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## News Release

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### **Benedictine Sisters re-open popular exhibits**

**CLYDE, Mo.** - The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde have re-opened two monastery exhibits, which were temporarily closed during renovations in October. The Heritage Room and the Relic Chapel are now available for public tours.

“The Relic Chapel has been altered slightly to accommodate shelving used for storage during our monastery renovations, which are on-going,” Clyde Prioress Sister Sean Douglas, OSB said. “However, the relics and other displays depicting our history can still be viewed by our guests. As hospitality is a vital part of Benedictine life, we are very happy to welcome visitors once again to our home.”

The Relic Chapel houses an extensive collection, unmatched anywhere in the United States, of more than 500 saints’ relics and artifacts. Many of the relics, which include the remains of St. Beatrice, a 13-year-old martyr from the early Roman Christian centuries, were gifts from European monasteries in gratitude for the sisters’ financial support after World War I. On exhibit in the Heritage Room are beautiful hand-stitched vestments, chalices, banners and information about the altar bread making history of the Congregation.

Tours are free and open to the public. For more information, please call (660) 944-2221.



**The Benedictine Sisters have re-opened two exhibits to the public, including the Relic Chapel (above) and the Heritage Room (below).**



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