

Sister Carol Curtis and Sister Mary Theresa Burns make final profession of vows to become Ursuline Sisters of Louisville

On Friday, November 15, 2019, Sister Carol Curtis made her final profession of vows to become an Ursuline Sister of Louisville during Mass in the Ursuline Motherhouse Chapel. Sister Carol had previously been a nun with the Discalced Carmelites in Louisville. She lived a cloistered life for 25 years, along with her fellow nuns behind the walls of their monastery—a life devoted to simplicity and prayer. Sister Carol, formerly Mother John Baptist of the Lamb of God, was serving as prioress of the Carmelites when they made the decision in 2015 to move out of their monastery on Newburg Road and sell the building to the Archdiocese of Louisville.

Ursuline President Sister Janet Marie Peterworth shared during her reflection at Mass, “I received a call out of the blue one day in 2015 from Mother John the Baptist, who explained that, ‘The Carmelites were moving out of their building, and would we happen to have any room for a few of them to move in?’” She thought to herself, this could be us. So, of course, she said yes, knowing they had plenty of room, and soon the Carmelites came.



Sister Carol Curtis receives a blessing from Ursuline President Sister Janet Peterworth at her vow transfer Mass on November 15, 2019.

One of the other Carmelites who came was Sister Mary Theresa Burns, a Louisville native, who attended Assumption High School, and graduated from Bellarmine University. She recalls that she kept searching for something meaningful after college; and after a conversion experience at church during Holy Week, she discerned that religious life was for her. Ironically, her mother had hoped she would become an Ursuline Sister since the campus was close to their house, but she instead joined the Carmelites and entered

their monastery in 1990. Sister Mary Theresa was cloistered for 24 years until the decision to close the monastery in 2015.

Sister Mary Theresa explored many other communities during this transition period, and it wasn’t until she attended an Ursuline Convocation that she felt, “called to become an Ursuline—to have all these women as my sisters, to be a daughter of Angela.”

Like Sister Mary Theresa, exposure to some of the ministries of the Ursulines, such as the Angela Merici Center for Spirituality and other contemplative ministries led Sister

Carol to consider her vocation as evolving; of a new ministry unfolding. “There is a lot of common ground...we are all in this together and God is with us all.” Sister Carol has earned her master’s, worked with Shively Area Ministries and the St. John’s Center for Homeless Men.



Sister Mary Theresa Burns carries in the Crucifix in the Mass processional.



Sister Carol Curtis and Sister Mary Theresa Burns at her vow transfer Mass on January 27, 2020.

News from Louisville, continued

Sister Mary Theresa has found a new calling as a chaplain, and underwent training for this ministry. She currently is earning her master's degree and is serving at Nazareth Home-Clifton in Louisville as a chaplain, where she has formed community with the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville who live there.

Sister Mary Theresa made her final profession of vows on Monday, January 27, 2020, the feast day of Saint Angela Merici. She thanked Saint Angela for sharing her feast day with her and said, "In 2017, I had the great privilege of going on a pilgrimage to Italy and walking in Saint Angela's footsteps. In Brescia, we visited St. Angela Church, and while there, I had a deep desire to become one of her daughters and be connected to her. It means so much that this is my profession anniversary."

Sister Kathy Neely is honored for her work in Peru

Sister Kathy Neely and the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville were recognized Jan. 22, 2020 for their ministry in San Miguel, Peru, over the past several decades. The small town (fewer than 4,000 people) of San Miguel de Pallaques lies in the Cajamarca region of Peru surrounded by the Andes Mountains. It is primarily a rural area, with the people living outside of town in the mountains, often walking 1-2 hours each way to get to San Miguel for Mass, school or to sell their wares at the Sunday market.



San Miguel Associates

Sister Lee Kirchner moved to San Miguel in 1988 after leaving Saint Angela Merici School in Callao (an area of Lima), which she and Sister Mary Martha Staarman founded in 1965. Sister Lee served in pastoral ministry in San Miguel, following the 1987 start of the ministry there by Louisville Ursulines Sue Sharfenberger and Betty Albers (now deceased). She was later joined by other Sisters, including Louisville Ursuline Kathy Neely, Roman Union Ursuline Martha Counahan and Toledo Ursuline Carol Reamer.

In 2013, Sister Kathy Neely, along with the Support Group for Persons with Different Abilities founded the Saint Angela

Merici Rehabilitation Center in San Miguel, which provides much-needed physical, speech and language therapy to this



Rehab Center Board

day. The Sisters also have done a great deal of work with the local parish and started an Associates group in San Miguel through their connections made with women they met in their ministry areas.

The January 22nd award was given by the Mayor of San Miguel, Lorenzo Aldor Chingay Hernandez, and his Council. They stated: "Recognizing and Declaring Sister Kathleen R. Neely, of the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville, Kentucky, Illustrious Guest for her years of missionary work for the citizenry of San Miguel and for founding the Rehabilitation Center "Saint Angela Merici" in the Province of San Miguel, Cajamarca, Peru."

Father Juan and Father Cayo, pastors of San Miguel Parish, along with many Associates, supporters of the rehab center and friends attended the ceremony. Sister Katherine Corbett and her sister in law, Kathleen Corbett, who were visiting in San Miguel, also attended the ceremony, along with Sister Yuli Oncihuay. Sister Kathy said, "I truly appreciate this honor for our Ursuline Community."



Sisters Katherine, Kathy and Yuli

News from Louisville, continued

Ursuline Sisters and Bellarmine University students gather for service project

Building on the connections made during the 2018-19 celebration of the 50 year anniversary of Ursuline College and Bellarmine College's merger, Ursuline Sisters of Louisville gathered with Bellarmine students on Tuesday, January 21, to make no-sew fleece blankets for the Center for Women and Children. Many of the students are members of the Pioneer Scholars, first-generation college students.

Sister Janet Marie Peterworth opened the event with a story about Saint Angela Merici, and Communications Director Kathy Williams issued an invitation to all gathered to attend an event at the Angela Merici Center for Spirituality, and to check out the Associates program. Lots of laughter and discussion filled Frazier Hall as many blankets were made. Afterwards, the Sisters and students had lunch together in the campus dining hall. Special thanks to the Office of Donor Relations, the Pioneer Scholars and Bellarmine University Campus Ministry for making this a successful event.

The blankets were blessed at Mass in Bellarmine's beautiful chapel on Sunday evening, January 26, with Father John John Pozhathuparambil presiding. Sister Janet Peterworth gave a wonderful reflection at Mass. We plan on making this a yearly event!



The blankets were blessed at Mass in Bellarmine's chapel.



Sister Lynn Jarrell and her group with finished blankets.

LCWR Sub-Region 6 Communicators in collaboration

At the suggestion of the members of Sub-Region 6 of LCWR, the communicators held a video conference call on November 14, 2019, to explore how to partner together in terms of letters to the editor and press releases on matters of social justice and others in response to calls from the national office of LCWR. All concurred that the impact of a message signed by the leaders of our sub-region congregations is desirable.

When matters are brought to our attention by LCWR asking that we publicize statements, we will be in contact to determine if we wish to sign on to the statement. We agreed that we would reply within 24 hours if we wished to have our congregations listed.

Thus far, we have partnered together on letters to the editor on the Paris Climate Agreement and Migration Week. We had another conference call on February 13, and all agreed that this is a great way to connect with each other as fellow communicators.

The communities participating include the Sisters of St. Benedict, Ferdinand, Indiana, the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, the Dominican Sisters of Peace, the Loretto Community, the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville and the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph.



Sister John Mary Blaser (Cleveland)
Sister Annunciata Muth (Louisville)
Sister Mary Jude Cecil (Mount Saint Joseph)
Sister Clara Reid (Mount Saint Joseph)
Sister Emerentia Wiesner (Mount Saint Joseph)

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

Ursulines of Prelate

A NEW YEAR...A NEW DECADE

Already, we are one month into the new year and a new decade. For the Ursulines of Prelate 2019 ended on a high note with the year having been dedicated to celebrating the community's 100th anniversary. The celebrations came to an official end on January 27th, the feast of St. Angela. But more of that later, since a few other events took place before that.



On October 21st, the community gathered for the feast of St. Ursula. On the agenda was a continued discussion about the legacy we have left up to now, continue to leave and will leave for the future. Scott Irwin, CEO of Emmanuel Care, came to talk about

what the change-over of St. Angela Merici Residence from the Sisters to his organization (Oct. 1, 2019) would mean in practical terms. Sr. Anne Lewans, General Superior presented him with the building's blue-prints.

On October 25th, Sr. Anne Lewans and Sr. Teresita Kambeitz represented the community in Medicine Hat, Alberta, for a tribute for the Sisters' 100th anniversary. Ursulines of Prelate ministered there for many years.

In November, 15 Sisters spent time on retreat with Fr. Glenn Zimmer, omi. The theme centered on hospitality and how the guest has to be receptive and that receiving is necessary before giving. Also, in November, on the 25th, the 19th "Stirrings" took place—a gathering of Ursulines of Bruno and Prelate. As usual, it was a day involving a mixture of prayer, input, fun and visiting.



On December 8th, the Sisters came together to share a meal and then to reminisce by sharing stories of mission. The stories ranged from hardships, to work, to joyous celebrations.

On January 1st, the Sisters greeted the New Year with supper, prayer and a look back at the jubilee events of 2019. Appreciation was expressed at the times shared in togetherness as a community and at the overwhelming show of support expressed by family, friends and associates at the June 1st celebration.

On January 6th, the Ursulines of Prelate and Emmanuel Care officially celebrated the transfer of St. Angela Merici Residence from the Ursulines to the Catholic Health Association which had happened on October 1st, 2019. Archbishop Don Bolen presided at Mass and expressed how the Feast of the Epiphany was a good day for such a ceremony because just as the Magi had to trust in the journey, the Sisters and Emmanuel Care had to do so also.



January 27th, was a communal celebration of St. Angela and the closing of the 100th. Sister's updated biographies and the story of 2019 and the many small and large events that took place to celebrate such a momentous milestone.

The Sisters were asked to reflect on the year and in summing up the comments, Sr. Anne Lewans, remarked that what emerged was a profound gratitude and joy for all that the year had brought. As we journey further into 2020, it is our hope that this joy and gratitude will be with us into the future.



Ursulines of the Eastern Province

Soul Fire Farm, The First Organization in our Reparations Effort

On Saturday, November 9th, Jeannie Humphries drove May Sullivan, Jackie DaSilva and Alrie Giordano up to Soul Fire Farm in Grafton, New York. Founded in 2011, this farm seeks to end racism in the food system and reclaim ancestral connections to the land. We were greeted warmly and invited to help a group in the barn, cleaning garlic that had been harvested.

When the lunch bell rang, we all gathered in the house to share a huge feast of food that had been brought by the participants. We met people who had come from as far as California, from the Troy area and from New York. A teacher from the Emma Willard School for girls in Troy brought a van full of his students.



When we gathered in the house, we were greeted by a young woman who welcomed us and spoke about giving thanks before we ate the food taken from the earth. She invited all to say one thing that they were grateful for and asked the whole group to repeat what was said. The feast was plentiful and replete with wonderful aromas and tastes.

One of the co-founders, Jonah Penneman, led a short tour of the farm helping us to see that the house that had been built by the community used local wood and ecologically sound methods in its construction. On the south side there were huge windows to catch the warmth of the sun, and the garden by this side was for medicinal plants.

The plants on the side of a slight hill were arranged to stop soil erosion and use the water flow efficiently. There was a huge garden containing a mix of plants, some meant to attract pollinators and some to deter rodents. There were

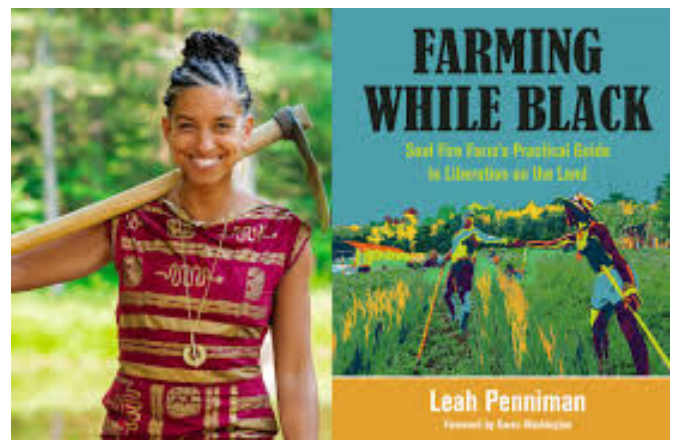
also a variety of various fruit and nut bearing trees.

Jonah spoke of the community's relation to the Mohican Indians who had been removed from this land. They had offered to give the Mohicans a part of the land but what they wanted was to be able to use the land for Native American gatherings and ceremonies.

The community at Soul Fire Farm helps people of color learn ancestral methods of farming. They provide food to over 100 families in the Troy and Albany regions, delivering it each week. They also work to advocate for people of color with great sensitivity to gender respect.

Jonah's wife, Leah, is the author of the book, "Farming While Black" and travels all over, speaking for the concerns of Soul Fire Farm. You can find her wonderful youtube talks on line.

written by Sr. Alice Marie Giordano



News from Brown County

A MUSICAL CELEBRATION OF ST. ANGELA MERICI

The Music departments of Saint Ursula Academy and Ursuline Academy, in Cincinnati, are joining together to present a concert in honor of Saint Angela Merici. The performance will take place at St. Francis Xavier Church, downtown on Sunday, March 22nd at 3:00 p.m. The performance will be a celebration of the words and teachings of Saint Angela Merici, from a book discovered in the chapel of St. Ursula Academy. The students will be premiering two original works – one that uses text from the Last Counsel of St. Angela (arranged by SUA's Kathy Backherms) and one piece that tells the story of St. Angela, using two musical pieces originally written by Sister Mary Jude and Denise Pyles (arranged by UA's James Wiederhold). Admission is free and all are welcome to attend.

THE FEAST OF ST. ANGELA CELEBRATION

The Ursulines, Companions, Friends and Family in the Cincinnati area united on January 25th to celebrate the Feast of St. Angela. We gathered in joy and gratitude for our Ursuline heritage and the blessings we have received from our Mother Angela. In our Liturgy we recalled that Angela's gifts have continuously transformed Ursulines around the world who serve as examples for each of us. Our celebration was also a reminder that the Ursulines from Beaulieu and Boulogne sur Mer united in their acceptance of the invitation to share the light of Angela's charism in the wilderness of Ohio 175 years ago, in 1845. We know that Angela continues to invite us to follow Jesus, the light and Lover of us all. Like our predecessors and companions, we prayed that we may be visionaries who respect the past, celebrate the present and anticipate the future with hope. Following the Liturgy, we enjoyed a delicious meal and warm companionship, following St. Angela's example of openness and hospitality.



SCHOOL PRESIDENTS ARE IDENTIFIED URSULINE ACADEMY

The Ursuline Academy Board of Trustees announced the new leadership of Ursuline Academy with the appointment of Ursuline alumna, Ramona Payne '76, as the new President of Ursuline Academy. The announcement comes as Ursuline looks forward to the 125th anniversary of the Ursulines of Brown County opening Ursuline Academy in Cincinnati in 1896 that takes place in 2021. Ms. Payne will also be the first African American female to hold the title of President in a Cincinnati, Catholic, private high school.

After graduating from Ursuline Academy, Ms. Payne's academic path included a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Notre Dame, a Masters of Business Administration from Duke University Fuqua School of Business, and most recently, a Creative Writing Certificate from the University of Chicago Graham School.



Ms. Payne will assume her new position as President on February 18 and brings a wealth of experience to Ursuline. Before joining UA, she served in a variety of roles at her undergraduate alma mater, the University of Notre Dame, the most recent being Development Director-Arts Advancement. She also served as Director of Community Relations for Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park during her time in Cincinnati as well as having volunteered for many organizations including: South Bend Civic Theatre Board member; University of Notre Dame - Advisor to Shades (student group), Minority Alumni Board, Notre Dame Center for Arts and Culture, and Notre Dame Club of Greater Cincinnati, Admissions; Catholic Inner-City Schools Education Committee (CISE)-Board member; and for Ursuline Academy - Board member and committee member for Spirit of '76 class scholarship.

Ms. Payne spoke of her new role at Ursuline Academy, "My experience at Ursuline was much more than preparation for college; it was transformative. I was taught by educators who saw teaching as a calling, encouraged young women to discern their unique talents and interests, and set the expectation that through our faith in God and commitment to service we could find our own path to making the world a better place. I have attended excellent universities, but the intellectual curiosity nurtured at Ursuline was the impetus for a life full of career success and challenges." She stated, "I'm excited and honored to be able to help guide this institution that means so much to me into the next decade of academic excellence."

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CHATFIELD COLLEGE

The Chatfield Board of Trustees has recently elected Robert P. Elmore as the next President of Chatfield College. Mr. Elmore who has served as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Chatfield since 2014, becomes the sixth President in the college's 48-year history.



"We are extremely excited to have Robert Elmore leading us in the coming years. We were very pleased to have a number of very talented candidates to consider for the position, but Robert was the clear choice. His leadership skills and enthusiasm will serve Chatfield well," said William Montague, Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Elmore is a graduate of the University of Louisville and a Certified Public Accountant. Elmore has 35 years of higher education experience and has held numerous leadership roles at various institutions and non-profit boards. He assumed his new role effective January 23, 2020.

The process of selecting the new president began in August, when President Tafaro announced his retirement. The Presidential search committee, led by Gilman Partners and comprised of twelve members including trustees, faculty, staff and members of the community narrowed the list from over 115 initial applicants to six semifinalists who were interviewed by the committee. In a final series of interviews with three very qualified finalists, Mr. Elmore emerged as clearly the best candidate to lead Chatfield both now and in the future.

"I am delighted and honored to be selected as the next president of Chatfield College and build on the success and legacy of the Ursulines of Brown County. I want to thank the search committee for their work and the Board of Trustees for their support as we work together to create more educational opportunities for people in the communities we serve," Mr. Elmore said upon his being named the new president.

News from Ursulines of the Canadian Union - Quebec



We, the Ursulines of the Canadian Union, will be holding our General Chapter this coming summer, July 5-24, on the following theme:

*Driven by the Holy Spirit,
young and elderly together,
may we be touched by the realities of our world
and discern new ways of fruitfulness
in order to contribute to the harmonious development of the universe.*

The mystery of the Visitation, the meeting between the younger Mary and the older Elizabeth, has been supporting the prayer and meditation of our Local and Provincial Chapters, the results of which will form the basis of our General Chapter.

Our challenges resemble those of so many other communities today as we face advanced aging in North America and the different needs of our younger Sisters in South America and the Philippines.

We are therefore counting on the sisterly support of your prayers that we may heed what the Holy Spirit has to say to us at this particular time in our history. And we promise to keep you, dear Sisters in Angela, in our prayers as well. God bless!



News from Cleveland

New Congregational Offices

Changes just keep coming for the Cleveland Ursulines! Even as we anticipate the first anniversary of our move into Merici Crossings, our co-workers have moved and are now settled into new congregational offices at a nearby corporate center complex. Our new address is 6085 Parkland Boulevard, Suite 175, Mayfield Heights, OH 44124. Our new phone number is 440-229-5600.

The move was a culmination of a multi-year project advanced by a committee of sister and lay co-workers under the leadership of Joanne Gross in identifying a site and working to significantly downsize our office area into more manageable shared space. Barbara Jean again led the charge and choreographed the actual move. With her organizational skill and the expert planning of our IT Director, the three-day move was seamless, with virtually no operational down time.

Overall, there was a wonderful spirit of good will and enthusiasm. Co-workers are discovering a new sense of unity and cohesiveness in working in closer proximity to each other. We marked the end of our first week with an office blessing planned by Laura Bregar and a pizza lunch anticipating the Feast of St. Angela.

The sisters from Merici Crossings acknowledged our move with flowers and good wishes for our new beginning. In addition, we were warmly welcomed by our fellow tenants who surprised us with bagels and coffee and by the building management company who sent a beautiful floral arrangement. We have scheduled an open house for the congregation and friends to visit the new space. May blessings abound for all.

Chapter Preparations

Preparations continue for our Chapter, scheduled for March 4-10. School Sister of Notre Dame Kate DuVal, our facilitator, has been working with two committees in planning pre-Chapter sessions leading up to the integrated Chapter of Affairs and Chapter of Elections.

We have been working with a series of proposals dealing with spirituality, the vows, governance, membership, and congregational patrimony. These will be synthesized for discussion, consideration, and action at Chapter.

We ask your prayerful support as we engage in this significant and sacred process. Please pray in particular for the women who will be called to congregational leadership for the next four years.



An outdoor sign marks the arrival of the Ursuline Sisters to Eastpoint 1.



Ritamary Welsh and Barbara Jean pitch in on moving day.

Midwest Retreat Directors Meet



The Midwest Retreat Center Directors spent Oct. 14-16, 2019 at the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, Maple Mount, Ky. Directors representing 11 retreat centers shared their programs and listened to a presentation on Eco-Spirituality by Emily DeMoor, right, a professor at Brescia University in Owensboro, Ky. Seated to Emily's immediate right is Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph Sister Mary Matthias Ward. The row of paper on the floor is a "river" made up of each person's drawing focused on his or her dream for a sustainable future.

From the Ursulines of Bruno

At our community meeting back in 1998, we Ursulines of Bruno adopted the community stance, Reverencing creation: **“We challenge ourselves and society to grow in reverence toward creation.”**

Events since then have shown that creation is indeed in need of protection and reverence. We have engaged in a variety of activities to promote this stance. Our properties were always organic; we grew our own fresh vegetables in our gardens; we tried hard to drive with a conscience and to live sustainably.

Times have changed and so have our living circumstances. Most members of our small community now live in Trinity Manor, a retirement home in Saskatoon. Last year we decided to buy and plant a tree for the front lawn of this home. Many more trees would have space here, but one is a beginning.

One of the oak trees on the lawn was looking rather sickly, so, on July 31, that tree was removed and our mountain ash was planted in its place.

Quite a few of the residents came out for the ceremony, and everyone had the chance to add a bit of soil to the hole, to water the tree once it was firmed in by the caretaker, and to sprinkle it with holy water. And we prayed and sang, and welcomed the tree into our midst. It survived the dry summer, with almost daily watering, and the wetter autumn and is now experiencing the bitter cold of a Saskatchewan winter.



Sisters Marian Noll, left, and Lenore Moldenhauer begin the task of adding the soil to firm up the new mountain ash in its new location.

Photo: Cheryl Schmidt

Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph Recognized

The Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph were recognized by Bishop William Medley during the biennial Rainbow Mass for their contributions to Catholic education.

The Rainbow Mass on Sept. 25, 2019, at the Owensboro Sportscenter brought together students and educators from all 17 of the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Owensboro. Each school wears a different color shirt, showing the “rainbow” of faith across the diocese. Bishop Medley estimated there were 2,400 people gathered for the event.



↑ Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph Mary Celine Weidenbenner, right, joins with her students from Mary Carrico School in Knottsville for the Rainbow Mass. Sister Mary Celine said she has attended every Rainbow Mass since they began in 1986.

← Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph Stephany Nelson, left, shares a laugh with another teacher as they prepare for Mass with their first graders from the Owensboro Catholic K-3 Campus.

Update from the Toledo Ursulines

165-Year Anniversary Celebrations Begin

The kick-off celebrating the arrival of the Ursuline Sisters on December 12, 1854 included Vespers, dedicating the Ursuline Community into the hands of the Blessed Virgin and a Reception for Sisters, Associates, Residents, Staff and board members of the Community, Ursuline Center and St. Ursula Academy on December 12, 2019. St. Ursula Academy also hosted a special Founder's Day Celebration. It was a full, meaningful day.

Welcome New Associates

The Ursuline Sisters and Associates welcomed three new Associates, Anne Sandalls, Rebecca Mehring and Rebecca (Becky) Tobias.

Anne Sandalls graduated from St. Ursula Academy and completed her education in Boston. She was a financial services executive and a management consultant in Boston and New York. Following retirement, she returned to Toledo and renewed acquaintances with former teachers and their colleagues at the Convent Office and the Ursuline Center. She hopes to officially help the Center and its residents as a new Associate.

"I was honored and blessed to read with my mentor, Sister Claudia Holtz, who founded the Associates Program in Bakersfield, California," Anne noted. "As a manager and history buff, I am so impressed with Saint Angela's ability to lead her group and plan for its succession in perpetuity."

From **Rebecca Mehring**: "I am so grateful to be a new member of the Ursuline Associates. I have a long history with St. Ursula Academy and have always loved the leadership skills, service opportunities and fantastic education the school offers to young women. I graduated from SUA in 1994 and am currently the state fund manager as well as a teacher of the Women in Leadership class. I was drawn to becoming an Ursuline Associate because I would love to honor the charisma of Angela and help continue the legacy of this special place."

Rebecca (Becky) Tobias, who serves as the College Counselor at St. Ursula Academy, became an Ursuline Associate on Tuesday, January 29, 2020. Before coming to SUA in August 2017, Becky worked in higher education (both private and public) for 13 years. She enjoys counseling each student and getting to know them on a personal level.

Becky says "I have been married to my husband, Ben Tobias, for 14 years; he is a Physician Assistant at UTMIC Internal Medicine. I am blessed to be a mother of my 5-year-old daughter, Baela, my 2-year-old son, Elliott, and I am pregnant with twins due May 1 (one boy and one girl).

Becky attended Lake High School in Millbury, Ohio and went to Ohio University for her undergraduate degree and Lourdes University for her master's degree. Her favorite hobbies are anything outdoors; hiking, kayaking, golfing.

In regard to becoming an Ursuline Associate "I was drawn to be an Ursuline Associate because I believe in the vision of St. Angela and want to continue the legacy of the Ursuline sisters. I hope to meet other Ursuline Associates from across the country and learn more about how we can serve the community, build relationships, and be an extension of St. Angela."

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Sister Sandy Sherman incenses the Paschal Candle.



Sister Mary Angela Gaietto shares a smile with students of St. Ursula Academy.



Anne Sandalls, mentor Sister Claudia Holtz, Rebecca Miering



Becky Tobias and her mentor, Sister Donna Frey

Update from the Toledo Ursulines, continued

OMA Art Show

Ursuline Center residents participated in an OMA (Opening Minds through Art) session in the fall. The resident artists' art projects that they created over an eight-week period were displayed during the OMA Art Show in November.



Sister Ann Marie McManus works on one of her paintings.

Sisters and Associates Show Off Talent

Sisters and Associates shared their talents at the second annual Talent Show in September. The afternoon show included yodeling, harmonica playing, dancing, singing, piano playing, a comedy routine, and more! Who knew our Sisters and Associates had this much talent!



Sister Rita Mae Johns tells a joke.

SUA Dance Team Earns National Championship

St. Ursula Academy's Dance Team earned two prestigious rankings, including a National Championship, at the Universal Dance Association (UDA) national tournament at the ESPN Wide World of Sports facility in Orlando, Florida on February 2: first in the nation in Small Varsity Pom and fifth in the nation in Small Varsity Jazz.

The team competed in a field of approximately 65 national high schools in both categories.

Varsity Dance Team coach Morgan Melchert said, "I can't begin to describe this feeling. If I had to put this moment into words, they would be 'simply incredible.' This championship was a culmination of all our hard work, sacrifice, and true love for what we do."

Ursulines of the Central Province

Central Province Jubilarians

In 2020 the Ursuline Sisters, Central Province will celebrate the jubilees of 14 of our sisters who have ministered to God's people a total of 820 years. Throughout their years of commitment to Ursuline life and ministries, these daughters of Angela have made a profound impact on the lives of countless individuals.

Please see the names of the Central Province Jubilarians on page 20.

Students and alumnae celebrate with Central Province sisters on Feast of St. Angela



Following a special Feast Day Mass at Ursuline Academy in New Orleans, La., Sisters Mary Anne Holmes Carolyn Marie Brockland, Regina Marie Fronmüller and Donna Hyndman celebrated with pre-K students who presented them with some beautiful drawings of St. Angela and homemade treats.



Ursuline Academy in St. Louis, Mo., also celebrated jubilarian Sisters Ann Barrett, Rita Ann Bregenhorn, Diane Fulgenzi (not shown) and Susan Kienzler on the Feast of St. Angela.

Around the Mount

Donating the Record

The Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph Archives is known for preserving the Ursuline Sisters' historic documents. On Nov. 4, 2019, it gave some of them away.

The Archives had copies of *The Record* – the newspaper of the Archdiocese of Louisville – back to 1890. It also had copies of the precursors to *The Record* – *The Catholic Advocate* and *The Guardian*, from the 1840s and 1850s. All of western Kentucky was a part of the Diocese of Louisville until 1937, when the Diocese of Owensboro was created, and Louisville became an archdiocese.

When Tim Tomes took over as archivist for the Archdiocese of Louisville in July 2019, he realized the archdiocese did not have copies as old as the Mount's. He contacted Heidi Taylor-Caudill, the recently departed archivist for the Mount and the Diocese of Owensboro.

"These will help fill in the gaps we have," Tomes said when he visited the Mount on Nov. 4. "Even the bound copies we have in Louisville are in rough shape," Tomes said. "This is a wonderful gift from one diocese to another."



*Tim Tomes, archivist for the Archdiocese of Louisville, looks through bound volumes of *The Record* from the 1930s along with Sister Amelia Stenger, congregational leader for the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, and Heidi Taylor-Caudill, who at that time was the archivist for Mount Saint Joseph.*

Father Volk's life celebrated

The life of Father Paul Joseph Volk – the priest who brought the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph to Maple Mount – was honored on Nov. 2, 2019 as part of the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.

The date was the 100th anniversary of Father Volk's death. He oversaw construction of Mount Saint Joseph Academy, and though his travels took him as far as South America, Maple Mount was where he felt at home. He died on Nov. 2, 1919 and is buried in the Mount Cemetery. Following the

service, Ursuline Sisters were encouraged to light a candle at Father Volk's grave, where they were allowed to burn until sunset.

Bishop William Medley concelebrated the Mass and said in his homily that Father Volk would have been surprised that anyone found this day significant. "He was simply being a shepherd to his people," Bishop Medley said.



*Sister Alicia Coomes, director of local community life at Mount Saint Joseph, reads from the *Book of Wisdom* during the Nov. 2, 2019, Mass to honor Father Volk.*

Kindness Campaign returns

For the second year, the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph will offer an opportunity to spread some more kindness to those in need.

As part of the Kindness Campaign, people can contribute \$50 and have a card sent each month for a year to someone of their choice with words of inspiration and encouragement. A different spiritual verse is contained in each card.

Our need for human connections, kindness and love is as essential as food and water for our survival. In our world where we see examples of unkind acts toward others every day, we need to spread a little kindness and joy to make our world a better place.

Join us in making the world a better place by spreading a little kindness. The first cards of the new Kindness Campaign year will go out June 18, 2020, but sign-ups are accepted after that date. Visit ursulinesmsj.org/kindness-campaign to learn more and participate.



Left to right, Sister Rose Jean Powers, Sister George Mary Hagan, and Sister Elaine Burke work on compiling cards for the first Kindness Campaign which the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph started in June 2019. Many of the cards feature a photo taken somewhere on the Mount Saint Joseph campus.

Sister Jacinta Powers is serving a need on the Mexican border

In her first month of serving refugees at the Mexican border, Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph Jacinta Powers is seeing firsthand what life is like for people who are awaiting asylum hearings in the United States.

Sister Jacinta left Maple Mount on Jan. 10, 2020, to use her nursing skills with Global Response Management, traveling daily from Brownsville, Texas to Matamoros, Mexico. Her Ursuline community is supporting this ministry for six months.

"The people show up and a translator gets their name, date of birth, phone number (if they have one), country of origin and symptoms," Sister Jacinta said via email. "Then we get vital signs, enter that data into the computer, then pass the paper onto the doctors. They in turn either use an interpreter or know Spanish. If medicine is needed that is available, they send a note to the pharmacy. From what I have grasped, about 1,000 people are seen in a month's time."

In July 2019, the Trump administration moved to end asylum protections for most Central American migrants. Asylum seekers who first pass through another country are ineligible for asylum at the U.S. southern border. The rule also applies to children who have crossed the border alone. Exceptions to the rule are those people seeking asylum because they were trafficked or if they can prove they sought protection in a country but were denied. The refugees must wait on the Mexican side of the border for their asylum hearings.

In Matamoros, Mexico, there are at least 100 tents housing 2,500 to 3,000 people who are hoping to begin the asylum process, Sister Jacinta said.

"They have only what's on their backs," Sister Jacinta said. "They wash their clothes and bathe in the river. It's windy and dusty, there are a lot of upper respiratory infections and illnesses because people can't wash as they should."

Sister Jacinta, who has been serving as a nurse to sisters at Maple Mount for the past year, expressed an interest to Ursuline leadership in 2019 to serve at the border. During an October 2019 meeting in Cincinnati among Ursuline leaders, Sister Pat Lynch – assistant congregational leader at Mount Saint Joseph – ran into Sister Norma Raupple from Youngstown, Ohio, who had spent from 1997-2007 ministering in Brownsville. When Sister Pat learned that Sister Norma was planning to take a team of medical students to the border in December for 10 days, she asked Sister Norma if she wanted a sister from Mount Saint Joseph to go with her.

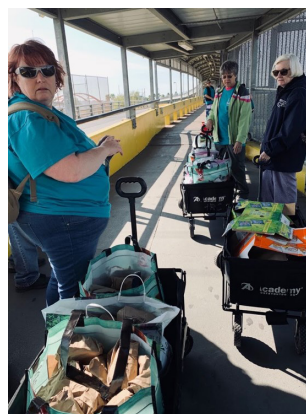
"It turns out she had been praying for another sister to come with her," Sister Pat said.

Sister Jacinta spent Dec. 11-21, 2019 on a "Bridges at the Border" experience with Sister Norma and the volunteers, daily visiting the Diocese of Brownsville Humanitarian Respite Center in McAllen, run by Catholic Charities. They served breakfast, distributed clothing and made sure the toys the children played with were clean. Each day the workers loaded a van to make the 45-minute drive to Brownsville. There they unloaded the van into wagons and used the International Bridge to walk across the Rio Grande.

Seeing the need among the refugees, and how strong they remained in their faith, spurred Sister Jacinta to commit to a longer time of serving the immigrants. She works with volunteer doctors and nurses at Global Response Management, and since December, four structures have been built near the mobile medical clinic.

One is used by an obstetrician-gynecologist, one serves as a pharmacy, one is for storage and the fourth is a safe place for the children to play, Sister Jacinta said. The joy of the children brings everyone some much needed relief, she said.

"One of the volunteers from Canada brought some bubbles for the kids on Jan. 24. They were sooo excited!" Sister Jacinta said. "It was nice to hear the cries of joy and see their smiles as the bubbles drifted in the sunlight. They were jumping up like kittens or puppies to reach them."



Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph Jacinta Powers, center, prepares to walk a wagon of supplies across the International Bridge from Brownsville, Texas to Matamoros, Mexico in December 2019.



Sister Jacinta Powers, seated at right in a green shirt, gathers information as one of her fellow volunteers prepares to vaccinate a child with a flu shot on Jan. 24.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

A special Spanish celebration for Our Lady of Guadalupe took place in Maple Mount, Ky., on Dec. 11, 2019. It was organized by Sister Sara Mara Gomez, who had just retired to the Motherhouse after ministering almost 30 years as a pastoral minister and religion teacher in New Mexico. She had help from Sister Fran Wilhelm, who also ministered with Hispanics for nearly 30 years after founding Centro Latino in Stanley, Ky., (which moved to Owensboro, Ky., in 2000). Sister Fran retired to the Motherhouse in 2018. Sister Sara Marie and Sister Fran sang Spanish hymns along with visiting Latino singers. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the patron saint of Mexico. A meal of Mexican food was served in the dining room after Mass, and a mariachi band provided music.



Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph Mary McDermott reads the first reading from Zechariah, which includes, "Sing and rejoice, daughter Zion! Now I am coming to dwell in your midst."



Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph Fran Wilhelm reads the "Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe," which includes, "Mary, our Mother, look upon us with compassion, teach us to go always to Jesus."

Father John Dear Presented



During a break, Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph Ruth Gehres asks Father John Dear about one of his books. He has written at least 30 books, and some of them were available for purchase at the event.

Father John Dear, a renowned peace activist, brought his "Jesus the Peacemaker: Following Jesus on the Path of Nonviolence" presentation to the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, Maple Mount, Ky., on Nov. 1-2, 2019. More than 30 people from three states were in attendance. Father John focused on the "Sermon on the Mount" and other Gospel readings that relate to Jesus' teachings on nonviolence. He also highlighted the nonviolent philosophies of others, including Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr., Father Daniel Berrigan, Thomas Merton, Thich Nhat Hanh, Henri Nouwen, Dorothy Day and Mother Teresa (Saint Teresa of Calcutta). He said there is division in today's world, but we need to "see God in every person."



Sister Janet Marie Peterworth, president of the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville, Ky., explains during Father John Dear's presentation that her congregation has a slogan called Peacemakers Since 1535. She said this goes back to the time of their founder, Saint Angela Merici, who was known as a peacemaker and was often asked to mediate conflicts.

Sister Cheryl prepares for her next ministry after Brescia

After nine years in administration at Brescia University in Owensboro, Ky., Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph Cheryl Clemons is taking a sabbatical as she prepares for her next ministry.

Sister Cheryl began teaching part time at Brescia College for two years in 1983, then returned to Brescia in 1995 as a professor of religious studies following completion of her doctorate from Catholic University of America. She served there until she was elected assistant congregational leader in 2004. When she left office in 2010, Brescia President Father Larry Hostetter asked her to serve as academic dean and vice president of Academic Affairs, which she has done ever since.

During her sabbatical, Sister Cheryl will finally get to visit Brescia, Italy and walk in the footsteps of Saint Angela Merici. "I want to pray in the churches of Italy and let the art feed my spirit," she said.

She will spend some quiet time at The West Virginia Institute for Spirituality in Charleston, W.Va. She was able to design her own sabbatical there, which will include a 30-day Ignatian silent retreat. She will continue a spiritual direction training program in Charleston this spring and fall.

Her sabbatical ends in June with the college year, and in July she will celebrate her 50th jubilee. She plans to spend time finishing the last installment of the Ursuline Book of Prayer, and then begin looking for her next ministry.

"My dream job would be in adult faith formation, spirituality and retreats," she said. "God has always put me where I needed to be."



Father Larry Hostetter, president of Brescia University, gathers with Sister Cheryl as she holds beautiful flowers that she received during her farewell reception Dec. 3.



Sister Susan Mary Mudd, left, administration assistant for the School of Business at Brescia University, and Julie Johnson, associate professor of management and chairwoman of the School of Business, share a laugh with Sister Cheryl during her farewell reception Dec. 3, 2019.

Women's Retreat: "Women in Prayer" March 20-22

"Women in Prayer: What the Bible Teaches Us About Deepening Our Relationship with God" is the theme of a March 20-22 spring women's retreat at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (12 miles west of Owensboro, Ky., on Hwy. 56). During this weekend of prayer and reflection, retreatants are invited to experience prayer from a biblical perspective. The weekend includes opportunities for silent, meditative, liturgical, sung, and traditional prayer. The recorded prayers of women such as Hannah, Esther, Judith and Mary are explored, and

retreatants can pray some of the Psalms and other Old and New Testament canticles. Celebrations of the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist are scheduled, along with the opportunity for abbreviated spiritual direction sessions for those who wish. The retreat leader is **Sister Cheryl Clemons, OSU**. The \$190 fee includes meals and accommodations. Take 10 percent off if paid by **Feb. 20**. Call 270-229-0206 or email retreatcenter@maplemount.org or register online at ursulinesmsj.org/registration-form-for-sponsored-programs.

From the Chatham Ursulines

Changing with the Times

Recognition from Zonta International

In November 2019 on the cusp of the 160th anniversary of the foundation of the Chatham Ursulines, we were presented with the Zonta International Centennial Community Award at a special Zonta anniversary event. Sister Theresa Campeau, Community Leader, and Sister Sheila McKinley, member of the Ursuline Leadership Circle accepted the award given posthumously to Mother Xavier LeBihan, the founder of the Chatham Ursulines in 1860.



Michelle Schryer, a long-time friend of the Ursulines and frequent collaborator, nominated Mother Xavier LeBihan for the award of recognition. In her letter of affirmation, Michelle referred to Mother Xavier's bold and courageous move from LeFaouet, France to lands unknown to her, with challenges and risks unimagined by her. Trusting in the same Spirit that moved Angela Merici, she launched forth into this new adventure. Michelle wrote about the many brave women who joined this foundation and moved forward with the Spirit's urging into diverse areas of ministry including education at all levels, pastoral work, involvement with refugees and with women suffering as a result of human trafficking, clergy sexual abuse, poverty, discrimination and domestic violence.

Like all of our founders, Mother Xavier could not have known how the seeds she planted would flourish. And, still today, we continue to bear fruit.

Good News from Brescia University College

Brescia University College, Canada's only women's university is completing a year-long celebration of its hundredth anniversary. Established by the Chatham Ursulines in 1919, it is now in the extremely competent hands of lay faculty and staff including the gifted leadership of Dr. Susan Mumm. Today, Brescia is a vibrant, committed learning community. We Ursulines are particularly thrilled about Brescia's recent appointment of



Maude Barlow to a three year term as chancellor of Brescia University. Maude Barlow, the honorary chairperson of the Council of Canadians and co-founder of the Blue Project, a global clean water initiative, has had an unwavering commitment to social justice concerns throughout her long and distinguished career. As Ursulines we are extremely heartened to see the work which we began going forward with such passion and energy.

One More Step for Villa Angela

Another step forward into a new way of living community took place on January 13, 2020 at the regular meeting of the council of the Municipality of Chatham Kent. Several Ursulines and members of the Jarlette Health Services Team attended the meeting where a change in the zoning by-law was addressed. The finalizing of the sale of the Ursuline Motherhouse, Villa Angela, scheduled for April 30, 2020, is dependent on the passing of the zoning by-law change which would allow Jarlette to construct additional living spaces on the current property.

We were all pleased that the zoning application was speedily passed by the members of the city council. This step will allow Jarlette Health Services to proceed with the plans for construction of new living spaces. Although we can't quite imagine what the future holds for us in this new configuration where our final piece of property is sold to a new entity from which we rent space, we are setting our sights on the next phase of our adventure. While we do not know what the future holds, we certainly know who holds the future.



Ursuline Sisters Of Tildonk

U.S. Province Celebrates 95th Anniversary

On November 3, 2019 the U.S. Province of the Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk celebrated its 95th Anniversary at St. William the Abbot Church in Seaford, NY. A gathering of over 200 Sisters, Associates, family and friends joined for Sunday mass celebrated by Most Reverend John C. Dunne, retired bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, and Rev. Msgr. John Tosi, both of whom are long-time friends of the Sisters. Following the mass, we hosted a fundraising reception benefitting the Sisters' retirement fund.

The Mass was truly moving and uplifting. It began with a warm welcome from Province Leader Sr. Joanne Callahan, then the entrance procession in which the Sisters and Associates carried posters listing all the places and ministries where we have served during these 95 years. In the homily, Msgr. Tosi recalled his fond memories of the

Sisters throughout their decades of friendship. We prayed for our Sisters who have gone home to God, and for those who could not be with us on this day.

The mass concluded with the unveiling of our statue of St. Angela Merici and a blessing by Rev. Joseph Fitzgerald, pastor of St. William the Abbot Church. The statue previously stood at St. Ursula Center in Blue Point and now we have delightfully gifted it to St. William the Abbot Parish where we have lived and ministered for 65 years.

At the party it was great to connect with so many people from years ago and those who are presently in friendship and ministry with us. Our hearts are filled with gratitude and joy from the outpouring of support and love we received this day. Thank you to all who prayed for us and supported us on this joyous occasion.

Photos by Gregory Shemitz



*Srs. Meghan McArdle, Judith O'Connor,
Bridget Olwell*



*Sr. Catherine Gardiner and Associate
Margaret Pariseau*



*Srs. Edith Menegus, Laurentine Morgan,
Joanne Callahan and Bishop Dunne*

Sr. Geraldine Conklin, OSU Celebrates 60th Jubilee

Sr. Geraldine Conklin, OSU celebrated 60 years of religious life on October 27, 2019 at St. Thomas More Church on the campus of St. John's University in Jamaica, NY. Although heavy rain poured down throughout the day, it did not dampen the joyful spirit of the Sisters and Sr. Geraldine's family and friends.

During these 60 years Sr. Geraldine has devoted her life to the education of children. "I firmly believe that every child has a right to a great education regardless of the circumstances of their birth. I have spent the greater part of my ministerial years ensuring that the children of immigrant families understand the value and necessity of developing their minds, their value systems, and their faith," she said.

Sr. Geraldine has worked as a teacher and administrator, developing remedial and enrichment reading programs, mentoring and encouraging teachers, creating and conducting staff development programs and generally encouraging all educators to espouse the mantra that "all students, regardless of their culture, race, or economic circumstances, can become educated and productive members of society." Sr. Geraldine further commented, "I am so grateful to be part of a religious community that values education for its members, encourages all of us to move where the Spirit of God leads us, and continuously looks toward the future in order to create a world where God is known and loved."



From the Ursuline Sisters of Youngstown

Building Bridges at the Border

Our Building Bridges at the Border project recently brought comfort and aid to asylum seekers immigrating to the U.S.

We're grateful to Ursuline Sister of Mount St. Joseph Jacinta Powers for collaborating with us for the mission trip. Our own Sister Norma Raupple led the group that included Sister Jacinta and five young adults to border towns around Brownsville, Texas, and Matamoros, Mexico.



The trip was made possible through a \$5,000 grant from the Sisters of Charity Foundation's Generative Spirit Initiative and donations from friends.

The group volunteered through the Humanitarian Respite Center in McAllen, sponsored by Catholic Charities, and performed a variety of necessary ministries – providing food and clothes to the

refugees, preparing clean living spaces, and even building a structure that could be used for medical treatment.

"These families are refugees fleeing extreme violence, suffering and poverty," Sister Norma reports. "We treated them humanely and with dignity and respect after the suffering they've been through."

"About 2,000 people waiting to begin the asylum process with U.S. immigration are living in very primitive camping on the Mexico side of the border," she continues. "Some have been there six to eight months – through 100 degree weather and 40 degree weather. Sometimes you have a family of five in a small, nylon pup tent, and there are no sleeping bags."

Building Bridges at the Border was created through Sister Norma's experience ministering in Brownsville, Texas – a virtual immigrant town – from 1997-2007. She's led several mission trips for young adults to the border over the last few years.

Sister Norma is the Director of Immigrant Outreach for our Beatitude House ministry and a member of our Leadership Team. You can read more about Building Bridges at the Border at www.theursulines.org/2020/01/07/

ministering-to-refugees/. It has a link at the bottom that will take you to other stories filed from the border and videos with photos of the experience.

Chapter 2020

We are preparing for our Chapter this spring. In March we will have a Chapter of Affairs; in April we will have our Chapter of Elections. The current leadership team has been preparing reports of the past six years to present to Community members for their consideration. We hope also to engage the entire Community in the direction we want to move during the next six-year term. Sister Pat Kozak, CSJ, is working with us as facilitator.

Like every Community, we are aging, but there is energy and vitality in our shared ministries among our Associates and colleagues in ministry. We are using all these resources to give a vision to the team which will be elected in April. The renovations we have done to the Motherhouse building over the past eight years provide us with a strong base for ministry and for Sisters to age in place.

New Associates

At Mass to celebrate St. Angela's Feast Day, we welcomed seven new Associates. Our 87 Associates are a diverse group, representing a span of age groups from early 20s to 80s, different ethnicities, women and men, married couples who bring their children to events, and singles. In the last decade, we've made an effort to ensure our Associates reflect the richness of our greater Mahoning Valley community.



GLOBAL SISTERS REPORT

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Did you know that you can put a free announcement such as jubilees, leadership changes, new initiatives and more for all to see in the new feature of Global Sisters Report called "Community News" -- even attach a brochure? Go to the GSR page and at the very bottom in the dark blue border go to Community News. Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph Michele Morek is the Global Sisters Report Liaison to North America.

Celebrating with our Jubilarians

75 Years

Sister Isabel Lehmenkuler (Louisville)
Sister Annunciata Muth * (Louisville)
Sister Marcella Schrant (Mount Saint Joseph)

70 Years

Sister Elizabeth Brell (Toledo)
Sister Kathleen Padden (Toledo)
Sister Teresita Catalano (Tildonk)
Sister Mary James Fox (Tildonk)
Sister Mary Grace Hodnett (Tildonk)
Sister Martha Buser (Louisville)
Sister Colette Kraemer (Louisville)
Sister Mary Denis West (Louisville)
Sister Kevin Ritterbusch (Springfield, Illinois)
Sister Marie Goretti Browning (Mount Saint Joseph)
Sister Elaine Burke (Mount Saint Joseph)
Sister Marie Carol Cecil (Mount Saint Joseph)
Sister Amanda Rose Mahoney (Mount Saint Joseph)
Sister Alfreda Malone (Mount Saint Joseph)
Sister Mary Angela Matthews (Mount Saint Joseph)

65 Years

Sister Mary Lou Tressy (Tildonk)
Sister Maria Goretti Hotop (Alton, Illinois)
Sister Maria Goretti Bernier (Lewiston, Maine)
Sister Marcella Savoie (Lewiston, Maine)

60 Years

Sister Denise Farrands (Tildonk)
Sister Bridget Olwell (Tildonk)
Sister Janet Schreiner (Tildonk)
Sister Alice Traynor (Tildonk)
Sister Sara Delaney (Louisville)
Sister Rita Dressman (Louisville)
Sister Kathy Neely (Louisville)
Sister Sue Scharfenberger (Louisville)
Sister Geraldine Conklin (Tildonk)
Sister Carolyn Marie Brockland (New Orleans)
Sister Louis Marie Carter (Dallas)
Sister Genevieve Goessling (St. Louis, Missouri)
Sister Ann Mary Hasting (Coppell, Texas)
Sister Nancy Vandever (Springfield, Illinois)
Sister Anne Michelle Mudd (Mount Saint Joseph)

50 Years

Sister Ann Barrett (St. Louis, Missouri)
Sister Rita Ann Bregenhorn (St. Louis, Missouri)
Sister Diane Fulgenzi (St. Louis, Missouri)
Sister Susan Kienzler (St. Louis, Missouri)
Sister Paulette Ann Ducharme (Waterville, Maine)
Sister Cheryl Clemons (Mount Saint Joseph)
Sister Pam Mueller (Mount Saint Joseph)

40 Years

Sister Michele Ann Intravia (Mount Saint Joseph)

* Sadly, Sister Annunciata Muth died February 9, 2020

Announcement

On Dec. 1, 2019 Bernice Daratha completed the process of transferring into the Company of St. Ursula of Toronto from the Ursulines of Prelate. Canon law calls for a three-year period of orientation and formation in the secular form of consecrated life. One of Bernice's volunteer activities is to coordinate the neighborhood's community garden, seen here in summer of 2019.



Ursulines of the Central Province



Ursuline alumnae in San Antonio, Texas, gathered at the “Old Ursuline Academy” to celebrate St. Angela’s feast day. Joining them were Sisters Elizabeth Susan Hatzenbuehler, Julie Hickey, Madeline Kelly, and Karen Schwane.

Ursulines of Tildonk



Sisters and Associates gathered with Bishop Dunne as the U.S. Province of the Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk celebrated its 95th Anniversary.



Also in Your Midst and Lover of Us All book discussion video series with Sister Martha Buser, OSU is now available on DVD!

The Ursuline Sisters of Louisville have produced a video series of Sister Martha Buser, OSU discussing each chapter from her books *Also in Your Midst* and *Lover Of Us All*.

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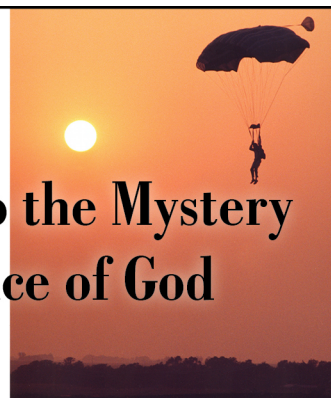
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