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Profession: Promise of a Lifetime

Making the promise of a lifetime, novices Carla Fontes and Mary Mendez committed to Benedictine spiritual life and to the monastic community at the Monastery of St. Gertrude during the Rite of Temporary Profession in the monastery's chapel on March 21.

Surrounded by friends, family, and the sisters of St. Gertrude, Carla and Mary pledged "fidelity, stability, obedience, and to seek God in the Monastery of St. Gertrude until death" during the profession ceremony. More than 150 guests witnessed the moving ceremony in which both women raised their hands to the heavens and sang the "Suscipe", asking God to "*Receive me, O God, as you have promised, and I will live.*"

Completing three years of study and service, both women have been committed participants in the monastery's formation program as affiliates, postulants, and novices.

Carla, 45, who took the name Sr. Carlotta Maria in honor of her grandmothers, began thinking about monastic life years ago after receiving encouragement from her friends at Sacred Heart parish in Boise. "One Sunday there were cards in the pews at church asking, 'Do you know someone who would make a good sister?' Everyone came up to me and said, 'I put your name down.'"

But it was really a pilgrimage to Rome and Medjugorje that prompted her to seriously consider life as a sister. "I went into the chapel at Medjugorje, and the nuns were there. A feeling came over me. When you walk through the door, you just know."

Mary, 59, of Dinuba, CA, understands exactly what she means. "It just felt right," said the former hospice nurse and mother of three grown children, who took the name Sr. Miriam. "I sent my young-



Photo by Olivia Mendez

Fr. Meinrad Schallberger and Prioress Clarissa Goeckner observe as the new sisters sing the 'Suscipe'.

est daughter off to college and thought, 'What am I going to do with my life now?' I knew it would involve service."

The answer came to her during a 17-day volunteer experience with a Benedictine monastery in North Dakota in 1999. "I realized I was a mother of three with a Benedictine heart. My kids weren't surprised. They said, 'Gee, Mom, it seems like the poorer you get, the happier you get.'"

Following apprenticeships in various ministries, both women have settled into specializations. Sr. Carlotta Maria works in maintenance and manages the herb garden. She is studying to be a master herbalist and helps create healing salves, oils, and soaps. Sr. Miriam, who creates stained glass art, manages the monastery's Book and Gift Shop.



Greetings from the Prioress

Dear Friends,

This *Canticle* explores and celebrates the Benedictine value of *stability* – that web of relationships that holds us and calls us forth.

The idea of stability isn't that appealing in all sectors these days. Over the past years, a number of researchers have made the following observations: fidelity, self-imposed limitations, lifetime commitments, and steadfastness of purpose definitely go against the grain of modern culture. Staying the course, sticking with boring tasks and tedious people are challenges that some think are unhealthy.

On the other hand, change, new experiences, and keeping all options open seem much more life-giving. So much is possible: Why set down roots? Why stick with the tedious? Why limit oneself when there are so many opportunities?

As St. Benedict asked these similar questions, he experienced that seeking God, the most important work of a Benedictine lifetime, requires focus and steadfastness. It demands putting down roots, limiting options, and anchoring this search with a lifetime commitment in a particular community, even though this commitment may entail "hardships and difficulties."

Countering fears that stability might lead to stagnation, French Benedictine Sr. Lazare de Seilhac, in her article, "Stability's Amazing Paradoxes" shares some surprising insights: "There is nothing static about stability. It sets us on a path marked by boundaries ... yet a path open to the boundless desires of the heart; it sets us on a path of constant conversion which is open to

change and dynamic action. Stability has to be open to the future, the future of the Kingdom in our world: it must call us to go beyond. Not just the individual, but the whole community is called to the dynamism of a living stability, oriented towards the future."

Has the gift of personal and communal stability called our community to go beyond? Has it called us to dynamic action? Has it called us to move into the future?

*"There is nothing static
about stability."*

– Sr. Lazare de Seilhac

We are in the process of celebrating a number of anniversaries this year. Each milestone has given me the opportunity to reflect on the face and fruits of our monastic stability.

In December of 1905, our small community, then based in Colton, WA, sent three sisters to teach in Cottonwood. While being a stable presence of prayer and service on the prairie for all those years, we also have called ourselves to go beyond this area in responding to the ministry needs of our times.

Seventy-five years ago last November, we opened Our Lady of Consolation Hospital in Cottonwood. Dr. Wesley F. Orr, three of our sisters, and three lay women formed a stable base for health care to begin and grow. In 1965 we built St. Mary's Hospital. In time it became clear that it needed greater financial backing to stay viable. We

were challenged to look beyond our own resources. We partnered with Benedictine Health Systems, which has provided our small town with a stable and growing health care facility.

Seventy-five years ago, Sr. Alfreda began a collection of items that has flourished into our present Historical Museum at St. Gertrude. Over the years these artifacts have told our story and the story of this area to numerous visitors. It was Sr. Alfreda's dream that the museum be that stable bridge linking the story of our past with the present and the future. Today the museum has expanded its voice. The artifacts, as well as lectures, workshops, and symposia tell the prairie's story and ours.

Two years ago, we took another risk on behalf of the future. Because of the deep hunger in our world for spirituality, we committed ourselves to build Spirit Center. It is our hope that it will provide retreatants with a beautiful space in which to renew, refresh, and nourish their spiritual journey. Benedictine stability has once again called us to risk for the sake of the Kingdom in this world.

The gift of stability – a stability of relationships – has grounded our community over the years; this grounding has kept us moving beyond our perceived limitations, open to change and trusting the unknown future!

You – our families, friends, oblates, volunteers, and donors – have been stable, unfailing support for our community's many efforts throughout the years.

With gratitude,

Clarissa Goeckner

A Firm Foundation: One Angle on Stability

by Sr. Judith Brower, OSB,
Director of Liturgy

A few weeks ago I was watching a television program about new construction going on in China for the games of the 2008 Olympics. When the architectural plans were shown, I was struck by the conspicuous presence of triangles.

The simple triangle is wisely incorporated into planning in order to ensure strength and security. Even on the uneven surface of an old-fashioned barn, my grandmother's milking stool would stay firm because its three legs would be able to "determine a plane," geometrically speaking.

Great preachers have long known the effectiveness of preaching in groups of three's: one develops a pattern, catches the interest of the audience, and helps one's listeners remember the main points of an idea.

St. Benedict, in his *Rule*, often uses this "rule of three" to help his reader remember. In Chapter 58, the novice is to be judged on her eagerness for the *Opus Dei*, for obedience, and for *opprobria*, or the trials of everyday life.



Sr. Judith Brower authors the 'Monastery Well' newsletter and provides spiritual direction in Idaho and Washington.

The act of monastic profession itself involves a three-fold promise: stability, fidelity to monastic life, and obedience. It is to this last triangle that I'd like to devote a few words, and specifically to the "angle" of stability.

Stability comes from Old French and Latin words meaning "resoluteness, firmness, steadfastness." We know from experience that when we're stable physically, we can walk firmly, steadily, without the extra assistance of a cane or other support.

Just so, monastic stability means that firm resolve to walk the daily path of life in community. It means trying to be in real

relationship with all other community members: speaking to, laughing with, and suffering along with all those God has given us in community – not simply those we happen to like today. And it also means that the community has promised the same to each of us: it is in *this* place, with *these* people, that we will live life.

While visitors are great and friends outside of community help us grow, our fundamental mutual commitment is to each other person in community. Because I can count on each person's love, care, and reverence for me, I'm empowered to believe in my own worth and to offer in return a healthy love for the others in my life.

Don't we all desire a secure "place," some group of people, where we know we're loved, just because we are? That's what gives us the courage to listen to those around us, to risk growing, changing, and envisioning new possibilities for life.

The virtue of stability is one all of us desire, all of us try to live from, and all of us witness to one another when we're living out of our "best self." Yep, I do believe there's a wee bit of monk in each of us!

Students Who Called Monastery 'Home' to Return for Reunion

Excitement is building as the monastery prepares to welcome home former St. Gertrude's Academy resident students for a "Boarder Reunion" on Aug. 11-13, 2006.

More than 180 students who lived within the monastery walls or boarded with families on the Camas Prairie during the 1960s are on the invitation list. Former students from as far away as Alaska, Massachusetts, and Mexico have responded with fond memories of a time when they called the monastery home.

Reunion festivities will include a welcome orientation, tours, a barbecue lunch, catered supper, optional prayer services in the chapel, and the opportunity to just sit back

and chat with former classmates and teachers. Registrants may reserve a room in Spirit Center or other housing while vacancies last.

"We are working hard to make sure every boarder student has the opportunity to attend this wonderful reunion," said Sr. Angela Uhlorn, who is coordinating the event with several eager volunteers. "It has been so exciting to hear updates from former students about their lives and families now. I know they will enjoy reconnecting with each other."

If you are interested in attending this summer's Boarder Reunion, contact Sr. Angela Uhlorn at (208) 962-3224.



If you are a former 'boarder' student who would like to celebrate the 'good old days', be sure to register for the Boarder Reunion on Aug. 11-13.

Life of Learning, Laughter an Inspiration

“Good morning to you, good morning to you. We’re all in our places with sunshiney faces.”

“We sang that with the children every morning before class,” Sr. Scholastica Uhlenkott recalls of her elementary students. “Just the suggestion cheered us up. Some mornings I didn’t particularly feel like teaching until after we sang that song. Then, I was ready for a good day.”

Sr. Scholastica, named Mary, was the fourth of nine children born to Gerhard and Elizabeth Uhlenkott, who lived just over the hill from the Monastery of St. Gertrude.

“When I started kindergarten in 1925, I remember how very homesick I was,” Sr. Scholastica writes in a family memoir. “It was all darkness and gloom. Then, my older brother Abe came and brought me a green pencil and crayon box. That brightened up my whole viewpoint of school.”

As a girl Mary enjoyed doing farm chores with her brother Norbert. She would ride the family horse, Wrangel, pulling a cultivator between the rows of potato and corn. Wrangel was so clever Mary rarely had to use the reins.

Music and singing could always be heard in the Uhlenkott home. Gerhard was church organist for Keuterville’s Holy Cross Catholic Church for 46 years. And Abe led Mary and her siblings in a family orchestra that often played for church events, community dances, and even the county fair.

The close-knit family also enjoyed games and the occasional practical joke. “When I was in high school, I walked from our home to St. Gertrude’s Academy. I used comfortable, badly worn shoes and carried my good shoes in a paper sack. One April Fool’s Day, Mom put one white shoe and one black shoe in the sack. ... I didn’t think it was one bit funny at the time.”

Living in the shadow of St. Gertrude’s had an important influence on the Uhlenkotts. Mary had three aunts, including Mother Mary Scholastica, as well as some cousins in the convent.



Sr. Scholastica Uhlenkott brightened minds and lifted spirits during her 56 years in the classroom.

“At first I’m not sure I was too crazy about the idea of a vocation,” Sr. Scholastica says openly. “I think I still wanted to have a bit of fun first. So my father said I could not enter St. Gertrude’s until I was 20. But, in my heart I knew God was calling me.”

A diligent student, Mary was named valedictorian of her senior class and received a scholarship to Mount St. Scholastica College in Atchison, KS. She later entered St. Gertrude’s in 1940 at age 20.

Adjusting to religious life was a challenge in the early days of her postulancy, mostly because Mary missed her family. But she soon learned keeping busy was the key.

“As novices we were kept so doggone busy, we didn’t have time to be homesick,” says Sr. Scholastica with a smile. “We spent half a year in formation, one year as a novice, and then we were sent right out into the schools to teach. I’m glad I was busy.”

Education – both giving and seeking it – became her gift of service. In 1958 she was the first sister from St. Gertrude’s to receive a doctorate degree, earning a Ph.D. in education from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. But it is her commitment to teaching that made such an impact on the lives of children for 56 years.

In 1999 Sr. Scholastica was recognized for her work by the Diocese of Boise, which said, “She has taught every grade level from first grade to college. She has been a high school and elementary school principal, a director of religious education, a remedial reading teacher, a counselor, a college registrar, a member of a government-funded reading program, and a member of a parish pastoral council.”

Sr. Scholastica’s imprint is undeniable. The love and devotion of those she’s touched shows, as 12-year-old Vicky Villegas of Caldwell wrote in a 1990 letter about her beloved teacher: “I know a saint. If you think that is funny, then you should meet someone named Sister Scholastica. In my own opinion, she is Mother Teresa’s twin.”

How does Sr. Scholastica stay so humble despite such lofty comparisons? A healthy sense of humor.

“My family always loved to tease me,” she chuckles. “Laughing was very important in our family.”

“The knowledge that God was calling me was a defining moment in my spiritual life. I thought, ‘This is it.’ After that I never really had a serious doubt about my decision to come to the convent. I knew it was part of God’s plan.”

Profession Rooted in 1,500-Year Old Ritual

by Sr. Agnes Reichlin, OSB, Formation Director

When Sr. Miriam and Sr. Carlotta Maria made monastic profession, they and the community joined in a ritual laid out by St. Benedict more than 1,500 years ago.

St. Benedict wrote: “When she is to be received, the novice comes before the whole community in the oratory and promises stability, fidelity to the monastic way of life, and obedience. ... She states her promise in a written petition in the name of the saints whose relics are there and of the prioress, who is present. ... After she has put it (on the altar), the novice immediately begins this verse: ‘Receive me, O God, as you have promised, and I will live. Do not disappoint me in my hope.’ The whole community repeats the verse three times and adds the *Glory Be*.”

Monastic profession is a commitment and obligation to live the full monastic life as defined in the Rule of Benedict and by the lived tradition of the monastic community. There is an intertwining of the three monastic values of stability, fidelity to the monastic way of life, and obedience. The three cannot be separated in life as if they were separate obligations. For Benedict it is one three-faceted promise.

The ritual of profession is rich in content. Benedict directs that profession is to take place in the oratory, the place of prayer, the place reserved for the worship of God. Profession, to Benedict, is an act of worship, a holy moment.

The novice makes her profession before the Eucharistic altar, the symbol of Christ, and places her written petition on that altar. This represents the placing of her very life on the altar as an offering to God, an offering joined to the sacrifice of Jesus. Her act says, “This is my body/my blood offered for you.”

Other meaningful elements of the profession ceremony include:

- **Witnesses** – Monastic profession for Benedict is a free, solemn, and public act made in the presence of many witnesses: God, the saints, and the entire monastic community. Thus heaven and earth are called to testify to this lifetime commitment.
- **Oral Promise** – For a valid commitment, an oral declaration, not a written one, was demanded by Roman law at the time of Benedict. This format, similar to early baptismal rites, perhaps underscores the complete freedom and pure intention required.
- **Written Document** – The document signed by the new monastic serves as a permanent record of her promise. The prioress picks up the document and transfers it to the monastery archives, a reminder that the life of the newly professed is no longer her own.
- **Suscipe** – Benedict’s use of this Latin word is “receive.” There cannot be a receiver without a giver and vice-versa. The monastic cannot make or live this promise without God’s help. There is also a reciprocity, or give and receive, between the newly professed and the monastic community.

It Takes a Loving Parish to Raise a Sister

Behind every successful sister stands a lot of supporters. As the big day approached, novices Mary Mendez and Carla Fontes learned they have a lot of people in their corner.

In the weeks leading up to profession, members of Mary’s parish, St. Catherine of Siena in Dinuba, CA, said prayers, did mini-fasts, and wrote notes to encourage the soon-to-be sister.

Friend Ana Contreras, along with Fr. Anthony Janelli, made the trip from California to witness Mary’s profession as Sr. Miriam. Ana brought along a heart-shaped box filled with loving letters from her parish friends.

*Dear Mary,
Congratulations on becoming
a nun! I hope you do good
on your first day..
Love, Julian Torres, age 10*

Photos of her church congregation smiling and flashing the sign-language symbol for “love” brought tears to Sr. Miriam’s eyes.

Novice Carla’s parish, Sacred Heart Church in Boise, has also long supported her dream of becoming a sister. Years earlier, many church friends filled in her

name on vocation recruiting cards in the church pews. And, the parish also supported Carla during her postulancy, when she gave up her career to devote herself full-time to monastic life.

So when it came time to see her start her new life as Sr. Carlotta Maria, they did more than carpool. They decided to rent a bus to accommodate 46 of the members who wanted to make the day trip for the monastic profession.

It wasn’t all smooth sailing. Idaho roads can be icy in March, and then there was that fender bender on White Bird Hill. Still, they were no obstacles for such determined parish friends.



DEVELOPMENTS

by Sr. Mary Kay Henry, Director of Development

Ability to stick with something. Consistency for the long haul. Flexibility to change in order to remain constant in commitment.

I find these descriptions of *stability* applicable to our ministry in the Development Office. For example, your enduring friendship, your telling others why your connections with us are important to you, and your regular financial support provide consistent energy to help us keep focused on our mission to make Jesus' good news present in today's world. Thank you for these and other ways you inspire us to be stable in prayer and in reaching out to others.

A celebration of stability: In December 1905 two teachers, Sisters Thecla Sommer and Agatha Wieber, along with a housekeeper, Sister Bernarda Fritschi, came from Colton, WA, to Cottonwood, ID, to teach in the parish school. From December 2005 until December 2006, we are marking this

100 years of presence and service on the Camas Prairie by meeting with groups of local people in their homes to share memories of the past, discuss present connections between the monastery and local community, and brainstorm ways we can remain connected into the future. We have had these enlightening and pleasant conversations with ten groups and look forward to others throughout the year.

An example of stability in stewardship: March 22, 2006 marked the beginning of the renovations of the monastery building itself. A new elevator, compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, will give community members who cannot walk stairs access to all floors in the monastery. Guests will also have ready access to the chapel and library. Double-pane, energy-efficient windows replace the original single-pane ones. Some living and work spaces will also be rearranged or renovated. Our goal is to complete the project

by the end of November. We are grateful to be carrying on the outstanding stewardship, which our sisters and maintenance personnel have exercised over the now historic monastery since its dedication in 1924.

We invite you to participate in our ongoing choice to take the steps necessary to be a stable community committed to a future of prayer and service. Including us in your will, gifting us with real estate, making us the beneficiary of a life insurance policy, and contributing to our endowments for the museum and the retreat ministry are particular ways you can help sustain values you appreciate in our mission and ministries. Please consider making a long-term gift.

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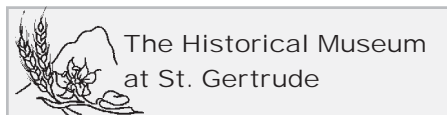
Museum Celebrates 75 Years with Toe-Tapping Special Events

Preserving the Past for the Future

Celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2006, The Historical Museum at St. Gertrude is one of the longest continuously operating museums in the northwest.

Founded by Sr. Alfreda Elsensohn in 1931, the museum features exhibits on the indigenous Nez Perce people, the pioneer life, ranching, mining, logging, farming, as well as the Rhoades Emmanuel Memorial gallery of Asian and European artifacts.

To celebrate this 75-year milestone, the museum plans several special events during the year, including a toe-tapping big band dinner dance on March 25, the 14th Annual Raspberry Festival in August, a Smithsonian traveling exhibit in October/



November, a variety of lectures during the year and much more.

The museum staff invites you to visit the museum throughout the coming year to see the new exhibits, improvements, and to reminisce about the "good old days".

Toes Tapping at 'Moonlight Serenade'

Dance aficionados had the opportunity to dig into that closet, dust off those wing tips and get the Zoot Suit pressed—all for a good cause. About 175 people got to swing into spring at the "Moonlight Serenade" Big Band dinner dance on March 25, 2006.

The evening's festivities were a benefit for the Historical Museum at St. Gertrude, and will replace the Victorian Tea as the museum's annual spring fundraiser. Party goers enjoyed a buffet dinner featuring roast beef and all the trimmings.

Then, things really started moving when everyone was encouraged to jump out on the floor and boogie to live music by The Hog Heaven Big Band from Moscow, ID. Swing-era fashions and shameless showboating on the dance floor were encouraged.

"We wanted to create an event the entire prairie would enjoy," said Lyle Wirtanen, museum director. "So we encouraged everyone to come on out, have fun, dress up and relive the Big Band era!"

Every Challenge is a Stepping Stone to God

Sr. Mary Bernard Lieser's life of stability and constancy may well be rooted in the fertile land beneath her family's farm in Minnesota. The family home, built in 1875, has housed four generations of Liesers.

Religion, too, provided a firm foundation for the family. Fifteen members entered religious life. Although, as a child, she did not initially think she would join their ranks.

"My mother taught me to pray before the Blessed Sacrament when I was very young," recalls Sr. Bernard. "She said that I should always ask for three favors, and God would grant one. I remember praying, 'God, I wish to follow your path for my life, but please do not let it be as a nun.'"

In 1940 at the age of 15, she came on the train from Minnesota to St. Gertrude's Monastery in Cottonwood, ID, to attend the profession of her older sister, Petronilla. "I traveled with Sr. Wilma Schlangen's sister, and one day she asked me if I thought she should become a nun. I remember encouraging her, but I still couldn't imagine myself as a sister."



Sr. Bernard Lieser's life as a nun and nurse is an example of stability. 'I always felt like God would give me the grace to continue.'

Yet years of praying before the Blessed Sacrament and a commitment to follow God's lead prompted a change of heart, and Sr. Bernard later entered St. Gertrude's at the age of 22, making profession in 1949.

For Sr. Bernard, the constancy of her early years on the farm was good preparation for her life as a Benedictine nun and her 52-year career as a nurse. "I think stability means getting closer to God. You can't give up. You have to find God in everything."

Sr. Bernard finds the schedule of Benedictine prayer healing. The correct time for prayer, she says, is just as important as the correct time for work and play.

"The medical profession went through many major changes during my years as a nurse," she explains. The Benedictine focus on stability helped her adapt and grow through those changes and challenges."

Still, she never wanted to leave her life as a sister. "Every challenge is a stepping stone to come closer to God," says Sr. Bernard. "For me this was the only journey worth taking. The joy of my journey is the unmistakable presence of God."

After retiring from St. Joseph's Hospital in Lewiston, ID, in the summer of 2005, Sr. Bernard, 79, spends her time helping friends and former patients in the area.

"I am content now in my retirement," she says with a smile. "I enjoy visiting those who are lonely or sick, taking friends and patients to medical appointments, birthday parties, and even funerals. It is nice to be of help."

Boise State Honors Sister as 'Woman Making History'

Sr. Betty Schumacher was honored in March by the Boise State Women's Center as one of 24 "Women Making History" for this year's Women's History Month.

Women Making History honors women who are changing the history of Idaho through their admirable work in the community.

Nominees are selected based on their contributions, such as challenging sexist stereotypes and norms, working/advocating for equality within institutions, role modeling healthy self-esteem and self-worth, breaking ground in traditionally male-dominated fields, and challenging other forms of oppression.



Sr. Betty Schumacher

Nominator and friend, Lorry Roberts, described Sr. Betty's ability to foster diversity by helping women recognize and use their gifts within a faith tradition.

"Sr. Betty is one of the first women in the Catholic Church in Idaho to accept the position of Parish Life Director, which means she was responsible for all parish activities. As a leader in the church, she has served as a role model for others by affirming that there is a place for girls and women within the Church."

In July of 2005, Bishop Michael Driscoll appointed Sr. Betty as Director of Education Ministries for the Diocese of Boise, where she helps Idaho Catholics of all ages grow in their faith.

Come Away to a Retreat

Praying With Mystics: Lured by Love

May 5 - 7, 2006 (Fri. 7:30 p.m. - Sun. 1:30 p.m.)

Presenter: Evangela Bossert, OSB, and Kathy McFaul

Spend time with a few women and men mystics, both as prayer companions and as heralds of our own deepening relationship with God. (Also Saturday-only option)

Exploring a Spirituality of Work

May 19 - 21, 2006 (Fri. 7:30 p.m. - Sun. 1:30 p.m.)

Presenter: Teresa Jackson, OSB

We spend a substantial part of our lives at our jobs, but often our work and spirituality feel disconnected. Explore ways to integrate our faith and our work so that our vocation truly becomes our Vocation.

Earth is a Mystic, Full of God

Sept. 1 - 6, 2006 (Fri. 7:30 p.m. - Wed. 1:30 p.m.)

Presenter: Marya Grathwohl, OSF

Explore ways to live reverently, consciously and compassionately as members of the Earth Community.

Contemplative Prayer Retreat

Sept. 29 - Oct. 1, 2006 (Fri. 7:30 p.m. - Sun. 1:30 p.m.)

Presenters: Evangela Bossert, OSB and Kathy McFaul

Draws on the spiritual tradition of *Cloud of Unknowing*, a spiritual classic of 14th Century England.

God's Passionate Love:

The Story of Creation in Art & Poetry

Oct. 13 - 15, 2006 (Fri. 7:30 p.m. - Sun. 1:30 p.m.)

Presenters: Teresa Jackson, OSB and Melanie Weidner

The cosmos was created out of God's passionate love. Do we treat the gift of earth with equally passionate love? Explore this question through art, poetry, science and theology.



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