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## News Release

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### **Sister celebrates Golden Jubilee of monastic profession**

**CLYDE, Mo.** - Benedictine Sister of Perpetual Adoration Joan Catherine Perridge celebrated her golden jubilee of monastic profession on April 29 with her community in Clyde.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Sister Joan enjoyed life in a close-knit family that included seven children. She attended school with the Sisters of Mercy and was told early she may be destined for religious life.

After taking a year off after high school to help the family, she went to work as a secretary for an advertising firm on Madison Avenue in New York City. However, the idea of religious life still tugged at her heart.

“I thought that I had let the Lord wait so long,” she said. She decided to enter a Carmelite community at the age of 23, but left shortly after, realizing their way of life didn’t match her religious calling.

She worked in the private sector once again but continued her discernment. She soon learned about the Benedictine Sisters during a retreat. The priest leading the retreat encouraged her to visit the community.

“Nothing on the East Coast spoke to me. I went to Clyde and knew it was just right for me,” Sister Joan Catherine said. “The attraction for me to this community was the balance of work and prayer. I have grown in prayer and love our life more each year.”

She entered in 1955 and made her first monastic profession on March 13, 1958. During her years as a Benedictine Sister, she worked in the correspondence department, as a book-keeper and portress, and in the altar bread department.

“It is difficult for me to express what a life such as mine, hidden in God, is all about,” she said. “I am grateful for my faith and the vocation that I am sure will lead me to that life for which we are destined, through death to true life in God.”

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