

Maple Tree Celebrates 15th Year

Kathleen Lindstrom



CORE PLANNING COMMITTEE, 1991
Left to right: S. Georgetta Loxterkamp, S. Rosella Schommer, S. Duane Moes, S. Sharon Schiller

Parents searching for a safe place and loving people to care for their children have found it on the grounds of St. Paul's Monastery. That safe place is called Maple Tree Monastery Childcare Center, and those loving people are staff members who treat each child "with the same love a parent would show." Last month [April], the child care center celebrated its 15th anniversary.

It was created during a '90's baby boom when parents were seeking good child care with a difference. They found it at Maple Tree, which is a ministry of the Benedictine Sisters at St. Paul's Monastery. "Back in the '90s," says Sr. Jeron Osterfeld, OSB, a member of Maple Tree's Board of Directors, "we became aware of the shortage of quality child care providers for working parents. So we decided to create a safe, happy place where their children would learn and grow." Today,

this center has 22 employees serving 74 children ranging in age from six weeks to five years.

The involvement of the Benedictine Sisters plays a huge role in the childcare center's success, says Jennie Schlauch, who was named director of Maple Tree in 1992. "The Sisters serve on our board," she explains, "and two are members of our staff. That's a big attraction for parents who value a Christian approach to childcare and who know the monastery's reputation for prayer and hospitality. "Our main focus," she adds, "is providing a good solid nursery school education, so the children know basic concepts and social skills when they move on to kindergarten. Just as important, we teach them about kindness and generosity, and we go through Bible stories that stress key Christian values." Schlauch cites a few other facts that make this Center unique in the marketplace.

The teacher to child ratio is above state recommendations.

Seventeen staff members are teacher-qualified (state law requires only three).

Seventy-five percent of the staff has worked at Maple Tree for at least five years.

Secluded, scenic grounds and huge windows help children experience nature's beauty.

Teachers give parents daily notes about their child's progress.

Parents receive monthly newsletters about Center events.

Family involvement is encouraged through holiday celebrations, conferences, fundraising, and an open-door policy.

Maple Tree's official anniversary celebration took place April 23, which was also "The Week of the Young Child." Festivities included a supply drive for needy families, a parent appreciation day, a child safety day, a teacher appreciation day and a concert by Will Hale, a local musician. Schlauch came to Maple Tree with a background in Montessori-based education and is pleased to be part of a day care center that has a bigger vision than fiscal success. "The Sisters created this Center for the right reasons," she explains. "They love children and are committed to each child's growth. It's been an incredible association and I think parents and their children are the ones who continue to benefit." 

BAPTISM – A call to transformation

At a recent conference of Benedictine abbots, priors and prioresses in California, Maire Hickey, OSB, from Dinklage, Germany, and Armand Veilleux, OCSO, from Chimay, Belgium, engaged us in deep reflection on Chapter 72 of the Rule of St. Benedict. We were invited to renew our baptismal commitment so that by deepening our identity with Christ, we might be better equipped to share a worldview centered in Christ. Such a commitment is both challenging and wonderful.



The simplicity of Chapter 72 invites us to live the Gospel where we are and with whom we are in relationship each day. It is wonderfully simple and yet immensely challenging. It is easier to talk about life in Christ than to allow Christ to be the measure of how we interact, carry out our responsibilities, and resolve our differences. Because we are Christ's in and through baptism, we no longer can excuse ourselves from embodying the Gospel in the ordinary, daily events that comprise our lives. Our capacity to meet the challenge comes from prayer and the mutual encouragement we offer each other.

As our friends and benefactors, you witness to us marvelous examples of your own baptismal commitments. Know that such witness indeed encourages us. Know as well that we hold you in prayer each day as we continue to prefer Christ in all things and seek Christ's presence in the midst of every day life. That is the transformational call of baptism we share with you and for which we are deeply grateful. 🙏

Carol Rennie, OSB.

OBLATES' CORNER

OBLATES – A MUTUAL BLESSING

Carol Rennie, OSB.

Laymen and women who desire to live out their way of life in the context of the Rule of St. Benedict are called oblates. (Oblate refers to lay men and women who desire to be affiliated with a monastery, but do not make a profession to the life of a permanent monastic.) The Rule of Benedict is steeped in the Gospel and calls persons to be mindful to life as it unfolds in their daily experience. We are grateful for 135 oblates (a photo picturing only a few) who are students of St. Benedict and exercise their role as leaders in the monastic community insofar as their lives permit.



Oblates at a recent gathering.

The vocation of oblate reaches back to the fourth century. Frances of Rome (1384-1440) is the patron of oblates and her feast is celebrated each year on March 9, the date of her death. Frances was a married woman with three children but always carried a deep yearning for God in her heart. Persons who desire to become oblates commit themselves to on-going formation which is deeply rooted in their Baptism.

As Sisters of St. Benedict of St. Paul's Monastery, we are blessed by the presence of these men and women who gift us from their own lived experience and faith tradition. Together we follow the Rule of St. Benedict and are committed to listen to God's word with the ear of our heart. 🙏

BALANCING ACT

Victor Klimoski

A central value of Benedictine spirituality is balance, based on the notion of making purposeful choices. Sounds relatively easy, doesn't it? Yet we live in a society in which relentless activity is driving us mad. No one sets out to do that. But being out of control seems to be a hallmark of contemporary American society.

The Benedictine Center tries to be a place where people can sort through their choices, commitments, and the urgencies pressing upon them. Let me be clear: we do not have the answer or a formula that guarantees balance. We are first of all a place where peace and beauty distinguish the environment. To spend even a short time here creates a space for one's soul to come home to itself. It is amazing what even an overnight private retreat can do to offer perspective.

Second, we have spiritual directors trained to be listening companions. They help people hear beyond the clamor for where their hearts are leading. Sometimes people visit once with a spiritual director as part of a private retreat or as a way to kick start a change in lifestyle. Other times they extend the relationship as they seek to deepen their ability to live a more centered, balanced life in Christ.

Finally, the Center offers workshops and retreats as resources for those seeking balance. This spring, for instance, we have a variety of retreats and days of reflection: Sandra Skach on the seasons of life (March 31), Mary White, OSB, on the mystery of the Triduum (April 5-7), Cathy Stubbs on the spirituality of gardening (April 21), Diane Kennedy, OP, on discipleship and courage (April 27-28). In May, Esther de Waal, one of the foremost experts on Benedictine spirituality for lay people, will host two events – an all-day session on Celtic prayer (May 8) and an evening presentation on a Benedictine vision for contemporary life (May 10). Carol Rennie, OSB, will also lead a retreat on discerning what matters in life (May 11-12). People can also schedule a private retreat of any duration tailored to their schedules.

There are no shortcuts to a balanced life. Sometimes, stepping across the threshold of this monastery and finding support and encouragement begins the journey to live differently. 🙏

VOCATIONS...THREE + ONE

Marie Fujan, OSB.

Three is a famous number from the simple to the sublime, from fairy tales to religion, from the THREE LITTLE PIGS to the three persons in the Trinity.

For me, the number three reminds me that I'm in Marshall, MN, for the third time and that I've been in vocation ministry three different times. Recently, S. Carol Rennie, our prioress, asked me to return to vocation ministry to work with a team of three others — Sisters Linda Soler, Paula Hagen and Virginia Matter.

Vocations is a ministry which enables us to witness over and over to the way God calls a person and to the grace which the Holy Spirit gives to each person to respond, "Yes."

St. Benedict was a man blessed by God both in grace and in name. Benedictines are women and men, who through over 15 centuries, have been called and blessed to live the Gospel by living in community under a rule and a religious leader.

In the name of our vocation team, I ask you, our readers, to pray for those women whom God is calling to St. Paul's Monastery. Please, pray too for our vocation team. 🙏

JUBILARIANS, JUBILEES, JUBILATIONS – BE JUBILANT!



S. Mary Charles
Branovsky

70 YEARS

Sister Mary Charles Branovsky is a charter member of the community having come from St. Benedict's in St. Joseph, MN, in 1948, to help establish the newly formed community, St. Paul's Priory, at 301 Summit Avenue. Before Mother Loraine Tracy was elected as the first Prioress, S. Mary Charles was elected first teller for that election, a tribute to her trust and organization. Sister's history with the newly established community was in education during which she was an excellent teacher of math and commercial subjects. Besides teaching, she also served in administration as principal of St. Bernard's and Archbishop Murray Memorial High School, both in St. Paul.

While in ministry, Sister had many gifts, organization at the top. She was an avid reader, had a good sense of humor when it was called upon in the midst of her many serious duties. After retirement and eventually arriving in the health care center, her serious demeanor changed and her heart became a lighter one. When sisters are in failing health, she will often sit with them for hours, a somewhat silent companion but a gifted presence on their last journey.

Sister is now 93 years old, is appreciative of everything she receives, helps as ably as she can at folding sundry items saying, "They come to me for everything." We rejoice with her for her many years of dedicated service as she celebrates her 70th jubilee in the midst of "everything" she does. 🕯️



S. Mary Charles
Branovsky -1954



S. Carole Sweely

50 YEARS

A favorite aunt of S. Carole Sweely's predicted upon her entry to St. Paul's Priory in 1955 that she would only stay for six weeks and here, fifty-two years later, she has remained although she would be the first to say, monastic life has not always been easy. Originally, she had planned to attend college, become a high school drama and physical education teacher but the summer following graduation, "signs" appeared in her small town life and her plans changed. Ever since, Carole has been a firm believer in "signs."

Because she was a public school graduate, her experiences with sisters were very limited, having sisters sporadically for two week summer sessions at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Tracy, MN. The only Benedictine in her family, an aunt, had entered St. Benedict's in St. Joseph, MN, and had died young while Carole was still in the mind of God. She does remember spying an occasional sister at Sunday Mass, her eyes always coming back to that veil or habit wondering about that life of mystery.

It was during the summer of her high school graduation when a girl came home from the Priory for the summer months that unusual "signs" began. Carole struck up a conversation with this girl and was invited to the Reception ceremony at the Priory, when girls dressed as brides received their habits. It was all so impressive to her youthful eyes and the women in black seemed kind and thoughtful and Carole was smitten so the Benedictines got her and this is where she has been ever since. Her parents were not too happy about her youthful decision but as years passed, Carole realized they had more of her than they might have if she had married and bestowed upon them more grandchildren.

She had no long range planning then and now with the passing of fifty plus years, life has flown by and those first six weeks will not come again. She never got to major in drama nor physical education but high school English and film study instead, teaching not only in St. Paul but in upstate New York, Colorado and Arizona. It was a way to travel while working. Presently, she is the monastery librarian enjoying the quiet of the books in contrast to her many teaching years, sociable though they were, whether in the Adirondacks, the Rockies or in the Sonoran desert. Besides librarian, Carole is also the community secretary and co-editor of the community newsletter, PASSAGES.

The mystery of life as a monastic has been revealed in unusual signs throughout these many years but landing with Benedictines was a graced blessing and part of that mystery which continues to unfold. She is grateful. 🕯️



S. Marie Fujan

S. Marie Fujan hails from Walnut Grove, MN, having grown up in a farming community where friends are steadfast with their love and support. Since her older brothers attended St. John’s University in Collegeville, this was how she was introduced to the Benedictines learning they were “official pray-ers” for the Church. She liked that. Benedictine sisters taught summer school in Walnut Grove, these being the first Benedictine sisters she met. The summer of graduation led her and a friend to visit St. Paul’s Priory at 301 Summit Avenue and the rest is history.

Community prayer has been a sustaining support throughout the years along with early encouragement from her parents, friends and classmates. During her monastic sojourn, S. Marie has worked with high school girls, college seminarians and university students as well as being on parish staffs, a visitor at a Hospice House and serving as Prioress from 1996-2004.

Future plans entail coordinating pastoral care at a senior residence in Brooklyn Park. Retirement looks more appealing if it can be combined with traveling and visiting. After her stint as Prioress, Sister drove to the West coast visiting monasteries, friends and relatives, a highlight after eight years of leadership.

Presently, S. Marie works as campus minister at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, MN, also working in ministry to the elderly, sick and homebound with some time spent at St. Therese at Oxbow Lake. Sister is a joyful, light-hearted monastic so the many who benefit from her varied ministries are indeed fortunate. Cheers and jublations to a light hearted spirit in our midst! 🎉



S. Virginia Matter

S. Virginia Matter is from southwestern MN, Walnut Grove, having entered St. Paul’s Priory at 301 Summit Avenue in 1955. The pastor, Oliver Dufresne, had asked Virginia in her sophomore year to pray about her vocation, he unknowingly planting the seed. Later, she and another were invited to experience varied ceremonies and the Benedictine life style at 301. Limited time though it was, it touched Virginia’s spirit and the community prayer life, happy atmosphere plus family bonding has sustained her ever since.

Sister was among the first on the staff in 1960 at St. Mary’s in Winsted and after that, assisted in opening St. Therese Home in New Hope. Later, Sister returned to the monastery as infirmarian and helped develop an ecumenical program for the sisters and senior citizens from the surrounding area, the GOLDENAIRES. She served as pastoral minister at St. Timothy’s in Blaine, later studying in St. Louis, MO, preparing in community formation

for young monastics. Currently, Virginia is in the Benedictine Center, her present ministry since 1985 in spiritual direction, retreats and teaching pottery.

Highlights in her life include a year in Canon City, CO, while working in a hospital, the year in St. Louis, MO, at the Institute of Formation and Spirituality, a sabbatical experiencing other religious traditions which led to South Carolina, Japan, India, the Hindu/Benedictine ashram of Father Bede Griffiths and working in an orphanage of Mother Theresa’s in Karala, India.

Sister is grateful to her family, her Lutheran mother who by her witness taught faith values, her father who taught her the love of creation and nature which is displayed in her pottery, her brother and sisters, nieces, nephews, dear friends. She values her Benedictine life with its rich emphasis on prayer and hospitality while presently enjoying her Golden Jubilee year. She truly is a witness to that which she so firmly believes and appreciates. We are grateful. 🎉



Golden Jubilarians are in the back row.

Recent Developments

Kathleen Lindstrom and Jean Hartman

As you know, the Sisters have proposed a development plan that will help us sustain our mission for many years to come. Our mission is to create sacred space from which to respond to the needs and challenges of church and society through our liturgical life and wise stewardship. In order to do this we are responding to God's invitation as follows:

To continue to live on this sacred land with the sisters who have gone before us.

To share our campus with women, children and seniors.

To share our human and natural resources with those in need.

To be a contemplative presence on this land so that all who live and work here will feel God's energy.

This development plan includes selling our current monastery to Tubman Family Alliance, selling a parcel of land to CommonBond Communities for affordable housing and building a new monastery on our existing land.

Here's an update on our project.

On March 20 the Maplewood Planning Commission approved our development application. It was then presented to the City Council at a Special Hearing on May 7. Because of press deadlines, PASSAGES did not have results of this meeting, but our Web page will give you the information you need.

Go to www.stpaulsmonastery.org and click development plan links on the home page. This site will have regular updates on the Sisters' plans for the future, and will give you an opportunity to ask questions and get answers in a timely manner.

Tubman Family Alliance is a full-service family violence prevention agency. In addition to short-term emergency housing, Tubman will use the monastery building to consolidate its current operations in the east metro area.

CommonBond is the largest affordable housing developer in the Upper Midwest and currently owns/operates 70 housing communities in 35 cities in the Upper Midwest. The majority of its developments are in the Twin Cities metro area, including successful projects in St. Paul, Minneapolis, Blaine, Maple Grove, Golden Valley, Minnetonka, Edina, and other cities in the metro. 🏡

"THAT ALL MAY BE ONE"

March 24th and 25th were days of review and learning for the community about cultural differences, diversity, communication styles, inclusivity—all for deeper transformation and conversion of heart.

Dr. Arturo Chavez and Sister Tobin Lardie, HM, presenters from the Mexican American Cultural Center (MACC) in San Antonio, TX, graced our time with their presence and wisdom.



About to begin a session

Amid table discussions followed by low context, high context, moderate low and moderate high groupings, individual revelations occurred along with some "sneaky bonding."

If we are in a room full of mirrors or a room full of doors, transformation amid limitations and mindsets along with the acceptance to live in the ambiguity of something new can turn us towards that ever present conversion that is ours for the asking and receive that transformation of heart.

As Samuel Betances has said, "Change is inevitable, growth is optional." To be faithful to the Gospel's call is a continual invitation towards that change and growth and to be grateful for those surreptitious moments in our lives can be that daily gift. 🏡

DESIGN TEAMS SHINE!

Indeed, the design teams did shine December 17, 2006, as each team presented their multiple ideas for a new downsized monastery to be located near the community cemetery. These teams met for many hours on weekdays, weekends, evenings to present their ideas for our future monastery. After days and hours of meetings, each team collaborated on their presentation before they would give these practical and downsized ideas to the community, architects and lay participants on this mild December day. It was a day of many revelations for those eager to move forward into the next step of planning. After having the luxury of space on this lovely corner of Century and Larpenteur since 1965, this dream is now ending for another to begin. All sisters were part of these design teams, if not actively, then as pray-ers. Each team chose their own name as the meetings progressed and “sneaky bonding” occurred. With the unraveling of ideas on this iceless winter day, lives have not been the same since. Perhaps the photos will divulge some future monastic wishes as well as memories. 📷



Left to right: Jean Hartman, Charles Keffer, Maureen Mahoney, Dan Pollastrini



Nuggets of Hope



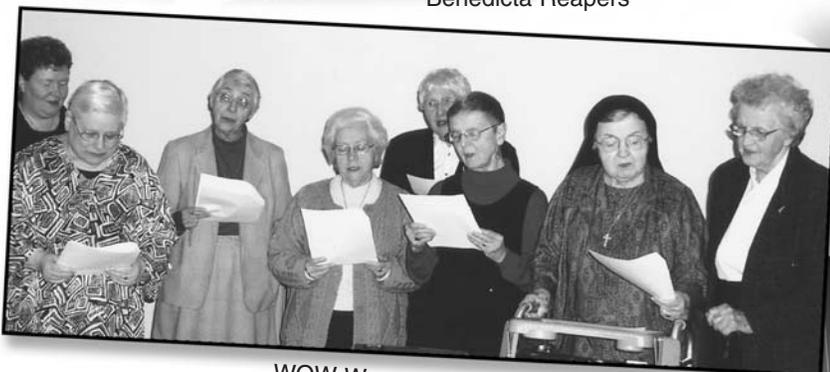
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THE SACREDNESS OF MOTHERING

Jean Glaraton

Scripture: “...even to the least of these...you’ve done it unto me.” Matthew 25:40

Faith Story: Transfiguration has been my parish community since the summer before I married in 1992. My husband and I exchanged vows there; our oldest child was baptized in the “old” font, another in the “big glass salad bowl” during expansion of the worship space and our youngest in the beautiful “new” font. Just as the church building was growing and changing, so was I.

I joined Moms group during a time of transition in our lives. My dream of being home with my children came true, but with it were unexpected feelings of isolation and loneliness. I joined Moms group with the hope of meeting others with young children. It was with these women that I first came to understand motherhood as a ministry, a vocation to which we are called.

One “light bulb” moment changed me forever. During my search for meaning, I realized that my children were God’s “least,” the poor whom He was asking me to care for, to sacrifice for. I became a better wife and mother. I began to experience holiness in the everyday tasks of parenting. I saw Christ in the mothers as we shared our journeys and supported each other.

It has been ten years since my first morning at Moms group. During those years, I’ve shared my faith and learned to use the gifts God gave me in ways beyond mothering. I experienced the sacredness of motherhood and Christ-centered friendships. We are here to support each other.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, you tell us that whatever we do for the least among us, we do it for you. Thank you for sharing your children with us and for giving us the opportunity to experience the sacred life of motherhood. Bless all of us with patience and peace as we walk the daily journey with you as our guide. Amen. 🙏

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ON THE AIR WITH...



Left to right: Brother Conrad Richardson, FBP, S. Linda Soler, OSB, Fr. Stephan Bauer, OSC.

S. Linda Soler is an integral team member of the PBS Trio for Relevant Radio. PBS, which is a creative way of saying Priest, Brother and Sister, speaks about vocations. The listeners have enjoyed PBS by calling in and asking questions about that very topic.

S. Linda has been a guest numerous times on PBS and City Winds, both of which provide a weekly look at the happenings in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Relevant Radio is located at 1330 AM. City Winds is a Friday morning program that runs from 9-10 AM. We are grateful for her marketing skills. 🙏

from the LIBRARY ALCOVE

Carole Sweely, OSB.

Since this is a new venture, the librarian thought she might give a few treasured reading suggestions for those avid learners and readers. This is not a new book but a recent find.

MADAME SECRETARY by Madeleine Albright is sheer delight for those interested in the Washington scene. Since Dr. Albright was our first woman Secretary of State in the Clinton administration, this is a memoir beginning with her early years in Prague, London and Denver. Her education at Wellesley, marriage to Joe Albright shortly after college graduation, raising three girls while attending classes for her PH.D. and involvement in a variety of political assignments all credit her beginnings for eventually becoming Secretary of State. Among many stories of new experiences, she was a lover of Stetsons wearing them with aplomb in her many travels. This is highly recommended.

Another treasure but a small volume of historical literary background is MADAME BOVARY, C'EST MOI, the Great Characters of Literature and Where They Came From by Andre Bernard. Characters such as Adam Dalgliesh by P.D. James, Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy and Jay Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald with many others are discussed. The entries are short, direct and meaningful for those readers who have spent time with these people and their stories. Another winner.

Since three is a sacred number, how about one more? A year ago, I stumbled upon a biography of MARY by Lesley Hazleton and have been holding it close ever since. The author's poetic style is not to be missed, the content new and refreshing regarding the life of Mary in her culture. There are a few surprising ideas but the valued character content is there with reverence and poetic nuance. Do not miss the endnotes as even those provide fascinating historical value with the author's subtle sense of humor. For those who are open and wish to learn more about Mary, do introduce yourself to this volume. 📖

And to make your spirit smile:

THE COIN
Into my heart's treasury
I slipped a coin
That time cannot take
Nor a thief purloin,—
Oh, better than the minting
Of a gold-crowned king
Is the safe-kept memory
Of a lovely thing.

— Sara Teasdale

Spring, 2007

Dear Friend,

Alleluia is our Easter song and gratitude our response. With St. Paul, we say, "I thank my God every time I think of you!" Because of your previous contacts with us, I feel confident that you want to hear what is happening at St. Paul's Monastery. Your support is what has made our efforts so very successful.

In the annual report found in the January issue of PASSAGES, we reported that the majority of the donations sent to us were used for the many needs of the Sisters. A great deal of support was also given to our ministries, which are an extension of who we are and what we do.

This year your support can help us receive a matching grant for iLLUMINARE, build our Community Endowment set up to assure our financial future, provide MOMS retreats in financially deprived parishes, support future Benedictine Center programs or alleviate mounting costs associated with future plans for our building and land.

Your generosity is a source of encouragement to all of us as we work to make the world a better place through our prayers, our lives and our ministries. Without good friends like you, we would not be able to follow the Lord's promptings with confidence.

Did you realize that we are able to accept charitable gifts of stock and/or bonds as philanthropic income as well as electronic transfer and credit card donations? You might also like to take advantage of the new charitable-giving rule. Under this limited-time law, individuals who are 70 1/2 years or older may directly transfer, tax-free, as much as \$100,000 annually from their IRAs to charity. By doing so, donors avoid paying income tax on that money, and the transfer counts toward whatever you're required to take out of your IRAs each year. Act fast, however, because this tax-break expires December 31, 2007. Consult your tax advisor for further details.

In order to make it easier for you, we have partnered with the Catholic Community Foundation in an effort to assist you with the many forms of planned giving. Some types of planned giving are a great way to leave a legacy while locking in a supplemental income for yourself for the rest of your life. For more information, contact me at (651) 777-8181.

You overwhelm us with your love and concern. God has blessed us. Since our financial future is partially dependent upon you, I am confident that we are in good hands. Please accept our gift of prayer in return.

With a grateful heart,



Sister Lucia Schwickerath, OSB
Development Director

The Cloister Shop

Kathleen Lindstrom

If it's spring, then marriages, Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduations, First Communions, Confirmations—and maybe Baptisms and birthdays—can't be far behind. To help you celebrate these milestone events, The Cloister Shop in St. Paul's Monastery offers gift ideas and greeting cards you won't find anywhere else.

One of the most popular gifts right now is something called a prayer cube, or prayer die, which children (or even adults) can roll like dice and then pray the words that come up. These 2 inch solid wood cubes are carved in the studio of Butzon and Bercker, a German company that's been producing fine religious art since 1870.

According to Sr. Lucia Schwickerath, OSB, director of Development, the six-sided die is a fun way to teach children their prayers and to even support adults who are new to the faith or who have forgotten the words to traditional prayers. The three die options are as follows:

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A Life-Style of Giving

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The Cloister Shop *continued*

The Night Prayer: An easy way to get children to pray before falling asleep –

The Catholic Prayer: A useful tool for adults new—or returning—to the faith –

The Table Prayer: A favorite for families who pray before every meal.

As you celebrate these special times in life, come to the Cloister Shop and check out other one-of-a-kind gift possibilities that will touch hearts and inspire souls.

The Cloister Shop is an outreach ministry of the Sisters of St. Benedict and is open Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. through 3 p.m.; and on Sundays, from 12:30 through 3 p.m. For more information call 651-777-8181.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

July 18

**Cloister Shop –
Sunshine Sidewalk Sale**

September 16

**OSB Community
reunion of present &
former members**

MINISTRY CHANGE

Sister Lois Hauwiller has moved from the monastery to St. Therese Home in New Hope as of January. While at the monastery, Sister helped in a variety of areas: kitchen, health care, Ministry of Mothers Sharing. At her new setting, she serves as mail distributor to 300 residents, as driver for the sisters and in other areas where she might be needed. She claims she likes her new ministry since her contacts are many as the mail invites communication. As one can surmise, Sister is very adaptable, friendly and exceeds in availability of kindness to others. 🙏



S. Lois Hauwiller

NEWEST RECRUITS

Sammy is new in the building but already has gathered responsibilities such as hospitality, entertainment and his favorite, as ever the keen guardian.



Sammy



Eli

Eli belongs in Ministry of Mothers Sharing with his working mother. Eli elicits many varied responses from others when he is seen newly walking the halls or being carried by some friend. His greatest gift which he is not aware of giving is a lighter heart to those who are moved by his smiling, brown-eyed presence. 🙏

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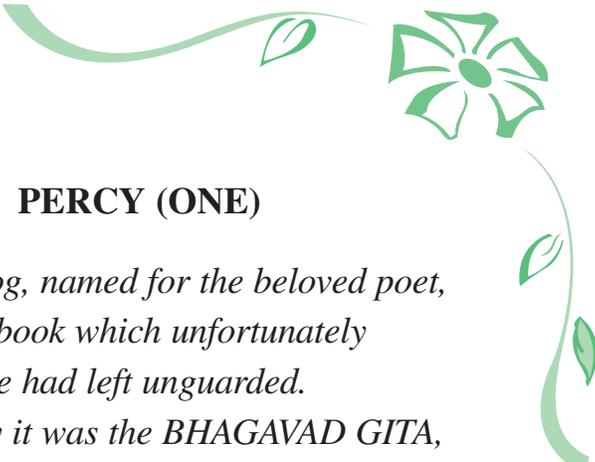
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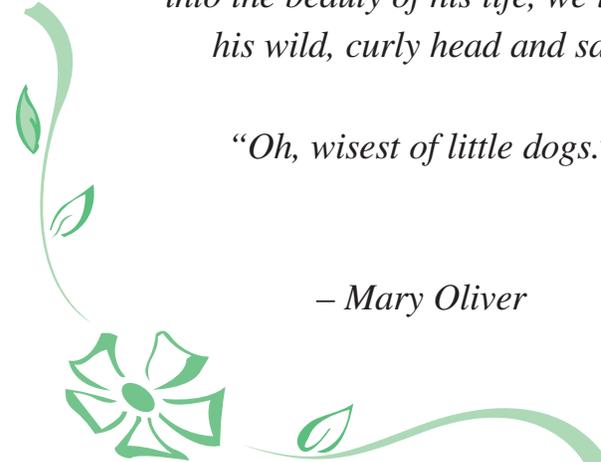
*Our new dog, named for the beloved poet,
ate a book which unfortunately
we had left unguarded.*

*Fortunately it was the BHAGAVAD GITA,
of which many copies are available.*

*Every day now, as Percy grows
into the beauty of his life, we touch
his wild, curly head and say,*

“Oh, wisest of little dogs.”

– Mary Oliver

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