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Prioress' Reflection

By Mother Mary Anne Noll OSB



This summer issue of *Benedictine Touchstone* reviews in photos (pp 4-7) and in words the moving celebration of “St. Emma

Monastery raised to the Status of an Independent Priory and the Formal Installation of Mother Mary Anne Noll OSB, as the First Conventual Prioress.”

The following reflection is based on my remarks at this celebration on April 18:

I feel so privileged to be addressing you, my Benedictine Sisters, and each one of you, as the First Conventual Prioress of St. Emma Conventual Priory.

From the time I was twelve, I knew Mother Leonarda and the Sisters from my family’s annual visit to St. Vincent Arch-abbey, Latrobe, PA where my uncle (Rev. Giles Nealen OSB) was a monk and in charge of the kitchen. The last detail even allowed us sometimes to eat in the Sisters’ Dining Room!

Of our founding 40 Sisters, I have known all but the first five Sisters who died before I entered and who are buried in St. Vincent Cemetery, Latrobe, PA. The

honor roll of our deceased founding Sisters is listed on page seven. These Sisters have given us this beautiful pattern of monastic life of prayer and work, *ora et labora*, that we practice today.

What did I learn from these founding Sisters about being a Benedictine nun? Everything! Benedict referred to a monastery as the household of God, everything within it is under God, directed towards God, and therefore, everything should be done with care and attention.

Affectionately known as “Mother Bearcat,” Mother Leonarda, was the founding superior from 1931 until her death in 1965. Not only did she have the responsibility for the spiritual and physical well being of the 40 Sisters but she was also in charge of the kitchen and various dining rooms at St. Vincent.

In 1943 and 1944, Mother Leonarda bought the adjacent properties that became the basis for St. Emma Monastery and built the first four major buildings. Her faith and foresight were amazing: at age 70 she built the Fatima Chapel for 120 people (with dining room in basement); at age 74, the retreat house for 50; at age 80, she built the first novitiate/monastery building with chapel for 20 Sisters; and at 83 she began the second monastery wing for 30 Sisters!

Born a Jewess, Mother Emmanuel, our second Prioress, became a Christian and a Catholic at 21, entered the monastery in Eichstätt at age 28 and was in the first group of Sisters sent to the new foundation in-
Minster, England in 1937 or the Holocaust would have included her as well.

Mother Emmanuel came to America in 1953 and served as Prioress from 1965 until her death in 1973. An artist before she entered, Mother Emmanuel designed beautiful vestments, palls, corporals and miters.

Having made vestments at St. Vincent, Sr. Agnes arranged her schedule for “three weeks” in 1952 in order to care for Bishop Hugh L. Lamb, the first bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg who lived here until his death in 1959. Mother Agnes’ “three weeks” turned into 43 years until her death in 1995.

Having served as the appointed Prioress from 1973, Mother Agnes was elected Prioress for five years in 1988. In the “file” of her mind, Mother Agnes had stored all the names of the contractors, where the phone lines ran, the names of the artists who designed the artwork for the chapels, etc.

What have I endeavored to share with the other nuns here? What have I and the other nuns here tried to embody? What these Sisters taught by living!

The importance of prayer and not just the formal times of prayer together: One saw Sr. Theresia walking with a rosary in one hand and pulling the cardboard box filled with weeds with the other. When poor health prevented our Sisters from participating fully in the daily work, they spent additional hours in prayer in the chapel or looking out the windows towards the Stations of the Cross and the beautiful outdoors.

Work—the other half of the Benedictine equation of *ora et labora*. Our Sisters cooked, canned, baked, served, cleaned, made dolls, crocheted, tatted, sewed vestments, made ceramics, and grew flowers; the revenue of which helped to build up St. Emma’s. They lived St. Benedict’s injunction to treat the tools of the monastery as the sacred vessels of the altar. The quality of their work showed that they did it out of love for God and neighbor.

Explanation of Candle on cover:

On April 18 during the celebration of the Raising of St. Emma Monastery to a Conventual Priory, Mother Franziska Kloos OSB presented this symbolically rich candle to St. Emma Monastery.

On the bottom left the large branch is “St. Walburg” written in gold letters while the smaller dark branch to its right is “St. Emma” written in silver letters. Each of these branches opens up and then comes together to form a heart with a cross forming the top of the “heart of Christ” (or Cor Jesu Chapel). The love of Christ is our origin. The love of Christ continues to form us individuals into the community of St. Emma and



to unite us with the Abtei Sankt Walburg.

Each of these branches lives producing leaves of growth: the older branch from 1035 more, the younger branch of St. Emma with its date of Independence, January 1, 2010, fewer.

This candle expresses the new shoot of St. Emma coming forth from the ancient root of Abtei St. Walburg embodying the monastic values of seeking God, prayer and work in the American culture in 2010.

This candle was designed and crafted by Sr. Caritas Dirr OSB, Abtei Sankt Walburg.

Prioress' Reflection

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Only God knows how many monks, seminarians, students and guests the Sisters welcomed as Christ at St. Vincent. Tens of thousands of retreatants and guests have been welcomed here at St. Emma's since 1943. The "welcome" began with the graciousness of the Sisters, the tasty food nicely presented on carefully set tables, the rooms were immaculate, the surroundings inside and out were attractive.

The altar linens were meticulously washed and ironed so they would be "worthy" to be used on the altar. Only fresh flowers adorned the altar and the chaplain's table. The high regard for priesthood manifested itself in linen table cloths for the chaplain and the desire to ask for a "Segen", the blessing of a priest.

Sr. Gabriel's zeal to "save" extended to the first apple in July until the last in December. She also added special touches to the food she cooked for the retreatants: her hand sprinkled – almost ritually – the seasoning on the green beans. Having heated the vinegar and added the tarragon, Sr. Gabriel placed the gallon jugs in the sun to give the salad vinegar a special taste.

For over 40 years, Sr. Wiltrud was our main convent cook. Her face lit up at the sight of many apples or plums on a tree, a patch of ripe strawberries or branches laden with blueberries. Her apple strudel was a culinary work of art!

After her quadruple bypass surgery at 90, Sr. Boniface continued baking the bread for the retreatants for two more years! Since the doctors had not thought to tell her not to shovel snow, Sr. Boniface could never grasp why she shouldn't be doing it. Additionally, as our only beekeeper, Sr. Boniface loved her honey bees.

"Offer it up." When we had large groups or the day seemed to merit a reminder of its worth, Sr. Walburga would remind us that we had just sent another "big basket" ahead of us to heaven.

Sr. Walburga's great devotion to the Infant Jesus expressed itself in nativity sets, both the ten cent figures from the days of 5 & 10 cent stores and the ceramic ones that she made.

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Good-bye and God Bless!

Sr. Maria Glaubitz OSB

After having lived at St. Emma Monastery for 10 years and almost seven months, I left on April 26, 2010 with mixed feelings. In September 1999 I arrived to support the community of St. Emma as novice mistress and sub-prioress for a time of five years. I doubled the time!

Now I was looking forward to return to my roots of the much loved Abtei St. Walburg and its community in the jubilee year of Saint Walburga's 1300th Birthday. On the other hand, there was a kind of sadness to leave St. Emma, also a lovely, sacred place and a community dear to my heart.

Being at St. Walburg for four weeks already, I really feel at home again. Looking back at the time I spent at St. Emma Monastery a lot of wonderful memories arise. Teaching and introducing American women who entered the monastery to the Benedictine life and seeing them make their solemn vows has been a great joy for me. Watching the construction and participating in the dedication of our monastic Cor Jesu Chapel and later daily praying in it is unforgettable.

I also cannot forget all the friendly and helpful volunteers who support the community so much with their time,



work, talents and generous gifts. I was so surprised when Mother Mary Anne told me the volunteers wanted to give a farewell party for me. And it happened! In Easter week it began with Vespers and was followed by a covered dish supper (this is unknown in Germany). It was a most joyful, unforgettable evening. I always experienced American people as very friendly, helpful and easy to become friends with.

Although there is a wide geographic distance between Abtei St. Walburg and the now independent Priory of St. Emma, the communities are united in thought and in prayer.

Vergelt's Gott! May God reward you!

We express our gratitude to Mother Franziska and the community in Eichstätt for loaning Sr. Maria to us for this past decade. She quickly became a part of our community and contributed to our community life in St. Emma as a member, as sub-prioress, and as novice-mistress – nearly all of our Sisters had her as novice mistress.

Sr. Maria quickly learned the ins and outs of the monastery, retreat house, gift shop, small community living, and the "Americanisms" of the English language. The 86 volunteers who attended her farewell party represent many other people whose hearts she touched. We are so grateful to her also for her work with *The Liturgy of the Hours* in preparing booklets, rearranging the psalms, etc.

Indeed our gratitude and the love in our hearts easily transcend the ocean to you, Sr. Maria!

*Mother Mary Anne Noll OSB
And Benedictine Nuns*



*Celebrating the Canonical Decree of Independence
raising of
St. Emma Monastery to a Conventual Priory*

*Formal Installation of the First Conventual Prioress,
Mother Mary Anne Noll OSB*

*Most Rev. Lawrence E. Brandt, JCD, PhD, Bishop of Greensburg,
Celebrant and Homilist*



Sunday, April 18, 2010

Excerpts from Bishop Brandt's Homily:

"To any pilgrim of faith visiting this sacred space, a sense of serenity is the first impression one has of Saint Emma's."

"The gift of the Benedictine Sisters of Saint Emma to all whom their lives touch is not just the absence of noise and stress. It is the divine presence of Christ who is here. It is Christ who is the center of this spiritual house. It is Christ who is the dynamic force behind the hidden miracles of grace which occur here where lay people retreat and religious women reside. It is Christ who is presented by the Benedictine Sisters to the whole world as Lord and Savior, the reason for our joy and our hope."

"Here at this monastery of Saint Emma, the theological virtues of faith, hope and charity are manifested in the Benedictine Sisters' life of contemplative prayer and Christian action. In both the monastery and the retreat house, grace touches every moment and every inch of this corner of God's acre."

Processing In



Knights of Columbus, Color Guard of Seton Assembly, Greensburg, PA and St. Vincent Assembly, Latrobe, PA



Opening Prayer



Archabbot Douglas Nowicki OSB, St. Vincent Archabbey, congratulates Mother Franziska Kloos OSB, Abtei St. Walburg, Germany on her Silver Jubilee as abbess.

Rite of Installation of the Conventual Prioress

Mother Mary Anne Noll OSB, receives the blessing and the presentation of the Rule of St. Benedict.



During the Ceremony



Processing Out



Overflow Viewers



Mother Mary Anne and Family





Members of the St. Emma Conventual Priory April 18, 2010

1. Sr. Mary Therese, 2. Sr. Walburga, 3. Mother Mary Anne, 4. Sr. Petra, 5. Sr. Gaudentia, sole surviving, founding member, 6. Sr. Maria Johanna, 7. Sr. Mary Antony, 8. Sr. Miriam, 9. Sr. Mary Clare, 10. Sr. Franziska, 11. Sr. Renata, and 12. Sr. Joan, Novice.



With special gratitude, we remember those members of our community who have gone before us to the heavenly banquet and who laid the foundation upon which we now stand:

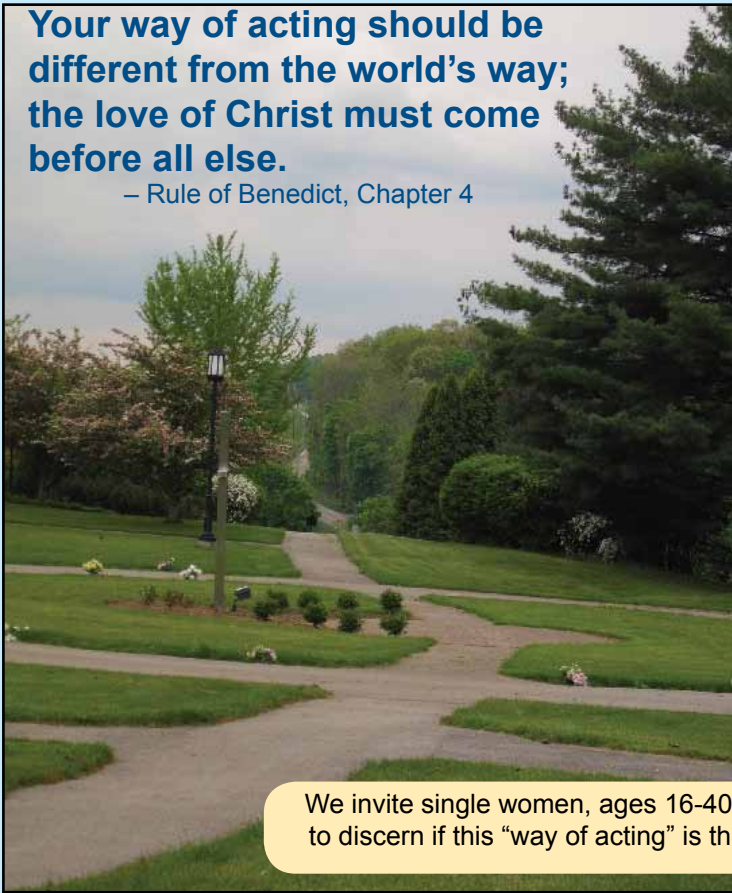
Mother M. Leonarda Fritz OSB <i>Prioress 1931 - 1965</i>	1880 - 1965	May 8
Mother M. Emmanuel Drey OSB <i>Prioress 1965 - 1973</i>	1898 - 1973	January 17
Mother M. Agnes Regensburger OSB <i>Prioress 1973 - 1993</i>	1911 - 1995	March 17
M. Hedwig Birkmeier OSB*	1901 - 1942	October 28
M. Veronica Preboeck OSB*	1891 - 1944	September 3
M. Leodegaria Thurner OSB*	1901 - 1953	March 12
M. Aloysia Schielle OSB*	1901 - 1954	September 27
M. Perpetua Bauer OSB*	1914 - 1961	June 23
M. Armella Kratzer OSB	1885 - 1965	September 4
M. Barbara Niebler OSB	1898 - 1967	August 23
M. Felicitas Hobmayr OSB	1902 - 1970	October 25
M. Dolores Eiber OSB	1887 - 1971	February 11
M. Teresa Grimm(Oblate)	1903 - 1974	January 14
M. Martina Gerner OSB	1905 - 1975	September 8
M. Pia Wagner OSB	1890 - 1977	September 12
M. Reinildis Fieger OSB	1915 - 1979	January 7
M. Elisabeth Schreyer OSB	1909 - 1980	December 2
M. Theresia Maurer OSB	1907 - 1982	December 9
M. Christiana Weidenhiller OSB	1909 - 1984	April 6
M. Willibalda Binner OSB	1910 - 1984	December 2
M. Benigna Riegel OSB	1912 - 1986	September 30

M. Vincencia Pfeuffer OSB	1907 - 1987	November 2
M. Stilla Meyer OSB	1900 - 1988	October 21
M. Liberata Hofmann OSB	1906 - 1989	October 7
M. Praxedis Lintner OSB	1912 - 1990	July 9
M. Katherine Erickson OSB	1946 - 1991	September 16
M. Josephine Irlbeck OSB	1910 - 1992	November 5
M. Monica Biller OSB	1910 - 1994	January 5
M. Margareta Stephan OSB	1910 - 1994	April 19
M. Aurelia Macht OSB	1910 - 1994	April 19
M. Friedhilde Aubele OSB	1906 - 1994	May 10
M. Brigitta Heller OSB	1901 - 1994	August 7
M. Justina Koller OSB	1898 - 1995	August 12
M. Hermelinde Karl OSB	1900 - 1996	October 9
M. Seraphina Irlbeck OSB	1912 - 1997	August 25
M. Aleydis Bauer OSB	1916 - 1999	March 7
M. Scholastica Ferstl OSB	1913 - 1999	December 27
M. Pudentiana Lintner OSB	1914 - 2000	February 21
M. Walburga Fruth OSB	1912 - 2000	July 5
M. Bernard Schloder OSB	1921 - 2000	December 29
M. Ancilla Brunner OSB	1912 - 2002	April 17
M. Wiltrud Ott OSB	1912 - 2003	August 19
M. Bonfilia Faerber OSB	1925 - 2003	September 27
Maria Haeusler OSB	1917 - 2004	March 14
M. Boniface Wagner OSB	1908 - 2004	March 22
M. Corona Broich OSB	1912 - 2004	August 19
M. Gabriele Haeusler OSB	1915 - 2004	October 3
M. Hedwig Scholz OSB	1921 - 2005	September 24
M. Pancratia Fruth OSB	1915 - 2005	December 3

* = buried in St. Vincent Archabbey Cemetery, Latrobe, PA

Your way of acting should be different from the world's way; the love of Christ must come before all else.

– Rule of Benedict, Chapter 4



We invite single women, ages 16-40, to experience our monastic life in order to discern if this “way of acting” is the way God is calling them to follow Him.

For us this “way of acting” means:

- + Daily Eucharist
- + The Liturgy of the Hours chanted six times daily
- + Lectio Divina (sacred reading)
- + Love made manifest in work
- + Living in Community
- + Hospitality

Upcoming Monastic Live-In Experience:

Summer Experience, July 9-14, 2010

For additional information or to register for one of the Live-in Experiences email vocations@stemma.org or call 724-834-3060. You are also welcome to schedule a time that fits your schedule.

If you know of someone who is considering religious life, we ask you to share this information with them, or if appropriate, to send us their name and address and we would be happy to send them information about our community.

As always, please remember in your prayers all those who are discerning a call to the religious life or the priesthood in your prayers - God bless you!

Inviting You to Invest in Vocations

By Robert J. Allen

Today I am asking you to make a personal investment in the Benedictine Sisters of Saint Emma Monastery. No, I am not asking for money, I am asking *you* to be part of the vocation team.

Each person has a vocation, but not everyone is called by God to lead a vowed life in a monastery. With today's busy world maybe our young people can't hear God, so it's up to us to be the messengers.

Every priest or religious has answered the call, but I assure you each one will have his or her story about how one person influenced them to answer the call.

Saint Emma Monastery is inviting women 16-40 to listen to God's call in their life and to consider a monastic life in service to God and His people.

Mother Mary Anne is inviting “You” to join the vocation team; no training camp, no guaranteed bonus, no hourly compensation, but united in Baptism to be a voice for potential Benedictine Sisters.

Each one of us sees a potential candidate, who in our mind and heart could be a person we believe could be called to the consecrated life. What we need to do is ask the Holy Spirit to guide us in our words to affirm that belief when speaking with this person. Don't be afraid of what you should say, trust in God's providence to give you the voice calling this person to hear with her heart how she can best serve God.

One of my great heroes is Walt Disney because he was so creative. When asked why he could be so inventive, his reply was, “I don't have meetings.” Instead, he held “creative planning sessions,” taking only positive ideas and storyboarding them followed by asking the same people what they would take down. What was left was what they all agreed on without having to use negative energy.

Vocations are all about positive energy; positive choices. Don't debate her vocation, listen to what she is saying and help her find that choice in order to best serve God.

Religious Community Life is centered in Prayer, it is supported by the Volunteers, the Benefactors and the Rule of St Benedict. It is a life of growing through prayer, sacrifice and work to realize that the joy of giving allows you to grow in wisdom and charity in serving God and one another.

It's up to us to be the outside voice in order to reach those being called to the inner life of the monastery.

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NEWS – AND GOOD NEWS!

WAOB (We Are One Body) (106.7 FM / 860 AM / 1510 AM) began its regular broadcasts on March 19, 2010. This Catholic radio station in western Pennsylvania with all new programming is designed to complement – not compete – with the already existing Catholic radio stations.

Focusing on authentic teachings of the Catholic Church by bishops and prayer (Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, the reading of Sacred Scripture etc.), WAOB offers its listeners the opportunity to grow in the knowledge of our Catholic faith and to pray with others.

WAOB records The Liturgy of the Hours and the Mass from various religious communities and churches. We are blessed to be included among them. Who but the Holy Spirit could have thought that the “Work of God,” the public prayer of the church that we pray six times a day could actually be prayed that you ‘the public’ from a distance could pray with us – over the airwaves!

Memorial Contributions

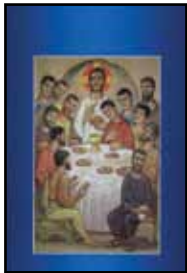
We are so honored that the family of Harry Shope Jr., Munhall, PA chose St. Emma’s as a recipient of donations in memory of Harry who died May 10.

Since the late 1960’s, Harry and Mary had attended Married Couples’ retreats here. Our deepest sympathy to Mary, their seven children and their families. May he rest in peace.

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Bound Commemorative Edition (24 pages) of color photos, “Celebrating St. Emma Monastery as a Conventual Priory and Mother Mary Anne Noll, OSB as Conventual Prioress.” A special way to remember the Sisters’ special day. *\$100 includes shipping and handling. Please use the order form on the enclosed response card.*



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Benedict places God’s praises on our lips during the day, to sanctify the day and to bring us back to our center who is Christ. Our Sisters lived the reality of “sanctifying the daily”, the tasks that occur day after day, year after year. They offered it up at Mass and they sought to make that offering a reality as they went from task to another.

What have I and the other nuns learned in this particular “school of the Lord’s service” that is St. Emma Monastery? What can we offer as Benedictine nuns as an alternative, faith approach to living in the twenty-first century in the United States? That God lives, that God loves us. More amazing God knows ME and God cares for ME. I matter to God. God desires a relationship with ME. I can know and love God in return.

The “good life” gets better when we love God and desire to do His will. Our lives are connected to God by our prayer and our prayer that is made visible in our work. Our work becomes the means whereby we can make a difference in our world, that we show that people are more important than things, that love transforms our every deed into an offering of love for God and for others. Nothing that we experience is wasted in God’s eyes and heart.

May the faith perspective expressed in the Rule of St. Benedict that so directed the hearts and hands of our founding Sisters and that we desire also to embody touch the hearts of those who are struggling to find meaning, happiness and a reason to go on. I am so grateful to be in this particular “household of God.”

We extend our sympathy to the family of Michael Fremming, father of our Sr. Walburga and the family of Rosemarie Hall, mother of our Sr. Renata. May they rest in peace.



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“The Beauty of St. Emma.” A 5-minute look into the extraordinary place that stands as a touchstone to God.

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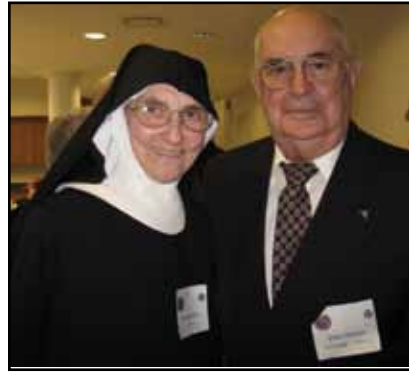
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*St. Emma Monastery
Benedictine Nuns
Dinner, Silent Auction
April 24, 2010*





A special thank you to the dinner sponsor, table sponsors, people who donated to the auction, and all the wonderful volunteers!



HUGE INDOOR FLEA MARKET

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SATURDAY, JUNE 19 (10 A.M. – 3 P.M.)

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Menu

- Halupki
- Halushki
- Pierogies
- Pizza
- Egg-drop soup
- Fish



Comments from last year's visitors

'The 'Premiere flea market– Items displayed as if in a store' • 'Everything is so clean and neat!' • 'Have always wanted to visit St. Emma; this gave me a reason!' • 'Couldn't believe the quantity and variety of items.' • 'I look forward to this every year.' • 'The delicious food is enough to bring me back.' • 'I scheduled a vacation day so I can come!' • 'Everyone is so friendly!'

*Donations gladly accepted after June 1
(Please, no large appliances, clothing or shoes)*

2011 Retreats

- March 11-13** SILENT Lenten, Rev. Boniface Hicks OSB
18-20 Men, Rev. Edward Litavec
- April 1-3** SILENT Lenten (men/women), Rev. Bill Kiel
8-10 SILENT Lenten, Rev. Frank Erdeljac
29-May 1 Silent Retreat for the Third Order Carmelites



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2010 Retreat Programs

For additional information on any of these retreats or to make reservations, please visit www.stemma.org – thank you!

- July 23-29** **6 Day Silent Retreat**, Rev. Donald Raila OSB,
Keys to Growing in Holiness: Obedience,
Silence, Humility, \$365

By baptism all Christians are called to holiness, which is simply the fullness of life in Christ. In our very secularistic world this call is easily forgotten amid over-activity and materialistic desires. Only by firm adherence to a well-tried spiritual path can a soul make steady progress on the journey to holiness. This retreat will explore three key elements of the path to holiness with the help of St. Benedict, St. Teresa of Avila, and St. John of the Cross.

- July 23-30** **Encounter with Silence**,
Rev. John-Mary Tompkins OSB
Retreat House accommodations: \$425
Monastic Guest House accommodations: \$475

“To us the retreat was the good news. We made it as often as we could, and refreshed ourselves with days of recollection... It is not only for others that I must have these retreats, it is because I too am hungry and thirst for the bread of the strong. I too must nourish myself... I too must drink at these good springs so that I may not be an empty cistern...”

- Dorothy Day in her autobiography **The Bread of the Strong**

- Aug. 20-21** **Busy Moms Overnight Retreat**, Rev. Angelus
Shaughnessy OFM Cap, \$75
Angels to Your Children, Archangels to Your
Grandchildren, Christ to Each Other

The vocation of motherhood is awesome to the point that sometimes moms don't take time for themselves. With that in mind, this overnight retreat was planned for mothers of young children. (You are welcome to stay an extra night if possible for you.) The retreat opens with dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and Mass at 8:00 p.m. (but you are welcome to come any time after 2:00 p.m.). We invite your family to join you for the 4:00 p.m. anticipated Sunday Mass and to stay on for pizza, pop and ice cream (cost \$5 per person).

- Sept. 10-12** **Married Couples**, Deacon Joseph Cerenzia,
Marriage Throughout the Bible, \$280

From Adam and Eve to Christ and His Church, together we will explore and examine marriage throughout the Scriptures as depicted by the various famous – and infamous – couples of the Old and New Testament. What their lives together tell us may surprise you, make you think and may just become new models for how you view and live out your own married life, today.

- Sept. 17-19** **Women**, Rev. Ed Litavec, \$145
24-26 **Silent (men/women)**, Rev. Thomas More Sikora
OSB, The Wisdom of St. Benedict, \$145

- Oct. 1-3** **Women**, Rev. Paul Robine, The Gift of Catholic
Womanhood, \$145

- Nov. 5-7** **Married Couples**, Rev. Angelus Shaughnessy
OFM Cap, Now Is the Vital Time for You
to Choose, \$280