



*Benedictine Sisters of
St. Scholastica Monastery*
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The Saints in our Chapel's Stained-Glass Windows

Condensed and edited from *All Her Ways*

For nine hundred years, images in stained glass have preached visual sermons to the faithful who come to worship God and hear the Word. In this holy tradition the windows in our Monastery's Chapel, installed in 1938 as war clouds gathered over Europe, depict holy women who exemplify the virtues of peace. The windows were designed and crafted by the studio founded by Mr. Emil Frei, a stained-glass artist from Bavaria who, alarmed by the growing fascist movement in Germany, emigrated to Saint Louis, Missouri in the late 1890s and founded Emil Frei Art Glass. His descendants have continued in the tradition of creating fine art glass for places of worship.

In 1985 the College library, located on the first floor below the high-vaulted Chapel, was desperately crowded, while the Chapel was now too large for the Community. Under the guidance of Mother Grace Marie Braun, the building was renovated to create a new barrier-free chapel on the first floor with the library on three floors above it. Most of the windows were removed from their settings, and the colored lozenges of glass were used elsewhere as chapel and library windows. The extracted figures of saints were set in translucent rippled glass that recalls the waters of Lake Superior. These images now form the walls of the Chapel's Gathering Space.

Generations of Benedictine Sisters have contemplated these images and been drawn to consider our wise and holy forebears, whose legacy guides us into a right relationship with God and with each other. These are the holy women's stories.



Five of the windows reset in rippled glass form the wall on the south side of the Gathering Space.

Dear Friends of the Monastery,

This year’s annual report comes to you with abundant gratitude and the promise of hope. I am especially delighted to showcase the 17 stained-glass windows that beautify Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapel. Each holy woman portrayed in them embodies the virtues needed to turn our world away from war and violence and towards lasting peace. We hope you will enjoy a glimpse of the heavenly light that greets us each day as we come together in sanctity to pray for health, peace, and hope for our world. By the grace of God, we have persevered through the constraints and challenges of a global pandemic, and now we are happy we can welcome you back to our Chapel.

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” ~ John 8:12



Your friendship, prayers, volunteer hours, and donations play a vital role in our ministries. Because of your gifts, the Sisters are able to continue their ministry work and care for our aging Sisters. We are humbled and blessed by your generosity.

Moving on to our fiscal report, please note that for the fourth year in a row we have not conducted an annual appeal. We are conscientious and ever so mindful of only asking for what is needed. In 2019, 2020 and 2021 we were blessed by previous gifts, alleviating the need for an appeal. We did, however, conduct our first online “Matching Gifts Campaign” in November 2021, after a donor came forward with a gift promising to match each dollar up to a specific amount. This was a great success, and we hope to offer another matching gifts campaign in November 2022.

This year our volunteers have recorded 2,279 hours of service to the Community. There were 960 contributions given, including gifts from 102 first time donors, which totaled \$240,793.60.

Community Support	176,062.23
Retirement	7,088.81
Care of Infirm Sisters.....	14,545.80
Center for Spirituality and Enrichment.....	4,182.14
McCabe Renewal Center	3,110.32
Vocations/Father John Whitney Evans Fund	427.16
Twinning Monasteries	16,012.14
Matching Gifts Campaign.....	16,192.50
Other (designated by donor)	3,172.50
Total	\$240,793.60

Join us in saying a prayer for our 70-year Jubilarian celebrants: Sisters Beverly Horn and Kathleen Doyle who are featured in the next pages. Lastly, our beloved and deeply missed +Sister Grace Marie Braun went home gently to God. Her obituary is included on the final page.

Blessings and peace,

Sister Beverly
Sister Beverly Raway, Prioress

OUR 2022 JUBILARIANS

Sister Beverly Horn – 70 Years

by Sister Beverly Horn

Sister Beverly cared for the sick as a registered nurse and guided the education of nursing students at The College of St. Scholastica and University of Washington in Seattle for many years. Born and raised in Duluth, she was acquainted with the many ministries of the Duluth Benedictines. Several relatives worked at St. Mary's Hospital (SMMC), and many also received their education from the Benedictine Sisters in Duluth. As a young child she learned about the Sisters at third hand from family stories and at first hand as a parochial school student, from the third grade through her first year at The College of St. Scholastica. She entered the Community at the beginning of her sophomore year and continued her education during her postulancy and after her novitiate. Prior to making final vows she taught elementary education for two years at the Sisters' mission in Cincinnati, Ohio.



When a critical need arose for nurses, both in practice and education, Sister Beverly was sent to St. Louis University, where she completed her Bachelor of Science in nursing. After earning her master's degrees in nursing, she taught nursing for five years at The College of St. Scholastica. She then entered the Nurse Scientist Program at the University of Washington in Seattle, where she earned an interdisciplinary Ph.D. in Nursing, Anthropology, and Sociology. She returned to the University of Washington as a faculty member in 1976 and retired from there in 2001. Her research focus and area of teaching at the graduate and undergraduate levels was Transcultural Nursing. In Seattle she lived in a culturally diverse but underserved community and belonged to a parish that supported Catholic Social teaching and community outreach.

Sister Beverly found her life's mission in supporting the various groups with whom she interacted to form community relationships. She had an advantage in establishing relationships by introducing herself first as a nurse. In most instances nurses are known and trusted by diverse communities, and the role of academics can be more easily translated through a nursing lens.

Sister Beverly became a founding member of the Transcultural Nursing Society, which promotes health care by understanding and respecting persons' cultural beliefs and collaborating to include cultural beliefs and values in plans for care. Today, thanks to the advocacy of Sister Beverly and others, culturally sensitive and equitable care is becoming the standard for good health care, where attention to the social and cultural determinants of health results in improved health outcomes with better health for people of all backgrounds.

Since returning to the Monastery in 2004, she has served on boards of our sponsored healthcare systems while continuing her work with the Transcultural Nursing Society. In 2015 she took on the duties of the subprioress, a role which she filled with grace, intelligence, and good sense. With the prioress, Sister Beverly Raway, she shared in the daily administration of the Monastery, helped Sisters with health and wellness decisions, and served on the Monastic Council, among many other duties. Together they drafted a response to the Covid pandemic that balanced the physical threat and the mental health of the Monastery.

In October 2021, her term as subprioress ended and she began a sabbatical, planning to complete scholarly articles based on her research. May she enjoy many more years to bring her work to completion.

Sister Kathleen Doyle – 70 years

by Theresa Butler, Development Administrative Assistant

For 70 years, Sister Kathleen (Katie) Doyle has lived a life of faith, kindness, wisdom, and humor as a Benedictine Sister. She has found living the daily life to be satisfying and rewarding – to glorify God even in the tiny things – inspired by St. Therese of the Child Jesus who said, “Do little things with great love.”

Katie grew up in Iowa, one of eight children, where she attended Catholic schools. She graduated from high school at the all-girls St. Joseph Academy in Des Moines where she was taught by the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She says that many people influenced her decision to enter religious life, the first being her childhood babysitter. This young woman who regularly babysat Katie and her siblings later entered the Sisters of Charity. When Katie witnessed this, she knew that she, too, wanted to be a Sister.

At age 17, Katie joined the Passionist order, but after ten months decided that community was not for her, so she left and took a year off to work. During this year she continued to look at other religious communities, as she still felt a strong call to become a Sister. She joined the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde, Missouri, where she made her first profession in 1952. Later she felt called to continue as a Benedictine but in a different community, and in 1968 she transferred to St. Scholastica Monastery in Duluth.

The Clyde Benedictine Community was a contemplative order and did not have an education focus, so when Katie joined the Duluth Benedictines, she went to school to become a physical therapist (PT), first at The College of St. Scholastica and then St. Louis University. She worked as a PT at the Polinsky Medical Rehabilitation Center in Duluth for seven years. One of her hallmarks was helping establish the PT department at Benedictine Living Community-Duluth where she worked for a few years. She also served in St. George, Utah; Colorado Springs, Colorado; and Des Moines, Iowa. She said that in her ministry she worked with many beautiful people who had an influence on her life. After her career, Sister Katie became the manager of Monastery Books and Gifts. She greatly enjoyed working with the volunteers, some of whom she keeps in touch with today.

Sister Katie talks about the years she lived with +Sister Mary Charles McGough at ‘The Barn’ at McCabe Renewal Center, calling it a gift. She enjoyed ceramics and watercolor painting, learning from her friend and teacher. Sister Katie recalled Sister Mary Charles calling her a “delightful primitive artist.” Over the years she has also expressed herself as an artist through her creative writing and poetry. She moved back to the Monastery in 2022 where she lives in Benet Hall with other retired Sisters.

One of the Scripture verses that Sister Katie finds meaningful is in the Gospel of John 17:4-5.

“I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began.”

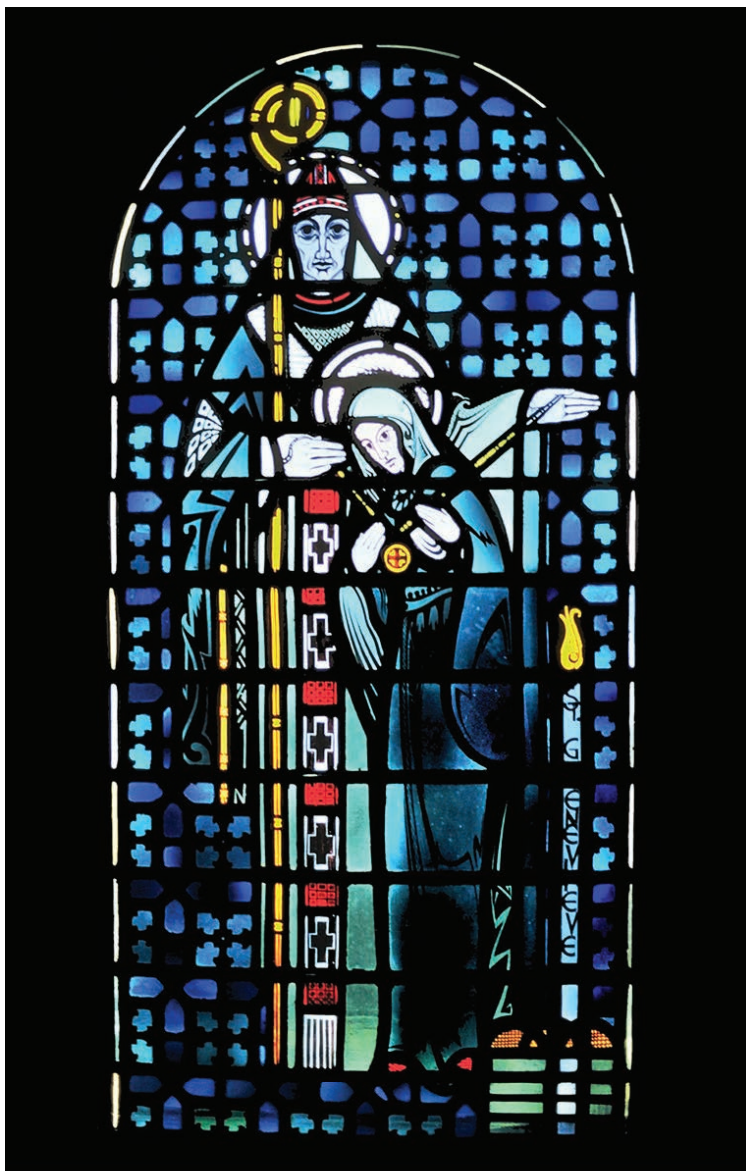
She lives the words of this scripture, giving glory to God in all things. Sister Katie, thank you for your faithful witness as a Sister for 70 years.





Great East Window

A two-story window facing east depicts Our Lady Mary, Queen of Peace. She is flanked by missionaries Saint Peter Claver, Saint Francis Xavier, Saint Patrick of Ireland, and Saint Isaac Jogues, and by Pope Benedict XV and Pope Pius XI, who both labored against the social evils that would lead to two World Wars. The theme of the window is peace among the nations, peace in the individual soul, and peace in the social order. In this she is very much our Mother, working for the peace and welfare of her often-wayward children.



Catholic Action: Saint Genevieve, January 3

At twelve years of age, living in turbulent fifth-century Paris, Genevieve was singled out for a career of sanctity by Saint Germaine of France, who is shown in the main panel blessing her. She gathered around her young women, instructed them in their faith, and led them in its practice. Saint Genevieve is symbolized in art as a shepherdess praying among her sheep.



Love of Christ: Saint Agnes, January 21

In the window, Saint Agnes proclaims her love for Christ by pointing to the motto *Amo Christum*, which forms the crossed arms of the Chi Rho. She is often shown with a sacrificial lamb. In her right hand she holds a lily, symbol of purity. Flames of fire, a sword, and the crown and palm branch of martyrdom all indicate the manner of her death under the Roman Emperor Diocletian in 304.



Hospitality: Saint Brigid of Ireland, February 1

Saint Brigid, born 451, embraces two persons in need of counsel or shelter: one rich and one poor. They kneel confident they will find what they need. Above her is the Cill-Dara (Kildare) or Church of the Oak, her monastery, recalling the many churches and schools she founded. Her love of learning is suggested by the Gospel Book of Kildare. She supplanted in the Celtic heart the pagan goddess Brigid.



Christian Education: Saint Scholastica, February 10

Saint Scholastica was the sister of Saint Benedict. She built a monastery for women near her brother's community of Monte Cassino. Under her gentle influence, he relaxed some of the rigidity of his Holy Rule. Saint Scholastica is the first in a long line of teaching nuns. She holds the staff of an abbess. In the upper left is the Rule of Saint Benedict, while two nuns at the bottom recite the Opus Dei, or Divine Office.



Love for the Church: Saint Catherine of Siena, April 29

Saint Catherine is remembered for her efforts to reunify the Church under one pontiff, and in 1376 persuaded Pope Gregory XI to return the See from Avignon to Rome. She was sent on many papal missions, a rarity for a woman in the Middle Ages. The golden light above her head recalls her wisdom, while her attention is centered on the crucified Christ, to whom she raises her hands bearing the stigmata.



**Love of Country:
Saint Joan of Arc, May 30**

Saint Joan wears the armor, and broadsword of a soldier in the war between France and England. She carries a spear and a fleur-de-lis. Above her, waves of light indicate the Voices calling her to save France. She helped Charles VII to his crown but was later burned as a heretic by the English, shown by the fires of martyrdom at her feet. Exonerated 25 years later by Rome, she is now a national symbol of France.



**Willing Sacrifice:
Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, July 14**

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha of the Kanien'kehá:ka (Mohawk) Nation was orphaned in a smallpox epidemic that scarred her face but not her spirit. She converted to Catholicism at 19 and moved to a Jesuit mission village, dying at age 24 in 1680. Shown with a large cross, she exemplifies patience, courage, and atonement. The rising sun and the blankets recall her cultural heritage.



Motherhood: Saint Anne, July 26

In a maternal genealogy of Jesus, Saint Anne stands behind her daughter Mary, who holds the infant Jesus. A pomegranate at the lower left symbolized both fertility and the suffering of Christ. Mary stands as a link between Judaism and Christianity: a lily for her purity and a cross and crown for Christ the King. Mary's trust in Gabriel could only have come from her parent's deep and abiding faith in God's promises to the people of Israel.



Devotion to Household Duties: Saint Martha, July 29

Saint Martha kneels before Jesus Christ, holding a tray with bread and fish, while Christ blesses her and the food she prepared. Near her feet is a spindle, for Martha is "a valiant woman who wrought wool and flax by the counsel of her hands" (Proverbs 31:13). When her brother Lazarus died, Martha tells Jesus, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."



Confidence in Our Lady: Saint Rose of Lima, August 23

Born in the early 17th century, Rose was deeply devoted to Our Lady. She became a lay member of the Dominican Order and practiced severe penances while caring for the poverty-stricken in the city. She wore a silver circlet lined with spikes to share in the sufferings of Christ. She is shown with the Madonna and Child, with a row of lilies denoting her virginity and a rose for her love of Christ.



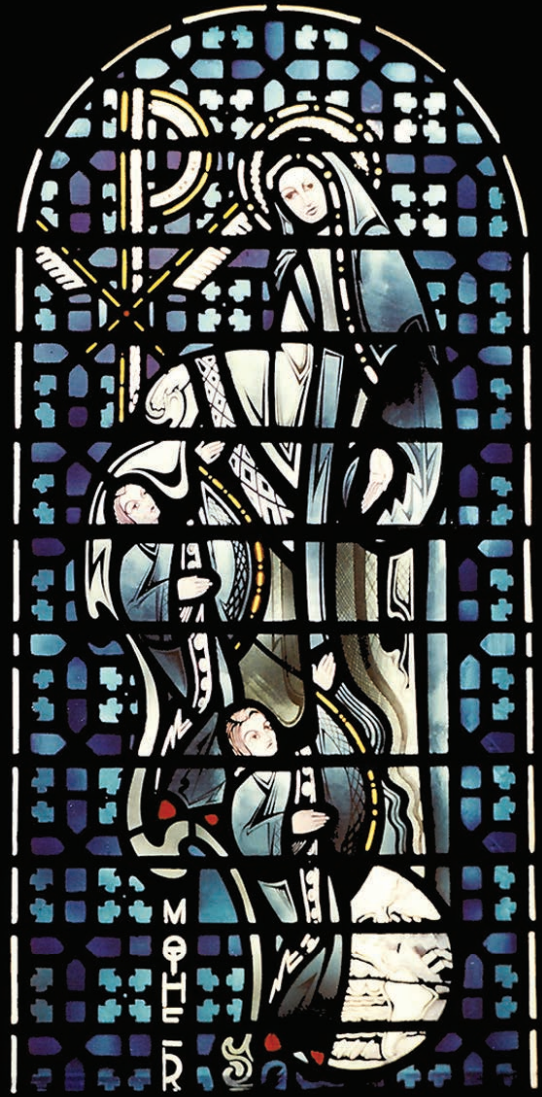
Scientific Care of the Sick: Saint Hildegard, September 17

Saint Hildegard was a 12th century abbess, writer, composer, philosopher, mystic, visionary, and medical writer – and would later be termed a ‘Renaissance woman.’ She is shown overseeing the work of another administering medicine to a sick man. On the right is the caduceus of the medical profession. She holds books, including Scivias that interprets her visions and Curae et Causae, a work on medicine.



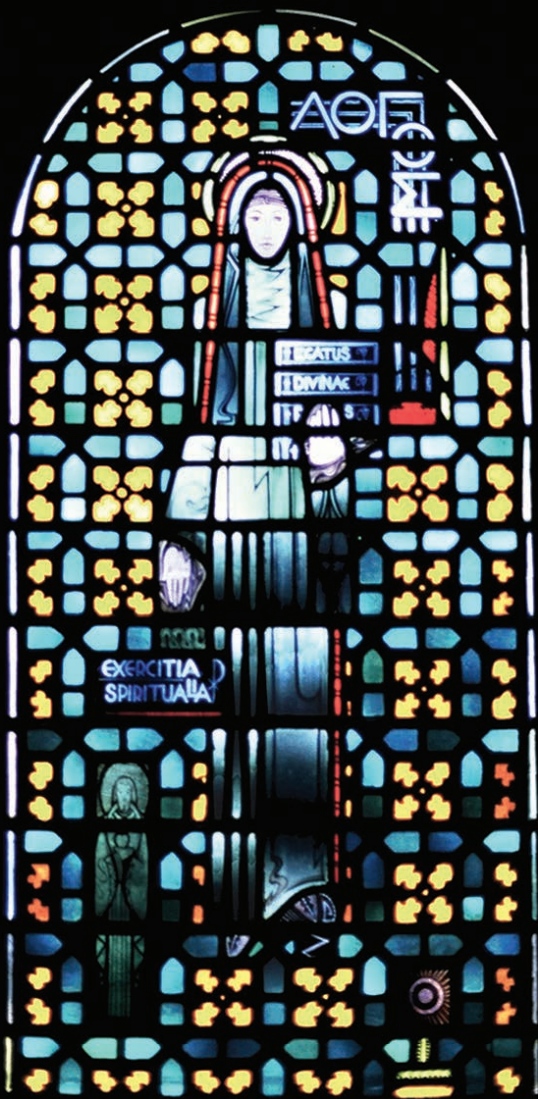
The Greatness of Littleness: Saint Therese, October 1

Saint Therese of Lisieux wanted to serve everyone in the world. She entered the Carmelite community in Lisieux, France at 15 and died at 24 of tuberculosis. During her brief life she served the Sisters and prayed for missionaries. Her approach to the spiritual life is simple and practical: do small acts of kindness with great love. Her zeal for the priestly ministry is shown by the host and the chalice at the upper right.



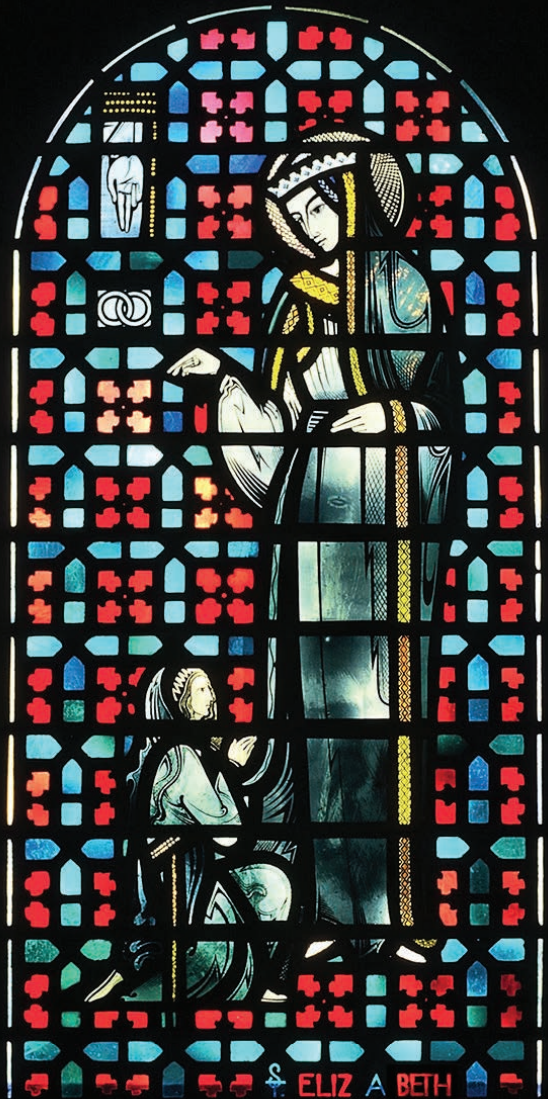
Missionary Zeal: Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini, November 13

Mother Francis Xavier Cabrini, considered too sickly to become a nun, founded her own congregation, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. When Pope Leo XIII requested in 1889 that they minister to Italian emigrants in America, she and her Sisters moved to New York to care for them. Here, she divides her cloak to clothe two orphans. The Chi Rho and Cross show that her labor is for God's greater glory.



The Apostolate of the Written Word: Saint Gertrude the Great, November 16

Saint Gertrude clarified the Word of God in her writings. The Greek word Logos, “the Word of God,” is inscribed above her. She holds volumes of Legatus Divinae Pietatis or Herald of Divine Love, and Exercitia Spiritualia or Spiritual Exercises. She found the presence of Christ in the rhythm of daily prayer and the Eucharist. Her devotion to the Sacred Heart is indicated in the lower left by the figure of Our Lord and a monstrance.



Christian Social Service: Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, November 17

Married into royalty at 14 and widowed at 20, Elizabeth fought to retain her dowry. Drawn to the ideals of Saint Francis of Assisi, she became a Franciscan tertiary and built a hospital where she and others cared for the poor. She died in 1231 at age 24 and was canonized in 1235. In her window, she wears a crown over her veil. Two intertwined rings suggest her great love for her husband. Like Saint Francis, she became poor in imitation of Christ.



Conversion to the Faith of Christ: Saint Cecilia, November 22

Cecilia was a young Roman matron martyred for her faith in the second or third century. She is shown with her husband Valerianus and his brother Tiburtius, both of whom she converted to Christianity. Above her head is a cross, below is the classical Roman squared spiral. An insert with musical pipes recalls her role as the patron of music. The facts of her life may have been confused by pious romances created about the early martyrs.



True Philosophy: Saint Catherine of Alexandria, November 29

This is one of those saints for whom the historic record is questionable, but her faith has helped other Christians remain steadfast. It is said she convinced pagan philosophers of the truths of Christianity, shown by the scroll with the Greek *Philosophia*: Love of Wisdom. She grasps the cross, symbol of her faith and looks towards symbols of the Trinity: the Father's Hand, *Chi Rho* and Dove Spirit. The curves recall the Wheel intended for her martyrdom that broke when she touched it; she was killed by a sword.

To all who make contributions: we live and grow because of you.



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Charitable contributions to St. Scholastica Monastery strengthen and enhance the lives of our Sisters and support our ministry work. Sisters serve in spiritual direction, community outreach, education, health care, peace and justice, governance, renewal and retreat outreach, creative arts, and sponsorship.

Donors often designate a special purpose for their gift or make a gift in memory or in honor of a loved one.

Consider naming the Monastery as a beneficiary of an IRA, life insurance policy, charitable gift annuity, property, or in your will or trust.

Talk with us about these giving opportunities and other tax-wise strategies.

Charitable Bequests

While planning for your future and after taking care of your family, we invite you to consider a bequest to the Monastery which will offer a valuable tax savings.

Charitable bequests are easy gifts to make and can be given in any dollar amount. If you would like to designate the Monastery in your will or trust please talk to your plan administrator and let us know that you have. A donor who designates the Monastery in their will, trust, or insurance policy is recognized as a Covenant Donor. Covenant Donors' names are inscribed in a book in the Eucharistic Chapel in Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapel and on our donor recognition board in the Monastery entry. Please contact us for more information or questions about how you wish the Monastery to administer and fulfill your bequests.

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+Sister Grace Marie Braun, OSB

Sister Grace Marie Braun, OSB, 96, Prioress of the Duluth Benedictine Sisters for 12 years, died on May 30 at St. Scholastica Monastery in Duluth. She was born in Sheboygan, Wisconsin on March 15, 1926, the daughter of Anton and Emma (Gehl) Braun. She grew up in the quiet village of Kohler, Wisconsin with older siblings Joan, Robert, and Carol Rose, all deceased, youngest sister Mary Ann, and a close network of relatives and friends.

Although her two older sisters became members of St. Scholastica Monastery, she deliberately chose a different path, and after graduation from Kohler High School she enrolled at the Dominican Sisters' Rosary College in River Forest, Illinois, to become a dietitian. However, at the end of her freshman year, when she and her family made one of their many trips to visit her sisters in Duluth, she was persuaded to transfer to The College of St. Scholastica. That changed the course of her life, she has said, and after graduation in 1948 with a dual degree in dietetics and home economics, she entered the Duluth Benedictines.

After making her Final Monastic Profession in 1953, Sister Grace Marie went to St. Louis University for the requisite internship for a Registered Dietitian and subsequently completed an MA in Dietetics there as well. She was a Professor at The College of St. Scholastica for 25 years, and for seven years during that time was Director of Food Service for the entire campus (the College, the Monastery, and Stanbrook Hall High School). In 1964 when Somers Hall, a 300-bed residence hall was being planned, her service on the building committee included designing a separate Food Service and dining room in the new building for the students. A few years later she collaborated with her department colleagues in planning the Dietetics and Home Economics Department area for the new Science Center.

On June 16, 1975, she was elected the ninth Prioress of St. Scholastica Monastery to lead the Community of 325 Sisters and served in that capacity for twelve years. During that time Mother Grace Marie's visionary leadership saw construction of the Benedictine Health Center which opened in 1980 and creation of the Benedictine Health System in 1985.

She led the Community in recognizing the dual need for a barrier-free chapel and expansion of the College library. Major renovation of the chapel/library complex resulted in Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapel moving into former library space in the lower level of the structure and the library into what became a three-story facility in 1986. She was active in the Federation of St. Benedict, serving on the Council and as Federation vice-president, served on numerous Boards of the Community's ministries as well as other health care systems and civic organizations, elected to numerous terms on the Monastery Council, served as a consultant for a variety of professional groups, and has emeritus status at The College of St. Scholastica which in 1980 conferred upon her the degree Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

After her tenure as Prioress, Sister Grace Marie enjoyed a year's sabbatical in two spiritual renewal programs, then began the Monastery's Development Office and guided that ministry for seven years. In 1996 God called her to what she has described as "a most extraordinary ministry" with the National Office of Post Abortion Reconciliation and Healing (Project Rachel) in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She later served as Director of Human Resources for the Monastery Sisters and lay employees, was Director of the Residential Volunteer Benedictine Associate Program, a member of the Vocation Ministry Team, and when she moved to Benet Hall, the Monastery's assisted living floor, she continued her prayer ministry.

When she reflected on her 73 years in religious life, she would be the first to tell you that it wasn't all work, however, because she enjoyed vacations with her family and friends, foreign travel, and cheering for the Green Bay Packers ("once a Packer, always a Packer," she would say with a smile). And whether it was playing tennis with competitive verve, snowshoeing or cross-country skiing, enjoying a picnic on the North Shore of Lake Superior, teaching the Novices to dance the "Josephine," catching a walleye on Big Sand Lake near Park Rapids, reading or knitting, Sister Grace Marie has always enjoyed the gift of the present.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three of her siblings: Robert Braun and Benedictine Sisters Joan and Mary Carol. She is survived by her sister Mary Ann Merline of Washington, Missouri, numerous beloved nieces and nephews, grand-nieces and nephews, many relatives and friends, and the Sisters of St. Scholastica Monastery.

A Wake service/Morning Prayer and Mass of Christian Burial were held Saturday, June 4, with Father William Fider presiding. Interment followed in Gethsemane Cemetery at St. Scholastica Monastery. Funeral arrangements by Dougherty Funeral Home.



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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.

Donations to the Monastery provide funds allowing Sisters to continue various missions and the opportunity to do beautiful work. Thank you for helping the Sisters serve in the following ministries: