



St. Scholastica Monastery

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Dear Sisters,

It is with great sadness that we bring you this news. Our beloved majestic former monastery building will be razed. For many years we had high hopes that it could be renovated for our own use. When that didn't work, we hoped it could be used for some other purpose. That hasn't worked either.

Many of your communities have had to make similar decisions. Our former monastery building holds many memories for us and for our Oblates, former members, Alumnae, families, friends, and neighbors. Please keep us in prayer during this difficult time. We have made loving efforts to repurpose or donate many of the things in the former monastery building so that they can continue to serve others as they have served us for many years.

Even though seeing the building removed will be sad, we keep in mind that the Sisters who lived, prayed, and served in that building are what made the building a special place. We, Sisters, are still here, living in our new monastery nearby as a continued Benedictine presence to the people of the River Valley and to our Diocese.

Attached is the press release that will be sent to the media at 1:00 p.m. today. Demolition will begin about June 1.

Please direct any questions or comments to [formermonastery@stscho.org](mailto:formermonastery@stscho.org).

With our love and prayers,

Sister Kimberly Prohaska, OSB  
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