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Adventus Domini - THE COMING OF THE LORD

By Sister Judine Mayerle

Advent arrives autumn late in a great change of season, when days grow short and dark comes early. Advent arrives Old Testament bold, the Prophet Isaiah's words spilling through the centuries. "*Ecce Dominus venit!* Behold, the Lord shall come!" Our swords shall be beaten into plowshares, our spears into pruning hooks. Our valleys shall be filled, our mountains leveled. The blind shall see, the lame shall walk. And a little Child shall lead us.

Advent arrives early in a new Church year, giving us glimpses through Matthew's Gospel of the God who has come to save us. We drop our fishing nets with Andrew and Simon, James and John when our Lord calls us at the Sea of Galilee. We travel with John the Baptist through the harsh Judean desert, sit with him in prison, wonder if Jesus is the one who is to come or should we look for another. We feed the hungry crowds with several fish and seven loaves, are sent out with the twelve disciples to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. We hear the Archangel Gabriel assure a young Jewish woman that nothing is impossible for God, then hasten with Mary through the hill country of Judea to the house of Zechariah to visit Elizabeth.

During the final week of Advent our quiet longing for the Savior turns to urgent anticipation as we sing the "O Antiphons," the seven titles for the Messiah proclaimed by the Old Testament prophets. The "O Antiphons," believed to have been composed by Benedictine monks during the Middle Ages, today are sung during the Liturgy of the Hours at Evening Prayer (Vespers) before the "Magnificat," Mary's response to the Archangel Gabriel. They are also used as the Alleluia verse preceding the Gospel during the Eucharistic celebrations of the last week of Advent. The antiphons comprise the seven stanzas of the familiar hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," with each verse based on one of the messianic titles of God. The first letter of each title, taken in reverse order, forms the Latin words *ero cras*, meaning, "Tomorrow I will come."

Soon we will kneel in the straw with the shepherds, mount our camels to bring Him gifts, weep with Rachel for her children lost, bless the Child with Simeon, saying "Lord, now let your servant go in peace, your word has been fulfilled." For now, Advent is the Wind caught in a puddle briefly, its ripples gently carrying us to Bethlehem.

The "O" Antiphons

O Sapientia (Dec. 17) "O Wisdom, who came forth from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from beginning to end and ordering all things mightily and sweetly: come, and teach us the way of prudence."

O Adonai (Dec. 18) "O Lord and Ruler of the House of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the law on Sinai: come, and with Your outstretched arm, redeem us."

O Radix Jesse (Dec. 19) "O Root of Jesse, who stands for an ensign of the people, before whom kings shall keep silence and to whom the gentiles shall make their supplication: come, deliver us and tarry not."

O Clavis David (Dec. 20) "O Key of David and Sceptre of the House of Israel, who opens and no man shuts; who shuts and no man opens: come, and bring forth from prison the captive that sits in darkness and in the shadow of death."

O Oriens (Dec. 21) "O Dayspring, Brightness of the Light eternal and Sun of Justice: come, and enlighten them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death."

O Rex Gentium (Dec. 22) "O King of all the nations and their Desired One, Cornerstone that makes both one: come, and deliver us whom You formed out of the dust of the earth."

O Emmanuel (Dec. 23) "O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the desired of the nations and their Savior: come to save us, O Lord our God."





A Letter from the Prioress

Dear Friends,

Advent, our New Year. Advent, a time of beginning and dreaming, a time to reflect on the visions of the prophets, a time to reflect on peace.

For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful. (Isaiah 9:6)

Advent, a season to take courage, a season pregnant with hope for new life and for peace. Advent, a time to stay spiritually awake as we reflect on the message of the prophets that a Messiah will come, bringing peace and love to the world.

The visions of the prophet Isaiah for peace are brought to us frequently during Advent in our readings at Mass. Isaiah writes of a peaceable kingdom, presenting a picture of idyllic harmony, a symbol of universal peace and justice.

Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. (Isaiah 11:6-8)

Isaiah's vision of a peaceable kingdom stirs us further as he speaks of swords and plowshares:

He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord! (Isaiah 2:4-5)

In Psalm Seventy-two we read of the kingdom of the Messiah and the justice and peace to come:

The mountains shall yield peace for the people, and the hills justice. He shall defend the afflicted among the people, save the children of the poor, and crush the oppressor. May he endure as long as the sun, and like the moon through all generations. He shall be like rain coming down on the meadows, like showers watering the earth. Justice shall flourish in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. (Psalms 72:3-7)

The Scriptures fill us with hope for peace in the world. Advent is a season of expectation as we await the fulfillment of God's promise to bring a savior, a prince of peace. We rejoice as Luke describes, "There was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in high heaven, peace on earth to those on whom his favor rests.'" (Luke 2:13-14).

The voices of the Old and New Testament push and pull us to listen, to hear of the paths to peace, of the possibility of peace. The prophets were sent to be prophets of peace. Down through the ages the apostles were sent on the mission of peace. Jesus said to the apostles, "I leave you peace, my peace I give to you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

Today, you and I are sent. We are the voices of the present, the bearers of hope, the prophets of peace. We can be powerful voices of peace through prayer and action. Enclosed in this *Pathways* is a pamphlet – **Prayers for a Peaceful World**. With Benedictines throughout the country we are distributing thousands of these pamphlets. If millions of people throughout the world would pray daily for peace, what a difference it could make. We join other Benedictines throughout our nation in praying these prayers of many religious faiths to bring about peace in our hearts and peace in the world. We invite you to join us.

May we all live in peace, work for peace and pray for peace every day in every possible way. May the fullness of peace be with all of you.

Sister Kathleen Hofer

Sister Kathleen Hofer
Advent 2004

O come, O come, Emmanuel And ransom captive Israel

Her Students are the Apple of God's Eye

By Rita Rosenberger

"When I get to Heaven, God's going to ask me to take minutes and coordinate stuff in 3-ring binders!" says Sister Helen Giesen as she works in her tiny office at St. Mary's Catholic School in Pine City, Minnesota. Her office is filled with information, papers, folders, and posters. Taped to a wall are samples of student art addressed "To the best principal." Sister Helen has dozens of apple-themed decorations in her office; indeed, it is easy to understand her motto for children: "You are the apple of God's eye!"

St. Mary's Catholic School opened in 1957 and was staffed by the Benedictine Sisters of Duluth until the 70's. Sister Helen, the principal, is the only Duluth Sister still serving in Pine City. The school serves children from preschool through 6th grade. The total enrollment this year is 81 students, which is up 17 from last year. "Our kids do really well!" says Sister Helen. She says she always looks to see her former pupils' names on the Pine City High School honor roll. If their names aren't on it, "Then I get after them," she says. Given strong support from parents, good students, and a respectful attitude, discipline is never a major issue at St. Mary's.

"Religious education is my true love," says Sister Helen. And it's no surprise that she became a teacher and principal—it's in her blood. Her sister teaches at Holy Angels Academy in the Twin Cities, and her twin brother is a principal in neighboring Sandstone, Minnesota. Sister Helen claims, "I'm a real promoter of keeping the Catholic traditions alive." Together with the Faith Formation Team, she tries to emphasize Catholic rituals at school and then encourages students to bring them home. For example, every room in the school has a crucifix. Students learn to pray and to participate in the living rosary, the May crowning, and much more.

Sister Helen and faculty give a lot of credit to Fr. Michael Lyons, the pastor at Immaculate Conception. In his 13 years serving in Pine City, he has demonstrated vision, enthusiasm, and a great talent for fundraising. He has initiated a plan to expand the church and the school in the coming years; the blueprints are posted on the wall for all to see. St. Mary's still has fundraisers every month to help cover basic operations.

The statement "We don't charge tuition any more" may seem startling, but it is a true statement in Pine City, thanks to the strong support of Fr. Lyons and the professional expertise of a consultant. Sister Helen is proud to describe how the "Good Faith Plan" has replaced tuition bills. Families prayerfully consider what they are able to contribute financially to the school each year. They pledge to pay what they can reasonably afford, sign the form, and submit it to the school. "That is faith," states Sister Helen.

Sister Helen grew up in a family of five children; she is the fourth, and her twin is the third. She joined the Duluth Benedictine community in 1963 and started teaching elementary school in 1967. Fifth grade was her specialty, but she has taught every grade. While her main subject was religion, she frequently taught whatever subject was needed at the time. Even in her current role as principal, she will often teach classes for a day if a substitute is unavailable. She truly enjoys getting into the classroom and connecting with the children.

Sister Helen is very close to her family and enjoys spending time with her 13 nieces and nephews, seven grand nieces, and one grand nephew. She loves to read (of course!); she is currently reading about Abraham Lincoln. She sums up her career in education as "touching the hearts and minds of children. They are the closest I can get to God while on this earth." And it shows.



Sister Helen Giesen with a few of her "apples" at St. Mary's: first graders Korrina Decker, Brody Fischer, and Jessica Brytowski; third grader Karissa Tricas; and fourth grader Adam Martin

Photo by Rita Rosenberger

O come, thou wisdom from on high, And order all things far and nigh

Highlights

“FRIENDS ACROSS CAMPUS” GETS A NEW NAME



Photos by Sister Edith Bogue

Sisters and students visited during a recent *Benedictine Friends* gathering at the Monastery. Benedictine Friends originated in the 1990s as “Friends Across Campus,” a program that encourages students and Sisters to interact on a personal level. It provides a “close up” of monastic life to students as well as an opportunity to form lasting relationships with their “Sister Friend.” The College of St. Scholastica’s campus minister Molly Weyrens and Director of Mission Integration Sister Mary Rochefort coordinate the program with the assistance of student coordinators Tarrah Altman and Ali Bailey. *Benedictine Friends* meets as a group several times each year. In addition, students meet with individual Sisters as their studies and work allow.

VATICAN COMES TO DULUTH

By Sister Armella Oblak

There was a two-fold mission for the three-day exhibit of the largest privately-owned collection of papal manuscripts in North America: to educate the public on the rich history of the Vatican by sharing the religious artifacts, and to support the future of Catholic education by donating the proceeds to our seminarians and Catholic schools within the Diocese of Duluth. The 2000+ visitors to the exhibit relived history through this private collection belonging to Reverend Richard Kunst, a priest of our Diocese.

Eight hundred Catholic school children and one hundred religious education and home-schooled children attended a film on the Vatican at Mitchell Auditorium and the exhibit in Somers Hall on the St. Scholastica Campus. The children were attracted to the Vatican Police Uniform and the Swiss Guard, but they could relate to Blessed Mother Teresa and St. John Bosco as well. Many attendees were fascinated by the quality of the historical items—some dating back to 1200.

Sisters of the Monastery, staff of the College, and many others who volunteered as tour guides also learned first-hand from Father Kunst many historical details as he prepared them for their roles.



Photo by Sister Edith Bogue

Sister Maria Volk (left) and Sister Gothard Nyoni in front of Vatican exhibit manikin with Swiss Guard uniform.

O come, thou holy Lord of might, Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height

SACRED HEART CONVENT TO BE NOMINATED FOR NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

By Sister Margaret James Laughlin

Sister Agnes Alich, Sister Almira Randall, Sister Margaret James Laughlin, Sister Mary Henry Landsteiner, Sister Mary Jean Tuttle, Sister Ramona Ewen, Sister Rebecca Burggraff, and Sister Timothy Kirby recently met with Carmen Tschofen, an historian contracted by the Women's Transitional Housing Coalition of Duluth, who is seeking information related to the former Sacred Heart Convent/Chrisitan Brothers Home, located at 315 North 2nd Avenue West. Her task is to prepare a nomination for its inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Between 1978, when the Sisters closed the convent, until the recent purchase of the building by the Coalition, it had been used both for family and group housing, and some interior changes had been made.

Sister Mary Henry described the interior as it was when the first group of Sisters moved in in the summer of 1942, and Sister Almira could vouch for its appearance in 1978 when the last group of Sisters moved out. All of the Sisters thoroughly enjoyed sharing their recollections of the happy days between those two years, especially the peak years when the Sisters were responsible for up to a thousand students daily. Overall, the discussion undoubtedly provided Carmen with more material than she needed.

(The Women's Transitional Housing Coalition plans to use the building for its housing needs and will rename it "Alicia's Place," in honor of +Sister Alicia Panger and her ministry to Central Hillside residents from 1968 to 1986.)

SISTER PARACLETA EZEMA

By Sister Armella Oblak

On October 18 we welcomed Sister Paracleta Ezema to our Monastery. Sister will be living with us while she attends The College of St. Scholastica to get a degree in psychology. Sister Paracleta is one of nine children. She was born in Orba Naukka, Enugu State, Nigeria, and her mother and some of her siblings still live there. In 1989 Sister became an aspirant with the Holy Family of the Needy in Imo-State, Nigeria. She made her final profession of vows in 2000 in Rome, where her community has a mission. While in Rome, Sister completed requirements for a bachelors of arts degree in philosophy at the Pontifical Salesian University. Sister Paracleta said that her transition to the United States was not as difficult as it was to Italy since her community has a mission in Lincoln, Nebraska. Sister has received certification as a nursing assistant and works at the Benedictine Health Center. When classes start for her in January, she hopes to continue working there part-time.



Sister Paracleta Ezema

Photo by Sister Joyce Fournier

COREY

Corey, a young golden retriever, is a new resident at the Benedictine Health Center. She was trained and donated by JoAnn Fairbanks of Harbor City Kennels to live and interact with the residents of and visitors to the BHC. Sister Mary Richard Boo was instrumental in arranging for Corey's new home. She worked with BHC and The College of St. Scholastica staff in planning for training, housing, and student dog-walking. Pictured here, Corey visits Sister Estelle Panger on Benet Hall at the Monastery. Standing is Karen Humes, Benet Hall home health aide.



Photo by Sister Joyce Fournier

O come, thou rod of Jesse's stem, From ev'ry foe deliver them

FALL RECEPTION AT THE MONASTERY

By Vicky Siders

Sunday afternoon, October 3, some 150 Monastery friends, donors, and volunteers gathered in Rockhurst Dining Room for refreshments and then toured the Monastery. Sister Kathleen Hofer greeted the attendees, thanking them for their faithful prayers and other ways of supporting the Monastery and its ministries. *Photos by Sister Edith Bogue and Rita Rosenberger.*



From left to right: Sister Claudia Riehl, Sister Agatha Riehl, Charles Seashore, Sister Kathleen Hofer, Dolores Seashore



Dotty and Dr. Vernon Harrington visit with Sister Armella Oblak (center)



Sister Agnes Fleck (left) and Laura and Alison Perry



Ellie Ostrowski and Sister Beverly Horn (right)



Left to right: Margaret Lunka, Margaret Gornik, Alice Cossalter, Sister Andrine Kvaternik, Sharon Bollig, Anne Kvaternik, Sister Petra Lenta



Steve and Adele Yorde and Sister Kathleen (right)



Sister Jeanne Marie Lortie and Robin Tellor



Left to right: Sister Benet Robertson, Mary Deutsch, and Jan Wieveg



Left to right: Tory Bobence, Ann Carlson, and Sister Cabrini Beauvais



Mary and Donna Schneider with Sister Valentina Pilla



Midge Kumsha (left) visits with Sister Mary Catherine Shambour and Sister Mary Odile Cahoon



Sister Timothy Kirby (center) with Michael Ann and Ronald Mortaloni



Left to right: Sister Mary Martin Beringer, Mick Levinski, Sister Luella Wegscheid, Kathy Levinski

CATHOLIC STUDIES PROGRAM

By Sister Mary Richard Boo



Photo by Rita Rosenberger
Father William Graham and students

The future looks exciting for the Catholic Studies Program now burgeoning at The College of St. Scholastica. Program chairperson Father William Graham anticipates a department of theology and religious studies that will have a three-fold goal: to prepare students to reflect critically on issues of faith, morality, religion, and theology either as majors or in conjunction with other studies; to serve the specific mission of The College of St. Scholastica and its Benedictine heritage; and to be an invaluable resource for the College in maintaining and celebrating its Roman Catholic identity.

How are students responding? Sophomore Janelle Gapp states her reaction: "I'm learning a lot: the class I'm taking challenges me. The whole course takes a scholarly approach, and we're thinking and questioning. This is a good program to have in a Catholic college." Josh Gosar, a junior, feels much the same way. He considers the class he's currently taking "one of the best and most intellectually demanding classes I've had at the College. And because of our class discussion, the students themselves become just as much teachers as students."

Course offerings invite students to consider the questions that confront all people in every age and culture: e.g., questions of the existence of God, the meaning of life, and the relationship of persons one to another and to God. In addition, there are opportunities for study abroad, service learning, preparation for advanced study, and improvement of communication skills.

Father Graham sums up the years ahead in one brief sentence: "We have a lot of work to do."

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY, SISTER MARY HENRY!

By Sister Grace Marie Braun



Photo by Sister Joyce Fournier
Sister Mary Henry Landsteiner

"October is a beautiful month," Sister Mary Henry Landsteiner says of the month in which she was born ninety years ago, "because autumn is a second spring when the leaves imitate the flowers."

Sister Mary Henry was born to Henry and Anna (Buchel) Landsteiner

on October 13, 1914, in Fairfax, Minnesota, the first of seven children. Her father was a sheet metal worker, a trombone player, she remembers, "quiet, active in the church." Her mother, also active in the church, "was the disciplinarian" who "assigned household duties to each child." Sister Mary Henry, baptized Henrietta, has fond memories of her childhood, including roller skating, swimming, frequent picnics in the summer, making fudge and playing "500" in the winter, a game she still enjoys.

When the family moved to New Ulm, Henrietta attended grade school at Holy Trinity where only German was spoken. But when the Landsteiners later moved to Minneapolis, Henrietta could not attend school for a year until she learned English. Her first contact with the Duluth Benedictines was at St. Bridget's School in Minneapolis. She thought about entering the convent but wanted to wait until she finished high school. However, during her junior year at North High School, Henrietta transferred to Villa Sancta Scholastica high school in Duluth as an "aspirant" and after graduation entered St. Scholastica Monastery. Her sister Angie entered the Monastery three years later and was known as Sister Annabelle. Sister Annabelle died in 1993.

Sister Mary Henry majored in education and political science at The College of St. Scholastica. She also attended State Teacher's College in Duluth and the Athenaeum of Ohio in Cincinnati. She taught in elementary schools for 53 years in Brainerd, Duluth, Grand Rapids, Minneapolis, Cincinnati, and Hibbing, where she also served as school principal. Sister Mary Henry returned to the Monastery in 1987 to begin a new ministry of helping to care for infirm Sisters on Benet Hall.

Happy 90th Birthday, Sister Mary Henry! May your life continue to be filled with blessings!



O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer Our spirits by thine advent here

In Loving Memory

Sister Margaret (C'Rene) Hunter, OSB, 77, of St. Scholastica Monastery, died September 19, 2004, in Benet Hall at the Monastery. She was born in Superior, Wisconsin, on May 11, 1927, and graduated from Superior East High School. She was in the 54th year of her monastic profession.



In a short autobiographical sketch in a 1993 issue of *Pathways*, Sister Margaret revealed that, while in high school, she considered both religious life and a nursing career. Since her mother was of a strong Lutheran background and her father of equally strong Catholic heritage, she admitted this was difficult, but she added jokingly, "My only sibling, however, was delighted to have me leave for 'any place' in order to have a bedroom to herself." At Sister Margaret's wake service, several people commented on this sense of humor.

Sister Margaret received her nursing education from St. Mary's School of Nursing in Duluth, where her exposure to the Sisters strengthened her resolve to fulfill her dream to be a Benedictine Sister. She entered the Duluth Benedictines in 1948, professing her monastic vows in 1950. Sister Margaret graduated in 1949 from the three-year nursing program and received a bachelor of science degree from The College of St. Scholastica in 1952. Her nursing career began in 1950 when she was the school nurse for The College of St. Scholastica. In the *Pathways* article she expressed amazement at the advances of health care over the years—e.g., the new wonder drug penicillin—and gratitude for the present-day conveniences.

As a nurse, Sister Margaret had a wealth of experience in many fields: pediatric head nurse at St. Mary's Hospital, Duluth; medical/surgical and obstetric supervisor at St. Joseph's Medical Center, Brainerd; school nurse at St. Gertrude's School, Washington, D.C.; and nursing supervisor at Cuyuna Range District Hospital in Crosby and at Hibbing General Hospital. In 1973 she returned to Duluth and worked as staff nurse in the post-coronary care unit of St. Mary's Medical Center. In 1975 she was back at St. Joseph's Medical Center, Brainerd, where she was staff nurse of the intensive coronary care unit, head nurse and manager of medical/surgical unit, and medical surgical clinical assistant. Finally, she returned to St. Scholastica Monastery in 1987 where she served her Sisters as a registered nurse on Benet Hall.

Sister Margaret was preceded in death by her parents George and Myrtle (Hanson) Hunter. She is survived by the Sisters of St. Scholastica Monastery and one sister, Nancy Hannan of Tucson, Arizona, as well as three nieces and three nephews.

Sister Ardell (Eucharista) Dalbec, OSB, 90, St. Scholastica Monastery, died Monday, September 20, 2004, in Benet Hall at the Monastery. She entered the Duluth Benedictine community in 1931 and professed monastic vows in 1933. She was in the 71st year of her monastic profession.



Sister Ardell was born in Hibbing, Minnesota, on January 9, 1914. Although she had seven brothers and sisters, only two lived beyond infancy: a brother, Albert, and a half-brother, Philip. As the only girl to survive, she was much loved by her family and enjoyed a happy childhood. In an autobiography which details her life from birth until she entered the community, she remembers her father as a "handyman who could do anything," and her mother rocking her to sleep while singing a little French song. Her love of music continued all her life—from singing in an operetta ("which won 'rave reviews' for quality performance") at five and one-half years to playing instruments (violin, cello) and directing school choirs. From 1971 to 1981 she was director of liturgy and the Sisters' schola at the Monastery.

Sister Ardell received her high school education at Villa St. Scholastica, Duluth, and a bachelor of arts degree in 1939 from The College of St. Scholastica with a major in Latin and minors in music and French. She earned a masters degree in educational psychology in 1966 from the University of Minnesota. She spent her entire teaching career in Duluth, beginning with teaching Latin and French in 1933 at Villa St. Scholastica High School (Stanbrook Hall). In 1941 she was assigned to teach at the Girls' Cathedral and in 1947 at Cathedral Senior High. In 1955 she returned to Stanbrook Hall and also was appointed subprioress of the Monastery. In 1965 she began a 20-year career at The College of St. Scholastica in the psychology department. She chaired this department from 1967 to 1973, and after retiring from the department in 1985 served as coordinator of teaching improvement for the College.

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night And death's dark shadow put to flight

Sister Ardell was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Anna (Sharon) Dalbec, and all her siblings. Besides the Sisters of St. Scholastica Monastery, she is survived by a sister-in-law Lucille (Hayes) Dalbec, a nephew Ronald Albert Dalbec, a grandniece Beth Ardell Heffren, a grandnephew R. Scott Dalbec, and other relatives and many friends.



Sister Clement (Rose) Fried, OSB, of St. Scholastica Monastery, died Thursday, September 23, 2004, twenty-six days short of her 102nd birthday, in Benet Hall at the Monastery. She entered the Duluth Benedictines in 1921 and professed her monastic vows in 1923. She was in the 81st year of her monastic profession.

Sister Clement was born in Mandan, North Dakota, October 20, 1902, one of thirteen children born to Russian immigrants Jacob and Eva (Amann) Fried. She lived in Mandan and attended school there until coming to Duluth in 1921 where she later earned a teacher's certificate from the former Duluth Normal School and took courses at The College of St. Scholastica. On November 8, 1921, she entered the Duluth Benedictines as a postulant, and on July 8, 1922, she was received into the novitiate. Sister professed monastic vows November 11, 1923, made her final commitment November 11, 1926, and observed her 80th anniversary of monastic profession August 15, 2003.

In 1923 Sister Clement's first assignment was that of housemother at St. James Orphanage (later St. James Children's Home), Duluth. This was followed by teaching assignments in a number of elementary schools: Our Lady of Sacred Heart, Cloquet; Cathedral Grade School, Duluth; Assumption, Hibbing; St. Bridget's, Minneapolis; St. Margaret Mary, Duluth; Marquette School, Virginia; St. Rose, Proctor; St. Joseph's, Grand Rapids. She also served as principal and house superior at St. Anthony's, Duluth, and Maryhill Academy, Aitkin. Her only out-of-state teaching assignment was at St. Timothy's School in Chicago, Illinois. In 1969 she began working as a part-time patient activities director/visitor at the Red Lake Hospital on the Red Lake Indian Reservation in Minnesota. This was one of her favorite assignments, for she cared for the children there and taught them how to read. Four years later she retired to St. Mary's Convent, Duluth, where she remained until returning to the Monastery in 1981.

Sister Clement took great interest in and had great love for her students. She credited her own meticulous class preparation to the fact that she always looked forward to Mondays!

Sister had an endless stockpile of jokes, which she shared with her students and the Sisters. Her cheerfulness did not diminish when blindness struck her in 1988. She continued to crochet afghans "by touch" and to write letters, using a guide and a heavy pen. An avid reader, she was grateful for books on tapes. She was a kind and gentle woman—a woman of deep faith who treasured her religious vocation.

Sister Clement was preceded in death by her parents, Jacob and Eva, three sisters—Sister Lucilda Fried, Odelia Weber, Clementine Regner—and two brothers, Ralph and Joseph. In addition to the Sisters of St. Scholastica Monastery, she is survived by one brother Peter (Margaret) of Mandan, North Dakota; one sister, Sister Ralphine of Bismark, North Dakota; a sister-in-law Ida Fried of Mandan, North Dakota; and many other relatives and friends

Sister Mary (formerly Sister Hermina) Skule, OSB, of St. Scholastica Monastery, died Saturday, October 23, 2004, in Benet Hall at the Monastery. She entered



the Duluth Benedictine community in 1933 and professed monastic vows in 1935. She was in the 69th year of her monastic profession. Sister Mary was born on April 20, 1914, in Eveleth, Minnesota, and received her high school education there, graduating in 1932. She received a bachelor of science degree from The College of St.

Scholastica in 1961 and a masters in remedial and developmental reading from St. Thomas University, St. Paul, in 1965. For forty-two years Sister Mary taught primary grades in the Diocese of Duluth at Hibbing, International Falls, Wayzata, Brainerd, and Duluth. She also taught in Chicago, Illinois.

In 1979 Sister Mary was part of a new foundation in Worcester, Massachusetts, where she continued her teaching ministry. In 1992 she professed vows in this foundation. However, she returned to St. Scholastica Monastery in May 2000 and was re-admitted to the community September 8, 2000.

On her 90th birthday, reflecting on her life, Sister Mary credited her mother with her desire to serve the Church. At Sister's wake, it was noted that she was witty, had the heart of a child, and that she was much loved by her students. It was recalled that one of her students said her name should not be Sister "Hermina," but Sister "Hernicea." Sister Joan, who was the librarian of the College in the 1950's, remembered Sister's coming during summer vacation and asking if she could help her with any typing. Her offer was gladly accepted and greatly appreciated because she was an excellent typist.

O come, O come, Emmanuel And ransom captive Israel

In Loving Memory

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Sister Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Katherine (Anzell), one brother, Frank, and three sisters, Molly Kvaternik, Josephine Rosati and Agnes Jones. In one of those surprising incidents God offers us periodically in life, Sister Mary died the same day her sister Josephine was buried. Besides the Sisters of St. Scholastica Monastery, Sister Mary is survived by many nieces and nephews.

Sister Sylvia (Cyril) Tushar, OSB, 92, of St. Scholastica Monastery, died Thursday, October 28, 2004, in Benet Hall at the Monastery. She entered the Duluth Benedictine community in 1930 and professed monastic vows in 1932, celebrating her Silver Jubilee in 1957, her Golden in 1982 and Diamond Jubilees in 1992 and in 2002. She was in the 72nd year of her monastic profession.



Sister Sylvia was born December 22, 1911, in Yugoslavia. She began her ministry in religious life doing housekeeping at the Monastery and continued these duties later in the Duluth diocesan convents of Sts. Peter and Paul, St. Clement, and St. James, Duluth; St. Thomas Aquinas, International Falls; and Our Lady of Lourdes, Virginia. She supervised the dining rooms at The College of St. Scholastica, and at the Monastery she provided service for the chaplains, worked in the bake room and as seamstress in the sewing room.

Because of her devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, a highlight in Sister Sylvia's life was the Marian pilgrimage she made to Fatima April 11-25, 1988. Her gifts as a seamstress were mentioned by several Sisters at her wake. One of them remembered that Sister had outfitted their whole group with white dresses when they became novices. Another Sister said that Sister Sylvia regularly contributed items for sale in the Monastery gift shop when it was opened in 1988. She continued this practice for ten years. In addition to sewing aprons, nightgowns and other items, her specialty was making wardrobe outfits for Barbie Dolls. These included dresses, suits, bridal outfits, formal and casual clothing and night wear. She would box eight of these items to be sold as a unit. These gift items proved to be among the most popular in the gift shop.

Sister Sylvia was preceded in death by her parents Frank and Gertrude (Yerasha), four brothers, John, Paul, William, and Frank, two sisters, Mary Pirjevec and Gertrude Zakrajsek. In addition to the Sisters of St. Scholastica Monastery, she is survived by two sisters, Dolores Schweiger (Gilbert, Minnesota) and Sister Barbara Ann Tushar (Duluth); a sister-in-law, Julie Tushar; and many nephews and nieces.

PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING DECEASED RELATIVES AND/OR BENEFACTORS:

Charles D. Hathaway 10/2003
Doris T. Mrozek 2/2004
John J. Hallinan 7/24/04
Gertrude Zakrajsek 9/16/04
Sr. Barbara Ann Tushar's sister
Margaret "Peggy" Flatley 9/18/04
+Sr. Mary Daniel O'Neill's sister
Raymond Grefenberg 9/19/04
Eileen McDermott 9/21/04
+Sr. Mary Horgan's sister
August Dooper 9/21/04
Sr. Magdalen Dooper's brother
William Cheslak, Sr. 9/28/04
+Sr. Ann Marie Cheslak's brother
Dennis Goblirsch 9/20/04
Sr. Bertille Goblirsch's brother
Edwin L. Korkki, Sr. 10/12/04
Alfred Hartley 10/15/04
Josephine Rosati 10/20/04
+Sr. Mary Skule's sister
Marcella Belpedio 10/30/04
Sr. Cecile LaForest's sister
Margaret Dixon 11/07/04
Frances Klimek 11/08/04
Mary Ann Bartzen 11/10/04
Mary Lou Stangl Stehlin 11/10/04
Susan Meyer 11/14/04

O come, thou wisdom from on high, And order all things far and nigh

REV. JOHN WHITNEY EVANS VOCATION FUND

Sisters of St. Scholastica Monastery knew Rev. John Whitney Evans (1932-2002) as a student, fellow teacher, priest, and friend. Father Evans, affectionately called "Whit," graduated from Cathedral High School in Duluth, was ordained in 1957 at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Duluth, and received his Ph.D. in history from the University of Minnesota. Father Evans taught at Cathedral High School and later, beginning in 1973, at The College of St. Scholastica while also serving at St. John's Church, Duluth; St. Joseph's Church, Gnesen; and at McCabe Renewal Center. After his retirement from the College in 1998, he served as archivist for both the Diocese of Duluth and The College of St. Scholastica.

Before his death in 2002, Father Evans planned to create a fund to financially assist men and women who choose to pursue a vocation to either the priesthood or religious life. As a memorial to Father Evans, the Knights of Columbus, assisted by the Bishop and the Sisters of St. Scholastica Monastery, are now going forward with Father Evans' plan to support women and men in religious vocation programs. Indeed, young people may be reluctant to follow their vocation because of

financial concerns. Initially, when they leave the world of work, they are often responsible for their own health care, personal expenses, or education.

Memorials to the Evans' Fund will be gifts of \$100 given in memory of loved ones the donor wishes to honor, and the contributions will be used by the Knights of Columbus, the Sisters, and the Diocese to support vocation expenses. The memorial is located at St. Scholastica Monastery and will be administered by the Sisters of St. Scholastica. If you wish to contribute to the Rev. John Whitney Evans Vocation Fund, please contact Vicky Siders in the Development Office at St. Scholastica Monastery at 218-723-6540 or vsiders@aol.com. Checks should be made to St. Scholastica Monastery.



Photo by Sister Joyce Fournier

Members of the Knights of Columbus, donors, Sister Kathleen Hofer, and Bishop Dennis Schnurr in front of the Father John Whitney Evans Vocation Memorial Wall at the Monastery. From left to right: Fred Olsen, Franna Pampy, Bishop Dennis Schnurr, Anne Tarnowski, Tom Dawson, Father Richard Partika, and Sister Kathleen Hofer.

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