

# Jottings

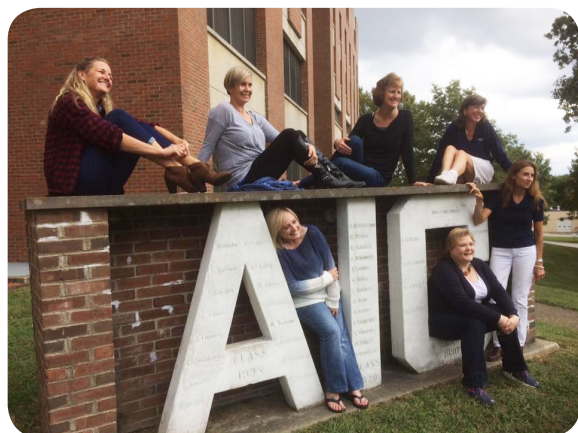
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## Madonna Hall

By Sister Paulette Seng, OSB

Madonna Hall, a large and beautiful residence hall, was “home” for thousands of Academy girls between 1970 and 2000. For years after the school closed in 2000, the sisters tried to find entities that could use the facility. When those efforts were not successful, the sisters made the difficult and painful decision to take down the building. The deconstruction process began in February.



After alumnae were told about the decision, many began sharing their memories — happy, sad, painful, and beautiful life-giving memories to ease their sadness. The loss of Madonna Hall is “heartbreaking,” as one alum described it. But with that loss, many have also expressed joy and gratitude for their Academy experiences and its influence on them.

**Alumnae Board President Tina Dalton wrote:** “I know the news of Madonna Hall was hard for anyone who lived in it. It was a home to us for our time at the Academy. I believe we all thought it would be there forever. But with the sad news of the building coming down, I believe we found something positive. The news once again brought us together as a ‘family.’ We know that in our own lives tragedy or loss creates strength. I’ve seen people come back to Ferdinand who haven’t been here since graduating. I’ve watched classes making plans to get back for Alumnae Weekend. Alumnae are reconnecting with each other and the sisters. We are coming to understand that the building was only a structure, not the heart and soul for the alumnae and sisters. ‘The Hill’ will be changing as

Madonna Hall comes down, but we will be okay. We’ll support the sisters’ decision because they are doing what they need to do to thrive. We are who we are because of the teaching and values the sisters gave us. Let’s say a little ‘thank you’ to them for bringing us all together as a family.”

### Memories from other alums:

“I can smell the smells and hear the sounds of that building (Madonna Hall). I can see the dim lights of the halls in the night time. I can feel the quiet time of study hall. I can hear the thrill when study hall was over and everyone scrambled to have a few more minutes of social time before bed. I can see the morning sun coming through the floor-to-ceiling windows of the cafeteria. I remember the fresh snowfall from my window as I admired the beautiful grounds. I remember the thrill of waiting for our mail to come in our mailbox. I can feel the freedom of going room to room just to say ‘hi’ to others. I can see us piled in front of the TV. I can feel the joy of the ‘pause’ to stop and appreciate the beauty of the building as I stood on the top step of the academic building at the end of each school day as I made my way back to the dorm. That building still has a piece of my heart!”



“I think I still see my dirty ramen noodle bowl in the kitchenette sink from freshman year.”

“The phones where I told my dad that I would stay at

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MHA; he breathed a great sigh of relief. I had threatened to hitchhike to the airport! MHA saved my life.”

“Madonna Hall is tears cried, laughs ringing out, shouts of welcoming each other after breaks, secrets whispered, and the birth of dreams.” (morethanabuilding#heartbroken#my shangri-la#paradiselost)

“My home for the most formative years of my life... It was on that hill in Southern Indiana that I learned the value of compassion, empathy, education, and the NECESSITY of diversity.”

“Thank you to the sisters (nuns) and lay teachers who taught us so well to love all people and to embrace our differences.”

“I have such respect and admiration for other cultures, religions, and customs because of what I learned from my parents and at MHA. I am so thankful to all of my MHA sisters, as well as the sisters who created that global village we called home.”

“We no longer need the building. We have the Academy in our hearts to remind us how important our Academy friends, the sisters, faculty, and monastery are to us.”

“I encourage everyone to embrace what will be a new physical look and purpose on the hill.”

“Great news that the sisters are not going to take down the annex, that part of the academic building we all still love and cherish.”

“To this day I often have dreams of the Academy, starring all the wonderful, lifelong friends I met there.”

As Bob Hope would say, “Thanks for the memory.”

## May they rest in peace

**Alumnae:** Dolores (Schipp) Stallings '36, Sister Wilma Davis '39, Marcella V. (Schipp) Haake '39, Rose Mary (Laake) Steltenpohl '41, Marilyn (Robinson) Gallagher '45, Helen (Begle) Gress '49, Kathleen H. Meyer '50, Madeline (Gluck) Gebhart '51, Mary Jo (Schmitz) Holmes '53, Henriella (Kares) Montgomery '56, Mary Lou (Hoffman) Tretter '58

**Husband of:** Helen (Demuth) Greener '53, Clara Mae (Schnell) Messmer '56

**Mother of:** Toni Frick '66, Connie (Holmes) Egloff '73, Barbara (Holmes) Vining '75, Yosandra (Sandy) Hall '77, Holly (Stamper) Norton '81

**Father of:** Martha (Krempp) Beckman '69, Jeanne (Krempp) Campbell '71

**Sister of:** Helen (Demuth) Greener '53, Eugenia (Hoffman) Rahman '53, Sister Barbara Catherine Schmitz '55, Carol (Hoffman) Knies '56, Sarah Kares-Becker '58, Sister Betty Drewes (faculty)

## Our deepest thanks!

We, Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand, express our heartfelt gratitude to the Academy alumnae — students and staff — who have so generously helped support our monastic community this past year, enabling us to care for our elderly and infirm sisters and to continue our service to others through our ministries.

In our Mission Advancement database we currently have addresses for 1575 Academy alumnae, including 118 former staff members. Of that total number of alums, 306 (19%) have contributed \$144,146.61 to the Sisters of St. Benedict in 2016.

Below is a summary of the top contributions from classes and a list of classes with the highest percentage of contributing members.

### Top five classes for contributions:

1956	\$ 14,790.00
1965	\$ 11,804.00
1958	\$ 10,290.00
1944	\$ 10,125.00
1945	\$ 6,950.00

### Classes with highest percentage of donors

1941	57%
1953	56%
1933	50%
1963	44%
1951	43%

Not only do alums contribute financially, but you also support the sisters in many other ways, such as volunteering your services, promoting vocations to religious life, serving as ambassadors of the Sisters of St. Benedict, donating “gifts in kind,” and more.

If you are considering a financial contribution to the sisters, visit our updated website at [www.thedome.org](http://www.thedome.org) and click on “Donate.”

Some alums have joined a “giving group.” Currently, 17 are members of the “Women of the Rule” philanthropy circle, 43 are “Partners of the Sisters,” and 57 are members of the St. Hildegard Society, a planned giving group. With your contributions, you help sustain a vibrant Benedictine community, and you become partners with us in our ministries.

We pray for you and ask that you pray for us. We are grateful and proud to have you in our Benedictine family.

Our deepest thanks!



Sister Barbara Lynn Schmitz, Prioress

## What you need to know for Alumnae Reunion on June 24-25, 2017

We're planning a two-day event, and we want you to be a part of it! All activities except Mass on Sunday will be in the Event Hall and outside.

**Monastery Event Hall (former MHA gym) will be open from 1-7 p.m. Saturday.**

- Reminisce with alums, faculty, and sisters
- Join in activities, games, cards, and competition between classes, alums and faculty
- Browse along the Wall of Memories and add yours
- Buy tickets for raffle items
- Celebrate your class anniversary with classmates
- Enjoy a leisurely cookout by the lake or inside the Hall (5 – 6:30 p.m.) — grilled bratwurst, hotdogs, burgers, etc. (If it's feasible, bring a small side dish.)

**Monastery Event Hall opens on Sunday at 8 a.m.**

8:15 to 10 a.m. — **all alums** sign in, register and pay (if not done earlier) and pick up dinner ticket

8:15 to 10 a.m. — continental breakfast

10:30 a.m. — Mass in monastery church (need to start up the hill early to get a place in church)

12 noon (after alums return from Mass) — dinner, a brief meeting, more fun and visiting

**Madonna Hall souvenir items to purchase (cost TBD):** salvaged bricks with or without engraved plate,

jewelry made from pulverized bricks, and sections of mailboxes. The bricks and jewelry will also be available for purchase online from the Monastery Gift Shop after the reunion.

**“Networking” table** will be set up for you to put your business cards, brochures, or flyers to promote your own products or business, etc. It's an opportunity for alums to support each other and highlight their individual pursuits. Contributing an item for the raffle will give additional exposure and serve as a visual aid for your business.

**Lodging:** Blocks of rooms are booked at Hampton Inn in Jasper and Comfort Inn in Ferdinand. Ask for the Marian Heights Alumnae Reunion block. In addition to hotels and B&B in Ferdinand, Jasper, Dale, and Huntingburg, check lodging in French Lick, West Baden, Evansville, Corydon, and in Owensboro and Louisville, Kentucky — all within a 1 or 1 1/2-hour drive.

**Registration:** Register and pay by April 16, Easter Sunday, to qualify for a prize! Register online at [thedome.org/get-involved/academy-alumnae](http://thedome.org/get-involved/academy-alumnae) or send in the form below. We need a count for Saturday cookout and for Sunday dinner, so please check that on the registration form. Registration fee for alumnae — \$25. Registrations are due by June 9.

**Bottom line:** Don't miss out on the fun at this “biggest and best” event on the hill.

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Register and pay online or send a check to the address below.

*Alumnae Association  
802 E. 10th Street  
Ferdinand, IN 47532*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Grad year \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ I will attend the cookout on Saturday.  
☐ I will bring \_\_\_\_\_ guests to the cookout.  
☐ I will be at the Sunday dinner.  
☐ I will bring \_\_\_\_\_ guests for dinner.

Alumnae — \$25

Adult guest at dinner — \$12

Children under 12 at dinner — \$6 Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## Celebrating 150 years – 1867-2017

By Sister Paulette Seng, OSB

In the 2016 fall issue of Jottings, we highlighted the first 75 years of the monastery. In this spring issue, we look back on the last 75 years (1942-2017) of the Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand.

The theme that best characterizes the sisters' life and service those years is "adapting to and serving the needs of a changing world."

In 1942 membership in the monastic community was 346, and the sisters were continuing to take on additional schools and expanding into new ministries.

The community experienced its peak membership in the late 50s and early 60s, and as a result, they were able to respond to new opportunities. When Mater Dei High School in Evansville opened in 1946, the sisters were asked to take charge of the school. For the next 67 years they served there as teachers and principals. They also staffed St. Ferdinand High School, which later became Forest Park High School, and continued on the staff until 2006.

When their number had reached almost 500 and the facilities could no longer accommodate them, the sisters looked toward starting new foundations and endeavors in other places.

In 1953 they decided to send sisters to form a new community in Beech Grove, Indiana. When the Archbishop of Indianapolis gave approval and land for the new foundation, he requested that they also build a home for the aged. When the monastery was completed in 1956, over 100 sisters transferred to the new daughter house, Our Lady of Grace Monastery. In a few years the sisters were operating a girls' academy and a retirement home on the campus and staffing schools in the area.

The sisters had established a small mission and school at the Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation in North Dakota in 1933, and in the mid 1950s, with additional sisters from Ferdinand, the community formed Queen of Peace Monastery in Belcourt. Once again, adapting their lives to the cultures around them, the sisters served the Native Americans in North Dakota for 71 years. When the last sisters returned to Ferdinand in 2004, they trusted that the people they served would continue the work begun.

An opportunity to expand ministry in health care and elderly care came in 1951 when the sisters were given ownership to Stork Memorial Hospital in Huntingburg with the request to manage the hospital and the adjoining St. Ann's Nursing Home. Eventually they built a new medical facility, St. Joseph Hospital.

After many years of operating that hospital, they transferred ownership to a local non-profit corporation in Huntingburg.

The sisters took leadership in developing religious education programs, strengthening Catholic schools in various dioceses, and extending services to students with special needs. In 1958 they began operating Marian Day School, the first school in Evansville dedicated to special needs students. Eleven years later, Sister Mary Mark Graf

'42 co-founded and directed Madonna Learning Center in Memphis, Tennessee. She provided more than 30 years of leadership in special education in the Memphis area.

St. Benedict College, established by the sisters in 1914 as a two-year teacher-training institution, eventually became a four-year liberal arts co-ed college. Kordes Hall was built in 1962 to accommodate the lay students, and the former cattle barn was converted into an art studio. The college served the sisters and the local community educationally, culturally, and financially until its closing in 1970.

With continued growth in membership, the sisters built Benet Hall to serve as a house of studies and lodging for the newer members. One month after its dedication in 1964, a record number of women (30) entered the monastery and were the first group to live in the building.

In the mid 60s the community started a mission in Norco, California, in response to a request to staff a school there. As more sisters joined the small community, they founded a monastery in 1972 in Riverside, which eventually relocated to Grand Terrace. In addition to working in schools, the sisters min-



*The oldest structure on the hill, the Quadrangle, completed in 1886, is located in the center of this complex. The newest building is the former MHA Gymnasium, built in 1979. Kordes Hall is on the far left at the end of the pathway from Benet Hall.*



**SISTERS OF ST. BENEDICT**  
FERDINAND, INDIANA

istered in parishes, hospitals, retreat centers, prisons, and social services. After 46 years of ministry by the Ferdinand sisters in Southern California, the remaining sisters decided they could no longer continue their ministries because of decreasing membership. They returned to Ferdinand, grateful for the service they had given.

Answering the call of Pope John XXIII to send religious from the United States to Latin America, the sisters began their first missionary endeavors in the early 60s, collaborating with other Benedictine monasteries to establish a mission in Colombia, South America. The Benedictine Sisters of Cottonwood, Idaho, eventually accepted that mission as their own.

From 1965 to 2007, Ferdinand sisters did missionary work in Guatemala. Responding to the Bishop's invitation to work in the Diocese of Cobán, they opened missions and eventually established a monastery and began accepting new members from the native population. Their ministries included health care, literacy, programs for women, and a printing press to provide religious and educational materials in native languages. In 2001, with fewer sisters available for missionary work in Guatemala, the Ferdinand sisters transferred the operation of their Guatemalan monastery and ministries to Benedictine sisters from Mexico, trusting that they would continue the ministries. The last of the Ferdinand sisters, Sister Mary Alice Schnur '40, returned to Ferdinand in 2007 after serving 32 years in Guatemala.

On the occasion of the monastery's 100th anniversary in 1967, the community's membership numbered 452, and their primary ministry was teaching. But beginning in the 70s and heeding St. Benedict's instructions for his followers to serve the needs of a changing world, more sisters answered a call to minister in spirituality work, peace and justice, care of the poor and homeless, parish work, and rural health clinics.

Six sisters began missionary work in Peru, South America, in 1969. They first established a Catholic high school for girls. Eventually, with more sisters joining them, they founded Monasterio Paz de la Cruz in Morropón. Their ministries included working in parishes and justice and peace issues, and operating a medical clinic and a home for unwanted elderly people. Currently, the six native sisters at the monastery are continuing ministries begun by the Ferdinand sisters. Sister Mary Leah Baehl '49 returned to

Ferdinand last summer after almost 40 years of service in Peru.

In 1976 the community sent sisters to open a mission in Appalachia in eastern Kentucky, an area of great need. Initially they established a center for prayer and reflection for people ministering in the area. Six years later, they founded a monastery, The Dwelling Place, and more sisters and women from other parts of the country joined the group. They have served primarily in pastoral ministry, health care, education, social services, and continue to share their monastery as a center for prayer. In 2008 the community became an Ecumenical monastery open to women of diverse religions.



*Sister Anna Corrine O'Connor '69 teaches theology at Presentation Academy in Louisville. On "Missioning Day" every July, the prioress gives each sister a blessing and a card listing her ministry assignment. Currently, sisters serve in 46 different ministries away from the monastery. Those living at the monastery serve the needs and ministries on the hill.*

Many changes were happening on the hill in the 70s. The sisters opened Madonna Hall in 1970 as a residence for Academy students. The Academy changed its name in 1973 from Academy Immaculate Conception to Marian Heights Academy and became certified by North Central Association of Schools for the first time.

With more opportunities opening in girls' sports, the Academy became involved in interscholastic competition and enhanced its facilities by building a new gymnasium in 1979. The "old gym" in the crypt, which had been used for sports since the

late 1920s, continued to be used for plays, music recitals, a haunted house, and other activities until the closing of the school in 2000.

The community developed a new corporate ministry on the hill to address the increasing needs for spiritual growth and enrichment, prayer, and reflection. After the college closed, they converted Kordes Hall into a retreat center and guest facility. Kordes continues to serve as a hospitality center and offers retreats and other spiritual programs.

Many Academy alums who entered the monastery assumed leadership roles through the years. A few examples from the 70s and 80s show how they made a difference in people's lives.

Three siblings, Sisters Virginia Walsh '29, Mary Herbert Walsh '33, and Marion Walsh '40, began a contemplative community in Durham, North Carolina, and later founded a monastery in Tickfaw, Louisiana, with other sisters who had joined them. They lived a cloistered lifestyle devoted to prayer and service within the monastery. Sister Miriam Schultheis '33 established and directed Benet Learning Center in Fort Wayne to assist students struggling in

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traditional educational settings. Sister Mary George Kissel '41 started The Reading Carrel in Evansville in 1975 to serve students needing remediation in reading. She and her sister, Sister Margaret Carolyn, operated the program until 2013. Sister Joanna Trainer '50 helped establish a soup kitchen in Evansville in 1982. After realizing another need in the area, she co-founded and directed The House of Bread and Peace, a shelter that has served thousands of homeless women and children ever since.

Another new opportunity for ministry became available in 1989 when sisters were asked to join the faculty at North American College in Rome, Italy, a seminary to prepare men from the States for priesthood. Sister Jane Becker, clinical psychologist, was the first sister on the faculty. In the following years, additional sisters worked as librarians, archivists, comptrollers, and teachers.

In 1993 the sisters began major renovation of St. Benedict Hall, built in 1936 to provide living quarters and other services for the monastery. They moved back into the "new" building in 1995.

The turn of the century brought many more changes in the buildings, ministries, and activities on the hill.

Closing the Academy in 2000 was one of the most difficult and painful decisions the sisters ever made. That event still evokes sadness and feelings of loss. It would be impossible to measure all the good that the Academy accomplished in its 130 years of "educating women for leadership." Sister Mary Dominic Frederick, principal, reminded the last graduates to continue the legacy of the Academy. "The spirit of the Academy will live on... as long as you, together with the other women who have attended this school, share your goodness, your knowledge, and your capacity to love with those whose lives you touch."

The monastery church, "the castle on the hill," built between 1915-1924 and in dire need of interior and exterior repair, was restored to its original beauty and architectural wonder in 2005. This sacred space has always been the heart of the monastery and the center of the sisters' lives. It is also a haven of peace and inspiration for guests and visitors. As a result of the restoration, "this sacred treasure will continue to stand as a beacon of light and hope for all God's people."

When Sister Mary Victor Kercher '43 returned from missionary work in Guatemala in 1979, she pioneered a ministry to serve Hispanics. The sisters worked with the Evansville Diocese in serving the needs of the growing population of Latinos in Southern Indiana. In 2002, they established the Guadalupe Center in Huntingburg as a resource center offering various services. More recently, they have focused on providing immigration services and a faith-based Latino Outreach program at the monastery.

In 2005, Hildegard Health Center, a licensed long-term care facility for the sisters, replaced the monastery infirmary. The Community Health Services Department was also established at that time to provide medical care for sisters not in HHC.

Throughout its history, the monastery and grounds have been seen as places of peace and welcome. Such is



*Hurray for the Academy Alumnae! (Cheerleaders from the class of 1979)*

Grotto Hill, which has always had a special place in the hearts of the sisters, alumnae, and visitors. Sister Clarissa Riehl, Academy principal, initiated projects in the 1940s to enhance the hillside as a place of prayer, meditation, and peace. The Academy alumnae helped sponsor some of the shrines, including the Lourdes Grotto, Way of the Cross, Fatima Shrine, and Rosary Steps. The most recent shrine on Grotto Hill was added in 2008 when the statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe, contributed by an alum years earlier, was relocated from its original place by the Art Studio. The sisters continue the beautiful tradition of Christmas lights and displays on Grotto Hill, begun by Sister Mary Dominic Frederick and the Student Council in the early 1980s.

When some of the buildings, constructed on the hill during the years of rapid growth in membership and ministries, were no longer needed and had become a burden to maintain, the sisters discussed future possibilities.

In 2004 the monastery leased the Marian Heights Gymnasium and Art Studio to the Tri-County YMCA. After the "Y" moved into its new facility in Ferdinand in 2015, the gym was converted into the Monastery Event Hall, available to the public for various events. The Monastery Gift Shop also moved into that space. St. Benedict's Brew Works, a microbrewery making specialty craft beers, now occupies the former Art Studio leased by the sisters. Benet Hall was converted into affordable housing for seniors. Benet Hall Apartments opened last November and now has most of the 15 apartments leased.

As you know by this time, the sisters tried to find ways to use Madonna Hall. After many years of unsuccessful attempts to find appropriate renters — companies, agencies, institutions — they made a difficult decision to deconstruct the building. The work involved with that project began in January and is expected to be completed in late summer.

The most recent corporate ministry taken on by the sisters is Family Scholar House. Patterned after a program based in Louisville, the program is designed to "break the cycle of poverty" by helping single parents and families obtain a college education and achieve lifelong self-sufficiency.

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cy. The sisters, with Sister Barbara Catherine Schmitz '55 as manager of FSH for its first four years, have been growing the program and providing services, such as academic and financial counseling, tutoring, family support, and life skills programs, in Southern Indiana since 2012. The next step could be expanding the program to include residential housing.

Throughout their 150-year history and under the leadership of 13 prioresses, the Benedictine sisters of Ferdinand have ministered selflessly to countless people throughout the United States, in Italy, Colombia, Guatemala, and Peru. As the sisters look back on those years, they pray with gratitude for God's abundant blessings.

But those years were not without struggles, losses, uncertainties, periods of growth and periods of decline. And yet the sisters continued to adapt their ministries to meet the needs of a particular place and time. Only with deep faith could they believe that their challenges were part of God's plan.

As they continue to live their monastic life, the sisters know that God will lead them and that they have the support of alumnae, family members, Oblates, volunteers, benefactors, and friends as they move into an unknown future.

The community currently has 143 members, including a postulant who entered the monastery last August. Regardless of age or ministry, the sisters are still reaching out to thousands, sharing the Benedictine values of prayer, community life, hospitality, and service, and enriching the lives of those they encounter.

They have great trust in God's plans for them: "For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says our God, plans for your welfare, not for woe; plans to give you a future full of hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)



*Florence Henderson, now deceased, sings "Ordinary Miracles" with the sisters' choir for the filming of a video about the Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand in 2001. Florence said, "I want to educate people about these incredible women. What they do is empowering — for everyone." Her special relationship with the sisters began when she was taught by them in grade school. She never forgot their kindness and care for her and has supported them through various events.*

## "It's not four years, it's for life."

By: Maggie Blakeslee



I discovered the truth of that motto from my sorority days only after I had graduated and realized I had formed life-long friendships and memories.

I have come to understand that many of you have the same sentiment about your time at the Academy. Through joy and hardships, you formed bonds that have withstood the test of time. What I have also found in talking with the sisters is that they feel the same way about you!

My name is Maggie Blakeslee, and I work in Mission Advancement for the sisters. Like many of you, I also attended an all-girls Catholic school and truly understand the closeness and bonds that are formed, not just with the other women, but with the school itself.

Although the Academy as a school is no longer around, you are still very much part of the sisters' ministry. In their effort to stay close to alumnae, the sisters have asked me to become involved in some of the ways we connect with you. They want to provide opportunities for you to stay connected to this community of sisters and the community of sisters you created at your time in the Academy.

I'm here to assist them by being on the Alumnae Board, helping with e-communications with alumnae, and developing various ways to deepen their connections with you.

Currently, there is a Facebook Page, "Marian Heights Academy/Academy Immaculate Conception Official Alumni Group," and an Alumnae Board where you can get involved. At the monastery, we have also launched a new look to our website, [www.thedome.org](http://www.thedome.org), with a page specifically for alumnae. You can now use our website to sign up for emails specifically tailored to the things that would be of interest to you.

This is only the beginning; the sisters want to be a part of your lives. They want to hear from you and continue to minister to you. If you have a suggestion on what we at the monastery can do to better serve you, please feel free to contact me by e-mail [mblakeslee@thedome.org](mailto:mblakeslee@thedome.org) or phone (812)367-1411 ext. 2664. Because the Sisters of St. Benedict's ministry is not "four years," it really is for life.

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## 2017 Alumnae Reunion Weekend

**“Meet on the Hill” on June 24-25!**

*More details on page 3.*

Experience one of our programs or retreats at Benedictine Hospitality Center at Kordes Hall on the hill. Find rest and healing, renewal and peace for your body, mind, and spirit.

**Check the web site for program details: [thedome.org/events](http://thedome.org/events)**

March 31-April 1	Healing and Music
April 13-16	Triduum Retreat
April 29-30	Quilt Show
June 2-3	150th Anniversary Summer Social
June 12-14	Camp Marian for 5th - 8th Grade Girls
September 8-15	Directed Retreat
September 25	Dome Golf Classic at the Donald Ross Course in French Lick



**Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand  
are celebrating 150 years!**

**Save the dates for our Summer Social**

**June 2, 5 p.m. – 10 p.m.**

**June 3, 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.**