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Jubilarians are a testament to commitment

*"With the help of God you will do much good for others."
—Saint Angela Merici, 10th Legacy*

Depending on the source, statistics claim the average person will stay in the same job about 3 years, making for 13 or more jobs per person, per 40-year career. Now think about divorce statistics: 52 percent of first marriages end in divorce.

Keeping the above information in mind, it may be difficult for most of us to imagine spending 50 years or more committed to anything. And yet that's what the Ursuline Sisters featured in this issue have done. They came from many different places and varying backgrounds, but each decided at a relatively young age that she would dedicate her life to serving the needs of others. Today, each resides in the Louisville area and celebrates a jubilee this year of 50, 60 or 75 years as an Ursuline Sister of Louisville.

75 years as an Ursuline and still going strong—Sister Thelma Sheehan

Upon hearing that Sister Thelma Sheehan is celebrating 75 years as an Ursuline Sister, one might be inclined to think of her as slowing down. That would be an incorrect assumption.

While she retired from teaching in 1980, Sister Thelma has stayed pretty active. Today she can be found bustling around the Ursuline Motherhouse, meeting delivery trucks and helping with everyday activities that keep the convent running smoothly.

"I never know what I'm going to be asked to do," she said. "I'm happy when I'm able to do things for people."



Sister Thelma Sheehan holds the door for a delivery truck at the Ursuline Motherhouse.

Sister Thelma spent 50 years teaching mostly second graders, but says she would find today's classrooms much different than the ones she encountered.

"For a while, I taught the plain reading, writing and arithmetic," she says. "I'm not sure I'd want to be a teacher now—there's so much more to teach!"

Over the past 75 years, Sister Thelma has seen a lot of changes in the Ursuline community; the one standing out the most is the change from wearing habits. "I stick to wearing black and white and wearing the veil.

"When I was young, I decided I wanted to work with the sisters and wanted to become one. I still enjoy being an Ursuline."

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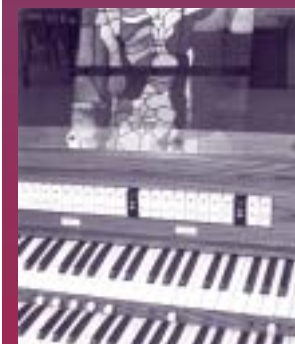
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Our Mission:

The Ursuline Sisters of Louisville, Kentucky, an apostolic religious congregation of the Roman Catholic Church, rooted in the spirit and tradition of St. Angela Merici, are committed to a life of prayer and community and participation in the teaching mission of the Church. Teaching Christian living is the corporate ministry of the Ursuline Sisters. This ministry, cutting across socioeconomic, racial and national boundaries, assists women, men, and children to live more fully and to develop a personal relationship with God.

A letter from the president

In July of 2002, the Ursuline community adopted "peace" as our theme for the year. Little did we know that this small five-letter word would be a significant sense of hope for us to endure the challenges we have faced throughout the past year as a church and a nation. In spite of all those challenges, I never cease to be amazed by God's fidelity in times of pain and uncertainty.

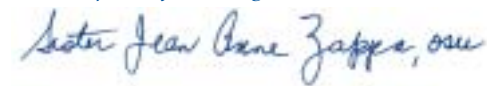
God has blessed us with your generosity and it is through your faith in us that our mission continues. Our sisters are committed to serving the needs of others and our mission is demonstrated in the many ministries we are involved in – education, pastoral care, volunteer outreach, working with Hispanics, empowering the poor, praying for others – you provide us the resources so together all of us dedicate our lives to following the gospel of Christ.

It is through your generosity and loyalty in helping us continue our mission and care for our retired sisters that I am reminded of something

St. Angela said, "Follow what charity and the Holy Spirit will inspire and suggest to you, directing everything towards the well-being and spiritual advantage of your dear daughters, encouraging them to greater love and a greater sense of obligation to do good and to attract others to do the same."

Thank you for sharing your gifts with us. May God's love continue to fill your hearts with joy, peace and hope as you continue to live out your baptismal call in love and service.

In the spirit of St. Angela,



Sister Jean Anne Zappa, OSU

Director of Development Jennifer Hartlage has asked Ursuline Sisters of Louisville President Sister Jean Anne Zappa, OSU to share her thoughts with you for this and future issues of the Ursuline Dome.



Alumna and Sister among those honored at SHA brunch

An Ursuline Sister and a graduate of Ursuline Academy and Ursuline College were among those honored during the Sacred Heart Academy's 13th annual Alumnae Mass and Brunch.

During the March 16 ceremony, SHA class of 1961 graduate Sister Anne Mary Lochner, OSU tied in votes for the Alumna of the Year award.



Mary Ann Kollros (left, UA '60 and UC '64) received an Honorary SHA Diploma at a March ceremony. Sr. Anne Mary Lochner, who tied for votes as SHA Alumna of the Year, was honored as well.

Ursuline Academy and Ursuline College alumna Mary Ann Kollros received SHA's Honorary Diploma.

Sister Anne Mary attained a Bachelor's degree with a double major in Speech/Hearing Pathology and Elementary Education from Bellarmine College, a Master's in Religious Education from Loyola University, and completed a post-graduate Theology program in 1992 from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Calif. Sister Anne Mary initiated Louisville's Project Women in 1998 with other women religious. She also currently serves on the Board of the Coalition for the Homeless and the Ursuline Sisters' Leadership Team.

Sister Anne Mary received the honor with SHA class of 1976 graduate Erin Brady Worsham.

The SHA Honorary Diploma was bestowed upon Mary Ann Kollros, Ursuline Academy class of 1960 and Ursuline College class of 1964. Kollros has dedicated 38 years to SHA students as a beloved teacher, teaching French and English classes, sponsoring the school's French Club, coaching the French Scrabble Team, and chairing Sacred Heart's Foreign Language Department for nearly a decade.

Other awards given out that day included Heart Awards to SHA parents and alumnae and SHA alumnae honored in the Valkyrie Hall of Fame.

New chapel organ brings sweet music to Marian Home

One of the unique benefits Marian Home residents enjoy is having their own chapel on site for daily Masses. The retired and infirm sisters who live at the licensed nursing facility on the Ursuline Campus may attend daily Mass or have it broadcast right into their rooms. But residents did not find the old chapel organ to be of benefit or much enjoyment. It rarely worked and did not offer quality sound.

Thanks to the generosity of our benefactors, a new chapel organ now rings in resounding celebration at daily liturgies.

The purchase of the new Allen organ was made possible by Paul Kelty, M.D. This top-of-



From left: Marian Home Administrator Sister Assumpta Devine, OSU, guest organist Philip Brisson, Ursuline Sisters of Louisville President Sister Jean Anne Zappa, OSU, and Paul Kelty, M.D., are all smiles at a reception following the chapel organ's inaugural concert at Marian Home.

Sister Raymunda Orth, OSU, plays her first notes on a new electronic organ recently donated to Marian Home by Dr. Paul Kelty.



the-line electronic organ provides a sound very close to that of a pipe organ. Upon delivery to Marian Home in April, the organ was voiced to suit the unique space and was immediately ready for use.

Marian Home residents were able to enjoy the organ for Holy Week and Easter services. An inaugural concert was performed April 27 by guest organist Philip Brisson, organist/choir-master at the Cathedral of the Assumption.

Dr. Kelty made the gift in honor of his parents, William T. and Frances Kelty, and his cousin Sister M. Borromeo Walker, OSU in appreciation for all Ursuline Sisters and the many years they have dedicated to Catholic Education.

"It was an opportunity for me to do something for the sisters who had taught me in grade school," Dr. Kelty said.

Special thanks also goes out to benefactors Paul and Bernice Strittmatter for their help with this project.

3rd floor hallways and several rooms, as well as a new organ for the Chapel.

Many of our benefactors, alumnae and friends have stepped up to help us get to this point, but we are not finished. We only have until October 1 to reach our goal and we need your help. If you have not already sent a gift to support this campaign, please consider doing so today. Your gift will be used to improve the quality of living for the 69 residents at Marian Home, who have spent a lifetime ministering to others as teachers, administrators, college presidents, and spiritual directors.

To offer your support, please contact the Office of Development, 3105 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY, 40206 or phone (502) 896-3938.

Marian Home News

A note of thanks from Jane Thibault

Thanks to those of you who have responded to the letter I sent you in March requesting your help with the Marian Home 25th anniversary campaign. Many of you have stepped up to the plate and helped us raise much-needed funds for the nursing facility. However, there are many of you out there that we have not heard from yet.

If you are like me and have misplaced the letter among the stacks of other things that are crying for your attention, just give us a ring at (502) 896-3938 or send a check to Ursuline Sisters of Louisville/Marian Home 25th, 3105 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY 40206.



Marian Home 25th Anniversary Campaign

It is with continued faith and hope that we strive to meet our goal of \$300,000 for the Marian Home 25th Anniversary Campaign. As of the end of April, we are almost half way to our goal with nearly \$150,000 committed to the campaign.

Among the dollars raised, Marian Home has received funds for much-needed improvements and equipment including a pulse oximeter, scheduling software, two electric low beds, several bed alarms, renovation of the 2nd and

Jubilarians' commitment equals



60 years— God works through us

—by Sister Emily Peetz, OSU,
Class of 1943
Sr. Emily is celebrating 60 years as
an Ursuline Sister. She offered this
perspective of her life and her career.

There is something grand and wonderful about the wide-open spaces in the West. There you are able to enjoy the beautiful blue sky, feel the freedom of space and sense the presence of God in all of His creation. So when I came to Louisville in 1942, it was a very difficult time for me. I had just graduated from high school at age 17 and the Second World War had

just begun. Change was in the air for me and many others. The call to be an Ursuline is difficult to name. It was something that I wanted to do since an early age. Being taught by Ursulines made the decision somewhat easier. So after graduation, I followed my dream.

The many years spent in teaching were spent out of town. However, the last years of teaching were involvement with students, teachers and parents as Principal.

Each day of my teaching career brought joys and sorrows to my life, but they were years spent giving of self to others.

After many years of teaching and pastoral work, my time to retire came. I already had connections with Norton Pavilion Hospital because I had served there as chaplain for many years. So I began my volunteer work there and then at Kosair Children's Hospital and University Hospital.

Now I feel that I am fulfilling my ministry by a ministry of presence. Presence means so much today. It is not what you do, but who you are as a person. God works through us.



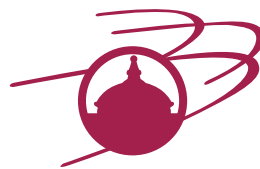
Sister Mary Rachel Fleckenstein, OSU 60 years

Teaching Christian living is the corporate ministry of the Ursuline Sisters and Sister Rachel says she has lived the mission and charism of Saint Angela by doing just that.

"I have spent the majority of my 60 years living in a community and teaching Christian living," she said. "The charism of Saint Angela is a life of prayer, which I have endeavored to live by assisting at daily Mass and devoting time to mental and vocal prayer."

Though she is now officially retired from teaching, Sister Rachel still substitutes and tutors students. Of her ministry, she says it is the students who stand out in her mind the most and she hopes her ministry has touched their lives.

"I pray that my teaching years have had good effects for the faith life of my students," she said.



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Sister Annalita Fox, OSU 60 years

When Sister Annalita looks back on her 60 years as an Ursuline Sister, the thing that stands out most in her mind is how fast time has gone by.

"Is it possible I have been in this ministry for 60 years?" she said. "Where has the time gone?"

She said she was inspired to join the Ursuline Sisters by her family and the Ursuline teachers she had as a student. She offered the following advice to anyone considering a call to religious life: "Pray for the grace of a vocation to the religious life. If you have a vocation, you'll always be happy doing the work of the Lord. I have always been grateful—never sorry."

A retired teacher, Sister Annalita continues her ministry through daily prayers, religious exercises and volunteering as a receptionist. "Be faithful to your calling in life, whatever it might be," she said. "We have but one life to live; live it to the fullest. Soli Deo Gloria! (Be glory to the only God!)"

775 years of prayerful service



50 years— Ursuline influence leads to lifetime in the classroom

—By Sister Delores Kemper, OSU,
Class of 1953
Sister Delores, who is celebrating
50 years as an Ursuline Sister,
continues to share her time and
talents with students today.

I entered the Ursuline Community on Sept. 8, 1952 at the age of 18. My family was a great inspiration to me in making the decision to become an Ursuline. My father's cousin, Sister Gilberta Belshoff, was an Ursuline. We often visited her when I was younger. My mother had three very good friends who were also Ursuline nuns (Sister Salome Miller, Sister Natalie Miller and Sister Margarite Soete). Sister Natalie was Mom and Dad's bridesmaid. I enjoyed visiting them at the different convents, which we did several times a year.

I have always lived in Louisville, Ky. I attended St. Anthony School for the first two grades and then my family moved to Saint George's parish, where I attended school for the next six years. After eighth grade I went to Ursuline Academy for four years and then entered the convent.

My teaching career started at Holy Spirit in 1955 (one year), Holy Trinity (one year), Saint Elizabeth (three years), Our Mother of Sorrows (two years), Saint Martin's (two years) and Saint Joseph (four years). In 1975, I received my Montessori training and went to Ursuline Montessori School to teach. In 1978, I became the Administrator until I left in 1995. I then went to teach Montessori in the Jefferson County Public School System. After five years, I retired. Still wanting to teach and touch lives of little children, I took on a position as a substitute teacher.

My present ministry of teaching brings me to 48 years in the classroom. I love it and will continue to touch the lives of children.

Photos: Sister Delores today and as a young Ursuline.



Sister Elizabeth McMannon, OSU 60 years

Sister Elizabeth, who currently resides on the Ursuline Campus, is described by other sisters as a "good sister...very faithful to her religious duties and her prayer life."

She joined the Ursuline Sisters because she wanted to enter a teaching community and had an aunt who was an Ursuline Sister. Most of her classes were First Holy Communion classes. Friends say she loved teaching, loved her students and they loved her.

She has lived a life of simplicity and has always been considered by most to be very conscientious and charitable. She enjoyed feeding birds. She is also described as having a wonderful sense of humor, especially about her lack of aptitude as a seamstress.

Sister Ernestine Davis, OSU 50 years

When asked which aspects of her ministries stand out in her mind, Sister Ernestine said all of it has been a blessing. "I've had a good life and appreciate the call to my vocation," she said.

Her "attitude of gratitude" comes after years spent working as a teacher and continues through her retirement as she assists at Marian Home, makes crafts and continues a prayerful ministry.

Originally from Cumberland, Md. and Ursuline educated, she joined the sisters to pursue a desire to work with youth. Upon reflection of her ministries, she said she has lived the charism of Saint Angela, "through my teaching and dealings with students and others."

She said the years have taught her that "informal prayer" will get us through the rough spots and lead us to joy. "Laughter and happiness should be in all of our lives."



Sister Jean Marie Hettinger, OSU 50 years

Sister Jean Marie said she received an inner call to religious life at an early age and chose a path familiar to her with the Ursuline Sisters who had been her teachers for 12 years.

"There were many who inspired and motivated me, especially by their joyful living, their dedication to excellence in their ministry, faithfulness to Gospel values and Ursuline ideals," she said of the Ursulines.

Sister Jean Marie's ministry has involved teaching and secondary administration, working as a pastoral associate and serving on the Ursuline Sisters' Leadership Team. Today she is taking time for renewal while searching for a permanent ministry. Of her ministries, she said helping others has been a truly rewarding experience for her.

"What stands out is that all of these have been satisfying, happy experiences," Sister Jean Marie explained. "What made them enriching is the wonderful people I've encountered in each ministry."

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In Memoriam



Sister Mary Elise Hovekamp, OSU

March 20, 1915 - Feb. 8, 2003

Sister Elise will be remembered for her dedication to the poor and underprivileged. In her 71 years as an Ursuline Sister, she taught for 54 years, 24 at the former Angela Merici High School. Sister Elise, an Ursuline College graduate, also taught at Holy Cross High School, St. Elizabeth, St. Joseph, St. Joseph Orphanage, Holy Spirit and Sacred Heart Model School in Louisville. Upon retirement, she spent even more time helping others at St. John Day Center and teaching them about God.



Sister Mary Willetta Kruse, OSU

Nov. 13, 1908 - March 3, 2003

Sister Willetta will be remembered as a fun person who always had a smile on her face. An Ursuline College graduate, Sister Willetta was a teacher and tutor for 61 years at schools including St. Rita, St. George, Holy Spirit, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Boniface, St. Peter, St. Ann and the Ursuline Tutoring Service in Louisville. She also served as principal of St. Joseph School in Louisville for 10 years. In her 76 years as an Ursuline Sister, she was known to be dedicated to prayer.



Sister Mary Madeleva Rhodes, OSU

July 3, 1914 - March 18, 2003

An avid cartoonist, Sister Madeleva enjoyed using her dry wit to share stories with others. Sister Madeleva, an Ursuline College graduate, taught for 46 years, 21 at St. Aloysius in Shepherdsville, Ky. She also taught at St. Helen, St. Joseph, St. Martin and Holy Spirit in Louisville, SS. Peter & Paul in Cumberland, Md., and St. Joseph in Pittsburgh, Pa. An Ursuline Sister for 60 years, she was known as someone who lived religious life to the fullest.



Sister Mary Joachim Bogovich, OSU

Feb. 3, 1918 - April 21, 2003

She was an Ursuline Sister for 66 years. An Ursuline College graduate, Sister Joachim was a teacher and tutor for 45 years at schools including St. Rita, St. Therese, St. Elizabeth, Our Mother of Sorrows, St. Helen, Most Blessed Sacrament and the Ursuline Tutoring Service in Louisville, and Pope John XXIII School in Madison, Ind. She also taught in Cumberland, Md., and Conemaugh, Pa.



Sister Sarah Stauble, OSU, Robert Bailey and Don Stauble admire the new sculpture of St. Angela Merici at Bellarmine University.

Bellarmino University celebrates Ursuline tradition

On April 16, Bellarmine University dedicated a sculpture of Saint Angela in recognition of the Ursuline Sisters' role in the formation of Bellarmine.

The 5-foot bronze sculpture was created by Bob Lockhart to honor all Ursuline Sisters who have played a role in shaping the Catholic values and educational excellence of Bellarmine University. Another such sculpture already resides in Brescia Hall, site of the former Ursuline College, on the Ursuline Campus.

In 1938, the Ursuline Sisters founded Ursuline College as a way to continue educating young women past the junior college level. For 30 years, the college thrived and 1,100 women earned their degrees. In 1968, Ursuline College merged with Bellarmine College for men, creating a co-educational institution now known as Bellarmine University.

Robert Bailey, Bellarmine College class of 1958, sponsored the sculpture in memory of his late wife, Patricia Jean Stauble Bailey, Ursuline College class of 1953. The April 16 ceremony marked the one-year anniversary of Patricia's passing and was observed as a celebration of her life by family and friends who attended the dedication.

"Saint Angela's presence at both Brescia Hall and Bellarmine University honors the Ursuline legacy of teaching Christian living," said Sister Jean Anne Zappa, president of the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville. "We are delighted with this gesture."

The Bellarmine sculpture is located in the Maurice D.S. Johnson Quadrangle, between the Brown Activities Center and Wyatt Center for the Arts.

Just Creations sale raises awareness for Peru mission

It took only two hours for the Just Creations' Community Shopping Night to raise more than \$200 for the Ursuline Sisters' Peru mission.

Ten percent of sales from 6 to 8 p.m. on April 10 were donated to the Peru mission. The Community Shopping Night generated not only funds for the mission, but also helped raise greater appreciation of the cause. Two Louisville television stations did remote broadcasts during their morning news shows the week of the sale.

"We are very grateful for the money raised for our Peru mission," said Sister Jean Marie Hettinger, OSU, who served as hostess for the evening and spokesperson to local media. "But the media attention and increased public awareness that brought us is of great value."

Sister Jean Marie also praised Just Creations, a not-for-profit store where she sometimes volunteers, for its sharing attitude even in this difficult economy. Just Creations, located at 2722 Frankfort Avenue in Louisville, features unique crafts by artisans in more than 35 countries in Asia, Central and South America and Africa.

"This is a difficult time for not-for-profits and the fact that Just Creations was willing to share with us is a testament to its dedication and mission," she said.

The Ursuline Sisters have been in Peru since 1964 and started Saint Angela Merici Parish and school, where they still oversee the school's philosophy and education. The five sisters and more than 40 Peru-based Ursuline Associates work with women, youth and rural catechists to provide leadership, spirituality and faith



Judy Heitzman liked the dress she picked out at Just Creations so much that she slipped it on and wore it as she continued shopping. She is a 1968 alum of Angela Merici High School.



From left: Julian and Judy Ritchie came from Bardstown, Ky. to help the Peru mission and meet Sister Jean Marie Hettinger (far right) after seeing her on a morning news show promoting the Just Creations Community Shopping Night.

programs, strengthened communication, and self-esteem and empowerment training.

Even if you missed the Community Shopping Night, you can still help the Peru mission. Call the Office of Development at (502) 896-3938 for more information.



Group meets to reminisce

The following was submitted by Frances Naccash of Columbia, S.C. Thank you, ladies, for sharing with us!

"We all went to St. Peter Parochial School and Ursuline High School, what is now known as Cardinal-Newman. We are all seniors now, but the memories are still with us. The nuns who taught us have all gone to Heaven, but we cannot forget them. We meet once a month, have lunch and then talk about our school days."

Seated front row from left: Mary Bultman Delay, Mary Delores Hebert Gant, Mary Serio Boaknight, Alice Abdalla and Anita Abdalla Alessi. Second row from left: Frances Knuckley Naccash, Kay Boswell Best, Shirley Kelly Schiltter, Mary Abdalla Kahaly, Frances Asmer Mack, Ann Derby O'Donoghue and Mary Ann William Morrison

Associate Aspects

Associate committed to Ursuline ideas

It was 25 years ago that Donna Ising first became involved with what would become the Associate Call. She and others met with sisters and expressed a desire to form a covenant relationship with the Ursuline Sisters. From those meetings, the Associate Call was formed and in 1980 the first Associates entered into a lifetime commitment.

Ising, who works as a professional cook for the Jefferson County (Ky.) School Corp., said the Associate Call has strengthened her spiritually and embodies the dedication she puts forth in her many civic and volunteer commitments.

"I use the Ursuline ideals, spirit and heritage in all the community work I do," she said. Ising has been recognized by civic leaders for her many contributions. As for the devotion required to be an Ursuline Associate, she said, "There was no question of making a lifetime commitment. It was easy to do." To find out more about being an Ursuline Associate, call (502)896-3956 or go to www.ursulineslou.org



Associates gather in Nebraska

Sancy Krajewski left, speaks to Associates at a gathering in Nebraska as Alma Nowak listens on.

Jubilarians continue to inspire

—Jubilarians continued from pages 4-5



Sister Georgia Jean Kruml, OSU
50 years

Sister Georgia Jean, a Nebraska native, was 17 when she became an Ursuline Sister. Since that time, she has worked in a variety of ministries and though retired, still currently volunteers her time and talent at Marian Home.

She said that through the years of her ministry, being identified as an Ursuline Sister stands out in her mind the most and that she has lived the Ursuline mission and charism "through my work and prayer."

Ursuline Sisters believe that in order to keep pace with a changing world, they have to change with it. Sister Georgia Jean recommends that those considering life as an Ursuline Sister be willing to voice their opinions and stand ready to take action.

"I would tell them that we need people who will help to bring about changes that are needed," she said, especially so when the going gets tough. "Don't take no for an answer."



Sister Helen O'Brien, OSU
50 years

Though she was only 16 when she entered the Ursuline Community, Sister Helen knew what she wanted to do with the rest of her life. Once she joined the community, Sister Helen had the support of many sisters. One in particular, Sister Merici Burke, was influential.



Sister Dolorita Lutsie, OSU
50 years

When asked to reflect upon her ministries over the last 50 years, Sister Dolorita summed it up with, "It's been quite a trip!"

Though she is retired from teaching, Sister Dolorita still works part-time at Our Lady of Providence High School in Clarksville, Ind. in the performing arts department. She also volunteers with the Nativity Academy at Saint Boniface and with the Ursuline Sisters' Office of Development.

She said she has lived the mission and charism of Saint Angela by "doing the best that I can with the equipment God has given me" and offers similar wisdom. "Be who you are, do what you can and remember that God—not anyone else—is in charge," she said. "He loves us all in spite of what we do."

And to those considering life as an Ursuline Sister she offered, "You'd never be sorry accepting God's invitation."



Sister Perpetua Nauert, OSU
50 years

Sister Perpetua was a young adult when she joined the Ursuline Sisters, inspired as a student at Ursuline Academy by the "patience and kindness" shown to her by a sister she knew there.

For those considering life in a religious community today, Sister Perpetua would offer this advice: "Remember we are all different, so therefore many times we may need to consider the other person before ourselves."

Drawing from her lifetime of service to others, she said "the joy in feeling I have tried to help others" has given her a great deal of personal and spiritual satisfaction.

"Hopefully by teaching others the love of God by word and example I have lived the charism of Saint Angela," she said.



Sister Dominica Widmer, OSU
50 years

Sister Dominica received her habit at age 17 and has spent a lifetime helping others. It was through her ministry in education that she said she felt most attuned to the mission and charism of Saint Angela, especially as she "helped others know God and grow in their love for Him."

Drawing from her initial inspiration to join the Ursulines and from her many years serving others, Sister Dominica said that the way to get through tough times is by turning it over to a higher power.

"We need to learn to rely on God to know He is in charge and through Him all things will work out for the good," she said.

The Angela Merici Center Summer Schedule



Programs offered by the Angela Merici Center are open to anyone seeking to grow in a deeper relationship and love of the Divine with a special invitation going out to our Ursuline Associates, benefactors and alumnae.

Coming up this summer:

Centering Prayer is offered the third Tuesday of each month (June 17, July 15 and August 19) from 7- 8 p.m. on the 3rd floor of Brescia Hall, Ursuline Campus. This time of prayer is facilitated by Sr. Margaret Ann Hagan, OSU for those who have had an introduction to Centering Prayer.

Ursuline Sisters Retreat will be offered July 20 - 25 at the Ursuline Motherhouse. This silent, preached retreat is open to Ursuline Sisters and Ursuline Associates.

Other opportunities offered by the Angela Merici Center include Reiki and spiritual direction. If you have any questions or would like to register, please contact Ginny Schaeffer at (502) 896-3945 or at gschaeffer@ursulineslou.org. You may also check out the schedule and register on our Web site: www.ursulineslou.org.



News and Notes from the Ursuline Sisters

Sister Sarah Stauble named Associate Call director—Sister Sarah Stauble, OSU, has been appointed director of the Ursuline Associate Call. She will begin her new ministry in September. The Ursuline Leadership team would also like to acknowledge the dedication and commitment Sister Isabel Lehmenkuler has given the Associate Call the last several years.

Sister Thomasita Hayes awarded Golden Shamrock—Earlier this year, Shawe Memorial Junior/Senior High School and Pope John XXIII Elementary, which are united under the Prince of Peace Catholic Schools, presented the 2003 Golden Shamrock Award to Sister Thomasita Hayes for her vital role as part of Shawe Memorial's history. The Golden Shamrock Award was created in 1993 to honor special members of the community who have dedicated a portion of their lives to the betterment of the Catholic schools in Madison, Ind. Sister Thomasita joined the Shawe Memorial Faculty in 1969 and retired in 1999.

Sister Rita Joseph Jarrell receives national cancer volunteer award—In February, Sister Rita Joseph Jarrell became the first in the Mid-South Division of the country to be

awarded the American Cancer Society's (ACS) highest volunteer honor, the St. George National Award. A cancer survivor herself, Sister Rita has volunteered for the American Cancer Society for nearly 20 years. She is currently a volunteer trainer coordinator for the Reach to Recovery Program, chair of the breast cancer advisory committee, ambassador to the Relay for Life Celebration on the Hill and serves on the executive committee of the Louisville Lumpectomy and Mastectomy Association.



Sister Mary Alban celebrates 102nd birthday

Sister Mary Alban Bosse, OSU, celebrated her 102nd birthday on Feb. 6 with a visit from a group of 3-year-olds from the Ursuline Child Development Center. The children presented her with a giant hand-made card, flowers, a teddy bear and a balloon before singing 'Happy Birthday.' Sister Alban became an Ursuline Sister in 1920 and is the oldest member of the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville. She prepared meals for the Ursuline Infirmary for years and is known by her fellow Ursuline Sisters as a great cook.

Vocation Venue

Dedication and commitment are within everyone's grasp

—By Sister Merry Marcotte

What is it about making a lifetime commitment that is so scary? When people talk about answering God's call to religious life, I hear many reasons for hesitating. Some say, 'I can't think that far into the future - nothing is forever anymore.' Others say, 'I want to try other things first.' Still others are afraid they will fail, so they don't want to try.

As I look at the women who have made commitments to the consecrated life and who now are celebrating 'jubilees'—marking anniversaries of 50, 60, and 70 years as Ursuline Sisters—I see women of deep faith, wholesome love, and generous hearts.

They started the same as everyone else. They did not know their future—where they would live, how they would minister, what struggles they would encounter or what challenges they would face. Yet, they persevered and now stand witness to the grace of God acting in their lives. This same grace of fidelity is available to all of us who want to respond to our baptismal call to live in service to others.

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Ursuline Calendar of Events

June 17 Centering Prayer

7- 8 p.m. at Brescia Hall, Ursuline Campus

June 26 "Kokonut Island"

Ursuline School for the Performing Arts (USPA) production, 7 p.m. at Ursula Theatre, Ursuline Campus

June 27 "Kokonut Island"

USPA production, 11 a.m. at Ursula Theatre, Ursuline Campus

July 15 Centering Prayer

7- 8 p.m. at Brescia Hall, Ursuline Campus

July 17 "Kokonut Island"

USPA production, 7 p.m. at Ursula Theatre, Ursuline Campus

July 18 "Kokonut Island"

USPA production, 11 a.m. at Ursula Theatre, Ursuline Campus

July 20 - 25 Ursuline Sisters Retreat at the Ursuline Motherhouse. Open to Ursuline Sisters and Ursuline Associates.

July 25 Kentucky and Indiana Associate Call Covenant Signing

7 p.m. at the Ursuline Motherhouse Chapel. Associates' friends and relatives are invited.

August 19 Centering Prayer

7- 8 p.m. Brescia Hall, Ursuline Campus.

September 20- 21 Ursuline Campus Art Fair

11a.m. to 6 p.m. on the Ursuline Campus.

September 20 Interlude

6 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Academy Gym, Ursuline Campus. Fundraiser for the Ursuline Campus Schools. The public is invited.

Ursuline Campus Art Fair

It's not too early to start thinking about the Ursuline Campus Art Fair. The 17th annual event is scheduled for Sept. 20 and 21 at the Ursuline Campus. It is sponsored by the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville and is free and open to the public.

The Art Fair is a family event featuring 130 juried artists, a children's activities area, food booths and free musical entertainment.

For more information about the Ursuline Campus Art Fair, call Lorri Malone, Coordinator of Special Events, at (502) 896-3999, or visit www.ursulineslou.org.

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