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The Gift of Our Charism

Christmas is about gifts, isn't it? It is about God's gift of Jesus to the universe. Because of this event, Christians give gifts to each other at Christmas. But God does not stop with giving the gift of the Son to us humans; God also gives us, humans, special gifts.

In the 16th century God gave a special gift to Saint Angela Merici of Brescia, Italy. It was the gift of loving God in a deep contemplative way...a way that led her to serve others in whatever way they needed. In church terms that gift is called a charism. Recently Benedictine Sister Joan Chittister described charism as "a living passion for whatever dimension of the life of Christ—peace, truth, healing, mercy—is missing now; is missing here; is missing in our time; is missing where we are."

The Ursulines of Louisville have taken Saint Angela's gift and made it their own. We use these words to express her charism today: "A contemplative love of God resulting in an openness and eagerness to serve the needs of others." That is the gift that we have tried to give to everyone we've served.

At our annual gathering of Sisters and Associates last summer, I mentioned that, like any family, we will never live the gift of our charism exactly alike. There will be family resemblances, there will be family traits, there will be certain ways our voices sound alike and certain things we do alike, but we will never live our charism life exactly alike. And this is a good thing for our Charism family because therein lies life and growth and variety and color and branches and newness and excitement and...on and on.

The picture that the dancers hold up on the cover of this Dome is a replica of the small card that each Sister and Associate received at our summer

gathering. The picture carries with it a command. It carries with it a mission. If you read between the lines, maybe vou can see that it asks us all to figure out what

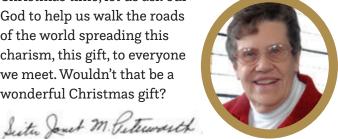
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of Saint Angela Merici and the Ursuline SIsters of Louisville is a contemplative love of God resulting in an openness and eagerness to serve the needs of others.

dimension of the Ursuline Charism is missing now. What dimension can you, our friends and donors, bring to the Ursuline Charism? You are part of our charism family, too. Do you see what is missing in your world, in your time, where you are?

We have been given this gift, this charism. At this

Christmas time, let us ask our God to help us walk the roads of the world spreading this charism, this gift, to everyone we meet. Wouldn't that be a wonderful Christmas gift?



Sister Janet Marie Peterworth, OSU President, Ursuline Sisters of Louisville

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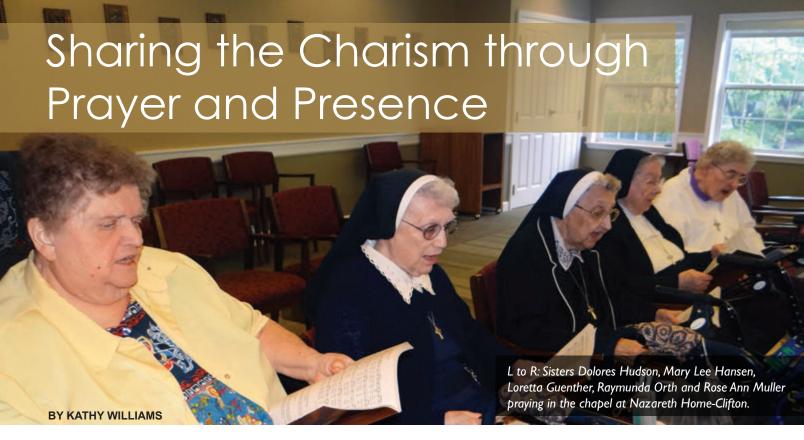
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Clara – Harper Hawkins, Nutcracker – Emmy Hamilton (and our very own Sister Janet Peterworth)

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Ursuline Sisters of Louisville are called by their charism to be contemplatives in action. As the Sisters age, the inevitable trials and physical diminishment of growing old are accompanied by rich gifts and graces, in large part because of the gift of their charism.

Indeed, old age is not a negative to the Sisters; rather, it can awaken a new ministry of prayer and presence with rich blessings and rewards. The Sisters who reside at Nazareth Home-Clifton find

their ministry of prayer and presence quite fulfilling. Recently, they have been taking turns sitting with a resident, Anna, who is "on her way to Heaven," as Sister Dolores Hudson shared. "We don't want anyone to pass from this life alone. It's part of being an Ursuline."

The Sisters are the unofficial greeters in the dining hall, and they recognize every person's birthday at Nazareth Home-Clifton. Their ministry is not limited

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to residents either—nurses, aides and other staff come to them for prayers. Sister Raymunda Orth said that they are often told, "We depend on your prayers." They pray for an individual Ursuline Sister each night, and their days are full with morning rosary, Mass, and afternoon and evening prayer.

The Sisters pray for friends, family and Associates. They respond to all prayer requests that come to the Ursuline Sisters. They also manage to squeeze in activities with other residents in between their prayer sessions!

As Henri Nouwen said, "Have you ever thought that coming of age might also be the way to light?" With their years of accumulated wisdom and grace, these Sisters are showing so many the way to light and truth, and we are all richer because of their ministry.



Growing older offers us a time to behold more fully, as Simeon did, the glory of the Lord. Though old of body, Simeon's spirit was alive, young, forever anticipating the revelation of the Lord. He became in the end the contemplative soul he was meant to be.

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Dr. Cindy Crabtree 2018 Angeline Award Recipient



Sister Janet M. Peterworth, "Saint Angela Merici", and Dr. Cindy Crabtree

BY KATHY WILLIAMS

Dr. Cindy Crabtree, president of Sacred Heart Schools, is the 2018 Angeline Award recipient. Every two years, the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville honor a woman whose life reflects the Ursuline charism: "A contemplative love of God resulting in an openness and eagerness to serve the needs of others." One could say Cindy's entire life has been modeled on being open and eager to serve others as a result of her Catholic faith and love of God.

One of five children, and the oldest girl, Cindy grew up in the south end of Louisville, and attended St. Clement Elementary School, where she was taught by Ursulines. She graduated from Angela Merici High School (AM), class of 1975. "I was Ursuline-educated from first grade all the way through," Cindy says.

After graduating with a BS in nursing from Spalding University in 1979, Cindy worked in critical care as a nurse. After earning her Masters, then receiving her Doctorate in Educational Leadership in 1997 from Spalding, she was named Dean of Spalding's School of Nursing, a position

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she held until 2003. Since 2003, Dr. Crabtree has served as president of The Ursuline Campus Schools, now renamed Sacred Heart Schools.

—Dr. Cindy Crabtree

Cindv recalls the feeling of coming full circle when she interviewed for the position, as Sister Jean Anne Zappa, a former teacher of hers at AM, was on the selection committee! It seems Cindy was destined to work in an Ursuline-founded school, as she has had so many Ursulines as teachers. Cindy recalls that Sister Lorna Weiler (who still works at Sacred Heart Academy) was her first grade teacher, and Sister Judy Rice taught her religion at AM. Sister Shannon Maguire was the student council moderator at AM, and Cindy was on the student council for all four years.

While she was at AM, Cindy took college prep English and grew close to Sister Colette Kraemer. Sister Colette would always tease her that she had difficulty with split infinitives. Cindy jokes, "I still don't know what those are today!" Sister Colette was in the Mission Effectiveness position with the Ursuline Campus Schools when Cindy started and would proofread Cindy's writings.

Of the Ursuline connection on campus, Cindy believes that, "Our students know so much more about Saint Angela and the Ursulines than I did as a student. It was almost like osmosis—you assumed you knew about the Ursulines because you had them.

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Cindy credits the Office of Mission Effectiveness with projects that intentionally connect the students as young as



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preschool age with the Sisters, increasing the Catholic identity visually on campus, and giving the students an appreciation for Saint Angela Merici and the Ursuline Sisters. Cindy explains, "The lay people on campus feel like they've been entrusted with something very special, so they work even harder to ensure that the heritage is preserved."

The Ursuline-inspired events continue to grow. The Sacred Heart Academy freshmen are all going to have their retreats on campus this year, in part to build community and understand the "Holy Ground" that they are on. As Cindy says, "It is amazing to think that this small group of women came out to this property 'in the country' in 1877 and here we are today on it as a result."

A few of the accomplishments during her tenure at Sacred Heart Schools include a successful \$9.55 million capital campaign, a rebranding to the name Sacred Heart Schools, a diversity initiative, a fiveyear Promising Futures Strategic Plan, and currently, the process to become a campus-wide International Baccalaureate accredited school district.

Additionally, Cindy serves on Holy Cross High School's board, as well as on the board at Brightside Louisville, which is dedicated to uniting people and green activities to help the planet. Cindy and her family are longtime parishioners at St. Albert the



Dr. Cindy Crabtree with her husband, Kevin, and their three children: Chelsea Anderson, Ashleigh Crabtree and Kevin Crabtree, Jr.

Great Parish, where she is a Eucharistic Minister and is on the Social Concerns Committee. This committee partners with other area churches to collectively meet the needs of the poor, hurting, and vulnerable in their community.

In one of the many letters of recommendation that were sent in about Dr. Crabtree, Greg Daunhauer stated, "Saint Angela said, 'Strive to be faithful to that which God has called you.' It is my humble opinion that God has called Cindy Crabtree to serve in her role as the leader of SHS, and many young women and men have benefitted from her guidance and love."

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Sister Pat: A Gift to Bellarmine

Celebrating the Year of Ursuline

In recalling the 1968 merger of Ursuline College and Bellarmine College, Sister Pat (Marcian) Lowman said, "It was a must. Neither of us could survive on our own." Sister Pat had taught at Ursuline College for three years when the merger took place. "I loved teaching there, and later on, it was such a good thing. But it was very difficult at first. We felt we were submerged because we were smaller." 1

Reluctantly joining the Bellarmine faculty at first, Sister Pat taught history at Bellarmine for 31 years, and soon became a beloved teacher on campus. A lover of sports, Sister Pat embraced her Bellarmine Knights and was the scorekeeper for women's basketball for 29 years. She retired in 1996, after receiving an honorary doctorate and having the distinction of being the last Ursuline Sister on Bellarmine's faculty.

Sister Pat entered her heavenly life in 2016, but her memory lives on in her fellow Sisters and former students. Paul Hosse '88 BC, remembers, "She was a wonderful example of not just what a professor or nun should be, but what a human being should strive to be. Rest well, Sister Pat."



1. Quotes of Sister Pat from Bellarmine Magazine, summer 2008, Forty Years of Merger by Dianne Aprile. Photo: Geoff Oliver Bugbee

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Celebrating the Year of Ursuline

50th Anniversary of Ursuline College and Bellarmine College Merger

Bellarmine University and the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville have been celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Ursuline and Bellarmine colleges merger in style!

A. Thursday, September 6, featured a booth at the Bellarmine University Involvement Fair in Bellarmine's quad. The Sisters had giveaways for Bellarmine students who signed up for the Meet-A-Sister Day on October 28.

B. Friday, September 14, the Annsley Frazier Thornton School of Education's Teacher Education Induction Ceremony featured remarks by Ursuline Sister Paula Kleine-Kracht in Bellarmine's Nolen C. Allen Hall.

C. Sunday, October 28, Meet-A-Sister Day included Ursuline Sisters and Bellarmine students working on a service project together, followed by Mass in Our Lady of the Woods Chapel on Bellarmine's campus.





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Alumni Association Awards Dinner Friday, February 15, 2019 at 7 p.m.

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Monsignor Horrigan Distinguished Service Award: The Ursuline Sisters of Louisville

This award will celebrate the rich history of the Ursuline Sisters and the many benefits Bellarmine University gained from the merger. The current President of the Ursuline Sisters, Sr. Janet Marie Peterworth, '61 UC, will accept on behalf of the Ursuline Sisters.

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BY BAY BALTES

Beginning in 1873, with the entrance of Rose Krebel (Sister Mary Cyrilla) into the Louisville Ursuline community, the Cumberland, Maryland area (in the western part of the state) has produced 100+ Ursuline Sisters of Louisville over the years. It is also home to a vibrant Associate Community of more than 40 lay women in the Maryland/West Virginia area, where there are no longer any Ursuline Sisters in ministry.

As Director of the Ursuline Associate Community, I travel there twice a year to meet with the group for a mini retreat, but the Cumberland leadership team is the primary force providing guidance to the group. Lois Miltenberger, Joan Bundy and Mary Ann Peer are currently serving in leadership.

The mini retreats start with 8:30 a.m. Mass at Saints Peter and Paul Church in Cumberland. After Mass, we gather in the parish hall for breakfast and fellowship. At 10 a.m. there is a business meeting and after that the planned retreat session gets underway. Following lunch a service is held in the parish hall, during which Associates renew their covenants. The day ends with the 4:00 p.m. weekend Mass at Our

Lady of the Mountains Church in Cumberland.

The rest

of the year, Associates gather for monthly listening sessions and group discussions which center around their view of the **Associate Community** and its sharing of the charism through ministry

and spirituality.

Many of the ministries sponsored by Cumberland Associates are a continuation of ones started when there were still Ursuline Sisters serving in the area. Bereavement activities, transporting the ill to medical appointments, and

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- 1. Cumberland Leadership: Mary Ann Peer, Joan Bundy and Lois Miltenberger
- 2. Jean Bradshaw at her signing cermeony
- 3. Sister Martha Buser, author of In Your Midst, speaks to the Cumberland Associates during a visit in April.

preparing meals for the homebound are examples of these services that the Associates continue to provide to the larger community. During the summer months, Associates provide sack lunches to hundreds of needy school children in the area. The Associate community also started a phone tree years ago which they use to keep in touch with members who aren't able to attend meetings and Associate sponsored gatherings.

They also make robust outreach efforts to members

Did you know?

Any Christian woman or man, married or single, who desires to share the mission and charism of the Ursuline Congregation may apply to be an Associate.

The candidate must be:

- a minimum of 18 years of age
- willing to become familiar with the tradition and history of the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville
- willing to commit herself/himself to furthering the mission and charism of the Sisters
- willing to share in Ursuline celebrations. days of prayer, reflections and retreats

of local parishes to inform them of the Ursuline Associate community. At a recent meeting a proposal was floated to print a brochure and distribute it to every parish in the Cumberland/LaVale/Frostburg/ Ridgeley area. I am continually impressed by how extensive their various ministries are and how wide their outreach. The Cumberland Associate Community is a model of lay persons providing ministry in a cohesive and spiritual way!

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Former Religious is Forever Connected

BY ELLEN MCKNIGHT

Paula Hunt Fangman was born in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, the first child of Henry and Frances Hunt. They were administrators and teachers in rural school systems and inspired her career as an educator. It was also serendipitous that the Ursuline Sisters were part of Paula's academic life from grade school through college. She cites deceased Sister Merici Burke as the person who prepared her to teach.

While at Ursuline College, Louisville, Paula made a decision to join the order and became a postulant in 1950. In 1966, she enrolled in the University of Kentucky to pursue her doctorate in education. While there, she attended Mass at the Newman Center on campus, assisted with their programs and met Father Tom Fangman, with whom she became friends.

She returned to Ursuline College, taught in the education department and then took a position as a faculty member in the education department in the newly merged Bellarmine-Ursuline College, later becoming the department chair for one year.

Paula recalls, "The '70s were a time of great turmoil in the Church. There was a huge demand for reform and involvement of lay people in the Church. After making a summer retreat, I decided to ask for a dispensation from my vows." Tom, who was still in ministry as a priest and taught at

Thomas More College, asked for a dispensation, left his community and relocated to New York. Paula and Tom stayed in contact.

Eventually, they married, lived briefly in New York, then moved to New Jersey,

where they would spend the next 25 years. A call from Catholic Charities changed the course of their lives. With no children of their own, they became foster parents, caring for a boy who had emigrated from Vietnam and eventually six more Vietnamese children, of which two pairs were brother and sister.

When their foster children were grown and gone, Tom and Paula moved back to Kentucky and joined a parish in Shelbyville, where they participated in the parish's music ministry, coordinated religious programs and became Hosparus volunteers.

Paula's decision to remember her Ursuline community in a different way came after Tom died of cancer in 2002 in the Hosparus Unit where they had both volunteered.

In revising her will, Paula tapped into her experiences as an educator, former religious, loving

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Donations must by dated by December 31 to ensure a 2018 gift. Thank You!

wife, foster parent and volunteer to direct a lasting tribute to the Ursuline Sisters.

Today, Paula continues to live the charism of Saint Angela Merici by serving as a board member and volunteer at Centro Latino, a non-profit that educates, motivates and helps Hispanic families gain access to trustworthy support systems.

- 1. Sister Paula Hunt
- 2. Sister Paula Hunt, 1970-1971 Chairperson of the Education Department at Bellarmine-Ursuline College (now Bellarmine University)
- 3. Paula and Tom Fangman celebrate their wedding



Paula Hunt Fangman

- Ursuline College Alumna
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Channeling the Fire

BY GINNY SCHAEFFER

We often find it hard to believe that we have anything in common with saints. Even a small, seemingly meek peasant woman like Angela Merici can appear to be way out of our league. After all, she bucked the convention of her day and chose neither the veil (got married) nor the wall (became a cloistered nun). She found a third way that allowed her to remain a single woman living in her village serving the poor, the sick and the outcasts. She said no to a pope presence; and as we begin and travelled as a pilgrim, even though she was blind at the everyday encounters and time. She was the first woman experiences, we become to write a "Rule" for a religious more open and receptive community and she is known to

have had at least one vision.

However, we all have one thing in common with Angela: the fire that burned within her also burns within us. We may call it by different names today: animating energy, life force, spirit or breath of God; but still the same fire that enlivened Angela seeks to energize us.

How we channel this fire is what we often call spirituality.[i] Everyone has a spirituality. Yours may or may not be religious in context. It may be conscious and intentional or subterranean. It may be life-giving or destructive. Spirituality takes many forms.

The Ursuline Sisters of Louisville have discerned the spirituality of St. Angela as a "contemplative love of God and a resulting openness and eagerness more aware of God's to serve the needs of others." But.

what does that mean? Most of us understand an "openness and eagerness to serve the needs of others." It's the "contemplative love of God" that might be a bit confusing.

As followers of Christ, we believe that God is incarnational and that the most perfect expression of God is found in Jesus. But God does not restrict God's expression of self through the one-and-only Jesus.

God also reveals God's self in a multitude of ways: through nature and other people, through scripture and prayer and through our everyday experiences

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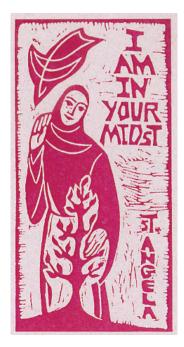
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and encounters. Our task is to wake up, pay attention and learn to recognize God's characteristics and presence.

As we become more mindful of our lives, we can become more aware of God's presence; and as we begin to recognize God in our everyday encounters and experiences, we become more open and receptive to God's love for us. We begin to understand that every act of love, kindness, generosity, affection, tenderness and mercy are extensions of

God's love. Becoming more aware and receptive of God's love enables us to become open and eager to return love for love. We seek to love God in return, and we do this by loving who and what God loves.

This is how we describe Angela's spirituality, how she channeled the fire that burned brightly within her: she loved because she experienced love. We would do well to channel our fires as Angela did hers.

ANGELA MERICI CENTER FOR SPIRITUALITY **PROGRAM & RETREAT SCHEDULE**

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Taizé Prayer

Dates & Times: Second Monday of the month

(December 10) 7:00 pm Cost: Free-will offering

The Angela Merici Center for Spirituality will offer an opportunity for contemplative prayer during this Advent season.

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Dates & Times: Second Saturday of the month

(December 8) 10 am-12 pm

\$10 (Bring your lunch and join us for fellowship afterwards)

Topic: Vision of the Kingdom of God, as part of the monthly Sabbath Moments series sponsored by the Angela Merici Center for Spirituality.

[i] Ronald Rolheiser, The Holy Longing: The Search for Christian Spirituality (NY: Doubleday, 1999)

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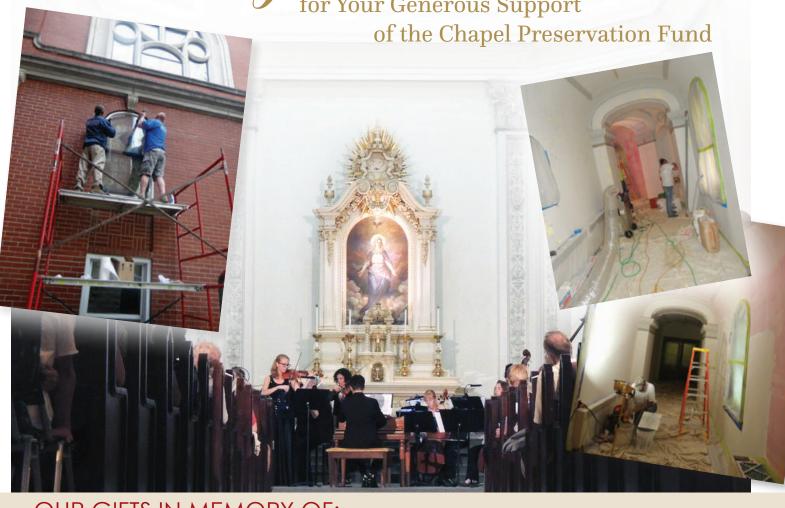
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"Catching" the **Ursuline Charism**

BY SISTER KATHLEEN NEELY

The Charism: "A contemplative love of God and an eagerness to serve the needs of others." It becomes a part of you, part of your identity, the way you are within yourself, and the way you are with others. You live it. Try to live it.

And then, all of a sudden, you realize that it is contagious. Not because you tried to make it happen, but because that is the nature of a charism. It catches on in the subtlest of ways. And then something happens and it hits you right in the face.

That is exactly what happened on Sunday, September 16, 2018. Let me explain. About three weeks ago, while I was in Lima, I had a visit from some former students of Fe y Audiciòn. Fe y Audiciòn was a school for the hearing impaired that I, with the help of Fathers Michael Bafaro and Austin Garvey, founded in Carmen de la Legua in 1971. Fe y Audición existed from 1971 to 1985 in Carmen de la Legua. In 1985 it merged with a school in Lima.

A group of about 20 alums of the school had been meeting over a period of time. They had planned a



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school reunion, inviting some of their former teachers. I encouraged them in their initiatives and enthusiasm.

But it was a total surprise when we entered the reception hall and found forty former students of Fe y Audición (dressed in matching shirts) gathered to celebrate their years together as students and who now have become lifelong friends. They invited four of

their former teachers to this special gathering: Bertha Peralta, Rosa Sánchez, Betty Agurto and me.

This group planned everything, including telephone calls the previous day to each of the teachers to ensure that we would be there. One of the group who is now a licensed Sign Language interpreter signed for all that was expressed that day: the joy of serving the meal, the stimulating talks given, and the presentation of beautiful glass plaques with the emblem of the Ministry of Education to the four guest teachers.



Opposite: Sr. Kathleen Neely celebrating with former students. Above: Fe y Audición alums

Most school reunions are accompanied by loud music and loud talking. "Loud" was replaced by signing, silent communication and soft murmuring among attendees. But what was truly "loud and clear" was the spirit of community, mutual caring, and celebrating of gifts. That is the charism!

It seems that this event is the beginning of many more encounters yet to come: I hear that a Christmas gathering is in the planning stages. The committee hopes to locate and include more former teachers and students. 🦥

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