



## ST. SCHOLASTICA MONASTERY

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Dear Friends,

Overlooking the city of Fort Smith, Arkansas sits a majestic monastery that has graced the area since 1925. Inside its walls echoes the history of the Benedictine sisters who have inhabited the building, and whose years of hard work for little to no pay as teachers, nurses, caretakers, and above all, believers, lives on to this day. They believe in Christ Jesus, they believe in service, and they believe in you.

Years have passed and the walls of the once pristine building have deteriorated, but that hasn't thwarted the sisters' commitment to the surrounding community. High on the hill the sisters continue to be a faithful presence and participant in the happenings of those around them. Just as we have for the duration of our existence as a monastic community, we hope to benefit the spiritual, artistic, literary, and business sectors through our service in various ways.

Now living in our newly-finished, smaller monastery, the sisters continue to oversee several on-site and off-site ministries. The GEM Scholarship Program, the Oblate Program, the Spirituality Program, and Hesychia House of Prayer faithfully continue our fore-sisters' work in stride with Jesus' call for us to love one another. However, with the number of sisters now at 34, and an average age over 80, our work inevitably yields to our age.

Even though small in numbers, we are big in heart. We are grateful for your prayers and support these many years and now ask for your continued support as we live our Benedictine way of life through work, prayer, and service. We believe in Christ Jesus. We believe in service. And we believe in you.



*Sister Kimberly Prohaska,  
Administrator*

With our love and prayers,

Sister Kimberly Prohaska  
Administrator

