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## News Release

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### **Benedictine Sisters help others weather the storm**

**CLYDE, Mo.** - Championing St. Benedict's emphasis on hospitality, the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde opened their doors after a large ice storm blanketed the area in December and left thousands without power for several days.

Those needing a warm place to stay included 25 Benedictine monks from nearby Conception Abbey, neighbors and several of the sisters' employees and their families.

"When we learned that so many around us were without essentials like electricity, heat and water, our immediate response was to welcome them into our midst," Clyde Prioress Sister Pat Nyquist, OSB said. "Because of our generator and a backup water supply we had all that was needed to offer assistance. We felt it was a great privilege and a blessing to be able to share the gifts God has so abundantly given us."

In addition to hospitality, St. Benedict advocated the importance of the relationship between work and prayer. So during their brief stay those from Conception Abbey provided assistance in the sisters' soap shop and altar bread department.

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**Seeking shelter from an ice storm didn't stop several Benedictine Brothers from Conception Abbey from helping out in the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration's soap shop during their stay. Pictured standing left to right are Br. Adam, Sr. Mary Anselma, Br. Damian, Br. Isaac, Br. Gabriel and Sr. Cathleen Marie. Seated is Br. Michael.**