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## On The Cover

Sister Janet M. Peterworth, Ursuline President, and Dr. Cynthia Crabtree, President, Sacred Heart Schools, stand united in front of the recently restored statue of Saint Angela Merici in the renovated grotto on the Ursuline Campus in Louisville. Read more about the resurrection gift from the Ursuline Sisters to Sacred Heart Schools on pages 6-7.



On Tuesday, June 25, 2019, Sister Janet Marie Peterworth, President of the Ursuline Sisters, and Dr. Cindy Crabtree, President of Sacred Heart Schools, met in the Ursuline Chapel to sign documents transferring ownership of the Ursuline Campus from the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville to Sacred Heart Schools. Leadership councilors Sisters Agnes Coveney, Paula Kleine-Kracht, Jo Ann Jansing and board members, Greg Daunhauer, and Mission Effectiveness Director Amy Olson were present.



## The Paschal Mystery

The older I get, the more I realize that most of the things that happen in life are not coincidental, but truly providential. In May, our president, Sister Janet Marie Peterworth, arranged for all the employees of the Ursuline Sisters to take a bus tour of some of the places we have served in our 161 year history in Louisville. I was pleasantly surprised at all I learned that day, and the memories it brought back to me. My memories arise both from people and places I knew and loved growing up, including places I served, and the many people with whom I served.

The theme of this issue of the *DOME*, “Life, Death and Resurrection—the Paschal Mystery,” encompasses my experiences of our bus tour, the history of the Louisville Ursulines, and the nearly 500 year history of Ursulines worldwide as followers of our founder, Angela Merici. In her *Legacy*, Saint Angela advised her daughters:

*If, according to times and circumstances, the need arises to make new rules or do something differently, do it prudently and with good advice. And always let your principal recourse be to gather at the feet of Jesus Christ and there to offer fervent prayers. For in this way, without doubt Jesus will enlighten you and teach you what you have to do.*

As we visited places where Ursuline Sisters have served, I realized how often Angela’s advice was evident. Our history truly has been blessed with women who could, and did, read the signs of the time, prudently sought good advice, prayed together, and as a result made decisions of great wisdom and daring courage. I can only describe us as women who, I believe, have kept our eyes and hearts focused through prayer, acting wisely, and above all, serving God’s people.

Angela’s words were clearly evident to me as we toured Louisville. I want to provide you with two clear examples from our tour. At the corner of Shelby and Chestnut streets where the former Ursuline Academy building still stands, we remembered the first German Ursulines who began teaching the German immigrant children at St. Martin of Tours School. They also built a vibrant and excellent school for young women, Ursuline Academy (UA). UA served the area until the early ’70s when the population patterns of Louisville began to change. The Ursuline Sisters then made the difficult decision to close the school and sell the building.

In the early ’90s, Sister Anne Mary Lochner led a joint effort with members of other religious communities to found Project Women. The program was housed in the Cloister Apartments (the former UA, now public housing), and focused on helping single, homeless women with children obtain a college education or learn a trade. In the late ’90s, this program morphed into Family Scholar House which today continues to

focus on education as a means of ending cyclic and generational poverty. Is this not clearly the mystery of life, death and resurrection in our world today?

Another stop on our tour took us to the Flaget Center, an archdiocesan building currently used for retreats, meetings and days of prayer. For me, this will always be Angela Merici High School, where I taught, served as an administrator and worked through the process of its 1984 merger with Bishop David High School to found Holy Cross High School.

For 25 years, we provided Ursuline education to young women in this building. Again, the Ursuline Sisters were alert to the changing times of Catholic education in the mid-’80s. We had already experienced the challenges of merging schools (in 1968, Ursuline-Bellarmino College, today flourishing as Bellarmine University), but knew the importance of providing Catholic high school education in Southern Jefferson County. The new life of Holy Cross High School was the result. The Flaget building continues to be used and Holy Cross High School continues to provide excellent, cutting-edge, co-ed Catholic education. Isn’t this proof that Angela Merici’s advice and words are still alive?

There are many other examples from our tour, and in this *DOME*, you will read about the most recent example of the life, death and resurrection experience in our Ursuline history. I suggest you reread and pray with my earlier quote from Saint Angela Merici. This is life, death and resurrection. Blessings to each of you. 🙏



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# Paying It Forward Into Perpetuity

BY ELLEN MCKNIGHT

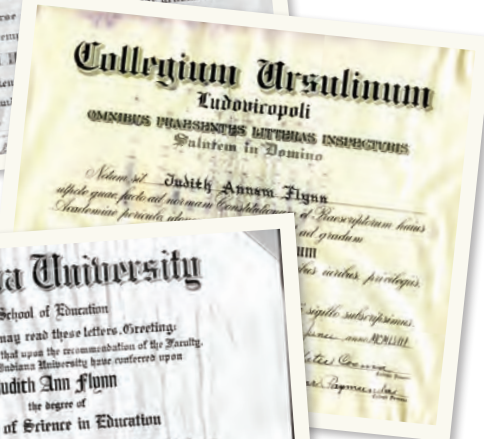
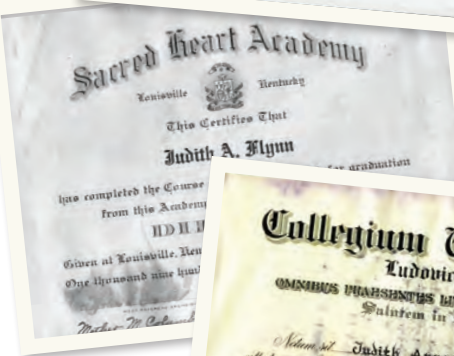
“Financially savvy, disciplined, goal-oriented, with perseverance,” were the words Mike Flynn used to describe his sister, Judith (Judy) Ann Flynn Eastland, who died in August 2010. She was a 1954 graduate of Sacred Heart Academy and graduated from Ursuline College in 1958, where she attended on a scholarship. Part of the requirements for her college scholarship was to teach for five years at St. Joseph parish school in Louisville. Then it was on to Indiana University for her Master of Science in Education degree, completed in 1962. She taught in an Indiana school system for 25 years.

Following her husband’s death in 1994, Judy updated her will. Widowed with no children, she moved back to Louisville, her home town. She set up 50% of her estate as a trust with dividends and interest payments divided equally among four charities that were near and dear to her. The organizations she chose had either a healthcare or education mission. Perhaps this was because Judy was a teacher, and her mother, Mary Flynn was a nurse.

What is rare about Judy’s trust, according to her lawyer and estate planner, is it was set up to distribute dividends on investments planned to grow. The annual distribution amounts vary, but were projected to continue as there is no final distribution or closure date. The beneficiaries of Judy’s generosity into perpetuity are: the Ursuline

Sisters of Louisville for the care of retired Sisters, the Louisville Free Public Library’s senior citizen book mobile; the Bellarmine College (now University) Lansing School of Nursing and the Crusade for Children for research for prevention and cure for birth defects, in memory of Judy’s mother.

Judy’s life of teaching and service resulted in forward thinking when she made her planned giving decisions to support the causes she cared about far into the future. 📖



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## In Their Own Words

On July 20, during Community Days, the Ursuline Associate Community witnessed nine new Associates sign their initial covenants. They have given various reasons for joining the community, and some of them are quoted below:



“I want to carry on the Sisters’ values.”

—Ellen McKnight



“I believe in the Ursuline charism and the mission of the Ursuline Sisters. I love this campus and what it stands for.”

—Carrie Wentzel



“I was inspired with the life and ministry of Angela Merici. I want to learn more about the charism.”

—Rory Polio



“I wish to become an Associate so I can be more connected to the Sisters, whom I admire and think so highly of.”

—Kathy Williams



“I love the stories of Saint Angela, of the Ursuline Sisters coming to Louisville and their long legacy in Louisville. I want to be part of this organization because I want to make sure the Ursuline legacy is preserved for many years to come.”

—Nannette Mershon

The new Associate formation sessions for 2019-2020 will begin on Sunday, August 25. We will meet in the Social Room, 3-5 pm at the Ursuline Motherhouse.

For more information on the Ursuline Associate Community, please contact: Bay Baltes, Director, at (502) 896-3956 or [bbaltes@ursulineslou.org](mailto:bbaltes@ursulineslou.org).



# A Gift Of The Heart To The Heart

BY KATHY WILLIAMS

In June, the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville announced “A Gift of the Heart to The Heart,” with their lease transfer of all buildings and land on the 48-acre Ursuline Campus to Sacred Heart Schools (SHS). Ursuline President Sister Janet Marie Peterworth stated, “This gift to Sacred Heart Schools is the result of a long-term, thoughtful dialogue within our community. We believe it is a perfect situation, as it allows us to continue our ministry of influence and still be very engaged with the schools that we founded.”

The Sisters remain the sponsors of SHS, which are Catholic schools founded by the Ursuline Sisters in 1877 with the opening of Sacred Heart Academy. The Sisters continue to be engaged with SHS through classroom visits, school Masses and special events, as well as serving on the SHS Board of Trustees.

The Motherhouse will become the administrative center of the Ursuline Campus with both the SHS and Ursuline Sisters’ administrative staffs headquartered in the building by June, 2020. The Motherhouse is currently undergoing renovation to add a new entrance that will be handicap-accessible. Shared space in the Motherhouse includes the chapel, library and several other rooms. The Ursuline Sisters continue to celebrate Masses in the chapel, and the Sisters’ ministries, such as the Ursuline Associate community and the Angela Merici Center for Spirituality, host retreats, workshops and gatherings in the Motherhouse. The schools will hold Masses in the chapel, as well as concerts and other events.

The Ursulines have repeatedly responded to the needs of the people and students they served over the years, including offering innovative programs, such as speech therapy and the Model school program, constructing Marian Hall as a dormitory for Ursuline College, and repurposing or deconstructing buildings on campus to fit new needs and times.

With each of these changes, including the current one, there comes a death—a grieving before the new life, which as Christians, we know as the Paschal Mystery: life, death and resurrection. One must adapt as part of life, but it is often difficult and painful before joy is found again. The Ursulines have made these changes by remembering Saint Angela Merici’s words: “If, according to times and circumstances, the need arises to make new rules or do something differently, do it prudently and with good advice.” The Sisters’ places of residence and ministries have changed over the years, but it is always with these words of Saint Angela in mind. 📖

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—Sister Janet M. Peterworth



Above:

Architect's illustration of the new Motherhouse entrance, to be completed by June 2020

Right:

Sisters, Associates, family and friends gather in the Ursuline Chapel of the Immaculate Conception on Associates Signing Day, July 20, 2019



# *A Gift of the Heart to the Heart*





# This Isn't the End

BY GINNY SCHAEFFER



I can still remember my first loss. I was just a little thing, maybe three or four; and measuring it against the losses I would later suffer, it might seem insignificant. Losing my Popeye doll did break my heart, though. I was in the backseat of my grandmother's huge old Buick when I realized Popeye was MIA. My mother and grandmother went into search and rescue mode. I sobbed. My constant companion was gone. I knew they did the best they could to find him, but, he was gone and I was inconsolable.

As much as I hate to admit it, loss is a part of life. We experience it from the time we are born – that intimate union with our mothers broken – to the time we die – the loss of the only life we have known. Sometimes our losses are only temporary and inconvenient, like losing our car keys or the remote control. Other times they knock us to our knees and take our breath away.

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Loss comes in many shapes and forms: a job, a pet, a home, a dream, a relationship, even a marriage. We lose faith in others, in institutions, in ourselves, even in God. Our health, that we so often take for granted, is lost incrementally, slowly, over time or in the blink of an eye with a diagnosis, a heart attack or a stroke.

With loss comes grief – the intense sadness accompanied by feelings of emptiness, guilt and even relief. There are sleepless nights and endless days, fear, anxiety, and confusion. One minute you may be laughing and the next the tears are streaming down. It can be hard to concentrate and make decisions. Some people lose weight while others gain it. Grief may sound, feel and look a lot like depression, but, it's not, it's grief. It's a natural, normal response to losing someone or something dear to us.

The way through grief is to grieve, but this is something our culture does not do well. We tell those



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who are grieving, “Your loved one is in a better place, they’re not suffering.” When someone begins telling us about their loss we tell them about one of ours instead of listening to them. We expect people to get over it, to get on with their lives, to come back to work after three days and to function.

Allowing ourselves and others not to grieve does harm.

Grief may feel endless; but, if met with compassion, acceptance and given space and time, it will soften, it will lose its gut-wrenching effect.

As followers of the risen Christ, there is another dimension to this experience. We hope and trust, as if our lives depend on it, in the Paschal Mystery: life – death – new life. Because of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ we believe that death is not the end, not in the next life nor in this one.

When we cooperate with God’s grace, something new arises out of the ashes of what we let go of or what was lost. Perhaps you have seen this mystery lived out in others or have experienced it yourself. The loss of someone or something dear to us is like the grain of wheat Jesus spoke about. Before it can multiply and become more than it originally was, it must first die. Only after it has died can it become a sheaf of wheat. This is our hope as well.

If you are grieving, I hope and pray that you grieve well and that your trust in the Paschal Mystery brings you new life. 🙏

## Angela Merici Center for Spirituality Quarterly Schedule

### Taizé Prayer

Second Monday of the month:  
August 12, September 9, October 14,  
November 11 and December 9  
7 pm  
Motherhouse Chapel  
Cost: Free Will Offering

### Sabbath Moments

Sept. 14 Created in God’s Image: The Image of Love  
Facilitated by Ginny Schaeffer  
Oct. 12 TBA  
Nov. 9 Gratitude as an Expression of Love  
Facilitated by Ginny Schaeffer  
Dec. 14 Loving One Another  
Facilitated by Lisa Steiner, OSU-A

Time: 10 am – 12 pm  
Ursuline Motherhouse (handicap ramp)  
Cost: \$10  
Bring your lunch for fellowship after the session,

### Contemplative Day of Prayer

Saturday, Sept. 28  
9:30 am – 3:30 pm  
Facilitators: Joe Grant and Ginny Schaeffer  
Ursuline Motherhouse (handicap ramp)  
Cost: \$40, lunch is included

### The Enneagram

Saturday, Nov. 2  
9 am – 12 pm  
Facilitator: Sister Judith Rice, OSU, who is a certified Enneagram teacher  
Ursuline Motherhouse (handicap ramp)  
Cost: \$40, lunch is included



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# Circles of Despair and Hope

We see it in Venezuela, in Nicaragua and in El Salvador. Sister Kathy Neely saw it and experienced it up close in Honduras. It is what is infecting our countries in Latin America, but it goes far beyond these borders into the poorest countries across the globe. It is capitalism at its worst—a globalization infection that seems rooted in having more, owning more and creating closed circles that exclude the great majority of the populations of the earth.

Sister Kathy participated in a “reverse caravan,” a faith journey to Honduras as a first-hand experience, to “see and hear” what is behind the reality of thousands leaving Honduras, Guatemala and other countries of Central America looking for a safe place for their families. Kathy writes of her experience in Honduras, “We were given and we learned much information to share.”



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Sister Kathy describes being with a community of 280 families whose homes will soon be taken from them by a transnational company. Sadly, this is the pattern that creates poverty and fear across the globe. The long history of intervention from the North has created in Honduras the possibility of

flourishing political corruption.

Kathy writes: “The words of one woman stay with me: ‘No one here wants to leave. If we leave, we die. Ten people have already been killed fighting for this land. We don’t want to go on a caravan. Now we live with tension.’”

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Some topics the reverse caravan highlighted:

- The economic crisis not being addressed
- Organized crime
- The drug trade
- The misuse of economic aid from the USA each year, which goes to the Honduran military who repress the people
- Large companies, such as United Fruit, Dole and others, who gain much profit and pay little to their employees

## Peru

Our current president, Martín Vizcarra, was sworn in as head of state in March 2018 after the former president resigned amid allegations of corruption. President Vizcarra is doing everything within his power to combat corruption and make changes in the political system, especially in the relationship with congress and the people. Unfortunately, our congress persons have become very comfortable benefitting from the system. They do not want to let go of their “benefits,” and therefore are very resistant to change.





### Callao

Within our circles of students and teachers, associates and support groups, we continue to challenge ourselves to a different kind of relationship with the earth, with one another and in our families. This year our theme has emphasized our connection with our common home, drawing energy from the earth and all of creation, and living and acting with tenderness. Our school yard has been transformed into a mini recycling center. In activities with our families, students and teachers, and with the enthusiasm of our recently organized band, we have marched through the streets of Carmen de la Legua singing, chanting and sharing slogans to encourage a care for the earth and a different way of relating to one another without tension and violence.

### San Miguel

The rehab center with its new rooms has opened its doors, not only to physical therapy, but also workshops of crafts and baking, to interest the participants in the center and to promote community. This is a new adventure that is bringing new life to the center and broadening its perspective.

And in this time of Pentecost, may the Spirit surprise us with her gifts of vision, commitment and embracing love.

Your sisters,

Yuli, Kathy, Sue

## Save The Date

### Journey through Italy with Saint Angela Merici

**June 5-14, 2020**

Explore and reflect on significant events of her life.

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This trip is open to all graduates, friends, family and anyone connected to the spirit of the Ursuline Sisters.

Travelers should be at least 18 years old.



## Sacredly Centered

The fundraising campaign to preserve the Motherhouse Chapel is \$800,000 short of the \$3.5 million goal. The board and donor restricted Chapel Preservation Fund was established in 2017 with donations used for much needed upgrades, repairs and renovations to this century old sacred space.

Help preserve this epicenter of spiritual life for the Sisters and schools. Please use the remittance envelope in the DOME for your gift and designate to the Chapel Preservation Fund. Inclusion in your Planned Giving is also an option.