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## News Release

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### Sister Mary Dorothy Kordick celebrates 60<sup>th</sup> Jubilee as Benedictine

**CLYDE, Mo.** - When Sister Mary Dorothy Kordick visited her aunt in tiny Clyde, Mo., she would look up hill at the Benedictine monastery, hear the bells ringing and wonder what the Sisters were doing at that very moment.

Her curiosity was rewarded in a most satisfactory way.



In April, Sister Mary Dorothy celebrated the 60<sup>th</sup> jubilee of her first monastic profession as a Benedictine Sister of Perpetual Adoration.

“I’ve known since I was 12 years old that I was called to religious life,” the Iowa native said. “The visits to Clyde made me realize this is where God wants me, and that conviction is still strong today.”

During her years as a Benedictine Sister, she served as the oblate director at the Tucson monastery for almost three decades and recalls the oblates with great fondness.

“They were a real inspiration, so zealous in seeking God and desiring to share in our Benedictine way of life,” she said. “They challenged my own spiritual growth.”

She now spends her time working in Clyde’s correspondence department, answering letters and prayer requests from people around the world. Some have written for more than 50 years, sharing their lives, their faith, their experiences and their problems.

“We’ve experienced so many technological changes, from simple typewriters to computers, e-mail and all other new advances,” she said.

But some things never change, such as what is in the hearts of those who write to the Sisters.

“People look to us for help and guidance, and we receive so much more from them,” she said.

It is a calling which she has no regrets answering. Celebrating the Eucharist, the liturgy of the hours, adoration and prayer and the various types of work provide a well-balanced life as St. Benedict prescribed in his Rule.

“The adoration of Christ in the Eucharist brought me here so long ago, and it keeps me going,” she said.

For those discerning a religious life, Sr. Mary Dorothy’s words of advice are simple, “If God is calling, don’t keep him waiting. He is more than enough to fulfill all one could desire.”

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