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*“Our light is to shine before all so that they may see our good deeds.” (Matt. 5:16)*

Benedictine hospitality goes where I go. Outside of the Benedictine values of community and prayer, the one Benedictine value that is put to practice on a daily basis is hospitality.

I professed my final monastic vows in 1997 when I made my commitment to the monastic community. Presently, I am working full time at Saint John the Evangelist Church in Faith Formation, Pastoral Ministry, Vocations, and Mass Server coordinator. The children are life giving, and I cannot imagine ministry without sharing hospitality. I attend the College of St .Catherine’s as I complete certification in Pastoral Ministry. I have found that hospitality is essential in a classroom environment. This is a constant call to hospitality on a daily basis. Serving on the Vocation team at the monastery is another way of sharing monastic values. It is enriching to hear how women are truly seeking the presence of God in their life.

I would not be who I am today without the Benedictine values. They are my tools to be the Benedictine God is calling me to be. I give credit to my religious community for the challenges they have offered me to grow in faith and with their prayers and support bring me to be who I am today. May Saints Benedict and Scholastica be our guides so that in all things God may be glorified.

*S. Linda received the Theta Alpha Kappa National Honor Society of Religious Studies and Theology award from the College of Saint Catherine on Friday, April 25, 2008, at the College of Saint Catherine. She will complete Pastoral Ministry certification in August, 2008, and continue her education in the Catechetical certification program this Fall.*

