

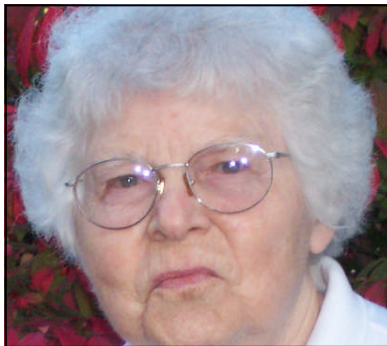
“ . . . ‘Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will.’ ”

We often hear God’s call through communities including the community of our family, our school, our parish or our town. It was in just such small communities as these that one of our Sisters heard her call. The place was the small town of Subiaco, Arkansas with a Benedictine men’s monastic community in the center.

With the idea of this journey we asked Sister Rose Ashour to tell about her call to journey with Christ to God. She wrote:

“God called me to be a Benedictine Sister. God’s call to me was a simple one. One day my seventh and eighth grade teacher, a Benedictine Sister (in St. Benedict’s School, Subiaco, Arkansas) stayed after class and was talking with a group of us eighth-grade girls about the convent. I was mostly listening.”

“One of the girls said to me, ‘Rose, are you going, too?’ I said, ‘I guess so.’



“I went home from school and told my mother that I was going to the convent. This convent was St. Scholastica’s in Fort Smith, Arkansas. “Two years later when I was sixteen I did go. Five of us entered the same day, September 1, 1932. “I didn’t consider this a call from God, but it must have been so, for now I can say, as a professed Benedictine, ‘Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will.’”

Sister Rose has lived in religious community for 75 years and has learned the many ways in which

God calls people through grand and humble paths, to seek Him alone.



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