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"Christ is risen!"

As Pope Francis stated in his Easter homily; "Christ is risen! And we have the possibility of opening our hearts and receiving his gift of hope. Let us open our hearts to hope and go forth. May the memory of his works and his words be the bright star which directs our steps in the ways of faith towards that Easter that will have no end."



"May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds."

These words were spoken during the Easter Vigil Liturgy on Holy Saturday evening. Catherine de Hueck Doherty wrote in the March edition of Give Us This Day, "Each minute, each hour, each day of this

week(Holy Week) is a pilgrimage internalized, a journey inward, to meet the Triune God who dwells within us."

These three days are one moment of the Spirit. We enter this time with the beauty of Holy Thursday - the Mass of the Lord's Supper: feet being washed, songs of praise and thanksgiving, and an environment of oneness with Christ in praise to the Father. The evening closes with us resting in quiet and darkness begins to enter our souls. We continue in "great silence" through our Triduum time as we focus on what we hear and experience through the Good Friday and Holy Saturday services.

We witness a change from the darkness to light as the environment changes for the Easter Vigil and Easter. The anticipation of the Resurrection builds till the first "Alleluia!" is sung! "Christ is Risen!" Easter is here and we have 50 days to grow in its truth. Christ is alive and living in all of us. How that might look for us and the way we live our lives, will need the Holy Spirit and our commitment.

We invite you to join us this Easter Season. Come for private prayer, Liturgy of the Hours, and Mass.

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Sister Lumen Choi, OSB visits St. Paul's Monastery

Sister Lumen is on sabbatical following her tenure as Superior of her Community, Daegu Priory in Daegu, South Korea. She arrived at the monastery on March 24th in time to celebrate Holy Week and Easter with the Sisters. On Tuesday evening, March 29, she shared about her community and their ministries. We are grateful for the opportunity to share this time and our life stories with Sr. Lumen as we learn more about how the Benedictine life is lived in other countries and cultures. This May the Benedictine Center is hosting a pilgrimage to South Korea and will visit Sr. Lumen's community.



New Art Exhibit Opens April 1st!

WORD AND IMAGE EXHIBIT

***open 9 am-6 pm daily
thru May 31***



In August, 2015 twelve lay ecclesial ministers and one pastor gathered in Collegeville to participate in a week-long retreat shaped by word and image under the direction of Barbara Sutton and Victor Klimoski of Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary. During the retreat, the participants created the collages and poetry in this exhibit. The words they found construct a theology that examines the vocation and practice of lay ecclesial ministers. It is a theology from "below"-with a distinct emphasis on the organic and dynamic deepening of vocation that infuses with energy the careful analysis of a church document. The collages and the poems they have evoked are a visible form of Benedictine hospitality welcoming viewers into symbols and words that shape the experience of this sampling of lay ecclesial ministry.

PUBLIC RECEPTION - Friday, April 8th - 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Guests are welcome to attend the public opening of the exhibit at the Monastery. Refreshments will be provided. All are invited!



Register Now!

End-of-Life Planning Seminars

Faith-based Family Conversations on Values, Health and Finances

(Fee: \$25 for one, \$40 both)

Bring yourself, your spouse and adult family members to start important conversations on values, faithful health care directives, faith-based financial and estate planning and more. Conversations will be guided by wisdom from the New Testament and the Rule of St.

Benedict. Part 1- Wednesday, April 27

Part 2 - Wednesday, May 4. Both days

run from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm

Fee includes lunch and additional resources. For more information and registration call Thekla on 651-777-6850 by April 19 or [register online](#). ([Seminar Flier](#))



Human Trafficking - A Reality in Minnesota

Thursday, April 28, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Presenter: Sister Ann Redmond, CSJ

Sex trafficking is a reality in Minnesota. The FBI has identified the Twin Cities as one of the 13 U. S. cities with a high incidence rate of child prostitution.

S. Ann Redmond is a noted advocate for victims of sex trafficking. She is both a member of the MN Human Trafficking Task Force and has worked for many years with Breaking Free, an agency that rescues trafficking victims. Now she shares her knowledge about how trafficking happens in Minnesota, ways to identify victims and where to seek help. From her experience working with police, lawmakers, as well as survivors of trafficking, you will learn ways to help address and prevent sex trafficking locally. (free will offering)

Hill- Murray Students exhibit their Art Work at the Monastery

Through the collaboration of the Benedictine Center's Art and Spirituality Team and two of Hill-Murray's Art Teachers, Martina Kelly and Lindsay Hunkins, the Sisters and the public were able to see the young artists from Hill- Murray display their talent at the monastery. The beautiful array of art featured pottery, drawings, paintings, and even a skateboard. Many of the artists and their families and friends came to the opening reception on March 9th. The monastery was alive with the excitement of the artists as they saw their pieces on the monastery walls. We look forward to hosting another exhibit for these young artists in the future.

(Pictured: Martina Kelly, Sr. Paula Hagen, Lindsay Hunkins)





The Benedictine Way: A Wise, Generous, and Compassionate Tradition

During her presentation on Saturday, March 12th, Sister Donald Corcoran, OSB, of Transfiguration Monastery, Windsor, New York, invited all participants to explore a deeper expression of hospitality. She did this through scholarly discourse, masterful storytelling, poetry, humor and accounts of personal experience, inviting all of us to open our hearts wider and deeper to Love's infinite mercy and compassion with the Rule of Benedict as our guide.

submitted by Terry Johnson, ObIOSB

Upcoming Monastery Events

1. Tuesday, April 5th - Feast of St. Benedict - ([Schedule](#))
2. Thursday, April 7th - Prioress Dinner - 5 - 8:30 pm (Offsite)
3. (BC) Friday, April 8th: (1) Co-Workers In The Vineyard: Words And Images Of Lay Ecclesial Ministers (Barbara Sutton) - 9:30 am - 3:30 pm (2) Art Exhibit - Word and Images - Opening Reception - 7- 8:30 pm
4. Sunday, April 10th - Sister Linda Soler, OSB 25th Jubilee - Reception at Hill-Murray School - 2:00 - 5:00 pm
5. Sunday, April 17th - Oblate Sunday- Good Zeal & Beginnings (Sam Rahberg & Sr. Jacqueline Leiter, OSB) - 1:00- 3:00 pm
6. (BC) Tuesday, April 19th - Love One Another: The Call to True Discipleship (Fr. Michael Byron) - 7:00 -9:00 pm
7. Wednesday, April 27th - End-of-Life Planning Seminar - Part 1 8:30 am - 1:00 pm (See article/flier above)
8. Thursday, April 29th - Trafficking Presentation (Sr. Ann Redmond, CSJ) 7:00 - 9:00 pm
(BC - Benedictine Center Events - go to [Monastery website](#) or call 651-777-7251)

During this Year of Mercy and Easter Season, let us focus on our call to be Christ to one another. Let us be messengers of His love through our conversations and actions.

We are "Alleluia" People! Let us proclaim it to the world!

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