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## “My Perspective”

by Sister Pauline Lorch, OSU, Central Province

**“They look but do not see, they listen but do not understand.”** Matthew 13:13

When I grew up in St. Mary’s, Missouri, Black people were not allowed within the city (a town of less than a thousand) limits. Black Catholics, many of whom had been catechized by Mother Isadore Ripperger, OSU, worshipped in the three back, left-hand pews of Immaculate Conception Church. Despite this blatant racism, my parents acted out of a different set of values.

My earliest sense of neighbor was Miss Madora, a Black woman who lived “up the hill and across the road” from us. Aunt Madora was my friend and protector during the rough and tumble of early childhood. Dad’s good friend and co-worker, Henry Cole, a Black man, died in a house fire while Dad had to be forcibly held by firemen to keep him from trying to save Mr. Cole. In his later years, Dad threatened to resign from the Knights of Columbus when a well-respected William Coffman was about to be blackballed (how ironic) simply because of the color of his skin. I am grateful for my parents’ example, but for many years I had no idea of the extent of the racism in which I and they were complicit.

Only time and graced opportunities; many friends and companions who were also struggling to understand the origins and consequences of a thoroughly racist, unjust justice system; the reality of white privilege; the myth of Black inferiority, particularly intellectual inferiority; and the magnitude of targeted housing made law by Congress, have brought me to begin to realize that I am racist and that I must re-form my attitudes, my choices, my judgments, my way of seeing, my way of listening. I need humble, focusing corrective lenses to see more clearly the power that racism has, and empathic hearing aids to hear the voices raised in pain and frustration, desperation

even, trying to help Americans understand that racism not only affects Black Americans but all Americans.

There have been other times when there was hope that racism would be, could be addressed in a just and comprehensive manner. Think of the hopes of Reconstruction following the Civil War with the radical retrenchment of rights and respect which followed, the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s with its inherent compromises. But is this now the moment in history when we will truly face the power that racism has on our society? I hope, I pray that this time we will truly perceive the depth of racism in our minds, our hearts and our policies and be willing to address and change our country and ourselves. I, we, have a long way to travel. There is hope in the possibility of a new America even in the face of so much



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rhetoric to the contrary. In the conclusion to his book *Christ in Crisis*, Jim Wallis includes some practices which all of us could embrace when we mourn our inability to join the marchers for social justice.

**- We need to start each day with a “yes” to our faith and to our own personal and public integrity. We need to say yes to engaged citizenship, civil discourse, service to what is right and courageous resistance to what is wrong.**

**- We need to have the courage to say “no” when that is required and to whatever requires it.**

**- The opposite of fear is trust, and when fear is the political energy of a nation, we need to rebuild the trust.**

## Ursulines of Cleveland

Remembering Angela's words in her First Council: "I have been among you not as one who is served but rather as one who serves," and as the COVID-19 pandemic continues, the Ursulines of Cleveland also continue to serve creatively with ministry grants provided by our Congregation.

Sister Eileen Mary Collins and Sister Ruth Ann Auckley, through the Catholic Ministries in the inner city of Cleveland, help get the documentation the people need to work, get subsidized housing, apply for PIP/HEAP, open a bank account, qualify for health care and other multiple necessities, as well as provide bus fare for those without cars who need to travel to City Hall or the BMV.



*Sister Miriam Fidelis Pinchot*

Sister Miriam Fidelis Pinchot, a volunteer at three parishes designated Greater Cleveland Food Bank Produce Distribution Centers, used the funds to help alleviate the hunger among all who come in need of food, especially for a monthly Community Breakfast for all the neighborhood.

Sister Mary Ann Murphy who ministers at Archbishop Lyke Elementary School is using the funds to purchase health and safety items in the class-



*Sisters Mary Jean Raymond, Rose Elizabeth and Ruth Ann*

rooms and throughout the school building for staff and students.

Sister Mary Kay Conkey is the Executive Director of the House of Champions, an after school safe place for 24 poor and marginalized children on the near West Side of Cleveland city who receive tutoring, homework assistance and a hot meal. With the funds, Mary Kay is buying the needed supplies to keep the students, staff and volunteers safe. These include

thermometers, reusable face masks, hand sanitizers, alcohol wipes, vinyl gloves, and disinfecting sprays and wipes.

At St. Aloysius Preschool in the inner city, Sister Lois Buck is providing safety protocols such as a handwashing station for the lunch room, sanitizing solutions for the toys, surfaces, cots and other items used on a daily basis, individual crayon/pencil boxes and math and science manipulative boxes, Zip-lock bags for their pillow, blanket and extra clothes, paper cups and pitchers, cushions and laptrays, websites like ABC mouse, and waived registration fees for parents out of work.

Sister Juliana Beck, working with Catholic Worker, is using the grant money to provide COVID-19 Care Bags for ten immigrant families. Each bag includes a digital thermometer, latex gloves, disposable masks, disinfectant spray and hand sanitizer, along with COVID-19 brochures and resources in their own language.

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*Sister Lois Buck and student*



*Sister Mary Kay Conkey and HOC students*



*Sister Juliana Beck*



*Sister Susan Zion and friend*



## Ursulines of Prelate

### ZOOM, ZOOM, ZOOM

No, this is not a Mazda commercial, but rather a growing phenomenon of the pandemic. Zoom conferences are abounding and we have gotten on the bandwagon, if only to explore ways to stay connected. The first such instance was on August 15<sup>th</sup>, when we virtually celebrated the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sr. Dolores Schneider



*Sister Dolores Schneider*

and the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of Sr. Theresa Feist, Sr. Anne Lewans and Sr. Ludvina Scheck. As “Zoomers” we took part in a prayer service and it was nice to see all the faces after five months. Unfortunately, those not living at St. Angela Merici Residence, could not join in the festive meal.

After ironing out some glitches, a “Zoom Party” was held on September 13<sup>th</sup> with 18 Sisters “attending.” We shared news from our spheres and caught up with each other. One Sister commented that she was surprised how “young” everyone looked after not having seen them for six months—it must be the technology!!

Visiting in person remains very limited with all the precautions in place. The Sisters at St. Angela Merici Residence are getting a few visits from “masked bandits.” Visiting still has to take place in the garden and the last couple of weeks the weather hasn’t really cooperated—it has been pretty cool. Warmer weather is hoped for.

Here, as in the rest of the world, many things have come to a standstill—many meetings, gatherings and

celebrations cancelled. Just think how much time that leaves free for prayer! As well, old pastimes are resurrected, jigsaw puzzles and books pulled out of the closet. Thank goodness for technology as we heat up the phone lines or e-mail and text.

We stay hopeful and are grateful that up to now no Sister has gotten the virus. May it continue that way.



*Sister Anne Lewans, General Superior, left, visits with Sister Lucille Bleile*



## Ursulines of Cleveland, *continued*

In addition, grants are being used by Sister Rose Elizabeth for Urban Community School Assessments, by Sister Mary Jean Raymond to keep safe in Sacred Space at Sts. Agatha/Aloysius School and Parish, by Sister Susan Zion at Ursuline Piazza Housed UP, Club 95 & Meet UP and by Sister Virginia DeVinne at Ursuline College COVID-19 Relief.

## NAULC Convergence

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## News from Brown County

### *Celebrating 175 Years With Covid Restrictions*

In 1845 Julia Chatfield and her 10 Companions immigrated from France to Ohio. Invited by Bishop John Baptist Purcell to establish schools in the Cincinnati diocese the Sisters were given property in rural Brown County. With money borrowed from France a four story brick building was constructed that became the center of a boarding school incorporated as The St. Ursula Literary Institute, commonly known as the School of the Brown County Ursulines. It was the beginning of the Legacy of the Ursulines in Brown County which includes a day school in the city known as Ursuline Academy, Chatfield College, a two-year Associate of Arts degree institution, and the establishment of Hope Emergency Program, a food and clothing resource for the underserved rural population.

In 2020 we expected to host a celebration with our families and a wide array of companions, friends, former students, faculty and associates. The date was

set, the planning committee designated and plans were underway. Then Coronavirus-19 surfaced, shelter in place orders were given, social distancing became the norm and the celebration of the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Arrival of the Ursulines took on a different look.

On July 21, 2020, 175 years after Julia Chatfield and her Ursuline Sisters arrived on the Brown County property the current 19 Ursulines gathered by Zoom to remember and celebrate the 11 women who founded and nurtured us in that wilderness setting. With the help of our Website designer the prayer was live streamed on Facebook and the recording of the event is on our Website for all to share. Available on the website ([Ursulinesofbc.org](http://Ursulinesofbc.org)) is the recorded prayer service, in addition to the story of Our Foundresses and Our Time Line. Following the prayer, we gathered in small groups to share a lunch prepared and delivered to each group with a bouquet of flowers.

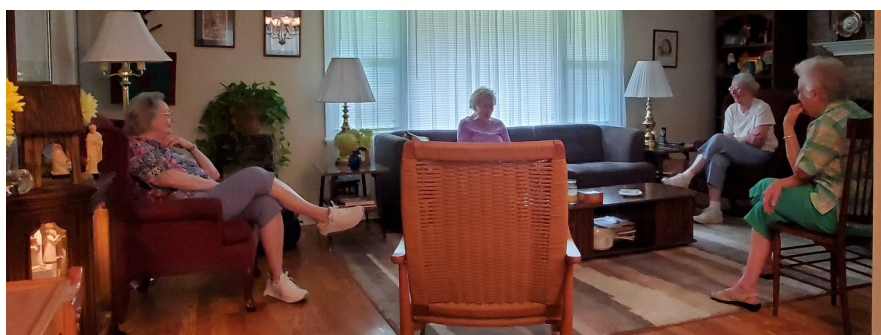
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*Sister Nancy Vollman, Sister Mary Macke and Sister Christine Pratt at a small group luncheon*



*Zoom gathering of members for the Prayer on the 175th Anniversary of the arrival of the Ursulines of Brown County*



*A small gathering with Sisters Lawrence Sickman, Fran Hogan, Patricia Homan, and Jeanette Johnson*



## News from Brown County, continued

### Alumni Association of the Brown County School Gift the Sisters

The Alumni Association of the School of the Brown County Ursulines also planned a Celebration of the 175 years of the Ursulines at their Annual Reunion planned for Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Meetings of a core committee began in October of 2019 working on the events and logistics for the big day. "Save the Date" postcards were mailed, catering was arranged, a large tent was secured and meetings were held. By the end of May the decision was made to postpone the event until September 18, 2021. Disappointed but not discouraged, the committee agreed to do a virtual reunion on September 19, 2020 in a modified manner. No tent, no class gatherings, but still connected to classmates and friends and the Ursuline Sisters. As a surprise for the Sisters, a gift was designed and presented at a virtual meeting of the Community on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The gifts had been wrapped and distributed prior to the meeting and Theresa Herron, Alum president, Jamie Ford Graham and Karin Burwinkel, committee members were the presenters of a beautiful wood pen to each Member.

The note with each pen read:

*"A Gift from the Brown County Ursuline Alumni*

*"When the trees on the lane were being cut down, I went up there, picked up several pieces and brought them home. I thought they would make great planters since the middle had rotted out. These logs have been in my barn for many years now. I had another idea, but I did not know how well it would turn out until I talked to a local artisan, David Brown. He is one of the vendors at the Quilt and Car show at Chatfield College. He took those oak logs and turned them into pens for you. They are each unique in their grain and unique because we asked him not to make any others that have the same gold inner workings like yours. The gift packaging was made with Oak, Sweet Gum and Ginkgo leaves from BCU and the Sweet Gum balls were from Brescia."*

*Karin Burwinkel '76*

The Community members opened the gifts together on Zoom. Some commented that the wrapping was as special as the Pen. Even the box containing the Pen was handmade. What a special way to celebrate 175 years of the Ursulines of Brown County! We deeply appreciate the thoughtfulness and generosity of the Alumni Association.



## Celebrating with our Jubilarians

### 75 Years

Sister Dolores Schneider (Prelate)

### 70 Years

Sister Teresita Catalano (Tildonk)

Sister Mary James Fox (Tildonk)

Sister Mary Grace Hodnett (Tildonk)

### 60 Years

Sister Denise Farrands (Tildonk)

Sister Bridget Olwell (Tildonk)

Sister Janet Schreiner (Tildonk)

Sister Alice Traynor (Tildonk)

Sister Theresa Feist (Prelate)

Sister Anne Lewans (Prelate)

Sister Ludvina Scheck (Prelate)





# Ursulines of Mount Saint Joseph

## *Celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of the Snows*

Each year on Aug. 5 – the Feast of Our Lady of the Snows – the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph process to the cemetery in Maple Mount, Ky., to remember and give thanks to the Sisters who helped them form an independent community.

It was on that date in 1911 that Mother Agnes O’Flynn and Sister Ursula Jenkins left Owensboro, Ky., for Washington, D.C., to meet with the Apostolic Delegate to the United States, Diomedo Falconio. They wanted to make their case to become a community independent of the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville. Father Edward Fitzgerald, the pastor of St. Paul Church and the ecclesiastical superior for their Ursuline community, spent the previous evening writing the history of the community for the Sisters to present. He met them at the train station to bless their journey. This is what Mother Agnes wrote about that moment.

“Father met us at the station in Owensboro and gave us the document with the words, ‘This is the Feast of Our Lady of the Snows; I have promised our Blessed Mother that if the journey is successful, this feast will be annually observed in the Community as a day of thanksgiving and a procession to the cemetery will take place in commemoration of the departed Sisters of the Community.’ We knelt in the twilight in the rear of the station for the blessing of our saintly Father, and we felt that our Heavenly Mother added her blessing to his.

“‘Wire me after your visit to Falconio’ were Father Fitzgerald’s parting words as we boarded the train for Washington, via Louisville. ‘How shall we word the message?’ we asked. ‘YES or NO’ was his reply.”

The answer was “yes,” that there was hope for their request. The following year – 1912 – the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph became an independent community.



*Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph and some student sisters from Vietnam walk from the Chapel to the cemetery along All Saints Avenue reciting the rosary.*



*Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph gather to pray in front of the crucifix that welcomes visitors to the cemetery and sing the traditional hymn, “Holy Ground.”*



*Sister Nancy Murphy, left, Sister Nancy Liddy, center, and Sister Mary Henning gather in front of the tombstone of Father Paul Volk, the priest who brought the Ursuline Sisters to what is now Maple Mount in 1874. Father Volk supported the Sisters in becoming an independent community.*



*Father Edward Fitzgerald is buried in the Mount Saint Joseph cemetery, after serving 21 years as the Ursuline Sisters' ecclesiastical superior, appointed by Bishop George McCloskey. Father Fitzgerald wrote the first history of the community and blessed the Sisters on their way to Washington.*



*Sister Alicia Coomes, director of local community life, blesses the graves of all those sisters, priests and other companions who paved the way for today's Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph.*



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# News from the Youngstown Ursulines

## Celebrating, Planning and Ministering Keeping Youngstown Ursulines Busy

### **100 Years Young!**

Join us in celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Sister Mary Ann Coz from Youngstown. She was raised in Garrettsville, Ohio and entered the Ursuline Sisters in 1949. After teaching in Catholic elementary schools, she joined the staff of the Religious Education Department of the Diocese of Youngstown. While there she greatly expanded the resources of the media library and served as a resource for teachers and catechists for over 15 years.

In retirement from ministry for the Diocese, Sister Mary Ann found a new calling in caring for the grounds and gardens around the Motherhouse.

In celebrating "COVID style," her sister, Helen, and nephew, Tom, came for lunch on the day of her birthday. The Youngstown Community marked her birthday at the conclusion of our September Community Day.



*Sister Mary Ann Coz*

### **Planning in Youngstown**

Since late spring, the Ursulines in Youngstown have been meeting with a variety of advisors in the greater Youngstown area to generate ideas for long-range planning, including the best use of our property. The goals driving these meetings include long-term care of the Sisters and endowment of our ministries. Advisors include leaders in property development, health care, finance, architecture, and law.

Janus Small from Janus Small Associates has worked with us through the process to help us assess and evaluate the information we've gathered.

### **Sisters on the Frontlines**

Seven of our Sisters each received grants of \$1,000 from the Sisters of Charity Foundation, Cleveland, to help people in our greater community most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Part of a national initiative, the Sisters on the Frontlines program recognizes that Catholic Sisters are always on the frontlines with their ministries.

Together our Sisters helped more than 100 people. Some of the funds were spent on food, some on such personal care items as cleaning and paper products, and some helped families with emergency expenses.

More on this story can be found on our website.



*Sister Norma Raupple and former AmeriCorps member Melissa Baker buy goods with the grant money for Beatitude House Immigrant Outreach families.*



*Sister Mary Alyce Korval, USY, with her Sisters on the Frontlines grant purchases for a pantry at St. Luke Parish, Boardman, where she's the Parish Leader.*

## Ursulines of Louisville

### Ursuline Sisters of Louisville Elect New Leadership to Six-Year Term at their Chapter Meeting



*L to R: Sisters Anne Mary Lochner, Rita Ann Wigginton, Jean Anne Zappa, President, Yuli Oncihuay, and Agnes Coveney*

At their Chapter meeting on August 5, 2020, five Ursuline Sisters of Louisville committed themselves to guiding the 162-year-old congregation of Sisters and Associate members that today minister with communities and individuals, near and far, in a variety of ways.

The new Leadership Circle consists of Jean Anne Zappa, OSU, president; Anne Mary Lochner, OSU, vice president/councilor; Rita Ann Wigginton, OSU, councilor; Yuli Oncihuay, OSU, councilor; and Agnes Coveney, OSU, councilor.

#### Chapter Statement:

Tragic events from March to August led us to shift our agenda to respond to them. Our mission statement proclaims in part: "Our mission...cutting across socio-economic, racial and national boundaries, assists [all] to live more fully and develop a personal relationship with God." Thus, as women of peace since 1535, we renew our commitment to work for peace and justice for all.

The COVID-19 pandemic has laid bare and magnified the growing social and economic disparity between persons who are white and black, rich and poor, employed and unemployed, citizen and migrant, healthy and sick, free and imprisoned, powerful and vulnerable. COVID-19 also exposed a planet whose air, water and soil have been polluted and violated over many years in the name of economic progress.

On the heels of the pandemic in the U.S., police aggression mounted against black and brown civilians, resulting in several deaths. This culminated in the largest

global protest of systemic racial injustice in human history. Institutionalized racism could no longer be ignored. Courageous people revealed how white people's successes had been built on the backs of unempowered black and brown people and centuries of social systems had perpetuated white privilege.

While acknowledging our previous silence and privilege in this unjust system, we commit ourselves now to work to create a more just economic system and a model of development which cares for our common home and provides for the most vulnerable among us. We commit ourselves to dismantling the racism that exists in our own hearts, in our communities, and across the globe.

### Ursuline Associates Ruby Hyde and Kathy Williams speak at The Great Women's March

Ruby Hyde, OSU-A, longtime community advocate, co-organized a peaceful women's march from the Muhammad Ali Center in Louisville on Saturday, September 12 that started at the Muhammad Ali Center. The march ended at 11th and Main Streets, in front of a mural of Breonna Taylor, David McAtee, George Floyd and Elijah McClain. A member of Muhammad Ali's family, clergy, local advocates and Ruby were the speakers, along with Kathy Williams, OSU-A and Communications Director, whom Ruby invited to speak on behalf of the Ursulines. All the women talked of the need for justice for Breonna; calling for an end systemic racism and why Black lives matter. They called for peaceful demonstrations. Kathy's speech can be found on our blog here:

<https://reflectionsfromtheursulinesistersoflouisvilleblog.wordpress.com/2020/09/23/the-great-womens-march/> [\(opens in a new tab\)](#)

→ Kathy Williams and Ruby Hyde, Associates

↓ Mural at 11th and Main





## Ursulines of Louisville, *continued*

### Louisville Ursuline Sisters and Associates Participate in a Walk for Racial Justice Organized by Black Catholics for Justice

Louisville Ursuline Sisters and Associates joined dozens of Catholics who gathered at the Cathedral of the Assumption in Louisville on Aug. 15 in prayer prior to a walk for racial justice organized by Black Catholics for Justice, a group of young Catholics from local parishes.

"We will walk together," Archbishop Kurtz said at the prayer on the Cathedral steps, "and walk humbly with our God."

We walked to the federal courthouse where we were moved by several testimonies from Black Catholics of their personal struggles and the history of systemic racism in our country. We prayed together for justice and for understanding. As speaker Keonna Barnes stated, "It's time to decide which side you are on. The side of righteousness and justice or the side of bigotry and intolerance." We are proud to peacefully stand in solidarity with our Black brothers and sisters.



*Louisville Ursuline Sisters and Associates*

### Louisville Ursuline Sisters Hold Prayer Service for Peace on the 57<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Hiroshima & Nagasaki Atomic Bombing

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops marked Sunday, August 9th as a National Day of Prayer for nonviolence and the end of nuclear warfare. The event was to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan. Although that act brought about the end of World War II, it also ushered in the atomic age and revealed to the world the absolute horrors of such weapons.

To commemorate the anniversary, the Sisters and Associates had a brief prayer service outside on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at the campus marquee. Peace Ribbons made by our Ursuline Sisters of Louisville, Associates of Ursuline Sisters of Louisville and friends were on display.



## From the Company of St. Ursula of Toronto

### COVID TIMES

Contemplation seeds  
Community issues raised  
Charity blooming

→ Pleasant Hill Community Garden, Saskatoon, SK.  
*Karenni refugees harvesting their first crop of mustard greens!*



## From the Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk

This year the Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk, U.S. Province congratulate **Sr. Teresita Catalano, Sr. Mary James Fox and Sr. Mary Grace Hodnett** as they celebrate 70 years of religious life, and **Sr. Denise Farrands, Sr. Bridget Olwell, Sr. Janet Schreiner, and Sr. Alice Traynor** celebrating 60 years of religious life. We honor these women for their lifetime of service dedicated to God.

Province Leader Sr. Joanne Callahan says, "We are delighted to share with you the brief, but profound history of each of our Jubilarians. The Sisters and Associates are disappointed that we cannot have our usual mass and dinner to celebrate this year. I am so proud of all that each Sister has accomplished, and the way each has inspired the rest of us who share community with them. May God continue to bless them and keep them safe and healthy."

As young women they were all influenced by Ursuline Sisters who encouraged them to listen to God's call...



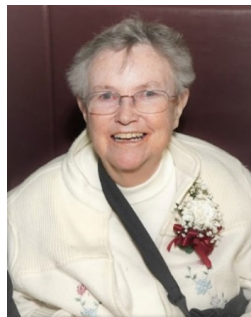
**Sr. Teresita Catalano** felt called to be an Ursuline as a student of Nativity of the Blessed Mary School in Ozone Park, NY. She is grateful for the wonderful education and the spirituality and dedication of the Sisters who taught her. After earning a degrees in Secondary Education and

Music Education, she taught in many schools as well as parish religious education. Her love of music was shared with her students, who were members of her choir and piano classes. After retirement she continued to be a piano instructor.

Her former students joyfully recall Sr. Teresita as a firm but caring teacher who had great confidence in them. They are grateful for her loving guidance, her sense of humor and her special talents which gave many of them a lifelong appreciation for all kinds of music.

Reflecting on her 70 years of religious life, Sr. Teresita says, "What shall I render to the Lord, for all the gifts of life, love, family, friends and community which He has given to me?"

Her lifelong friend, Sr. Mary Joan of Arc Spelman says, "Sr. Teresita is an intelligent, gentle woman who does not hurry to speak, enjoys a good laugh and has a sense of humor. She is sensitive to others and has a remarkable memory for events, names and prayer requests." Sr. Joan of Arc continues, "I give thanks to God for the gift of Teresita and for a friendship that has lasted 73 years."



**Sr. Mary James Fox** was introduced to the Ursulines as a student at Our Lady of Grace in Howard Beach, NY. Inspired by her Ursuline teachers, she followed the call to become a Sister and educator. Sr. James ministered in elementary education at several schools in Queens, Long Island and Connecticut, then spent the last years of her teaching career at Holy Family High School in Huntington, NY. She then served as bookkeeper for Our Lady of Mercy School in Hicksville, NY and Our Lady of Hope School in Middle Village, NY. Sr. James also served her Province as an assistant in the Finance Office where she always lightened up the mood with her sense of humor.

Elena Candelaria, bookkeeper for the Ursuline Sisters, fondly remembers her days working with Sr. James: "Sr. James is very smart. I loved working with her and listening to her stories about her teaching years. She is very funny, and we've had many adventures together." Elena continues, "We used to call ourselves 'Partners in Crime.' I really miss working with her. She has a very special place in my heart."



**Sr. Mary Grace Hodnett** entered the Ursulines because of her great love for children and the wonderful encouragement she received from the Sisters teaching at Our Lady of Grace in Howard Beach, NY. She served as an elementary teacher for 22 years. Then, seeing the great need for parish social ministry, she served as Director of Parish Social Outreach at St. William the Abbot in Seaford, NY for 26 years. She credits most of her success in this endeavor to the tireless efforts and commitment of the parish volunteers and members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. She continued teaching children in the parish religious education program right up until her retirement in 2005. Afterwards, she volunteered as a facilitator for senior citizens at Maria Regina parish in Seaford, NY and for the Sisters in retirement at St. Ursula Center.

Sr. Catherine Talia says of Sr. Mary Grace, "I have had the privilege of observing her loving care for the

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## From the Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk, *continued*

poor and less fortunate in her work in Parish Outreach at St. William the Abbot. I have also had the privilege of helping Sr. Mary Grace discern some of the changes in her life that brought her to the next step on her journey. Throughout these changes over the years, she has maintained her sense of serving the other graciously and with a full heart."

Sr. Mary Grace reflects, "Looking back on my years as an Ursuline Sister, I know that I have been inspired and blessed by my family, by my religious congregation and by the many wonderful people whose love and commitment have taught me about the presence of God." She continues, "Celebrations are wonderful because we come together to acknowledge God's gifts, and today 70 years of my religious life."

**Sr. Denise Farrands'** experiences with the nuns in Connecticut who taught her as a child planted a seed that blossomed into a religious vocation and instilled in her a love for teaching. When she was introduced to Mother Ursula and the Ursuline Sisters in Blue Point, Long Island she knew that God had called her.



Sr. Denise touched the lives of hundreds of children throughout her teaching career, primarily at Our Lady of Victory in New Haven, CT where she taught for over 40 years. One of her proudest moments came in 1988 when she received the Miriam Joseph Farrell Award for Distinguished Teaching presented by the National Catholic Educational Association. She deeply believes in Catholic education and has seen the difference it can mean in families, the Church and the world.

Sr. Gertrude Goldman says of her friend, "Sr. Denise loved teaching and has a hundred stories about classroom and field trip happenings that she is always willing to share with others." She also speaks of Sr. Denise's great kindness and generosity: "Sr. Denise is always ready and willing to help others in any way she can without regard to her own time and energy."

Sr. Denise says, "It has been an enriching experience to interact with so many families and students and, hopefully, to have made a positive difference in their lives." One of the life lessons she imparted to all her students was, "You don't need to like everyone, but you do need to love everyone."

Reflecting on her Jubilee, Sr. Denise says, "I thank God daily for 60 years of blessings as an Ursuline Sister of Tildonk. I cherish the multitude of blessings that have graced my life in this beautiful community."

**Sr. Bridget Olwell** grew up on a farm in Ireland and came to the U.S. in 1958. She met Sr. Jean Redigan at St. William the Abbot in Seaford, NY when she went to visit her uncle, a priest who was stationed at the parish. Upon meeting Sr. Jean, Sr. Bridget's desire to enter religious life was confirmed.



Sr. Bridget's teaching ministry spanned 42 years, the last 14 years of which she served as principal of St. Margaret School in Middle Village, NY. After retiring from education, she continues to serve as pastoral associate for St. Margaret Parish, where most of the parish's spiritual formation programs are her responsibility. Sr. Bridget was inducted into the St. Margaret Hall of Fame in 2013.

Sr. Bridget says, "My colleagues know that my one and only response in any discussion is 'God is good.' Yes, God has been very good to me all my life and especially these past sixty years as an Ursuline Sister. I've been blessed with a loving family, caring friends, good health, and supportive ministry opportunities which enabled the young and not so young to get to know Jesus through my presence and teaching. For all this I am most grateful."

She adds, "I trust that God will continue to bless all our Sisters who are celebrating special milestones at this time. I do believe that St. Angela is in our midst furthering our prayers during these challenging times in our world. May I/we continue to respond with deep faith and earnest prayer."

"Sr. Bridget is a joy to be with, kind to all and always available," says her good friend Sr. Judith O'Connor. "Of course, we all know she loves her ministry for the Church, her family in County Meath, and our Ursuline Community. May she be abundantly blessed with love and good health as she has blessed us, for many years to come."

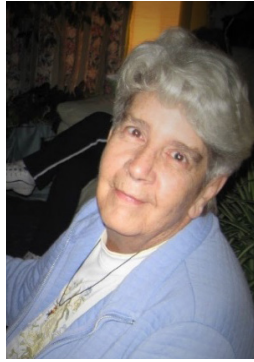
**Sr. Janet Schreiner** met the Ursulines as an adolescent at Our Lady of Grace in Howard Beach, NY. Their spirit of openness and kindness touched her. After earning

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## From the Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk, *continued*

her degree in education, Sr. Janet spent her early years of ministry as an elementary and high school teacher, where she loved helping to develop values in children. She then returned to school for a degree in nursing and worked as a community health nurse with the Nursing Sisters Home Visiting Service. Sr. Janet also ministered as a school counselor and worked at Hope House Ministries as a counselor for 15 years. Since her retirement, she continues to volunteer with Hope House Ministries and animal rescue programs.

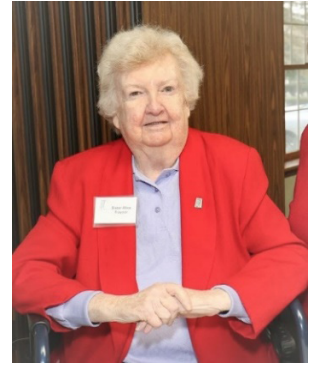


Sr. Janet credits her diverse ministry history with her ability to easily connect with people. She reflects, "Throughout my life I have been blessed with a deep sense of wonder which no darkness has been able to dim. I am grateful for this gift flowing from the *God Within* who encompasses and sustains all reality. I thank all the people and creatures in my life who I have ministered to, knowing that in truth they have ministered to me in all the possibilities of growth and fullness of being."

Looking back on years of memories, Sr. Laurentine Morgan says Sr. Janet is "sometimes boisterous and often irreverent, but always reflective, philosophical, empathetic, caring and poetic – filled with a love of nature and indeed all God's creation which nourishes and sustains us all. We hold her close knowing her desire to shine the light of God's loving presence among us."

Like her fellow Jubilarians, **Sr. Alice Traynor** was inspired by the Ursulines Sisters early in her life. "I take myself back to 1958 when I first met the Sisters at Our

Lady of Grace in Howard Beach," says Sr. Alice. "Their hospitality and caring really attracted me." Entering the Ursulines was a perfect match for her to fulfill her desire to teach. She served as teacher and principal in several schools throughout Long Island, Queens and Brooklyn. After her retirement from education she ministered to the elderly in nursing homes and parishes near her home.



Sr. Alice reflects, "After 60 years as an Ursuline Sister, I thank God for giving me the gift of a religious vocation. I thank the community for a life lived dedicated to the Lord and for the many opportunities to be of service. A very special thank you to my family, always supporting me to this day."

"Sr. Alice has had many professional accomplishments," says Sr. Geraldine Conklin, "but what makes her special is her ability to gain the trust of those with whom she works and lives. This gift has enabled her to expand the ministerial impact of her life. Alice stays connected to her family and friends through good times and bad. She is prayerful, loyal, honest and truthful. I am grateful to be counted among her friends."



*May the Lord's blessings, joy and peace be upon Sisters Teresita, James, Mary Grace, Denise, Bridget, Janet and Alice, as well as all of our Sisters living and deceased.*



HE HAS MADE EVERYTHING  
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ALSO SET ETERNITY IN THE HUMAN  
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BEGINNING TO END.

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## Update from the Eastern Province

### Ursuline Sisters Conduct First Live Stream Prayer Service

The Ursuline Sisters of the Eastern Province have been a part of the New York Community for 165 plus years and they are still making firsts! For the first time ever, the Sisters, led by their *new* Provincial, Sr. Maureen Welch, OSU (pictured), held a live streaming prayer service.

New for the Sisters, the Prayer Service took place at the simply solemn, but beautiful Ursuline Chapel complete with harp music and singing by the angelic Alice Smyth. It was planned as an alternative for the Sisters having to cancel their Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for their friends, family members and supporters last June because of COVID-19.



In her remarks, Sr. Maureen commented that the Coronavirus has united the world not only in their common loss, sadness and isolation, but also, in the positive effects of the many examples of the goodness in humankind. Quoting St. Paul she also said, "I can only think of St. Paul's words, 'In the twinkling of an eye, life is changed...'" Covid – 19... has forever changed us." Sr. Maureen also paid tribute to the eight sisters who passed during the pandemic.

The service was filmed and has since been viewed by almost 650 people on You Tube and on Facebook to an overwhelming positive response. The comments the sisters are still receiving regarding the service on the Catholic Feast day of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother, August 15<sup>th</sup>, was that it "was inspiring," "it lifted the spirits," and it was "just what I needed in these times."

Reciting prayers were Sr. Pat Schifini, OSU and Sr. Brenda Buckley, OSU both of whom are on the current counsel and who recently resigned from The Ursuline School in New Rochelle. Some other Ursulines who participated in the prayer service were Sr. Josephine De Pietro, OSU; Sr. Mary Alice Duggan, OSU and Sr. K.M. Donohue, OSU.

A few of the sisters living at the Provinciate were in attendance abiding by social distancing guidelines to keep

safe. The Service can still be viewed on the Ursulines YouTube channel called: Voices of Angela or by typing in <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dGeR7cFaFrc&t=3395s>.

### Academy of Mount St. Ursula celebrates 165 years

#### 165th Anniversary Celebration & Fundraiser

October 1, 2020

ACADEMY OF MOUNT ST. URSULA DAY  
By Proclamation of the Bronx Borough President's Office



The oldest continuously operating Catholic girls' high school in New York State, the Academy of Mount St. Ursula, was founded in 1855 in East Morrisania, New York City by Ursuline Sisters who came from St. Louis, Missouri. It was chartered in 1868 and has been located at Bedford Park Boulevard and Bainbridge Avenue since 1892. The total program is based on unchanging spiritual and moral values actualized in a curriculum and co-curriculum designed to meet the needs of today's students. Throughout its long history, AMSU's family spirit has always fostered deep interpersonal bonds among students, faculty, parents, and alumnae.

2020 marks the 165<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Academy of Mount St. Ursula. The times have changed, but AMSU's mission has remained the same. AMSU continues to provide a quality, Ursuline-inspired education to young women of the Bronx and surrounding areas. The school community is grateful for the continuous generosity of the Ursulines, and the commitment of many alumnae and benefactors. AMSU strives to mold all students into young women who are caring, globally connected women, prepared for a world of unlimited possibilities, ensuring that their "Four Years Last a Lifetime."

To mark the anniversary and due to the age of the COVID-19 pandemic, AMSU celebrated with a live virtual 165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration & Fundraiser day of activities on October 1, 2020. Then agenda included a Welcome Prayer and Blessing by Sr. Jean Marie Humphries, OSU, PhD, '89, Principal; slideshows, student and alumna reflections, trivia time, school song performance, and more.

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## Ursuline Sisters of Chatham

### *Brescia Centennial Story Mural*

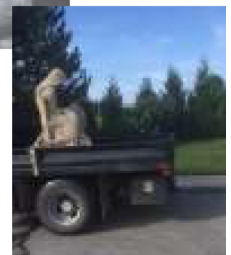
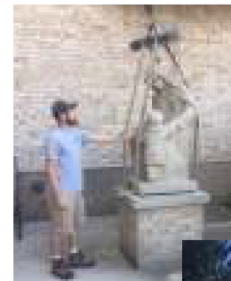


Brescia University College in London, Ontario has developed a unique and inspiring way to share and celebrate its 100 year history. In a participatory process, accomplished artist, Melanie Schambach, created a mural which tells the story of Ursuline values, pioneering origins and future hopes of Brescia. Many groups, including the Sisters living at Villa Angela, were invited into the creative process which Melanie designed to make the project both accessible and attractive. The end result is

an embodied representation of the past 100 years of Brescia's history, an art piece that belongs to the Brescia family and the whole community.

### *Angela Travels down the Road*

This fall a brand new school opened a short distance away from our present location at Villa Angela, now, under new ownership called St. Angela's Meadow. The public was invited to suggest names for this facility and the clear choice was **St. Angela Merici Catholic School**. It is inspiring and gratifying to see the seeds planted by Ursuline educators of the 19<sup>th</sup> century bearing such fruit! To further encourage the new students and staff we donated a beloved statue from our property. This work of art which depicts St. Angela in her younger years, with a young friend at her side was designed by renowned artist Father Anthony Lauck. It was transported from South Bend, Indiana to our former Motherhouse in April 1970 and then to Villa Angela in 2006. It is now located in the entrance way of the new school, an inviting learning space filled with bright, natural light. Our prayer is that Angela will be a reminder to all who enter St. Angela Merici School of the possibility of new pathways and creative approaches in the midst of challenging times.





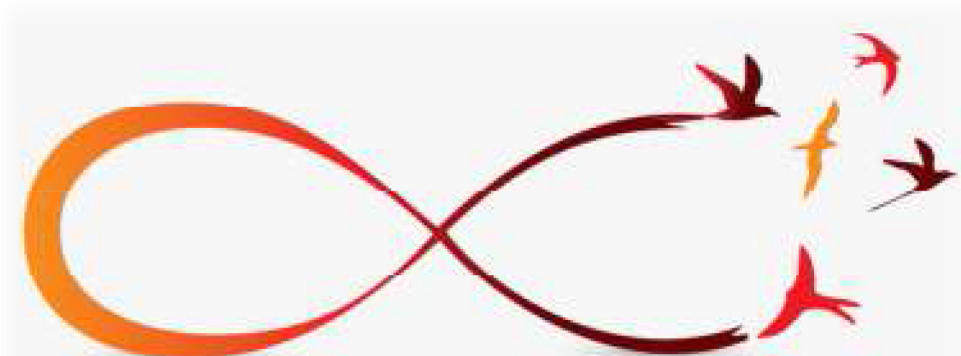
### *Becoming 'Zoomers'*

At one time we had sisters living across Canada as well as in South America and the Caribbean. Today most of us live in one province and the cities where we are located are all within reasonable driving distance. While it is much easier to gather in person for community celebrations and meetings, the restrictions of this pandemic mean that even sisters living on the same property cannot move safely from one building to another. The result of this situation is that we are learning to become 'zoomers' or 'googlers' or experts in whatever communication methods can work. While some of us were already quite proficient in this area, very used to attending meetings this way, for many of us the learning curve is quite steep.



With the assistance of technically proficient staff and sisters, many of us are able to connect with family, friends and each other. The Planning Circle for Chapter 2021 for example, has been holding meetings by zoom since June. Our first community-wide zoom call occurred in September and we are sure that, having worked out some of the glitches, our next one will be even more effective.

While we, like everyone else, truly miss the personal contact, we realize how blessed we are to be able to connect with others in a variety of ways and we are finding more creative ways to reach out and support each other. We may be dropping off home grown tomatoes on a front porch, forming a 'birthday caravan of cars to honk greetings to a friend or texting some good news to someone at a distance. Even snail mail works. This became delightfully clear when various groups of sisters prepared gift bags of notes for sisters on the same property who were not permitted to enter the main part of the building. A little card, a little call, a little zooming – they all keep the connections alive!



## Online Retreat Opportunities offered by the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph

The pandemic is teaching all of us to find new ways to live our mission. The Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph believe in “meeting people where they are,” so the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center is developing several online retreats for those who cannot venture far from home. Perhaps one of these retreats will be of interest.

### “Exploring Illness” online Nov. 14

If illness is a cause of suffering in the human experience, why do the saints and mystics have such a positive attitude about it? Join us in the comfort of your own home as we explore how illness can bring forth transformation and growth of our life in God.



Maryann Joyce

Through presentation, storytelling, journal prompts, group sharing, poetry and music, Maryann Joyce, director of the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, will lead us to reflect on our part of the Pascal Mystery of Christ. Themes

discussed will include surrender and trust, vulnerability and acceptance. This retreat would be a comfort and inspiration for anyone coping with a serious or chronic illness. The retreat will be held on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 9 - 11:30 a.m., followed by a lunch break, and then 1 - 3 p.m. The fee is \$30.

### “Praying with Mary Through Advent” online Dec. 5

Join us as we contemplate Mary’s pregnancy with Jesus and our own spiritual journeys – honoring both through the stages of struggle and celebration. This online retreat will take place on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. The class will be led by Rebekah Wagner of Owensboro, Ky., a chaplain and spiritual director who has a passion for companioning others who seek to live an integrated life. The fee for this online Zoom class is \$25.



Rebekah Wagner

### “Boundless Compassion” in person and online Jan. 29-31, 2021

This program on Jan. 29-31, 2021, is inspired by the book *Boundless Compassion: Creating a Way of Life* by well-known author Joyce Rupp. It will feature presentations, quiet reflection, breakout sessions, media resources, and communal prayer to explore compassion.

Presentations include: Compassion as a Way of Life, Self-Compassion, Compassion and Suffering, and Becoming a Compassionate Presence. The retreat leader will be Sister Mary Dean Pfahler, SND, a certified Boundless Compassion facilitator. She was a former educator in Ohio and Papua New Guinea, and she particularly takes joy in caring for creation. The retreat will begin on Friday at 7 p.m. and end after lunch on Sunday. The in-person fee which includes lodging and meals is \$190. The online Zoom fee is \$60. Note: The in-person option is tentative.

To register for any of these retreats, call 270-229-0206 or email [retreatcenter@maplemount.org](mailto:retreatcenter@maplemount.org) or register online at <https://ursulinesmsj.org/registration-form-for-sponsored-programs/>



Sister Mary Dean Pfahler, SND



Sister M. Gemma Stracka (Cleveland)  
Sister Ann Kelly (Cleveland)  
Sister Anne Michelle Mudd (Maple Mount)  
Sister Genevieve Goessling (Central Province)  
Sister Miriam Teresa Graczak (Central Province)  
Sister Mary Ann Luth (Central Province)  
Sister Jamesetta DeFelice (Louisville)

*Pray for our Sisters who have entered  
into Eternal Life*



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## Ursuline Sisters of the Western Province

### The Red Sand Project

The Red Sand Project is a participatory art installation designed to shed light on human trafficking. Participants gather at a site and pour red sand in sidewalk seams to draw attention to the human trafficking victims who fall through the cracks. Today 40.3 million people are in slavery.

This spring Sister Mary Dostal and Sister Pat Funderhide, of the Western Province, participated in the Red Sand Project opportunity offered by Grace United Methodist Church in Billings, Montana. This event helps to raise awareness about human trafficking. The red sand is poured into sidewalk cracks as a symbol of the victims of human trafficking and how they fall into the cracks of society. In order to provide for social distancing, guests were invited to come to Grace United on their own time, grab a packet of sand, and fill in some sidewalk cracks. There was also a display of signs that gave various statistics on human trafficking.



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## From the Company of St. Ursula (Group of the USA)

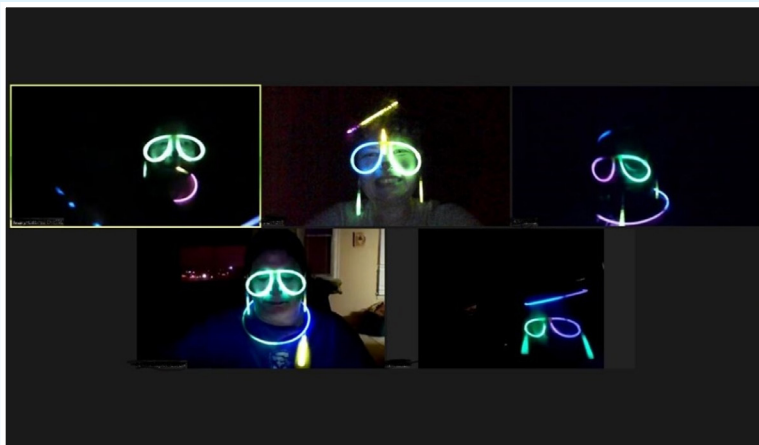
### The Company of St. Ursula on Retreat

The Company of St. Ursula (USA Group) sought to learn from Jesus and from St. Angela about TRUST in a weekend retreat on Zoom August 28-30. Amid COVID and our national crisis, we turned our eyes and hearts to Jesus, trusting his Father, and to Angela Merici growing in trust through her deepening relationship with God.

Prayer, Scripture, a PowerPoint pilgrimage to Desenzano and Brescia, personal sharing, music, and artwork alternated with quiet times alone. We were also able to welcome (virtually) our newest candidate. Every member contributed some element.

... And fun! We celebrated the joy of being together, albeit virtually, with a party on Saturday night. Our online Jeopardy game featured items tailored to our Ursuline identity. Glow sticks... well, the photo speaks for itself.

*Mary-Cabrini Durkin*



# Ursulines of Toledo

## Celebrating our 165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the Midst of the COVID-19 Pandemic

In the world of optometry it is said that 20/20 vision is “normal” vision. We soon experienced that the year 2020 has been anything but normal. The world-wide pandemic with COVID-19 has given us many challenges to look at life and its celebrations in very different ways.



The plans for the Ursuline Sisters and Associates to celebrate 165 years of dedication and commitment to God and service to God's people started with a beautiful gathering with the student body of St. Ursula Academy on the morning of December 12, 2019. December 12 was the actual foundation date

of the Ursulines arriving in Toledo. St. Ursula Academy welcomed 21 Sisters in the lobby, then ushered them into the Field House with over 500 cheers of congratulations and gratitude for the love and support of the Ursuline

Community's contribution to their school. Tears were shed out of sheer joy and much singing and praise were shared by the Student Body. What a touching and heart-felt way to begin the celebration.



*Sister Margaret Manion accepts a yellow rose from a St. Ursula Academy student at the Founders' Day Celebration at SUA on December 12, 2020.*

The evening of December 12, at the Ursuline Center, a beautiful Vesper service was held followed by a modest reception for supporters and benefactors, employees and friends of the Sisters.

January 26, 2020 the Feast of St. Angela was celebrated with liturgy, dinner and special guest, Sister Diane Fulgenzi, OSU of St. Louis, MO who spoke to a packed room of Sisters, Associates, residents and friends. Sister Diane spoke about St. Angela as a Woman of Vision. Using a reflective model she shared “vision spaces” in Angela's life and encouraged those present to celebrate their vision spaces.

Further plans included having another speaker in April to speak about Marie of the Incarnation (that didn't happen), the celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart (that didn't happen according to plans), and a special Missioning and celebration of the Feast of St. Ursula on October 21, which we hope to have in some fashion.

The Ursulines have learned to adapt to change, which has not been easy, especially not being able to see each other and visit with the residents at the Ursuline Center. God has been with us and our hope in God's providence keeps us going. We have found new ways “to be” in relationship with our local world and have been exposed to ways to be more aware of the global world.

## Associate Program Celebrates 40 Years

In 1980, as the Ursuline Sisters were celebrating 125 years of ministry in Toledo, they also launched the Associate program. On March 30, 1980, thirty-nine candidates made a one-year commitment to be Toledo Ursuline Associates. The scheduled March 30, 2020, celebration of 40 years of Ursuline Associates in Toledo was put on hold until a time when the Ursuline Center can welcome visitors again. Soon, we hope!

In March 2005, the Ursuline community celebrated 25 years of the Associates Program, which had grown from 39 to 120 participants. We now have 135 Associates, counting the group of 30 in Bakersfield, California that Sister Claudia Holtz started.

We recognize those Sisters who worked to establish the Associate Program and those who were Directors or Council liaisons with the Associate Board, some of whom are with us in spirit, only. Special thanks to Sisters Stephanie Helfrich, Mary Alice Henkel, Denise Hoffman,





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## **Ursulines of Toledo, *continued***

Mary Jo Koudelka, Nancy Mathias, Pauline Burger, Claudia Holtz, Angelita Abair, Sandy Sherman, Carol Reamer, Rita Mae Johns, and Associates Agnes Zeiger and Mary Ellen Say. In addition, we thank the many Sisters who suggested the Program to potential candidates, those who mentored candidates, and those who befriended us and welcomed Associates into the Ursuline family.

In many ways, the Associates have mirrored the Sisters' changes in work and ministry, energy and health. In one way, though, we have differed. We are still mentoring new candidates. The Sisters are still dreaming of ways to extend their legacy into a future that holds two truths: their eventual passing to the next life and St. Angela's assurance that she would be with us as we seek to stay close to Jesus, relying on God alone - Soli Deo Gloria. Sister Donna Frey sows legacy seeds at St. Ursula Academy, teaching students about St. Angela's devotion to Jesus and her concern for the church and her society.

If Angela Merici saw today's Catholic Church, she would be very pleased at the advances it has made in its faith and mission. St. Angela would still see the need for reform in the Church and the world. She would still see the need for women who hear the call to a celibate devotion to Christ to support each other spiritually. She would still welcome Christians and others drawn to join her Company in prayer and ministry. "God of time and seasons, you draw us together around the witness and spirituality of St. Angela. Teach us how to support one another as we journey on our way to you, in the name of Jesus, beloved of our hearts, now and forever." From the Votive Prayer for Associate Gatherings, Ursuline Book of Prayer, Vol. II.



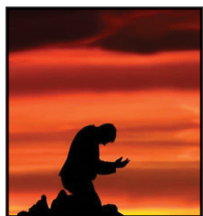
*Sister Claudia Holtz, Sister Carol Kronfield, Associates Beulah Horn and Sarah Abts, and Sister Carol Reamer attended the North American Ursuline Convocation in Louisville, Kentucky in July 2019.*

### **St. Ursula Academy Adapts to COVID-19**

Covid-19 presented many challenges for schools across the planet, and St. Ursula Academy was no exception. In March, when Governor DeWine announced that all learning was going to be accomplished remotely, the faculty of SUA was undaunted by the challenge. With three days of preparation and the support of our technical staff and administration, we embarked on a journey most of us never expected to undertake. Thankfully, we were encouraged by the resilience of our students who persevered through their courses and seemed to thrive amidst the uncertainty around them. Even Intramurals went forth on-line, as the girls created and shared videos, in addition to participating in competitions that displayed unique talents rather than the sports and dance skills which usually characterize that all-important event. Of course, our Labre program has gone out every Monday night, as families have provided meal kits of sandwiches and snacks to feed the friends we continue to meet on our four stops throughout the inner city.

Naturally, the entire summer has been spent preparing for the 2020-2021 school year, and we are in-person, five days each week with all of our students. Most of our families wish to send their daughters to school, while a few prefer that they learn remotely until the virus is more contained in northwest Ohio. St. Ursula is partnering with the Lucas County Health Department to monitor the situation, but for now we have purchased machines to take the temperature of everyone who enters the building, staggered start times, and rearranged classrooms in order to allow for social distancing. We realize that we are likely to need to go on-line for at least part of the first semester, but our goal is to introduce both ourselves and our courses to our students and to make the best use of whatever time we have with them. In fact, the English Department is starting each class off with "The Gratitude Project," for which all students (grades 6-12) will write a letter thanking someone for making the burdens they have faced over the preceding months a little lighter. Obviously, 2020 has not gone according to anyone's plan. It has, however, truly showcased the Ursuline values of adapting to change and valuing the individual - if only from a distance.

# Fall/Winter Retreat Opportunities



## **“Exploring Illness as a Catalyst for Spiritual Growth” online Zoom Saturday, Nov. 14 • 9–3\***

If illness is a cause of suffering, why do saints and mystics have a positive attitude about it? Join us as we explore how illness can bring forth growth of our life in God. Through presentation, storytelling, journal prompts, group sharing, poetry and music, Maryann Joyce, Center director, will lead us to reflect on our part of the Pascal Mystery. This could be a comfort for anyone coping with illness. (\*Lunch break 11:30-1:00) Fee \$30



## **“Praying with Mary Through Advent” online Zoom Saturday, Dec. 5 • 9–11:30 a.m.**

During Advent, join us for a wonderful reflection on Mary’s nourishment and affirmation of Jesus growing within her womb, as compared to our own growth on the spiritual journey. The facilitator will be Rebekah Wagner, a chaplain and spiritual director. Fee \$25

## **“Boundless Compassion: Creating a Way of Life” in person or online Jan. 29-31 • 7 p.m. Friday thru Sunday lunch**

Compassion can change a heart, change a life, change a world. Discover the seeds of compassion planted across the spectrum of faith traditions and found in theology, spirituality, science, sociology and psychology. This program is inspired by *Boundless Compassion* by Joyce Rupp. Retreat leader is Sister Mary Dean Phafler, a certified Boundless Compassion facilitator. Attend IN PERSON (*tentative*) at the Retreat Center with meals/lodging (\$190) or ONLINE Zoom (\$60).



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