



Ursuline Newsletter

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Leadership Corner by Sr. Donna

*“let us keep the flame of charity burning
in our hearts...”*

St. Angela – Ch. 10 - Rule

“Everyday God, O Jesus, O Spirit, Come be with us.” As our Ursuline Community transfers leadership with the Sylvania Franciscans this month, and as we call upon the Sacred Heart to look upon us with a new burning in our hearts, God is revealed in our everyday lives. As the words of the song say: “In our dreaming, in our daring, in our searching, in our sharing. In our resting, in our rising, in our hoping, in our waiting.” New life is upon us as we continue to witness to the mission and vision of St. Angela.

God’s presence often goes unnoticed because we are looking for God somewhere else – in something grand or unusual, in something that stands out or is more noteworthy. Yet God only asks us to look across the table, across the room, around the corner or in the next room.

As we celebrate the feast of the Sacred Heart this month, we as Ursuline Sisters and Associates, are called to be at the very heart of life as Jesus was and still is. Jesus gave his all for us out of deep love. What will we give in return?

A statue of St. Angela stands in the heart of the marketplace in Desanzano. Her life personifies for us how essential it is for us to take each day as a gift, see God in that gift and somehow give it away. The Sacred Heart of Jesus is the core of life for us. Angela knew this and she found the “Everyday God” in the life around her.

Ursuline Sisters of Toledo Transfer of Leadership Ceremony



*All are invited
to witness this historic moment
in the life of the
Ursuline Convent of the Sacred Heart.*

Friday, June 12, 2026
11 a.m.

Ursuline Center Chapel

Please RSVP by May 29.

**New Ursuline Convent Offices Hours
effective July 1, 2026:**

**Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**



Rest In Peace

Sr. Irene Bishop, RSM ~ May 1

Robert Pawlak, husband of Barbara Kowalski Pawlak, SUA '59; MMC '63 ~ May 2

Joseph Frobase, father of Alyssa Frobase Reynolds, SUA '06 ~ May 3

David Labardee, brother of Patricia Labardee Ricker, SUA '71; Carol Labardee Hampton, SUA '73; Joan Labardee Akl, SUA '75; Linda Labardee Steinbauer, SUA '78 and Charlene Labardee Ash, SUA '79 ~ May 6

George Kertz, father of Joan Kertz Yurko, SUA '94 ~ May 13

Loretta 'Sis' Gallagher Wenger, SUA '54; MMC '58 ~ May 14

Marcia Cox Albring, SUA '62; mother of Andrea Albring, SUA '85 ~ May 17

Donald Zeiger, son of John Zeiger (brother of Sr. Marguerite) and stepson of Agnes Distel Zeiger (sister of Sr. Joan of Arc and Sr. St. Martin) ~ May 20

"Do not lose heart, even if you should discover that you lack qualities necessary for the work to which you are called. He who called you will not desert you, but the moment you are in need he will stretch out his saving hand."

(St. Angela Merici, 10th Legacy)



Ursuline Jubilee Celebration

Sunday, June 14, 2026

3 p.m.

Christ the King Parish

75 Years

Sister Margaret Anne Carstensen

70 Years

Sister Claudia Holtz

Sister Ann Marie McManus

65 Years

Sister Rita Mae Johns

Sister Maria Goretti Van Ausdale

60 Years

Sister Nelda Chafitelli

Sister Donna Frey

Sister Carol Reamer

50 Years

Sister Carol Kronfield

Sister Sandra Sherman



Pray with the Ursulines: Communication Tape

It is recorded Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning July 1, 2026

Call 419-536-9375.

CALENDAR

June 2026

- 12 Feast of the Sacred Heart, Transfer of Leadership Ceremony, 11 a.m. Service at Ursuline Center Chapel, luncheon to follow. Please RSVP by May 29.
- 14 Jubilee Celebration, Mass at 3 p.m. with dinner to follow, Christ The King Parish. Please RSVP by May 29.
- 19 Juneteenth, offices closed
- 24 Silent Prayer Hour, 5 - 6 p.m., Ursuline Convent Chapel

July 2026

- 25 TAANG Sewing Day, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Rosary Care Center

The Role of Sports in Human Trafficking

The sports industry is estimated to be worth \$2.3 trillion annually, according to the World Economic Forum. While mega sporting events can facilitate the promotion of human rights, traffickers exploit this sector at major sporting events by recruiting and exploiting young athletes, as a means for labor and sexual exploitation. By raising awareness and understanding the connection between human trafficking and sports, we can all play a role in ending this crime.



Some problems that exist in addressing human trafficking and sports are that sports are often regarded as leisure and not labor, and sports bodies see trafficking outside their purview.

Labor protections usually do not apply to athletes. This creates voids in accountability where exploitation can be visible but difficult to address or prosecute.

It is difficult to give exact numbers on the scale of trafficking in sports, as there is a lack of verifiable data. However, according to the 2020 Trafficking in Persons Report, within Europe's soccer industry alone, it is estimated that there are 15,000 human trafficking victims each year, mainly from West Africa. Though it is mostly boys being lured into sports trafficking, the development of women's sports, notably football, also attracts young girls.

From the Anti-Human Trafficking Newsletter, May 2026

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June

- 9 Sarah Abts
- 16 Doug Adams
- 17 Sr. Margaret Anne Carstensen
- 22 Theresa Smith
- 23 Sr. Ann Marie McManus
- 24 Robert Mace, Jr.
- 27 Debra Kreft
Stan Turski

July

- 9 Sr. Coletta McAllister
- 11 Phyllis Kustra
- 18 Sr. Carol Kronfield
Richard Hens
- 21 Sophia Lloyd



June

- 24 Sister Mary Jo Szpila, SND

July

- 4 Sister Joy Gray
- 6 Sister Maria Goretti VanAusdale
- 26 Sister Nancy Mathias
- 26 Sister Ann Marie McManus



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From the LCWR Presidency

Gathering in August with Expectant Hearts

Vicky Larson, PBVM — LCWR President

Pentecost is one of my favorite feasts! The vibrant red of the liturgy, the music invoking the Holy Spirit, and the dramatic account from Acts 2:1-11 always stir something in me. The scene is full of movement — wind rushing in, tongues of fire descending, and people from every corner of the world suddenly able to understand one another. All of this happens on the heels of the seeming “loss” of Jesus at his Ascension when the disciples were baffled about what to do next. Still, the Pentecost story fills me with hope. It reminds me that the Holy Spirit works through ordinary people, empowering them to minister to others and to pour out gifts that inspire many.



Maria Cimperman, RSCJ writes in *Religious Life for Our World: Creating Communities of Hope* that a charism “is not static... If it is to build up the Christian community, this gift or service in love will take many forms, depending on our contexts and the calls around us.” Her insight feels especially timely. Across history, religious life has taken countless shapes, each one a response to the Spirit’s movement. We, too, are living in a moment of great evolution which calls for the gifts of diverse charisms in response.

What if we come to the gathering in August with a profound openness to hear the ways the Holy Spirit may be calling us to inspire one another? Maybe your

story will become a tongue of fire for someone else. Maybe another person’s experience will spark new life within you. Maybe we will strengthen our bonds as a global family of religious in ways that multiply the collective influence of our ministries and deepen our witness in the world.

As we prepare to celebrate the 70th anniversary of LCWR, I find myself returning to that Pentecost moment. I have felt an energy among the sisters who have participated in the monthly online speaker series. When more than 1000 of us gather in August, what will the strong driving wind sound like among us? What new forms might the tongues of fire take? How will the Spirit move among us as we explore our theme, “Many Charisms, One Spirit, One Call,” and engage in a synodal process of sharing and listening?



As we reflect on the 70th anniversary of LCWR’s founding, may we gather with expectant hearts, ready for the wind and fire that will move among us!

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What new forms might the tongues of fire take?*

LCWR Reflection on the 250th Anniversary of the United States

At the time of the founding of the United States, Catholic sisters were already establishing schools, hospitals, social service ministries, and places of refuge for newly arrived immigrants and persons made vulnerable by poverty and exclusion. As the nation prepares to commemorate its 250th anniversary, LCWR will issue a "Declaration of Commitment" highlighting the enduring values that continue to shape our lives, mission, and ministry today.

LCWR congregations will be invited to sign the Declaration of Commitment between June 1 and June 22. Elected leaders, justice promoters and communicators will receive information in advance of delivering the Declaration of Commitment to Capitol Hill on June 25.

LCWR congregations will be invited to join in solidarity from coast to coast for a one-hour prayer for unity and commitment to LCWR values on **June 25 from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM ET**. Prayer material will be distributed to LCWR members, justice promoters, and communicators to share with others. Both a virtual prayer recording will be available on the LCWR website and a prayer for use by groups during specified times.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the August 2026 newsletter is Thursday, July 23. Please send your stories to Michelle at [mscazero@ursulinecenter.org](mailto:mscazzero@ursulinecenter.org).

* Please note there is no newsletter in July.



Giving Witness During the LCWR 70th Anniversary Gathering

As part of the LCWR 70th anniversary gathering in Orlando, Florida participants will engage in a prophetic public witness on August 14. The Jericho Walk, modeled after the biblical story of Joshua and the Israelites in Joshua 6, will be used. The intention is to use prayer and witness to "tear down" literal or perceived walls of injustice. It recalls the use of the shofar, a biblical instrument, to signal a circular march around a building or to remember those in harm's way.

The event will be livestreamed, and materials will be prepared in advance for communities to participate remotely in the prayer and practices with those gathered in Orlando. The intent of the prayer is to publicly share and speak to LCWR values and demonstrate the moral courage required to live in these times.

Praying for Our Country, Our World ~ A Silent Prayer Hour ~

Wednesday, June 24
(Silent Prayer Hours may resume
in the fall - dates TBD)

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Ursuline Center Chapel

ALL ARE WELCOME!





St. Ursula Academy Bestows Prestigious Awards on Graduates

St. Ursula Academy celebrated its 154th annual Commencement on Sunday, May 17, at the Toledo Museum of Art Peristyle, where 124 students received their diplomas.

At the ceremony, St. Ursula Academy presented prestigious awards to several members of the **Class of 2026**.

Reaghan Meyer was the recipient of the **St. Angela Award**, named for SUA's foundress and given to a graduate who believes in the importance of Christian living with attitudes, values, and actions based on charity.

Rylee Malaczewski earned the **Bishop's Cross**, given to a senior who has shown outstanding participation in all religious expressions of the school; has maintained an "A" or "B" average in Theology; has exhibited an attitude of cooperation and enthusiastic support for the school's effort to build a caring, honest community; and has participated outside the school in religious projects and groups.

Molly Malone received the **Mary Ann Gugger Award**, presented to the senior who gave generous amounts of time to her school and embraced the SUA spirit.

Katelyn Fighter received the **Nichole Flores Heart of SUA Award**, which recognizes a member of the Senior Class who best exemplifies Mrs. Flores' love of SUA and commitment to our Ursuline core values, especially Academic Excellence and Care of the Individual.

In addition, the following 11 students earned summa cum laude status, maintaining a grade point average of 4.4 or higher: **Ani Boman, Oluwasola Fadahunsi, Killeen French-Hill, Eliza Hebeka, Sara Ostrosky, Lia Pappas, Cora Pearson, Bella Smith, Mackenzie Williams, Riley Wojciechowski, and Hollyann Zitkovic.**

The entire **Class of 2026** has much to celebrate, including:

- 100% acceptance to a four-year college
- College applicants earned more than \$45.2 million in academic and athletic scholarships
- A total of 122 students received merit-based scholarships (98 percent)
- Fifteen student-athletes will participate in collegiate athletics
- One student will attend college at the London School of Economics and Political Science

Members of the Class of 2026 received the following esteemed **awards and scholarships**:

- Bowling Green State University Sidney A. Ribeau President's Leadership Academy Scholarship - *full tuition*
- Chick Evans Caddie Scholarship - *full tuition and room/board*
- University of Findlay Oiler Scholarship - *full tuition*
- Governor's Merit Scholarship - *\$5,000/year toward any college in the state of Ohio (6)*
- National College Match Scholarship Recipient and QuestBridge Scholar at the University of Notre Dame - *full tuition, room/board, books and supplies, and travel expenses*
- The Ohio State University Land Grant Opportunity Scholarship - *full tuition and room/board*
- The Ohio State University Morrill Program Excellence Scholarship - *full tuition*

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Archive Snapshots

Sister M. Emmanuel Heinlen



Sister M. Emmanuel Heinlen was born on June 16, 1902 and died on June 16, 2001, her 99th birthday. Sister Emmanuel was known for her teaching of Latin and the writing of several books in

Latin. These books are now preserved in a Classical library at Miami University (OH). In Sister Emmanuel's retirement years at Ursuline Center, she walked great distances daily and sometimes overestimated her energy and had to be "rescued" to return home. She loved to play piano and enjoyed apple pie as one of her favorite desserts. She was dearly loved and cherished by her Sisters in religion, her family, students, and her many friends.



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Seventeen members of the Class of 2026 began their SUA journey as sixth graders in our Junior Academy.

We are endlessly proud of our graduating seniors. Not only have they shown exceptional academic achievement, but they have also exemplified strength, kindness, faith, courage, compassion, and leadership. Our mission at SUA is to not only prepare them for college, but for lives of purpose and meaning. We know they are prepared for this next chapter, and we're excited to watch them fly.

A Correspondence through our Website



Dear Toledo Ursuline Sisters,

My Mother (Ann Faben Moment) lived in the Old West End of Toledo on Chatham Court in the 1930's. As a teenager, she (despite being Protestant) worked in the Ursuline garden with Sister Boniface. Going through some old family papers today, I found a 1977 letter my mother got from Sister Ursula Marie, bringing my mother up-to-date on Sister Boniface, who at that time was still alive, but living in the Ursuline Infirmary. I never met Sister Boniface, but I have fond feelings for her because at my parents' wedding in 1937, she sent a large bouquet of my mother's favorite flowers, delphiniums, from her garden, to my grandparents' house (where the wedding was celebrated). My mother was incredibly touched by this gesture and spoke of it many times to me and my siblings. I was in Toledo two years ago and drove past my grandparents' house, and was sad to see the convent on Collingwood no longer exists. Please know that Ann Faben Moment's family thinks of your order with reverence and affection.

Sincerely, Jane Moment Jordan



Smile



Jesus loves you!

Have a blessed day!