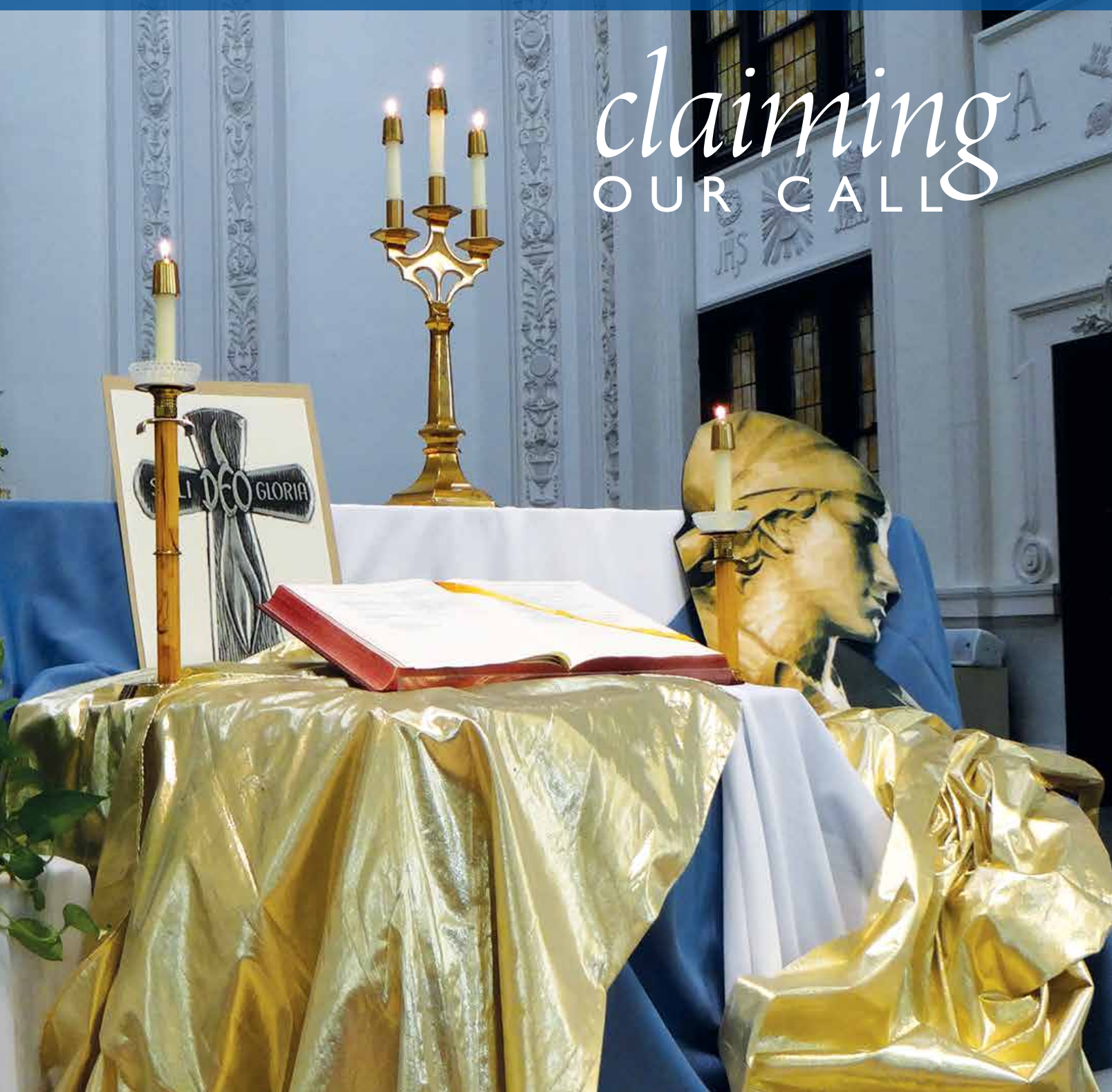


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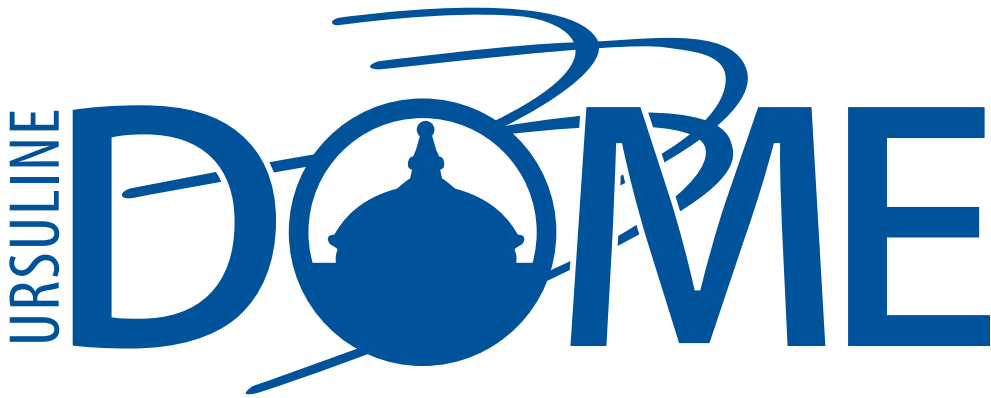
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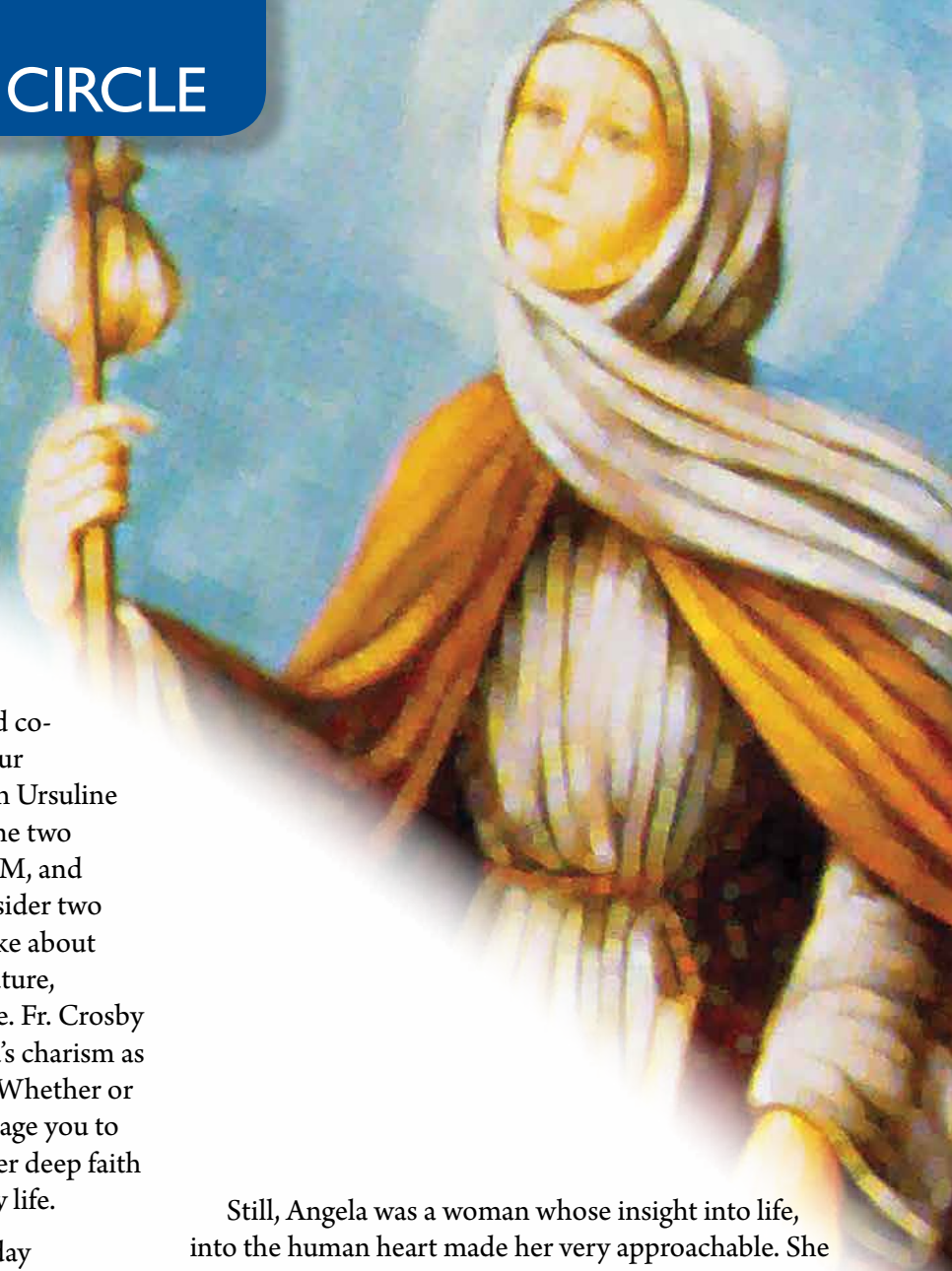


from the
LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

Recently Ursuline Sisters, Associates, and co-workers had an opportunity to strengthen our Ursuline connections at the North American Ursuline Convocation, July 7-10, in Louisville, KY. The two keynote speakers, Sr. Sandra Schneiders, IHM, and Fr. Michael Crosby, OFM, invited us to consider two facets of Angela's way. Sister Schneiders spoke about religious life and its development into the future, particularly in various forms of dedicated life. Fr. Crosby encouraged us to radically reimagine Angela's charism as we respond to issues in our evolving world. Whether or not you attended the Convocation, I encourage you to meditate upon Angela's way of integrating her deep faith and contemplative prayer right into her daily life.

Many prompts surround us in our everyday experiences and language. Today we often hear the phrase "buy local," encouraging us to purchase from nearby farmers and businesses. It is a call to be mindful of the earth, conserving energy by not purchasing items shipped from great distances. In some ways, Angela's charism would resonate with the "local" people of today. Though she did go on pilgrimages and she traveled to other cities at times, Angela lived a very local life. In her time, walking was the way she went to church, to visit her companions, to go about her daily life.

I believe that a unique part of Angela's charism is the way she related to the people surrounding her and the way that positively impacted her surroundings or her neighborhood. I can imagine Angela walking in the city of Brescia giving and receiving greetings to the people she met. She was understood by the people to be a living saint as they witnessed her prayerful ways, her presence in the churches of Brescia.



Still, Angela was a woman whose insight into life, into the human heart made her very approachable. She was, to use her own words, like a piazza. That is, Angela was a warm, open, hospitable person in her attitude and words. She touched many people and, at the same time, Angela was influenced by and learned from those she met. In this issue of the DOME, some of our sisters write about how they live in their neighborhoods and how they understand Angela's charism in that light. There is not space enough to describe how all of us positively impact those we encounter each day. No matter where we live, no matter our life commitment, each of us is living into a deeper understanding of Angela's gift, her way of following Christ. Through our lifetimes we grow into Angela's charism, her gift to us, to the church, and to the world.

Sister Agnes Coveney, OSU
Sister Agnes Coveney, OSU
Vice President, Ursuline Sisters of Louisville

Sr. Janet Marie Joins 870 Other Women Religious in Rome, Italy



Above: Sr. Janet Marie and Sr. Susan Gatz, SCN

Care of the planet, world issues, religious life, and solidarity as we would like to live it—these themes represented topics for discussion at the 2016 Plenary Assembly in Rome, Italy, for leaders of congregations of religious sisters. Ursulines of Louisville President Sister Janet Marie Peterworth attended.

The meeting was orchestrated by the International Union Superiors General, which provides a forum where leaders of religious congregations can share experiences, exchange information and mentor one another in their role as leaders.

Sister Janet Marie commented on the cultural diversity of those present. “There were 11 languages being translated at all times,” she explained, adding that women religious who had attended the meeting before noticed an increase in the number of sisters from Africa and India. “It speaks to where the vocation growth is.”

Ursuline Community Thanks Outgoing Associate Call Director

Having served as director of the Associate Call program for nearly five years, Ursuline Associate Theresa Butler retired August 1. Theresa took the helm of the program in Fall of 2011, and logged many miles visiting associates in South Carolina, Maryland, Nebraska, Peru and elsewhere. The Ursuline Community wishes to thank Theresa for her service and friendly spirit, and welcomes Bay Baltes, who will now lead the program forward.

Ursuline Community Helps Refugee Family Settle in Louisville

Through the efforts of Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement ministry and sponsorship from the Ursuline Sisters, a family of eight arrived in Louisville from Pakistan on Friday, April 1, to begin their new life in the United States. Arifa, along with her seven children, one son and six daughters ages 9 to 22, were greeted at the airport and then transported to refurbished apartments. It's been a long journey for the Ibrahim family, whose application to obtain refugee status started in 1996.

The relocation project initiated through the Ursuline's Social Concerns Committee has been organized and directed by Sr. Ruth Ann Haunz. Cleaning, shopping, pick-up and delivery of furniture, donations of household items and cash, and applying the finishing touches were services performed by numerous Ursuline Sisters, Associates, employees, family and friends.



Sister Ruth Ann Haunz (far left) and Sister Rita Ann Wigginton (far right) met the Ibrahim family at the Louisville International Airport.

Dying with Dignity Has a New Address

Thanks to the vision of Sacred Heart Academy alumna Karen Cassidy, a former palliative care nurse practitioner, and with the help of individuals from the Ursuline Community and around Louisville, a former Ursuline convent was transformed into the Hildegard House, a place offering quality end-of-life care for those without a home of their own or anyone to care for them. After a year of extensive building renovation, an open house and dedication were held on Sunday, April 3, 2016. The program, followed by a house tour, started with an interfaith blessing and ribbon cutting ceremony observed by over 200 people. Renovation was overseen by Mark Clore/Clore Construction, his subcontractors, 350 volunteers and numerous supporters who gave 2,000 hours of volunteer time leading up to the dedication.

Beloved Sister and ‘Best Kickball Pitcher’ Retires



Sister Maria Goretti Lovett retired after 45 years of teaching at St. Joseph School in Columbia, SC. Former students, family and friends gathered in June to shower Sister Maria Goretti with their love and best wishes upon her retirement to the Ursuline Motherhouse in Louisville.

Louisville Ursulines Host NAULC Meeting

Representatives of Ursuline congregations from across North America convened April 12-14 on the Ursuline Campus in Louisville, KY. The North American Ursuline Leadership Conference (NAULC) tackled issues of business as well as spent time enkindling friendships. “It was a grace-filled time for all of us and the beautiful weather was a blessing for all,” described Sister Janet Marie Peterworth, president of the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville.

Sister Ellen Doyle, of the Brown County (OH) Ursulines, facilitated a day of reflective decisions. There were 27 sisters present, representing Ursulines from Brown County, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Louisville, Mt. St. Joseph, Prelate (Canada), Roman Union (Central and Eastern Provinces), Toledo, Youngstown and the Company of St. Ursula in the United States.

Ursulines Garner Recognition

In its “Salute to Catholic Alumni” event, the Catholic Education Foundation of Louisville, KY, recognized **Sister Paula Kleine-Kracht** and other distinguished alumni from area schools for their impact on civic and corporate communities.

The University of Louisville's Institute for Sustainable Health and Optimal Aging honored **Sister Brendan Conlon** with its award for “Overall Female.” **Sister Martha Buser** also was acknowledged as a nominee in the same category.

Sister Dolorita Lutsie received the Ray Day Award in March after 26 years of outstanding dedication and service to the performing arts department at Our Lady of Providence Junior-Senior High School in Clarksville, IN.

Sister Loretta Guenther was honored at the annual meeting of the St. Joseph Catholic Orphan Society earlier this year. Sister Loretta was a house parent at St. Joseph Children's Home for 36 years, and joined the Society when it came into existence during that time.

Convocation Produces Ursuline Pledge to 'Build Community'



Participants from Louisville

In light of increased tension across the United States, Ursuline congregations, gathered for their triennial convocation in Louisville, KY, released a statement offering to more vigorously live the words of their foundress, St. Angela Merici: "Build community wherever we go." (Writings of St. Angela, Fifth Counsel)

Hosted by the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville, the 2016 North American Ursuline Convocation was held July 7-10 under the banner, "A Radical Response in the Evolving World: Re-Imagining Angela's Charism."

Each congregation promised to share the statement (see sidebar) and to carry out its call to action in ways unique to its community. The Ursulines hope to promote and facilitate dialogue in their communities.

On July 7, convocation co-chairpersons, the dynamic duo of Louisville Ursuline Sisters Paula Kleine-Kracht and Jean Anne Zappa, kicked off the event after months of preparation. Participants came from 20 Ursuline communities and 33 Ursuline-affiliated schools in North America and Canada. Members of an Ursuline Congregation in Mexico were also present. All total, 176 people registered for the event.

Sister Janet Marie Peterworth, president of the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville,



announced an enthusiastic "Bienvenida!" to officially welcome those gathered in her hometown. She then shared Mayor Greg Fischer's proclamation that July 7-9 would be known in Louisville as "Ursuline Convocation Week." She also introduced a video message from Archbishop of Louisville Joseph Kurtz. During the opening liturgy participants built a "Holy Fire" stoked by the recitation of each congregation's mission statement and by the candles of its members.

Sister Ellen Doyle, Ursuline of Brown County, served as facilitator for the event. The convocation's keynote speakers included Dr. Sandra M. Schneiders, IHM, who spoke on embracing the radical response of consecrated religious life, and Father Mike Crosby, OFM, who spoke on the mystical and prophetic call to religious life as a follower of St. Angela Merici. Many breakout sessions were offered by a handful of Ursuline Sisters of Louisville and colleagues, local and from afar.

Many individuals within and beyond Louisville contributed to the successful gathering, which included moving and uplifting liturgies planned by the Liturgy

Statement of Solidarity

The North American Ursuline Sisters, Associates and Collaborators at our meeting in Louisville are shocked and saddened by the continuing violence in our country. We call for respect for each individual person. Our differences are not a cause for violence among us, but an opportunity for dialogue and finding solutions in this challenging era.

Our foundress, St. Angela Merici, calls us to:

- "Live in harmony, united in one heart and one will."
9th Counsel
- "Be bound together by the bonds of charity, respecting one another, helping one another, supporting one another."
9th Counsel
- "Build community wherever we go."
5th Counsel

We pledge to live the call of non-violence and compassion through our prayer, our thoughts, words and deeds, and to participate in dialogue and actions in our local areas which will contribute to reconciliation and understanding.

Committee The convocation ended as it had begun, with the singing of "Holy Fire." "There is a fire burning strong and bright in the heart of your people, O God."

Peruvian Journal

Summer 2016

With the help of a generous family earlier this year, Carmen Vasquez Nicodemos, a physical therapist from Chiclayo, Peru, began full-time service to our patients at the St. Angela Merici Rehabilitation Center in San Miguel. Carmen serves an average of 30 patients and their families each month (as of April 2016). The number of their weekly sessions varies, depending upon patient needs.

In March an internist, Sonia from San Juan Clinic-Lima, spent her two-week vacation at the Center volunteering her expertise to help patients who need speech and language therapy.

As of April, 2016, Miguel Ugaz Montenegro now serves as the Center's full-time general coordinator. He executes work plans, oversees activities and personnel, plans meetings and coordinates with other institutions who serve the Province of San Miguel.

With financial help in the 2016 town budget, the new mayor, Dr. Julio Vargas, his council, and with the assistance of generous people outside and within San Miguel, construction began on the Center's ramp and public bathrooms.

Your sisters, Yuli, Kathy, Sue



1) Peruvian flags in front of altar offer a colorful visual during liturgy. 2) (L-R) Sisters Kathy Neely, Yuli (Julie) Onchiuay and Sue Scharfenberger gather to greet donors. 3) Donors and their families sing AQUÍ ESTOY SEÑOR in the Motherhouse Community Room.

Conversation Updates Donors about Progress of Peru Ministry

On Sunday, July 24, a group of donors attended mass and lunch at the Motherhouse to catch up with Sisters Kathy Neely, Sue Scharfenberger and Yuli (Julie) Onchiuay about the Ursuline Peru Mission. While the three sisters were stateside this summer, it was a good opportunity to hear firsthand about their efforts in San Miguel and Callao.

After mass and lunch, donors convened in the Community Room where Peruvian objects, photo albums and travel itineraries were on display. Sister Kathy spoke about her work with the rehabilitation center, Sister Sue shared about working with the Peruvian people to learn ways to work against a system that is ripe with government corruption, and Sister Yuli gave an animated presentation in Spanish about her work in the Montessori classroom with young

children. She spoke about education as the way of empowering girls and women to take charge of their lives and not be a victim of domestic violence and human trafficking. Nothing was lost in her translation, thanks to Sister Sue's niece, Maria Scharfenberger, who sat beside Sister Yuli and gave an explanation in English.

Since 1964, Ursuline Sisters have had a presence in Peru. Today, Sisters Kathy, Sue and Yuli remain there to work with families and oversee projects to improve the quality of life for many through healthcare, education, spirituality and social justice. The Ursuline Sisters of Louisville are grateful to numerous Peru benefactors for continued support of this ministry.

Community Days

Tuesday, July 26, 2016

Islamic Center

Sisters, associates and co-workers board a bus at the Motherhouse for a field trip to the Louisville Islamic Center (River Road Mosque) for a tour and talk with the center's Imam. The visit was arranged to actively follow the Ursulines' Chapter directive to foster cultural sensitivity.



The Imam at the Islamic Center answered questions from the group about Islamic beliefs and traditions.



Wednesday, July 27, 2016

Associate Covenant Signing

New Ursuline Associates in Louisville, KY, sign covenants in the Motherhouse Chapel as their companions, the Associate Call director and president of the Ursuline Sisters witness their special commitment.



Ursuline Associates gather to renew their covenant agreements.

Thursday, July 28, 2016

Jubilarian Liturgy



70th Jubilee
(L-R) – Sisters Mildred Mae (Anselm) Rueff, Evelina Pisaneschi and Mary Brendan Conlon



40th Jubilee
Sister Loretta Krajewski



20th Jubilee
Sister Yuli Oncihuay



60th Jubilee
(L-R) – Sisters Rosella McCormick, Mary Martha (Joseph Marie) Staarman and Rose Ann (Mary Luke) Muller

Thursday, July 28, 2016

Missioning Ceremonies at Motherhouse & Sacred Heart Home

Sisters, associates and co-workers are blessed at the Missioning Service in the Motherhouse Chapel. Cards were handed out, asking each person to deepen her or his call by sharing the Ursuline Charism throughout the year.



Sisters in residence at Sacred Heart Home receive a blessing from the Ursuline Leadership and sisters at their Missioning Service.



Be sure to check out our photo gallery of the 2016 Community Days at ursulinesisterslouisville.org!

SOWING THE SEEDS OF VOCATIONS IN NEBRASKA

100 Years of Ministry in Nebraska (1916-2016)

PART TWO OF A THREE PART SERIES

Sister (Mary Joanella) Shirley Ann Simmons ENTERED IN 1942

Sister Shirley Ann lived and boarded with a Catholic family in North Platte, NE, so she could attend St. Patrick High School. She had planned to attend Kearney State Teacher's College in Nebraska and become a teacher as her mother had been. However, it was during the Depression Era and times were difficult. When she graduated from high school with a 4-year scholarship to Ursuline College, she didn't think it wise to give up the opportunity of using it even though "I wasn't fond of going so far from home."

During her freshman year of college, she felt called to become a religious sister, so in January of that year, she was received into the Ursuline Order in Louisville. Sister Shirley Ann taught for 48 years and then served as a pastoral minister for eight years. Today she lives at Sacred Heart Home "with lots of memories of bygone days."

Sister (Stanislaus) Theresa Kruml ENTERED IN 1951

In third grade, a priest told Sister Theresa Kruml that one day she would be a religious sister. However, she received no advice as to where she should go. When she was a student at St. Patrick Academy in Sidney, word came that Sister Rosalin Schaeffer, then the Ursulines' Mother Superior, was visiting. Sister Theresa sought her out. "(Mother Rosalin) requested written permission from my father during halftime at a football game."

All was set in motion. When Sister Theresa made her final profession she had to rewrite her Will because she was a minor when first professed. Her 21st birthday occurred on an Ash Wednesday while she was teaching first grade at St. Vincent de Paul School in Louisville. From there she went to St. Rita School in Okolona, KY, where her largest class was 69 first graders. "They were good as gold because my religious name was Sister Stanislaus and they thought I was Santa Claus."

Sister (Francis Marie) Georgia Jean Kruml ENTERED IN 1953

Sister Georgia Jean Kruml attended a country school in rural Nebraska until a conversation between her father and a priest in her hometown of Ord, NE, prompted the placement of Sister Georgia Jean and other siblings at St. Patrick's High School in North Platte, NE. Because of distance, the children were boarders. Sister Georgia Jean caught the eye of Sister Vincentia Yarnell. "She took an interest in me," Sister Georgia Jean remembered. Sister Vincentia suggested that she join the band, which she did in her sophomore year and by her junior year she was playing the drums and having a grand time. (2016 marks Sister Georgia Jean's 26th year with the Holy Name Band in Louisville.) Coming in contact with the Ursuline Sisters prompted the young student to contemplate a religious vocation, and soon she was an aspirant studying at Sacred Heart Academy in Louisville, KY. She entered the novitiate in 1953.

Sister (Loyola) Clara Fehringer ENTERED IN 1954

Sister Clara Fehringer's hometown in Colorado did not have a Catholic high school. Her parents planned that each of their 13 children receive at least one year of Catholic education. Thus, she spent her last two years of high school at St. Patrick Academy in Sidney, NE. "It was there that I got to know the Ursuline Sisters."

Memories of daily life as a boarder recall the care of the Ursulines. "It was the dedication of the Sisters who taught us all day, supervised our after-school activities, cooked our meals, and made certain we were safely tucked in at night that influenced my decision to dedicate my life to God as a vowed religious Ursuline."



Top: Ursuline Sisters serving in Nebraska in the 1960s
Bottom: Srs. Loretta and Shirley Ann with school children



Sister Rosella McCormick ENTERED IN 1956

Sister Rosella McCormick's family moved to North Platte, NE, and she enrolled at St. Patrick High School run by the Ursulines. Relative to discernment of her vocation, Sister Rosella says she is still on that path. She feels deeply that God tries hard to get us where God wants us. "It is more God's doing than ours. Made in God's image and likeness, we all have that Divine DNA which is so powerful."

Hindsight is 20/20 vision and she says that certain factors led to her entrance in 1956. What played a significant role in her discernment to religious life included witnessing how important the Catholic faith was to her mother, meeting Ursuline Sisters when she was seven years old, understanding how "God's hook" reels us in, and witnessing congregational living when she was a young adult in the secular workforce. Sister Rosella feels that life with her birth family and with her Ursuline family are truly blessings!

Sister (Concepta Marie) Mary Lee Hansen ENTERED IN 1957

Holy Cross School Principal, Sister Mary Geraldine, RSM, a life-time friend of Sister Mary Lee Hansen, planted the seed of her vocation at a young age. She attended a public high school before enrolling at Creighton University and working part-time at Mutual Benefit. Creighton University professor, Father James Kramper taught and guided her to the Ursuline Community. "He introduced me to his cousin, Sister Michaeline Kramper, and Sister Mary Brendan Conlon. He believed this community suited me best because the Ursuline Community's charism, 'A contemplative love of God and openness and eagerness to serve the needs of others,' then and now is the basis of religious life in the Ursuline Community."

Sister (Dorcas) Shannon Maguire ENTERED IN 1967

It was at Blessed Sacrament Parish and School in Omaha where Sister Shannon Maguire had her first contact with the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville. "Little did I realize what a lifetime influence it would be for me."

Sister Isabel Lehmenkuler (who now is at the Motherhouse) was Sister Shannon's first grade teacher. "We were thrilled when she moved to second grade with us and prepared us for First Communion. It had taken us a while to get accustomed to her southern accent."

The Ursulines teaching elsewhere in Nebraska stayed at the Blessed Sacrament convent while attending the summer sessions at Creighton University. The sisters told students that the convent was very crowded and that some had to sleep in the attic— at the time they did not have air conditioning. As she reflected on her time in Nebraska she realizes, "Indeed, we were fortunate to have the Ursuline Sisters staffing our parish school."

Sister Loretta Krajewski ENTERED IN 1976

Sister Loretta Krajewski's education began in a country school two miles from the farm where her parents and five sisters lived. Her path to religious life began at home always hearing her mom say, "Out of six girls, dad and I ought to have at least one of you go to the convent."

Her family's experience of having the Dominican Sisters out to their farm aided Sister Loretta's discernment. In high school she met the Ursulines and began to think about being one like them. When she finally began investigating religious life Sister Loretta contacted the Dominicans and the Ursulines. "My parents were not surprised of what I was thinking about. They fully supported my decision." She visited both congregations and, years later, decided upon the Ursulines, making her final vows in 1980.

Would you like to read more memories?
Visit www.UrsulineSistersLouisville.org to find the expanded story and share your memories of Ursulines in Nebraska, as well.



‘Building Community’ in Neighborhoods

Showing compassion and service to others is being there for the next door neighbor, the family down the street or the participants of a neighborhood community program. Read the stories of how these Ursuline Sisters pay acts of kindness forward with St. Angela’s guidance.

Sister Martha Staarman
I live in a community of 40 apartments. I have brought ashes on Ash Wednesday and the Eucharist on Sundays when some are sick or homebound. I’ve visited a few who have no family near. There have been families who’ve had small children whom I’ve watched while their parents have had to go out for something or an emergency.

I’d like to sum this up with these words of St. Angela—
“Build community wherever you go!”

Sister Sue Scharfenberger
When I think of our neighborhood in Callao, Peru, I think of Christmas and New Year’s when the neighbors come out of their homes at 12 midnight with champagne or wine to greet each other. I remember during the (period of) terrorism we met to talk about ways we could support one another. When there is a death in a family, a neighbor goes door to door asking for donations to help with funeral expenses. Then, we gather and pray together.

Perhaps the words of Angela that ring true within us are:
“Live in harmony, one heart and one mind.”

Sister Jo Ann Jansing
Sr. Helen O’Brien and I live in the former St. Ann Convent on Algonquin Parkway. Our nearest neighbors are the men in the Dismas Charities program for parolees who have been addicted to drugs or alcohol and staff. Having them next door gives us some security, but it also makes me feel as though I am contributing in some way to their healing by being here.

Angela’s spirit of service flowed from her contemplative love of God. Helen and I pray together, do our regular daily duties, fix and share meals together, etc. Our time together strengthens us to be more alert to ways we can be of service.

Sister Helen O’Brien
I experience myself living in two neighborhoods—the “island” neighborhood that we share with about 70 men living in the former St. Ann School and Church and the residential area where I walk several times a week.

As men progress through the substance abuse program at Dismas Charities, Jo Ann and I come to know them a bit as they shovel our walks, rake our leaves, cut our hedges, tend a large garden, and respond to our needs

when we need someone stronger than we are. My most touching experience happened when a man came to the convent prior to returning home. His grandmother always had blessed him with holy water and he asked if I would do that for him.

In her fifth Counsel, Saint Angela urges us to seek to spread peace and charity. I find this seeking is a two-way street—we receive and give, give and receive!

Sister Rita Ann Wigginton
Sister Julia (Davis) and I live in the Beechmont neighborhood. Our neighbors to the left are a young Catholic family. The across-the-fence conversations are delightful, sharing gardening tips, recipes or just what is going on. Sometimes theological conversations happen over the fence or over a cup of tea inside. Interacting with the children is refreshing. Our neighbor to the right is a widow and a Baptist. She is a witness to me of putting her faith in action because she assists many young men in getting on their feet. We aren’t doing anything extraordinary. We’re just trying to be supportive neighbors, which is what I think St. Angela would want from us.

Sister Julia Davis
As Ursuline Sisters we live out our Corporate Mission of ‘teaching Christian living’ in the various neighborhoods where we reside. What a variety of opportunities we have to witness the Gospel message in the homes and hearts of our neighbors!

Our neighbors on each side of us bring us much joy. St. Angela lived in a time when the Church, society and family life were in great turmoil. She was a stabilizing influence for so many who found her guidance, prayer and compassionate spirit a mighty power in a world so in need of them.

Sister Lee Kirchner
On the Masonic Homes Campus the residents are all senior citizens. Many are lonely. I like sharing with them and listening to them on deep spiritual levels and other times just listening to their daily aches and pains. I also like the beauty of the place and often we talk about the grace we have here to enjoy this campus, and that is uplifting.

Sister Ruth Ann Haunz
I enjoy the Hikes Point/Buechel neighborhood, which is rapidly changing due to refugees and immigrants resettling in the area and living among longtime residents. I delight in the richness of the diversity and the wisdom of the older residents.

I share garden tips, ethnic recipes and spiritual counsel with neighbors, as well as partnership, friendship and service opportunities. I love it all. My presence is welcomed and mutual sharing is enriching.

Sister Barbara Bir
I live in a building of 10 apartments. In February I had a birthday party for Don who was turning 90. When eight people gathered we lit the birthday cake candles for Don to blow out. He teared up and said that he’d never had a birthday party before this one. Everyone teared up thinking about living 90 years and never having a birthday party!

The bond among us has become stronger. Some say that living alone is difficult and having occasional parties is a way of getting out of our aloneness and sometimes, loneliness, and creating community, family.

Sister Regina Bevelacqua
At Christian Village Circle, there are seven people living on the first floor, several in condos and apartments and now only one husband and wife as the husband of a neighbor recently died. Before he passed, I would leave the couple messages of my prayers and send cards while he was in the hospital. After he passed, his wife thanked me, blessing me for being there in their time of need. When I was young I used to watch the sisters go in and out of the convent and wondered what was going on inside. Now I know! I love being like Angela, reaching out to others and carrying out her Spirit.

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