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# Reflections

*of the Benedictine Sisters*



*Happy New Year  
from the Benedictine Sisters*

**QUEEN OF ANGELS MONASTERY - MOUNT ANGEL, OREGON**



# Welcome from Sister Jane



Dear Family and Friends,

Each morning, the mail is put out under the stairs at the monastery for the USPS carrier.

I pause a minute under the Giant Sequoia tree and remember all the sisters who have lived in this monastery since 1893 when the Sequoia was planted from a small seedling that had survived the train ride up from California. Stability. Resilience. Strength. Presence.

The Sequoia has been through great turmoil over these last several years, surviving significant rain, ice and wind to remain the sign of stability. It is an elder among the rest of the trees at the monastery.

The sisters have lived their lives of stability next to this tree. Now, as we experience the changes of our elder years, it is a symbol of fortitude, resilience and presence for us. Change is ever with us. "To everything turn, turn, turn. There is a season. Turn, turn, turn. A time for every purpose under heaven" (a folk song). The seasons are once again showing this ever changing time. Autumn is upon us and by the time you hold this in your hands, winter will be in full swing.

We begin the new church year - Advent! We welcome all of the seasons of our lives with an ever deepening desire as we move closer and closer to our final destiny - heaven forever. In the pages of *Reflections* you see all the activities of the Benedictine Sisters and the ministries we are a part of. We are watching as the monastery and property are transformed with the ministries of Catholic Community Services.

What is not as evident is the daily prayer that sustains the sisters as we gather three times a day to praise God and to remind our caretakers of all your intentions. We are very conscious of all of the prayer requests we receive and of all of you, our faithful friends and donors.

As we move through the more contemplative time of Advent, let us take many moments away from the noise of the world to center our lives and thank our God for the stability, resilience, strength that we have witnessed and inspired us, and for God's ever abiding presence in our lives.

As always, we thank you, we love you and we remember you in our prayers, especially during the Christmas season and the new year of 2025.

Blessings to you all,

Sr. Jane Hibbard, SNJM  
Pastoral Administrator



# Sr Regina Celebrates 70th Jubilee

Not many people celebrate their 70th anniversary. The Benedictine Sisters are happy to announce that Sister Regina has reached that impressive milestone on the Solemnity of St. Scholastica, February 10, 2025. She will be celebrating with her community with a Jubilee Mass and dinner.



*Sr. Regina in 1995*

Sister Regina was born April 23, 1935, to Charles Simon Rausch and Marie (Henscheid) Rausch. Her brother, Bernard (Father Nicholas Rausch, OSB) was the eldest followed by Anna Mae (Sister Dorothy), Genevieve (Sister Christine) and Elizabeth (who died in infancy). Regina was followed by Gertrude (Rausch) Stuart.

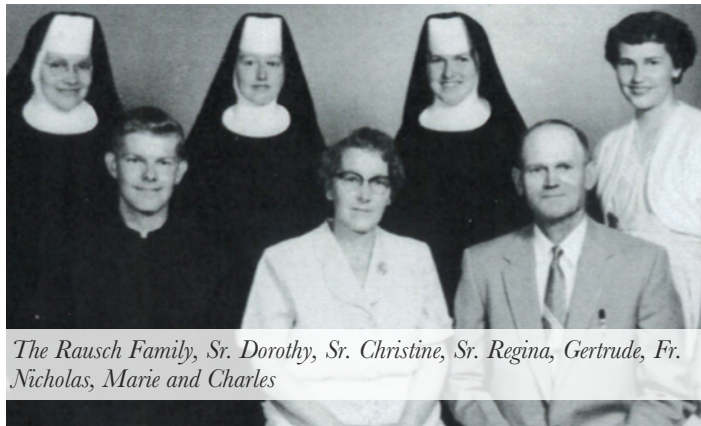
Sister Regina attended St. Nicholas Church in Rupert, ID, as a child and attended public grade and high school there. After entering the monastery in Mt. Angel, she continued her education at Mt. Angel College and summer school at Mt. Angel Seminary, earning a Bachelor's from Mt. Angel College.

Her sisters, Sisters Dorothy and Christine, had already become members of Queen of Angels. When they were ready for Perpetual Profession, Sister Regina was ready to make her First Profession. On February 10, 1955, all three professed together. In the sanctuary, among the clergy, were their brother, Frater Nicholas, and Father Conrad, their cousin. At that time, Regina was given the name Sister Scholastica. Sister Regina made her Perpetual Profession on February 10, 1958. She later returned to her baptismal name, Regina.

Sister Regina has served in a variety of ministries during her community life mostly as a primary school teacher in Catholic schools in:

Oregon City, Silverton, Portland (Sacred Heart), Hayward, CA, Lebanon, Woodburn, and Albany. She also taught Religious Vacation School in the summers of 1956-85. While in Albany, she served as Eucharistic Minister at Masses and brought the Eucharist to the sick in the hospital and their homes. In 2001, after teaching for 45 years, she worked in the vocation program of the monastery, served as sacristan and was a member of the liturgy committee.

Sister Regina is gifted at working with children. She especially enjoyed preparing children for First Communion and working with the Religious Education Coordinator. In Albany, Sister Regina and the coordinator involved the parents in the First Communion program and received the Mustard Seed Award in Baltimore, MD, for the one-hundred percent parental involvement in the program.



*The Rausch Family, Sr. Dorothy, Sr. Christine, Sr. Regina, Gertrude, Fr. Nicholas, Marie and Charles*

Sister Regina says, "My 70 years as a monastic sister have been years of many blessings and good memories. God has been my guide throughout my active years and now in my retirement years. I am filled with gratitude."

Sister Regina lives at the Orchard House, the PBNC's assisted living facility, next door to the monastery, in Mt. Angel.



# Epping Family Honored

On November 11, 2024, Veterans Days, Catholic Community Services and the Benedictine Sisters honored the Larry and Jeanette Epping Family for their outstanding generous support of the Benedictine Sisters and Catholic Community Services. They also paid tribute to Larry Epping for his selfless service as a member of the armed forces.



*Attendees say a blessing over the newly planted Sequoia tree.*

Representatives from Catholic Community Services, the

Benedictine Sisters, Father Bernard Youth Center, and Chesterton Academy gathered near the orchard on the southeast corner of the monastery grounds. A small Giant Sequoia tree was planted to symbolize Larry and Jeanette’s legacy of love which took root at the monastery and continues as a source of hope and renewal through the generous support of their family foundation. It also marks the beginning of a new chapter for Queen of Angels Monastery under the auspices of Catholic Community Services.

Near the newly planted sequoia and under the cover of a line of cedar trees, a memorial bench was placed. It symbolically marks the spot where Larry and Jeanette Epping met. Over the years, the Larry & Jeanette Epping Family Foundation has contributed significant funds and resources to the Benedictine Sisters for their monastery and to Catholic Community Services. Larry and Jeanette’s son, Gary, who represents the foundation, spoke to the crowd virtually. He shared the story of how his parents met, and the importance that Mount Angel and Queen of Angels Monastery had for them.



After a special ceremony, attendees were invited for a reception in the newly renovated maintenance workshop that will become the new home of Mission Benedict. It marks the first Catholic Community Services ministry to move to Queen of Angels Monastery since the sale and transfer of the property on December 26, 2023. Construction is currently taking place in the monastery’s north wing, the future home of St. Joseph Shelter and Father Taaffe Homes and Pregnancy Support Services for new mothers and their babies.

The new Giant Sequoia and memorial bench are open to the public.

*Cover Photo: Sr. Dorothy Jean Beyer, OSB, and Sharon Zielinski bless the new Giant Sequoia tree.*

**“May this Giant Sequoia tree be a tree of life and inspiration to all, just as the Giant Sequoias which were planted in 1893 and 1982 by the Benedictine Sisters.”**

## Way of the Cross Restoration



An oblate and local carpenter have embarked on a project to refurbish and replace all elements of the Way of the Cross, the devotion of following Jesus' journey to the place of his crucifixion, that lines the path leading to the sisters' cemetery. Each of the 15 individual stations was painted and crafted by Sister Angela Meister, OSB, almost 25 years ago, and have been damaged by weather and the passage of time. Sr. Angela also created the "Resurrection Station," since the resurrection of Jesus is the central mystery of the Christian faith.

Featuring a state-of-the-art UV printing method commonly used to assure the longevity of outdoor signage, our project will honor Sister Angela's work and preserve a vital part of the Monastery's artistic and spiritual legacy. Oblate Susan Black and Fred Vandecoevering are leading the project. It is expected to be completed in early 2025.

## Coffee Cakes Find New Life



Two years ago, we released Sister Immaculata's famous coffee cake recipe to the world. Since then, we have heard countless stories of family and friends attempting her (somewhat difficult) recipe. We have heard of different variations of the classic cake as well. The sisters are happy to see Sister Immaculata's beloved coffee cakes continue to bring joy to others.

Carol Feick, from Indianapolis, made a double-layer coffee cake (see photo)! Brother Colman, a 94-year-old Christian brother working at La Salle Community Hall in Beltsville, Maryland, made two cakes for his community and they were a big hit. Sr. Immaculata's spirit lives on across the country.

For a complete copy of Sister Immaculata's famous coffee cake recipe, visit [www.benedictine-srs.org/coffeecake](http://www.benedictine-srs.org/coffeecake).



# Sisters Launch Legacy Appeal

One of the most common questions we have received since we announced the sale and transfer of our property at 840 South Main Street has been about the monastery cemetery. Over 200 sisters and oblates are buried there, including our foundress, Mother Bernardine Wachter. The small plot of land sits on a bluff on the south end of the property and has been the eternal resting place of our monastic community members since 1888.

Today, like the rest of the property and grounds, the cemetery has new caretakers. Before the sale of the property became final, an endowment was established to ensure the cemetery could be maintained long after the last sister is buried. The care of the cemetery is entrusted to St. Mary Parish, Mount Angel, and the sisters are grateful for the care of their cemetery.

While the cost of the overall care and maintenance of the cemetery is sustained by the endowment, there remains substantial expenses related to the funeral and final repose of our sisters. A simple funeral costs our community an estimated \$8,000 - \$10,000 per sister. This expense is not covered by the endowment. There are currently 17 sisters who will, in time, be laid to rest at Queen of Angels cemetery.

Earlier this year, the sisters launched a Legacy Appeal to help fund this need. If you are wanting to support this appeal, please contact Michael Trevino, our director of mission advancement, to learn how you can make a gift to this appeal. You can call (503) 845-2556 or email him, [michael@benedictine-srs.org](mailto:michael@benedictine-srs.org).





# Shalom Workshops

**Contact Sr. Dorothy Jean at (503) 845-2556 to learn more about any of our monthly sessions.**

**Ongoing Formation for Spiritual Companions (via Zoom)**

2nd Friday, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
September – May

All spiritual companions are welcome to attend the monthly meetings for on-going formation and education featuring lively discussions of pertinent spirituality topics, prayer and skills of the ministry.

**Book Talk (Monastery Dining Room)**

3rd Saturday, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
September – June  
Donation

Led by Tim Nelson and Linda Jensen. This group meets to discuss the book of the month and share their insights. Check our website for a full reading list and future dates.

**Dream Group: Language of the Soul (Monastery)**

3rd Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Returning Early 2025  
\$20 per person

Listening to dreams in a group setting can help us pay attention to God's presence in image and word in our awakened life. Led by Oblate Clara Jean Dawson.

**Prayer of the Heart (Chapel)**

3rd Monday, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
All Year  
Free

All are welcome to join this contemplative prayer group. Meetings take place in the Chapel, located on the second floor of the Hospitality Center.

**The Creative-Spiritual Life Circle (via Zoom)**

3rd Saturday, 1:15 – 2:30 p.m.  
September – May

A Benedictine-centered discussion group whose concept is simple: people who gather together to share whatever is gratifying, amazing, troubling, or puzzling us about the intersection of creativity and spirituality. Led by Oblate Susan Black.

**Spiritual Direction**  
Available by Appointment  
\$60 with Sliding Scale

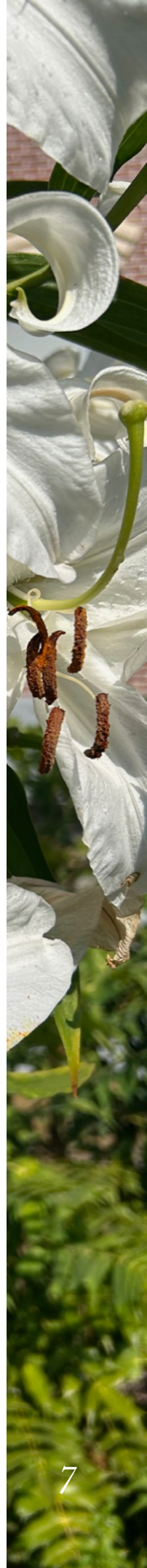
Sr. Dorothy Jean Beyer and Sr. Joan Pokorny are currently offering Spiritual Direction sessions via Zoom or in-person. For more information, please contact Sr. Dorothy Jean at (503) 845-2556 or Sr. Joan at (503) 949-6284.



## Join Our Email List



Thank you for taking the time to read through this edition of Reflections. As you may have noticed, we now produce this publication twice a year instead of the usual three. However, that doesn't mean there is less going on with our monastic community. If you'd like to receive regular updates on the activities of the sisters, Shalom at the Monastery and the gift shop, I encourage you to subscribe to our monthly e-newsletter! Just send us an email at [info@beneditine-srs.org](mailto:info@beneditine-srs.org) and let us know you'd like to be added.





# Shalom 2025 Retreats

To register for any of the retreats listed below, call Sr. Dorothy Jean Beyer at (503) 845-2556 or send a check payable to Benedictine Sisters, Attn: Sister Dorothy Jean, 840 S. Main St., Mt. Angel, OR 97362, at least three days before the retreat. Please include your phone number and email address.

**For full descriptions and details on all of our upcoming retreats, visit [www.benedictine-srs.org/events](http://www.benedictine-srs.org/events).**

Scholarships are available!

All retreats in the Chapter Room, except those via Zoom.



***The Way of the Cross - A Prayer for All Seasons, led by Susan Black***

January 4, 2025  
9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
\$40 – Bring your own lunch.



***Prayer of the Seasons, led by Gay Gomez, PhD***

January 11, April 5, July 12, and November 22, 2025  
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
\$20 each



***Aging: The Open Door to the Rest of Your Life, led by Susan Black***

February 1, 2025  
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Zoom  
\$25 – Includes breaks and time for personal reflection and prayer.



***Mary Magdalene: Apostle to the Apostles, led by Nancy Hendricks***

March 1, 2025  
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
\$20



***Children of War: Reflection, Prayer, Response, led by Susan Black and Mary Blankenship***

March 22, 2025  
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
\$20



# Shalom 2025 Retreats

 ***Profiles in Courage and Humility: Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Life Decisions and Ours, a Prayerful Retreat for Such a Time as This, Led by Rev. Terry Moe, Rev. Roger Newell, Sue Newell, and Sister Dorothy Jean Beyer***

March 29, 2025

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

\$50 – Bring your own lunch.

 ***Introductory Centering Prayer Workshop, led by Alysa Hilton and presented in partnership with Contemplative Outreach of Portland***

April 26 and May 31, 2025

9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (4/26), 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (5/31)

\$40 (suggested donation) for both workshops – Bring your own lunch.

 ***World Labyrinth Day: Take Steps Together for Peace***

May 3, 2025

1:00 p.m.

Outdoor Labyrinth, West End of Shalom Building

Free

 ***Jesus, The Living Water Retreat, led by Nancy Hendricks***

June 21, 2025

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

\$25

 ***Among God's Holy Women: Scholastica, Clare and Us, led by Susan Black***

August 2, 2025

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

\$50 – Bring your own lunch.

 ***Meet Wisdom, the Feminine Genius of God, through the Wisdom Books of the Old Testament, led by Susan Black***

October 4, 2025

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

\$50 – Bring your own lunch.

 ***Humility for the 21st Century, led by Nancy Hendricks***

November 1, 2025

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

\$25

 ***Can I Be a Saint? led by Nancy Hendricks and Mary Blankenship***

December 6, 2025

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

\$25





# Oblate Update

The Oblate program at Queen of Angels is thriving. On August 24, 2024, they held a very well attended informational session for prospective new members. The Oblate page on the Benedictine Sisters' website continues to see consistent traffic and visitors. In case you didn't know, current and prospective Oblates can find a wealth of information on the Oblate page, [www.benedictine-srs.org/oblates](http://www.benedictine-srs.org/oblates).



The Oblates attended their annual retreat this summer at Mount Angel Abbey Guesthouse. Dr. Owen Cummings gave the presentations with the theme, "From Transition to Transformation." Next year's retreat is scheduled for August 22-24, 2025, again at Mount Angel Abbey.



Oblate Susan Black was recently featured in 2024 Fall/Winter (Volume 77, No 2) edition of *Benedictines*, a publication of the Benedictine Sisters of Mt. St. Scholastica in Atchison, Kansas. Her feature, entitled "Resilience as a Benedictine Virtue: An Oblate Reflects on the Closing of Queen of Angels Monastery" gave a wonderful and meaningful account of the recent transfer and sale of the monastery from the eyes of one of its oblates. Susan was also featured in a new publication called The Branches: A Journal of Literature and Philosophy (Fall 2024) with its theme "Purpose." One of her watercolors is the cover image, and her essay, "Thoughts on My Legacy," appear on page 31 ([www.thebranchesjournal.com/issues](http://www.thebranchesjournal.com/issues)).

Congratulations to Lori Lemley, of Ocean Park, Washington. She made her oblation as an oblate of Queen of Angels Monastery on Sunday, October 13, 2024, during Morning Prayer with the oblates and Benedictine Sisters present.



If you are interested in learning more about being an oblate, please contact the Benedictine Sisters, 503 845-2556. Or send an email to [benedictinefoundation@gmail.com](mailto:benedictinefoundation@gmail.com). The oblate program is open to men and women and is ecumenical. If you want to enrich your spiritual life with the values of monastic life and journey with the Benedictine Sisters and Queen of Angels Oblates, please join us!



## Support our Retired Sisters

The Benedictine Sisters of Mt. Angel have dedicated themselves to a religious calling, serving others with selfless compassion, faith, and devotion. As they enter their retirement years, the community faces financial uncertainties. These courageous women have spent their lives in service to others in need and now deserve our support.

**Sr. Dorothy Jean Beyer** is the second oldest of seven children. She was born to William J. Beyer and Delphine (Ebner) Beyer, on February 7, 1943, in Silverton, Oregon. She was baptized at St. Mary Church in Mount Angel, Oregon. She attended St. Mary Grade School and Mt. Angel Academy in Mount Angel. The Benedictine Sisters taught Sr. Dorothy Jean in the primary grades as well as in her secondary education. She grew up in the shadow of the monastery; she and her family lived across the street. Sr. Dorothy Jean entered the monastery on September 3, 1961, as a postulant. She professed her monastic promises on July 11, 1963.



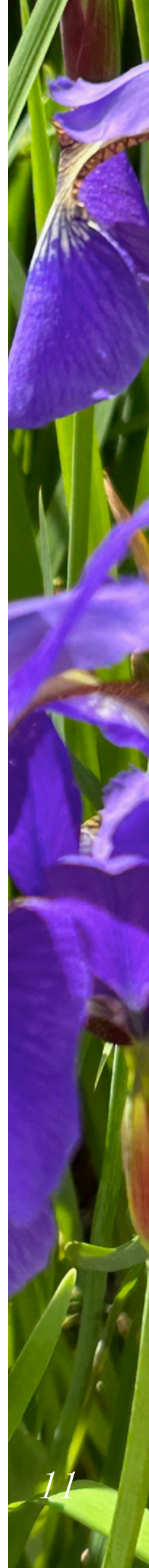
Her first teaching assignment was 5th and 6th grades at St. Paul's Catholic School in Silverton, Oregon. In 1968, she became both a teacher and principal of the school. From 1969-85, Sr. Dorothy Jean served as part-time 6th grade teacher and principal of St. Luke School in Woodburn, Oregon. From 1985-87, she taught freshmen and sophomore religion as a department chairperson at St. Mary Academy in Portland, Oregon.

From 1987-95, she served as prioress of the Benedictine Sisters, and again from 1999 to 2007. She led a successful \$6.2 million capital fundraising campaign to repair and rebuild the monastery, chapel, and Shalom Prayer Center after the 1993 earthquake.

Sister Dorothy Jean was the director of the Shalom Prayer Center from 1998-99, and again from 2008-2011. Since 2016, she has served as the coordinator of Shalom at the Monastery retreat ministry, retreat presenter, spiritual director and supervisor as well as the Donor Relations officer for the Mission Advancement Office. Since 2018, she has served on the St. Joseph Shelter Advisory Committee. Since 2012, she has been the coordinator of the Ministry to the Sick and Homebound/Prayer Shawl ministry at St. Mary Catholic Church.

Sister Dorothy Jean enjoys photography, especially of nature, crocheting, and reading. When asked to reflect on her 60th Jubilee, Sr. Dorothy Jean said, "God has blessed me in so many ways throughout my life. Too many blessings to count. On the top of my list are my parents, my brothers and sisters and their families. I am grateful for all that God has given me, especially my Benedictine monastic vocation. I have dedicated my life to God and to be of service to others. This is what I have tried to do."

You can honor their legacy by securing their tomorrow. Please consider making a year-end gift in support of the retired Benedictine Sisters. With the support of the Richard & Joanna Kreitzberg Fund, the first \$20,000 will be matched, dollar for dollar. To make a gift, visit [www.benedictine-srs.org/retirement](http://www.benedictine-srs.org/retirement).





# Mt. Angel College Reunion

From the very beginning in Gervais, 1882, the Benedictine Sisters began education for boys and girls at St. Scholastica Academy. When the sisters moved to Mount Angel, the Mt. Angel Academy and Normal Schools relocated there as well in 1888. In 1947, the Normal school was named Mt. Angel Women's College and in 1958, when the school became co-ed, the name was changed to Mt. Angel College. Sadly, in 1973, the college closed.



In the fall of 2023, George Fisher and others had the thought of staging another reunion of everyone who had attended the college. It had been ten years since the last reunion and the alumni were all getting a little older. The last reunion was a grand affair and enjoyed by all. Planning took several months, but the group of over 80 alumni met at the Father Bernard Youth Center, the former commons, on September 7, 2024.

Scan the QR code to access the Reunion Book. An online story and collection of photos documenting the reunion and how it came to be. The book was assembled by George Fisher.



## Gift Shop Update

If you or someone you know has ever wanted one of Sister Marietta's beautiful, handmade prayer shawls, now is the time to get one! If you'd like to purchase one, please call Sr. Dorothy Jean Beyer at (503) 845-2556 or email [benedictinefoundation@gmail.com](mailto:benedictinefoundation@gmail.com). Orders can be made available for pick or can be shipped directly to you (buyer pays for postage).





# Thank you, Judy!

Beginning in early 2023, the Benedictine Sisters began their move to Providence Benedictine Nursing Center's Orchard House. Before this move, Judy Gaboury led the Supportive Care Center in the monastery's north wing. She led a small group of caregivers who provided around-the-clock care for any of the sisters who needed it. Some were short-term members recovering from an illness or surgery; others were long-term residents needing assistance for day-to-day activities.



The care team went from three members and Judy, to just Judy. Today, her title is the Sisters Services Coordinator. It is a title that fails to convey the important work she does for the sisters every day.

In this role, Judy coordinates activities, manages appointments, coordinates travel arrangements, and assists the sisters with other tasks as needed. Again, these words don't encompass everything she does. Some days, in addition to her regular work, you may find her visiting with Sr. Alice Ann and Sr. Angela at the PBNC. She helps plan and put on monthly birthday gatherings and celebrations. She even bakes goodies for the sisters when she can.

The sisters would like to extend a sincere, heartfelt thanks to Judy for all the work she has done and continues to do for this monastic community. Her amazing spirit and outgoing personality help make Orchard House truly feel like home. Thank you, Judy!



# Sr. Marilyn Schwab Lecture



This year's Sister Marilyn Schwab Memorial Lecture took place on Thursday, September 19, in the Orchard House Community Room at Providence Benedictine Nursing Center. The topic was "Navigating Care for your Aging Loved Ones," and featured speakers from Providence St. Vincent Medical Center, Providence Home Health, and Providence Benedictine Nursing Center.

The panel of experts offered information and insight on various aspects of the health care system including assisted living, home health, and more. The lecture was presented in partnership with the Benedictine Sisters and PBNC. Watch for information on the 2025 lecture!

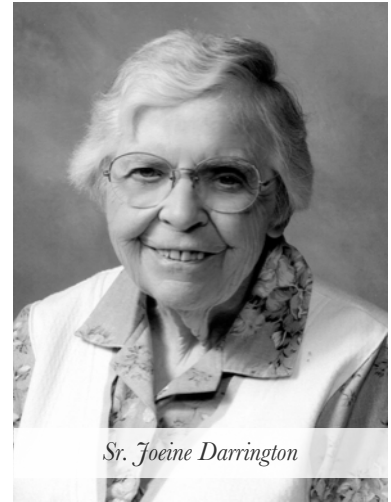




# Celebrating Founder's Day

Did you know that Queen of Angels Monastery is one of the first stops on the over 3-mile-long Mount Angel Heritage Trail? The route highlights the city's most historically significant locations. There are two historical marker placed on the monastery grounds, one of them marks the location of Mount Angel Academy and Normal School.

A fitting tribute for a monastic community with a deep history in education. Sister Joeine Darrington, for example, is one of many sisters who dedicated her life to education. After attending Mount Angel Normal School, she joined the Benedictine Sisters in 1934, making her final profession in 1937. Her teaching career began in Mount Angel, where she taught elementary and high school before becoming principal of Mount Angel Academy. She would go on to have an extensive teaching career, with stops at Mount Angel College, Montana State College (in Bozeman), and finally in an elementary school in Molalla.



*Sr. Joeine Darrington*

Now, all of our sister-educators are retired; they fondly remember their many students. They continue their monastic work of prayer, hospitality and service in different ways at Providence Benedictine's Orchard House and at Mount Angel Towers. While they may not do so in a traditional classroom, many of them continue to educate members of the community by sharing their amazing stories of dedication. In today's world, this is truly God's work and the Benedictine Sisters continue to answer the call.

This year, a matching grant from the Larry & Jeanette Epping Family Foundation means any gifts to the sisters as part of our Founder's Day Appeal will be matched. Anyone that signs up or renews their monthly recurring gift will have it double-matched for the first twelve months, tripling each monthly gift. It is not too late to make a gift to be matched or double-matched. Give Michael Trevino a call at (503) 845-2556 or email [michael@benedictine-srs.org](mailto:michael@benedictine-srs.org) to learn how your gift can go further with a match.

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Making a charitable gift to a nonprofit organization in your will or estate plans offers numerous benefits, both for you and the causes you care about. One of the primary advantages is the opportunity to leave a lasting legacy. By including a charitable donation to the Benedictine Sisters, for example, in your estate plans you ensure that your values continue to make an impact long after your lifetime, supporting causes and organizations that are meaningful to you.

Charitable donations made through your estate can potentially reduce the size of your taxable estate, which may lower estate taxes. This can be especially beneficial for individuals with substantial estates, helping to maximize the amount that is passed on to heirs while still supporting the nonprofits you cherish.

Additionally, charitable giving through your will allows you to make a larger gift than might be possible during your lifetime. By planning ahead, you can contribute a significant amount to your chosen charity without affecting your current financial needs.

We would like to acknowledge those who have left a legacy gift to the Benedictine Sisters as part of their estate plans in the last year and who are now members of the Society of St. Gertrude.

*Jack and Agnes Keller  
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**If you have left a gift to the Benedictine Sisters, please ensure the correct name, address and tax identification number is used to ensure your gift makes it to the sisters.**

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**If you would like more information on leaving a legacy gift to the sisters, or if you'd like to receive a free copy of "Ways to Give: How You Can Support the Benedictine Sisters", please call Michael Trevino in our Mission Advancement Office at (503) 845-2556 or email [michael@benedictine-srs.org](mailto:michael@benedictine-srs.org).**



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