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## PILGRIMAGE TO THE LAND OF THE MARTYRS

by Sisters Maria DeAngeli, Rosalie Ruesewald, and Barbara Bock, OSB and Oblate Kathy Jarvis

The dictionary defines a pilgrimage as a “journey to a holy place, undertaken for religious reasons.” In late November, four of us from St. Scholastica set off on our week-long pilgrimage to El Salvador to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the martyrdom of four churchwomen in December 1980. None of us expected to be touched so profoundly.

Before going, the trip organizers, SHARE of California, made it very clear to our delegation of Leadership Conference of Women Religious and Pax Christi members that this would not just be a commemoration of the deaths of Maryknoll Sisters Ita Ford and Maura Clarke, Ursuline Sister Dorothy Kazel and lay missionary Jean Donovan. It would be a journey to understand their mission in El Salvador in 1980 and to witness how it continues some thirty years later.

The delegation members, primarily sisters from all over the United States, had Spanish skills that ranged from fluent to non-existent. Fortunately, we had a team of young translators from SHARE who amazed us as they floated effortlessly between Spanish and English.

José Artiga, Executive Director of SHARE, drew a vivid picture of the El Salvadoran Civil War in 1980, resulting in poverty, destruction, and thousands of refugees. Church men and women worldwide responded to Archbishop Oscar Romero’s plea: “that you simply walk with them in their lives, that you accompany them on their own faith journey, be there with them as they struggle to work out their own historical destiny. If you do that – if you simply accompany the people, I tell you, you will discover a wonderful faith, and your faith and your lives will be transformed.”

Those who accompanied the poor were in great danger. On March 24, 1980 Archbishop Romero was gunned down while saying Mass. On December 2, 1980 the four women were beaten, raped and murdered. In 1989 six Jesuit missionary scholars were assassinated at the University of Central America in San Salvador. These eleven martyrs joined over 70,000 Salvadorans who lost their lives in that 12-year civil war. Adding to our horror was our awareness that many members of the El Salvadoran military were trained at the U.S. government financed and operated School of the Americas in Fort Benning, Georgia.

Eighteen years after the war’s end, violence, especially against women, is still a major problem. El Salvador has the highest rate of femicide (murder of women) in the world. We met with groups working to empower women of all ages to end this violence and visited Christian based communities teaching young people alternatives to violence. We learned that the “Special Holistic Law for a Life Free of Violence Against Women” was passed in Parliament November 25. These groups know that it will take a lot of hard work to implement it.

Since the civil war, almost 2 million Salvadorans have left their country to find a better life, along with millions of others from Mexico and other countries in Central America. José challenged the delegates to find ways to accompany the newcomers in our areas. We had been challenged earlier by Bishop Anthony Taylor with “I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me,” his 2009 pastoral letter on immigration. He reminded us that the migrants Mary and Joseph were not welcomed in Bethlehem and that today’s Marias and Josés often fare no better.



Sisters Rosalie and Barbara view the names on a memorial for the 70,000 who died during the Salvadoran Civil War.



Kathy Jarvis and Sisters Barbara Bock, Rosalie Ruesewald, and Maria DeAngeli visit Archbishop Romero’s tomb.

Here at the Monastery, we’re trying to build bridges with the newcomers for mutual enrichment in various ways: learning Spanish and Hispanic culture/English tutoring; participating in Spanish Mass and other religious activities; helping to connect service providers with immigrants; promoting education advocacy; and raising awareness in the community through educational events.

We made a pilgrimage to El Salvador – the land of the “Savior,” the land of martyrs. We returned with a keener awareness of the Theology of Accompaniment that Bishop Romero championed and which Jesus authored.

Following Jesus involves being concerned about the least of our brothers and sisters. In his pastoral, Bishop Taylor asks us: “Will we take a positive approach that helps newcomers to become full participants in society or will we take a negative approach that creates a marginalized underclass and a breeding ground for resentment?”

# A Message From the Prioress



Just a few weeks ago on January 23, we celebrated Founders Day. In our Evening Meal Prayer I was reminded that this year we were celebrating 132 years of our Benedictine presence in Arkansas. Each year we recall those valiant women who came from Ferdinand, Indiana, with their pioneering spirit to the wilderness land of Arkansas. Over the years God has raised up other strong and courageous women whose wisdom has kept us afloat through ever changing and challenging times. These women have left us a legacy of living the Benedictine Way of Life through ministries of education, health care, the arts, and culinary expertise.

Today some of these ministries are now being carried on by the laity who are well qualified for the task. We are pioneering differently as we continue to develop our Retreat Center, Spiritual Director Training and Retreats. These ministries are supported by you, our generous and devoted benefactors who give financially and in many other ways, our devoted Alumnae who want to be remembered as the "Scho Girls". We are grateful to those of you who have shared our life in the past. In our deepest gratitude we remember each of you in our daily prayers.

We are continuing to work and discern with the Realm Group as we look to our future. We ask your prayers as we address the challenging questions that face us at this time of our faith journey.

"Hope is the power behind love." - St. John Climacus

*Sister Maria DeAngelis, OSB*

*Thanks to you who have included us in your wills.*

*We invite others to consider that possibility or some other form of planned giving. Our legal name is St. Scholastica Monastery, Fort Smith, Arkansas.*

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Laptop computer, MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS: 4GB DDR2/DDR3, 2.3 Ghz, 14" screen, wireless capability, CD/DVD drive

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### Vocations:

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Ultra-portable LED projector

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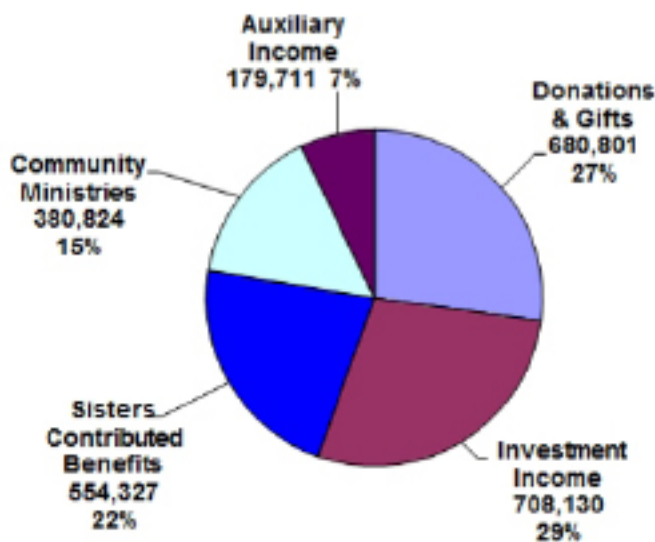
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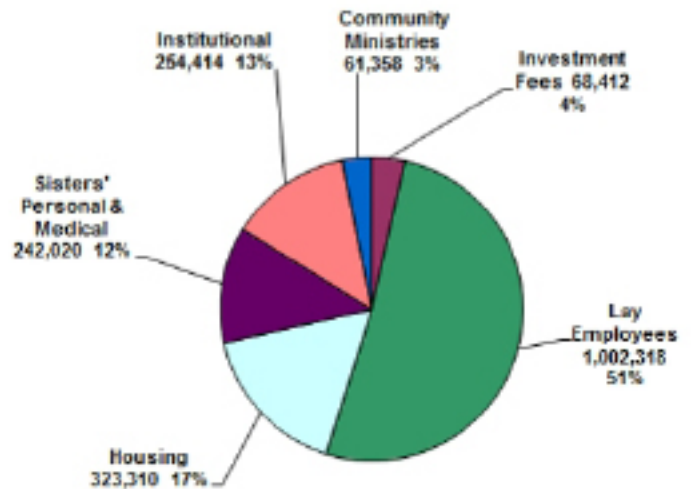
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### REVENUES



### EXPENSES



Total Revenues, Gains & Other Support  
Total Expenses

\$2,503,793  
\$1,951,832

Net Change in Assets

\$551,961

Using \$600,000 from our Continuing Care Fund, the monastery was able to balance the operating budget, thanks to the generosity of our benefactors.

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## IN LOVING MEMORY



**Sister Consuella Bauer, OSB**, entered into eternal life on January 3, 2011. In July, 2010, she celebrated 75 years of religious life. She was born on July 29, 1916 in Morrison Bluff, Arkansas to Marcus and Frances Bauer. She entered St. Scholastica Convent in 1931 and made her monastic profession on June 24, 1935. Sister Consuella, a teacher and school administrator, earned her B.A. in Latin, with minors in French, English, and Education at Marymount College, Salina, Kansas in 1942. She earned her M.A. in Latin, with a minor in Greek, at Catholic University of America, Washington, DC in 1956. She taught in elementary schools in Missouri, Texas, and Arkansas from 1935-47. From 1947-68, she taught English and Latin at St. Scholastica Academy, Fort Smith, also serving as principal for the last nine years of its history. Her advocacy resulted in St. Scholastica Academy's becoming the first desegregated high school in Arkansas, several years before Little Rock Central was desegregated. When the academy closed in 1968, she served as principal in St. Gabriel School, Kansas City for four years. She returned to teach a final year in St. Anne's Academy, Fort Smith from 1972-73.

She moved to Little Rock in 1973, serving as Diocesan Superintendent of Schools from 1973-77 and as Diocesan Director of Religious Education from 1977-1985. She then continued to serve in religion and parish work at St. Mary Church, North Little Rock.

Sister Consuella was a gifted poet who, in her later years, enjoyed corresponding with the many students she had mentored as a high school journalism teacher. She continued her interest and advocacy for social justice after her retirement.

Vespers for the Dead and the sharing of memories were held on Tuesday, January 4 at St. Scholastica Monastery. Monsignor John O'Donnell presided over her funeral Mass on Wednesday, January 5. She was buried in St. Scholastica Cemetery.

She is survived by one brother, Linus and his wife Veronica Bauer of Little Rock; two sisters, Pat Presley of Southport, NC, and Connie Bulmaski and her husband Joe of Little Rock; one brother-in-law, Fred Woeltje of Morrison Bluff; nieces, nephews and her religious family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four sisters, Regina, Cecilia Krallman, Marie Woeltje, Helen Moore; and one brother, Roman Bauer.

**Sister Patrick Cingolani, OSB** of St. Scholastica Monastery, Fort Smith, entered into eternal life on November 9, 2010 at the age of 96. She was born January 20, 1914 in Lake Village, AR to Florio and Anna Cingolani. She entered St. Scholastica Convent in 1928 and made her monastic profession on June 24, 1930. She earned her B.S.E. at Mount St. Scholastica College, Atchison, KS in 1957 and received her six-year elementary teaching certificate in 1965. She taught elementary school for 55 years at Sacred Heart School, Charleston; St. Edward, Little Rock; Holy Rosary, Stuttgart; St. Joseph, Paris; St. Benedict, Subiaco; St. Mary, Lake Village; St. Joseph, Pilot Grove, MO. After retiring from teaching in 1987, she spent seven years visiting with the homebound in Morillon and three years in St. Joseph's Home, Little Rock, working in food service. She retired to St. Scholastica Monastery in 1997.

Sister Patrick is survived by one brother, Orlando (Geraldine) Cingolani, Monticello; two sisters-in-law, Syble Cingolani and Kate Cingolani, Lake Village; one brother-in-law, Pete Dolci, California; many nieces and nephews and the members of her monastic community.

Vespers for the dead were held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, November 12, 2010, in the Monastery Chapel.

The Funeral Mass was held on Saturday, November 13, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. David McKillin, OSB, presiding, followed by her burial in the monastery cemetery.

**Oblate Leonard P. Jaegers**, 89, of Jefferson City, Missouri, died November 2, 2010. He was a highly-decorated Army veteran of World War II. He was owner and manager of Jaegers Shoe and Apparel Store, retiring in 1985. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Holy Name Society, VFW Post #8045, Disabled American Veterans, and Knights of Columbus. While living in Meta, Jaegers served on the City Council, School Board, and Parish Council. He had volunteered over 15,000 hours at VA Hospitals in Missouri and Texas.

He made his oblation at Our Lady of Peace Monastery on March 28, 1971.

Jaegers is survived by his wife of 65 years, Helen; seven children, Robert, James, Charles, and Joseph Jaegers; Nancy Suthoff, Diane Boeckman, and Mary Jane Weigelt, and their spouses; 26 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren; and three siblings.

His funeral Mass was celebrated November 6, 2010 at Immaculate Conception Church, Jefferson City, followed by burial with full military honors at Hawthorn Memorial Gardens.

**Oblate Cecilia (Bauer) Krallman** died December 28, 2010 in Paris, Arkansas. She was a housekeeper, a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and St. Joseph Mother's Society. She made her oblation on October 19, 1997. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Edward Krallman, three sisters and one brother.

She is survived by two daughters, Dorothy Blevins of Little Rock and Mary Cauldwell of Paris; two sons, Edward J. Krallman of Benton and S. Charles Krallman of Charleston; three sisters, Sister Consuella Bauer of Fort Smith, who passed away one week later; Connie Bulmanski of North Little Rock and Pat Presley of North Carolina; one brother, Linus Bauer of Little Rock; 11 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and six great-great grandchildren.

Her funeral Mass was held on Thursday, December 30 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Paris, followed by her burial in St. Ignatius Catholic Cemetery, Scranton.



# Sisters Kimberly, Pat, and Therese “Unite in Hope” with Younger Benedictine Sisters at Atchison Gathering

On January 27-30, Sisters Kimberly Prohaska, Pat Bolling, and Therese Moreno attended an interfederation meeting of sisters under age 56 at Mount St. Scholastica, Atchison, Kansas. Sister Cecelia Brickell, who is in residency at St. Gregory University, Shawnee, Oklahoma to complete her theology degree, was not able to attend.

Benedictine communities in the United States belong to three different federations—the Federations of St. Gertrude (to which St. Scholastica Monastery belongs), St. Benedict, and St. Scholastica—and one congregation, the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. 100 sisters from these communities met for this groundbreaking experience.

“A few years ago, the Federation of St. Gertrude held a meeting for its younger sisters in Ferdinand, Indiana, but this is the first interfederation meeting for younger sisters,” Sister Kimberly said.

“The meeting began with a gathering social, icebreakers, and introductions, followed by a panel discussion with the federation presidents. Ephrem Hollerman, OSB, Associate Professor of Theology at St. Benedict University, gave a presentation on Benedictine foundresses in the United States, using the theme, “Never despair of God’s mercy” (Rule of Benedict 4:74).

“I was really touched to hear Ephrem speak about all that our foremothers went through,” Sister Therese said. “It was really interesting to see the different personalities of our foremothers and their strengths and weaknesses, and to see how we are today compared to our foremothers and how we are called to be pioneers of the future.”

In discussions, dialogues, small groups, and peer panels, the sisters explored the theme of Romans 8:25: “But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait with endurance.” In praying the Liturgy of the Hours and attending Mass as a community, they asked God’s blessing during their wait.

“I found it really hopeful when we gathered and stood in order of age group. The majority of sisters there were in their forties, with a smattering of 30 year olds and a few 20 year olds,” Sister Kimberly said. “There were some faces I’d never seen before. I felt pride and hope to see these women committed to God in this way of life.

“It was wonderful to see the differences in how each generation was living out monasticism, and even though the situations are different there are a lot of similar struggles—wars, cultural issues, unemployment, economic problems, moving into areas that do not have a big Catholic presence,” she said.

“All the communities are also dealing with many of the same issues that we are struggling with, such as managing our facilities and providing care for our retired sisters,” Sister Therese said. “It is comforting to know we’re not standing alone.”

In summing up their experience, Sister Pat said, “It was just a grand gathering to me. It’s hard sometimes to keep up hope but these gatherings foster it, and many of the talks were inspiring.”

“It was great to travel up together and reconnect with a larger group of women who are hopefully going to be standing with us in the next 30-40 years,” Sister Kimberly added.

The younger sisters from St. Scholastica Monastery had an additional chance to bond when they returned home to two weeks of snow and ice—building snowmen and sledding with Postulant Sandra Nelson, and Sisters Barbara Bock and Madeline Bariola.



Sisters Pat Bolling (second row from top, 3rd from right), Therese Moreno (third row from top, 3rd from left), and Kimberly Prohaska (bottom row, 2nd from L) at the national gathering of Benedictine women under age 56 at Mount St. Scholastica Monastery, Atchison, Kansas on January 27-30.

## NEWS BRIEFS

On January 23, Sisters Kimberly Prohaska and Alice O'Brien attended the March for Life in Little Rock, AR with the Catholic Campus Ministry, University of Arkansas--Fort Smith.

On January 27-30, Sisters Kimberly Prohaska, Pat Bolling, and Therese Moreno attended the Inter-Federation Meeting of Sisters Age 56 and Younger at Mount St. Scholastica, Atchison, KS.

Sister Cecelia Brickell is spending the Spring 2011 semester working towards her Bachelor's Degree in Theology at St. Gregory University, Shawnee, OK.

Sister Maria DeAngeli will attend the Conference of Benedictine Prioresses in Jacksonville, FL from February 16-22.

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## UA--Fort Smith Catholic Campus Ministry Joins the Sisters at a Monastery Christmas Party and the Little Rock March for Life



University of Arkansas--Fort Smith Catholic Campus Ministry students provided entertainment and refreshments for a Christmas party for the sisters on December 2. The students led the sisters in playing games and singing carols. In the photo at left, Sisters Rachel Dietz and Stephanie Schroeder sing carols with the students, accompanied by Nick Burrell at the piano.

During the weekend of January 22-23, Sisters Kimberly Prohaska and Alice O'Brien joined the campus ministry at the March For Life in Little Rock. After attending a Mass for Life celebrated by Bishop Anthony B. Taylor, their group marched with 5000 others to the State Capitol.