

Joining with the Benedictine Sisters of Erie in celebration of 150 years of their presence in the Erie area.

### SBA Homecoming Choral Concert — A Gift of Peace

Members of the SBA Alumnae Association and Benedictine Sisters joined hands to put together a special gift for the city of Erie, a Christmas concert entitled "A Christmas Gift of Peace." The alumnae were all so grateful for the education we received and the relationships we built while at the academy. Helping the Sisters celebrate their 150th year was a privilege. The Alumnae Association used this celebration concert as the cornerstone event for our first ever Homecoming Weekend - "Alive in '05!"

Half the fun of presenting this concert was "putting it together with friends we never can forget." We sang, we laughed, we talked, we partied and then we sang again. It was great fun, a very special time we will never forget.



We laughed ...



These darn name tag strings are always getting tangled!



We have some really good seats available in this row. ...



We sang ...



Flawless accompaniment, grace under pressure, intense love of music: Sr. Charlotte Anne Zalot, OSB



We partied ...



Barbara Dobrowolski Miller '59 enjoys a few minutes of quiet before rehearsal.



#### **SBA Executive Board – 2005**

The St. Benedict Academy Alumnae Association announces the addition of four new members to the executive board. President Barbara Hammill Brown welcomed Anne Kuna Shiel, Janet Romanowicz Hammond, Kathy Glass Danch and Kathy Kaiser Klapthor at the August 2005 board meeting.



Bottom row, from left: Margaret Kloecker '68; Anne Kuna Shiel '79; Ann Comstock '64; Pat Benecki Straub '59. Top row: Mary Rita Roach Groucutt '72; Marilyn Smith Grasso '60; Janet Romanowicz Hammond '67; Barbara Hammill Brown '67; Bonnie Zaczyk Prokocki '67; Kathy Glass Danch '73; Kathy Kaiser Klapthor '73; Sr. Rosanne Loneck, OSB '61

#### **SBA Annual Appeal 2005**



Sister Diane Rabe, OSB shares a playful moment with a toddler at the center.

this year's campaign will benefit the toddler program, helping the center to provide the equipment needed to ensure a safe play area for toddlers.

Each year the St.

Benedict Academy

chooses one of the Benedictine Sisters

Annual Appeal campaign. This year the campaign was focused on the St. Benedict Child Development Center

at 345 East Ninth

Street. Funds from

of their

Alumnae Association

ministries as the recipient

Additional funds help the Benedictine Sisters care for their older members and educate newer members. Money is also provided for alumnae scholarships, directly helping families to afford Catholic education. The gifts received plus the pledges made during the Phone-A-Thon totaled \$44,700.

During the month of September, several SBA alumnae came to Mount St. Benedict to participate in the appeal's Phone-A-Thon.

# Let us pray...

## For our sister alumnae who passed into eternity—

Sister Mary David Callahan, OSB	'41
Mary Ann Woycheck Bufalari	'46
Charlene M. Tanner	'52
Jane Eppler	'62
Susan Dylewski Bragan	'72

Visit **ErieBenedictines.org** for event updates and to download sign-up forms, or send your e-mail address to Alumnae Director Ann Comstock at sbaalum@mtstbenedict.org to receive electronic reminders and sign-ups. If you don't use e-mail, write to Ann at Mount Saint Benedict Monastery, 6101 E. Lake Rd., Erie, Pa., 16511. And whenever you see or hear about SBA alumnae being honored or highlighted for their achievements, let us know. Clip an article, jot it down, or call us, so we can share the news with all our members.



Bonnie Kinsinger 59



Marilyn Smith Grasso '60



Sr. Margaret Ann Pilewski, OSB '65 and Sr. Judith Bohn, OSB '58



Cathy Considine Stemmler '64



Patti Dobrowolski Popovich '64