at www.shmlisle.org or contact Sister Christine at ckouba@shmlisle.org or call 630-725-6080.
If you are among the many who are searching for more in your spiritual journey, or find that your work load is in competition with your relationship with God, or you say that when I set goals with others I am more likely to stick with them, then become an Oblate. Oblate life is sustained by valuing the Rule of St. Benedict. Oblates are men and women, married or single, who hunger for a deeper experience of God. They find that guided by the Rule of Benedict they can find their lives enriched by joining others in prayer, lectio and work in the context of an extended community.

Want to know more? Contact Sister Karen Nykiel at 630-725-6049 or by email at knykiel@ben.edu.
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High Tea with the Sisters

Each year, the Sisters welcome their volunteers from Villa St. Benedict to a High Tea of Thanks and Appreciation. Here are some of our guests from April 13th.
Winter came to Lisle in February and Sister Anna Duong and Sister Fausta Mtweve (with friends) had some fun in the snow.

Sister Fausta and her Community in Tanzania appreciate the support of Benet Academy for the Imiliwaha Fund, which funds the Sisters’ school and orphanage.

The Sisters were pleased to host the friends of the St. Benedict Education Foundation on April 14. Following Vespers, guests enjoyed a Spanish/Portuguese themed dinner and wine tasting. Special guests included Abbot Primate Notker Wolf and members of the Foundation’s Board. The Foundation supports Benedictine Sisters and Monks from developing nations to study at Sant’ Anselmo in Rome.
The Sisters welcomed staff and volunteers from Bridge Communities and Daybreak of Lisle to celebrate the 25th anniversaries of the organizations which work with homeless families, mentoring them to self-sufficiency. Sister Mary is the current President of Daybreak and Sister Helen Jilek has served as the Treasurer since 1989.

Seventh and eighth grade students from St. Irene Parish in Warrenville were our guests in April. Sister Christine Kouba gave them a tour of our Chapel. The students were especially interested in the Latin phrases enscribed on the walls.

A big thank you to the Marians at Benet Academy who gave each Sister a colorful basket of Easter gifts.
Throughout the year, Villa St. Benedict staff and residents have numerous opportunities to interact with the Benedictine Sisters of the Sacred Heart. A perfect example is during National Nurse Appreciation week. A celebration luncheon honoring the nurses that work at VSB, along with all persons on campus that share a background in nursing is a Villa St. Benedict tradition that began in 2007.

When Villa St. Benedict began receiving residents in Independent Living, a large number of women (and one gentleman) bonded over their common career choice. It was a proud group of former nurses who loved to share stories about their profession. At that time, VSB had only one nurse on staff. But as the campus grew, so did the nursing team. Lori D’Auben was hired as Director of Nursing responsible for the oversight of the entire campus. Kathy Brashler was hired as the Assistant Director of Nursing responsible for the assisted living residents at Benedale Center. Five more qualified and compassionate nurses were hired in 2007 to assume a leadership role in the memory care unit, now known as Abbey Lane. They are Kathlyn Mack, Betty Mahlangu-West, Denise Noyes, Sonila Spahiu, and Valerie Wilder.

Honoring VSB’s nurses at an appreciation luncheon seemed like a great idea, but what really made it fun was inviting everyone who shares both a nursing background and tie to Villa St. Benedict.

Residents from independent living, assisted living and Abbey Lane all joined in this celebration. Ellen Rodman, who works part-time at Sacred Heart Monastery, and Sister Agnes Svec, OSB attended the luncheon, along with two Villa St. Benedict board members, Sister Christine Kouba, OBS and Alice Sima MSN, MBA, RN.

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The Corporate Mission of the Benedictine Sisters of the Sacred Heart is Hospitality. Directed by the Gospel and the spirit of the Rule of Saint Benedict, the mission is based on a commitment to use time, talent and resources of the Community for those in need.

We, the Benedictine Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery, Lisle, Illinois, proclaim hospitality to be our corporate commitment. This mandate, found in the Hebrew scriptures, the Gospels, and reiterated by Benedict to be the cornerstone for our interaction with one another (Rule of Benedict, Chapter 72) and our reception of strangers and guests (RB 53), is our particular corporate response to the needs of this 21st century.

We are proclaiming our commitment to hospitality as one significant way of being counter-cultural in the midst of global fear and mistrust.

We are determined to create an environment of non-violence among ourselves that will allow our own members to experience gentle warmth and reverence for the gift each is to the community. We will create an atmosphere in which the stranger will be recognized as a guest - received as Christ Himself - the gift of God among us.

We are willing to risk and model that strangers, coming together as friends, can nourish one another in the prayerful atmosphere of cenobitic community, can share resources, can host and reverence the other as sacred. In the act of "opening our door" to the other, we in fact open our hearts - emptying ourselves of ourselves. This will be our gift to those "who knock." With open hands, we receive the gift they are to us.