November, 2014

“Like a handprint on my heart”

Dear Friends,

Many of our Sisters have left their “handprints” on the hearts of many as they have served the People of God in various ways. Sister Christine Eckart, who died this past July 14, left many “handprints” through the variety of her ministries throughout the years – cook, nurse, nurse practitioner, hospital chaplain, music minister, house coordinator at the monastery. The personal traits that carried through all these works were her kindness and compassionate listening.

As sisters visited with people at her funeral services, they heard stories from friends and relatives of how Sister Christine had touched their lives in lasting ways. The underlying message they wanted to convey was “Sister Christine, ‘you’ll be with me like a handprint on my heart.’”

The monastery building itself contains signs of Sister Christine’s “handprint.” In 1976, she was asked to renovate the third floor to serve as the place to care for our elderly and sick sisters. Using her creative eye for beauty, she set up a beautiful, functional space and served as the Director of the Infirmary for many years. In her last years of life, she was a resident there. While house coordinator, she added touches of beauty throughout the monastery with a variety of beautiful window coverings and feminine touches to every nook and corner.

Thanks to your faithful support, we have been able to care for Sister Christine and many others with round-the-clock care all these years. At present the cost is approximately $3,000 per day for our sixteen Sisters now in the infirmary. We ask for your continued help to carry on this loving care of our treasured seniors.

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For a gift of $3,000, we offer you the opportunity to choose a day to fund infirmary expenses and be especially remembered in prayer that day.

In addition to caring for our older sisters, we are also looking to the needs of our younger members. Our two novices will be finishing their second year of novitiate and possibly making temporary profession in June. Both need some further education to prepare them for ministry. Novice Judith Maria Timmerman needs additional study in conversational Spanish in order to move into Hispanic ministry. Novice Michaela Marie Boucaud requires additional courses to renew her certification as a nurse practitioner. We appreciate your help in funding their education, which is expected to exceed $5,000.

Your love and support are among the many blessings we celebrate this Thanksgiving. We ask blessings of peace and love upon you and your families during the coming Advent and Christmas seasons. Please keep us in your prayers as we carry the monastic tradition into the unknown future and continue to leave our “handprints on the hearts” of those we meet.

With the prayers and gratitude of all the Sisters,

Sister Maria DeAngeli, OSB
Prioress

P.S. Thank you in advance for your help in caring for our senior sisters and in educating our new members.
Dear Sister Maria,

Yes, I want to help the Sisters of St. Scholastica Monastery with a gift of $______.

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The Sisters greatly appreciate your care and support.

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Greetings to Sister(s):

A message to Sister _________________: