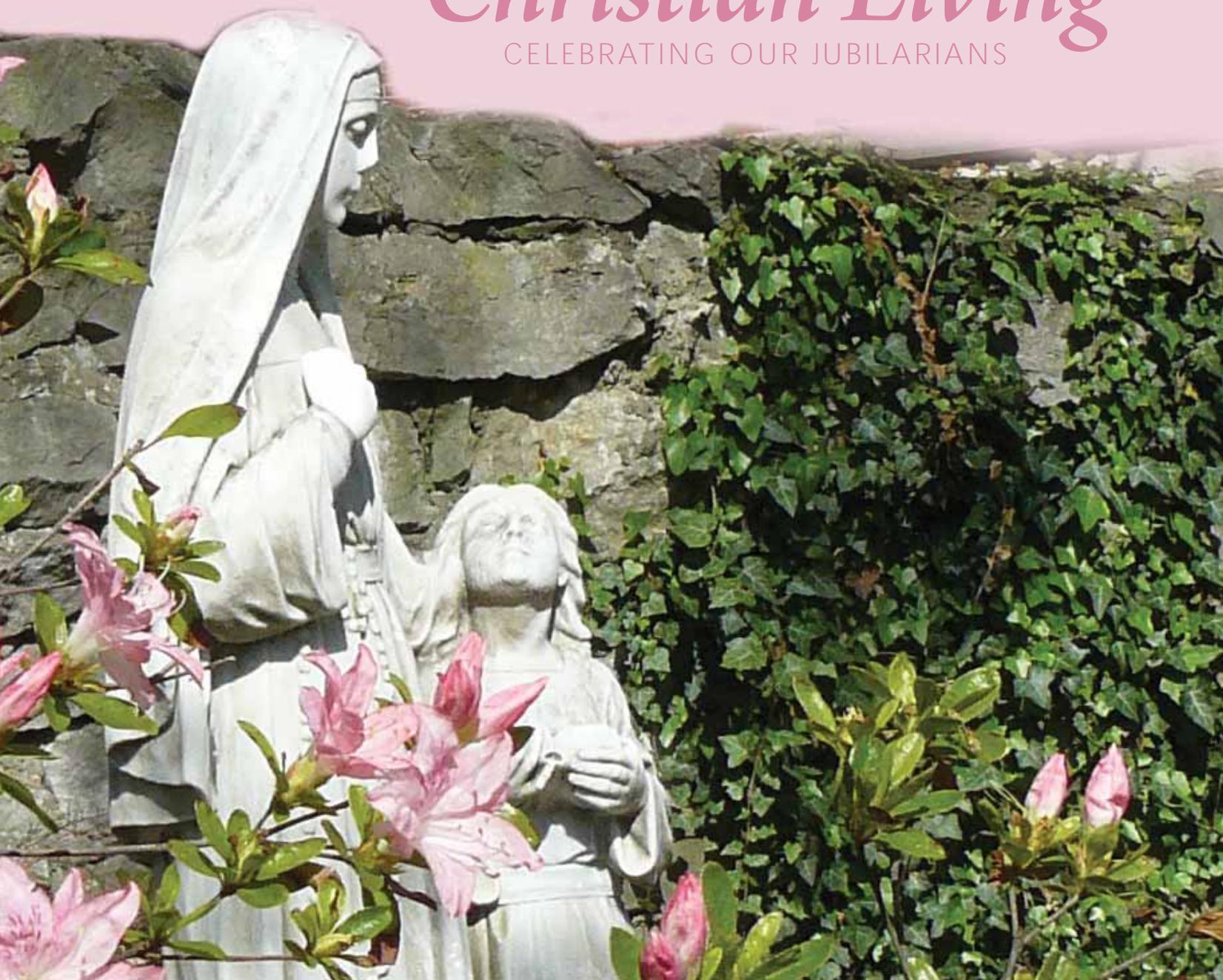


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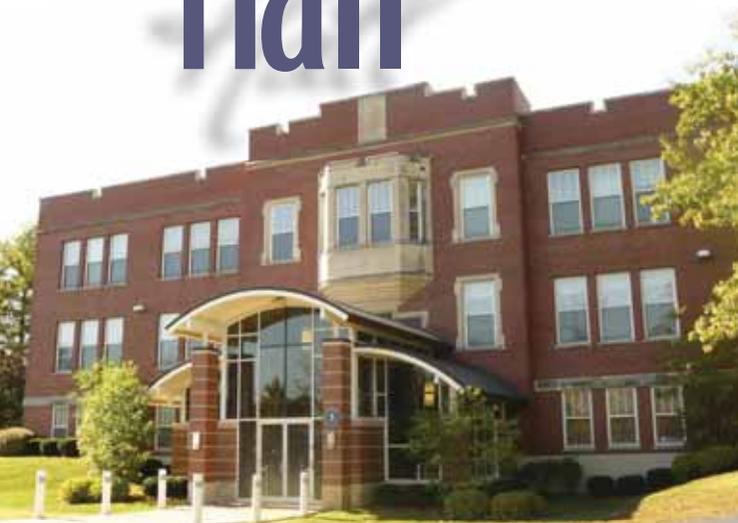
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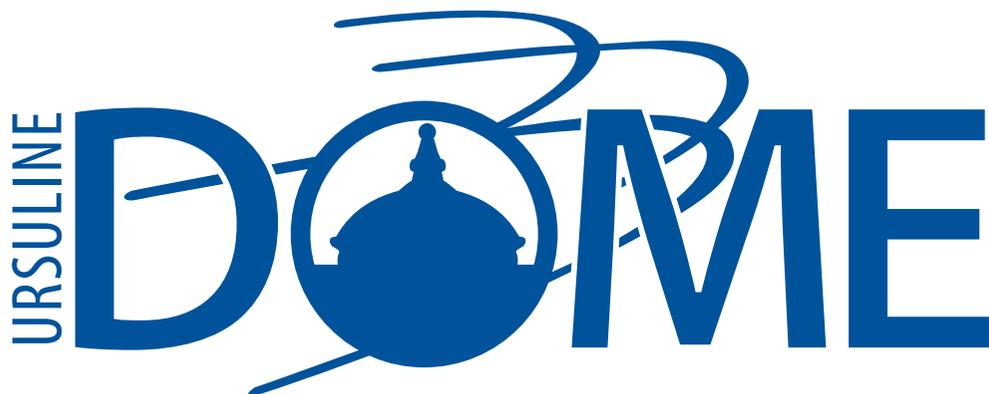
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from the PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

Greetings. It is the heart of the summer season in Louisville. We are surrounded by nature full of green trees, gardens and fields bearing the fruits of planting, and the warmth of the summer sun.

This is the time each year that our congregation celebrates the giftedness and generous witness that our jubilarians have borne. You will meet these jubilarians in the pages that follow.

Each of these jubilarians, as does each of the sisters in our congregation, gives herself to live faithfully four vows. On another occasion I can share with you about the first three of our vows: consecrated poverty, consecrated chastity, and consecrated obedience.

In this letter, however, let me share with you about our fourth vow which commits us to give our lives to “teaching Christian Living.” By this vow, each sister “... is called to union with Jesus in the teaching mission of the Church.”ⁱ In practice, she strengthens the living of this vow “... by rooting herself in prayer and community.”ⁱⁱ

The collective energy of my sisters’ commitment to their fourth vow has had and continues to have the impact described in a story perhaps some of you have previously heard. It is the story of “Making Stone Soup.”ⁱⁱⁱ

Before the stranger came, everyone in the small village was hungry. No one had enough to eat; each person hoarded what little he or she had.

And the peasants feared strangers. A person who was an outsider came to stay in the village.

One day the stranger began boiling water in a very large pot [and] then proceeded slowly and carefully to add very large stones, one at a time.

One of the villagers came by to look and stood for a very long time, watching the stranger stir the mixture. Finally the villager asked, “What are you doing?” “I’m making some soup,” was the stranger’s reply. “It’s missing something, but would you like to try some?” The villager tasted the soup and agreed. Something was still missing.

“Maybe I could go home and bring you a few carrots to add to the soup,” the person offered.

One by one the other villagers came. Each observed what the stranger was doing, and each asked about the odd soup made with very large stones. After a while each of the villagers offered to bring a little of what they could spare to add to the soup. One brought a few potatoes, another an onion, a cabbage, on and on, until there were many rich and varied ingredients in the soup.

As they waited for the soup to be ready, the villagers gathered around the pot, telling each other stories, feeling they were all a part of a celebration. Indeed, the soup was tasty and there was

enough for all. They were nourished by the delicious meal and the teamwork that had made it possible.

“We shall never go hungry again now that we know how to make soup from stones.”

The teaching of this stranger by presence and example enabled the villagers to see their individual talents and how they could risk sharing themselves. By expanding their horizons, the villagers enhanced the quality of life for all, addressing the immediate need of hunger and the spiritual need of caring for each other.

This is what our vow of teaching Christian living calls the sisters to each day. We express the depth of this call in these words:

“... in life and ministry each sister strives to exemplify that justice is essential to the Gospel.”^{iv}

It is my hope that you have experienced one or more of my sisters witnessing her response to this call through her efforts to address needs. The Gospel impels us to reach out to help make soup. My sisters have done this and continue to do this in a wide array of settings by partnering with individuals who share their passion to address hunger, suffering, learning, loneliness, spiritual inquiry, aging, and many other areas of need.

In the warmth and peacefulness of the lovely summer evenings, I am led to sit on a porch swing and watch the sunset. In such a comfortable setting I rejoice in the fruitfulness of nature. Yet, I must go deeper to realize the source of this summer richness before me. This nature’s fruitfulness only exists because of all the seeds that fell to the ground to be transformed by the earth, rain, sunshine and the passage of time into grass, trees, flowers, and vegetables.

This is how the making of stone soup ends up feeding a village forever, and how one sister vowing to live a life of teaching Christian living ends up helping to bring justice to others. Each sister is able to name many individuals and institutions, such as parishes or places where she has and/or currently is ministering, who partnered with her and supported her in the response to the needs she saw. Such partnering, like turning stones into soup, is the core of our calling to bring justice to those in need. It just takes one stranger and a few curious villagers to get the action going.

May you, too, make delicious stone soup by your commitment to teach Christian Living in your lives with your responses to the needs you are given to address.

Sister Lynn Jarrell, OSU

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President, Ursuline Sisters of Louisville

ⁱ Constitutions and Directory of the Ursuline Sisters, #28.

ⁱⁱ Ibid, #28.1.

ⁱⁱⁱ Everyday Sacred: A Woman’s Journey Home by Sue Bender (NY: HarperCollins, 1995) pages 123-139.

^{iv} Constitutions, #28.2.

When they enter the religious community, the Ursuline Sisters take four vows: the vow of poverty, the vow of chastity, the vow of obedience, and the vow of teaching Christian living. In this issue of the Dome, we honor the sisters who are celebrating their jubilee anniversaries, and ask them to share how they live the vow of teaching Christian living. Congratulations to all the sisters on their jubilee, which combined represents 520 years of service to God and others.



520 YEARS OF *Teaching Christian Living*

80 YEARS - 1932

Sister Mary Anthony Wargel

Current Ministry: Corresponding with and praying for family, friends, relatives and benefactors. Living in Ursuline Motherhouse in Louisville.

Current Volunteer Activities: Leading the Rosary with different groups. Assisting the sisters at the Motherhouse when I can. Making and repairing Rosaries.

Previous Ministries: Teaching and tutoring for 81 years in elementary education in Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, West Virginia, South Carolina, and Pittsburgh.

How do you teach Christian Living? I teach Christian living by trying to give a good example to the people I meet each day. I pray daily that God will help me be the kind of Religious He wants me to be.



70 YEARS - 1942

Sister Andrea Callahan

Current Ministry: Recently retired from St. Joseph Church Senior Ministry (Columbia, SC) and have moved to Ursuline Motherhouse in Louisville.

Current Volunteer Activities: After adjusting to my new location, I plan to begin volunteering again.

Previous Ministries: Served as principal at Catholic schools in South Carolina, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and Nebraska. Curriculum consultant for Office of Catholic Schools in Louisville. Taught at St. George, St. Helen and St. Elizabeth in Louisville. Director of Senior Life Ministry at parish in Columbia, South Carolina. Served on community Leadership team from 1972 to 1976.

How do you teach Christian Living? I try to teach Christian living by striving daily to live the Gospel message of sharing God's love with others and serving their needs.



Sister Mary Yvonne Moran

Current Ministry: Prayer and presence as a resident at Mercy Sacred Heart in Louisville.

Previous Ministries: Elementary school teacher in Kentucky, Mississippi, and Indiana. Wrote Catholic poems, plays and activity books for young children. Worked in the Ursuline Motherhouse.



How do you teach Christian Living? I teach Christian living by trying to live my Ursuline way of life, by praying for others, and by sitting and praying with our dying sisters.

Sister (Joanella) Shirley Ann Simmons

Current Ministry: Pastoral Minister at St. Luke's Parish in Ogallala, Nebraska

Current Volunteer Activities: Visiting with families in the area.

Previous Ministries: Teaching at Catholic schools in Kentucky, Nebraska and Maryland. Serving as principal at Catholic schools in Kentucky and Nebraska.

How do you teach Christian Living? First and foremost as an Ursuline Sister, I try to live the life of a good religious.



This means being faithful to my prayer life and my daily duties. In doing this, I would hope that people would find it worthwhile and gratifying to carry out their duties faithfully in whatever occupation or life style they have chosen. Example, good or bad, has its way of influencing others. I pray that my example has been good for those many people whose lives I have touched.

60 YEARS - 1952

Sister Loretta Guenther

Current Ministry: Volunteer at the Ursuline Motherhouse, at Mercy Sacred Heart-Marian Community, and at the Open Hand Kitchen – St. Vincent de Paul in Louisville.

Previous Ministries: Domestic and dietary duties at convents at St. Raphael, St. Anthony and St. Vincent de Paul schools and Sacred Heart Academy in Louisville and St. Patrick School in Sidney, NE. Child



JUBILARIANS: IN MEMORIAM

This year, two Ursuline Sisters passed away who would have been celebrating a jubilee anniversary. We wish to recognize and honor them for their dedication and service.

80 YEARS - 1932

Sister M. Rosalita Wuersch

March 26, 1914 – February 6, 2012

Sister Rosalita spent the majority of her 71-year ministry in Louisville teaching at St. Elizabeth, St. Vincent dePaul, Holy Spirit, St. Helen, Our Lady of Lourdes, and Saint Boniface parish schools, and Angela Merici High School. She also taught at St. Mary School in Jackson, MS. The latter part of her ministry was spent as treasurer for Marian Home, secretary for Ursuline Campus Tutoring Services, and in other volunteer ministries.



70 YEARS - 1942

Sister Consuelo Price

December 21, 1918 - April 19, 2012

During her early ministry in Louisville, Sister Consuelo taught at St. Elizabeth, St. Martin, and Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School. She served as assistant librarian at Ursuline College (1962-1968), and as head librarian at Sacred Heart Model School (1964-1968). She was librarian at Bishop Walsh High School from 1968-1999. She also taught and was librarian at Catholic high School in Columbia, SC; St. Patrick School in North Platte, NE; and St. Boniface School in Evansville, IN.



Care worker at St. Joseph Children's Home in Louisville from 1974 until her retirement.

How do you teach Christian Living? Whatever I do is for the greater honor and glory of God. I try to accept others the way they are and not as I want them to be, and I am kind and cheerful to all the sisters.

Sister Helen Marie Lutz

Current Ministry: Prayer and presence as a resident at Mercy Sacred Heart in Louisville.

Previous Ministries: Taught at Ursuline Academy, and Sacred Heart Academy, in Louisville; St. Patrick High School (Sidney, NE); Sacred Heart School (Camden, MS); and Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament School in Pittsburgh.

How do you teach Christian Living? I try to treat everyone well. I try to do things to make others happy. If anyone is having trouble, I try to help. I pray for others.



Sister Sarah Stauble

Current Ministry: Retired, but volunteer at Open Hand Kitchen – St. Vincent de Paul in Louisville.

Previous Ministries: General superior (1992-2002); general councilor (1968-1972); taught music in elementary schools in Kentucky, Indiana and Mississippi; and at Sacred Heart Academy and Ursuline School of Music and Drama in Louisville. Was director of Ursuline Associate Call (2003-2011).

How do you teach Christian Living? My intent was, and is, to teach Christian living by the witness of my life. My love of God, of others, and of all creation spills over into an openness and eagerness to serve others.



50 YEARS - 1962

Sister (Joseph Marian) Mary Jo Gramig

Current Ministry: Director of Family Religious Formation at St. Frances of Rome Parish in Louisville.

Current Volunteer Activities: Sister-Friend to sister at Mercy Sacred Heart; Intercessory Prayer Ministry; and, Befriender Hospital Ministry.

Previous Ministries: Taught at Catholic elementary schools in Louisville, including St. Rita, Holy Trinity, Sacred Heart Model, Ursuline Montessori, St. Therese, St. Helen, and Immaculate Conception.

How do you teach Christian Living? I strive to follow in the footsteps of Saint Angela Merici who counseled families to rely on God's grace and presence in all areas of life, whether I am working within the parish, with regional parish ministers, with Crescent Hill Youth Ministers, visiting the sick, with an Intercessory Prayer Group, or if I am sharing with Associates or with my Ursuline Sisters.



New Book Delves More Into

SPIRITUALITY OF URSULINE FOUNDRESS

Saint Angela Merici (circa 1470-1540), foundress of the Ursuline Sisters, is said to be a woman of our times, as well as of her own times. What keeps Angela's charism, her gift, alive today and why does it still speak to those born in a time of unrest and questioning?

In her latest book, *Lover of Us All*, Sister Martha Buser examines this question, delving further into Angela's gift of finding another way when faced with confusion, anger and fear.

Below, Sister Martha Buser offers some insight into her newest book:

- Q.** What, or who, inspired you to write another book on Saint Angela Merici?
- A.** Since my first book, *Also in Your Midst*, many people, especially Sister Colette Kraemer, have urged me to write more. I've learned more about Saint Angela over the years by listening and talking to others and so I felt I had further reflections to offer.
- Q.** Your last book, *Also in Your Midst* (1990), was such a thorough examination of the spirituality of Saint Angela Merici. What more did you "uncover" about her that you share in *Lover of Us All*?
- A.** The more I talk about Saint Angela, the more I learn about her. Dr. Querciolo Mazzonis, a true scholar on Angela, has shared many new facts about her through his book *Spirituality, Gender and the Self in Renaissance Italy* and through the talks he has given to various groups of Ursulines. He has influenced me and given me new material for reflection.
- Q.** Can you briefly explain how you arrived at the title, *Lover of Us All*?
- A.** Saint Angela called God her "Lover" and she always added, "Or rather, the Lover of us all." The title of the book was easy as I reflected on her words and her spirituality.

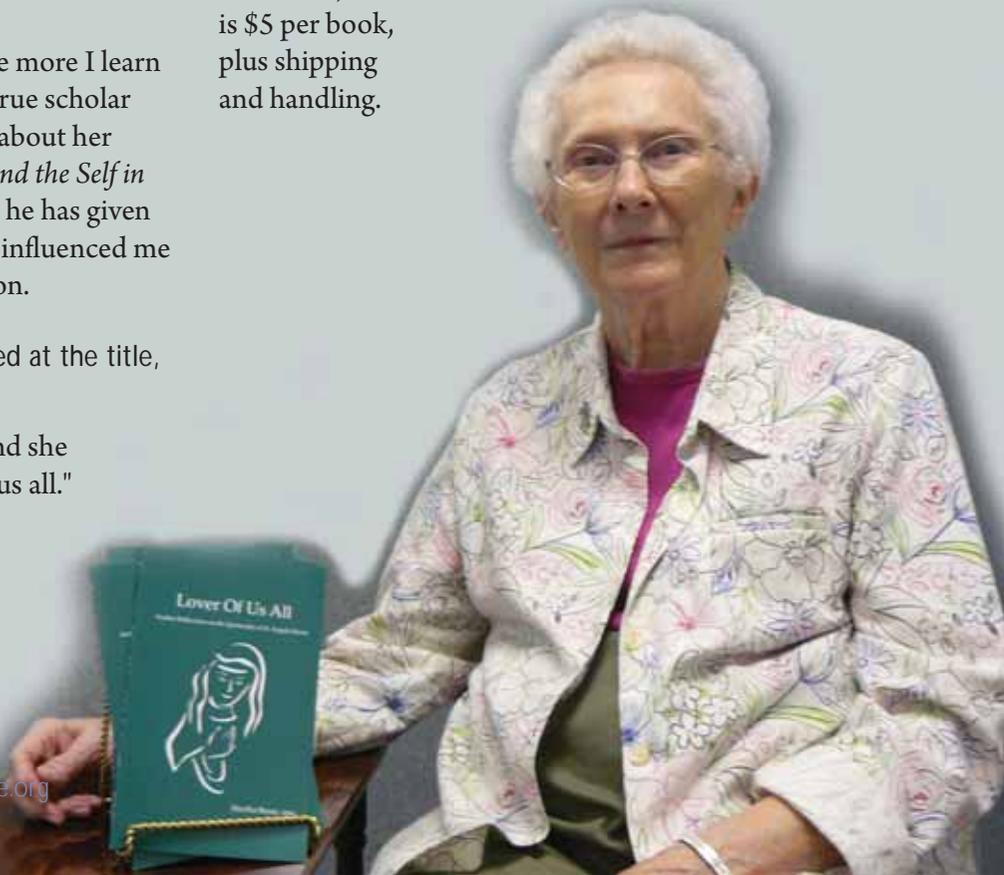
Q. How long did it take you to write *Lover of Us All*?

A. Facetiously, I could say it took me 20 years to write the book; in reality, once I started, it took me two years. I did a few other things along with writing the book!

Q. In your opinion, what is it about Saint Angela Merici, a woman who lived in the 1500s, that both men and women can find relevant today?

A. Although Angela lived 500 years ago, she and her spirituality are contemporary. Her approach to discernment and conflict; her devotion to living a contemplative life in the world as an ordinary woman; as well as, her hope, joy and love in the midst of her troubled world, all seem a part of our own age. She seems to offer a way for all.

Lover of Us All and *Also in Your Midst* are available through the Ursuline Sisters' Mailroom. Please call (502)897-1811, or send your request to mailroom@ursulinesisterslou.org, or via mail to Ursuline Sisters, 3105 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY 40206. The cost is \$5 per book, plus shipping and handling.



ASSOCIATES ARE *Dedicated to Teaching Christian Living*

By Theresa Butler, Director of Ursuline Associate Call

On the back of the brochure for the Ursuline Associate Call is the mission of the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville: “Teaching Christian living by assisting others in living more fully and developing a personal relationship with God.” Often we think of the traditional teaching model as a way to live out this mission. However, there are many other ways to embrace this mission that several Associates have incorporated into the fiber of their lives.

While there is no longer a professed sister in Cumberland to coordinate the Associate Call Program, there are three associates — Anna Michael, Carolyn Neely, and Linda Ratchford — who are committed to keeping the Ursuline Spirit alive. “They are the glue for the Associate Program in Cumberland,” explains Theresa Butler, director of the Associate Call. “They exemplify the mission through their interaction with the Associates and their work within their community.” It is through their effort that the Cumberland Associate Group meets on a monthly basis. “When one joins them for their monthly meeting, it is immediately evident that each individual has been touched by this coordinating group of three,” says Butler. Also evident is that the group is centered in prayer and that that centeredness in prayer is then put into action through the various ministries which the individual associates pursue. “What is especially heartwarming is how these three individuals call others to open themselves to a personal relationship with God in a gentle yet powerful way,” Butler says.

Dr. Judy Heitzman is an Ursuline Associate who lives in Louisville. Professionally she is a clinical social worker who embraces her counseling work and her teaching at the University of Louisville Kent School of Social Work. Since the University of Louisville is a public university, Judy can’t promote any religion; however, her teaching does reflect her belief in the Gospel teachings.

In her curriculum, she stresses core Social Work values which include: service, social justice, dignity and worth of every human person, importance of human relationships, competence and integrity. She also embraces these core values in her private practice. No doubt these core values encourage others to live more fully.

Judy and her husband, Tony, (an associate of the Holy Cross Brothers of Notre Dame) are raising two of their granddaughters in their home. Judy and Tony try to provide a stable environment and a firm foundation for these girls. Their family life is an example of how the Ursuline mission is put into action on a daily basis as they hope to help their granddaughters live more fully and develop a personal relationship with God. “The parental role is such a significant role in teaching Christian living,” Judy says. “I find comfort in emulating Saint Angela’s role as a nanny, and I continue to find Saint Angela a model for modern times in doing the things that need to be done.”

In Memoriam

We remember with prayer two Associates who recently passed away:

Ann Pommerehn of Madison, Indiana, died on March 4, 2012. Anne had been an associate since 1987. She taught at the elementary and secondary levels as well as at the college level. She was an accomplished musician who sang in numerous choirs and was the director of four choirs.

Karen Harlow of Louisville, Kentucky died on May 11, 2012. Karen had been an associate since 2001. Karen is survived by one daughter and two grandsons. She was a nurse who is remembered fondly by those she served at the Marian Home.



Teaching Christian Living

For if it is Jesus who directs and teaches you, you will be well taught.
- Saint Angela Merici, From the 7th Counsel of her Rule

By Ginny Schaeffer, Director of Angela Merici Center for Spirituality

If you know anything about women religious in the Catholic tradition, you know that they take three vows ... poverty, chastity and obedience. Did you know that some orders have a fourth vow taken by their members? The Benedictines take a fourth vow of “stability” to a particular monastery, the Jesuits take a fourth vow of “particular obedience to the pope...” and the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville take a fourth vow of “Teaching Christian living.”

This fourth vow taken by the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville has evolved over time. Previously, it focused on teaching girls, a ministry not in the mainstream at the time. With Vatican II all religious orders were encouraged to research and prayerfully discern the original mission and charism (gift of the Spirit) received by their foundresses and founders. After studying the life and Rule of Saint Angela Merici, the foundress of the Ursuline Sisters, dialogue among community members and prayer, the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville discerned that their mission is to “teach Christian living.”

For the 150-plus years that these innovative educators have been in Louisville, they have taught the “three Rs” religiously, never neglecting the fourth R— religion. Countless children have learned reading, ‘riting and ‘rithmetic along with the catechism, how to receive the sacraments, how to say their prayers and how to live an ethical life.

“So, why change their mission statement, if they have been teaching Christian living all along?” some might ask. “Isn’t this what Christian living is all about?”

Yes and no. Christian living is all this and more. In his letter to the church in Galatia, Saint Paul gives a very clear definition of what it is to be a Christian, “... I live now not with my own life but with the life of Christ who lives in me.” (Galatians 2:20, *The Jerusalem Bible*) This is Christian living.

In her Rule Saint Angela is constantly encouraging her daughters to learn from Jesus and to find their consolation and instruction at His feet. By her life Saint Angela demonstrates what it means to live as a Christian:



to be in relationship with Christ, through the sacraments, yes, but also through prayer, reading scriptures and reflection; to be willing to let go of those patterns of thought and behavior that are not of Christ and to take on compassion, mercy, acceptance and love; to have eyes that see and ears that hear in order to recognize the ultimate reality of God Jesus called the kingdom of God; and to become like a little child, open to possibilities that only God can imagine. This is Christian living.

As in any way of life, this transformation from *who I am* to *who I am created to be* requires a willingness to learn, and to practice, in addition to patience and God’s good grace. The Ursuline Sisters are aware of this reality from their own lives. They are aware that teaching the three Rs is important, but even more vital is teaching Christian living. And they have put their lives where their mouths are. Not only do they continue to promote education, especially for those who are at risk, they also sponsor a mission in Peru, minister within the church and as spiritual directors and retreat directors, help feed those who are without a home, visit the sick and provide for the physical needs of those who lack the financial means to live.

Ursuline Sisters also sponsor the Angela Merici Center for Spirituality. This center offers opportunities for people of all faiths to “grow in a contemplative love of God that results in an openness and eagerness to serve the needs of others.” Retreats provide the chance to slow down and listen for the still, small voice of God. Monthly Sabbath Moments offer reflection and prayer on different spiritual themes. Taizé Prayer opens our hearts to God through simple songs, silence and scripture. The School of Christian Living is an experience in six foundational spiritual practices: contemplation, prayer, reading scripture, community, transformation and service that empower us to live the Way of Christ.

Teaching Christian living is not just the mission of the Ursuline Sisters, it is their life.

Peruvian Journal

Let's start with the good news!

CALLAO

Carol has returned and has been in Callao since mid-March. She has resumed her work with energy medicine and healing touch, giving workshops to people in the medical profession. Interest continues to grow as more and more people turn to alternative medicine, understanding the human body — the human person — as one. Energy medicine recognizes that we have healing powers within us and that those powers often only need to be stimulated for healing to happen. Energy medicine relies on the mutuality of our energy systems in such a way that we can be agents of healing for one another.

Yuli is in Callao this year and is using all of her experience to help the pre-school teacher at Saint Angela. The teacher is new to the school but has experience in Montessori. The new teacher has also participated in the Company of Angela, the group of young women living the charism of Angela Merici.

SAN MIGUEL

Kathy shared Holy Week in a little village called Chalaques. The invitation came from the mothers of some of the children in the parish soup kitchen. She writes of her experience: “Madi Cueva, a member of the support group for the handicapped and I took a ‘moto- taxi’ from the highway, to the road, to Chalaques. Rosemary Cerner Quispe met us and accompanied us walking up to the chapel that the community there has built with much pride. Fortunately, the morning was

beautiful and sunny. About 10:00 A.M. we placed the papers that we had prepared with the names of each of the 15 Stations of the Cross around the walls of the

chapel. We had also prepared copies of the hymns we would sing as we walked from station to station. Two children held the candles and one of the mothers carried a cross in the center. Madi and I were very pleased with the participation of so many families. After the reading of the Passion and the Veneration of the Cross, the women had prepared a huge kettle of an herb drink and rolls of bread to share among everyone. Later we descended the hill toward the homes of many of the families. Rosemary’s mother and father greeted us in their home. Seven years ago, Rosemary’s father suffered an accident that left him totally blind. He was a farmer and now cannot work in the fields. He asked me for a book of prayers that his granddaughter can read to him. But I told him that the best prayers that he could say are from his heart, which he seemed to understand very well. We shared their home for the night and returned the next morning, Holy Saturday, to have the prayer service: the blessing of the new fire, the Paschal Candle (which we had prepared ourselves), the water, and of course the proclamation of the Resurrection. . . . A special blessing came from our visit to Chalaques. Rosemary is now participating in our program for the Rural Catechist and will be able to lead the prayer services in their chapel each week.”

You may ask, why so much news in the Peruvian Journal about the mining companies?

Not only are the mining companies in the daily news here, but also, Kathy works in an area of the country where the local communities are most organized against the possibility of another mine being opened at the risk of destroying the water resources for the agricultural community. There was hope that a recent study by internationally recognized experts would show the unviability of the project. However, the conditions placed upon the study only reveal that there are necessary changes that must be made, and that the underground water supplies require further study. President Humala picked up on that study to suggest some minor changes: rather than destroying four lakes, we would destroy only two. Any first grader knows that





two is less than four, but the implications at any rate do not take into consideration the populations depending on clean water for survival, not just for drinking and for their animals, but also for their crops.

Notable about this struggle in Cajamarca are the totally pacific protests that are being carried on by the organization of the “campesinos” and their supporting communities whose lands would be so seriously destroyed.

Sue works in an area where the owner of the mining company in dispute is one of the wealthiest in the Unites States. He and his company have been repeatedly accused of serious environment pollution in Utah, Missouri, and other places. In these areas, minor changes are made yet the mining continues to pollute. In La Oroya, Peru, the mine has ceased to function since 2009. The consequences? The quality of air in La Oroya has improved noticeably. The concentration of sulfur dioxide has been reduced 99.5% and the presence of lead has diminished by 98.8% [Sources: *Technical Team of the Revive Mantaro Project and the Department of Health*]. One would think these are reasons enough for either the mine to cease functioning, or that the requirements for clean air and clean water be implemented.



Once again, the mining company asked for concessions, but this time the creditors refused the plan for restructuring and voted to liquidate the company. Accordingly, it is a plan that will be affected over the next six months, looking for other solutions so that the mine can continue to function but under new management and ownership. Of course the miners are insisting on having their jobs, but equally the people of La Oroya are insisting on having healthy children and a healthy environment in which to work.

Archbishop Pedro Jimeno Barreto of Huancayo, in whose diocese the mine functions, has clearly stated that the mine should continue to function and that the workers’ rights should be respected, but only if a healthy environment is guaranteed for the people. Archbishop Barreto’s life has been threatened several times for his

clear position on these human rights issues.

More Dangers of Our Ministry

Over the last few years we have been reading and hearing about new appearances of Sendero Luminoso, one of the most ruthless terrorist groups in the Western Hemisphere. Recently the group residing in the southern corner of the Andes, bordering on the jungle, took 32 people hostage. As a ransom they were asking for materials to make explosives for land-mines, and other ammunition and weapons that would facilitate their work.

The hostages were released after five days, and there was apparently no bargaining with weapons. But it is clearer than ever that Sendero is present in the country. They seem to be using a different style and are probably more linked to the narco-trafficking than before. But the alert is there and for sure people in the areas are concerned.

We hold all of you in prayer as we celebrate the wonderful gifts of sisters and associates in the many years of service.

Kathy, Carol, Yuli, Sue

THELMA SCHARFENBERGER SCHOLARSHIP

The Thelma Scharfenberger Scholarship selection committee in Callao, Peru, has awarded half scholarships to two young ladies attending Saint Angela Merici School. They are Yahaira Lorena Chicoma Palacios and Melanie Yazmin Quintero Rodriguez.



Yahaira has attended Saint Angela Merici School for the past two years. According to Sister Sue Scharfenberger: “Yahaira has shown commitment and enthusiasm in her studies and gets along well with her classmates. She is very responsible both at home and at school. Her father is a carpenter and works independently. The whole family has been very active in the school, supporting with their presence and with the sharing of their gifts.”

Sisters and Associates Answer Call for Compassion

Mayor Greg Fischer of Louisville proposed a goal of getting 55,000 people to take part in the community's "Give a Day" volunteer week, April 15-22, 2012. The Mayor's goal was "to make a statement about how caring and compassionate Louisville is." The Marian Community invited sisters, associates and friends to join them in a project promoting compassion. The project consisted of remembering the poor and homeless in Louisville in prayer and dedicating suffering. The other part of the project consisted of providing a special treat for the poor and homeless. The invitation was extended to sisters and associates to bake and decorate cookies. Several sisters and associates gathered throughout the week to decorate and bag cookies, and each bag contained a prayerful message of hope. On April 22, the cookies were taken to St. Vincent de Paul's Open Hand Kitchen and distributed to the 185 people who came for supper. More than 90,000 people in Louisville volunteered for the Mayor's "Give a Day" week of compassion.



Sisters (Concepta Marie) Mary Lee Hansen and Mary William Klipsch



Above: Associate Theresa Patterson and Sister Frances Schaf



Left: Sisters Raymunda Orth and Mary Vincent Strittmatter

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Melanie is very enthusiastic and looks forward to beginning high school in Saint Angela Merici. She also shows responsibility in relationship with her family, her school, and her studies. According to Sister Sue: "Melanie comes to us from a small school here in the barrio. Both of her parents work but it is only occasionally, part-time jobs as they can find them."

The Thelma Scharfenberger Scholarship was created in 2003 to honor the memory of Sister Sue Scharfenberger's mother, Thelma, who was a devoted supporter and visitor of her daughter's mission located outside of Lima, Peru. We congratulate both of these students and wish them well in their educational journey at Saint Angela Merici School.



Sister Loretta Guenther, Associate Audrey Truax, and Sister Annalita Fox



Sister Xavier Smith and Sister Antonia Marie Massicotte watch a young girl graduating from UA-Pittsburgh in 1958.

Reunion News

Ursuline Academy – Louisville *All Class Gathering*

Saturday, November 3, 2012

Luncheon, Mass, Class Photos, Memorabilia Display, Gift

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“When I was six years old, and entering the first grade, my mom took me over to the convent at St. George’s so I could meet my first grade teacher and wouldn’t be scared on the first day of school. That was my first encounter with Sr.

Carmelita Grantz. In later years, I found out that she and I were sort of in the same boat at that time... it was my first year of school and Sister’s first year of teaching. During my subsequent 12 years of school, Sister and I kept in touch... Following back surgery in July 2010, I was sent to Sacred Heart Village Rehabilitation for one month. Two of my best friends, who were also in Sister’s first grade class, came to rehab to visit me. Naturally, we went over to the nursing home where Sr. Carmelita was living at the time and she remembered the three of us. It was one of the most enjoyable reunions I have ever experienced... If I live to be a thousand years old, I will never forget or stop loving Sr. Carmelita. She will always be one of the highlights of my life.”

— **Mary Lou Williams Mangold**
(UA ’54)

Affected?



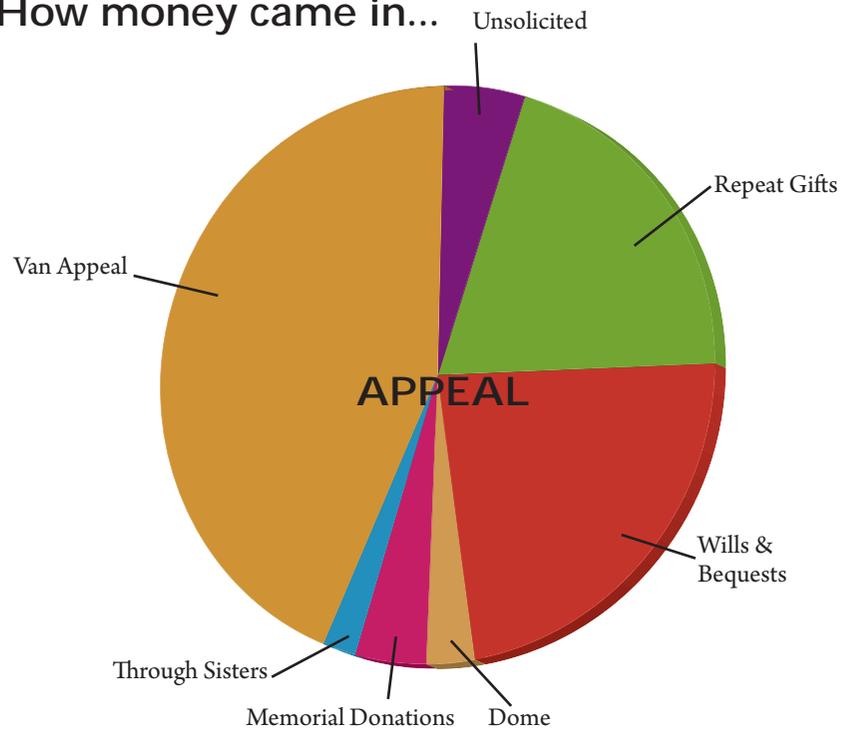
“I attended St. Helen School, in Shively, KY from 1954 to 1962. Sr. Marlene Oetken¹ was my first grade teacher and was the reason, from day one, that I decided that I wanted to be a teacher. I had Sr. Mary William [Klipsch]², Sr. Rosalia [Shade]³, and several others who were fabulous teachers and role models. I attended Anglea Merici High School from 1962 to 1966 and my favorite teacher was Sr. Rachel [Fleckenstein]⁴, who taught Spanish. I then attended Ursuline College and would go on, as it merged with Bellarmine, to graduate in 1970. I began a teaching career that spanned over 35 years...I feel that the Ursuline Sisters provided me with a lifetime education. Most of the Ursuline Sisters who taught me have passed on to their Heavenly rewards, but I feel so grateful to have been lead by them throughout my lifetime of education. Thanks and much love to the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville.”

— **Mary Helen Zahn**
(AMHS '66, UC/Bellarmino '70)

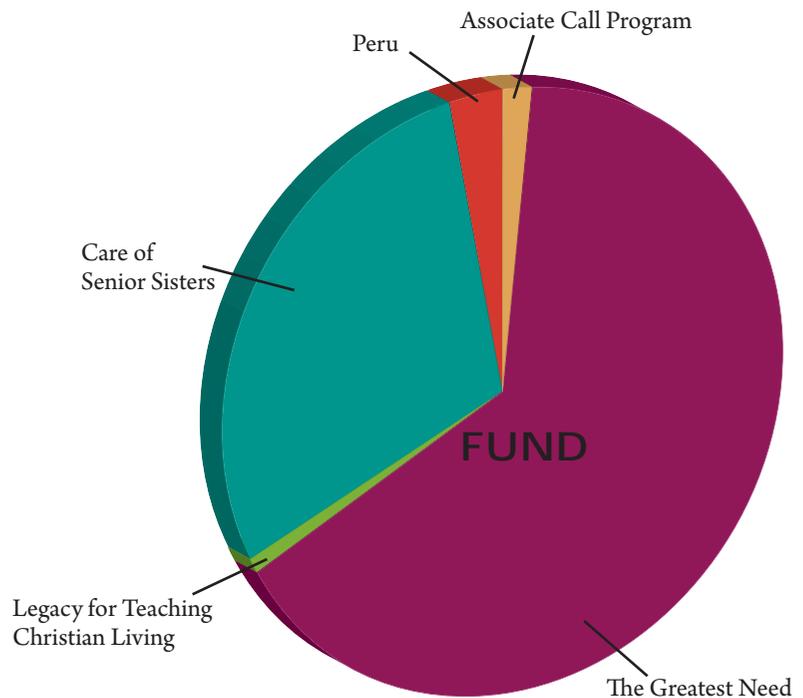
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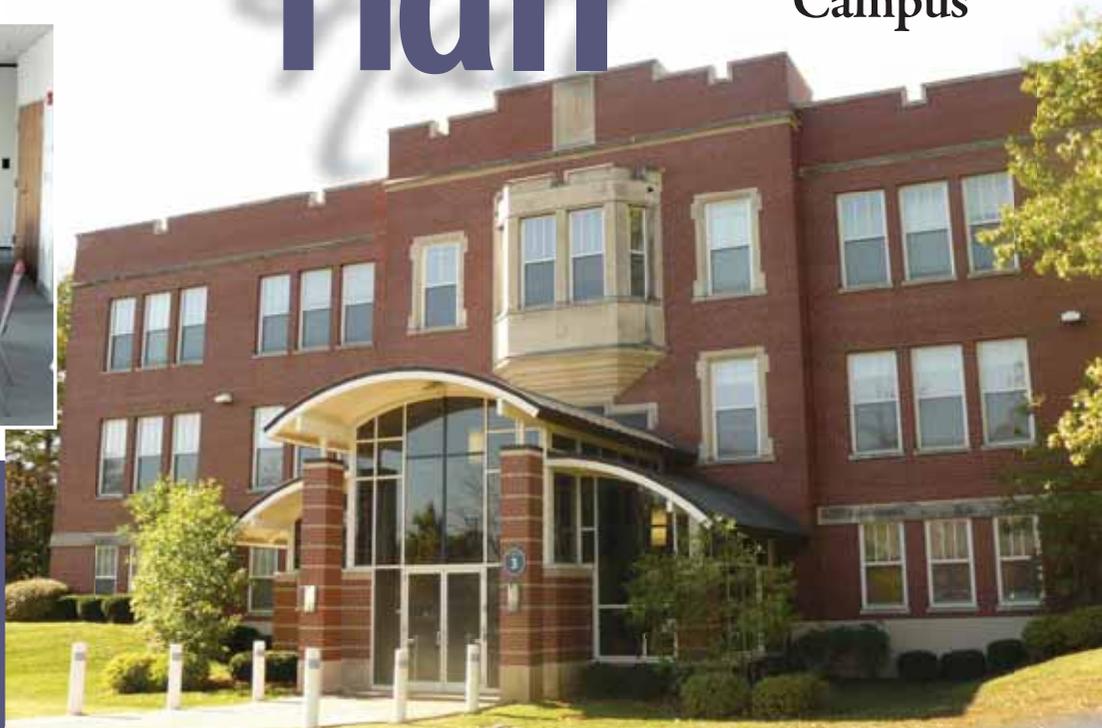


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