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Pentecost Reflection

By Sister Jean Maher



It seems most appropriate that the feast of Pentecost and the “feast of spring” go hand in hand. Are not our hearts burning within us as we witness the presence of the risen Lord in the rebirth of creation? The Spirit of the living God invites us to come out and play in the sunshine of God’s love. I happen to be living on a llama ranch at Sacred Heart

Monastery in North Dakota. Perhaps you live on the ocean in California or in the heart of the Twin Cities. It really doesn’t matter. God has a way of finding us and inviting us to celebrate new life on the feast of Pentecost. We often refer to Pentecost as the birthday of the Church because it is the event that brought the early Christians to life with the fire of enthusiasm and a zeal to spread the Good News. That fire of the Holy Spirit has the power to transform discouragement into new hope. It can burn away old resentments and enable the joy of new life to flourish. Pierre Teilhard De Chardin, a Jesuit theologian who was born in 1881, wrote, “Some day, after we have mastered the wind, the waves, the tides and gravity, we shall harness the energies of love. Then for the second time in the history of the world, we will have discovered fire.”

I recently had the opportunity to participate in a sweat prayer ritual with Native Americans on the Standing Rock Reservation in North Dakota. It was a profound experience of the fire of God’s love inviting us to become community, to reach out to each other in compassion and support, to acknowledge our brokenness and pain, and to trust in the healing love of God’s spirit. It was truly a Pentecost experience!

I suspect we have all had Pentecost experiences in our lives. It happens in those moments when God surprises us with unexpected joy or perhaps a profound feeling of peace. It might come as we witness a glorious sunrise or hold a newborn baby in our arms or reconcile with a friend or hear the news that our loved one has come through surgery with flying colors. God’s love is so extravagant. It has no limits. We just need to keep our eyes and ears and hearts open to the grace of transformation. Then stand back and be amazed!

“God’s Love is So Extravagant!”

Photo by Sister Jean Maher



A Letter from the Prioress



Dear Friends,

At their Annual Assembly in 2003, the members of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) reflected on the Earth Charter and on tending the holy in all of God's creation. LCWR members also related excerpts from the Earth Charter

to Scripture passages, which provided an opportunity for all of us to reflect on our need to care for the well-being of the larger created world.

The following Earth Charter excerpts and Scripture quotations are taken from *Tending the Holy—Daily Reflections on Caring for the Earth* (LCWR 2004):

- To move forward we must recognize that in the midst of a magnificent diversity of cultures and life forms we are one human family and one Earth community with a common destiny.

How desirable are all God's works, and how sparkling they are to see! All these things live and remain forever; each creature is preserved to meet a particular need. - Sirach 42:23

- The global environment with its finite resources is a common concern of all peoples. The protection of Earth's vitality, diversity, and beauty is a sacred trust.

People must think of us as Christ's servants, stewards entrusted with the mysteries of God. - 1 Corinthians 4:1

- We are at once citizens of different nations and of one world in which the local and global are linked.

There are no more distinctions between Jew and Greek, slave and free, male and female, but all are one in Christ Jesus. - Galatians 3:28

- The Spirit of human solidarity and kinship with all life is strengthened when we live with reverence for the mystery of being, gratitude for the gift of life, and humility regarding the human place in nature.

But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you... In God's hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being. - Job 12:7-8,10

- Respect Earth and life in all its diversity.

Learn from the way the wildflowers grow. They do not work or spin. But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them. - Matthew 6:28-29

- Treat all living beings with respect and consideration.

For every animal of the forest is mine, beasts by the thousands on my mountains. I know every bird of the heavens; the creatures of the field belong to me. - Psalm 50:10-11

- Promote a culture of tolerance, nonviolence, and peace.

They will hammer their swords into plowshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. - Micah 4:3

- As never before in history, common destiny beckons us to seek a new beginning.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth... The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I bring all things new." - Revelation 21:1,5

May we all deepen our commitment to care for the well-being of all humanity and strive to more fully appreciate the beauty of God's larger created world.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sister Kathleen Hofer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sister Kathleen Hofer

Spirituality Conference

The conference, “Spirituality and Social Justice After 9/11,” was held at The College of St. Scholastica on April 16 and 17, 2004. Speakers John Dear, SJ, peace activist, and Ellen Pence, former State of Minnesota Director of Battered Women’s Programs, spoke to an audience of nearly 200.



Tai Chi meditation on Saturday morning.



Ellen Pence, keynote speaker
Saturday, April 17



Closing ceremony with representations of fire
(not pictured), earth, water, and wind

Photos by Sister Beverly Raway

Sister Mary Skule is 90!

By Sister Mary Richard Boo

For almost all of her nine decades, which were celebrated by the religious community on April 20, 2004, at the Monastery, Sister Mary Skule (formerly known as Sister Hermina) has been consumed by what she describes as an eager desire to serve the Church. Strongly encouraged by her mother, who felt much of the same sense of mission, and with her father’s more passive permission, Mary (“Mimi” as her family dubbed her) opted to join the Duluth Benedictines and to do “anything for the Church.”

Sister remembers her mother, a native of Yugoslavia, as deeply religious. She was the dominant figure in the lives of her five children and always “spoke positively.” Mary’s father, on the other hand—an Eveleth, Minnesota, miner who was largely concerned with earning a living for his family—simply approved of everything his wife said or did.

Mary was happy to be a Sister (a happiness she still enjoys, “even after all these years,” she says emphatically) although she continues to wonder if she is “good enough” to merit her vocation. Assigned to teach school, she “loved the children, especially the younger ones.” That love of children continued to be a hallmark of her classroom work.



Sister Mary Skule

Photo by Sister Joyce Fournier



Left to Right: Sister Kathleen Hofer, prioress,
Sister Mary Skule, and Sister Paula Kelleher,
a friend from Worcester, MA

Photo by Sister Joyce Fournier

Today Sister Mary is a popular resident of Benet Hall, where her whimsical sense of humor and quick wit enliven not only her days, but also those of the staff and other Sisters who share those days with Sister Mary. Happy Birthday, Sister Mary!

Sister Mary Odile Cahoon Retires from CSS

By Sister Margaret James Laughlin

The Duluth Benedictine Sisters celebrated an unusual occasion this spring with Senior Vice President Sister Mary Odile Cahoon's retirement from The College of St. Scholastica after fifty years of service as faculty member and administrator. Despite the fact that these were all full-time plus positions, Sister Mary Odile made time to participate also in health care governance and biological research, and to publish her findings.

In 1954 Sister Mary Odile joined the CSS department of biology, becoming the chair of that department in 1961, and retaining that position when she also became chair of the natural science division. The most visible result of her work during these years is the Science Center, which opened in 1969.

Moving the biology department from Tower Hall to the new Science Center 1969



In 1976 she left division and department to become vice president/academic dean of the college, appointed by new president Bruce Stender. In 1981 President Dan Pilon gave her wide-ranging responsibilities as senior vice president/dean of the college, which continued until 1993, when the latter responsibility was assigned elsewhere.

Probably the most unforgettable experience of Sister Mary Odile's many years in academia is nine months in 1974 when she and Dr. Mary Alice McWhinnie were the first two women scientists to "winter over" in Antarctica as part of the U.S. Antarctic Research Program: McMurdo Station. When they arrived in January the sun shone twenty-four hours daily, but

from April 25 to August 19 darkness was complete. This factor, plus mountains of snow and constant double-digit sub-zero temperatures, challenged even Sister Mary Odile's Houghton, Michigan, background. Both women are included in *American Men and Women in Science: World's Who's Who of Women*.



Arriving in Antarctica: two women and 127 navy men

Certainly the most popular (and dearest to her heart) project of Sister Mary Odile's is the first CSS study-abroad program in Ireland, which she originated, nurtured, saw into thriving maturity, and (this year) celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary. An annual contingent of about 25 CSS students and two or three faculty members and their families has become a part of Louisburgh, Ireland.

Dan Pilon, long-time president of The College of St. Scholastica, says of Sister Mary Odile: "She was the best second-in-command one could ever hope for! She accepted the



Sister Janelle Cahoon (l) and Sister Mary Odile pose with plaque honoring the 20th anniversary of the Irish Studies program.

toughest assignments with grace and saw them through with amazing thoroughness and good humor. As the senior member of the Benedictine Sisters in the College's administration she helped us all keep the College's Benedictine Heritage in sharp focus. And where else could one find one of the first two women to winter over in the Antarctic to serve as principal advisor on when to declare a snow day?"

The Ministry of Sister Patricia Anne Williams

By Sister Mary Richard Boo

Think assuming responsibility for even one newborn or toddler is a harrowing prospect? Try four – or even six. That's who confront Sister Patricia Anne Williams early every morning soon after she arrives at Summit School (formerly Carmel Heights, a Carmelite convent) in Duluth.

The school itself is an independent, nonprofit entity, separate from the local school district and funded only by tuition, benefactors, and fund-raising events. The Infant Room, where Sister Pat holds the position of lead teacher and is assisted by several student teachers and an assistant teacher, is licensed for six infants (6 weeks to 16 months) a day. When the ratio of babies to teachers drops to 4 to 1, the assistants leave: Sister Pat then cares for the four infants on her own.

What are her days like? She gets to work by 7 a.m. and immediately collects the day's supply of clean laundry and toys and starts the bottle warmer. From 7:15 - 7:30 a.m., the children arrive, and Sister Pat greets the parents, finds out how each baby's night went, and begins a rapid single-handed rou-



On pajama day even teachers wear P.J.'s

where basic needs are met and growth is made possible. "Repetitive play, exploration, and constant feedback are all key concepts in helping infants learn. Trips in the four-seat "By-by Buggy" are wonderful for getting out and about. In the classroom stewardship is obvious when the children paint recycled doilies or yogurt cups. With a little ingenuity these then become flowers or hats for cards or gifts. Writing grants, keeping the waiting list book updated, cleaning, and keeping the daily report sheet current are also a reality in Sister Pat's routine.

In the Holy Rule, St. Benedict reminds his monks to sell their wares at a "lower price." Sister Pat sees this admonition carried out in the work of childcare workers. "Early childhood workers' salaries don't reflect their education nor their hours or quality of work." Why continue? "For the children and their families. We make a difference," says Sister Pat. "At 3 p.m. I could walk out on a hectic day and leave my assistants alone – but my Benedictine values won't let me."



"All together now."

tine of singing, playing, cuddling and, if needed, changing diapers and giving bottles.

Not until 8 or 8:30 a.m. does a second staff member arrive to share the responsibility (arrival time depends on the numbers ratio). There is no predetermined schedule for infants. "Needs dictate the curriculum," Sister explains. "These early years are the most critical ones for development. It is through simple, routine play that children this age learn about their environment, themselves, and others. Each child develops at his or her own pace, and so our teaching time varies greatly from child to child throughout the day."

One of the major goals of the Infant Care Center at Summit is to provide a safe, nurturing, loving environment



Guiding little hands to water seeds she planted

Photos submitted by Sister Patricia Anne Williams

Reception in NE Minnesota

By Vicky Siders

On April 25, 2004, over 75 people from cities and towns in Northeastern Minnesota and eighteen Sisters from St. Scholastica Monastery gathered at the Hibbing Park Inn to share memories and “reconnect.” St. Scholastica Monastery Sisters’ involvement in smaller towns and cities in Northeastern Minnesota began in 1898 with the establishment of St. Benedict’s Hospital in Grand Rapids. Over the years Sisters taught schools, staffed hospitals, and offered summer religious education to some 75 northern communities.

Those pictured here who attended the reception are family, friends, area clergy, and former students. The Sisters wanted to thank all for their support and prayers throughout the past and for their continued support of the Sisters currently working in northeastern MN: Sister Ingrid Luukkonen (International Falls), Sister Claudia Cherro (Eveleth), and Sister Ethel Radtke (Squaw Lake). Sister Mary Rae Higgins is retiring this year from her parish ministry in Hibbing.



Sister Jane Casey, Mary Yugovich, Sister Mary Rae Higgins



Jake Camell, Marcell Camell, Sister Claudia Riehl, Bob Westlund, Marie Westlund, Sister Agatha Riehl



William and Norma Schleppegrell with Sister Laura Daigle



Sister Ethel Radtke, Nancy Bobich, Sister Ramona Ewen





Standing: Sister Armella Oblak, Agnes Mattson, Frank Galaski, Delores Peitso Seated: Pauline Trucano, Theresa Galaski



Fr. Lloyd Mudrak, Sister Martha Bechtold



Sister Cecile LaForest and Marian Hajj



Sister Kathleen Hofer with Willard and Rita Gustafson



Bunny Green and Sister Maria Volk



Sister Melanie Gagne with Julia Palcich and Mary Keyes

“God and love have become more real”

The Ministry of Sister Maria Volk

By Rita Rosenberger



Sister Maria Volk

CHUM (Churches United in Ministry) this year presented a Ministry Recognition Award and gift to a well-loved volunteer and outgoing board member, Sister Maria Volk. Sister Maria served on the CHUM Board of Directors for six years, is currently in her fourth year as a member of the Development Committee, and has recently been appointed to the Nominating Committee. Through her untiring work for CHUM, and her ability to involve St. Scholastica Monastery as one of the most active supporters of CHUM, Sister Maria has been almost a miracle-worker for CHUM and its fund-raising needs.

The mission of CHUM is to serve the very lowest income members of the community by meeting the basic needs of this group. It is a faith-based organization, supported by congregations of many different denominations in Duluth. CHUM operates several advocacy, health, and housing programs, including an emergency overnight shelter, a family shelter, two food shelters, and a drop-in shelter.

Jim Soderberg, Director of CHUM, said of Sister Maria:

“Sister Maria is someone very special to CHUM... she is such a sweet person that people sometimes don't realize how fiercely tenacious she is. She is led by a deep faith that I see evidenced as a hopefulness and optimism that transform sometimes threatening realities into opportunities for grace. I appreciate the balance she provides me in my somewhat darker perspective on things. She also has a great laugh,

indulges my weakness for chocolate on a regular basis, and almost always gives me a hug when she says goodbye. Her support for CHUM's work and the people we serve has done much to keep us going. This is true of her work through the Development Committee where she has been instrumental in raising thousands of dollars for CHUM. Perhaps more importantly, however, her personal support and prayers for many staff have helped us remember how blessed we are to be doing this work with people like her.”

When asked about her ministry with CHUM, Sister Maria called it “energizing.” She was impressed with the breadth of experience and professional expertise of the board members and their energy and commitment to the organization. She enjoyed getting to know the Duluth community, especially the Muslims, who were tremendously helpful with the CHUM fund-raising dinners. For Sister Maria, all this is summed up in love: “In becoming more involved with CHUM, God and love have become more real, reflected in the loving commitment of CHUM staff and volunteers, in the faces and the stories of those they serve, and in the generous support of the Monastery and the Duluth Community at large.”



Sister Maria has created beautiful pieces of pottery for CHUM fundraisers.

“We really are on this journey to heaven together”

The Ministry of Sister Claudia Cherro

By Vicky Siders

This is the fourth in a series of articles on St. Scholastica Monastery Sisters who serve in communities in northeastern Minnesota

Sister Claudia Cherro is currently completing her fourth year as a pastoral minister for Resurrection Parish in Eveleth, Minnesota. Her current ministry is to reach out to people with many different needs. Sister Claudia's education and experience in both teaching and ministry are particularly useful in her parish work.

Sister Claudia grew up in Duluth, MN, attending Cathedral Sacred Heart and Stanbrook Hall. She entered St. Scholastica Monastery in 1959 and attended The College of St. Scholastica, earning a degree in elementary education. Sister taught school for eleven years and then worked as an administrative assistant in Humanities at CSS during the school year while attending summer graduate school sessions for her Master's in Ministry degree from Seattle University. She then worked at St. Leo's parish in Hibbing for eleven years.

Now in Eveleth, Sister Claudia has started a grief support group and annually organizes a memorial service for those

who have died during the past year. She conducts the parish RCIA classes that meet every Sunday for nine months. She also has started a Divorce Care program (an outreach to divorced people) and Catholics Returning Home (an outreach to inactive Catholics who believe they may want to come back to the Church). Sister Claudia has taught the Alpha Program, a basic evangelization course in Christianity, and believes that people who attend the course get a renewed appreciation for their own faith and spirituality. Once or twice during the year Sister speaks to 7th-12th grade students on religion and faith issues. And she visits the two nursing homes in Eveleth and the hospital in Virginia, ministering to those who are ill or dying or sometimes to people who simply wish to talk. Sister Claudia says, “Another ministry that is close to my heart is giving mini retreats to women's groups throughout the Diocese on Saturdays. There is such a hunger among people to deepen their spirituality and relationship with God.”

In all of these efforts Sister Claudia emphasizes the word “we.” She says, “None of these programs would be successful without lay people who are co-leaders and helpers, and without people who respond to the programs and take part in them. This work is so rewarding—it is rewarding to be part of people's sorrows and joys—to be included in their trust and confidences. The people become like family. In this ministry there is truly a bonding of your heart with those of the people you serve, and you never lose that—even when you leave the parish. It gets across to me that we really are on this journey to heaven together. Of all my ministries, being in a parish with the people is the most rewarding, and, wherever I have been, there have been supportive priests and supportive staffs.”

Fr. Joel Hastings of Resurrection parish says of Sister Claudia, “Her work is dedicated and has borne much fruit in the life of our parish. She is truly a blessing.”



Sister Claudia Cherro



Sister Claudia Cherro (second from right) with 2004 RCIA candidates, sponsors, and team.

In Loving Memory

Sister Vivian Arts died at St. Scholastica Monastery on April 18, 2004. She was born February 8, 1920, in Hibbing, MN. She attended Assumption Hall school in Hibbing and graduated from Stanbrook Hall High School in Duluth. In 1936 she entered St. Scholastica Monastery, professing her vows in 1938. She was a graduate of St. Mary's Hospital X-ray Technology program, received a Bachelor's degree in nursing education from The College of St. Scholastica and a Master's degree in nursing education from the University of Chicago. Later she did postgraduate work at St. Louis University and St. Cloud State University.



Sister Vivian Arts

Sister Vivian worked at St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth for eleven years and served as the Administrator of Miner's Hospital in Crosby, MN. From 1953 to 1972 she held that same position at Hibbing General Hospital. In 2000 she retired from St. Joseph's Medical Center in Brainerd, MN, where she served for twenty-eight years. A member of many boards, she also held various positions over the years in the health centers of Virginia, Chisholm, and Detroit Lakes, MN, as well as in Cottonwood, ID, and Sisseton, SD. She served as Vice President on the Hibbing Medical Foundation, Inc., and as President of the Minnesota Catholic Hospital Association.

Sister Vivian celebrated her Silver, Golden, and Diamond Jubilees as a Benedictine in 1936, 1988, and 1998. Fidelity to prayer and her religious duties were a priority for her. She possessed a magnanimous and gentle spirit, and since she suffered many of the same ailments of the patients she served she was truly, as the homilist remarked at her funeral, "a wounded healer." She prayed for her patients and, following St. Benedict's admonition concerning hospitality and care of the sick, she initiated the custom of having greeters at the door of St. Joseph's Medical Center as well as home care and hospice programs. One project dear to her heart was volunteer work for Habitat for Humanity. Though Sister Vivian held several responsible positions and was honored for her many accomplishments over the years, she was also a thoroughly warm, adventurous and fun-loving person. At her wake, she was described as being "game to do anything new" and also as a person who did not just talk about the community's prophetic mission but lived it out.

Sister Vivian was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Robert and Bernard, and two sisters, Sister Helen Claire, OSB, and Alice Griffith. She is survived by three sisters—Frances Salmi of Hibbing, Rosemary Ehrhard of St. Louis, MO, Helen Carlson of Babbitt, MN—and the Sisters of St. Scholastica Monastery.

Stanbrook Hall Reunion 2004

By Rita Rosenberger

The Stanbrook Hall All School Reunion will be held on Sunday, July 25, at St. Scholastica Monastery. Everyone who attended Stanbrook Hall is welcome to attend. Please join us for Mass, brunch, conversation and tours. Sisters will be on hand to visit with you, and Monastery Books and Gifts, the Heritage Room and Scholastica Photography and Framing shop will be open.



There is no charge to attend the Stanbrook Reunion, but please register in advance by contacting your Class Representative. If you do not know who she is, call Rita Rosenberger, Development/PR Office (218) 723-6536 or email DuluthMonastery@aol.com. We hope to see you in July! Until then, you can take a quick trip back without even leaving your chair, by visiting our web site at www.DuluthBenedictines.org.

In Loving Memory, continued



Sister Anne Marie
Cheslak

Sister Ann Marie Cheslak, OSB, of St. Scholastica Monastery, died May 4, 2004. Born August 2, 1913, in Duluth, MN, she graduated from Denfeld High School in 1931. Later she earned an elementary school certificate from the State of Minnesota and a B.S. degree in elementary education from The College of St. Scholastica in 1954. She entered the Duluth Benedictine community in 1933. In 1934 she professed monastic vows and celebrated her Silver, Golden and Diamond Jubilees in 1959, 1984 and 1994.

Sister Ann Marie taught grades four through seven in the following schools of the Duluth Diocese: Assumption Hall, Hibbing; St. Thomas School, International Falls; Marquette School, Virginia; and St. Anthony's, St. Clement's, and St. John Evangelist School in Duluth. From August 1958 to September 1992 she served as secretary to the prioresses of St. Scholastica

Monastery.

Many words define Sister Ann Marie, but perhaps "loyalty" and "sterling character" describe her best.

That each succeeding prioress asked her to stay on as secretary attests to her integrity. As one of them said, "She tried to make things as easy for the prioress as she could. A perfectionist, she was attentive to details and kept good records; she was on top of things." Not only did she do secretarial tasks (without benefit of a computer for many years), but she also composed antiphons, orations, and blessings for the prioress as well as table prayers used for special occasions. She distributed the Monastery mail and wrote the obituaries and vitae for deceased members of the community.

Even though extremely busy, Sister Ann Marie took time to relax. She reveled in listening to the songs of birds both in their natural habitat and on tapes. Hummingbirds were her favorite. She loved good food and had a penchant for chocolate. She enjoyed playing games—cards, Scrabble and Rummy Cube—and she loved to win. An old newspaper clipping from Ely, Minnesota, tells of the day she went fishing and got a bite. A moment later a young boy in a nearby boat also got a bite. Apparently the two-pound pike had swallowed minnows on both their lines which had intertwined. The boy conceded the catch to Sister Ann Marie because the fish had swallowed her minnow first.

Sister was preceded in death by her parents, Zygmunt and Josephine; four sisters: Ceil, Josephine, Clara Wagner, and Genevieve Kolojeski; and two brothers: Stanley and Joseph. In addition to the Sisters of St. Scholastica Monastery, she is survived by three sisters: Rose Bonifaci, Elizabeth Lukovsky and Delores Cheslak and a brother, William—all of Duluth—as well as nieces and nephews.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING DECEASED RELATIVES AND/OR BENEFACTORS:

Peter J. Buttaro 1/25/04
George Deziel 2/09/04
Frank W. Skalko 2/28/04
Janard D. Bort 3/05/04
Cadwell H. Hunt 3/08/04
Clyde B. Fleming 3/13/04
Marie Davich 3/18/04
Irja Gaskill 3/20/04
Ruth Richards 3/21/04
Rosemary A. Liesen 3/23/04
+Sister Jeanette Beaupre's sister

Dorothy A. Zollar 3/31/04
Julia Vogt 4/08/04
Sister Armella Oblak's sister
Marie Ouren 4/08/04
Sister Magdalen Dooper's sister
Marion Eklund Rasmussen 4/27/04
Robert L. Steinbauer 4/28/04
Nicholas L. Meyer 4/30/04
+Sister Mariella Meyer's brother
Mike Miner 5/08/04
George Vukonich 5/14/04
+Sister Alma Vukonich's brother

Highlights

Sister Beverly Horn Honored

By Sister Armella Oblak

Photo by Sister Joyce Fournier



Sister Beverly Horn

Sister Beverly Horn was one of six persons inducted into the Washington State Nurses Association (WSNA) Hall of Fame this past year. The letter informing her of the award stated, "Congratulations on this milestone in your nursing career which recognizes your leadership, vision, determination, and numerous achievements in the profession."

At the WSNA Hall of Fame award ceremony, Sister Beverly's contributions to the School of Nursing at the University of Washington as a nurse anthropologist were cited, as were her contributions to the Transcultural Nursing Society and other nursing organizations. Her years of research and advocacy for the underserved populations and minority communities (for which she received the University of Washington Health Services Community Service Award during the 2001 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute) were also noted.

Sister Beverly's plaque reads, "In recognition of her lifelong contributions and achievements in professional nursing and for her leadership in the advancement of nurses and healthcare in Washington State."

Sister Beverly is currently in Texas for a month, continuing the fifth and final year of another research project.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

By Sister Armella Oblak

On Wednesday, April 21, the Sisters at St. Scholastica Monastery honored their volunteers at an appreciation dinner. Over the past year these volunteers have assisted the Monastery by serving the Sisters on Benet Hall, being part of our music ministry, ringing the bell, driving, assisting with bulk mailings, or staffing the information desk and Monastery Books and Gifts.

Special gratitude and pins were presented to volunteers who have served for five years—Frank Barnaby, Fran Kessel, and Mary Tanner—and to Marie Thompson who has served for fifteen years.

New Sound of the Chapel Bell

Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapel has a new sound—an automated bell that has been created to closely imitate the sound of our bell "Benedict." The Schulmerich Bell Company from Pennsylvania has developed an electronic carillon to reproduce the sound of our bell through amplifiers mounted in the bell tower. The decision to change to an automated bell has been a long problem-solving process. The new electronic system uses a customized program to automatically ring the Angelus, the Mass bell, and the toll bell. In the words of Sister Martha, "It is comforting to know that our bell will stay in place and can be rung by rope (as we have always done) at any time we choose."



Sister Beverly Raway Receives Grant

By Sister Armella Oblak

Sister Beverly Raway, Assistant Professor of Nursing at The College of St. Scholastica, received a research grant from Theta Xi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society at its annual induction and awards ceremony.

Sister Beverly is conducting research at St. Mary's Medical Center with Pam Lincoln, Orthopedics Care Manager at St. Mary's, and Tiffany Berg, a student nurse and McNair Scholar at The College of St. Scholastica. Their research project, which was developed during the past spring semester, will be carried out this summer. At the same awards ceremony, Sister Beverly was presented with a second honor: she received the Outstanding Member Award for Theta Xi Chapter.



Sister Beverly Raway

Photo by Sister Joyce Fournier



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