

Peruvian Journal

COP20 held in Lima, Peru

Peru had the honor of hosting the United Nations Convention on Climate Change (COP20) in late 2014 with representatives from 195 countries attending. Preventing dangerous human interference with the climate system is the ultimate aim of UNFCCC. The convention confirmed that WE ARE VOICES FOR THE CLIMATE, which dovetails with our 2014 Chapter Goal to promote cosmic awareness.

Renewal of Covenants for San Miguel and Callao Associates

On December 9, 2014, during a "mini-retreat," the San Miguel Associates renewed their Covenants in the small chapel called "San Sabastián" in the town of San Miguel. The heavy rains that day did not dampen our spirits! On January 27, our Callao Associates also renewed their Covenants with a special celebration for the feast of St. Angela.

Dancing with colored ribbons, we entered our "plaza," where Angela, in the person of an Associate, came to join us and shared three special times in her life: 1) with her parents, as her father read the Lives of the Saints to her and to her sister, 2) the sad and the challenging times of her life, especially the death of her parents and her sister, and 3) the vision she experienced when she saw her sister and other young women so joyful and at peace. Angela invited us to share: something that helped to make us who we are today, challenges that we have faced and our dreams/visions for the future. We ended our celebration with ice cream.



Center "Santa Ángela Merici"

For the summer months of January, February and March, the parish soup kitchen for school children was closed and resumed in April 2015 after classes began. The Rehabilitation Center also was closed due to heavy rains, the celebration of "Carnival" and classes in February for our interns.

Annual Ursuline Community Retreat

In January, Sisters Sue, Yuli, Carol and Kathy enjoyed the sunrises and the sunsets daily during our annual retreat in a small fishing town called "Bujama" on the shore of the Pacific Ocean. The retreat included reflection on articles from the Conference for Women Religious regarding "The Year of the Consecrated Life" and the directional statements for our Louisville and Toledo Ursuline communities.

Other News

Our Diocese of Callao is suffering a public scandal. For at least two years, a group of five priests, including our present pastor, has been trying to denounce what they perceive as cover-ups by the Chancery. Kindly keep our diocese in your prayers for a peaceful solution.

In Santa Angela Merici School many activities are being planned for a very special celebration, the Golden Jubilee of our school (1965-2015) from October 4-11 in Carmen de la Legua, Callao. A few days after those dates, plans are in progress for a special Mass of Thanksgiving in San Miguel, Cajamarca.

Finally, we are daily grateful to our loving God, to our Ursuline Community, to our Peruvian sisters and brothers, families and friends for the gift of walking side by side with the people of this beautiful country of Peru.

*We hold each of you in prayer!
Sisters Yuli, Kathy, Carol, Sue*

Sr. Kathy Neely speaks to Ursuline Associates in Peru during a retreat in San Miguel.