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Benedictine Sisters' healthcare facility fine after Easter Sunday fire

CLYDE, Mo.— A small fire was discovered midday Sunday, March 23, at Our Lady of Rickenbach, the healthcare facility for the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde.

The fire was extinguished quickly, and there were no injuries. Each of the sisters was evacuated to the main house. It will be a few days before the exact cause of the fire is known.

"In times of emergency, the compassion of the human spirit is wondrous," said Kelley Baldwin, director of communications. "After the fire was extinguished, one of the first responders collected the rosaries from each sister's room, put them in individual envelopes and made sure each sister received hers. It was such a beautiful and intuitive gesture, that this kind woman knew that having their rosaries would bring the sisters peace."

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