



# The Benedictine Community of St. Paul's Monastery

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Greetings!

*"Receive me, O God, as you have  
promised, and I shall live; do not  
disappoint me in my hope" Suscipe*

On Sunday May 1st, we witnessed the re-commitment of our Community's Jubilarians: Sisters Rosella Schommer (70th), Carol Rennie (60th), Margaret Kramer (60th), Mary White (50th), and Linda Soler (25th). After a beautiful Liturgy, the Community gathered for a festive meal and time together to share stories and the blessings they have received from their monastic life with this community.



## Prioress Dinner - April 7th With Deep Gratitude...

Thank you for your support . You are truly a blessing for the Sisters and the future of Benedictine Life in this area.

We continue to seek God's guidance, guided by the Rule of St. Benedict in order that we might meet the changing needs of Church and Society.

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### *What happened that evening?*

164 people attended the Prioress Dinner.

16 happy persons left the event with auction winnings.

1 Prioress and 1 liturgist brought prayer to life.

1 honoree, 1 Oblate and 1 speaker inspired with stories.

6 items, 1 auctioneer and 1 Sister made the live auction lively.

Many friends responded to the fund-a-need appeal.

8 planning group members, many volunteers and staff made it beautiful.

1 photo journalist recorded it all.

**Save the Date: May 4, 2017 for our next Prioress Dinner!**

[More Photos](#)

### **Campus Neighbors share their missions with the Sisters and Guests**



On Sunday, April 3, our campus neighbors were invited to join the Sisters and other invited guests to share their organizations mission and express their vision for collaboration as a neighborhood.

The speakers, Ann Ruff, CommonBond Committees, Sr. Karen Sames, Maple Tree Childcare, Jennifer Polzin, Tubman, and Jim Hansen, Hill-Murray School, inspired the listeners with the numerous ways they each serve today's needs through their caring and professional services. The gathering left all present with hope and greater vision for our future as a Campus here to serve as God would call us. *(Pictured above Jennifer Polzen)*

[More Photos](#)

### **Community celebrates Sr. Linda Soler's 25th Jubilee**



Sunday, April 10th was a day of celebration for the 25 years that Sr. Linda has lived as a Benedictine

Sister in our Community. The day began with a beautiful Eucharist with Most Reverend Harry Flynn, Archbishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis presiding. Sr. Linda renewed her vows in the presence of Sr. Paula Hagen, Prioress, the Sisters, her family and friends. At the festive meal that followed, Sr. Linda recognized and thanked the many persons who have

supported her journey. Many then joined the reception at Hill-Murray where ice cream, cotton candy and other goodies were shared by all. Congratulations Sr. Linda!



### **Human Trafficking - A Reality in Minnesota**

Human trafficking is very active in Minnesota according to Sister Ann Redmond, CSJ, noted advocate for victims of sex trafficking. On Thursday, April 28th, she informed a large group of Sisters and citizens that this problem can touch any family and can result in destruction of young lives. Sr. Ann offered considerable resources to help people be informed about this widespread problem, and encouraged everyone to get involved in educating the public.

[Get the Facts](#)

*written by Terry Johnson*

(pictured: Sr. Ann Redmond, CSJ & Sr. Mary White, OSB)

### **Word and Images Exhibit opened Friday, April 1st**

Exhibit is open through June 2nd.



The Word and Image exhibit is a welcome reminder that as ministers interpret their experiences, they contribute to a larger process of understanding within the Church. The contributions of this small group of pastoral ministers remind us of the power of mystery to help us glimpse what might be possible for the Church.

Kairos

"I am the one crossing over  
to a new sense of time.

I am the one attentive more to harvest  
than the need to plant..."

(Picture and Poem: Victor Klimoski)



### **Come, Spirit, Come**

Thurs., May 12, 7-9p

Sister Paula Hagen OSB

Cost: \$25

May is a month of new life, new growth and a spirit longing to be free and soar in the Son-shine of the Resurrection toward new life. Come join Sr. Paula Hagen OSB, Prioress of St. Paul's Monastery, for a taste of Benedictine prayer that will sustain your spirit and help you be present to all the beauty and joy that summer-life holds for you and yours. [Register online](#)



### **Annual Legacy Society on Sunday, May 22**

The Sisters invite members of the Legacy Society and guests to join them for Mass at 11:00 a.m. followed by brunch.

Afterwards Sister Mary White will present on "A Richness of Mercy:

50 Years of Ministry with the Poor and Marginalized." For more information contact Thekla Rura-Polley on 651-777-6850. To RSVP call 651-777-8181 by May 13.

### **Upcoming Monastery Events**

1. **Wednesday, May 4th - Volunteer Appreciation - Evening Praise & Dinner - 5 pm**
2. **(BC) Thursday, May 5th - Waiting for a New Call (Sam Rahberg) 9 am - 1 pm**
3. **(BC) Tuesday, May 10th - Come, Spirit, Come (Sr. Paula Hagen) -7 - 9 pm**  
(See above description)
4. **(BC) Friday, May 13th - Fly-fishing Retreat (Sam Rahberg)**
5. **Saturday, May 14th- Final Oblation - 5 pm**
6. **Sunday, May 22nd - Legacy Society Gathering - 11 am**
7. **(BC) Pilgrimage to South Korea - May 23 - June 2**

(BC - Benedictine Center Events - go to [Monastery website](#) or call 651-777-7251)

***Blessing for Mothers***



***Mothering God, you love us and care for us in all our needs. We give you thanks for our mothers and for all women in our lives who love us and care for us like mothers. We pray that you will bless them in all that they need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

***Happy Mother's Day!***

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