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Benedictine Sister celebrates 60th jubilee

Tucson, Ariz. — “When I was 11 years old, I knew I would be a sister. Some day, somehow, somewhere,” Benedictine Sister of Perpetual Adoration Mary Elizabeth Krone, OSB said. Her early calling never failed her, and this May she was honored for her 60th jubilee of her first monastic profession during Mass at her community in Tucson, Ariz.

“All who attended were invited to join our community to celebrate and thank God with all of us,” she said.

Sister Mary Elizabeth was born in Kansas and raised in Illinois. During her sophomore year in college she realized her religious calling was in contemplative life.

“I didn’t want to join a teaching or nursing order,” she said. “I knew of the Benedictine Sisters through their magazine and because my cousin had joined a few years earlier. They had perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament day and night. I knew they were the ones for me.”

She entered in 1947 and made her first monastic profession on May 29, 1949. With an ear for music, she began formal organ lessons and still plays the piano and organ for mass and other services every few weeks. In addition to Tucson, she has lived in the Benedictine Sisters’ communities in Clyde, Mo., Kansas City, Mo., Mundelein, Ill., San Diego and St. Louis.

“It doesn’t matter the place at all where I live,” she said. “Wherever our Sisters are, the amazing blessings that the life we live as Benedictine adorers is so life-giving, so wonderful, there aren’t any words to describe it adequately.”

She has spent time in the correspondence department, making altar breads and enjoys taking gourmet cooking lessons from the monastery’s cook.

While Sister Mary Elizabeth recalls the days before Vatican II, which altered a variety of rules for religious life, she said, “Our dedication to the Most Blessed Sacrament is still paramount in our daily living. Friendships made since 1947 among the membership are forever. That can never change, along with my love and delight for the privilege of being a Benedictine Sister of Perpetual Adoration. There are three things that sustain me on this path, and those are faith, hope and love.”



Sister Mary Elizabeth Krone

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