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Clyde Benedictine community receives surprise donation

CLYDE, Mo.— The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde, Mo., were a surprise beneficiary during a theatrical performance in January in nearby Maryville.

Several of the Sisters attended “Late Nite Catechism,” an interactive comedy that is part stand-up and part audience participation. The one-woman play evokes memories of Catholic school and features a benevolent “sister” who teaches class to a roomful of “students,” also known as the audience.

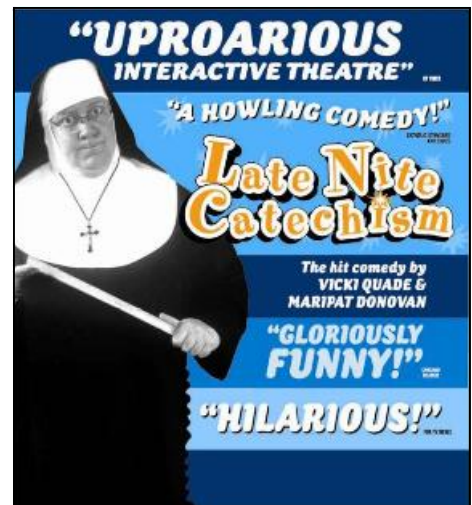
Before the performance began, Benedictine Sister Lynn Marie D’Souza, OSB overheard the play’s producer asking if there was a religious community of sisters in the area.

“I got my courage up and said there is a motherhouse in the area and that several of the Sisters would be attending the play,” Sister Lynn said. “He said that was good and asked if we would please stick around after the show.”

The performance was well-received and at its conclusion the actress informed the audience that the Sisters were in attendance and asked them to stand. Then she surprised Sr. Lynn and the others by saying a special collection would be taken.

“Sure enough, there were baskets at the door,” Sister Lynn said. “We came home with more than \$700 for our retired Sisters.”

Asking for donations for area religious sisters is something the play’s production staff does when performing the show. In fact, when the show was performed in Tucson, Ariz., donations were also requested for the Benedictine Sisters’ community there.



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