

# 4 SHM Sisters Celebrate Jubilees

Four sisters at Sacred Heart Monastery in Yankton recently celebrated their jubilees for their first professions.

## SISTER GRACE FELD HACKER

S. Grace Feldhacker grew up on a farm five miles northeast of Crofton, the 16th of 17 children. She attended public school at Beaver Creek, but looked forward to the Sisters coming for two weeks of religious education in the summer. Their kindness and happiness planted the seeds of a vocation in Grace. At the age of 14, she packed her bags to go to Milwaukee with her two Franciscan cousins, but after visiting with S. Seraphine and her pastor, she decided to try Yankton. She attended high school at Mount Marty Academy as an Aspirant and Postulant, and, after her novitiate, made First Monastic Profession in 1943. Among her memories is the day that she was happy to be assigned to work in the “candy” kitchen, only to find out it was the “canning” kitchen.

S. Grace taught primary grades for 33 years. She ministered in the Catholic schools in Richardton and Selfridge, N.D., in Yankton, Ipswich, Stephan and Chamberlain in South Dakota, and in Omaha (St. Frances Cabrini), Lincoln (St. Patrick), Albion, and Hartington, Neb. Her Bachelor of Arts degree was finally earned in 1963 after going to summer school for many years in between teaching assignments.

After leaving teaching due to health issues, S. Grace embarked on another 30-plus-year ministry at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital.

Now retired at the monastery, she is busy keeping track of her large family with over hundreds of grand nieces and nephews, and even more “greats” and “great-greats.” She looks back with gratitude that God called her to this Benedictine way of life and for persevering in it: “I am especially grateful for the many opportunities I have for attending the Eucharist, praying the Liturgy of the hours, and recreating with my sisters.”

## SISTER VIRGINIA KOPP

S. Virginia Kopp OSB, a native of Richardton, N.D., celebrated her



Sister Grace Feldhacker



Sister Virginia Kopp



Sister Corinne Oberembt



Sister Delores Rush

80th jubilee of monastic profession during a private community ceremony on Aug. 2 at Sacred Heart Monastery in Yankton.

S. Virginia was the third of 13 children of Melchior and Margaret Kopp, who supported her call to religious life. She attended St. Mary's grade school in Richardton where she was influenced by the Benedictine Sisters and monks. She entered Sacred Heart Monastery Sept. 2, 1929, at the age of 15. After graduating from Mount Marty High School in 1932 she was invested as a novice. She made first profession on Aug. 16, 1933, and final profession on June 26, 1939.

After a year of teaching and loving 53 first graders at Stephan, S. Virginia was called into the field of nursing. She graduated from Sacred Heart School of Nursing in 1937. From 1937-1952, she was a nurse at Yankton; and Pueblo and Canon City, Colo. From 1952-1978, she worked in hospital administration in Tyndall and Parkston, receiving a Credential in Health Care Administration from the University of Minnesota in 1972.

She received a degree from Mount Marty College, Yankton, and became certified in Pastoral Care in 1979. She served in Pastoral Care ministry from 1979 at St. Thomas More Hospital in Canon City, Colo., until her retirement to the monastery in 2001.

Reflecting on her jubilee, S. Vir-

ginia says, “God’s blessings have truly overwhelmed me these 80 years for which I am deeply grateful. Time has passed quickly amidst joys, sorrows, complexities but always accompanied by an awareness of God’s abiding peace, grace and assuring love. I am most appreciative that God called me to Sacred Heart Monastery in Yankton to be a member of this Benedictine community.”

## SISTER CORINNE OBEREMBT

Eleanor Rose was born Oct. 1, 1924, the oldest of twelve children of George and Rose (Keller) Oberembt of Dimock. She attended Saints Peter and Paul parochial school, and was greatly influenced by sisters who taught her. She spent two years at home helping her parents on the farm after graduating from the eighth grade. Eleanor entered Sacred Heart Monastery in 1940 and went to Mount Marty High School for two years before becoming a novice and received the name Corinne. She made first profession on June 24, 1943 and final profession on June 24, 1946. She completed her GED in 1969.

S. Corinne ministered for 26 years to the Native American people in Chamberlain, Stephan, Fort Thompson, Big Bend and Pierre. Her years at the mission in Stephan were special to her because of the

home-like atmosphere there. She always had a heart for the Native American people. She also worked with the boarders at St. Mary's School in Zell, and later, she taught religion and worked in the school library in Holy Trinity in Hartington, NE (1973-1974). She also worked in Zell; Yankton; Parkston; Lincoln, Neb.; and Hales Corners, Wis.

After receiving pastoral care training in Mitchell in 1983 she did hospital and nursing home visitation in Parkston until her retirement.

This work was a great joy to her as she is a “people person” and was able to serve and connect to people in her “home territory,” close to Dimock.

Now retired in St. Joseph Care Center at Sacred Heart Monastery, S. Corinne still enjoys friendly banter and visits from family and friends.

## SISTER DELORES RUSH

One of 11 children, S. Delores Rush was born and raised in rural Ponca, Neb., where she attended “country school” for eight years. Her mother wanted to give her the opportunity for Catholic education, so she and a sister boarded at Holy Trinity High School in Hartington, Neb. There she met the Benedictine Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery.

When her sister graduated from high school, her principal, S. Beata, invited Delores to join the monastery and finish high school at Mount Marty Academy. With her parents' approval, Delores finished high school as a postulant, did her novitiate and made first profession in 1953 and final profession on June 29, 1958.

After a year of college, she began her teaching career at Glen Ulin, N.D., with 50 first graders. One of her humorous memories from Glen Ulin was when a little guy climbed up the slide, and then was too scared to come down. So S. Delores, in full habit, had to go up the ladder and slide down with the little guy on her lap.

After Glen Ulin, she went on to teach for a total of 32 years in Dimock, Salem, and Vermillion, and Albion, Hartington, Ord, St. Paul, and Omaha (St. Frances Cabrini), Neb. Following these years of teaching, she worked in food service and housekeeping in nursing facilities in Lincoln.

Since 2004, S. Delores has been a sacristan back at Sacred Heart Monastery. Between those duties she enjoys keeping in touch with family and friends on Facebook and e-mail. Looking back with satisfaction on these years, S. Delores says that she has learned much from living with the Benedictine Community: “Someone is always there for me.”

## Does Second Gear Always Go First?

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

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### Dear Tom and Ray:

Why is it that it always seems to be second gear that fails first in a manual transmission? I have been perusing my local Craigslist ads for cheap cars for a while now, and it seems to me, from the listings, that this is the problem gear. Is it due to the setup of most transmissions? If so, what type of standard transmission would cause this? Or is it due to driver error coming out of first? Just curious. — **Matthew**

**TOM:** I think it's a supply-and-demand issue, Matthew.

**RAY:** I agree that second tends to be the gear that often fails first on a manual transmission. It's probably because it's engaged more often than any other gear.

**TOM:** Think about it: You shift into second more often than you shift into anything else. You engage second every time you shift out of first. You shift into



### CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

second every time you downshift from third or fourth. And because it's such a useful, low-speed gear, you choose it a lot, particularly if you do in-town or city driving.

**RAY:** So those synchronizers — which are brass rings that keep the gears from clashing when you shift — simply get more use, and tend to wear out before the others.

**TOM:** It's not always second that fails, and we certainly do see other gears go first. But generally speaking, all other things being equal, it's the synchronizers in the lower gears that get more wear and tear. So, in this case, second is first.

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## 125th Anniv. Commission Is Seeking Input

PIERRE — South Dakota's 125th Anniversary of Statehood Commission is welcoming ideas from the public for projects, events and activities to happen in 2014.

The public can submit ideas for the 2014 celebration by visiting the commission's website at [www.125.sd.gov/](http://www.125.sd.gov/). People can also send ideas by email to [125info@state.sd.us](mailto:125info@state.sd.us) or testify

at the commission's first meeting Aug. 14 in Pierre. The meeting starts at 10 a.m. CDT at the Visitors' Center next to Capital Lake. Public testimony will begin at 1:15 p.m.

The group is seeking ideas to promote South Dakota's history, increase tourism during the special year and encourage state and local events. Cities and

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## MMC To Host Riverboat Days 5K Run/Walk

Mount Marty College will hold its 15th annual Riverboat Days 5K Run/Walk on Aug. 17 in historic downtown Yankton. The race will begin at the intersection of Third and Capital with the 5K Walk time at 7:15 a.m. and the 5K Run at 8:15 a.m. Awards will be given at 9:15 a.m. in the parking lot adjacent to the start/finish line.

Registration may be completed online at [www.all-sportrunning.com/](http://www.all-sportrunning.com/). Additional registration forms may be found online at [www.mtmc.edu/5k](http://www.mtmc.edu/5k) and [www.riverboat-days.com/](http://www.riverboat-days.com/). Early pick up of registration packets can be done at Ciml Arena in room 118.

This annual event is organized and sponsored by Mount Marty College athletics. All proceeds go to support MMC student athletes.

For more information, contact the race director Randy Fischer at 605-270-2066 or at [randall.fischer@mtmc.edu/](mailto:randall.fischer@mtmc.edu/).

## MENUS

Menus listed below are for the week of Aug. 12, 2013. Menus are subject to change without notice. All meals are served with milk.

### The Center/Yankton

Monday — Hot Pork/Cheese Sand.  
Tuesday — Chicken Cacciatore  
Wednesday — Roast Beef (eve.)  
Thursday — BBQ Ribs  
Friday — Meatloaf

### Tabor Senior Citizens Center

Monday — N/A  
Tuesday — French Dip  
Wednesday — Salisbury Steak  
Thursday — Chilli/crackers  
Friday — N/A

## 60th Anniversary Celebration



### Mr. & Mrs. Teichroew

Harlan and Carolyn Teichroew will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on Sunday, August 18, 2013.

They will have a family dinner celebration.

They have four children: Rosalyn, Kevin and Robin, Verlin, and Jocelyn and Donnie Hjelm; currently they have ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

The family requests a card shower, greetings may be sent to: 508 West 16th St., Yankton, SD 57078.

## 40th Anniversary Celebration



### Mr. & Mrs. Steven Auch

Steven and Anita Auch of Yankton, SD will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary on August 11, 2013.

Steven and Anita were married on August 11, 1973 at First Baptist Church in McLaughlin, SD.

Celebrating with them are their children and grandchildren Stefanie Auch and John, Suzanne, Levi and Ava Wentz.