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Please welcome our new leadership team who will serve from 2020-26! Left to Right: Sisters Anne Mary Lochner, Rita Ann Wigginton, Agnes Coveney, Jean Anne Zappa. Sister Yuli Oncihuay is in the inset photo.  
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## About this issue

When our editorial board met to plan our Benefactor issue, we decided on a theme of “Prepare The Way: Waiting, Anticipating, Hoping.” Not only is Advent a season of preparing and waiting for the celebration of Jesus’ birth, we are all collectively still in a state of waiting for the end to COVID-19, and the time when we can all gather together to praise our Savior safely.

Advent is also a season of hopefulness, and so we continue to hope for, and work for, an end to poverty, hunger, systemic racism and human rights violations, to name just a few problems that all are facing worldwide. To that end, in this issue, we offer a reflection on Catholic social teaching and a series on the history of the Ursuline Sisters living out this teaching of the Church.

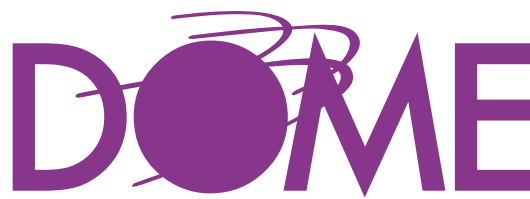
Since arriving in Louisville in 1858, the Ursuline Sisters have ministered to those in need of mercy and have often been prophetic voices in the wilderness on issues such as race relations, social needs, discrimination, civil rights, workers’ rights and care for creation. They have faithfully put into practice the tenets of Catholic social teaching over the past 162 years, in particular recognizing the intrinsic dignity and worth of every human person.

Archbishop William E. Lori, the archbishop of Baltimore, recently stated: “The cornerstone of the Church’s social teaching is the truth concerning the dignity of the human person. The words ‘Black Lives Matter’ ought to remind us that every Black person is made in God’s image and is endowed with inviolable dignity, from the moment of conception until natural death. Everyone is made with this same dignity in the image of God and the same right to life.

“Some object that in affirming the importance of Black lives, we are implying that other lives do not matter. Quite the contrary. By at long last rejecting a persistent and sinful attitude that places less value on Black lives than on other lives, we are in fact serving the common good.”

The charism of the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville is “a contemplative love of God and a resulting openness and eagerness to serve the needs of others,” and thus the Ursuline Sisters are gospel women who have served, and continue to serve, the common good.

—Kathy Williams, editor



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# Waiting In Hope

Waiting has always been a challenge for us. Waiting in line at the store, waiting for a doctor appointment, waiting for that special day or phone call. Lately, since COVID-19, many have waited in line for unemployment sign ups, waited to visit a loved one in the hospital or nursing home, waited for the results of the COVID test. It seems like we have been waiting in darkness and in silence.

We are not unlike the Israelites who were waiting in darkness and silence when they were in the desert or in captivity. However, the message the prophet Isaiah proclaimed to the people was one of waiting in hope, one of comfort.

The following are a few quotes from Isaiah's prophecy that are often used during Advent: "They will meet with joy and gladness, and sorrow and mourning will flee." "Fear not, here is your God." "Out of the gloom and darkness the blind shall see."

This, too, is the message of Advent for us. We are called to wait in hope, we wait for light, the light of Christ, the fulfillment of God's promise as Saint John said, "the light shines in darkness and the darkness has not overcome it."

In his book, *HOPE*, Pope Francis says, "The foundation of Christian hope is what we can be most faithful and certain of—the love that God has for each one of us." And that love is made visible in the person of Christ, who we receive in our hearts.

That love is what is manifested in our relationships with each other, with the outcast, the marginalized, the misunderstood.

A few weeks ago, I was in the grocery store when a little boy approached me and said, "Do you know what today is? It is my birthday, and I am 7 today. I can't have a party because we can't have people over, so I wanted to tell everyone I meet today that it is my birthday." That, my friends, is an example of hope. Folks he knew could not come to his party, so he reached out to people he did not know to share his birthday.

If there is ever a time we need hope, it is now. Again, Pope Francis said, "Hope is not a desire or optimism. Christian hope is the expectation of something that has already been fulfilled." Hope is not wishing something away or thinking things may disappear, or sugar-coating reality.

Hope is seeing the "real" before us, a certainty that I am walking toward something that is. Hope is the deep abiding faith of the unconditional love of God. Hope is reaching out to another in love and patience, hope is embracing that person and asking, "How can I be with you?" Hope is facing the reality of the situation—be it personal, family, friend or social condition, and saying, "How can I help? What can I contribute to bring about some comfort or solace?"

So, Advent is a time of expectation, a time of waiting in hope in the midst of the reality around us. It is a time to seek hope, to be hope for another and to celebrate the hope we know that Jesus, the Christ, is with us every step of the way in our lives, in the pain and sorrow, and in the joy and comfort and surprise.

May we experience what the Christmas Eve reading from Isaiah proclaims: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light," the light of Christ in our hearts and in the hearts of others.

On a personal note, as the newly elected leadership, Sisters Anne Mary, Rita Ann, Yuli, Agnes and I thank you for your goodness, your faithfulness, generosity and support of our mission. We look forward to seeing you virtually or in person these next six years.

May the peace of Christ which is beyond all understanding guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus as you walk in hope. 🙏



*Jean Anne Zappa, OSU*

Sister Jean Anne Zappa, OSU  
President, Ursuline Sisters of Louisville

# Called to Be Prophetic Women of Hope

BY KATHY WILLIAMS



Sister Paul Niemann with students from St. Peter Claver parish school, Louisville, on their First Communion day. Sister Paul taught at St. Peter Claver from 1933-1940.

*This is the first in a series on the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville's history of being pioneers on issues of social justice and outreach. They are women who follow Catholic social teaching in both words and action. This stems from their charism, which is "a contemplative love of God and a resulting openness and eagerness to serve the needs of others."*

Catholic social teaching has long been a practice of the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville who follow the example of their foundress, Saint Angela Merici, a contemplative devoted to ministry: consoling the sorrowful, caring for the poor and sick, teaching Christian living and counseling many. Since arriving in Louisville in 1858, they have ministered to those in need of mercy, and have often been prophetic voices in the wilderness on issues such as social needs, discrimination, civil rights, workers' rights and care for creation.

Archbishop of Baltimore, William E. Lori recently stated in *America Magazine*, "Catholic social teaching is not an addendum to the Gospel but a living part of the church's proclamation of our salvation in Christ Jesus. It is because of God's love for each person and for the

entire human family that the church speaks about matters such as economic and racial justice; the evil of abortion, capital punishment and euthanasia; the economy and the environment; religious liberty; the plight of immigrants and

refugees; and a host of other social issues."

**Louisville Origins, 1858:** teaching from within the margins

From their humble beginnings on Chestnut and Shelby streets of Louisville, the Ursuline Sisters have always been called to work with those on the margins—the less fortunate, those suffering discrimination and other forms of oppression. They themselves suffered, too, as they had emigrated from Germany during a time of anti-German immigrants and anti-Catholic bias in the United States. But like so many other Catholic Sisters of

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Ursuline Sisters and students at St. Martin of Tours School, Louisville, 1889



that period in the United States, they rolled up their sleeves and began the often strenuous work of Christian education, both inside and outside the classroom, enduring much hardship at times.

They first taught the children of German immigrants at St. Martin of Tours parish school, then quickly spread out to other parish schools in Louisville. From 1908–1967, the Louisville Ursulines taught at St. Peter Claver parish school in the Smoketown neighborhood of Louisville, teaching Black children

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According to the *Annals of the Ursuline Convent*, October 31, 1858–July 28, 1914, the Sisters wrote: “...our most Reverend Bishop, who expressed the wish that our Community take charge of the newly founded St. Peter Claver School for colored [sic] children...a



Sister Millie Mae (Anselm) Rueff with Sacred Heart Mission School students, circa 1960

number of the Sisters volunteered, but since only two were required, the choice fell upon Sisters Ildephonse and Johanna....May God bless their heroic undertaking.”

#### 1940s Mississippi: serving in the segregated South

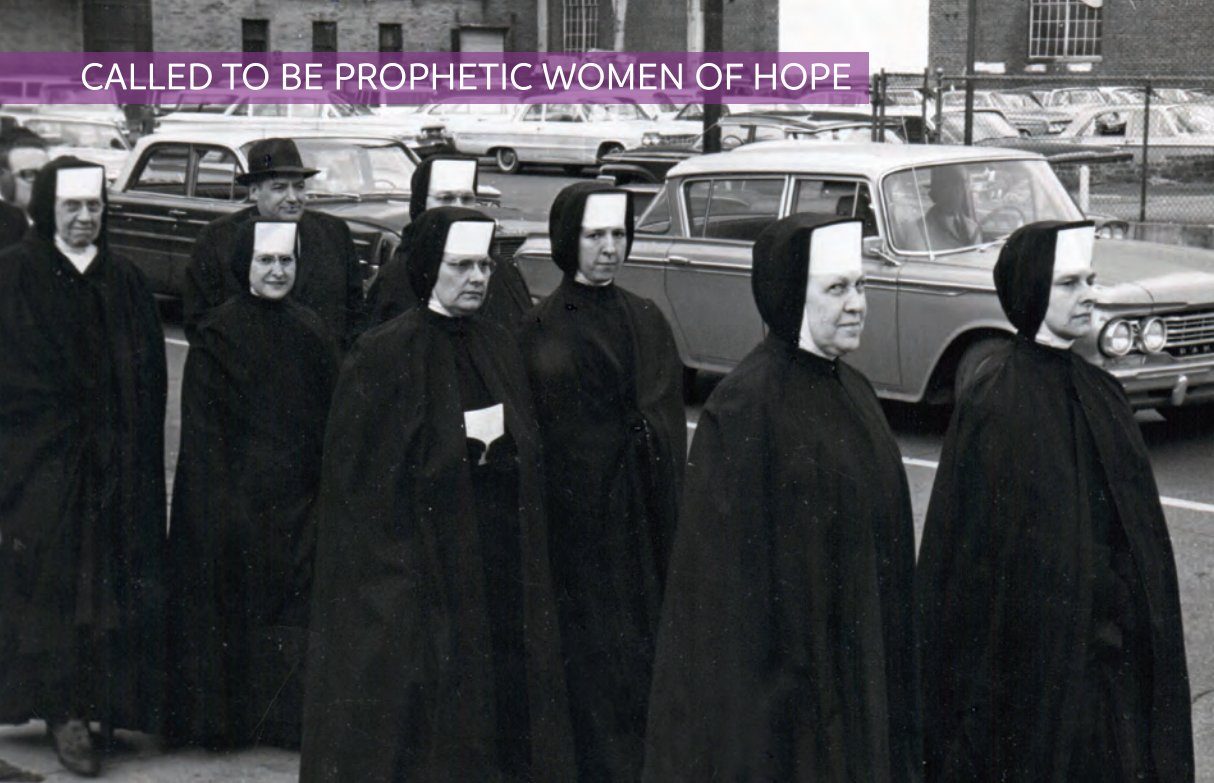
In 1946, the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville were called to yet another impoverished and marginalized community. Mother Superior Rosalin Schaeffer sent Sisters M. Angelina Geis, M. Dolorosa Gough and Margaret Mary Pittmon to Camden, Mississippi, to staff the Sacred Heart Mission School, which served the children of poor, Black sharecroppers of the area. It included grades kindergarten through high school. Additional Ursulines were sent there from

Louisville to teach catechism at various parishes throughout the area during the summer months. A report from June 1946 states: “This mission is for colored [sic] children and the Community is happy to take the Mission as a Mission Project. It will be taken care of by the Community.” The last Ursuline, Sister Helen Marie Lutz, left in 1992.

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Sisters Eunice Frankrone (L) and Laurene Reh (R) with Sacred Heart Mission School students, October 1962



When the 1960s began, the Ursulines were still in their long, full habits. Sister Sue Scharfenberger recalls that she, Sister Patricia Ann Thompson, Sister Shirley Ann Simmons, Sister Helen O'Brien and others participated in a march in downtown Louisville for integration and against racial injustice. During the Vietnam War, in the early 1970s, she and the other Sisters who taught theology at Sacred Heart Academy

March 14, 1965 Civil Rights March, Louisville; Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke at the rally. Back Left to right and forward: Sisters Mary Raymond Carter, Mary Michael Holland and M. Chrysantha Schmidt, Sister M. Jamesine Lesousky (Mary Lavinia) and Sister M. Emmet Nash (Bernadine), M. Merici Burke and M. Alphonsine Lesousky (Christine)

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#### The 1950s to 1970s in Louisville: Civil Rights and Vietnam War

Sister Mary Brendan Conlon reflects, "My belief in the power of non-violence goes back to the civil rights days of the '50s. I remember a picture of several young Black men, seated at a segregated lunch counter and several young white men are pouring sugar, syrup and catsup over their heads. I remember being very deeply touched by the power of their conviction and by the depth of their

“I think seeing that picture helped me to understand Christ’s Passion better; to understand that what these young men [lunch counter sit-ins] were displaying was tremendous power and strength and control, not weakness.”

—Sister Mary Brendan Conlon

commitment to non-violence, which kept them from attacking their mockers. I think seeing that picture helped me to understand Christ’s Passion better; to understand that what these young men were displaying was tremendous power and strength and control, not weakness.”

(SHA) organized a school-wide peace march from the school to Holy Spirit Church. Sister Sue recalls, “All we are asking is give peace a chance,” was the chant we used as we walked up Lexington Road. That was a new thing for SHA.”

After hearing of some of her male students’ struggles with the draft for the Vietnam War, Sister Mary Brendan felt called to take part in a demonstration in downtown Louisville against the war. “I remember walking in front of the Federal Building in Louisville, saying ‘no’ in the only way I could to what was going on in Vietnam.” In a 1965 letter to the editor, Sister stated, “Why should we not hope that one day soon the dreamers of the world—and perhaps the realists too, impelled by the shadow of an utterly realistic mushroom-shaped cloud—will stand together and proclaim, ‘We will no longer kill our brothers!’” Sister Mary Brendan has also been influenced by the teachings of Gandhi on non-violent, civil disobedience and the lesson of the suffering servant in Isaiah.



Sister Mary Brendan Conlon, late '60s Vietnam War protestors, ©1965 AP



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—Sister Sue Scharfenberger

### 1970s: Building Community in Mississippi

The Ursulines also served with the Sacred Heart Southern Missions, headquartered in Walls, Mississippi. Sisters Sue Scharfenberger and Ruth Ann Mattingly served there from 1973-78. They worked with two white Catholic parishes in catechesis and pastoral ministry on the weekends, and during the week, they worked in social services with the Black community. The area was rural, with deep poverty, and very segregated.

Sister Sue reflects that, “We wanted to become immersed in the culture of racism and the effects that slavery left in the Delta area, especially. We organized a group of senior citizens in the Black community and provided a summer program for children of those families, with a staff of black youth

from the area and white volunteers. The intercultural experience and interracial contact taught us much. I know I would do things very differently now. I think I would have sought out the leaders in the Black community to make ties, connect and see what we could do together to address issues, rather than being the group of “haves” that handed out things like food, clothing and medicine to the “have nots.”

Sister Sue does believe they succeeded in building relationships with both Black and white members

of the region during the time they served in Mississippi and were able to build community there.

Just as Saint Angela instructed her companions, “Build community wherever you go,” the Ursulines have built community near and far in their ministries of outreach and empowerment to those on the margins of society. 🌐

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*Next in the series: Continuing to Serve (Spring 2021 DOME)*



*Sister Sue Scharfenberger with volunteers in the lunch program in northern Mississippi.*

## Looking Back—Louisville Ursuline Milestones for 2020

### 150 years (1870)

The Ursuline Sisters arrived in Cumberland, Maryland, to staff SS. Peter and Paul parochial school. Nearly one-third of the members of the Ursuline Sisters came from this area. The Sisters served in western Maryland until 2015.

### 120 years (1900)

The Sisters moved into a new building at 803 E. Chestnut Street in downtown Louisville. It served as the Motherhouse until 1918 when the Motherhouse moved outside the city limits to the present-day Ursuline campus on Lexington Road.

### 80 years (1940)

Ursuline College for women moved into newly constructed Brescia Hall on the Ursuline campus. In 2020, the building is the site of classes for the upper grades of Sacred Heart Model School.

### 30 years (1990)

A separate corporation was established to operate the schools on the Ursuline campus. The Ursuline Sisters (dba The Ursuline Society and Academy of Education) had governed the schools from 1877. The Ursuline Sisters continue to sponsor the schools.

### 10 years (2010)

Marian Home closed, and the Sister-residents were moved to a nearby nursing home. The building, constructed in the mid-1950s, served as a dorm for Ursuline College students until 1969, and opened as a licensed nursing home in 1977.

*Looking Back (2020 Milestones) by Sister Martha Jacob and Ellen McKnight*

# Hoping for True Solidarity

BY LISA STEINER

When I was in college in the 1970s, I became aware of Catholic social teaching. Until that time, I did not realize the Church had such a profound moral vision for society, and I can say this important set of principles made an indelible impression on me. Today, as I struggle with the pain of knowing our world remains broken, I find myself returning to this belief system that is rooted in God's truth and merciful love.

At the foundation of Catholic social teaching is the belief that every human person has dignity and that all human life is sacred. Every person has been created in the image of God. In other words, everyone is worthy, and life is a precious gift that connects us to each other and to God.

Jesus often linked the first two Commandments, love of God and love of neighbor, as parts of the same whole. Later, St. Paul preached that,

"The commandments... are summed up in this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law." (*Romans 13:9-10*)

So who is our neighbor?

I am not a sociologist, but I fear that we do not know our neighbor anymore. Our world is so divided that we cannot hear the global cries of Earth or Humanity, as one injustice is piled on top of another. After decades of wrongdoing, we cannot relate to the suffering of people we do not recognize as having anything in common with us. We naturally pull away, and as we become more isolated from our neighbor, our hearts become hardened to their lives—so much that we find ways to rationalize their pain.



But it doesn't have to be this way! We can turn to our Christian faith for wisdom and guidance. One theme of Catholic social teaching that is especially relevant to our times is the notion of solidarity. You know the idea: all for one and one for all. Jesus teaches us, "Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand." (*Matthew 12:25*) Abraham Lincoln repeated those same prophetic words in his day.

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The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops describes solidarity this way: “We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers’ and sisters’ keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict.”

If we believe that all life has dignity, then how have we missed this important cry for solidarity? Perhaps in ignoring our neighbor we dismiss the idea of belonging to

one human family. The fact that we even have to debate whether black lives matter or any life matters suggests to me that we are not in right relationship with each other. Pope Saint John Paul II wrote,

“[Solidarity] is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people, both near and far. On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good... to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all.”

(On Social Concern, #38) If we are willing to look beyond ourselves, open our hearts and strive for solidarity as the Church teaches us, and if we truly embrace the love of God and love of neighbor in ways Jesus showed us, then I have hope for a future that the Gospel promises. 🌐

We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world.

## SEVEN THEMES OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING:

### LIFE AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society.

### CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY, AND PARTICIPATION

Marriage and family are the central social institutions that must be supported. We must seek the common good for all.

### RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency.

### OPTION FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE

We must put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.

### THE DIGNITY OF WORK AND THE RIGHTS OF WORKERS

The basic rights of workers must be respected.

### SOLIDARITY

We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they may be.

### CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation.

Source: U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

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# Prepare the Way: Meet Our New Leadership

*At their Chapter meeting in August, five Ursuline Sisters of Louisville committed themselves to guiding the 162-year-old congregation of Sisters and Associate members who minister with communities and individuals, near and far, in a variety of ways.*

## Sister Jean Anne Zappa, President

For the past twelve years, Sister Jean Anne Zappa has served with Shively Area Ministries (SAM) as Mission Advancement Coordinator and has received recognition for her ministry there. SAM responds to persons in poverty and crisis in the 40216 zip code of Louisville. Sister Jean Anne also serves on the board of the Catholic Education Foundation of Louisville. The Pittsburgh native is a graduate of Ursuline Academy in Pittsburgh and Bellarmine College (now University) in Louisville, and holds a master's degree from St. Meinrad School of Theology. Sister Jean Anne



“I really enjoy working with others, networking and gathering ideas from them. I like to put ideas into action and make things happen. Others describe me as energetic, passionate and enthusiastic. My love for scripture and avid interest in political science makes for great discussions that I enjoy as well following sports, especially football.”  
—Jean Anne Zappa, OSU

began her ministry in 1972 teaching at Angela Merici High School and then, in 1978, teaching at Sacred Heart Academy while serving as theology department chair, for a total of twenty years in education.

She has also served at St. Athanasius Parish in pastoral ministry and as an intern with

NETWORK in Washington, D.C. Sister Jean Anne was a Councilor on the Ursuline leadership from 1996-2002. Having served as President from 2002-2008, Sister Jean Anne is the third Ursuline Sister of Louisville to serve non-consecutive terms as President for the community.

## Sister Anne Mary Lochner, Vice President/Councilor

A Louisville native, Anne Mary Lochner, OSU, graduated from Sacred Heart Academy and Bellarmine-Ursuline College, Louisville, and then completed a master's degree in religious education from Loyola University New Orleans. Her earlier ministries ranged from teaching at several Louisville parish grade schools to serving as a speech and hearing pathologist at the Ursuline Speech



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“My life has been so enriched by the people with whom I ministered—they taught me to be creative, energetic, and positive. I am an absolute lover of books. Facebook is a small hobby, as well as keeping up with friends over the years. There are times I wonder about the woman who invested in 1961. I certainly look different; so does my community and my family and society, too. Maybe we need to have a better grasp of the best of times, the wonders of Vatican II and how change can be lifegiving.”

—Anne Mary Lochner, OSU

Clinic. Sister Anne Mary also served in parish and liturgical ministry and has worked as a paralegal. She was the founder and first CEO of Project Women (now Family Scholar House) from 1994-2002 and served on Ursuline Leadership from 2002-2008. For the past eleven years, Sister Anne Mary has ministered in Immigration and Legal Services with Catholic Charities of Louisville.

#### Sister Rita Ann Wigginton, Councilor

A Louisville native and Angela Merici High School alum, Sister Rita Ann Wigginton, OSU, earned her bachelor degree from Bellarmine-Ursuline College. She then received her master's degree in deaf education from Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., and later earned an advanced degree in religious education from Boston College. Additionally, Sister Rita Ann graduated from St. Meinrad with a master's degree in theological studies. She taught at Holy Trinity and Sacred Heart Model schools before following her passion for ministry with the deaf community. She has held various diocesan-level positions in Louisville; Toledo, Ohio; Brooklyn, New York and Covington, Kentucky, working in deaf ministry.

Sister Rita Ann has also served



“My passion in life has been ministering with the Deaf Community and serving those who are the underserved and unjustly treated. I love taking long walks, especially near some body of water, to soak in the beauty surrounding me. I treasure time spent with family and friends, and my creative spirit is nourished by making Christmas gifts given to family as well as friends, which helps me to pray and remember them as I make the gifts. I just canned some green tomatoes from my garden for relish, which will be part of this year's giving.”

—Rita Ann Wigginton, OSU

on the Ursuline's vocations team and as councilor on the Ursuline leadership team from 2008-2014. For the past twelve years, Sister Rita Ann has served as director of the Ministry Formation Program, which is a four-year program for the deaf community.

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## MEET OUR NEW LEADERSHIP *Continued from page 11*

### Sister Yuli Oncihuay, Councilor

Yuli Oncihuay, OSU, a native of Carmen de la Legua, Callao, Peru, earned her bachelor's degree in education from Universidad Inca Garcilaso de la Vega in Lima, Peru. Sister Yuli entered the Ursuline community in 1993. She is Montessori-certified and teaches 4- and 5-year-olds at Santa Angela



“My passion is to teach, sing, dance and listen to music. When I have to carry out a project I put all my efforts into it until I finish it. One of my great gifts is my creativity—I like to create things with my hands, renew, change and find a place to do it. I entered the community in 1991, where I learned to live with my Ursulinas sisters. It was there that I learned what it was like to love, to accept each one as is.”

—Yuli Oncihuay, OSU

Merici School in Callao, just outside of Lima. Sister Yuli has also served in pastoral ministry at San Miguel Parish in Cajamarca, Peru, in the Andes Mountains. She also taught 4- and 5-year-olds at Fe y Alegria (Faith and Joy), a Jesuit school in Huasquiche, Peru. Sister Yuli lived in Louisville at the Motherhouse in 2016, and in 2018-2019 she participated in the Program for Development of Catholic Leadership Collaborative in St. Louis, Missouri.

### Sister Agnes Coveney, Councilor

Agnes Coveney, OSU, served as Vice President/Councilor in Leadership for the Ursuline Sisters from 2014-2020, as the council liaison with the Archives department, the Ursuline Sisters Health Team, and the Angela Merici Center for Spirituality. Prior to being in leadership, she ministered for 15 years as Executive Director of



Mission Integration at Cincinnati-based health system, TriHealth. Born in Chicago, Sister Agnes was raised in Ohio and Indiana. She worked as a clinical dietitian in Louisville before obtaining a doctorate in healthcare ethics from Loyola University Chicago in 1998. Since returning to Louisville in 2014, Sister Agnes has volunteered and served as board chair of United Crescent Hill Ministries. She also worked on planning committees for Leadership Conference of Women Religious, (LCWR) Region VI and the North American Ursuline Leadership Conference (NAULC).

“My spiritual life is fed by daily Scripture readings, nature, morning walks and the way our Ursuline community lives the Gospel. My family is a source of happiness for me, especially as we now have a third generation; one great nephew who is one-years-old. I enjoy reading, and it's important to never run out of library books!”

—Agnes Coveney, OSU

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# Prepare the Way: Chapter 2020 Statement

*August 3-5, 2020, the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville gathered in Chapter, which is our meeting every six years to plan for the future and respond to the needs of our community and world. The following is our public statement from Chapter.*

Tragic events from March to August led us to shift our agenda to respond to them. Our mission statement proclaims in part: "Our mission...cutting across socio-economic, racial and national boundaries, assists [all] to live more fully and develop a personal relationship with God." Thus, as women of peace since 1535, we renew our commitment to work for peace and justice for all.

The COVID-19 pandemic has laid bare and magnified the growing social and economic disparity between persons who are white and black, rich and poor, employed and unemployed, citizen and migrant, healthy and sick, free and imprisoned, powerful and vulnerable. COVID-19 also exposed a planet whose air, water and soil have been polluted and violated over many years in the name of economic progress.

On the heels of the pandemic in the U.S., police aggression mounted against

Black and brown civilians, resulting in several deaths. This culminated in the largest global protest of systemic racial injustice in human history. Institutionalized racism could no longer be ignored. Courageous people revealed how white people's successes had been built on the backs of unempowered Black and brown people and centuries of social systems had perpetuated white privilege.

While acknowledging our previous silence and privilege in this unjust system, we commit ourselves now to work to create a more just economic system and a model of development which cares for our common home and provides for the most vulnerable among us. We commit ourselves to dismantling the racism that exists in our own hearts, in our communities, and across the globe. 🌍

## The Chapter of Affairs Commitments:

**Charism and Spirituality**  
To support each other more deeply in our understanding, communication and interiorization of our charism and spirituality.

**Cry of Earth, Cry of Humanity**  
To emphasize the importance of collaboration to maximize our capacity to be in mission and to have an impact in responding to the Cry of Earth, Cry of Humanity.

**Future Planning for Governance**  
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*Donations must be dated by December 31, 2020 to ensure a 2020 gift. Thank You!*

# What Are You Waiting For?

BY GINNY SCHAEFFER

Happy Advent!

Oh yeah, it is Advent, that often-overlooked period between Thanksgiving and Christmas when the Church in her wisdom, calls us to a time of waiting, preparation and anticipation.

Who has time for that, though? There is too much to do, especially during this time of coronavirus when so many precautions have to be taken. Besides, waiting is not our forte as a people. We have become the drive-through, next day delivery, fast express society. It took a global pandemic to stop us in our tracks and to remind us that there are some things worth waiting for, especially when it comes to the safety and lives of those we love, ourselves and others.

It has taken the killing of our sisters and brothers of color to remind us that there are some things that others have been waiting for, for much too long. We have seen, maybe even sat in ourselves, the long

lines of cars waiting to receive food because of the economic inequity that has plagued our country much longer than COVID-19. Even the earth is waiting, groaning under the disregard and abuse we have heaped upon her.

We are all waiting for our lives to return to normal; but, if we are fortunate, if we are wise, if we are blessed, that will not happen. Who wants to return to a way of life rooted in fear and anxiety, grounded in greed, built on the oppression of others; a way that destroys the planet on which we live?

What are we waiting for then? What are we being called to prepare for, to anticipate? We all know that Jesus was born over two thousand years ago. That historical event has come and gone. We can celebrate it, and should, but it is much more than the extravagances and excesses it has become.

Is it possible that what we yearn for is already here and we are simply

“  
Stop waiting  
and watching!...  
The ultimate reality  
of God is...within you.  
What you have to do  
is trust this good  
news and allow it to  
transform...how  
you live.  
”

not seeing it, hearing it or perceiving its reality?

Remember Jesus' first message to his followers after coming out of his wilderness experience? It went something like this:

Stop waiting and watching!  
What you have been hoping for is already here. The ultimate reality of God is right in front of you, even within you. What you have to do is trust this good news and allow it to transform the way you think, the way you perceive reality and how you live.

*Mark 1: 15 (my paraphrase)*

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# Advent

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

This is what we hope for, this is what we yearn for, not just for ourselves, but for all of creation: the ultimate reality of God, what we have also called the kingdom of God. It is not an actual geographical place, a fortress high on a hill or what awaits us only after we die. It is a way of life grounded in love rather than fear, shining light into the darkness, living in peace instead of anger and hatred, the joy of generosity rather than greed. Love, light, peace and joy—the very themes of Christmas—are what we are waiting for.

Jesus tells us that these great yearnings of our hearts are right in front of us, even within us. The ultimate reality of God burns within

**Christmas never ends  
if you allow Christ to  
be born through you  
each and every day.**

us as the spark of the Divine, the seed of God planted within our hearts, the Christ seeking to be born through us as Jesus was born of Mary.

This is the reality of Christmas, that Christ seeks to be born through each of us. It is the hope of God, the hope of humanity.

This Advent and Christmas light the candles, decorate the tree, set out the nativity scene, sing the carols, share the feast as safely as you can. We need it all more this

year than we have in a long time. When it comes time, though, to put it all away, do not forget that God's ultimate reality is all around you and within you and that Christmas never ends if you allow Christ to be born through you each and every day. 🕯️

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# Hopeful for the Future in Peru and the U.S.

BY SISTER KATHY NEELY



Sister Sue Scharfenberger with members of the Centro de Rehabilitacion Santa Angela Merici Rehabilitation Center in October 2019: Associate Ana Barbaran Gaspar, George Ramirez Vela (now deceased) and Patricia Becerra

As I began to write this article, I received a message of the death of a long-time friend in Peru, George Ramirez Vela. He was one of the founders of our support group for handicapped people in San Miguel, Cajamarca, which we started in 2005, and later, with the help of donations, built the rehab center, Centro de Rehabilitacion Santa

Angela Merici (SAM). George was a fighter for special needs people, but he could not overcome his own challenge of COVID-19. With George's passing and my leaving in March, the legacy of the rehab center, SAM, will continue simply due to the dedicated support group, including two of our very active Ursuline Associates, Ana Barbaran

Gaspar and Madi Cueva Olano, and three new Associates, Patricia Becerra, Esterlita and Doris Rosales. The center will continue because of the love and support of the people themselves!

During the annual celebration in honor of St. Michael the Archangel (September 16), who is the patron of the San Miguel province, the rehab center traditionally offers a Novena Mass. On that day, I saw and heard our Mass, offered by the center's new director, Father Cayo Gonzales Estela. This year our special Mass was virtual, but the participation of the people by way of their prayers under "comments" was unique and surely heard by our loving God. At a time like this, it truly is difficult not to be with the people with whom I have lived and worked for many years. They are family, but hopefully my Hispanic family community will

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### SISTER MARY CONSOLATA BRAMER, OSU

Marilyn and Bob Beam

### MARY ROSE BRIZENDINE

Sandra Cobb

Richard Cooper

Robert and Virginia James

Tracey Ries

### SISTER LILLIAN ANN BROWN, OSU

Elsie and Calvin Boyd

Andrea Marion

Mary Jane Smith

Renee and Tinze White

### SISTER MARJORIE BURGE, OSU

Dr. John Spalding Gatton

### RICHARD CABELA

Mary Cabela

### SISTER ANDREA CALLAHAN, OSU

Wilson W. Bryan



continue here in the States, about which I will explain in greater detail in the following paragraphs.

Regarding my adjustment as I returned to the States after many tears in the airport of Peru, I saw the smiles of our Sisters in the Louisville airport: Agnes Coveney, Rita Dressman, Sara Delaney, Katherine Corbett and Lee Kirchner. Sister Lee, who also lived and worked in Peru for decades, magnanimously received me in her Masonic Home apartment. Sister Rita Jarrell, with the patience of Job, retaught me to drive, to purchase gas with a credit card and to use a GPS.

When the COVID-19 restrictions lifted, I “shadowed” Sister Martha Staarman in the Family Community Clinic, where she is a volunteer translator

for the Latino patients. I have also volunteered a small amount of time for this necessary health program for the uninsured Latino community. While following the COVID-19 mandates, Sister Carol Curtis and I have started to attend the weekly meetings at Casa Latina, a Catholic Worker home for Latino families, in order to accompany this community in any way they may need assistance.

As in the United States, Peru and our world continue to experience the challenges of the coronavirus pandemic. Virtual meetings are the new normal. I have learned to appreciate the gift of technology through the use of cell phones, Zoom and WhatsApp to keep in touch with family and friends, and to participate in courses

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*Exterior of the rehabilitation center in San Miguel  
Inset: therapist with young patient*

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Mary Ann Dearing  
Mary Anne Hess  
Vonda Norris  
**THE SISTERS WHO  
TAUGHT AT CARDINAL  
NEWMAN**  
William Monteith  
**SISTER EILEEN CARNEY,  
OSU**  
Patricia Helmstetter  
**SISTER ETHELREDA  
CARR, OSU**  
Gerald P. Campbell  
**ANTHONY CARTA**  
Delores Carta  
**EUGENE CARTA**  
Delores Carta  
**JOSEPH C. CARTA**  
Delores Carta  
**SISTER MARY SAMUEL  
CARTER, OSU**  
Jerry and Katherine Bean

Mary Burch  
**BARBARA CASSIDY**  
Alvin Cassidy  
**SISTER RUTH CLEMENS,  
OSU**  
Raymond Balint  
**MILDRED COLLIER**  
Benita Palazzo  
**ELIZABETH CRAWFORD**  
Kenneth Crawford  
**RUTH CUNNINGHAM**  
Anonymous  
Ruth McCullough  
Martha Neely  
John Neely  
**KENNETH AND ANGELA  
DALE**  
Barbara Harrison  
**SISTER MARY GRACE  
DALTON, OSU**  
Mary Lauren Little

**SISTER ERNESTINE  
DAVIS, OSU**  
Mike Jones  
Dave and Diane Lohr  
Mary Ernestine Lohr  
**JEAN DECARLO**  
Michele DeCarlo  
**CATHERINE DEFELICE**  
Karen Borders  
**SHIRLEY DEFELICE**  
Karen Borders  
**SISTER JAMESETTA  
DEFELICE, OSU**  
Mary Alice Fortner  
**SISTER VERA DEL  
GRANDE, OSU**  
Felicia Ray  
**SISTER ASSUMPTA  
DEVINE, OSU**  
Emily Elizabeth Devine  
Jerrold and Carla Rosen

**GEORGE AND LUCY  
DIYORIO**  
Angela T. Schell  
**SISTER LAURA DUERR,  
OSU**  
Mary Louise Fischer  
**SISTER AMELIA DUES,  
OSU**  
Daniel and Martha Dues  
**SISTER GEORGE LINE  
DUES, OSU**  
Daniel and Martha Dues  
**DR. HERMAN ECHSNER,  
JR.**  
Joan M. Echsner  
**SISTER ELAINE ECKERT,  
OSU**  
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**SISTER GEORGIANA  
EISENBACK, OSU**  
G. Kenneth and Elise  
Eisenback  
Carol A. Frerman

Eileen Hardesty  
**SISTER REBECCA  
EISENBACK, OSU**  
G. Kenneth and Elise  
Eisenback  
Carol A. Frerman  
Eileen Hardesty  
**NORMAN EVE**  
Viola R. Eve  
**JANE FAITH**  
Anne Klapheke  
**SISTER CLARITA  
FELHOELTER, OSU**  
Mari DeCuir  
**LUCY FERREIRA**  
Colleen Freeman  
**SISTERS WHO TAUGHT  
AT ST FRANCIS,  
MORGANTOWN, WV**  
David DeCarlo  
**DR. WILLIAM FREEMAN**  
Colleen Freeman

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and meetings. With a sad heart, I joined in the prayer vigils organized by CMN (Catholic Mobilizing Network) for the seven men who were executed in July, August and September, due to the death penalty being resumed in our country.

Our active Social Concerns Committee is currently offering a virtual course: JustFaith Classes on Racism. I am reminded of Nelson Mandela's words as I read the materials for this course: "Our world is not divided by race, color, gender or religion. Our world is divided into wise people and fools. And fools divide themselves by race, color, gender and religion." These classes are small, but helpful steps in working towards a more just society, one without systemic racism. One of our books for class is by Austin Channing Brown, *Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness*. In her book she greatly enlightens me as to how she lives in her skin as a person of minority color in our country,

all the time showing the pride and strength of her character. It is a "must read" for all of us.

A community of people whom we must appreciate are the migrant farm workers who keep food on our tables. I was fortunate to be invited to participate in the Zoom meetings of a group who advocate for the Immokalee farm workers in Florida. I am also assisting with the ESL (English as a Second Language) program by helping nine adult students. Thank you and God bless our migrant farm workers!

We were very disappointed when Sue and Yuli could not travel from Peru to attend our Chapter meetings in-person, but they attended virtually. We are pleased and very hopeful with the results: the election of our Peruvian Sister Yuli Oncihuay to the Leadership Council. Among many gifts that Yuli brings to leadership and to our community is simply that she is Latina, a woman with another outlook, other experiences, a different culture than



*Associates Vilma Tello, Carmen de la Cuba (vice-principal) and Sister Kathy Neely gather before a 2019 school Mass at Santa Angela Merici School in Carmen de la Legua, Peru.*

our white culture. Yuli, her people, our Peruvian Associates, and our Associates of other countries enrich us with their cultures. They share with us a wealth that money cannot buy: diversity, which enriches us all. Pope Francis has released his new encyclical, "Fratelli Tutti: On Fraternity and Social Friendship." This publication is surely timely! If EVER we need to think, work and BE sisters and brothers to each other, the time is NOW. 🙏

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### **SISTER ODILIA GADLAGE, OSU**

Mary Burch

### **SISTER VERA GARDNER, OSU**

Wilson W. Bryan

### **SISTER ESTELLE GATHOF, OSU**

Richard Barrett

### **SISTER MARY JOYCE GEORGE, OSU**

Malcolm and Karleen Robertson, Jr.

### **ROBERT GIPPERICH, SR.**

Patsy Gipperich

### **SISTER GEORGINE GRABENSTEIN, OSU**

Rita Crabtree

### **SISTER MARY CARMELITA GRANTZ, OSU**

Mary Lou Mangold

### **THE GRISANTI FAMILY**

Betty L. Griffith

### **THE GUENTHER FAMILY**

Paula and Jim Rice

### **ALVIN GUENTHER, SR.**

Paula and Jim Rice

Jeanette Saddler Taylor

### **PHYLLIS HAAG**

Betty Jean Born

### **RONNIE HAGAN**

Barbara and Bud Simmons

### **ROSE HAGAN**

Barbara and Bud Simmons

### **SISTER MARGARET ANN HAGAN, OSU**

Marilyn and Bob Beam

### **WILLIAM HANS**

Joan G. Hans

### **THE FUDUAH HATEM FAMILY**

Rev. Donald Maroon

### **EUNICE HATEM**

Rev. Donald Maroon

### **MARY HATEM**

Rev. Donald Maroon

### **MICHAEL HATEM**

Rev. Donald Maroon

### **PAUL HATEM**

Rev. Donald Maroon

### **PETER HATEM**

Rev. Donald Maroon

### **SISTER CECILIA HATEM, OSU**

Ronald and Suzanne Bona Hatem

Rev. Donald Maroon

### **SISTER GEMMA HATEM, OSU**

Ronald and Suzanne Bona Hatem

Rev. Donald Maroon

### **SISTER JOVITA HATEM, OSU**

Ronald and Suzanne Bona Hatem

Rev. Donald Maroon

### **SISTER THOMASITA HAYES, OSU**

Lynn and Chris Hall

### **CAROL HECKMAN**

Donna J. Burton

### **SISTER JUSTINA HEINTZMAN, OSU**

Mark and Donna Sinkhorn

### **SISTER JEANETTE HELLMANN, OSU**

Raymond Balint

### **ANTHONY HILDENBRAND, JR.**

Linda Walker

### **SISTER JOSEPHINE HILDENBRAND, OSU**

Linda Walker

### **SISTER MARY HILDENBRAND, OSU**

Linda Walker

### **PATRICIA SADDLER HUGHES**

Jeanette Saddler Taylor

### **PATSY HULSEWEDE**

Joanne Hammond

### **JOSEPHINE HUMPHREY**

Brother Larry Humphrey, FSC

### **DAVID JANSING**

Joan M. Echsner

Mary Ann Larkin

### **RAYMOND C. JONES, SR.**

Diane Jones

### **MARTHA KAMER**

Marie Schaefer

### **ELEANORA KELTY**

Katherine L. Manger

### **EDITH KEMPER**

Karen Borders



# Holy Housekeeping

BY ELLEN MCKNIGHT

Heavenly help came from housekeepers Janice Buford and Marva Finley who kept 82,000 square feet of Motherhouse space clean and orderly for the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville for decades.

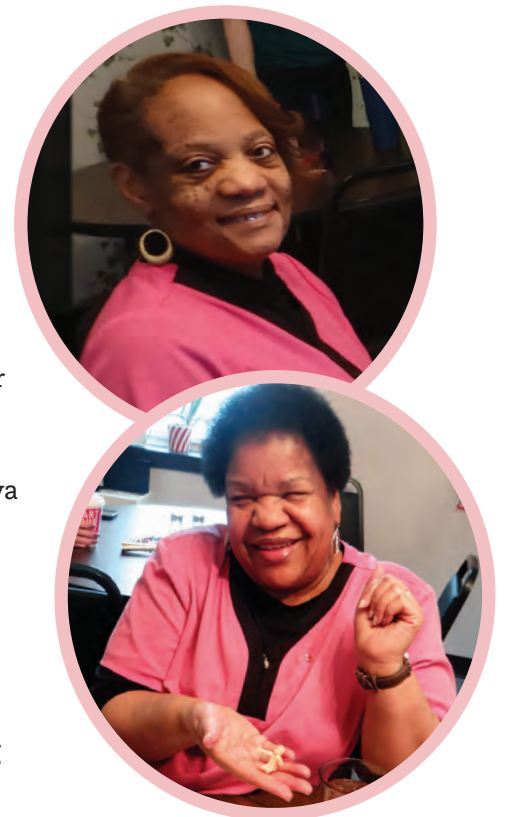
Janice spent 35 years on the Ursuline campus in several buildings, including Marian Hall (former nursing facility), Brescia Hall (former USAE administration building) and finally, the Motherhouse. Joining her at the Motherhouse in 1990 was Marva, who worked with her for 30 years.

Janice remembered an experience with Sister Rosaria Nadeau when she knocked on her bedroom door to clean. Announcing herself several times with no answer, she entered. Sister was sitting up in her chair, not moving. Janice thought she had passed away and started to phone her supervisor when Sister Rosaria opened her eyes and laughed out loud, saying, "I bet you thought I was dead!" Well, that is exactly what Janice thought, and she said it took

her awhile to recover from Sister Rosaria's prank.

Marva, on a bus coming home from working at a nursing home, saw Janice and told her she was looking for another job. Janice encouraged her to apply to work for the Sisters. That happenstance bus conversation resulted in a new job and a few special mentors for Marva over the years: Sisters Dolores Hudson, Dorothy Frankrone and Angela Killmeier. Marva credits Sister Angela with teaching her to read. Marva is also gifted with a beautiful singing voice, which could be heard on occasion wafting through the hallways.

When Sacred Heart Schools took over the housekeeping duties of all campus buildings, including the Motherhouse this past spring, Janice and Marva left to pursue other opportunities. Their time on the Ursuline campus will always be remembered with deep gratitude by all of us. 🙏



*Janice Buford, top, and Marva Finley, bottom, at a 2019 Mardi Gras staff celebration. Marva found the baby in the King Cake!*

## OUR GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

### NORBERT KEMPER

Karen Borders

### STEVE KEMPER

Karen Borders

### SISTER REGIS MARIE KENNA, OSU

Margaret Byers

### GEMMA KESSEL

Rev. Donald Maroon

### MARIE ANTOINETTE KING

Nancy and Joseph Cammarano

### FRANK KIST

Ann Kist

### SISTER MARY WILLIAM KLIPSCH, OSU

Pam Klipsch

### SISTER HERMAN JOSEPH KORESSEL, OSU

Arthur Beaulieu

### AMANDA KRUSE

Frances Ann Tompkins

### SISTER WILLET TA KRUSE, OSU

Judith Kruse

### SISTER ANASTASIA LEGA, OSU

Mary Lauren Little

### WILLIAM LEGE

Robert Schmuckie

### SISTER MARY ISABEL LEHMENKULER, OSU

Anne Dabkowski

Colette and Tom Dumstorf

Mary Louise Fischer

Colleen Freeman

James Hughes

Bob and Sally Lehmenkuler

Rosemary Ross

Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine

### SISTER CHRISTINE LESOUSKY, OSU

Cathy Bannon

Louise and Richard Eiswirth

### SISTER MARY LAVINIA LESOUSKY, OSU

Louise and Richard Eiswirth

### MARGARET M. LINCOLN

Rev. Daniel Lincoln

### SISTER GEORGE MARIE LONG, OSU

Eithne McMullen

### SISTER PATRICIA LOWMAN, OSU

Gail Ann Meyer

Bob and Joyce Pfadt

Katherine Sniegion

Jim Wilberding

### SISTER LORRAINE MAGINOT, OSU

Anne Blim

Colette and Tom Dumstorf

Ronda Hauss

James R. Hildenbrand

James Hughes

Kathleen Maginot

Judy O'Neil

Linda Walker

### PATRICIA A. MAGUIRE

A. Louise Strehle

### GIL C. MANGOLD

Mary Lou Mangold

### ABRAHAM MAROON

Rev. Donald Maroon

### MSGR. REV. WILLIAM MAROON

Rev. Donald Maroon

Rev. Donald Maroon

Rev. Donald Maroon

### ROSE M. MAROON

Rev. Donald Maroon

### TERESA MARTIN

Anonymous

### EDWARD MATTINGLY

Kathryn Mattingly

### MARY THERESE MATTINGLY

Kathryn Mattingly

### HELEN MAZZOLI

Mary Margaret Caster

Rosanne Dillon

Mary Hamer

Imelda Kargl

Betty Marcellino

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Jo Ann Zimlich

# Payback Becomes A Planned Gift

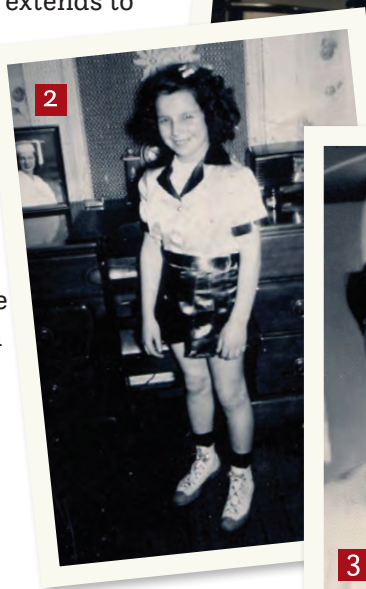
BY ELLEN MCKNIGHT

From school to career to retirement, Judy Michels, a 1957 alumna of Ursuline Academy (UA) in Louisville, was always involved. In school it was teen clubs, basketball and working at the food counter of a drug store to help with high school tuition. After graduation from UA, Judy worked at the Bell South Telephone Company for 35 years. When she retired from “Ma Bell,” she answered a call of a different kind—volunteering at Marian Home, a nursing facility where Ursuline Sisters resided from 1977 to 2010. Judy visited the Sisters, helped with meal trays, and delivered seasonal gifts. Of those early volunteer experiences, she says, “Many happy days followed, and some wonderful friendships were formed.”

Judy knew that if you stayed connected to the Ursulines, you are never really retired! Volunteering led to a partnership with Sister Carl Marie Hulsewede, a strategic bargain hunter. Sister Carl Marie started

a small white elephant sale at the Ursuline Sisters’ annual card party. Judy joined Sister’s effort to turn the sale of bargain items into a fundraiser to buy Christmas gifts and specialty items for the Sisters at Marian Home. Even after the card parties and white elephant sales ended and the Sisters moved to another nursing facility, she continued the tradition of giving gifts to the Sisters.

Her gift giving also extends to the Sisters’ future needs. At the suggestion of Sister Angelice Seibert, who developed the Ursulines’ Planned Giving program, she included the Louisville Ursuline congregation in her will. Inclusion, she says, “...is payback for all they have done for me.”



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### JEANNE MCGINTY

Joyce Simmons

### THOMAS MCTIGUE

Patricia McTigue

### SISTER HERMINA

MILTENBERGER, OSU

Charlie and Jane Beard

### SISTER ROSAIRE

MILTENBERGER, OSU

Charlie and Jane Beard

### MILDRED MINGUS

Joyce Simmons

### SISTER CARMENCITA

MOORE, OSU

Jeaninne Sandlin

### TODD FRANCIS MOORE

Betty and Daniel Moore

### GLORIA MOSES

Dolores DiMaria

### SISTER MARY MUELLER, OSU

Ruth Mueller

### PATRICIA MULLIN

Mark Kohut

### MARY ROSE VONBOKERN

MURROW

Sandra and Robert Fitz

### SISTER ANNUNCIATA

MUTH, OSU

Anthony and Julia Armstrong

Bob and Bev Armstrong

Dorothy Breckel

Colette and Tom Dumstorf

Patricia Eckert

Anthony and Nancy Heagney

Sharon Holliday

James Hughes

Lisa Orr

Dorothea Redmon

James and Jane Redmon

Diane and Hugh Smith

Maudie Vance

### SISTER BERNADINE NASH, OSU

Rita Agnes Clifford

Michael and Kathleen Dicken

Mary Louise Fischer

Mary Henehan

James Hughes

Margaret Keane and Greg

Masterson

Mary Ann Larkin

Robert and Patsy Nash

### SISTER MARLENE OETKEN, OSU

Donald and Kathy Clem

Maureen and Mike

Vandeveld

### SISTER FRANGETTA

OLGES, OSU

Naomi and Jim Olges

### SISTER RITA OLGES, OSU

Naomi and Jim Olges

### PAUL PASLICK

Charmaine Paslick

### SISTER BERNARDA

PASLICK, OSU

Charmaine Paslick

### SISTER MILDRED PASLICK, OSU

Charmaine Paslick

### CHARLOTTE PASSAFIUME

Kathy Passafiume

Phyllis White

### SISTER MARY SEBASTIAN

PASSAFIUME, OSU

Mary Lee Broyles

Norma C. Fisher

### SISTERS OF ST. PATRICK'S,

NORTH PLATTE, NE

John Marquette

Mary and Bernie Pieper

### CLARA PAULIN

David W. L. Paulin

### FRANKLIN PAULIN

David W. L. Paulin

### THE SISTERS WHO

TAUGHT AT SS PETER AND

PAUL IN CUMBERLAND, MD

William A. Leasure, Jr.

### SISTER CLETA PFAADT,

OSU

Bob and Joyce Pfaadt

### SISTER EVELINA

PISANESCHI, OSU

Janet I. Pisaneschi

### SISTER CONSUELO PRICE,

OSU

Doris Ann Price

### SISTER MARY CARMEL

PRICE, OSU

Raymond Balint

### SOPHIA REEDER

Joann O'Keefe





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### Judy shared memories past and present of:

- her parents who sacrificed to send all eight of their children to Catholic schools.
- twelve years of Ursuline education, first at St. Anthony parish school and then at Ursuline Academy (UA), both in Louisville.
- a love for basketball—playing the sport and being the mascot for the BIG team that played in the city league.
- the Sisters at Ursuline Academy who helped her get a job at Ferry Brothers Drug Store near Churchill Downs, where her customers included racetrack jockeys.
- her favorite teachers: Sister Joyce Georgel, Sister Assumpta Devine and Sister Nicholas Stuber.
- friendships with Sister Carl Marie Hulsewede, Sister Jamesetta DeFelice and Sister Macrina Stermec through volunteer activities.
- annual trips to Gulf Shores, Panama City and Destin, Florida with friends and family.
- playing cards with former classmates and phone company co-workers.

## OUR GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

### ELIZABETH R. ROBERTS

James Barbee, Jr.  
Martha Fluhr  
John and Dolores Roberts  
Richard and Carol Shutt  
**SISTER MARY DENISE ROBERTS, OSU**  
Elizabeth R. Roberts  
John and Dolores Roberts  
**SISTER MILDRED MAE RUEFF, OSU**  
Elizabeth Bonifer  
Mary Beth Bowling  
Colette and Tom Dumstorf  
Mary Ann and George Feger  
Ellen and Thomas Giesler  
John and Yvonne Held, Jr.  
Sue Hinkebein  
James Hughes  
Judy and Robert Noble  
Rueff & Associates  
Leisa Schulz

St. Patrick's Leprechauns  
Alexis Stevenson  
**SISTER ANNETTE RUTLEDGE, OSU**  
Michael and Helen Duncan  
Kevin Jeffrey  
Peter Rutledge  
**DICK RUZICKA**  
Patricia Hughes  
Mary Marlene Wolf  
**HILDA RALEY SADLER**  
Jeanette Saddler Taylor  
**FLORENCE SCHADE**  
Peggy Dougherty and Family  
Brian and Connie Mattingly  
Terese Merrill  
Rick and Jean Sibley  
**SISTER FRANCES SCHAF, OSU**  
Betsy Covell

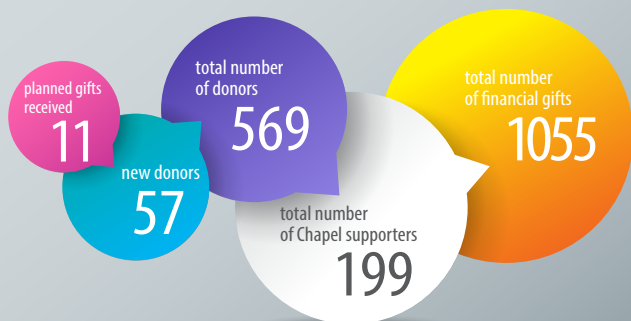
**THELMA SCHARFENBERGER**  
David and Judith Scharfenberger  
**SISTER SYLVIA SCHLEGEL, OSU**  
Harold and Roseanne Schlegel  
**MR. AND MRS. PAUL SCHMIDT**  
Regina H. Schmidt  
**SISTER MARY TERENCE SCHMITT, OSU**  
Mary Lauren Little  
Gail Ann Meyer  
**SISTER MARY MARGARET SCHMOLL, OSU**  
Mary Louise Fischer  
**GRETCHEN SCHMUCKIE**  
The Morgan Family  
Rosemary Schmuckie

**JAMES MAURICE SCHMUCKIE, SR.**  
Rosemary Schmuckie  
**FORREST SCHOENBACHLER, SR.**  
Anne Schoenbachler  
**SISTER DOMINIC SCHULER, OSU**  
Karen M. Medley  
**SISTER JULIA SCHULER, OSU**  
Karen M. Medley  
**SISTER GERTRUNELLA SCHUTTE, OSU**  
Marilyn and Bob Beam  
**CLARENCE AND DOROTHY SCHWEINHART**  
Clarissa Duvall  
**SISTER LEO SCHWIEMAN, OSU**  
Dorothy Bearden

**SISTER ANGELICE SEIBERT, OSU**  
Rev. Daniel Lincoln  
**DECEASED MEMBERS OF SHA 1959**  
Joan McGregor  
**MIKE SHAUGHNESSY**  
Rita H. Shaughnessy  
**SISTER THECLA SHIEL, OSU**  
John and Betty Bentz  
**JACK SIEMERS**  
Catherine Siemers  
**EMILY SIMMONS**  
Barbara and Bud Simmons  
**SISTER MARY DONALD SINKHORN, OSU**  
Mark and Donna Sinkhorn  
**MERRY M. SPARANO**  
Peter Sparano

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The Ursuline Sisters of Louisville are educators, innovators and influencers. Since 1858, they have taught, consoled, guided, mentored and nurtured thousands of men, women and children far beyond the geographical boundaries of their founding city, Louisville.

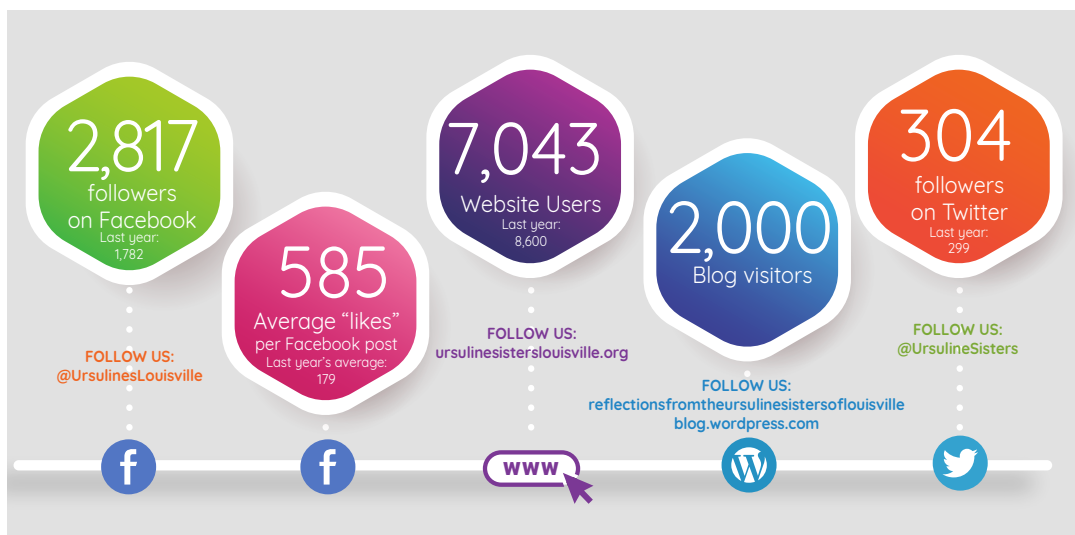
The relationship between the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville and benefactors is and always will be a special connection—sacred, sincere and supportive. Thank you. You are a blessing.

—Ellen McKnight, Director of Development

## Social Media and Website Review:

We continue to increase followers on all social media, including our blog. Please check out our new website for our Angela Merici Center for Spirituality: [amcspirituality.org](http://amcspirituality.org). Thank you for reading, "liking," sharing and retweeting the good news of the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville!

—Kathy Williams,  
Director of Communications  
and Public Relations



All statistics shown are from July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020.

## OUR GIFTS IN MEMORY OF: July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

### THE SPRAUER AND DOERR FAMILIES

Joyce Doerr

### DONALD STAUBLE

Deborah Armbruster

### GERRY STAUBLE

Deborah Armbruster

### EDWARD STEINMETZ, JR.

Mary Steinmetz

### MARGARET WANTLAND STEMLE

Joe Stemle, Jr.

### KENNETH STEPHENSON

Martha Stephenson

### WILLIAM STONE

Rita Stone

### BERNARD STREHLE

A. Louise Strehle

### SISTER JANE STUCKENBORG, OSU

Colette and Tom Dumstorf

James Hughes

Mary Ann Larkin

### SISTER TERRACINA

Yvonne Mongan

### FRANCES ELIZABETH BERRY THACKER

Mary Ellen Tucker

### MEMBERS OF THE C. THOMAS FAMILY MORGANTOWN, WV

A. Charles Thomas

### SISTER PATRICIA ANN THOMPSON, OSU

Marilyn and Bob Beam

### LILLIAN TURNER

Mary Louise Turner

### CLAUDE AND MARY TWIGG

Lucille C. McIntyre

### DECEASED CLASSMATES OF UA CUMBERLAND '59

Mary Lou Dawson

### SISTERS OF URSULINE ACADEMY, PITTSBURGH

Margaret Byers

### LIVING AND DECEASED URSULINE SISTERS OF LOUISVILLE

Patricia Chervenak

### URSULINE SISTERS WHO TAUGHT AT ST. RITA

Shirley L. Miller

### ELIZABETH VIERLING

Judith Schmitt

### MARY ROSE VITTITOW

Alvin Stuckenborg

Jada Stuckenborg

Maria Stuckenborg

John and Michele Walker and family

David and Gwen Watson and family

### GERALD VOWELS

Mary Kathryn Vowels

### MILDRED M. VOWELS

Darlene Stoddard

### SISTER ANTONIA WAGNER, OSU

Kate Revers

### HARRY WALKER

Linda Walker

### SISTER CONCETTA WALLER, OSU

Marilyn and Bob Beam

### SISTER VICTOR WALLER, OSU

Marilyn and Bob Beam

Maureen and Mike Vandevelde

### SISTER ANTHONY WARGEL, OSU

Paul and Patsy DeBorde

Robert and Cynthia Heleringer

Jerry and Nancy Kleier

Cesar and Nene Macatangay

Larry and Mary Belle Newby

Gerry and Carol O'Farrell

Alan and Susan Ziliak

### MARY ANNE WEBER

Pamela Gregory

### ANN C. WILLIAMS

Mary Lou Mangold

### NANCY WILLIAMS

James and Mary Rogers

### SISTER MARY JEANINE WOLFF, OSU

Ann Kupper

### SISTER ROSALITA WUERSCH, OSU

Sharon Holliday

Stephen and Theresa Pallardy

### SISTER THEOPHANE WUERSCH, OSU

Stephen and Theresa Pallardy

### SISTER VINCENTIA YARNALL, OSU

Eugene and Rosemary Turano

### JAMES ZUGG

Judith Zugg



# Presence of Ursuline Sisters and Associates

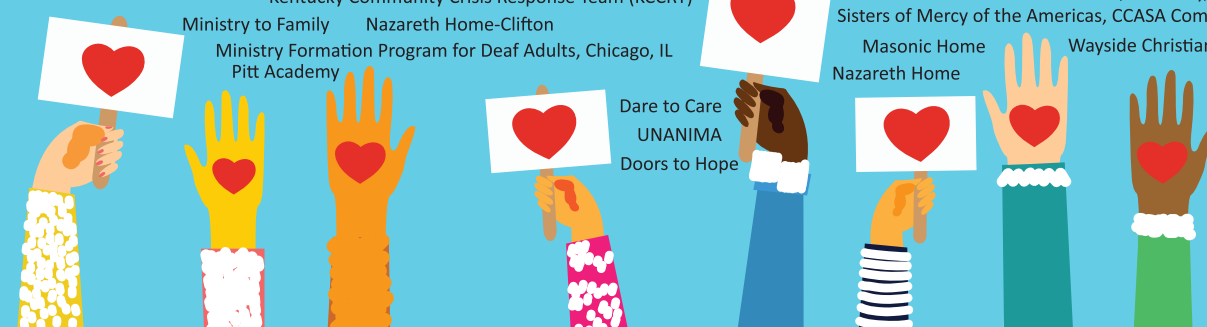
## From July 1, 2019–June 30, 2020

### 41 Sisters were either employed or volunteered at

# 64

## organizations

Norton Children's Festival of Trees and Lights  
 Kentucky Correctional Institute  
 Saint Luke's School, Ogallala, NE  
 Civic Association for the Support of  
 Kentucky Cancer Program  
 for women, Pewee Valley  
 Every 1 Reads, Breckenridge-Franklin  
 Special Needs Persons of the Province  
 Holy Trinity Parish  
 Rosebud Reservation  
 Francis Center Kid's Café  
 Elementary School  
 of San Miguel, Cajamarca, Peru  
 Saint John Paul II Parish  
 National Association of Catholic Chaplains  
 Escuela Parroquial Santa Angela Merici  
 Spiritual Direction  
 Family Community Clinic  
 UP for Women and Children  
 Santa Angela Merici School, Carmen de la Legua, Callao, Peru  
 Jefferson County Master Gardener Association  
 Sacred Heart Academy  
 Our Lady of Lourdes Parish  
 Jesuit Spiritual Center, Milford, Ohio  
 Ministry to Family  
 Canonical Consultant and Presenter  
 Water With Blessings  
 Saint Paul Catholic Church, Lexington  
 Saint Stephen Martyr Parish  
 Family Life Center, Portland, Fairdale, Louisville  
 Carmelite Sisters of Louisville  
 Archdiocesan Choir for Special Occasions  
 Hildegard House  
 Befriender Hospital Ministry  
 Saint Frances of Rome Church  
 Saint Luke Center, Lexington  
 Saint William Parish  
 Beechmont Community Center  
 Grannies Respond  
 Archdiocese of Louisville  
 Open Hand Kitchen  
 American Cancer Society  
 Mercy Home Health, Iowa City, Iowa  
 Sacred Heart Schools  
 United Methodist Church Mobile Medical Ministry  
 Shively Area Ministries  
 Saint Mary's Center  
 Plowshares Farm Center for Education  
 Saint Louis Bertrand Catechesis  
 Saint Vincent de Paul Open Hand Kitchen  
 Norton Audubon Hospital  
 and Spirituality, Buffalo, KY  
 of the Good Shepherd Program  
 Ministry to the Ursuline Community  
 United Crescent Hill Ministries Meals on Wheels  
 Holy Trinity Parish  
 Hand in Hand Ministries  
 Ursuline Associate Community  
 Centro Latino, Shelbyville  
 Kentucky Community Crisis Response Team (KCCRT)  
 Ministry to Family  
 Nazareth Home-Clifton  
 Saint Wenceslaus Parish, Iowa City, Iowa  
 Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, CCASA Community  
 Ministry Formation Program for Deaf Adults, Chicago, IL  
 Masonic Home  
 Wayside Christian Mission  
 Pitt Academy  
 Nazareth Home



## There are...

## 223 Associates

in the U.S. and Peru

## 53 Sisters

in the U.S. and Peru

All statistics shown are from July 1, 2019–June 30, 2020.

## ESTATE GIFTS RECEIVED: July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

Mary Boldrick  
 Elizabeth "Betty"  
 Bradley  
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 Mary Margaret  
 Nie  
 Evelyn Reed  
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 Janet Schweitzer

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Mail to: Mission Advancement Office  
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## Stay in Touch!



We don't want you to miss out on Ursuline news, events or updates. Please notify us of any address, email or phone number changes so we can keep you informed!

- Fill in the contact information on the remittance envelope and mail it back to us.
- Email us at [kbradley@ursulineslou.org](mailto:kbradley@ursulineslou.org)
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## In honor of its 25th anniversary, Sacred Heart Schools has named their annual Appalachian Gift Drive "The Sister Brendan Appalachian Gift Drive!"

If you would like to donate, please make checks payable to:

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 c/o Jane  
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 Lexington  
 Road  
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### Sacredly Centered

We are only \$300,000 from our goal of \$3.5 million goal for the fundraising campaign to preserve the Motherhouse Chapel! The board and donor-restricted Chapel Preservation Fund was established in 2017 with donations to be used for much needed upgrades, repairs and renovations to this century-old sacred space.

Help preserve this epicenter of spiritual life for the Ursuline Sisters and Sacred Heart Schools. Please use the enclosed remittance envelope for your gift and designate the Chapel Preservation Fund. Inclusion in your planned giving is also an option.

*Pray with Us Online!*

*Advent Vespers, Sundays at 4:30 pm ET*

*November 29, December 6, 13, 20*

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