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**On the cover:** A portion of the stained-glass window, designed by Sr. Emmanuel, in the gathering space of the chapel.

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As I write this, the war and crisis in Ukraine rages. Since this senseless war against the people of Ukraine began, it is front and center on my mind. I ask myself the question that many others ask, what can be done? One feels powerless and useless yet, ought we not try and do something? Prayer for all involved in this immoral conflict is essential and one in which we can all participate. Daily, we pray here at the monastery for an end to the suffering and end to the war.

Another avenue of assistance has been through our connection with Benedictine monasteries worldwide. Our global connection is through "The Communion of International Benedictines (CIB). The "Benedictine globe" is divided into 19 regions with a delegate from each region. Mother Blandyna Michniewicz, the abbess of the monastery in Warsaw, Poland, is the CIB delegate for the region that includes Poland, Ukraine and Lithuania. Mother Blandyna stays in close contact as much as possible with the Benedictines in Ukraine. She continues to send financial aid to them. At the same time her community in Poland is aiding refugees. Mother Blandyna gives frequent updates to Sister Lynn McKenzie, the CIB moderator who passes the information on to the monasteries in our region that include Canada, the United States and a monastery in Mexico. We post updates on our St. Walburg Facebook page. This has resulted in an outpouring of financial aid that we have sent on to Mother Blandyna to assist the Ukrainian and Polish sisters in their humanitarian efforts. We greatly appreciate the overwhelming generosity of our community friends. Thus far we have sent more than \$20,000 dollars.

At this dark time, commemorating Christ's death, in the deaths of so many people, children included, is real, and tangible. The Triduum, the remembrance of the final meal, the suffering and death of Jesus, and the placement of his body into the tomb has taken on a more sorrowful and tragic meaning with all that is occurring in Ukraine. The resurrection of Christ, one of our central beliefs, can seem incredible by such endless shelling and killing. Yet, despite what is occurring, the resurrected Christ is with us and peoples everywhere, especially in Ukraine. Yes, our hope is in the resurrected Christ's presence, ready to bear us up, even during these heavy times.

Sister Aileen Bankemper, OSB





# Federation of Saint Scholastica 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Benedictine Life: A Vision Unfolding

by Sr. Nancy Kordenbrock



Sr. Benedicta Riepp

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Federation of St. Scholastica, of which St. Walburg Monastery is a member. The federation has eighteen member monasteries in fourteen states and Mexico. The anniversary will be celebrated especially with a colloquium June 21-24, 2022. The colloquium will feature three speakers addressing Wisdom, Witness and the Way Forward. This will provide a look at the past, present and future of Benedictine life. Specific information is available at <https://scholastica-celebration.org>.

All members of the Federation of St. Scholastica can trace their beginnings to three sisters who came from St. Walburg Abbey in Eichstätt, Bavaria to the United States in 1852 at the invitation of Rev. Boniface Wimmer, OSB, later Archabbot of Saint Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, Pennsylvania. Led by Sister Benedicta Riepp, the little band settled in Saint Marys, Pennsylvania, the place from which missions and convents developed rapidly over the next fifty years.

St. Walburga Abbey, Eichstätt,  
Germany

In 1878, the first attempts were made to join the independent houses into a congregation. On February 25, 1922, the Apostolic See approved the Constitution and granted official approbation to the Congregation of Saint Scholastica. This congregation consisted of ten monasteries in seven states.

In 1974, the "Congregation" was designated "Federation" of St. Scholastica to more accurately reflect the actual nature of this monastic structure. Each monastery is independent with no major superior over all of them, as many other religious congregations are organized.

We join with our Benedictine Sisters in the Federation in marking this milestone for Benedictine religious life in the United States and beyond. We rejoice in God's many blessings.







# meet the sisters

## SISTER EMMANUEL PIEPER

By Sr. Mary Rabe

Where is Sister Emmanuel? Maybe she is reading for the sight impaired or drying dishes. Perhaps she is leading prayer or decorating the infirmary doors or preparing center pieces for the tables in the dining room or ringing the big bell that announces prayer time or supplying and maintaining flowers in the chapel. She could be working in the lower level sorting and preparing donated clothes and items for reuse in Ravenna, Kentucky or she might be tidying up some of the restrooms. She could be sending and answering mail for sisters unable to do so.

If she is not doing one of these voluntary actions out of the goodness of her heart where is Sister Emmanuel? Usually in her “shop”, a studio for her prolific art work. Visible in every space are paintings of oil, acrylic and water color, and works in metal, stained glass designs, cloth, ceramics, calligraphy, and photography. When asked her favorite medium she says “I like them all” but then admits silk screening, ceramics and designing stained glass are favorites. Churches, chapels, school halls, homes and the monastery are graced with her fantastic work.

All of this from a woman who has been on this earth for ninety-

three years and has spent seventy-seven of them as a member of the Community of St. Walburg Monastery.

Sister Emmanuel says she was born with the talent for art. “I have chased beauty all my life.” Her formal lessons began in grade school. After her entrance into the monastery she received Bachelor (Magna cum Laude) and Master degrees from Notre Dame when it was only co-ed in the summer. Her teaching yielded prize winners and life-time artists.

Sister Emmanuel is grateful to the community for the opportunities to teach and create. With extra vigor in her speech she says, “The community is the perfect fit for me. I love the prayer life, the order of the day and the opportunity to do art. I do not understand why more people are not taking advantage of it.”

Sr. Emmanuel in her art shop surrounded by some of her many works.







Right: Mary of the Seas

To the left: Sr. Emmanuel designed stained-glass windows for Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel at Thomas More University.



“Flames,” one of the windows in the sanctuary of the chapel. Flames of fire have symbolized many things in the history of the arts: love, wisdom, learning, creativity and in the New Testament, the gifts of the Spirit. In the window above the altar, the series of flames invites the viewer to meditate on this symbol in his or her personal life: the flame of love, deep and true, the flame of learning, in life-changing light, and the flame of the Spirit enhancing the God-life in the soul. The symbol of flame speaks to all of us in varied ways.

Middle Right: This painting of St. Walburg commemorates the 150th Anniversary of St. Walburg Monastery in Covington in 2009. It can be viewed in the front entry of the monastery chapel.



Bottom Right: Sr. Emmanuel is seen here working on a mural for St. Henry District High School.





# The Chronicles

by Sr. Mary Tewes

**November:** Sr. Jennifer Mechtild Horner from Beech Grove, IN spent sabbatical time at Cottage 7.

**Nov. 27:** The sisters assembled around the Jesse tree in statio, in preparation for Evening Prayer, celebrating the beginning of the Advent season. Throughout the Advent and Christmas season, various sisters shared reflections on the Gospel at Evening Prayer: **Sisters Colleen Winston, Aileen Bankemper, Dorothy Schuette, Eileen O'Connell, Mary Carol Hellmann and Rita Brink.** These are live-streamed.

**Nov. 24:** Thanksgiving Eve dinner was served for the sisters with all the trimmings.

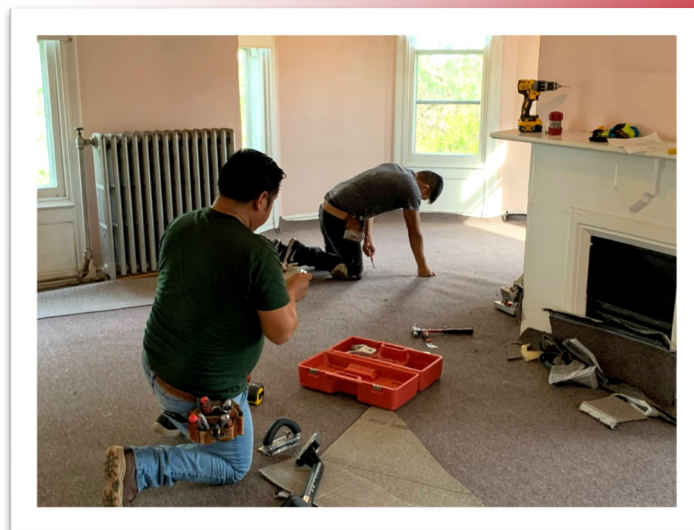
**Nov. 28-Dec. 5:** Sr. Dorothy Schuette directed participants in an eight-day Advent Retreat at the Milford Retreat Center.

**Dec. 2-6:** Sr. Aileen traveled to Lacey, Washington to facilitate direction statement work at St. Placid Monastery in preparation for their election of prioress.

**Dec. 2:** Sr. Cathy Bauer, Martha Walther & Sr. Mary Catherine went to Columbus, OH to participate in a Van Gogh art exhibit with tickets offered by a generous donor.

**Dec. 4:** The Benedictine Oblates had a virtual Advent gathering on the Spirituality of Advent & Christmas.

**Dec. 11:** An Afghan family arrived to live in St. Joseph House, a husband



*Workers readying St. Joe's House for our guests.*

and wife with their four children. On Jan. 6 they moved into their new home in Villa Hills.

**Dec. 16 & 17:** Coffee and donuts for all monastery employees. In non-Covid years this would have been a luncheon of appreciation.

**Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve festive dinner and party followed Evening Prayer. On Christmas Day many sisters visited with family and friends while others continued the celebration at the monastery.

**Dec. 28-Jan.1:** Sisters Aileen B. and Rita Brink traveled to Erie, PA to be with Sr. Laura Vallimont who was gravely ill. She died the evening of their arrival from many health problems. Sister Laura was originally a member of the St. Marys, PA community. The funeral for Sr. Laura was on Friday, Dec. 31 at St. Boniface Church, where she had lived and worked for many years.

**Dec. 31:** New Year's Eve Party at the monastery is an evening of games, conversations and refreshments. We recall the days when the party actually lasted until the new year.

**Jan. 8:** The Council met virtually with Sr. Mary Hughes, OP who will be our consultant for future-planning work. She will work with the community in March.





**Jan. 18:** We gathered in the Infirmary with **Fr. Henderson** for Anointing of the Sick for four of our infirm Sisters.

**Jan. 22:** The Oblate Coordinating Team met virtually to plan for future meetings and events. The Oblates meet monthly via zoom, and provide an ice cream social for the sisters in June. This year it may happen in person.

**Jan. 26:** **Sr. Aileen B.** traveled to Ferdinand, IN to facilitate the zoom meeting of the Conference of Benedictine Prioresses. **Sr. Maria Cimperman** gave a presentation to the 42 Prioresses on the future of religious life.

**Jan. 30:** **Sr. Henrietta Seiler** peacefully went home to God.

**Feb. 10:** The Feast of St. Scholastica: **Fr. Gerald Reinersman**, a former chaplain, presided at the Eucharist. This date marked the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Federation of St. Scholastica.

**Feb. 12:** **Sr. Cathy Bauer** hosted a day for women discerning a religious vocation.

**Feb. 13:** We watched all four final games, Jan. 15, 22, 30 and the Super Bowl on Feb. 13. Villa students prepared a large poster of all the players. We all hope for next time.

**Feb. 17-20:** Five guests from the University of Dayton made a retreat at the Guest House.

**Feb. 25:** The Feast of St. Walburg: **Bishop John Iffert** joined us for Eucharist, dinner and Evening Prayer.

**March 1-April 12:** Sisters participated in a book study of the 2020 encyclical by Pope Francis, "*Fratelli Tutti*," organized by **Sr. Rita Brink**.

**March 2:** Ash Wednesday began the Lenten season. At Evening Prayer **Sr. Aileen Bankemper** reminded us of the call to Lenten observance by St. Benedict in the Holy Rule, Ch. 49.

**Lent and Easter Season:** Sisters again offer reflections on the Sunday Gospel at the Liturgy of the Hours. **Sisters Aileen Bankemper, Mary Carol Hellmann, Deborah Harmeling, Kimberly Porter, Mary Catherine Wenstrup, Christa Kreinbrink, Dorothy Schuette, Nancy Kordenbrock, Rita Brink, Colleen Winston and Mary Tewes** are the speakers.

**March 8-April 12:** The Benedictine Oblates joined in the *lectio of the Gospel* by zoom with different leaders each week.

**March 19:** **Sr. Mary Hughes, OP**, spent the day with the community helping us to do future planning.

**March 21:** The Feast of St. Benedict: This date commemorates the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first group of Benedictine Oblates making their promises with the sisters of St. Walburg Monastery. Only six of the original 28 Oblates are still living from 1987.

**March 26:** Lenten Morning of Reflection, "Lent Again! Last Year Was So Good, Do I Have to Do it Again?" with **Sr. Cathy Anne Lepore, OSB**, from Our Lady of Grace Monastery, Beech Grove, IN. by zoom.

**April 8-10:** **Sr. Dorothy Schuette** offers a Directed Retreat for Women and Men held at St. Walburg Monastery Guest House: "Being with Christ on the Way: Explore your call to walk with Jesus this Lent." Retreatants join the monastic community for Palm Sunday Liturgy of the Hours and Eucharist.



*Srs. Nancy Kordenbrock, Cathy Bauer, and Eileen O'Connell are ready for the Bengals win! (Maybe next year!)*



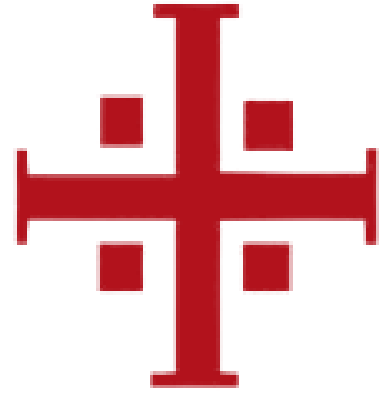
*Sr. Aileen Bankemper and Sr. Victoria Eisenman*





in memoriam

sr. henrietta seiler



Sr. Henrietta Seiler was born on February 24, 1927 to Raymond and Henrietta Schuler Seiler and named Ruth Marcella. She was the fourth of six children, five sisters and one brother.



Ruth entered St. Walburg Monastery in 1947 after a friend of hers (who became Sr. Rose) told Ruth that's where she was going. Ruth said, "Take me with you." She became a novice in 1948 and received the name Sister Henrietta. First profession followed in 1949, perpetual profession in 1952, silver jubilee in 1974, golden in 1999, and diamond in 2009.

Sr. Henrietta received her B.A. degree in 1953 from Villa Madonna College. She taught primary and intermediate grades at several diocesan elementary schools, serving as principal at two of them. In Washington, D.C. she studied at the International Montessori Institute, attaining her certification in 1972. In the years following she taught at several Montessori schools in the Northern Kentucky area until 1986.

Sr. Henrietta took a different direction in 1986 when she became the head of housekeeping and laundry at Madonna Manor Nursing Home. Here she served with customary energy until retirement in 1999.

This last official position suited her so well that Henrietta and Sr. Cecilia Daigle formed an internal cleaning service within the monastery. They called themselves the Wally Maids, offering their skills to sisters who were no longer able to clean their rooms. In addition, Sr. Henrietta's wide-ranging volunteer service included work with the Benedictine Guild, driving/shopping trips for sisters, and visitor to cats and kittens at the Kenton County Animal Shelter.

Henrietta loved to go fishing, at a monastery pond or a state park in a rental boat. She was a card shark too, perhaps one of the top five in the community.

In her 94<sup>th</sup> year Sr. Henrietta suffered a couple falls; her health began to decline. She died on January 30, 2022 in the infirmary, having decided to donate her body to the UC College of Medicine years earlier. She is preceded in death by her parents, her sisters Margaret Heyl, Catherine Nestheide, Helen Lunn, Alice Lewin and brother, Fr. John Seiler, and survived by many nieces and nephews, friends and her Benedictine community.

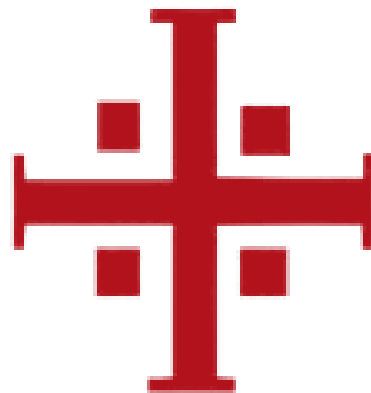
Vigil service was held on Sunday, February 6 at the monastery; Memorial Mass February 7, 2022.





# in memoriam

## sr. laura vallimont



Sister Laura Vallimont, O.S.B. died at age 77, on December 28, 2021, following a short illness. She was born on January 6, 1944, in Erie, PA, a daughter of Elmer and Eleanor Vallimont.



Sister Laura, a native of Erie, PA. was baptized Dolores Helen. She grew up among seventeen siblings, eight sisters and nine brothers. Sr. Laura entered religious life at St. Joseph Monastery, St. Marys, PA in 1960 at the age of sixteen. She completed her high school education at Elk County Catholic located on adjoining property to the monastery. Sister Laura transferred her monastic profession to St. Walburg Monastery in 2019 following the closure of St. Joseph Monastery while remaining to live in PA.

She received a B.S. in elementary education from Edinboro State College and a M.A. in reading and supervision from Clarion University. She taught many years and served as principal for twenty-five years in the Diocese of Erie. Sister Laura taught at Elk County Catholic for four years during which time she coached girls' volleyball, worked with the yearbook staff and the school newspaper. After coaching volleyball, she served as an official for several years. Having served on many boards and councils, she received the Holy Cross Pro-Ecclesia et Pontifice (Papal Cross) medal in 2006 by Pope Benedict XVI. She served her Benedictine community as the religious superior for four years.

Sister Laura was a positive, friendly and energetic person who loved to be with people. In the apartment complex where she lived the past four to five years she was the unofficial activities director organizing and orchestrating numerous gatherings for games, story-telling, and just plain-old neighbor to neighbor chats. When the school where she was teaching part-time merged with a neighboring school she returned to the parish and volunteered in the day care several mornings a

week. She remained active for as long as her health and physical mobility permitted.

Sister Laura is survived by five sisters, Sr. Judith Vallimont, Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit, Techny, Illinois; Joyce Silkworth, Elizabeth (Gerard) Mentz, Geraldine (Leon) Stancliff, all from Erie; Janice (Paul) Zawadzki of Westfield, Indiana; six brothers, Paul (Joyce), Robert (Lisa), Patrick, Edward (Kathy), Philip and Mark Vallimont, sister-in-law, Mary Ann Vallimont and brother-in-law, Raymond Zapolski. She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews and grand-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters Catherine (Zapolski), Patricia and Marjorie Vallimont and three brothers Raymond, Walter, and Donald. Visitation took place at St. Boniface Church in Erie, PA on December 31st followed by Mass of Christian Burial.

The Papal Cross honors people who have provided exemplary service to the church.





# 35th Anniversary

March 21st, the Feast of St. Benedict, marked the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first group of twenty-eight Benedictine Oblates (then called Associates) making their promises with the Sisters of St. Walburg Monastery. Only six of them are still alive.

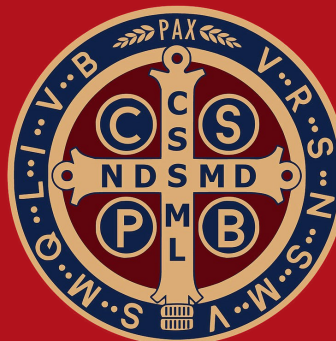
*“Freedom from cases and worries about Covid . . . I hope to return to normal activities, including attending mass and meetings at the monastery . . . Blessings to all.”*  
Betty Bradbury



Sr. Dorothy Schuette, Martha Arlinghaus, Tom Scally, Mary Jo Rechtin, Jamie Leslie, Gail Michalack, Kathleen Rosing, Sr. Mary Tewes. Front: Carol Leonhart



Sr. Cathy Bauer and Kathleen Rosing after the Oblation and Renewal Ceremony





On February 25, Five Oblates joined the community for the Mass with Bishop John Iffert for the Feast of St. Walburg.

Sr. Mary Tewes, Vickie Cimprich, Martha Arlinghaus, Jessie Lamantia, Bishop John Iffert, Gail Michalack, and Margie Hardebeck



### Oblate Retreat, November 12- 14 , 2021

St. Walburg oblates gathered for a retreat. Sisters Mary Tewes, Oblate Director and Dorothy Schuette, Associate Director, welcomed Dotty Due, Louise Jewett, Jamie Leslie, Jessie Lamantia, Joan McAlonan, Judy TenEyck, Margie Hardebeck. and Miriam and Michael Perkins to the Guest House for the weekend.

Following the suggestion of the Oblates themselves we focused our retreat on the topic “Stability” as foundational to the common Benedictine vision of monastics and oblates. It seems to be a timely topic given the “stabilizing” effect of COVID restrictions. This retreat was the first opportunity for most of the oblates to be together in a significant way since the beginning of the pandemic and gratitude for each other’s presence, friendship and support was notable.



Miriam Perkins, Margie Hardebeck, Joan McAlanon, Jamie Leslie, Jessie Lamantia, Judy TenEyck, Louise Jewett, Sr. Dorothy Schuette, and Dottie Due

## BENEDICTINE OBLATES

By Sr. Mary Tewes

*“Peace for Ukraine, that those who have lost so much would find hope. Our world has a broken heart. Personally, I hope to live into my changing life with grace.”*  
— Oblate Laura Tenzel







By Sr. Rita Brink

## Prayer for the People of Ukraine

We fly to your patronage  
O Virgin Mother of God.  
Despise not our prayers in our needs,  
but deliver us from all dangers  
since you alone are pure and blessed.  
O most glorious ever-virgin Mary,  
Mother of Christ our God,  
accept our prayers  
and present them to your son  
and our God,  
that for the sake of you,  
he enlighten and save our souls.  
Ukrainian Prayer to the Blessed Virgin  
Mother, c. 11th century

The Alliance for International Monasticism is comprised of approximately 115 Benedictine and Cistercian monasteries of women and men in the United States and Canada and over 400 monasteries in Asia, Africa and Latin America, all of whom follow the Rule of Benedict.

The birth of the Alliance for International Monasticism began in the late 1950's with monks in Europe who recognized the need for implanting monasticism in the life of developing countries and for better communications in a global world.

AIM today is a mission organization in support of monasteries in developing countries. Nine AIM Secretariats exist world-wide. AIM USA organized in 1973 has contributed over \$1M through grants, spiritual magazine subscriptions, mass stipends, and books for monasteries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. This year during Lent AIM USA's focus is on a small village in VietNam in support of people left jobless through COVID; in Peru, a monastic community in need of a new bread machine and oven; in the Democratic Republic of Congo, in need of assistance for education of young monastics as catechists and health care personnel.

Detailed information regarding the work of AIM USA and this year's Lenten projects is available on the AIM USA website including a 16-minute video outlining the organization's purpose and featuring a variety of the projects funded over the years.  
[www.aim-usa.org](http://www.aim-usa.org)



## VMA Donation



On the morning of March 24th, spirited second graders from Villa Madonna Academy came to the monastery to present a check of \$2003 to be sent to the sisters ministering to the refugees in Ukraine. On their own these second graders asked to hold an out-of-uniform day to raise monies especially for the children still living in Ukraine. These Villa students are caring children and already excellent fund raisers. We are impressed by their kindness.

### Other Donors:

As of this writing 78 donors have contributed \$30,000. This money has been sent to Mother Blandyna to assist the Ukrainian refugees. Monies are being provided to the Benedictine nuns remaining in Lviv, Ukraine who are caring for refugees at their monastery.



## wish list

By Sr. Nancy Kordenbrock

We are very grateful for the donations made in response to our Wish List posted in our previous issue of Leaven.

We have received four donations specifically for mattresses for infirmary beds, as well as five others for glider-rockers and other items.

In addition, we received the donation of a power recliner with lumbar massage which is very welcome!

Thanks to everyone who is helping meet these needs.





# The Nun vs. the Klansmen: Women's History in Boone County

*The following article is reprinted courtesy of the Boone County Library.*

**By Hillary Delaney,  
Local History Associate at Boone County Library**

During the mid-1920s, a new generation of the Ku Klux Klan was experiencing wide popularity among white Protestants across America and in parts of Canada. The Klan had long been known for intolerance and violence against African Americans, Jewish people and various immigrant groups, but during this phase, one of the foundational elements of their platform was Anti-Catholicism. The reorganized Klan had taken a more methodical approach to recruitment and public relations than its predecessor of the 1860s and 1870s and its membership was growing.

Rallies were held in our area with some regularity in an attempt to increase membership. One such event was held in 1924 at the old Florence Fairgrounds across U.S. 25 from where St. Paul Catholic Church and school are located. The rally's attendance was estimated to have been nearly 5,000 people. The roads through Florence were congested for hours by attendees and passers-by bearing witness to the 40 ft. tall cross that was burning at the fairgrounds. This visible show of force must have been seen as a threat to many, including the little Catholic church and school across the road.

Less than a year before the large rally, St. Paul Parish in Florence had rededicated its school, which had not been operating since 1913. The school reopened with 25 students and several instructors, led by Sister Mary Irene Schwartz, OSB, as principal. Sister Irene was a parishioner at St. Paul's before entering service, so it was likely a special placement to her.

Around this same time, friction developed between members of the KKK and St. Paul's school. Some of the members had had run-ins with the faculty, which was staffed exclusively by nuns of the Benedictine order. In short, the Klan was threatening a handful of nuns who dedicated their lives to faith and education.

The principal was both a brave woman and a formidable defender of her staff and students. Responding to the threats made to the teachers, Sr. Irene confronted the Klansmen and their Anti-Catholic rhetoric. Her forceful defense drove the men and their threats away, leaving the nuns and their students to the more important business of learning.



*School at time of dedication (1920s)*



*The Old Church*

The first Catholic church at Florence was a frame church, measuring twenty-five by forty feet. The steeple on the church arose to the height of about thirty feet. There were no pews, but only plain pine benches. The church was dedicated in June, 1856. This stood until a brick church was built in 1904.

Little more is known about the confrontation between Sister Irene and her aggravators other than the outcome, which proved she had the advantage of right over might and good over evil. She remained in her role until 1935, during which time enrollment in the tiny school nearly doubled. Just as the little parish grew, the enrollment of the Klan began to shrink. Sister Irene returned to serve the school from the mid-1960s to the early 1970s. She died in 1987, one month shy of her 96th birthday.



# from the archives

*The following is taken from a transcript of an interview with Sr. Callista Flanagan and Sr. Teresa Wolking about Sr. Vincentia Dolan.*

**A**nd then there is the incident with the Ku Klux Klan. Sr. Callista didn't know much about this except that the Klan came to the Villa threatening to burn a cross on the hillside there by the Senior House, but Sr. Vincentia came out and stood there, and they walked off; they didn't burn it. But she stood there, and they saw her, and you know how tall she was. She didn't have to do anything. Often she did that: she would just go out and appear on the scene. Even in school, she could command your obedience just by appearing on the scene. She never spoke in a harsh voice in any way; she would appear and you knew, for she was real tall.



Sr. Vincentia Dolan

Sr. Irene Schwarz



The original Collins farm and residence overlooking the Ohio River would eventually become the Senior House. Today, it serves as the Guest House.





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