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Benedictine Sisters name new development director

CLYDE, **Mo.**— General Councilor Sister Dawn Annette Mills, OSB has assumed additional duties as director of development for the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration.

During this spring's Extended Council, which included representatives of the Congregation and each of the three communities to discuss a variety of issues, it was decided that the Sisters should establish the position to assist with major development opportunities and to explore additional avenues of fundraising.

Sister Dawn, who was elected as a councilor during last summer's General Chapter, also heads the Clyde correspondence department, a position she feels has helped prepare her for her new role as development director and forging new relationships.

"I feel privileged for people to share their lives with us and to be there for them in times of crisis," Sister Dawn Annette said. "It is a blessing to share faith in God's presence in all our lives and to lift them up with our prayers."



Sister Dawn Annette

Sister Dawn Annette is a native of Hobart, Ind., and entered the Benedictine Sisters in 1975. She made her first monastic profession in 1978 and has completed a master's program at the Institute for Culture and Creation Spirituality at Holy Names College in Oakland, Calif. She has also taken courses at St. Louis University and at the University of Notre Dame.

During her years with the Benedictine Sisters, she has served as pastoral minister for the Sisters' healthcare facility in St. Louis and managed the altar bread department in Tucson, Ariz. She served as prioress of the Tucson community for six years and as its oblate director for almost 10 years. An accomplished writer, she is a member of the editorial staff of the Congregational magazine, *Spirit&Life*, and author of the book, "The Gospel According to Dawn."

She has spearheaded the Clyde correspondence department since 2004. Under her direction, the department developed an e-mail correspondence division, which has been active since 2001. Sister Dawn Annette also travels extensively, conducting retreats and workshops and providing spiritual direction on various subjects.

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