The alumnae are all so grateful for the education we received and the relationships we built while at the academy … helping the sisters celebrate their 150th year seemed like the least we could do.

“I believe I speak for the entire SBA alumnae association in saying we want to give back to the sisters who taught at the academy for 119 years of the 150 they have been in Erie.

“As for my own path in life, it was shaped by the integrity and spirituality of the women that modeled Jesus’ love and life to me. Join us on Nov. 25 as we pay tribute to the Sisters of St. Benedict.”

“We’ll always come to thee again, when alma mater calls. …” (SBA school song)
On Sunday, April 10, the annual alumnae Communion brunch was held at the Lawrence Park Golf Club. More than 75 women enjoyed the brunch and the opportunity to meet with old friends. At the event, $4,000 in scholarships were awarded. Since 1991 the alumnae association has awarded approximately $29,750 in scholarships.

This year’s winners were:

Dan Marz, nephew of Rosemary Niebauer, ’72
Katelyn A. Kaveney, daughter of Lori Kaveney, ’80
Andrew Rettger, nephew of Patricia Rettger, ’76
Katie Sebastian, granddaughter of Pat Straub, ’59
Gavin Eisert, grandson of Mary Eisert, ’64
James Durovich, cousin of Charlene Schroek, ’62
Alexandra Grab, great-niece of Pat Gennaro, ’57
Tyler Perkins, great-nephew of Mary Philip Kielmeier, OSB, ’58
Noah Skrzypczak, nephew of Susan Chase, ’82
Victoria Steineck, daughter of Jane Steineck, ’76
Josh Cooper, grandson of Geraldine Waiter, ’62
Julie Theiss, daughter of Christina Theiss, ’81
Mario Corder, step-grandson of Carol Cannarozzi, ’71
Katelyn Sedelmyer, granddaughter of Dorothy Kraus, ’45

Irene A. Strobel Seyboldt ’35
Elinor M. Dailey Wagner ’37
Rosemary Meyer Lucore ’38
Ann Marie Polaski ’41
Margaret L. “ Peg” Kessler ’49
Irene Wizikowski Kacprowicz ’57
Maryann Elizabeth Mikula Swanson ’63
Barbara J. Greca ’66
Jean Shewan Abata ’78

let us pray …
For our sister alumnae who passed into eternity—

News from the Alumnae Director

St. Benedict Academy alumna Jackie Mikrut Ennis, ’60, was honored as one of the Dynamic Dozen of Women Making History for 2005 by the Mercy Center for Women. The women were selected because of their demonstration of dedicated service in the neighborhood, workplace or community; honesty, integrity and strong moral values; commitment to women’s issues; courage of convictions and a commitment to personal growth and development.

Sister Carol Pregno, OLC, ’60, is the Superior General of the North American Union of the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity in Carrollton, Ohio. A graduate of Villa Maria College, Sister Carol became interested in social work through her experiences with the sisters at Gannondale: their acceptance and compassion, their commitment to emotional and spiritual healing, and their calling forth the residents to become all they could be.

Consuelo (Beck) Beck-Sague, M.D., ’70, has retired from the U.S. Public Health Services after more than 20 years, the last 19 at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. She and her husband will be moving to the Dominican Republic where they will work in providing specialized care to Dominicans and Haitians living with HIV.

Mary Ann Borgia Frew, ’62, is married to David Frew, Ph.D.; both are retired from Gannon. David is the executive director of the Erie County Historical Society and Mary Ann is its operations manager. She recently initiated the very successful “Ethnic Erie” project at the Watson-Curtze Mansion.