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*Happy 67<sup>th</sup>  
Monastic Profession!*



*Celebration of Community*  
Join us September 26<sup>th</sup>

Have you always had a twinkle in your eye?  
Thank you for sharing your love, spirit, sense of  
humor, and knowledge with me. You have made my  
experience on the board enjoyable and nourishing.  
Jim Welsh

Dear Sr. Joanne,

God bless you as you celebrate 67 years of living the monastic life. I  
treasure the times I have been able to spend with you and the Holy  
Wisdom community.

Peace be with you!

Jeanne  
Sr. Jeanne Weber

Congratulations!  
Jeff Reinke

You are an inspiration to us all  
Helene Frank

My thanks and blessings for your work  
as part of the community that is Holy  
Roger Dart

Sr Joanne,

You are a gift to all of us. Your bright spirit has been a light shining from  
the monastery. I thank God for you and think of you with great fondness.

Lisa

Lisa Nelson

You have been such a blessing to both Rich and me. Your  
smile is so beautiful and your work is so uplifting. Thank you  
for being you!  
Lila Hemlin

Dear Sister Joanne,  
Thank you for your faithful service and  
you.  
Marian Wasierski, OBC

Sister Joanne,

Best Wishes on this special day, Sister Joanne  
Frank Court

Congratulations on your 67th birthday,  
Thank you for being a role  
us!

Judith Doran

Congratulations!  
Anna Przybelski

Congratulations, Joanne! May you continue to be blessed with good health and the spirit of generosity that is so evident in your life.

Sheila Fitzgerald, OP

**JOANNE,  
THANK YOU FOR THE WONDERFUL, WARM SMILE YOU  
SHARE AT EACH GREETING. THANK YOU FOR THE  
STEADINESS OF YOUR FAITH, YOUR STORIES OF CIVIL  
RIGHTS WORK, AND YOUR MODEL OF GRACE IN AGING.  
SALLY MCCOY**

Congratulations Sister Joanne for all your years of service! You are the epitome of the Benedictine's hospitality as you welcome everyone with your warm smile. I am grateful for your dedication to the Benedictine values and am grateful to have been welcomed into this community.

Jeannine Desautels

CONGRATULATIONS, JOANNE, MAY YOU BE BLESSED WITH MANY MORE YEARS OF SERVICE AS A BENEDICTINE. IT IS ALWAYS A JOY TO COME AND CELEBRATE WITH ALL OF YOU.

MARGARET O'BRIEN OP

Dear, dear Sister Joanne, I'll celebrate with you from central Illinois as you observe the 67th anniversary of your monastic profession. Sending prayers and best wishes for a wonderful person.  
Carroll Bross

Dear Sister Joanne,

Congratulations on 67 years of Monastic Profession.  
May the heavens continue to rain blessings over you.  
John and Romy Schlueter

Ad Multos Annos! WOOHOO! Blessings  
John Leonard Julia Weaver

Dear Sr. Joanne,  
Congratulations on your 67th year of  
profession.  
Happy Birthday on your 67th.  
Good health and much joy.  
Mike Varda

Alison McKee

*Every time I see you the love and joy of the  
Lord surrounds me. I see the truth in you of  
how our spirits shine brightly in our  
weakness.*

*Grateful for you,  
Valerie Verwoort*

**Congratulations, Sister Joanne, on your 67th  
profession anniversary! Thinking of you at this  
special time, and am grateful for your presence in  
my life.**

**love and peace,  
Judy Nolde**

You have been a beacon of Benedictine Spirituality and  
Hospitality. Birthday Blessings & Prayers  
Neil & Kathy Heskin  
Thank you for always demonst  
RAPPAITY IS ALL ABOUT!  
Ronald Ballen, oblsb

**Congratulations on this special day!!!! You have  
taught us so much about Benedictine hospitality.  
We are so grateful for you and for making Holy  
Wisdom a peaceful, sacred place to which we can  
worship and belong. We send many blessings to you  
on your birthday and your 67 years of profession.  
You are in our thoughts and prayers!  
Barb and Dan Abbott**

*Your wisdom and grasciousness have always spread comfort and peace  
when most needed. Thank you so much for all you do for the community  
and the us personally.  
John & Maureen Van Dinter*

Dear Sister Joanne,

Congratulations on another beautiful year of love and compassion - all of which is rooted in monastic and Benedictine values. Your tireless dedication to adaptive tradition and thoughtful order keeps Holy Wisdom steady and Focused on the simple, open and receptive beauty of creation. Thank you for being uniquely you :)

Love Always & Forever,  
Amy Bonomie

How do we express our gratitude for the vision that you brought and continue to bring our community? We carry on the great love that I have always felt from you, from the early days of Community of Benedict to the most recent times during the pandemic. Blessings to you on your 67th Profession!!!

Mary Hoddy

Blessings as you celebrate your 67th anniversary of commitment. I have been especially blessed to have gotten to know you more personally by our time together in COB. Hope to spend some inperson time soon.

Barbara A Ostrowski

Dear Joanne,

Your picture conveys such joy and peace. And that is my wish for you as celebrate the anniversary of your profession.

Thank you for your presence at Holy Wisdom and all the ways you welcome so many of us.

Happy Birthday!!

with love

Mary Rathert

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Thank you for your faithful presence to all of us! Happy 67th and wishing you the best!  
Sharon Leinen

Laurie Klar

Thank you for your welcoming smile, making Holy  
Wisdom such a welcoming place

Ken Pennings

Therese and Michael Stevens

Sister Joanne! Congratulations on this anniversary! You and the other sisters there have been such a blessing to my family for so many years. I hope to visit soon and send all my love and gratitude until then.

Love,  
Mindy Smith

Joanne, wishing you a most joyous birthday celebration as we also celebrate other joyous occasions in your community life! Your faithfulness to call all these years is truly astounding and inspirational!

Sandy Adams

Congratulations on the anniversary of your profession, Sister Joanne! So grateful to have gotten to know you through the ECCSR and thankful for all your ministry! Blessings in Christ,  
Ryan Wallace

Ah, Sister Joanne!!! The joys and celebrations keep flowing. Happy 67th anniversary of your profession. I always know how many years it is because it is my own age! The tears in my eyes as I write this express my great joy for our friendship and for all the many gifts of conversation and prayer and grace I have received from you over the years. Hope to see you soon.

Mike Smith

Congratulations Sister Joanne! xx  
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Happy Birthday!  
Barb Pulvermacher



**WE LOVE THE CONNECTION WITH YOU. WE HOPE FOR  
BETTER HEALTH AND YOUR CONTINUED  
INVOLVEMENT!!**  
**CHARLES AND SUE BRADLEY**

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Tamara Straub

Congratulations, Sister Joanne. What a witness to your  
fidelity to the monastic way of life these past 67 years. May  
God continue to bless you with good health.  
Marcia Ziska, OSB

Dear sister Joanne,  
What a wonderful picture & celebration of God's work in you.  
Thank you for your kindness & joy.  
Many Blessings,  
Hugs, Mary Anne  
Mary Anne bohne

Thank you so much for your support and love, Your  
friendship over the years. Your kind presence heart (and  
and gentle spirit have been a blessing to us all + Haj  
Jim Iliff  
Kim Hogan

**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
**SAM STATZ**

Dear Sister Joanne, Enjoy the celebration of your  
profession -- your life has been a blessing for each of us.  
Peace, joy and blessings!  
Mary & Ed  
Ed and Mary Peters



**Congrats, Sister Joanne!**

*God bless your 67th Anniversary  
Cheri Zeise-Schmidt*

**We hope to be back at church soon to see everyone again and  
congratulate you in person.**

**Melanie & Ed McManus**

**DEAR SISTER JOANNE!!  
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR THE WISE GUIDANCE  
YOU HAVE OFFERED AND TREMENDOUS EXAMPLE OF  
FAITH IN ACTION THAT YOU LIVE OUT EVERYDAY.  
YOU ARE THE EMBODIMENT OF LOVE IN ACTION.  
GRATEFULLY,  
COLLEEN HARTUNG**

Thank you for all your love and sharing of that love with us.  
Peace, blessings and congratulations!  
Kathleen Shanovich

Dear Joanne. I am fully aware t you radiate love.  
You've got grace and you give it. I am very grateful  
for the gift of your presence. TS  
Tom sullivan

Dear Sr. Joanne  
"who is coming up from the desert  
leaning on her Beloved?"  
In Gratitude, awe and joy with you  
Sr. Christiane OSB

*Joanne, you are an amazing person who has  
given and still gives so much. May the peace  
of Christ bring you much satisfaction on your  
years of service.  
Les Weber, Mt Prospect, IL*

What a gift you are to all! Congratulations on 67 years and may God continue to bless you for many more years!

Rich Merrion

Faith, hope, and love abide. (Abide is such a great and overlooked word in that sentence.) But the greatest of these is love. Sending love as you celebrate!

Jan Conrady, oblate

**Congratulations, Sister Joanne, on this special anniversary. Over the years I have been blessed to know you, I have been so grateful for your many kind words, your warm and welcoming smile, your lovely sense of humor, and your strong faith and vision. Thank you. May you be showered with blessing on this day and all the days to come. Peace.**

**Abbie Loomis**

**Congratulations on your 67th year of Monastic Profession Sr. Joanne! May you continue to bless and inspire those that surround you for many years to come!**

**Julie Heiberger, Hoffman PD&C Inc.**

Dear Sr. Joanne, Congratulations on 67 years as a Benedictine and a belated 90th birthday celebration. This year you can enjoy a Doublemint birthday, two years in one! Thank you for the warm and genuine hospitality you have extended to us since joining Sunday Assembly. Enjoy a blessed celebration now and beyond!

Paula & Bob Dinndorf



Dear Sister Joanne,  
Congratulations! Your gifts and talents are shared with the world. May you continue to find joy in Providence!  
Sister Sue Paweski, SP

**Sister Joanne: We are so grateful for the care you provided along with sanctuary for our friends, the Portillo's. It remains one of the most faith-full experiences of our lives.**

**Betty and Corkey Custer**

**Betty Harris Custer**

Dear Sister Joanne,

We are so grateful for your many years of perseverance and hard work which we feel have brought Holy Wisdom to become a beautiful place of a community of faithfilled, loving members. Gary and I feel so blessed to be a part of it and to experience your steady leadership and wonderful sense of humor. We send happy, happy birthday wishes and God's blessing for many more years with us.

Love and hugs,  
Joyce and Gary Wodka

*Dear Sister Joanne,*

*Some people think treasures are like a chest of coins, but you are a true treasure: deeply real, without pretense and filled with good humor. Our cohorts have treasured you, as have I. With much fondness,*  
*Jerry Buss*

Dear Sister Joanne,

Congratulations on reaching 91 years of age and 67 years of professed life! You are an inspiration to us all, and a wonderful blessings in our lives. We are pleased to celebrate with you, and hold you lovingly in our prayers every day.

With love, Charles & Rich



Congratulations, and thank you  
I will miss the celebration, but I  
God bless you!  
Mary Lynn

Dear Joann,

What a blessing you have been to the Benedictine community for 67 years! I have been blessed to see your smile every time I come to HWM. May God shower you with love and may you continue to grow in that love and share it with others. ♥□□

Mary Ann Erdtmann

Sister Joanne, you have been a pioneer, a leader, and an inspiration in this space since you first came here.

Congratulations on your 91st Birthday and thank you for all the years that you have given to God and all of us.

Julie Melton

Congratulations! Thank you for all you have done and for all you do for the community every day. I appreciate your dedication and true efforts to follow Jesus real teachings.

Thank you,  
Mary Brown

**CONGRATULATIONS, DEAR SISTER JOANNE!  
MANY BLESSINGS AND GREAT GRATITUDE  
FOR THE INSPIRATION YOUR LIFE SPEAKS  
TO US EACH DAY....GRATEFULLY,  
KATHLEEN PHELAN,OP (ONE OF THOSE  
DOMINICAN TYPES) .....PS.LOVE YOUR PHOTO  
HERE!  
KATHLEEN PHELAN, OP**

Dear Joanne,

Congratulations on 67 amazing years of faith and courage as a Benedictine Sister! Your are witness of God's faithful love to all of us. May that love continue to flow through you. I am proud to call you sister and to be part of the Holy Wisdom Community. Mary Ellen Gevelinger, OP

Joanne, my dear friend, and companion  
wanderer,  
No poem now, just a bit of odd philosophical  
fun entitled:

"The Twists and Turns of Now"

The moment I say "Now"  
it is no longer "Now,"  
but rather it is "Later."  
And the moment I say "Later,"  
it is really "Now."  
So, now then, repeat  
from the "Beginning."  
You're Welcome.

Dennis



Dennis Crowley

Congratulations Sr. Joanne. Thank you for your shining  
example of faithfulness. Wishing you many more years of  
health, happiness, and leading the way.  
Marilee Sushoreba

Dear Sister Joanne,

Congratulations on your 67th Monastic Profession! Thank  
you for your kindly dedication and powerful influence for  
good in my life and in our community. I greatly appreciate  
your presence and pray that you are well, happy,  
peaceful, and at ease.

My best wishes, gratitude, and prayers always,

Barbara Heidecke

Wishing you a day of great Celebration. Thank You for  
all your years of Dedication to Holy Wisdom. May you  
be Blessed with Peace & Happiness for all your days  
ahead.

Ellen Geishirt

Thanks for your leadership and hospitality at Holy Wisdom. You always  
make me feel welcome.

Rod Nordby

Congratulations Sister Joanne  
you.

Lori Viney Aebly {Class of 66}

Dear Sister Joanne, Happy Belated 91st Birthday and Day to Celebrate the 67th anniversary of your profession. Time has been kind to you. I greatly respect and appreciate how you select just the right words for the occasion. I miss your face and contributions at Board meetings, but I am glad you are near. Cheers. Sally  
Sally Wedde



Congratulations Sister Joanne-I'm  
contribution to making this wor  
Paula Rauenbuehler

Congratulations, dear Sister Joanne. Your gentle wisdom has touched my heart. May the coming years bring many joys and continued fulfillment of your vocation. With deepest gratitude,  
Leslie Fischer

Happy Anniversary, Sr Joanne! It's been a joy to see you at the monastery these, oh, 42 years since Ed Beers introduced me to you! In gratitude for your service,  
Barb Bickford

Congratulations and many blessings on your long and fruitful ministry!  
YOU ARE A JOY! THANK YOU FOR  
EXPERIENCE WITH THE ECCSR COH  
MUCH LOVE,  
Patti Snickenberger JAMES RISSLER

*Dear Sister Joanne,*

*May the sacred peace and love of the Holy Spirit be with you always. Thank you for your sharing over all of these years!*

*Many blessings and much gratitude,*

*Irena*

*Irena Carlson*

*Dear sister Joanne,*

*You are truly an "earth angel," or what I imagine an angel to be. Thank you for your gifts of comfort, prayers, spiritual wisdom, peace, and love that you have shared with all of us. I wish I could say more eloquently how you exemplify Victor Hugo's quote, "To love another person is to see the face of God." A thousand blessings!*

*Debbie Albano*

*Congratulations! Thank you for introducing me to the Madonna in the chapel.*  
*Nichole Fromm*

*Congratulations! Thank you for your faithfulness over the years. Gratherings and programs in the 70's and 80's were instrumental to my development and your presence in the area is a beacon of light and hope.*

*Kirk Malnor*

*Thank you for your wisdom and gift of perseverance!*  
*Patsy Smith*

*Congratulations, Sister Joanne!  
presence with our ECCSR cohort  
shine forth, and I'm grateful for  
Jennie Ott*

**Oh, the warm blessing of connection you make with your smile. So many years, such loving outreach, a legacy ordained by God and received with healing in the hearts of so many of God's children -- yes, me included.**

**Don Tubesing**

*Sister Joanne, thank you for 60  
years of service.*

Congratulations! I am grateful for your prayers.  
*Karen M. Wistocky*  
Christine Loflin

Dear Sr Joanne,  
Congratulations. I feel so blessed to have worked 23 years  
at St Benedict Center, Holy Wisdom Monastery.  
The peaceful atmosphere and loving, caring support I will  
always keep in my heart.  
I remember you in my daily prayers.  
God bless to all.  
Marlene Ziegler

*Monica Walker* ♥

Congratulations and many blessings on this wonderful  
milestone!

Paula and Rod McKenzie

Dear Sister Joanne -- Happy Birthday!

Thank you for your wisdom and sharing over the  
years, at COB and elsewhere... We are so glad to  
have known you....

Ginny and Daniel

p.s. Loved your picture...

Ginny Swisher & Daniel Gomez-Ibanez

Hello sister Joanne. I just wanted to send my gratitude for your lifetime of service. Many years ago you greeted our sangha (ODZC) at the beginning of one of our retreats with Flint. The topic of the retreat was on waking up and growing up, in essence what it means to be a mature human being. I'll never forget the warmth of your introduction and your clear compassionate presence. Flint reflected that you embodied the the very teaching we were studying... there was something so true about that. Such a profound moment. Thank you for being a teacher just in how you live.

So grateful ♥

Kim

Kim Neuschel

Joanne -- Dear friend, I have "caught" so much of the Benedictine Way from your example. Thank you for your good humor and warmth. Blessings.

David McKee

*You have been such a blessing thank you personally and to our work at the ECCSR. God bless you on this special day and every day!*  
Nancy Enderle

My dear Joanne, just seeing your lovely face brings back memories of many workshops and loving interactions we had over the years. I celebrate you and thank you for your commitment and courage to maintain a vital Benedictine spirit in Wisconsin!

Love,

Fran

Frances P. Cunningham

Your smile and positive attitude help me on my spiritual Journey. **Congratulations and thank you for your service.**  
Chris Junkins Rudy

Thank you for your commitment and sacrifices  
for the greater good of others.  
You have enlightened my world by your presence.  
Congratulations!  
Diana Karls

Congratulations and blessings! You are an inspiration. Thank you  
for sharing your joy, kindness, and wisdom with all you encounter.  
May you continue to find joy in your journey.  
Christine Olson

Dear Joanne,  
Thank you for all your service in the name of Jesus! I'm  
grateful for all I learned from you as a Sojourner at HWM  
almost 10 years ago.

Peace and blessings,  
😊🍀🍀🍀🍀🍀🍀

Nancy Melin

Dear Sr. Joanne,

My heart sends your heart a greeting of love and  
you celebrate and remember your profession. Thank  
you for the many ways you have shown me love and  
care. The Rule of St. Benedict is alive in you and I'm  
grateful for your presence in my life.

with love and a full heart,  
Cindy Uhrich  
♥🍀

Sister Joann,  
Thank you for your many years of service and dedication. I  
pray you continue to experience the joy of living out your  
calling.  
Sincerely,  
Debbie Millman

Dear Sister Benedict / Joanne,

The most important lesson that I learned from you was not learned in English class or through presentations. It was in being a silly teenager with my friends, that I learned that I could face "death" and live. Thank you for your gift of many lessons shared throughout many years. May you be as richly blessed as you have been blessing. With love,

Anne Edwardson

Congratulations! Warm wishes to you on this amazing journey. Thank you for sharing your spirit and God's so kindly through the years.  
Jennifer Zogg

What a great mentor and example to me!  
Dean Ryerson

Thank you for sharing your wisdom and humorous perspective. Many love,  
Leora

Dear Sister Joanne,

Thank you for the vocation you have chosen and to which you belong. Madison is so fortunate to have your special ministry in our presence for many decades..

We celebrate with you!

Margit L Gundlach,

St. John's Lutheran Church,

Madison

Gundlach Margit

With fond memories of our long journey  
Myron and Margaret Talcott

May God continue to bless you as you faithfully serve Him  
Ed and Ruth Mihevc

You have made my meal times after the service a good conversation and hospitality! Thank you for your example!

Dear Sister Joanne, Your quiet demeanor hid a powerful strength. Your love of God, our earth and community transpired by your presence, your decisions. Thank you for being steadfast. May you be blessed with many more years among us.

Lise Skofronick

It has been a true gift getting to know you in our relatively short time here. Your welcoming spirit and joyful nature bring warmth to all who encounter you. I am grateful to be among them.

Darlene Buss

JOANNE, YOUR SMILE AND WARMTH ALWAYS GIVEN ME SUCH A WELCOME. THANK YOU AND BLESS YOU...

CAMILLE BANKS

*Congratulations on your birthday and a blessing.*  
Esmeralda Bernal

Dear Sister Joanne,

It was a great honor to volunteer in the Summer of 2009 at Holy Wisdom Monastery. The summer has stayed with me all these years. I will always recall your sweetness and loving nature.

Love,

Jenn Lindsay

Filmmaker of <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XDZQ3j3i0Po>

[v=XDZQ3j3i0Po](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XDZQ3j3i0Po)

[www.jennlindsay.com](http://www.jennlindsay.com)

*Congratulations and Happy Birthday. I wish you many more happy returns of the day.*

*I wish you many more years at Holy Wisdom and thank you very much for the manner that you and Holy Wisdom have enriched my spiritual journey and continue to do so.*

*Raj Atalla*

Dear Aunt Joanne,  
Congratulations on your 67th! I celebrate the gifts of your steadfastness, commitment and joy. Much love and many blessings! Your niece, Max

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Maxine Kollasch, IHM

Dear Sister Joanne,  
I can only imagine what you and the Lord have seen--the stories, the joys, the testimonies! Sending you hugs and blessings from Virginia, and heartfelt thank yous for all you do for this world in service to Christ.

You indeed make this world a better place.

In love and liberation,

Glynis

Glynis Boyd Hughes

Sr. Joanne - You have been such a blessing to this community and to all who know you. Now may blessings be with you.

Phil Haslanger

What a blessing to this community  
Christ's Name. May blessings  
Rev. Juanita Cordero

Dear Sister JOanne,

Your gentle ways and joyful smile are a hallmark of the hospitality and nurture of Holy Wisdom. God keep you in the days ahead!

Love,

Kristin Frederich

Sister Joanne,

Congradulatons on your anniversary! Holy Wisdom has been a great blessing in my life and to my family. I appreciate the gifts you have shared wth me over these many years. I pray the God continues to provide abundant blessings for you in all parts of your life and for the community there.

David Fuccillo

Nothing to say except, I love you. Blessings on you for a life of faith  
marge nixon Kathleen Rinear

I am sending you Blessings and Prayers for your Loving Dedication and Service. I have not been to Madison for a number of years, but had been there a number of times for courses taught by Sheila Frick from Madison. The Center was always a very precious and moving experience for me. Thank you for your Service and all the Good that you do.

Barbara Lindner

Sister Joanne,

Thank you for always being there physically and spiritually for us over the years. Wishing you well on this occasion.

John, Marsha, Chris, JoAnna (Russ), Becca, Stephen, and Daniel

John Bormann



Congratulations!!  
Nancy Sandleback

Congratulations on so many years  
changing lives!  
Dear Sister Joanne,  
May God bless you as you celebrate your 67th Jubilee.  
John & Heena Dalebroux  
Ingrid Gordon, OLSB, Queen of Angels, Mt Angel Oregon

Your grace and strength  
world for the better. Th  
Melanie Schmidt

Sister Joanne, I always smile whenever I see you.  
You carry joy within you! Blessings on your 67th  
jubilee.

Patricia Herrling

Congratulations, and thank you for faithfully doing the hard work of  
discerning how to grow into a new way of being community. We are  
blessed to have been invited to co-create that vision with you. Many  
blessings!

Mary Ann Novascone

Dear Sister Joanne,

Congratulations on your 67th Jubilee! If I make it to the 67th Jubilee of my ordination, I'll be 98...pretty unlikely. So in wanting to make the time I have count, I look to you for inspiration. You are such a bright light through which the hope of Christ shines. Thank you!

Love In Christ, Terry

Terry Larson

*thank you for the wisdom and gift of listening so many years ago. You have made a big difference in my life's journey.*

*Diana Popowycz*

*Happy Birthday, Sr. Joane!! I'm glad to*

*years!! Hope it's great one!*

*Steve Powell*

You were the one who greeted me with such a caring welcome on my first visit to Holy Wisdom; you still are a symbol of hospitality and hope. Congratulations! And thank you

Thank you for all of what you have done for our interconnected community -- people and the natural environment you have helped preserve.

Anna Biermeier

*I am thankful for your warm smile and deep wisdom.*

Christina Roberts

Congratulations on 61 years of co leadership to your community. You has been key to the overall succes And, happy, happy birthday! 91 ar are simply amazing! Wishing you

♥♥♥

Brian & Carol Grannon



Hi Auntie!  
Happy Birthday from the Twin Cities. Can't wait to see you this weekend. We are very proud of you and all that you have accomplished. You bring the light and the change that the world needs with just the right amount of persistence and strength. Also... LOVE the picture!  
Marita Sanders and Connie Bernardy

Dear Sr. Joanne,  
Blessings to you on this anniversary of 67 years of profession! May God continue to bless you and keep you.  
--Vick  
Vicki Clark

Remembering - getting close to 25 years or such!  
Pam Moshing

Happy 67th, Joanne! Many blessings celebration! With my love -  
Ann Moyer

*Many blessings on this special day  
Griff and Jan Dorschel*

Thank you so much for the gift. It has meant so much to our family. We are grateful for the work you've done in this space.  
Alison, Nelson, and Isobel Long



Dear Sister Joanne,  
Congratulations on your 67th year! I hope that this coming year brings you good health, joy, and many blessings.  
Sarah Best

Congratulations on your many years of Benedictine life and service. We have enjoyed accompanying you for part of your journey!  
Mary Alberts and Don Spencer

Dear Sister "The Rock" Joanne:

Thank you for all that you are and for all that you do. Someday we will hear our Lord say to you, "Well done my good and faithful servant".

Sincerely,

Jean C Edens

I chose this text called "Subshiney" because that is what you are. I will always remember that you were the first person to welcome me to Holy Wisdom, taking my arm and inviting me to join the coffee community as if you had been waiting just for me. Thank you for the warmth you share with all of us.

Pat Donovan

*Dear Sister Joanne,*

*With admiration and gratitude for your selfless example and accomplishments, congratulations and warmest good wishes on your 67th monastic profession.*

*Bernice Anglin*

Within the past month, I have moved from Briggsville to Fond du Lac. I am a member of St. Agnes Congregation, I read and enjoy the e-mail from the Center.

Also, You and I met in the 60's and 70's, coming to programs of that time. We were part of a group from various Sisters' Councils viewing points of view regarding existence of Sister Councils. I have been missioned in Milwaukee, Green Bay and Superior dioceses.

Blessings on your Jubilee. Gratias for all you have done to bring God as Being and Presence into the world.

Sincerely,

Sr. Jovita Winkel, CSA

Congratulations, dear Joanne and loving thanks for your wise and perceptive guidance, your heart-warming greetings, your sassy good humor, and your laser focus on our shared future. Your legacy is powerful and enduring!

Roberta Felker

Every time I am in your presence, I feel graced by the gentle generosity of your spirit and by your unconditional welcoming. 67 years – my goodness what a journey! And what goodness you have brought to countless lives over the years in shaping and guiding Holy Wisdom.  
Dennis Jacobsen (Jake)

Dear Sister Joanne, thank you for the warmth of your spirit and the grace-filled welcome you extend to all you meet. Your quick laugh and the joy in your spirit are a testament to God's love for us all. God's continued blessings on your commitment to serve and love God's people!

~Amanda Kempthorne

Congratulations, Sister Joanne, on your important anniversary! Thank you for everything you do at Holy Wisdom, and for your commitment to caring for the Earth.  
Sue Jones

Heartfelt congratulations on  
Sincerely...Kate Kowalski



*Dear Sister Joanne ... what a blessing you are and have been to us over the past years. your smile radiates a room and we love you!*

*Many blessings to you, Steve and Jeanie  
Jeanie and Steve Tomasko*

*Congratulations on this milestone in your religious life. Seems like yesterday that our CRE Consulting Corps Team visited Holy Wisdom and provided our input. All the best.*

*Peace...*

*John J Leary, CRE*



*Sister Joanne what a gift you bring with your steadfastness, your presence over the years helping to guide the sisters to new heights, new visions of ecumenism. We celebrate you and your 67 years!  
Howard Fenton and Sally Bowers*

*My dear Joanne,  
I so wish I could be there with you to celebrate in person! I've been privileged and blessed to witness at least part of your journey – but much of your heart. Thank you! I'm grateful for all I've learned from your example and wisdom, for times and hopes we've shared. I cherish our friendship and hold dear the memories and moments we've shared (and the rides home after the retreats!). May you continue to be blessed – and may you not be disappointed in the hope you've placed in the Lord!  
I miss your hugs!  
Aaron*

*Blessings and many more!  
Selma Brophy*

*Congratulations and Blessings !  
Missing you.  
With love  
Jean Delisle*

Our best wishes to you as you celebrate the anniversary of  
your monastic profession. Thank you for all you do for  
Steve and Kerry Koopmann God Bless You Always  
Karen Rose Gredler

Dear Joanne!

Congratulations on your 67th year of monastic  
commitment and happy 91st birthday!. We are grateful for  
your guidance as we discerned if Sunday Assembly was the  
right decision. We are grateful for your many years of  
leadership. We are grateful for the vision you and Mary David  
had to create a peaceful, beautiful environment. Inside a  
green building, we worship in an ecumenical setting. Outside  
we see God's glory. Prairie grasses and flowers host flying,  
buzzing, croaking and burrowing creatures. May you be  
blessed for your vision and leadership in making these a  
reality.

Allen and Joan Liegel

Dear Sister Joanne, Happy anniversary.  
May God bless you! Kathryn  
Kathryn Rambo Oblate 2005 Happy 67th Anniversary. And  
dedication to Holy Wisdom and i  
Bob Weiss

**SENDING  
YOU LOVE**

**Dear Sister Joanne,  
Your kindness to all is inspiring and so appreciated.  
Congratulations on this milestone (yet another one).  
God bless you.**

**Marjorie Monaghan**

*Dear Sister Joanne,*

*Congratulations on your anniversary! I am so glad to be a part of this wonderful community at Holy Wisdom Monastery, and I'm grateful everyday for your warmth, your wisdom and your leadership.*

*Amy Alstad*

*Dear Sister Joanne,*

*I met you about 25 years ago when I came for a retreat on Benedictine Life. At the end of it you went out with a group of us to Culver's. Your warmth, sense of fun and hospitality was a delight and a great introduction to this community. Happy 67th anniversary and happy 91st birthday. I celebrate both with you in this wonderful ecumenical community which calls forth the gifts of everyone and protects and nurtures the land. with love,*

*Kathy Woytych*

*Happy 91st Birthday and 67th profession! It took a lifetime of courage and conviction to create the ecumenical Benedictine communities which weave prayer, hospitality, justice and care for the earth into a shared way of life. We are all enriched by the communities at Holy Wisdom Monastery and thank you for your vision.*

*Catherine Cruickshank*

*Hello Sr. JoAnne,*

*Happy Birthday greetings to you, as well as congratulations in celebrating 67 years of service! You have accomplished much in your lifetime. I hope this year is one of good health and well-being.*

*P.S. Irene said her card might be late, but wishes you the best on your birthday! Enjoy!*

*Jeannie and Pete Madden (and Irene)*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ENERGIZING BUNNY OF  
THE MADISON BENEDICTINES. YOUR WISDOM HAS  
GUIDED MY LIFE AND THE LIVES OF ALL THE OTHER  
SBC "OLD TIMERS."  
HILDY MCGOWN**

Oh Momma, this is so great- we are looking forward to  
seeing you next weekend. Bob + Linda bruck  
Robert Bruck

Dear Sister Joanne,  
Congratulations! We have so appreciated your wisdom  
and warm greetings over the years. We wish you a  
happy celebration full of love and appreciation for all that  
you have blessed so many of us over the years. Have  
fun, We love you!  
Nancy and Michael Shinnars

Congratulations on this amazing anniversary!  
So glad we are able to celebrate with you!  
Thank you for all you do!  
We love seeing your beautiful smile every Sunday!  
With love,  
The Crawfords--Marie, Mike & Nancy

No one doesn't love you and celebrate your gracious  
loving nature! Holy Wisdom is so blessed by who you are  
and the wonderful things you have accomplished in this  
place!  
Sue Ann Larson

Dear Sister Joanne,  
Thank you for gifting our world with 67 years of monastic  
profession. That's Amazing! You are such a blessing. May  
your days be full of Love and Joy.  
Joanna Fanney

"Well behaved women seldom make history" is a favorite quote. Although you are certainly well-behaved, it is true that you and the other Sisters have made history. Today we celebrate YOU and the gifts you bring to the monastery. Your wisdom, sense of humor, and heart of gold are true treasures. Bless you as you have blessed so many others. You have made a difference for all of us!

Janet Neurauter

**DEAR JOANNE,**

**HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY WITH LOVE...**

**CAROLE KRETSCHMAN**

Congratulations! Thank you for  
humor over the years. You have  
made a difference for all of us. And a very Happy Birthday!  
Sylvia Adrian

Dear Joanne,

Congratulations to you and the whole community! What a joy it has been to be a part of the coworker community for nearly 35 years. It seems like just yesterday when we filled the breakroom in Benedict House! Thank you for opening up your life to all the different communities and for sharing your strong faith and loving spirit! God bless you!

Car McGinley

Dear Joanne,

Happy Birthday! And Happy Anniversary - 67 years of profession! It occurs to me that 67 is a prime number -- indivisible, stable, complete in itself. What a perfect symbol for this year in your quite amazing life! Thank you for being the embodiment of all things Benedictine, especially stability, while embracing the changes that continue to make all things new!

With much love,

Jane ("closet Benedictine")

Jane Ahlstrom

For your spiritual insight you have shared with me, I give  
God praise!

Your warm words have ministered to my spirit.

Keep the Spirit ablaze,

Joseph

Joseph Jackson

Dear Sister Joanne,

You have modeled what it  
means to a loving presence  
in our world.

I am grateful to witness  
your ministry and service.

Deborah DeManno