



‘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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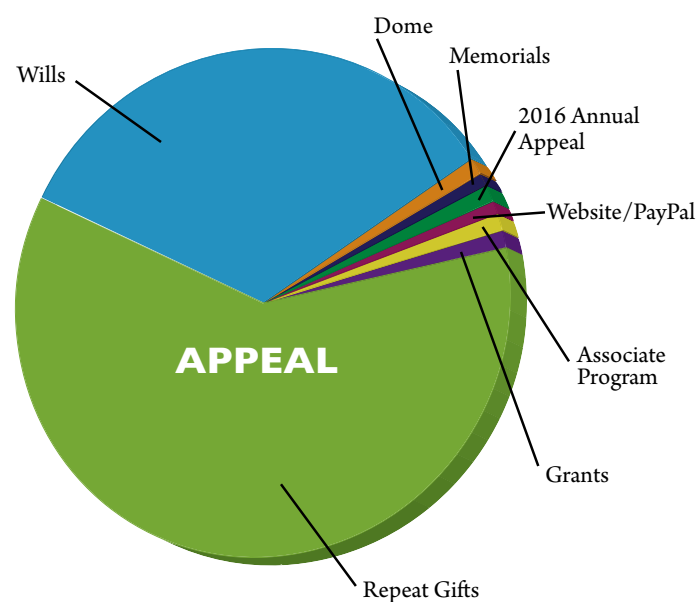
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Sister Annunciata Muth
 Nineteen years ago when I came home to Louisville, the Motherhouse was under construction. There wasn't room for me so I came out here (Masonic Homes). We have a garden that (the management) has been gracious to let me keep. I've enjoyed the people who are out when we are out. They all know us. We do things with them when we can. It's a lovely place to live.
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Sister Rita Joseph Jarrell
 I offer prayer services once a month for the (Masonic Homes) group and formal prayer services ever so often. That keeps me busy and in tune with what's going on around me. If someone falls ill, I offer my support as a certified chaplain. I've also offered group programs. Some of my patients I'm involved with through Hospice are here. I volunteer with the American Cancer Society. Some of them live here so I go and visit them in their apartments.
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Sister Clara Fehringer
 As I ponder the word "neighborhood" I am compelled to add an "s" to the word. My "home" neighborhood is a quiet, serene place with people from various cultures, ethnicities, life-styles and ages. My "ministry" neighborhood lies in the heart of the city. Here the homeless sleep on our office porch, sandwiches are distributed each day to the hungry, and daily phone calls come from those seeking financial help. Two neighborhoods--one prayer: "May the strength and true consolation of the Holy Spirit be in you all." (Angela: Prologue to Counsels)

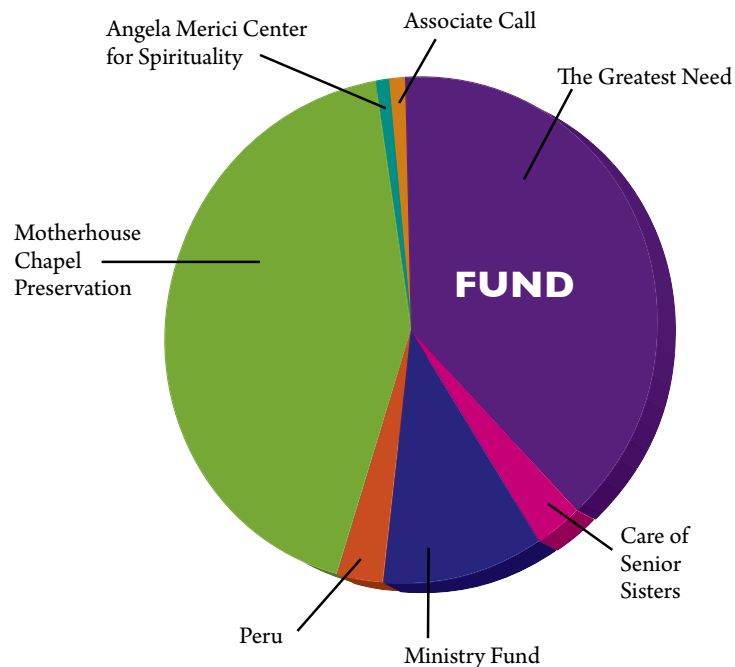
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Sleuthing Digs Up Past; Leads to 'Ring-union'



Everyone loves a good mystery: a story that ties up loose ends signaling, somehow, that all is right and good in the world. This story involves finding something small but priceless that was lost years ago, strangers making connections across generations and a house in Louisville's Butchertown neighborhood located surreptitiously on Story Avenue.

Enter Brittany Samuels and her boyfriend, Sean Struck, a young couple keen on old things and adventure.

In recent years Brittany and Sean began painstakingly renovating major portions of a vintage brick home on Story Avenue. As the two worked to clear crab grass and re-sod the front lawn, Sean made a discovery: Among numerous marbles from days gone by, he found a ring. "It's surprising that it just popped up!" said Brittany. "There were 12 wheel barrels full of dirt!"

Engraved on the gold ring with a sky blue stone, Brittany read "Ursuline Academy" and the date "1967." She also discovered the initials "MAC." The hunt for its owner began!

"I went down to the Deed Room and also talked to people in the neighborhood," recalled Brittany, who found out that a family with the last name of "Cunningham" had lived in the house for years. Now she had enough information to make a phone call.

Enter Kim Bradley, Ursuline Sisters' Mission

Advancement coordinator, also known in-house as the Data Queen. (You name it and Kim has an Excel file for it!)

"We had a couple of alumnae with the initials 'M' and 'C,'" said Kim, who also queried "Butchertown." When a promising name surfaced, she, too, made a call.

Enter Murlene Cunningham Horine: Ursuline Academy (Louisville) alumna, Class of 1967.

"When Kim first left the message I thought, 'maybe,' but when she said 'Story Avenue' I thought, 'Oh, that's mine!'"

It's a gray summer day but smiles erupt when Murlene and her sister Darlene (UA '65) park in front of their childhood home at 1657 Story Avenue. Brittany and Kim meet the sister duo; now all of the story's key players are present.

The conversation turns to what has brought this group together: the ring.

"I lost it right after I got it," Murlene says. "My mom had always accused that it was on one of my boyfriend's little fingers. All of these years I thought my brother had hawked it."

Brittany chimes in, "It feels good to know that the story's complete. She found her ring and now her brother is happy that a stranger returned it."



Murlene Cunningham Horine, Kim Bradley, and Brittany Samuels

The “Good Times” of South Carolina

The bond between the folks of Columbia, SC, and the Ursuline Sisters has remained strong through Good Times and Hard Times for 158 years!

Together we have experienced “the Hard Times”— the burning of Columbia, including the convent, in February 1865 and the failed appeals to the U.S. Congress as late as the 1930s for retribution of the destruction of the convent; the 1886 earthquake that devastated areas of Columbia; harassment of Catholics, even a pistol shot fired into a convent window that narrowly missed one of the sisters in the late 19th Century, and the losing of accreditation by Ursuline Academy in 1933 because of the lack of sisters to staff the school.

But the Providence of God and the Faith, Hope and mutual support between the sisters and the people of Columbia brought about many “Good Times,” the positive developments that are continuing into the future.

The Ursuline Sisters arrived in Columbia in September 1858, led by Mother Baptista Lynch, sister of the then bishop of the Diocese of Charleston, Patrick N. Lynch. The sisters settled in a house provided for them by Bishop Lynch and opened Ursuline Academy [today Cardinal Newman School]. The first of many “Good Times” arrived before the end of the first semester of classes as it became evident that a larger building would be necessary. When the burning of that building in 1865 necessitated a new home, the Academy continued to function in several locations, including at Bishop Lynch’s country home that was called “Valle Crucis” [Valley of the Cross]. There Ursuline Academy remained until 1889. “Good Times” returned as enrollment increased and the sisters moved into a new building on Assembly Street that served as convent and boarding/day school.

The 1930s arrived and “Good Times” countered the lack of Ursuline Sisters of Columbia as the convent of 13 sisters united with the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville, KY. The first three sisters from Louisville (Sisters Cosma Coponi, Teresita Foerster and Josephine Hildenbrand) arrived in 1936, and the next year, five more from Louisville joined them. The union of the two congregations of Ursuline Sisters became official in 1938.

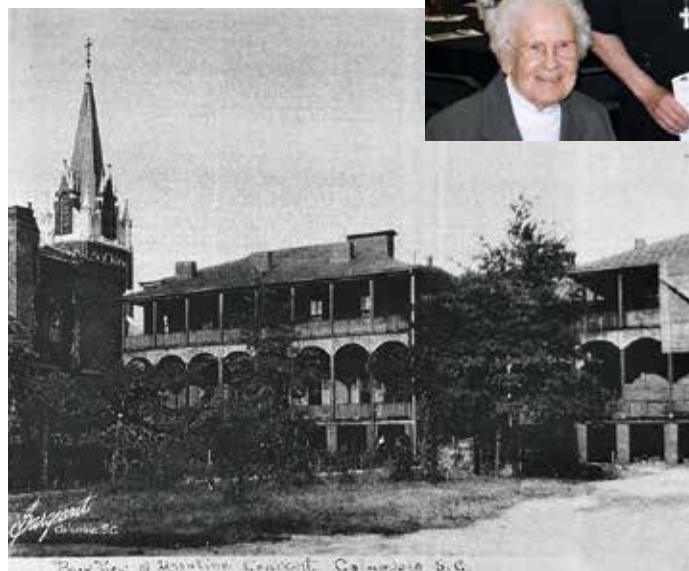
Ursuline Academy then experienced “Good Times”

when it regained accreditation and was re-named Ursuline High School in 1937, then grew into Catholic High School in 1956 and finally into the excellent Cardinal Newman School, serving grades 7 through 12, that moved into a new facility in 2016. The Ursuline Sisters continued on the faculty until 1985 (127 years) and then two sisters returned to administrative posts: Sister Julienne Guy from 1990 to 1996 and Sister Vera Gardner from 1992 to 1998.

St. Peter parish school, just down the street from Ursuline Academy, was also staffed by the sisters for 100 years, from 1872 to 1972.

“The sisters are back at Valle Crucis after 67 years, not in the lovely old ante-bellum house – that’s gone forever – but just across the Stateburg Road [Devine Street],” announced *The State Magazine* in 1954. How so? Four Ursuline Sisters: Sister Philip Soete as principal, and Sisters Matthias Ackerman, Mary Margaret Pitmon and Martina Rosenberger as teachers, joined the staff of the new St. Joseph School that opened in fall 1954 on property that was part of Valle Crucis, the Lynch plantation, where Ursuline Academy had functioned for 22 years. Ursulines remained at St. Joseph School for 72 years, until 2016, when Sister Maria Goretti Lovett retired after 45 years as a first grade teacher. She then moved to the Ursuline Motherhouse in Louisville. Sisters also served in St. Joseph parish ministry from 1992 to 2015.

“Good Times” were also experienced at other locations in the Columbia area: at St. John Newman School, where Sister Mary Anthony Wargel tutored from 1992 to



Louise Guy, Sister Julienne; Alice Rita Hogan, Sister Aidan; Esther Lovett, Sister Maria Goretti, and Joan O’Brien, Sister Helen. Another was the beginning of the Ursuline Associate Call in Columbia in 1994. Thirteen residents of the area are associates in 2016. (Associates are women and men who support each other in striving to live out, in their own state of life, the Ursuline Charism by following the teachings of St. Angela Merici, foundress of the Company of St. Ursula in 1535.) The group meets regularly for days of prayer, good works and companionship.

The people of Columbia, SC, and the Ursuline Sisters do share a long history of “Good Times” and “Hard Times!” The total ministry of the sisters, if we multiply the years at each location by the number of sisters serving at these sites, is over 850 years! Recognizing this history, the community of St. Joseph Parish honored the sisters by naming a meeting room on the second floor of their new Ministries and Administration Building, ‘Ursuline Hall.’ In 2016 the community of Cardinal Newman School dedicated its new media center to the Ursuline Sisters.

Jean Hoefer Toal, who is the first native of Columbia to sit on the South Carolina Supreme Court and who was named Chief Justice in 2000, expressed her appreciation to the Ursuline Sisters in an article in the September 14, 2000, issue of *The New Catholic Miscellany*, the newspaper of the Diocese of Charleston, SC.

“A lot of my approach to being a good judge, to the extent that I have been a good judge, has been so rooted in the education I received from the Ursuline nuns at St. Peter’s and St. Joseph’s; they gave me a foundation of understanding, beliefs and values.”

Although the Ursuline Sisters are no longer physically present in Columbia, SC, the bonds remain strong as the love, support and appreciation of the people of Columbia for the sisters and of the sisters for their sisters and brothers in Columbia are everlasting!

2002; at Fort Jackson and at nearby towns during the summers and on Saturdays as sisters in the early 1950s offered religious education to children.

Many additional developments also brought “Good Times.” Among them was the joining of the Ursuline Sisters by four young women, students of Ursuline High School:

The Gold Cross Reliquary

The origin of the Gold Cross Reliquary can be traced to France in 1793. A nobleman (name unknown) was making his way along a dark street when a passer-by accosted him.

“My son, I know who you are and that you are seeking safety in exile. Fear not, I am already denounced and am expecting death any day, but I have here a very precious treasure. It is a reliquary of value containing sacred relics that must not fall into sacrilegious hands. I confide it to you. And when you can, give it to some priest who will cherish it.”

He quickly passed a package from under his cloak to the cover of the young nobleman’s cloak. The nobleman succeeded in reaching safety in Charleston, SC. Much later, sometime during the 1840s, the nobleman met a young priest, Patrick N. Lynch, who later became the Bishop of Charleston. The man told Lynch the story and asked him to take charge of the treasure, the reliquary. He only asked that if Lynch learned the identity of the original owner that he return it to that person. That person, church or convent has not been found.



In 1858 that Patrick N. Lynch, now Bishop Lynch, brought the Ursuline Sisters to Columbia, SC. His sister, Sister Baptista, was the first superior of that community of sisters. Bishop Lynch, still in possession of the reliquary, then gave it to the Ursuline Convent in Columbia.

In 1938 the 13 Ursuline Sisters in the Columbia convent joined with the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville. Sometime after that the reliquary was moved to the Motherhouse Chapel in Louisville and until the 1990s stood on a table below the large crucifix in the Chapel.

Divine DNA

The secret of my identity is hidden in the love and mercy of God.
-Thomas Merton

Put us in a line-up with other women, my mother and I, and I would wager good money that you would be able to pick us out as being related. More than once I have heard, "Well, that apple didn't fall far from the tree." When I was young and stupid, this kind of comment would make me so angry. First, I could not see the resemblance I had to my mother; and, second, I did not want to look like my mother. I wanted, needed to be, my own person and I needed others to see me as an individual. Now having grown older, and hopefully wiser, I consider it an honor when people see my mother in me.

Her traits that are now mine are not just physical but course through my personality as well. We are both introverts and enjoy being at home. Neither one of us can understand the immense pleasure two of my sisters garner from shopping. I twiddle my thumbs around each other the same way she does and as her father did. At times I can hear her voice and laughter in mine. Like my mother, I have a desire to continue to learn beyond the formal education we have both received.

All of this thanks to what we call DNA, the building blocks of life that, until recently, mysteriously went about its business of setting hair and eye color, who would be healthy and who would develop life-altering and life-threatening diseases, personality traits, intelligence capacities and more. DNA is used in the courtroom to determine innocence or guilt and who is related to whom. It is utilized in the medical community to forewarn women about the likelihood of developing a specific breast cancer and allows them to

make decisions about their healthcare.

When I step back to reflect on DNA and what I can understand about how it works, I proclaim with the psalmist, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made."ⁱ

Father Ronald Rolheiser, OMI, author of the bestselling book, *Holy Longing*, speaks of another DNA that cannot be mapped with human intelligence and technology, but that will form us into the person we are created to be, if given the chance. He calls this "Divine DNA," the seed of God that is planted within each one of us and yearns to grow into the image and likeness of God.

As the ancient story goes, after God created the cosmos and everything that is within it, the Creator then created humanity declaring, "Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature... God created human beings; created them godlike, reflecting God's nature."ⁱⁱ This is our primal identity and fundamental purpose. Before we are our parent's children or our children's parents, before we are adherents to a specific religion or citizens of any country, before we are someone's spouse or identify with any career path, even before the mythical Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit and passed on original sin, we are created in the image of God so that we might reflect the nature of the Divine to the world.

Now, here's the dilemma: What is God's image and nature? It's not as if there is a family photo that we can look at and decide who has God's eyes, nose or hair line. Ask any four people what they perceive is God's likeness and image and you will probably get at least six different

answers. Even the Scriptures describe God's nature in numerous ways: creator, king, judge, warrior, deliverer, feminine, masculine and as inanimate objects. Jesus spoke to God using the very familiar term, abba – daddy. And finally, the author of the First Letter of St. John writes that "God is love."ⁱⁱⁱ

What we do have is someone who has revealed the invisible God to us as fully as possible in human form – Jesus of Nazareth. As we take time to get to know Jesus through the Gospels we can discern the qualities, characteristics and propensities of Abba, as Jesus was fond of calling the One who is the source of all that is.

When we reflect on the life of Jesus we see love, compassion, creativity, mercy, inclusivity, acceptance, peace and joy. Because of who we see Jesus spending time with we may assume that God is partial to those in need: the sick, disabled, those born on the wrong side of the tracks, those who are victims of cultural, societal and religious injustices and those who know that they are in need. We also get an idea of what might tick God off: self-righteousness, apathy towards those in need, judging others, a lack of compassion and placing the law over love. Within Jesus' ministry we see that God desires us to be whole through the healing of our wounds, breaking away the chains of oppression, compulsions, obsessions and addictions, opening our eyes and ears so that we might see and hear what God's ultimate reality looks like and loving us so that we know, with both our heads and hearts, that we are loved totally, beyond our imagination and without conditions.

The Divine DNA is manifested through us as we align ourselves with God through our intentions, prayer, scripture reading, reflections, the sacraments and spiritual direction. Our perceptions, ways of thinking and attitudes will be transformed. We will treat others with respect, love and compassion because we have experienced the same. Over time we will become more like the One in whose image we are created, the One in whom we live and move and have our being until, hopefully, someone someday says, "Well, that apple didn't fall far from the tree."

i Psalm 139: 14

ii Genesis 1: 26a, 27a

iii I John 4: 8b

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Sabbath Moments

Dates: The second Saturday of the month
(October 8, November 12, and December 10)

Time: 10 a.m. - 12 Noon (Bring your lunch and join us for a time of fellowship afterwards.)

Location: Brescia Hall, Building #3,
3105 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY

Cost: \$10

Taizé Prayer

Dates: The second Monday of the month
(October 10, November 14, and December 12)

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Ursuline Motherhouse Chapel,
3115 Lexington Road

Cost: Free-will offering

Intuition: Listening in the Pockets of Silence Level 1: Opening the Door

Dates: Tuesdays, October 18, 25, November 1 and 8

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Location: Brescia Hall, Building #3
3105 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY

Cost: \$89

Soul Collage

Date: Saturday, October 29

Time: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Location: Brescia Hall, Building #3
3105 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY

Cost: \$75 (includes cost of lunch and materials)

In Everything, Give Thanks

Date: Thursday, November 17

Times: 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. OR 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Location: Brescia Hall, Building #3
3105 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY

Cost: \$10



Welcome To Our Community

Most of us can remember the phrase, “Welcome to the neighborhood” for that was the opening line for the Mr. Rogers Children’s Show. We can paraphrase it to be “Welcome to our community.” The community of Ursuline Sisters and Associates.

What does the word “community” bring to mind? As a child, my community was family and my neighborhood where people sat out on front porches and knew each other. Now even though we don’t often sit on front porches in the summer since we live in a time of air conditioning, we still seek and embrace community. Many of us have found the community of Ursuline Associates to fulfill both a spiritual and a relational thirst.

Angela Merici said we should be like a piazza: A place that invites individuals to come to sit awhile; a place of openness, hospitality, graciousness and acceptance. The Ursuline Sisters have provided an amazing piazza (community) for those of us who are associates. The brochure describing the Ursuline Associate Community poses three questions which are very descriptive of the Associate Community:

- **Do you want to pray more profoundly?**
- **Serve more selflessly?**
- **Connect more spiritually?**

It is those three questions, along with opportunities to come together to share friendships, that form the foundation for the Ursuline Associate Community. Hugh Smith, an Ursuline Associate, sums up the associate experience so eloquently when he states: “The Associate Call gives me joy, friendship, spiritual growth and other opportunities to use my talents in service to others.”

Is that not a wonderful description of community?

This is my last article for the DOME as the director of the Ursuline Associate Call – the community of Ursuline Associates. My time as the director has been very rewarding. I look forward to continuing with my fellow associates, along with the sisters, on our mutual journey. And I leave this position with an invitation to others to join us. It would be a pleasure to say, “Welcome to our community.”

In Memoriam



Sister Dorothy Frankrone

March 4, 1921 - April 7, 2016

Sister Dorothy Frankrone, 95, died on Thursday, April 7, 2016, at Sacred Heart Home, Louisville. A native of Louisville she joined the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville in 1941.

Sister Dorothy served at the Ursuline Speech Clinic as a speech therapist beginning in 1968 and then as the director from 1973 to 1996. Between 1943 and 1968 she taught elementary grades at St. Boniface, St. George, Holy Trinity, St. Therese, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Rita and St. Joseph parish schools in Louisville and in schools in Jackson, MS, and Evansville, IN. In the early 1970s she also was an instructor in the education department of Bellarmine College (now University).

She was a 1938 graduate of the old Ursuline Academy and held a Bachelor’s Degree from the old Ursuline College, and a Master’s Degree in speech-language from Marquette University. In retirement she served as a Eucharistic Minister to patients at Suburban Hospital. She held membership in the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and the Kentucky Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

She is survived by her sisters, Mary Rose Frankrone Boyd and Marcella Frankrone Olliges; sister-in-law, Buelah Agnes Voris Frankrone all of Louisville, and her brother, Raymond Frankrone (Sue), of Salem, IL, as well as numerous nieces and nephews and her Ursuline Community.



Sister Patricia (Marcian) Lowman

September 5, 1921 - May 3, 2016

Sister Patricia (Marcian) Lowman, 94, died on Tuesday, May 3, 2016, at Sacred Heart Home, Louisville. Born in Orangeburg, SC, she entered the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville in 1940.

A well-loved teacher of history, she was four times named Bellarmine University’s Outstanding Professor of the year (1975, 1986, 1992 and 1996). In addition she received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree from Bellarmine in 2000 and an Honorary Diploma from Sacred Heart Academy in 2013. In Louisville, Sister Pat began her teaching ministry at St. Rita School (1942-1946) taught at Sacred Heart Academy (1958-1965) and at Ursuline College from 1965 until the merging with Bellarmine College (now Bellarmine University) in 1968. She was professor of history at Bellarmine until her retirement in 1996. She also taught in Columbia, SC, and in Omaha, NE, in the late 1940s, early 1950s.

A lover of sports, Sister Pat was the official scorekeeper of Bellarmine’s women’s basketball teams for 25 years. In 2000 she was inducted into the Bellarmine University Athletic Hall of Fame. With a love for travel, she accompanied students on tours to European and Middle Eastern countries for several summers. Sister Pat held a BA and MA from Creighton University, Omaha, NE and a Ph.D. from St. Louis University. In 1966 she studied in India as a Fulbright Scholar.

She is survived by her niece, Carol Tessem of St. Petersburg, FL, several great nieces, many friends and her Ursuline Community.

In Memoriam



Sister Annalita Fox

March 27, 1924 - May 21, 2016

Ursuline Sister Annalita Fox, 92, died on Saturday, May 21, 2016, at Sacred Heart Home in Louisville. A native of Louisville, she entered the Ursuline Sisters in 1943. Sister Annalita graduated from St. Anthony Parish School in 1938 and from Ursuline Academy in 1942. She held a BA degree from Ursuline College (now Bellarmine University) and a MA degree from Duquesne University, both in elementary education.

Sister Annalita taught at St. Vincent de Paul, St. Elizabeth, St. George, St. Helen, Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Clement parish schools and at Sacred Heart Model School in the Louisville area between 1945 and 1986. Beginning in 1986 she assisted in the offices of Sacred Heart Academy and the former Ursuline Montessori School (now Sacred Heart Preschool). Sister Annalita also taught in schools in Evansville, IN; Cumberland, MD; Conemaugh and Pittsburgh, PA.

She is survived by her brother, Raymond Fox of Louisville, several nieces and nephews, and her Ursuline Community.



Sister Rosanna Dorn

April 1, 1932 - June 19, 2016

Sister Rosanna Dorn, 84, died Sunday, June 19, 2016, at Sacred Heart Home in Louisville, KY. A native of Cumberland, MD, she entered the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville in 1951. Sister Rosanna's 20-year teaching ministry extended from 1957 to 1977 and included: St. Francis of Assisi School from 1954 to 1957 and St. Clement School from 1961 to 1962 in the Louisville area, and schools in Madison, IN; Sidney, NE; Cumberland, MD and Columbia, SC. She transitioned into parish ministry and pastoral care of the sick in the states of Pennsylvania, Virginia and Maryland from 1988 to 2008. She was a resident of Willow Valley Senior Living in Cumberland, MD, from 2008 until her move to Louisville in 2015.

Sister Rosanna received her BA in elementary education from Ursuline College, Louisville; a MLS from the University of Pittsburgh and MA in religious studies from La Salle College in Philadelphia.

She is survived by her sister, Josephine Mantheiy of Cumberland, MD; her brother, Joseph B. Dorn of Sagamore Hills, OH; many nieces and nephews and her Ursuline Community.



Father John J. Butler

August 11, 1927 - June 7, 2016

Father John J. Butler, 88, died on Tuesday, June 7, 2016, at Sacred Heart Home in Louisville. A native of Louisville, he graduated from Christ the King parish school in 1942. He attended high school and college at St. Mary's Seminary College, St. Mary's, KY, graduating in 1950. Continuing his seminary formation at St. Meinrad, St. Meinrad, IN, he was ordained to the priesthood in 1954 at the Cathedral of the Assumption by Archbishop John A. Floersch and celebrated his first Mass at Christ the King Church. Father Butler held a BA degree from St. Mary's Seminary College and MA degrees in Education and English from Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH.

Fr. Butler taught for 43 years before retiring at the age of 70 in 1997. His teaching ministry included St. Thomas Seminary, Trinity High School and Sacred Heart Academy. In 1970, while teaching at Trinity High School and then Sacred Heart Academy, he moved to the Ursuline Campus where he assumed the duties of chaplain for the Ursuline Motherhouse for nearly 42 years. He officially retired as the Ursuline Motherhouse chaplain in 2012.

He is survived by his brother, William Butler of San Fernando, CA, and numerous nieces and nephews.

URSULINE inspired

Sister Annalita (Fox) taught my daughter at Our Lady of Lourdes (Louisville, KY) and we became good friends. When she was learning to drive, she asked me to teach her how to park and she practiced in the Lourdes parking lot.

I had the privilege of visiting her at Sacred Heart Home last September. She was a beautiful person and I was proud to be her friend.

Dottie Schutz

On National Teacher Appreciation Day I am taking a few minutes to thank the Sisters of St. Clements in Valley Station, KY, and the Sisters of Angela Merici High School in Louisville, KY. I was lucky to have such well-educated and kind women teaching me back in the 1950s and 1960s. I remember very clearly Sister Paschal (Bumm), Sister Generose (Holtman) (math) and Sister Cecilia (Hatem) (music, especially Gregorian Chant!). There was also a wonderful Algebra teacher at Angela Merici, whose name I don't remember, but who gave me a clear understanding of the course. Very enjoyable.

Patricia S. Mills of South Carolina

Have you been inspired by an Ursuline Sister?

If so, we would love to hear from you.
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A Legacy Left with a Planned Gift and a Box of Memories

By Ellen McKnight, Director of Mission Advancement

On a cold morning in January of 2016, a few of us gathered at the gravesite of Mary Margaret Nie to lay her ashes to rest and pray for her eternal peace. She was an only child, graduated from Sacred Heart Academy in 1948, never married and was predeceased by all of her relatives. Included in the gravesite gathering was Ursuline Sister Paula Kleine-Kracht, two funeral directors, her wealth manager and her associate, presider Father Jim Mudd and I. On that quiet, cold, winter morning, we prayed in solidarity and were honored to be present as her “family.”

Learning about one’s history and connections to the Ursuline Sisters that elicits a planned gift decision can be a sleuthing process. Her information in our data base and from her legal representatives gave us only a few details about her life after high school graduation. It wasn’t until we were given a small box of personal items including photos, postcards, letters and her diploma that pieces came together of a happy and well-traveled life. An employee badge among her personal effects identified her in sales at the former Stewart’s Dry Goods Company in downtown Louisville. She

lived in neighborhoods close to the Ursuline Campus where she attended high school, before residing in a nursing home until her death in 2015.

Her Will was drafted in 1977. We can only surmise that her decision to include the sisters as beneficiaries almost 40 years ago, resonated a strong faith-based connection that started with her family and extended through her Ursuline education. As stewards we will see Mary Margaret’s generous gift, her legacy, live on through financial support to the congregation’s senior sisters, their greatest needs and for the sisters’ ministerial works of mercy and compassion for many. We are grateful to Mary Margaret for planning her Legacy Gift.



Are the Ursuline Sisters included in your Will?

Let us know by checking the box on the remittance envelope in the DOME and returning it to the Mission Advancement Office or contact Ellen McKnight at emcknight@ursulineslou.org or calling her at (502) 515-7526.