



Benedictine Bits

Clemens Library Incorporates Benedictine History



The bells of Clemens Library ring out across campus announcing their presence and calling us to welcome and accept all faiths within the school. The bronze bells are mounted in a tower that was designed after the Bavarian Mother House, Saint Walburg Abbey, in Eichstätt, Germany where our Benedictine Sisters originated.

The names of the four bells replicate the stages of an integral Benedictine practice known as *Lectio Divina*, or Divine Reading. They are *Lectio* (slow, attentive reading), *Meditatio* (thoughtful, loving repetition), *Oratio* (inner, responsive prayer) and *Contemplatio* (rest in God). The donor, Cliff Wold, wrote the text that was inscribed on the bells:

Let the Bell Ring out,
Calling all Christians to God's temple,
For we are all God's Children united in His Service