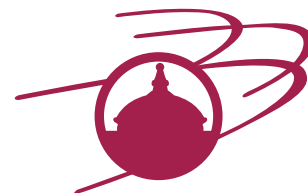


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## Parish ministry touches lives, touches hearts



Sister Shirley Ann takes communion to a parishioner in a Nebraska nursing home.

There's an old saying that when a door closes, a window opens. So when Sister Shirley Ann Simmons retired as principal of St. Luke School in Ogallala, Neb., she decided to "open the window" to parish ministry at the St. Luke parish.

"When it came to the point I thought I should get out of teaching, I thought I was still good for something, so I could serve in the parish since I know everyone and a lot of different things about the parish," she said of her semi-retirement.

Sister Shirley Ann is one of many Ursuline Sisters working in parishes, devoting their time and talents to the church and the community it serves. By doing so, the sisters not only help the parish with necessary tasks, but also facilitate keeping people connected to the church, the community, social and spiritual services, one another and to God.

She now serves as a Eucharistic minister, visiting shut-ins, the sick and those in nursing homes. She visits families in crisis and conducts wake services when the parish priest is out of town. In addition, she works with the RCIA and first communion programs, has served on the parish council

since its formation, and takes care of the parish records.

A native of Nebraska, Sister Shirley Ann is in her 60th year as an Ursuline and has spent the past 30 years in Nebraska as a teacher and school principal. She also taught in Louisville and Maryland.

"I like to keep the spirit of the Ursulines alive in the state of Nebraska," she said, referring to the fact she is the only *Continued on page 4*



Sister Ruth Ann greets a young parishioner

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## Letter from the Director

*I am constantly reminded of how generous our benefactors and alums have been to the Ursuline Sisters over the years. Whether you choose to support the Ursuline Sisters monetarily or volunteer your services to help us with a project, you are vital to continuing the legacy of Saint Angela.*

*Many of you have shared beautiful memories with us about how an Ursuline Sister has touched your life. It is through those conversations, letters, and emails that I am reminded of how fortunate I am to work for such a wonderful group of women whose ministry touches so many.*

*In a recent discussion about the diverse ministries of the Ursuline Sisters, it was brought to my attention the difficulty of*

*strictly defining what each sister chooses as her life's vocation. One thing that was evident is that every ministry encompasses a sense of pastoral care and concern, which is what we have chosen to expand upon in this issue.*

*Webster's defines pastoral as related to spiritual care or guidance of. We categorize 20 Ursuline Sisters as working in pastoral ministry, of them, 14 work in parishes. It is for that reason that we've chosen to introduce you to two of our sisters who work with parishioners of their respective parishes.*

*Thank you again for your unending support of the Ursuline Sisters and for sharing your memories with us. It is because of your generosity that our ministry continues to touch hundreds of people on a daily basis.*

*Jennifer Hartlage  
Director of Development*

## Angela Merici alum named UCS president

*Cynthia Thieneman Crabtree, EdD, a 1975 graduate of Angela Merici High School, was recently named president of Ursuline Campus Schools, Louisville. She will begin her duties May 1.*

*Dr. Crabtree's commitment to Ursuline education and Catholic values is evident by a career dedicated to education, family and the Louisville community.*

*As a former dean at Spalding University, she administered undergraduate and graduate programs in nursing and a post baccalaureate program in dietetics. In her previous roles, she was also responsible for hiring and managing faculty and staff; overseeing budgets of \$1-11 million; recruiting and retaining students; writing grants and securing external funding for various programs; and serving the university as a spokesperson for media requests.*

*In addition to memberships in a number of state, regional, and national associations in nursing education, Dr. Crabtree is a*



*member of the River City Business and Professional Women's Association, and was recently named Administrator of the Year by Spalding University.*

*She generously gives her time to the Louisville community through volunteer service to various local organizations, institutions, and charitable events, including Metro United Way, Women 4 Women, Central High School, St. Xavier High School, St. Albert the Great, and the Mint Jubilee Derby Gala.*

*She holds a Doctorate in Educational Leadership and an Educational Specialist Degree from Spalding University, a Master of Science degree in Nursing from the University of Kentucky, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Spalding. She is a member of St. Albert the Great church, is married with three children, and has expressed a deep commitment to the holistic approach of education that Catholic institutions impart, having attended St. Clement Elementary School.*

# Angela Merici High School Homecoming

*A*lumnæ gathered for the first-ever all-class Angela Merici High School Homecoming on Nov. 30 and it was a night of fellowship, friendship, food and fun. Though the school closed its doors for good in 1984, the years melted away as more than 400 former students and faculty came back to AMHS, which is now the Louisville Archdiocese's Flaget Center.

A salute to Betty Dwyer, a beloved teacher and coach who taught many years at Angela Merici High School, was the highlight of the evening. Attendees also enjoyed music, dancing and reminiscing.

"What a spirited and exciting reunion," said Sister Jean Anne Zappa, President of the Ursuline Sisters. "I started my teaching career at Angela Merici High School 30 years ago. The years I spent teaching there were some of the best I've experienced. This really brings back some wonderful memories for me."



*Betty Dwyer, seated, center, received special honors.*



*All eight Hines sisters and their sister-in-law attended the Homecoming.*



*Cheers and the school song raised spirits and voices.*



*Reunion chairperson Cathy McGinnis('75) stands beside Master of Ceremony Cindy Crabtree('75).*



*Planning committee members and AM alums Regina Leitner('65) and Barbara Simmons('65) enjoyed the festivities*

## Honoring the Ursuline College legacy

*I*t's been 35 years since Ursuline College merged with Bellarmine College to become what is now Bellarmine University. The Ursuline Sisters would like to honor the Ursuline College legacy and are garnering alumnae interest in an all-class reunion or other get-together. If you are an Ursuline College alumna and would like to offer a suggestion for an all-class event, please call Lorri Malone, coordinator of special events/alumnae relations at (502) 896-3999 or email her at [lmalone@ursulineslou.org](mailto:lmalone@ursulineslou.org).



# Parish Ministry reaches out to community, exte

—Parish Ministry continued from front page

Ursuline Sister in the state. Even though that is the case, she said she never feels isolated due to the warmth of the parish, the school, family members who live nearby, and her spiritual connection with Ursulines everywhere.

It is her ministry with the families of the parish that provides a special bond, especially during times of crisis.

"I pray before I go to see them that I will say the right thing, the comforting thing and then I turn it over to God," she said.

She still enjoys a hands-on connection with the school's students by helping out at lunchtime and serving as the school's safety coordinator.

"I get to see the children every day at lunch time," she said. But she also appreciates how much more "liberating" her parish ministry is in that she isn't tied to a school desk and can get out and see people in their homes. She especially enjoys taking communion to those who are homebound.

"They so look forward to my coming—not that I'm anyone special," she said humbly. "But if you can make them feel better, well, that's pretty rewarding."

Sister Ruth Ann Haunz can also relate to the multitasking required of parish ministry. Her official title at Louisville's St. Gabriel the Archangel church is pastoral associate, but it could as easily be social worker, teacher, coordinator, facilitator, counselor, manager, director, babysitter, volunteer and friend.

"You do what needs to be done," she said.

That can include coordinating the RCIA, adult faith formation, baptism, catechism, and bereavement programs; working as a certified spiritual director; helping families during times of crisis; helping the needy during the holidays; working with the St. Gabriel school; consulting with other parish programs; and serving on the church's cleaning committee.



*Sister Shirley Ann stays connected to students by assisting with lunch.*



*Sister Ruth Ann greets parishioners at Mass in Louisville.*

"My work ranges from the sublime to the mundane," Sister Ruth Ann said.

She enjoys the connections she makes while greeting parishioners before mass. It is during those times of informal communication that folks are likely to share the news of their lives with her—marital problems, a death or crisis in the family, as well as good news such as engagements, births, or job promotions. She said she realizes her presence can create a comfort level where folks seeking help can openly ask for her help or request that she connect them with resources.

"I'm privileged that people want to share their lives with me and I can share God's love with them," she said. "Sharing life and faith in real life situations is satisfying."

A graduate of Sacred Heart Academy, Sister Ruth Ann went on to earn her master's degree in theology. She has worked at St. Gabriel for 10 years and has been connected with parish life in one way or another for 25 years, while also teaching and working in spiritual direction.

Sister Ruth Ann works closely with many people through her work at St. Gabriel's (the parish is made up of more than 2,000 families) and as part of her special interests in the Ursuline Sisters' Peru mission and with Project Women, Inc., an organization that helps homeless single mothers obtain a college education. She said she finds it especially difficult to see those with which she works so closely suffer through difficulties.

"I have to accept my own limitations and remember that Jesus is the Messiah and not me," she said of her challenge. "I have to turn it over to Him."

She said she finds strength in her faith, her Ursuline community and the support of the parish. And for a person who values education as she does, Sister Ruth Ann sees each experience, whether taking an RCIA group on a path

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to spiritual discovery or consoling a friend who is grieving, as an opportunity to learn and to share with others.

"I'm always a learner," she said. "The people I minister to have taught me how to minister to them."



Sister Shirley Ann visits a parishioner at an Assisted Living facility.

## Card Party deals fun, funds

The Marian Home Card Party was held in November, 2002, in the Sacred Heart Academy cafeteria. More than \$3000 was raised to benefit Marian Home.



Alice Miller, Sister Loretta Burch and Sister Lorraine Maginot.



Joan Joyner, Peasie Fischer, and Susan Kocher

## Marian Home News

### A volunteer in pastoral ministry

Sister Marian Wolfschlag, who is in her 66<sup>th</sup> year as an Ursuline Sister, is supposed to slow down, but she shows little sign of doing so. She used to be a Certified Nursing Assistant at Marian Home, but she now volunteers her time as Eucharistic minister. In addition to that, she also volunteers as a receptionist and with meal service. She and Sister Blanche Spriggs, who is also a retired nursing assistant, help the Marian Home residents with 'whatever needs to be done' including personal needs, laundry and errands.

'We do anything and everything that we see needs to be done,' Sister Blanche said.

There are other volunteer opportunities at Marian Home and they include:

- Receptionist duties for one to two hours weekly.
- Meal service for lunch or supper weekly.
- Volunteer to offer nail care.
- Volunteers willing to drive and assist with outings as scheduled.
- Volunteers to play pinochle, rummy, or bridge with residents.
- Volunteers to read to the visually impaired or assist with mail.

'We have some wonderful volunteers at Marian Home now,' Sister Marian said, 'But we can always use more.'

If you are interested in volunteering at Marian Home, call Jill Parson at (502) 896-0121.

## Marian Home Fundraising update

As we continue our celebration of Marian Home's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Office of Development is pleased to update you on the progress of our campaign to raise funds for the facility and its residents.

As of early January, we have received more than \$37,000 toward our goal of \$300,000. Of that, \$31,005 was received after our Making a Difference appeal. Our generous vendors have thus far contributed \$6,750.

As the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration continues through October of this year, we will be in touch with those whom we hope can further help us reach our goal of \$300,000.

The incredible goodwill of our friends, alumnae and benefactors is heartening, especially to the residents who will directly benefit from your generosity. If you would like more information on how to contribute to the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary campaign, please call the Office of Development at (502) 896-3938 or email [development@ursulineslou.org](mailto:development@ursulineslou.org).

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## Angela's Wisdom



*'God might easily make use of better instruments than you, but in His mercy He has chosen to make use of you for your own good. . . .'*

*—The First Counsel*

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*As a parishioner of St.*

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*We failed to acknowledge the receipt of a gift in honor of Sister Mary Laurana Burke from benefactor Evalyn Wolfhope in the Winter issue of the Ursuline DOME. Thank you for your generosity.*



**In Memoriam**



**Sister M. Charlesetta Smith**

**Nov. 15, 1907–  
Dec. 11, 2002**

Sister Charlesetta will be remembered for a storied teaching career that spanned 49 years in Louisville as well as Indiana, South Carolina, Nebraska, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania. She was known to be very prayerful and always gracious. Even after retirement, she tutored and was loved by students and colleagues.

***"In heaven you will find completed love, which is the fulfillment of love begun on earth."***

***—Saint Angela, from the Primitive Rule***

## Bargain Barn volunteers recognized

Volunteers who have given so much of their time to the Bargain Barn ministry were recognized with a December luncheon. The Bargain Barn operated on the Ursuline campus for 25 years, with proceeds from the sale of donated items benefiting Marian Home. With the Bargain Barn's closing due to traffic and safety concerns, we will realize a shortfall in funds benefiting Marian Home. We will be looking to our benefactors to help us supplement this revenue loss. For information on how you can help, call the Office of Development at (502) 896-3938.



Bargain Barn volunteers enjoy a farewell lunch.



Barbara Cassidy(left) and Sister Jean Anne Zappa.

### Volunteers recognized at the December luncheon included:

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## Vocation Venue

*Our Christian vocation is to make a difference by living the Gospel in our time. With each person's unique gifts, talents and desires, our challenge is to know how we can be responsive and generous in our witness to the faith we profess.*

*While service is the vocation that is common to all Christians, the call to religious life involves following a particular charism or gift that is unique to each religious congregation. For the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville the gift offered is, 'a contemplative love of God resulting in an openness and eagerness to serve the needs of others.'*

*Although sisters may be engaged in various ministries and serve different needs, it is not so much what they do as who they are within their ministries as witnesses of Jesus Christ.*

*The Ursuline Sisters of Louisville believe that service and love is a way of life. If you would like to know more about this way of life, contact:*

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## World Day of Prayer for Vocations, May 11, 2003

Pope John Paul II has selected the theme "Vocation to Service" for the 40<sup>th</sup> World Day of Prayer for Vocations, based on the Scripture text "Behold my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved, with whom my soul is well pleased." (Mt. 12:18):

*In today's culture, the person who serves is considered inferior, but in sacred history the servant is the one called by God to carry out a particular action ... In the Bible, service is always linked to a specific call that comes from God ... Service is possible, through gestures that seem small, but which are great if they are animated by sincere love.*

On this special day, let us pray with the whole church that young women and men will have the courage to answer the call for service to the people of God.

## Associate Aspects

*'I like my involvement in parish ministry because I want to be Jesus' hands and feet wherever I can. I want to share God's love with all those I serve.'*

—Ursuline Associate

Jean Patton

Cumberland, MD

*Ursuline Associates are vital members of the Ursuline family, sharing the ideals and spirit of the Ursuline sisters and their foundress, St. Angela. As such, many associates dedicate themselves to parish ministry.*

*To find out more contact:*

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## Associates in Maryland keep the Spirit moving

*Here's what some of our associates in Cumberland, Md. are up to.*



**Associate Mary Margaret King**, a retired nurse, is very involved in St. Mary's Parish, in Cumberland. She plays the organ on Saturdays and Holy days and helps with bereavement dinners. She spreads good cheer to shut-ins by bringing them flowers on special days. She functions on parish committees, was co-chair of the Heritage of Hope Campaign and the Centennial Committee, and serves as vice president of the Sodality. King feels it is her duty to help her parish. "I really enjoy playing the organ and the piano. It has benefited me spiritually and helps the congregation to participate more fully in the Liturgy."



**Associate Kathy Mattingly** is a teacher at Bishop Walsh School in Cumberland. She also serves as a Eucharistic minister at St. Mary's Church, a ministry that takes her out and about in the community. She has a communion service at the Cumberland Nursing Home once a month and takes communion to the residents at Booth Towers, a senior citizens' residence in Cumberland. "I get a sense of fulfillment from this ministry," Mattingly said. "There is a deep appreciation by the residents because this is a very important event in their lives. Even the incoherent patients seem to have a sense of devotion and peace when the Eucharist is given to them. They sense a holy presence."



**Associate Peggy Ruppenkamp**, along with her work as cantor at the Sunday liturgies and service on various parish committees, is also the youth minister at SS. Peter & Paul Parish. She teaches in the high school religious education program and the confirmation program, where she coordinates the activities for the parish's high school students. This role serves as a perfect complement to her job as a teacher Braddock Middle High School in Cumberland. Ruppenkamp well understands the challenges our youth face today. "We are all called to live the Gospel, and keep our church alive," she said of her ministry. "Young people are the 'oxygen' in our church's growth."



**Associate Carolyn Neely**, a teacher at Bishop Walsh School in Cumberland, is helping local kids learn to help others. Though she functions as a Eucharistic minister in SS. Peter and Paul Parish and has served on various parish committees, it is her involvement with the students in many outreach programs to the area that she finds truly gratifying. She helps the youth develop social awareness of the needs of others by collecting food at Thanksgiving, which is delivered to the four parishes in the Cumberland area for distribution to the needy. At Christmas, she coordinates a program in which the students adopt needy families and collect toys and clothing for them. "It sets a good example, teaching [students] to share what they have with others," Neely said of this ministry. "It's gratifying to see how appreciative the needy families are in receiving the gifts."



**Associate Jean Patton** truly enjoys her ministry. In addition to working full-time at a local business, she serves as the Eucharistic minister at SS. Peter & Paul Church, where she has been a teacher in the parish religious education program for several years. On Sundays, Patton transports elderly parishioners to church for the 9 a.m. Mass. This year, she is coordinating a buddy program between the parish shut-ins and the children in the religious education program, spanning the age gap to create lasting bonds. "I like my involvement in parish ministry because I want to be Jesus' hands and feet wherever I can," Patton said. "I want to share God's love with all those I serve."

## The Angela Merici Center Spring 2003 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. Other opportunities offered by The Angela Merici Center include Reiki and spiritual direction. If you have any questions or would like to register for any of the above offerings please feel free to

contact Ginny Schaeffer at 502-896-3945 or at [gschaeffer@ursulineslou.org](mailto:gschaeffer@ursulineslou.org). You may also check out the schedule and register on our Web site: [www.ursulineslou.org](http://www.ursulineslou.org).

### Blessed are the Peacemakers

March 4 through April 8 on Tuesdays, 2 - 4 pm at the Ursuline Motherhouse

March 6 through April 10 on Thursdays, 7- 9 pm at Brescia Hall

This six-week journey through Lent explores what it means to be peacemakers within our families, our community, our world and ourselves. Using the Prayer of St. Francis and the Beatitudes, the gatherings will include time for prayer, input, reflection and sharing.

Pre-registration is requested and there is a suggested donation of \$5 per session.

### Adventures in Prayer

7 - 9 pm in Brescia Hall the second Monday of the month. Suggested donation of \$5 for each session.

- March 10 "Praying Without Words," presented by expressive art therapist, Joan Zehnder.
- April 14 "Praying With The Labyrinth," facilitated by Kathleen Kaelin at St Paul United Methodist Church.
- May 12 "Using Our Bodies To Pray," facilitated by Sr. Josette Gocella.

### Liturgy and Lunch, "Preparing for Holy Week"

April 10 from 10am - 2pm

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with others for Liturgy, faith sharing and input on a spiritual topic. Lunch is provided and there is a fee of \$10, which includes the cost of lunch. Pre-registration is requested by April 3rd.

### Centering Prayer

The third Tuesday of each month, March 18, April 15 and May 20.

7-8 pm at Brescia Hall.

Facilitated by Sr. Margaret Ann Hagan, this is an opportunity to pray using the method taught by Fr. Thomas Keating to quiet the mind and body so as to rest in God's presence.

## A note of thanks

*The following is a note of thanks for a gift presented to the Ursuline School of Performing Arts from the Ursuline Campus Art Fair Preview Event committee on behalf of the Ursuline College alumnae.*

Please extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to the members of the Ursuline College Alumnae for their kind donation of \$1,200 to our scholarship fund. This gift, as with those in the past, will be used to help needy students to attend our classes.

Our school has greatly benefited from the Preview Party's successes. I appreciate all that has been done to support us and to encourage the arts to flourish on the campus.

My sincerest gratitude to all of you and I wish you continued success in whatever you choose to pursue.

Sincerely,  
Anna Jo Paul  
Director,  
Ursuline School for the Performing Arts

## Thank you to our volunteers

*In honor of National Volunteer Appreciation Week, April 27 - May 3, we would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all those who offer their time and talents to the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville.*

*Whether it's serving on a committee or assisting at Marian Home, the volunteer spirit helps drive the Ursuline Sisters' mission.*

*If you are interested in volunteering with the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville, please contact the following:*

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Jill Parson at  
(502) 896-0121*

*Art Fair,  
Lorri Malone at  
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*Brescia Hall,  
Betty Bradley at  
(502) 212-4633*

## Just Creations Community Shopping Night to Benefit Peru mission on April 10, 6-8pm

If you are looking for a gift item that *really* gives, then mark your calendar for an evening of shopping at Just Creations.

As part of Just Creations' Community Shopping Night, 10 percent of the sales made from 6-8 pm on April 10 will be donated to the Ursuline Sisters' Peru mission.

Just Creations, located at 2722 Frankfort Avenue in Louisville, is a not-for-profit store that features unique crafts by artisans in more than 35 countries in Asia, Central and South America and Africa. Beautiful décor, jewelry, toys, pottery, clothing and more are available just in time for Easter basket stuffing or spring spruce-ups. And best of all, your purchase helps provide a fair wage for the artisans who create these treasures—and on this particular Community Shopping night—will benefit the Peru mission.



Sister Sue Scharfenberger with one of the women associated with the convent in Peru.



Sister Sue Scharfenberger leads a group during a workshop as part of the Peru mission.



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