

# The Benedictine Community of St. Paul's Monastery

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**February Edition**

## **Sister Paula Hagan, Prioress**

February has been an eventful month for us here at the Monastery, especially since I spent a week at the National Benedictine Prioress Conference at Picture Rocks Retreat Center in Tucson. The sunrises and sunsets were breath taking. The conference was a "shot in the arm."

Feast day of Saint Scholastica was celebrated in style with a special Mass, excellent meal and great sharing with the Hill-Murray staff and guests.

Sister Mary Lou keeps herself extremely busy with our wonderful Oblate program. We end this month with preparations for the Lenten Season with many Benedictine rituals. The Sisters are enthusiastic since Lent is one of our favorite liturgical seasons. You are in our Lenten prayers. Please join us as your schedule permits.

United in the joy of the Gospel,  
Sr. Paula Hagen OSB


**Happy Fat Tuesday!**



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[Prioress Dinner  
May 4th, 2017](#)

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### St Scholastica, Land Ritual and our 8th Year Anniversary!

On February 10<sup>th</sup> the Feast of St Scholastica celebration Prioress, Sister Paula Hagen and Hill-Murray President, Jim Hansen performed a Land Ritual which gifted to Hill-Murray from the Sisters some property located on Larpenteur Avenue across from the school.

It is hoped the land will aid in furthering Benedictine Values in education and cultural activities for future generations through Catholic education.

In addition, the day marked the Sister's 8th anniversary of their move from Tubman to their current location on Benet Road.

Happy Anniversary!

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**Happy Birthday to Sister Rosella on her 91st!**



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**Calling to become an Oblate**



Presently, 9 women are participating in a year of formation to discern their call to become an Oblate of St. Paul's Monastery. Their classes focus on how to live Benedictine values as found in the Rule of St. Benedict.

On Thursday, February 16, 2017 Sister Paula Hagen facilitated the presentation and dialogue on Benedictine Spirituality Today.

### **Valentine's Day**

The Sisters celebrated Valentine's Day with homemade cards and placements. A very creative way to make this holiday special!





## Electronic Invitations

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We here at Mission Advancement are trying to make a "greener" footprint as well as saving cost on postage and printing. **For our upcoming events we would like to know if you would like to receive invitations via email? And a electronic**

**version of Passages?**

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### **Forgiveness: There is a Way Out**

On Sunday afternoon, February 19, 2017 The Benedictine Center and the Oblates of St. Paul's Monastery hosted a presentation entitled: "Forgiveness: There is a Way Out".

Father Paul Feela, a priest of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis and presently pastor of Lumen Christi Catholic Community in St. Paul, was the facilitator. Time was spent in conversation with Fr. Paul exploring the obstacles to realizing a reconciled world in today's culture and the power the biblical

understanding of forgiveness holds in offering us a way out.



### **Prioress Dinner Planning**

The Prioress Dinner is **May 4, 2017** and we are planning for a great event.

Stacey McCurnin, from Fladeboe Auctions, and Sister Linda Soler will be our auctioneers again this year. If you know of any "unique experiences" that are available for the Prioress Dinner LIVE auction, please **call Annette today (651-777-6850)**. Popular auction items include timeshare properties, get away places, spa experiences, memberships, concert or event tickets, art, celebrity encounters, and other such unique opportunities.

One of the auction items this year is a guided plane tour with professional pilot Don Shipp. Fellow passengers are Sister Linda Soler and Prioress Paula Hagen.

**Prioress Dinner - Save the Date!**



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