



Ursuline Newsletter

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Leadership Corner by Sr. Sandy



One of my nieces recently said that she finds herself missing Maw-Maw and Paw-Paw. Her youngest daughter, who never knew her

great grandparents, asked how their voices sounded. Out of ten great grandchildren, she is one of eight born after Mom and Dad had both gone home to God. Our family history lives in the stories we tell the children and in the genealogy books of Dad's side of the family, recently given me by my cousin. I am finding that early on in genealogy ledgers, both the blessings and the struggles were recorded.

Likewise, our community's history lives on through the treasures filed and stored in our archives and in the stories we tell. We, both Sisters and Associates, have become the living history book of our communal story. Imagine the stories held by each of the 10 Jubilarians, spanning 75 years of *her* stories! Our consecrated, married, or single lives do not shield any of us from both blessings and struggles, but how we choose to bear them gives witness to our faith and hope.

Preparing for my Jubilee during a monthly retreat, I re-read many of my journals in which I poetically recorded stories that disguised a myriad of emotions. I knew it was time for me to retell them to myself, speaking aloud not only the blessings received in the joyful times, but blessings which over time have redeemed my difficult struggles through my faith and hope in the God of Transformation and the prayer and presence of those who quietly accompanied me.

I now know that my ancestor, Roger Sherman, who lived in the 18th century, was the only person to sign all four major documents of our country: the Bill of Rights, Articles of Confederation, Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution. As we celebrate the blessings of our country during our 250th birthday, difficult struggles of both past and present make clear that we have not yet fully grown into the potential of those documents. And yet God has been redeeming the world since the beginning of time, and our country since our founding. As we read and meditate on the scriptural stories of our faith, how might our experience as story keepers call us to quietly accompany others?



**Feast of St. Ursula,
Missioning, Renewal of Vows
& Commitment**

Saturday, October 24, 2026
Liturgy at 4 p.m. at Ursuline Center Chapel;
Supper to follow at Ursuline Convent Offices

Please RSVP to Val at
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by Friday, October 16, 2026.



Archive Snapshots

Sister Esther Mary Boes, OSU

Sister Esther Mary Boes was born in Toledo on February 8, 1904, and entered the Ursuline Convent in 1921 from Good Shepherd Parish.

She began her teaching ministry at St. Francis de Sales and went on to teach at St. Thomas Aquinas, Immaculate Conception, St. Patrick Historic, Good Shepherd, St. Agnes, St. Joseph, St. Charles, St. John, St. Teresa and Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Toledo. She also taught at St. Joseph and St. Mary in Tiffin and St. Gerard in Lima.

After retiring from teaching, Sister Esther Mary continued her ministry in a variety of ways. She worked in the bookroom at Mary Manse College and served as a secretary at Cardinal Stritch and Central Catholic High Schools. Later, she worked in pastoral ministry at St. Richard in Swanton.

Sister Esther Mary was especially active in teaching Bible school and working with migrant workers. She was happy to support Vietnamese refugee families, helping them find homes and relocate to communities where other family members had settled.

Sister Esther Mary died at St. Vincent Hospital on September 21, 1991, at the age of 87, following a cerebral hemorrhage.



“Pray that God enlighten you, direct you, and teach you what you are to do.”

(St. Angela Merici, Intro to the Counsels)

Counting Our Blessings on World Gratitude Day – September 21

World Gratitude Day, celebrated each year on September 21, offers a special opportunity to pause, reflect and give thanks for the people, experiences and blessings that enrich our lives. It invites us to look beyond what we may sometimes take for granted and recognize the goodness that surrounds us.

Most of us would likely say that, above all, we are grateful for our relationship with God. In recognition of World Gratitude Day, several Sisters and Associates have shared what they are also most grateful for.

Sister Margaret Anne Carstensen – “I’m thankful for my family and friends.”

Sister Rita Mae Johns – “I am grateful for God’s presence in my life, for His gifts, and for His care for me.”

Sister Donna Frey - “I am most grateful for God’s daily reminders of being loved.”

Sister Mary Jo Szpila, SND – “I am grateful for my family members and men and women who have become like family through the various charisms manifested: Ursuline, Notre Dame, Franciscan, Visitation and Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, Mercy, Jesuit.”

Jovita Harrah – “What I am most grateful for is God’s grace in making me a charge of Ursuline Sisters in my early years of schooling. If I had to do it all over again I would not change a thing. They have imprinted on my heart the importance of truth and justice and it is what keeps me going as the years go by.”



8 CORE VALUES OF AN URSULINE EDUCATION

Over the next eight months, we will highlight one core value of an Ursuline education.

2 ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

We believe multi-faceted college-preparatory curricula, combined with adaptable instructional practices, promote critical thinking, creative expression, and academic mastery while inspiring intellectual curiosity and growth.

Found a New Home

For years the monstrance used at the Ursuline Center has been hidden away. Happily, the opportunity presented itself to give it a place where it will be used frequently. St. Ursula Academy has been wanting a different monstrance, and in discussion with Sister Donna Frey and the Campus Ministers at SUA, Sister Donna offered them the one that has been housed at the Ursuline Center. The picture you see here is the refurbished and polished monstrance. We are so happy that the students at the school will have access to Eucharistic Adoration once a week.



Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the October 2026 newsletter is Wednesday, September 23. Please send your stories to Michelle at mscazzero@ursulinecenter.org.



Rest In Peace

John Rockwood, brother of Mary Rockwood Lemerand, SUA '75; Sarah Rockwood, SUA '82; and daughter-in-law Ashley Smith Rockwood, SUA '03 ~ June 20

Carl Metoff, father of Julie Metoff Jones, SUA '88 ~ July 25

Sr. M. Lorena Dulas, OSF/S ~ July 27

Roseann Kaczorowski, former contingent RN at the Ursuline Center ~ July 25

Mary Clark, mother of Lauren Clark, SUA '02 ~ July 29

Dana Schoeck, sister of Whitney Schoeck Rose, SUA '13 ~ July 30

Regina Seeburger Harrison, SUA '62 ~ August 2

Sr. Mildred Haipt, Ursuline Sister of the Eastern Province ~ August 4

Rev. James E. Auth, Senior Status Priest of the Diocese of Toledo; brother of Mary K. Auth Williams, MMC '63 ~ August 6

Robert Sadlier, husband of Julie Kanary Sadlier, SUA '69 ~ August 7

Francis Antalek, husband of Mary Joan Schnapp, MMC '59 ~ August 7

George Zilba, father of Lisa Zilba, SUA '89 ~ August 9

David Joseph, father of Samantha Joseph, SUA '12 and Valerie Joseph, SUA '14 ~ August 11

Barbara Kowalski Pawlak, SUA '59; MMC '63; sister of Debbie Kowalski Piel, SUA '74 ~ August 14

Sr. Mary Sullivan, Ursuline Sister of the Eastern Province ~ August 17

Sister Update

Sister Carol Reamer
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“For seventy years, LCWR has walked alongside women religious as they responded to the changing needs of the world with faith, courage, and hope. Now, this anniversary invites us into something more than a celebration. It is an historic encounter that brings together women and men religious from Canada, the United States, and Latin America for a first of its kind gathering across the Americas. Rooted in prayer, contemplation, and the conversation in the Spirit process we will listen deeply to one another’s stories, wisdom, hopes, and questions as we reflect on this vocation together. Through personal witness, profound dialogue, and communal reflection, we will discover how our many charisms continue to be united by one Spirit and one call. As we journey together, we will not simply reflect on seventy years of grace, we will help shape the vocation of religious life, carrying home renewed vision, deeper communion, and a shared commitment to God’s mission in our world.”

The above words appeared in the WELCOME booklet to the over 1,250 participants in the 2026 LCWR National Conference in Orlando, Florida August 11 - 14. In the opening remarks on Wednesday morning, Pope Leo XIV said that “we are called to wake up the world to Christ’s love and mercy” and to accept the fact that the world needs religious and there is joy in following God’s call. Sister Simona Brambilla, of the Vatican dicastery on religious life, spoke of the theme as expressing diversity and unity in spirit which gives life and inspires. It calls for creativity, building energy and being fruitful and healing.

The pictures reflects some of the activities of the days together. The WEAVING expresses the theme of varied charisms of the congregations gathered

in one spirit and one call. The VIOLENCE ball was one of several justice related issues that were touched on in the Jericho Walk. The JERICO WALK was a witness rooted in Scripture, dedicated to upholding human rights. This included prayer, silence, drums, a shofar, and readings as seven different groups walked around the pool in witness. The GATHERING ROOM speaks for itself. URSULINES always try to get a picture signifying the feeling of unity and being part of a bigger family.



A large part of the agenda was devoted to Synodality and Consecrated Religious Life and Conversations in the Spirit. This involved a process that allowed for listening, timed sharing per person, and silence. The time together closed out with a special Liturgy, Fiesta, Dinner, Mariachi Band and Dancing!

CALENDAR

September 2026

- 7 Labor Day - Convent Offices closed
- 23 Serra Club High Tea, 2 p.m. at The Premier. Sisters only.
- 30 Leaders Meeting

October 2026

- 4 Mary Manse Alumni Prayer Service & Luncheon, noon, at The Pinnacle
- 24 Sister Study Day, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Rosary Cathedral
- 24 Feast of St. Ursula (Vows, Commitment and Missioning), for Sisters and Associates, 4 p.m. Liturgy followed by supper, Ursuline Center/Ursuline Convent Offices
- 27 Leaders Meeting
- 28-29 Region IV Meeting - Cincinnati

November 2026

- 2-5 RCRI - St. Louis, MO
- 10 Sub-Region Meeting - Ursuline Convent Offices
- 24 Leaders Meeting
- 25 Foundation Day of Company of St. Angela - Feast of St. Catherine Alexandria
- 25-27 Thanksgiving - Convent Offices closed

December 2026

- 5 Sisters and Associates Christmas Party, 11 a.m. lunch, Ursuline Convent Offices
- 10 Foundation Day, 11:30 a.m. lunch and prayer, Ursuline Convent Offices. For Sisters and Associates.
- 22 Leaders Meeting
- 23 Staff Christmas Lunch - 11:00 a.m.
- 24-Jan. 5 Christmas Break - Convent Offices closed

January 2027

- 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Convent Offices closed
- 24 Feast of St. Angela, 11 a.m. Mass at Ursuline Center followed by dinner at Ursuline Convent Offices. For Sisters and Associates.
- 27 Leaders Meeting

February 2027

- 15 Presidents' Day - Convent Offices closed
- 23 Leaders Meeting

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September

- 7 Sr. Janice Ann Brown
- 10 Gail Foreman
- 13 Sr. Beth Hemminger
- 16 Sr. Nelda Chafitelli
- 20 Dan Quinn
- 23 Sr. Rita Mae Johns
- 26 Bonnie Krochmalny
- 30 Sr. Carol Reamer



October

- 1 Val Myers
- 6 Suzie Stapleton
- 8 Sr. Shannon Schrein
- 10 Becky Tobias
- 11 Milan Mihalek
- 13 Amy Good
- 14 Christina Rode
- 14 Veronica DeLa Cerda
- Laurie Toth
- 17 Marge Johnson
- 19 Janet Klocinski
- 20 Sr. Nancy Mathias
- 25 Sr. Donna Frey
- 31 Sr. Sandy Sherman
- 31 Elaine Heyne



FEAST DAY



September

- 16 Sr. Nelda Chafitelli

October

- 7 Sr. Beth Hemminger
- 11 Sr. Shannon Schrein
- 16 Sr. Margaret Anne Carstensen



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