



## Program Description



In order to share our life in new ways with the greater community, the Benedictine Sisters have initiated a volunteer program. It is open to those who wish to spend time

in a monastic community seeking to deepen their relationship with God through prayer and work.

You will share in community prayer, Eucharist (if desired), meals, and some community recreation. You will work with us in our ministries, both at the monastery and in the wider community, using your skills and interests, according to the need.

You will enjoy opportunities to learn about Benedictine life, attend educational/spiritual programs and, if desired, receive spiritual direction. We will provide room and board.

## Ministry Opportunities



Our ministries range from retreat work to education, and parish work to campus ministry. We volunteer at the hospital, in food pantries and in other outreach to the poor.

We garden, maintain the grounds, keep house, staff our retreat center, and maintain our health care floor for elder Sisters.

Your work opportunities will depend upon your education, skills, experience and interests.

We are committed to ensuring equal access to volunteer opportunities in all areas without regard to race, creed, gender, national origin, marital status, disability (except as it affects health and safety), sexual orientation or any other characteristic protected by law.

## To Apply



Volunteer opportunities are available for periods ranging from two weeks to one year.

To apply, you must fill out an application and

provide professional and personal references, be 21 years of age and in good physical health. A background check and fingerprinting are also required.

Acceptance is made following a review of all submitted and verified information and a personal interview.

To request an application or more information, contact the Benedictine Sisters of St. Mary Monastery, 2200 88th Ave. W., Rock Island, IL, 61201 at [Benedictines@smmsisters.org](mailto:Benedictines@smmsisters.org) or (309) 283-2105.



INTRODUCING THE

## Benedictine Sisters of St. Mary Monastery

In 1852, 27-year old Benedicta Riepp set sail with two other Benedictine nuns for America to care for and educate immigrant children.

Today, most American Benedictine Sisters' communities follow Mother Benedicta's model, by living both active and contemplative lives.

We minister in schools, parishes, colleges and homeless shelters, but come home for communal and private prayer, meals and leisure.

Our life is one of prayer, shared community life and work.

It is a life of balance. We invite you to join us for a time, to learn about us ... to pray with us ... to share in our ministries and life.



# Experience Monastic Life

A volunteer live-in opportunity

