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Sisters enjoy new management roles

CLYDE, Mo. - The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration announce that Sister Gladys Ruth Noreen, OSB has been named administrator of Our Lady of Rickenbach, and Sister Lynn Marie D'Souza, OSB has been promoted to manager of the altar bread department.

The Benedictine Sisters are the largest religious producers of altar breads in the country, and the ministry serves as their main source of income. Sister Lynn took the reigns from Sister Katherine Ann Smolik who took a hiatus for health reasons.

"The circumstances around my appointment sadden me, but I am optimistic," Sister Lynn said. "I love our altar bread ministry. It has a very special place in my heart, and I am so pleased that I can serve our Congregation in this capacity."

Sister Gladys, who most recently served as superior of the sisters' Dayton, Wyo., community, returns to a position she held several years ago when the healthcare facility was located in St. Louis, Mo.

"With my background in nursing, I think the staff will appreciate the level of understanding I bring to the position," she said. "I also want to help them understand who we are as Benedictines and what is important to us."

Sister Lynn's role in the altar bread department includes six years with the business office before being named assistant manager a year ago.

"The altar bread department is a natural extension of our Eucharistic charism, so it has a very special place in my heart," she said.

Sister Gladys' plans for OLR include a partnership with a regional hospital to provide additional staffing and educational resources, along with incorporating new exercise programs.

"I always envision leaving something a little better than when I arrived," she said. "In life, it has always been my goal to change things for the better."

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