Dear Friends of the Monastery,

Earthquakes, tsunami, blizzards, flooding, tornadoes, volcanic eruptions! All of these made the news this past year. Oil and food prices skyrocketed while the economy fizzled. And yet hundreds of thousands of people maintained their gifts to charitable causes over the past twelve months. How blessed we are that our ministries merit your support when we know that times are basically tough.

This past year over 1,300 gifts to the Monastery and to McCabe Renewal Center have totaled $222,717. There were 189 first-time donors. In addition, volunteers contributed 2,634 hours of service, assisting us in so many necessary tasks. Others have given material goods such as walkers and medical supplies. And nearly all of you tell us that you also pray for us, a wonderful blessing.

We have celebrated milestones this past year: a new Affiliate, a new Novice, and two women who have made their First Monastic Profession. Sister Dorene King made her Perpetual Profession in August, 2010. We are thankful for these vocations to our Community and for your prayers in support of them.

The Annual Report this year is dedicated to our Benedictine values and how the vision they embody continues to sustain us in our 21st century lives. Sister Margaret Clarke has paraphrased eight of these values that are important to Benedictines and, perhaps, to all members of a civilization: Dignity of Work, Love of Learning, Moderation, Hospitality, Stewardship, Prayer, Care for the Sick, and Communal Life.

We thank you for the many ways you have shared in our life of prayer and in our ministry of building the Reign of God. May we continue to proclaim with our lives the enduring Good News that God envelops us and all creation in a love that is beyond imagining, amidst all that is chaotic and heartbreaking, yet full of promise and new life.

Lovingly yours in Christ with deep gratitude and prayer,

Sister Lois Eckes
Prioress

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I remember standing on the front steps of Stanbrook Hall on the night of my graduation, full of emotion and excitement and thinking, “Our whole life is ahead of us now!” Well, lo and behold that life flew by and I’m looking at the last quarter of it already! And what a ride it has been.

I was trained by the Benedictine Sisters from grade school through college and got the best education from them you could ever receive. After graduating with a B.A. in Elementary Education I taught in the intermediate grades at St. Margaret Mary and St. Lawrence in Duluth, St. Joseph in Crosby, Our Lady of Victory in Minneapolis, and was principal and taught at St. Thomas in International Falls.

Shortly after that I worked as Administrative Secretary in the Humanities at The College of St. Scholastica and established long-lasting relationships with the wonderful professors there during what I term the “Golden Years” of that department. During those years in the summer I attended Seattle University and received my master’s degree in Pastoral Ministry. My first assignment in this field was at St. Leo’s in Hibbing where I worked as a pastoral minister for 11 rewarding years. Then it was back to the Monastery to be the House Director for 5 years. When that venture was over I returned to my beloved pastoral ministry at Resurrection parish in Eveleth for another enriching 5+ years.

After retiring from Pastoral Ministry I took the job as receptionist at Westwood Senior Apartments on the Monastery Campus and again met some wonderful people to serve in many capacities. My heart is always with the incredible children, parishioners, and fellow workers that I have met over these 50 years, and I keep them in my prayers.

Is life in the convent glorious? Not always! When we take our vows, we could add the words “for better or for worse” equally as much as married people do. Fidelity is the word to live by for all of us, no matter to which vocation we’ve been called, even when it hurts.

But I learned that the key for all of us is to trust God through the hard times and remain faithful to what you promised. The result is that you come out the other end stronger than you thought you ever could, with a renewed love for your vocation. I am so grateful for everything I was challenged to do in the convent by my superiors, my Benedictine Community, the priests I worked for, and the many other supervisors I have had in other fields.

I praise God for giving me this marvelous vocation and I thank my Novice Director, +Sister Rosaria Liedl, for the wise advice she gave us many decades ago, and that was to always “pray at the Consecration of the Mass for the grace of perseverance moment by moment.” God has answered my prayer and I am blessed!
Sister Margaret (Frances Joseph) Clarke (50 years)

I was born in San Jose, California, on June 19, 1938. Because my dad was a career Marine, we moved around quite a bit, up and down the west coast. After graduating from high school in Hawaii, I went to Gonzaga University, where I majored in chemistry. I had always been attracted to Catholicism, and in my freshman year was received into the Catholic church on February 9, 1957. Very shortly after that, I began considering religious life. My criteria for an acceptable community were that they say the Divine Office in choir, have a college, and have a not-too-outrageous habit. Alphabetically, the Benedictines were the first I came to that met these requirements; St. Scholastica won. My letter was answered by Sister Prudentia, who once she had you, never let you go, and I entered the Duluth community on September 13, 1959.

For my first mission I was assigned to Stanbrook Hall where I taught Chemistry, Physical Science, Earth Science, Geometry, Art, and Religion. I was at Stanbrook until it closed in 1967 and then spent a year teaching at the new Cathedral High School. I completed a master’s degree in chemistry during summers at Marquette University, and was then assigned to The College of St. Scholastica, where I began teaching natural science courses. From 1972 to ’75, I attended Oregon State University, where I received a Ph.D. in Physical Science with concentrations in Radiation Physics and History of Science.

During my forty years at the College I served as chair of the Physical Science Department and Division Chair of the Natural Science Division, and taught, among other things, Physics, Earth Sciences, Logic, History and Philosophy of Science, and Introduction to the Visual Arts. I also spent two terms with Sister Monica and the students at our study center in Louisburgh, Ireland, and Sister Monica and I also visited Paris, Vienna, and London.

In community, I served on several community committees, on the Monastic Council, and as parliamentarian to the Chapter. Currently I am in charge of the monastery Archives.

I have often seen the hand of Providence guiding me through what seemed at the time to be completely random events into the life that God has designed for me and am profoundly grateful for that guidance. I can’t imagine any life for which I am more suited than Benedictine community, and I hope that I have been able to contribute something worthwhile to it.
I can hardly believe that I am celebrating my Golden Jubilee. I do know that my 50 years as a Benedictine have been filled with many enriching and fulfilling experiences. My life began on a family farm in 1941 in Kenyon, Minnesota. I was the youngest of five children—three sisters and one brother. I really loved farm life even though there was lots of hard work. I especially have fond memories of our horses—both the teams for working and those for riding—for I rode horseback frequently. I do know that the sounds, sights, and the aromas of the farm crops still remain with me today.

I had attended a one-room schoolhouse until 7th grade when we had to be bused to a town school. Bethlehem Academy was the High School that I attended, which was run by the Dominican Sisters from Sinsinawa, Wisconsin.

As a senior in high school, I came with a friend to visit Duluth and especially the Monastery. I found St. Scholastica a very inviting and hospitable place. After graduating, I returned to Duluth and entered St. Scholastica Monastery. I attended classes at The College of St. Scholastica and earned my bachelor’s degree with a major in elementary education. I taught first and second grades in International Falls, Minneapolis, and Antofagasta, Chile. Being in Chile was a gift and truly a life-changing time for me. While in Chile I felt called to go into nursing, so when I returned to Duluth, I began classes in nursing and completed the registered nursing program at The College of St. Scholastica. I then began working at St. Mary’s Hospital and remained basically on the Medical Teaching Unit for almost 18 years. Following hospital work, I became a staff member at the McCabe Renewal Center where I did full-time massage and also worked outdoors keeping the grounds beautiful.

Now I am living at the Monastery doing foot care, environmental work outdoors, caring for plants and flowers indoors, and many other types of work.

I am grateful for my 50 years in this Benedictine community and for all that God has done for me and continues to do.

Sister Claudia Cherro and Sister Theresa Spinler singing the *suscipe*.

Not pictured, Sister Margaret Clarke.
Sister Charlene Schoen (75 years)
by Sister Marie Therese Poliquin

Sister Charlene Schoen loves children of all ages and colors. As a child herself she loved and cared for her two brothers and sister and her little (and big) cousins to such an extent that seventy+ years later they keep in touch and come to visit.

From Minneapolis and St. Bridget School to Villa Sancta Scholastica (class of 1932), Sister Charlene then entered the Benedictine Sisters at St. Scholastica Monastery. Following her years of formation in religious life, she embarked on her lifelong career of teaching. This career took her to eleven schools teaching grades one through eight. From St. Timothy School (Chicago) to St. Thomas School (International Falls), Assumption Hall (Hibbing), Marquette School (Virginia), St. Francis School (Brainer), Sacred Heart and St. James School (Duluth), Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (Cloquet), Holy Name (Medina) where she served as principal, St. Bridget (Minneapolis) where she served as interim principal for one year followed by 28 years of teaching, and closing her teaching career at St. Elizabeth Seton School (Our Lady of Victory) in North Minneapolis in 1996 at age 80.

Sister Charlene earned a bachelor’s degree from The College of St. Scholastica and a master’s degree in guidance and counseling from St. Thomas University in St. Paul.

During all these years she was faithful to community prayer (the Divine Office) and Eucharist, played a good hand of “500” at recreation, and visited with family and friends.

Faithful to prayer, she is grateful for God’s 95 years of continuous blessings of family, friends, students and their families.

Sister Mary Martin Beringer (70 years)
by Sister Luella Wegscheid

Sister Mary Martin Beringer was born on April 19, 1922. She appreciates her early upbringing on the family farm south of Perham, Minnesota. Her early education was in a one-room schoolhouse with all eight grades. While she attended public high school in Perham, she remembers Sister Monica Simon and Sister Prudentia Moran coming to speak to young women who were interested in attending college. Their visit influenced her to go to Duluth to enter St. Scholastica Monastery and begin her college studies.

After teaching in Duluth, Wayzata, and Chicago, she was sent to St. James Children’s Home (later renamed Woodland Hills) to be a childcare worker and group mother for senior boys. She was then appointed Director of Temporalities at the Monastery, a position she held for 19 years.

In 2001 Woodland Hills inaugurated the Beringer Guiding Light Award, honoring Sister Mary Martin for being a guiding light for so many at Woodland Hills. Sister Mary Martin greatly appreciated this honor and continues to support the organization. Due to the guidance of Richard Quigley, the current CEO of Woodland Hills, there are many workers carrying on the wonderful work there. Sister Mary Martin is grateful to have been very instrumental in hiring him twenty-five years ago.

She is grateful for God’s call to enter religious life, the opportunity to work with children for many years, the opportunity to be a part of the special and rewarding work at Woodland Hills (a ministry remaining close to her heart), and appreciative of the time she now has to devote to prayer. She is very content and happy in her religious life.
Sister Maria Volk (60 years)

I was born on our family farm March 12, 1932, near the small town of Raleigh, North Dakota. My mother died when I was 2 ½ years old, leaving a family of eight—four brothers and three sisters. Relatives held the family together until my father married again, enlarging the family to five half-sisters and three half-brothers. Adjusting to Community life with the Benedictines after high school graduation was not a major challenge.

My growing up in the country with its blooming and reseeding, the wonder of crops rising on dark soil, new calves, pigs and colts nursing, horseback riding, etc., gave me a life-long sustaining intimacy with God in creation.

Life in the Monastery brought experiences and places that I would never have ventured on my own. I taught elementary school in St. James in West Duluth, Sacred Heart in Cloquet, St. Bridget’s in Minneapolis, Marquette in Virginia, Minnesota, and Mother of Sorrows in Cincinnati while obtaining a master’s degree in education with a theology minor from Xavier University in Cincinnati.

While helping out at St. Gertrude’s School in Washington, D.C., a school for girls with developmental disabilities, I achieved a Pastoral Ministry certificate from Trinity College. Pastoral ministry led me to Holy Family Parish in Dale City, Virginia, followed by St. Thomas Parish in International Falls. An invitation to join a Diocesan team for Parish Neighborhood Renewal Programs brought us to various parishes. Pastoral associate at Immaculate Conception Parish in Becker and St. James in Aitkin concluded my ministry in parishes, which has gifted me with life-long friends.

Retirement at the Monastery blesses me with a beautiful home, enriching liturgies and prayers, deepening relationships with my Sisters, and the time to develop a hobby of pottery. Being recycled provides opportunities to be involved with CHUM (Churches United in Ministry), an organization that responds to the needs of the homeless and poor. Membership in Pax Christi Duluth enables me to address the issues of poverty, inequality, war, racism, and lack of concern for the environment, as we attempt to make both peace and justice realities in society. Times spent visiting shut-ins return to me sprinkles of the wisdom of the aged.

Jubilee is a time to reflect upon God’s faithful love and blessings with a heart filled with gratitude.

Sister Mary Odile Cahoon (60 years)

I was born in Houghton, Michigan, a great place to grow up as the youngest of four children. After graduating from Houghton High School, I attended The College of St. Scholastica for a couple of years before seeking more and entered St. Scholastica Monastery in 1949.

During the three years of temporary profession, I taught at St. Timothy’s School in Chicago. While there, I also finished my B.S. and M.S. degrees in Biology from DePaul University. After final profession in 1954 I started a career in the College, first in the biology department and then in academic administration, a career lasting until 2004 with three years out to earn a Ph.D. in Cellular Physiology from the University of Toronto in 1961.

During summers I enjoyed participating in scientific research at DePaul University and Argonne National Laboratory. It was from the latter that I accepted the offer of Dr. Mary Alice McWhinnie to be one of the two first women scientists to “winter over” in Antarctica. We studied the cold adaptation of marine life which is more abundant there than in tropical waters although the continent is barren.

While in college administration, I served for sixteen years as a consultant/evaluator for the Higher Learning Commission. Another source of satisfaction for me was the development of the Ireland Study Center in Louisburgh, County Mayo in 1979, continuing as its director for twenty-five years. This was the first study abroad program of the CSS and enables students and faculty to study in Ireland for a full term.

Having been on five of the seven continents, I jumped at the invitation to visit the sixth by participating in a Women in Science delegation, going to South Africa in 2007. I don’t expect to make it to South America, the remaining continent.

I have had the privilege of serving the Community as Treasurer for thirteen years as well as serving on six health care institutional boards in Minnesota and Idaho and the Benedictine Health System Board for twenty years.

Sixty years sounds long, but they have been wonderfully blessed, especially the years spent with my older sister, Pat, (Sister Janelle) who preceded me to CSS and to the Monastery, where she made final vows in 1950. Sister Janelle taught in the sociology department of the College for 53 years and died in 2006.
Above left: Sister Dorene King sings the suscipe at the celebration of her perpetual monastic profession, August 22, 2010. Above right: Sister Gretchen Johnston signs her First Monastic Profession document August 29, 2010, at the altar.

Left: Sister Mary Carla Flood receives the Community pin from Prioress Lois Eckes during her First Monastic Profession ceremony August 29, 2010. Below left: On August 27, 2010, Linda Wainright became a Novice and was given the name Sister Ann Marie. Below right: Linda Sellards (far right) asked to become affiliated with St. Scholastica Monastery at a ceremony March 12, 2011.
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The primary work of every Benedictine monastic is to seek God—indeed, this could be said to be the primary work of every Christian. However, below this overarching umbrella, the Rule of Benedict also guides its followers with a philosophy of life from which flows what we have identified as “Benedictine values.” From the early Middle Ages down to the present, these values have been formative not only of Benedictines, but also of the larger civilization in which they were and are embedded.

In the seventh century Benedictine missionary monks and nuns came from Anglo-Saxon England to the continent, bringing the Rule, and as someone has said, also “the Cross, the Book, and the Plow”—evangelization, literacy, and improved farming techniques. By the ninth century, Benedictine monasteries were located all through Europe and were the norm in the Holy Roman Empire. They were the centers around which towns grew up, providing a place of employment for local residents, schools for the young, hospices and pharmacies for the sick.

All of the gifts that the Benedictines brought have their foundation in the Rule of Benedict and were the basis for the re-founding of Western civilization after the fall of Rome. Today they can equally provide the foundation for a renewal of our own post-modern society. The values highlighted in the rest of this issue are not meant to be exhaustive, but to illustrate how Benedictines have affected the wider culture in which they lived.
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In classical Greece and in the Roman culture in which Benedict grew up, manual labor was regarded as demeaning: to be done only by slaves and the lower classes. In the Rule Benedict erases class distinction by requiring some manual labor from all of his monks. Monasteries were self-sufficient, producing everything needed for daily life within their walls. Even in the earliest days there also seems to have been provision made for hiring laborers to assist the community—thus providing a means of economic support for local residents. When Benedictine women came to America in the 1850s, they came to teach and to care for the sick, the orphans, and the aged. Now that our numbers are fewer, we have entrusted our sponsored works to others, but maintain their Benedictine character by ongoing education of those who work in them into our mission and values.
Benedictine Value: The Love of Learning

We know that Benedict expected his monks to be literate: in the Rule, he requires each one to receive a book for Lent and to read it through. He speaks of young boys in the monastery—early on these were probably children who had been dedicated to monastic life, but as time passed monasteries also opened schools for those who would go back out into the world. Benedict’s monks adopted an earlier monastic tradition of copying and preserving manuscripts, both sacred and secular, which continued well up to the time of the invention of the printing press.

Monastic schools for both men and women flourished in the early Middle Ages, turning out poets, scholars, artists, theologians, and statesmen. American Benedictines have continued this tradition by founding schools at all levels from elementary to university.
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BENEDICTINE VALUE: MODERATION

One of the three great precepts of the classical Greeks was “meden agan”—nothing to excess—carved over the entrance to the temple of Apollo at Delphi. Comparing the Rule of Benedict to other monastic rules contemporary with it, we find that Benedict adopts this principle of moderation, choosing not to demand the rigorous penances of Irish monasticism, allowing his monks sufficient rest and food to carry out their daily labors, making provision for the changing seasons and the needs of their locale. This principle of moderation, perhaps more than any other, is one from which our modern society could benefit. Whether we find ourselves obsessed with our work, with social networking, with entertainment, we can certainly benefit from adopting the Benedictine value of moderation and achieving a healthy balance of work, prayer, and leisure.
BENEDICTINE VALUE: HOSPITALITY

In the Rule, Benedict notes that “guests are never lacking in the monastery.” In the tenth century Plan of St. Gall, a model of the “ideal” monastery, fully one-third of the monastic buildings are devoted to the housing and care of guests, both noble with their retinues, and the poor. The monasteries of the middle ages were welcome refuges for travelers in a time when travel was a perilous activity. Today, Benedictines welcome guests into their monasteries as a refuge from the frenetic activity of daily life, as a place of rest and spiritual refreshment. In a wider sense, however, we can all practice hospitality in our acceptance of all of our sisters and brothers on Earth as God’s children. We can strive to respond without discrimination to all whom we meet, regardless of age, sex, race, or nationality.
BENEDICTINE VALUE: STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship, or the careful use of things, grows directly out of the Benedictine practice of the sharing of material goods. The Rule allows each monastic to have whatever he or she needs out of the common property of the community, but also dictates that these goods be treated by their users as if they were “vessels of the altar.” It is necessary to remember that everything we find on Earth was created by God, and is ultimately God’s property. We are simply the caretakers of this creation. Although, in the Book of Genesis, God gives the earth to humankind, the ruthless exploitation of natural resources is not in the Benedictine tradition. We should find ourselves completely at home in today’s environmental awareness—looking for ways to reduce our impact upon God’s world.
BENEDICTINE VALUE: PRAYER

In the Rule, Benedict specifies in great detail the community prayer of his monastics. In a real sense, this is the true ministry of the Benedictine community: the Opus Dei—Work of God. All other works are subsidiary to it. Even today, contemplative Benedictine communities assemble seven times a day and once in the night to chant psalms and listen to readings from scripture and the theologians. Those of us who are also engaged in external ministries meet for morning, midday, and evening prayer. Personal prayer in conjunction with lectio divina—reflective holy reading of scripture—is also a part of the monastic’s day. Through devoting a significant portion of one’s life to common and personal prayer, one comes to see all of the activities and events of life in the light of God’s providential love.
BENEDICTINE VALUE: CARE FOR THE SICK

Since its beginning, one of the major ministries of this particular Benedictine community has been the care of the sick. Under the leadership of Mother Scholastica Kerst at St. Benedict’s Monastery, the first hospital to be operated by Benedictine sisters in the United States was opened in Bismarck, North Dakota. In 1888 she opened St. Mary’s Hospital in Duluth, which would become one of the major ministries of the new Duluth community. While Benedict devotes a short chapter in the Rule to the care of the sick, it is to his own community members he refers. As was the case with schools, however, as Benedictine monasticism grew and flourished in the Middle Ages, care of the sick in hospices became an accepted work of Benedictines, although not to the extent that has existed in the U.S. thanks to Mother Scholastica. Whether our care is for community members or for the general public, it is always inspired by Benedict’s admonition, “Care of the sick must rank above and before all else, so that they may truly be served as Christ.” (RB 36:1)
BENEDICTINE VALUE: COMMUNAL LIFE

Benedict envisions his community of monastics as a family, with the Abbot as father and the brothers living, eating, praying, and working together. All share in the service of one another and hold property in common. This model of the common life has a great deal to say to us today, when family members seem to be each involved with their own individual tasks and interests, so much so that even eating meals together is the exception rather than the norm. Sharing life gives us the opportunity to see and serve Christ in each other, to learn to consider the good of all as more important than what is good for the self, and to live in hope that one day God may bring us all together to everlasting life.
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Community Support $136,254
Care of Infirm Sisters $ 38,260
Retirement Fund $ 30,575
McCabe Renewal Center $ 7,848
Twinning (Sister Monasteries) $ 6,975
Benedictine Center of Spirituality $ 1,355
Vocations $ 900
Other $ 550

TOTAL GIFTS $222,717

The Father John Whitney Evans Fund for Vocations benefits the Monastery, the Knights of Columbus, and the Duluth Diocese. The Monastery administers this fund. Gifts for fiscal year 2011 total $1,200.
Before his death in 2002, Rev. John Whitney Evans planned to create a fund to financially assist men and women who choose to pursue a vocation to either the priesthood or to religious life. As a memorial to Father Evans, the Knights of Columbus, assisted by the Bishop of the Diocese of Duluth and the Sisters of St. Scholastica Monastery, established a memorial fund to support vocation ministries. Gifts to the fund are given in memory of loved ones, and the contributions are used by the Knights of Columbus, the Sisters, and the Diocese to support vocation expenses.

As you know, young people who believe they may have a vocation find that there are many expenses when they first begin. Initially, when they leave the world of work, they are responsible for their own health care and personal expenses. The Rev. John Whitney Evans Vocation Fund supports these men and women who are discerning their calling to a religious vocation.

The memorial board is located at St. Scholastica Monastery, and the Fund is administered by the Sisters of St. Scholastica. The names of your loved ones and your name will be engraved on a plaque and installed on a lovely six-foot wooden memorial board located next to the Monastery’s vocation ministry offices. Donations are $100 for each plaque.

If you are interested in supporting this fund, please fill out the form below. Whether or not you are able to participate financially in this project, we ask you to please join us in praying for men and women who are called to religious life or to the priesthood.

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Mission

We, the Sisters of St. Scholastica Monastery, Duluth, Minnesota, are monastic women who seek God in community through a life of prayer and work. Living in accordance with the Gospel and the Rule of St. Benedict, we respond to the needs of the Church and the world through our ministries.

During the past year Sisters have served at the following sites:

Benedictine Center of Spirituality Outreach
Benedictine Health Center, Duluth, MN
Benedictine Health System, Duluth, MN
Cathedral School, Superior, WI
Center City Parishes, Duluth, MN
College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, MN
Essentia Health System, Duluth, MN
Holy Cross Parish, Mesa, AZ
Home Care, Minnetonka, MN
McCabe Renewal Center, Duluth, MN
Most Holy Trinity Parish, Phoenix, AZ
Parochial and Public Schools, Duluth, MN
Saint Luke Institute, Silver Spring, MD
St. Ann’s Residence, Duluth, MN
St. Lawrence and St. Joseph Parishes, Duluth, MN
St. Mary of the Lake School, Chicago, IL
St. Mary’s/Duluth Clinic Health System, Duluth, MN
St. Mary’s Parish, Silver Bay, MN
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Transcultural Nursing Society, Livonia, MI
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