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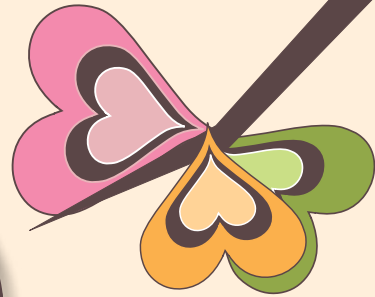
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ON THE COVER:

Sister M. Terence Schmitt spends time with Sacred Heart Model School student Roman Szwarc while Sister Denise Roberts looks on at Mercy Sacred Heart Village.

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Dear Friends,

As I write to you I have seen my first spring buds. There is such delight when this happens. You may have your favorite patch of early spring flowers or fragrant blooming trees or other signs of Spring. For me, these early signs speak of the opening and newness that is right here around me if I will but pay attention and watch. Nature's Spring, I am reminded, only comes because there was all the loss that is part of the Fall and the cold, snowy challenge of the Winter. It is this which prepares me to long for and be delighted by the gifts of Spring's many openings.

Our experience of letting go of Marian Home and beginning the Marian Community at Mercy Sacred Heart Village has been full of the same loss and challenge of the Fall and Winter seasons. We left Marian Home the week of Epiphany 2010. The feast called us to trust in the revelation of the newborn baby and the guiding star the three kings had followed. For Mary and Joseph, as well as the three kings, all was not clear. For us we knew we were called to make this difficult decision. The week of the move was cold and snowy. Two of our sisters left us for eternal life. The days were full of tearful good-byes to beloved, dedicated co-workers at Marian Home.

We used the pilgrim staff, a symbol of our foundress Saint Angela Merici, to lead us from Marian Home to this new beginning two miles from the Ursuline campus. All was unknown. As in any major journey or traveling, the weeks and months of the last year, as we grew in being in Marian Community at Mercy Sacred Heart Village, have been tiring and full of adjustments. This is the same experience that arises in the dead of winter when the cold and ice do not seem like they will ever end.

Coming to be a community in a new facility with the demands of our fragile health conditions is a challenge. Yet, just as the signs of Spring appear one by one, so has the rich evidence of the Springtime of the Marian Community appeared. There is still much to be shaped and nourished, for we are early in becoming the fullness that is possible in our new place. Such fullness takes time and many hands as it took to create Marian Home from its first days in 1977 to all it had grown to by 2009.

Any of us can easily miss that gorgeous patch of light purple crocuses which are the earliest spring flowers heralding in the many spring blooms to follow. Or, we can miss the first buds on the trees and the bed of jonquils along an Interstate's grassy area. Or, we may be unaware of the lengthening daylight minutes. Noticing these gifts of Spring requires of us to watch and to pay attention.

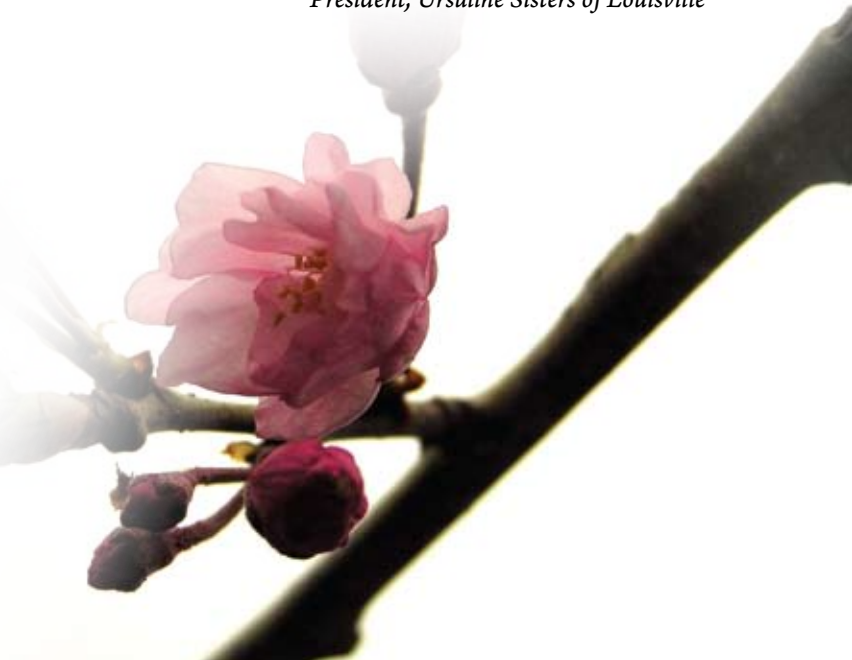
As I pay attention to the signs of the Spring season in the Marian Community, I see the many Associates, Ursuline Helpers, Ursuline Sisters Volunteers, Benefactors, Sister Friends, the Marian Community Team and Caregivers who have been and are daily nourishing the soil there. Our senior sisters are so blessed to be gifted by you. I invite you to enjoy the articles in this edition which will describe what is happening with the Marian Community at Mercy Sacred Heart Village as it buds to life.

Each new beginning or budding forth is God's way of being with us and guiding us in trusting how best to share our riches with each other. This is the gift of Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Sunday which only comes after the confusion and loss required by his death and burial. May we each rejoice and take notice of the many blessings of the new beginnings in our lives.

Sister Lynn Jarrell, OSU

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President, Ursuline Sisters of Louisville





Marian Community: Serving and Being Served

By Jessica Reid

The Ursuline Sisters' Chapel at Mercy Sacred Heart Village (MSHV) is empty on a cold winter afternoon except for a solitary sister who sits at the organ. You can hear the music she's playing wafting from the room, each note inviting you to come inside. Very softly, Sister Raymunda Orth (pictured above) begins to sing parts of the song, but trails off before any words are formed, humming them instead.

Sister Raymunda is going through some of the songs she'll play at Sunday's Mass. It's one of the many things she and other Ursuline Sisters do for the senior sisters living in the "Marian Community" at MSHV.

It was a little more than a year ago that Marian Home was closed and the residents were moved to Mercy Sacred Heart Village. Ever concerned about the welfare of their aging family members, the Ursuline Leadership formed the Marian Community Team, as well as, several other groups focused on ensuring the sisters' needs are met (see inset box).

"It has been a privilege for me to work with the Marian Community Team, our Caregivers, the Ursuline Sister Volunteers, Sister Friends, and Ursuline Helpers



Above: Janet Sauer (left) and Sister Delores Kemper

Marian Community Team – Sister Rita Dressman, Sister Patricia Ann Thompson and Sister Katherine Corbett, Sister Jamesetta DeFelice, Sister Delores Kemper, and Janet Sauer.

Caregivers for Sisters – Mary Ray, Rose Durham, Stephanie Ballard, and Kelly Milburn.

Ursuline Sister Volunteers – Sisters Pat Lowman, Dolores

Hudson, Helen O'Brien, Georgia Jean Kruml, Eileen Carney, Loretta Guenther, Julia Davis, Dominica Widmer, Evelina Pisaneschi, Dolorita Lutsie, Martha Buser, Lee Kirchner, Annunciata Muth, and Rita Joseph Jarrell.

Ursuline Helpers (lay volunteers) – Colette Dumstorf, Alma Maloney, Mary Rose Brizendine, Georgia Overberg, Peasie Fischer, Hugh Smith, Bonnie Bryant, Anne Kirchdorfer, Sharon Clayton, Barbara Trompeter, Marita Neichter, Dorothy Bloemer, Midge Meehan, Marilyn Beam, Judy Michels, and Jude Buckler.

in providing the family care and support for our sisters at MSHV,” said Sister Rita Dressman, who heads up the Marian Community Team as its coordinator. She is also a member of the Ursuline Leadership.

“The team and the caregivers are making sure the best care is being given to our sisters,” Sister Rita said. “We have a great channel of communication, so we can keep everyone in the loop.”

“[We’re] living together in friendship, and we really look out for each other,” said Sister Delores Kemper, who is on the Marian Community Team.

Like each member of the team, Sister Delores has certain tasks she is responsible for completing. She helps with Mass; cuts the sisters’ hair; helps with the planning of funerals when a sister passes; sits with a sister at the hospital if she is sick; and does many other large and small tasks almost every day, such as sewing names into clothing.

“It’s really a family spirit. The sisters look out for each other and minister to other residents as well,” Sister Delores said. “I think the Marian Community is a blessing for everyone living and working here. They see us giving to each other and the sisters here reaching out to other residents.”

“We visit and help wherever we can,” Sister Raymunda, who is a Marian Community resident, said. “There is one lady who repeats herself over and over. I visit her every day and recently she was the first to put her hand out to shake mine. Now she does it every day. That is my glory, it really is.” Sister Mary Lee Hansen, who lives in the Marian Community, also visits with lay residents almost daily.

“We are able to ‘do,’” Sister Mary Lee said. “We can see needs and make them known. [Some of our sisters] may not be able to verbalize it, so it’s

important that we are there to give them a voice.”

Both Sisters Raymunda and Mary Lee visit with sick or dying sisters; help with the music at Mass; meet with other sisters to plan for the liturgical year; handle correspondence, phone calls, and miscellaneous tasks for other sisters; and take part in or lead prayer groups, including some for Ursuline Associates. But, for each of them, as well as other sisters living in the Marian Community, it’s the daily prayer life that is most important.

“Even those who are very limited in what they can do are exceedingly faithful to their prayer time,” Sister Mary



Sr. Mary Lee Hansen

SISTER FRIEND PROGRAM

Each sister at MSHV has a sister or an associate who is a “Sister Friend” to her. They visit the sister; send greetings, remember her on her birthday or special feast, call her on the phone, and maintain contact. There are currently 32 sisters and 23 associates who serve as “Sister Friends.”



On December 11, 2010, members of the Sister Friend program who live in Cumberland, MD, made bags of goodies for the Marian Community.

Pictured above at Mercy Sacred Heart Village (from left to right) Sister Annalita Fox, Associate Carolyn Neely, Sister Rita Dressman and Associate Anna Michael.



Anna Michael visits Sister Adelaide Fackler

Lee said. "While it can sometimes be difficult for quiet time, the prayer life is foremost for every one of these sisters."

"This is so essential to our life that the staff has begun to ask us to pray for them as they see us walking to Chapel. They know that it is time for prayer."

"Yes!" Sister Raymunda agreed. "It is wonderful."

"They [the sisters] have presented them to the Lord and they are here," Sister Mary Lee added. "We have gathered here to pray."

It is that prayer life that has led so many residents and their families to call upon the Ursuline Sisters during their most difficult time, when a loved one is dying.

"Families who request our presence, we are there for them," Sister Mary Lee said. "We sit and pray with them."

It's not just Sisters Mary Lee and Raymunda who are helping. Other Marian Community residents lend a hand.

"We all do a little if and when we're able," Sister Raymunda said. "We all do what we can. We have many Ursuline Sisters who live here and help out here and at outside ministries."

"They've really made an effort to ensure all the sisters have the best care possible," said Hugh Smith, an Ursuline Helper at MSHV. "They really are advocates for each other and very supportive of each other."

"Ursuline Helpers" is the name given to volunteers who help the sisters within the Marian Community. Many of the Ursuline Helpers were with the sisters at Marian Home, including Hugh, whose respect and admiration for the sisters is palpable.

"They're strong women," Hugh said. "They are resilient, outgoing, giving women. Not much gets them down and they are committed to prayer and keeping the community spirit alive."

"Hugh is a very prayerful and a spirit-filled person," Sister Mary Lee said. "He loves the Blessed Mother and leads the rosary for those suffering from dementia."

"He really has a way with those who have dementia. They light up when it's his day to visit," Sister Raymunda added. "And, he is someone who, on his own, has come to help our community."

Hugh has been volunteering or working with the Ursuline Sisters for more than ten years. He said he feels lucky and blessed to volunteer and give back to people who have given so much of themselves over the years.

THE SISTERS & THE STUDENTS

Sacred Heart Model School students took time to visit with the sisters at Mercy Sacred Heart Village in the Fall and in the Spring. Some of the children visited for Halloween and have also planned visits and made gifts and cards for the sisters at other times and holidays during the year. Our thanks to the parents of Sacred Heart Model School, who provided us with these wonderful photos.



Ty Elpers and Sr. Rosemary Nevy



Sr. Dorothy Frankrone & Jack Malcolm



Sr. Denise Roberts & Reese Wearren



Sr. Assumpta Devine, Sr. Jean Marie Hettinger and Caroline Peters.

"These sisters have given to the undervalued, to the underprivileged, and worked hard to 'lift up' and educate young women and men. I just don't think people realize all that the [Ursuline Sisters] have done for others."

It's the reason there are nearly twenty Ursuline Helpers still volunteering with the sisters, and Hugh believes people are drawn to the Ursulines because of that giving nature and their prayerful lives.

Sister Rita Dressman said she is moved by the many volunteers, like Hugh and all the Ursuline Sisters, whether living in the Marian Community or elsewhere, who take time to help out and care for the Senior Sisters.

"The love and compassion of these sisters and friends has been inspiring. Each of them has been a blessing for all of us," Sister Rita said. "What we're doing is what other families would do. We just have a big family."


Here's An Easy Way Your Legacy Can Live On

BY Ellen McKnight, Director of Mission Advancement

Are You Ursuline Affected?

If your answer is “Yes”, you are one of the thousands of students, parents or alumni of grade school, high school or college *affected* by the Ursuline Sisters’ ministry of education. If you weren’t taught by an Ursuline Sister, you may have been *affected* by their active involvement in healthcare, parishes, social services, social justice causes, community cultural centers, spiritual retreats or volunteer activities.

“I admire the Ursulines because they have stayed true to the charism of St. Angela – a contemplative love of God and the openness and eagerness to serve others..... they have continued to serve the poor and to educate. This is evident through their work in Peru and their more recent mission to the children of the Nativity Academy (a school serving low-income families in Louisville, KY whose middle school-aged children would not have access to a private education otherwise).” ~Mary Sue Stratton Becker (Angela Merici High School ‘63, Ursuline College ‘68)

A photograph of an elderly woman with short grey hair and glasses, wearing a grey and blue striped sweater. She is standing next to a framed sign that contains the text: "The charism of Angela and the charism of the Ursulines of Louisville is a contemplative love of God and a resulting openness and eagerness to serve the needs of others." The sign is mounted on a brick wall.

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How will you affect the causes, organizations and people that shaped you during your lifetime?

It all starts with Estate Planning or Planned Giving. The word “Estate” is the sum of your assets. From modest to majestic, your estate includes tangible worth such as: property, holdings, stocks, life insurance policies and investments, to name a few. The word “Plan” means putting structure to your generosity with a plan of action. It takes a plan for you to prepare, document, develop, arrange, schedule, forecast, establish, designate and distribute your charitable giving – your assets.

Benefactor Judy Michels (Ursuline Academy-Louisville, Class of ‘57), who was taught by Ursuline Sisters for 12 years and continues to volunteer with programs and projects in the Louisville area, summed up her decision to include the Sisters in her Will with this statement, *“It is a way to payback all they have done for me.”*

Inclusion in your Will causes a ripple effect that takes years from conversation to conversion. Such was the case with a now deceased benefactor who was approached 24 years ago by the late Sister Angelice Seibert about including the Ursuline Sisters in her estate plans. In correspondence Sister Angelice wrote, *“It is very probable that the day your Will is probated both you and I will be rejoicing together in our heavenly home. Alleluia!”* Twenty-four years later this benefactor’s planned giving is her living legacy within the Ursuline community.

Designating your beneficiaries is one of the most important decisions you make in your lifetime. Besides family and relatives, an average of two to three charitable organizations are usually named as beneficiaries. A Will is forward-thinking, reflective and a gesture of

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Judy Michels (UA’57)

“It is very probable that the day your Will is probated both you and I will be rejoicing together in our heavenly home. Alleluia!”

Quote in benefactor correspondence from Sr. Angelice Seibert (Ursuline Academy/Louisville '39; Ursuline College Louisville '47; President of Ursuline College 1965-1968; President of the Ursuline Sisters 1980-1988)

thankfulness for life's blessings – big and small. Your Will is a document of precise decisions. Planned giving through Will inclusion means being prepared and knowing your smallest wishes will be carried out just the way you intended. Your intentions are controlled and designated by you to avoid legal and family disputes. If you don't have a plan, you can't control what happens to your property or investments should you become incapacitated or die.

Your assets take years to gather and grow. It only takes a few minutes to call your financial advisor to start the conversation. With the help of a professional, you'll be guided through the process of the legalese and the ever-changing federal and state tax laws. Make your generosity a private and personal experience with the oversight and input of sound financial advice from a professional. Take a step to “personalized philanthropy” to understand the best approach and protect what has taken you a lifetime to earn and accumulate. The following are some options to discuss with your financial advisor:

- Wealth Management
- Wealth Preservation
- Charitable Remainder Trust
- Wealth Replacement Trust
- Life Insurance Gifts
- Gift Annuities
- Gifts of Stock
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- Maintaining Control of Your Assets in a Trust
- Income for life

Remember the people and organizations that have influenced and *affected* your life. Planned Giving is a ministry. Make it yours.

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I (we) have already included the Ursuline Sisters in my (our) Will.

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sha alumna honored

On February 10, Ann Gettlefinger Cunningham (SHA '67), pictured above right, with president of the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville, Sr. Lynn Jarrell (SHA '66) was honored with the Ursuline Teaching Award by Sacred Heart Academy in Louisville. The award honors SHA alumnae who carry out the mission of the Ursuline Sisters through dedicated service in the teaching profession 20 or more years.

One of Ann's nominators said, "Ann has always motivated her students to succeed and to learn. She has a special gift of presenting her subject matter in an interesting and humorous way. The students not only learn, but enjoy learning. They know Ann truly cares about them and she brings a sense of humor and compassion to the many situations she has encountered over the years."



Ursuline Academy, Cumberland, MD,
sister faculty 1962-1966

1 - Sr. Anastasia Lega, 2 - Sr. Mary Catherine Vukmanic, 3 - Sr. Mary Terence Schmitt,
4 - Sr. Bernice Heitkemper, 5 - Sr. Marilyn Mueller



Carla Harrison Duls' high school photo

ua - louisville class of 1951

october 15, 2010



From left: Mary Margaret Caster, Joan Nitzken, Jackie Phillips,
Mary Lou Gregory, Peg Bergamini, Millie Killmeier, Pat Greene

INSPIRED BY THE URSULINES

"Dear Sister Mary Catherine,

Throughout my career, you were my role model. I wanted to be a teacher just like Sister Mary Catherine, inspiring my charges to strive for excellence. I found this to be particularly true when my students completed creative projects. When I was a sophomore at Ursuline, you organized a Latin Fair with our counterparts at Catholic Girls Central; I constructed a Roman road. You may not remember this, but when I brought my road to school the day before the Fair, you wouldn't let me enter it; you said it was not completed. After adding your suggested improvements, I brought it back to school the next day. My extra efforts paid off! I won either 2nd or 3rd place! Years later, in my own classroom, I saw each miniature guillotine, each Miss Havisham doll through your eyes.

Fondly,

Carla Harrison Duls"
UA-Cumberland, MD '66

Photos from Mrs. Duls

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The Spirituality of Angela Merici

By Ginny Schaeffer,
Director, Angela Merici Center
for Spirituality

Here's a short quiz for you:

Name a form of spirituality found within the Roman Catholic tradition...

Okay, time's up.

Chances are you came up with one of the three most well-known: Benedictine, Franciscan, and/or Ignatian. You may even know a thing or two about one or the other.

For instance, the core values of Benedictine spirituality include prayer, sacred reading, work, community and holy leisure. Franciscan spirituality reminds us of the humility and love of God who would become one of us and die horribly rather than recant that love. Ignatian spirituality focuses on God's presence in our everyday lives and the necessity for discernment as to how we can each best respond to God's invitation.

But, have you ever wondered about the spirituality of St. Angela Merici? As a reader of the DOME it may be assumed that you have or have had some connection with the Ursuline Sisters and know that their foundress is Angela Merici, a woman who lived in Italy in the 1500s and founded the Company of Saint Ursula, most commonly known today as the Ursuline Sisters.

What is the spiritual heritage of Saint Angela that has come down to us through the centuries? What are the practices she encouraged her daughters and sons (Yes, Angela had "spiritual" sons.) to partake in so that their/our lives may give glory to the only God?

Like all of the great spiritualities nurtured in the womb of Christianity, Angeline Spirituality was formed in relationship with the Holy. It seems that one of her favorite terms of endearment for Jesus was "Lover of us all."

What a wonderful word, lover, so full of passion, intimacy, care, a giving of oneself to another, an opening of hearts and minds to greater possibilities. What a clear picture this paints of how Angela related to the Christ and how she experiences Christ relating to all of us. This is not some lofty title given to a distant God; but a down-to-earth, flesh and blood one given to a God she knew and desired for all of us to know in the same way.

This type of relationship must have grown out of prayer... daily prayer. This prayer allowed her to be herself with her Lover, to share her dreams, fears, disappointments, accomplishments, self-doubts and daily life. It was prayer that was rooted in the liturgy of the Church, but did not end at the Church doors. It was a prayer that was transforming and empowering, to the point that this tiny peasant woman could say no to a pope so that she could continue the work she and her Lover were about.

Reading and hearing Scripture seems to be another important core element of Angeline Spirituality. Simply read the Rule she left for her Company. It is full of quotes from the Scriptures. These passages must have been near and dear to Angela herself, words she would have mulled over, meditated upon and prayed with until they became a part of her. Angela does not seem to read the Scriptures in a critical manner much like we do, often looking for passages that prove I'm right and you're not. Rather she hears and reads these words with the ears and eyes of her heart and spirit which allows them to transform her life, not because there is anything magical about them, but because she allows them to interpret how she should live.

Angela knew much hardship and grief in her life. She also knew, in a deeply felt way, the love of God and the healing this love can bring. In turn, Angela lived a life of compassion (feeling the pain and suffering of another that moves us to act). It was not sympathy, empathy or pity but compassion and an openness of heart that caused her to find ways to minister to those who were considered the outcasts of her day, who were thrown out like the daily garbage. She showed compassion for the incurables, men and women dying from syphilis, which was running rampant throughout Italy in the 1500s. It was compassion that caused her to rescue young girls from the cursed life of human trafficking and slavery. Not only did she rescue them, but she also worked to further the cause of women having individual worth, an absolutely ridiculous idea at the time.

Right along with compassion, Angela practiced a radical form of hospitality. She would have loved our hymn, "All are Welcome"; but it would have been much more

than a song to her, it was her way of life. She welcomed not just those she knew and who were kind to her, but she also welcomed and cared for the poor, the widow, the stranger, the destitute and the dying. She invited them into her heart, calling them her daughters and sons and making sure that they would be well cared for and trained in the ways of God long after she was gone. Angela knew that this form of hospitality required taking risks and she took them.

Harmony, concord and unity are other vital hallmarks of Angeline Spirituality - values we are in sore need of within our church and society today. Throughout the Rule she wrote for her small Company, she implores them to live in harmony with one another, to be of "... one heart and will." No small task. Yet, over and over again she admonishes her Company to be gentle with one another, to build up the weak and to challenge the strong. She desires that they have Jesus as their teacher and the Holy Spirit as their guide. If this is the case, Angela trusted that, even if they were of a different mind, the heart they would all share would be the heart of Jesus and the will would be the will of God, which is, of course, love and unity.

In a nutshell, the spirituality of St. Angela is rooted in the incomprehensible, infinite, unconditional love of God that she experienced in her own life and desired all others to experience as well. This love opened her eyes, heart and mind to the needs of those around her and gave her the courage and wisdom to find unconventional ways to meet those needs. She discovered that this love was limitless and did not need to be guarded and doled out cautiously, but that the more it was shared the more there seemed to be. It was this love that empowered her to be compassionate, hospitable to the stranger and to live in and desire ongoing harmony within her little Company.

Angeline Spirituality is one that continues to speak to the needs of our world. Like hers, ours is being ripped from end-to-end by violence, scandal and fractured relationships. May her charisma, the gift of the Spirit, continue to bless us and guide us as we strive to bring about God's ultimate reality.

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CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF *Saint Angela Merici*

St. Angela is the foundress of Ursulines throughout the world and her centuries-old teachings still define and influence how the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville live today.

"[Our Charism] is a contemplative love of God and a resulting openness and eagerness to serve the needs of others," Sister Rita Dressman, member of the Ursuline Leadership, said during a special liturgy on Thursday, January 27. "The day marks the Feast of St. Angela for Ursulines around the world."

For the Louisville celebration, Ursuline Associates, Mount St. Joseph Ursuline Sisters, members of the Company of St. Angela, co-workers, and many more friends filled the Motherhouse Chapel for the event. Sister Ruth Ann Haunz, a member of the Ursuline Leadership, spoke to the crowd about the many images of St. Angela.

"Unlike our knowledge of Jesus, we know what she looked liked," Sister Ruth Ann said. "But what's more important is that her attributes give us lots of different images and explain her as a whole."

"Angela, the teacher...

... Angela, the pilgrim

... and Angela, the Giver."

Attendees were invited to bake or buy bread and bring it to the January 27 celebration. The bread was donated to local charities where the Ursuline Sisters are now in service.



Sister Rita Ann Wigginton



Sisters Lelia Kirchner and Annunciata Muth

The Sisters Baking Bread for the Feast of St. Angela



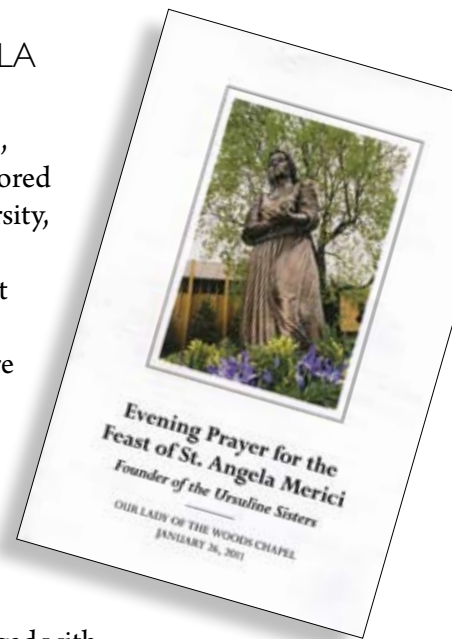
Sister Julia Davis enjoyed baking bread!

***With the help of God
you will do much good for others.***
~ St. Angela Merici

CELEBRATING ST. ANGELA AT BELLARMINE

On Wednesday, January 26, the Ursuline Sisters were honored as guests of Bellarmine University, Louisville, during Vespers, followed by supper and a short program by students. Several Ursuline College alumnae were also in attendance.

One young woman opened the program by saying to the sisters, "You are the reason we are here at Bellarmine University. If Ursuline College had not merged with Bellarmine, we would not be here this evening. Thank you."



Honors & Recognitions



HELPING CHILDREN IN NEED...

St. Joseph Children's Home in Louisville, KY, honored the Ursuline Sisters on Wednesday, February 2, for their **113 years of service** to the children at the Home. Fifteen sisters were able to join in the celebration Mass, followed by dinner. The sisters began serving at the orphanage (founded in 1849) in 1897.



HELPING THE SICK

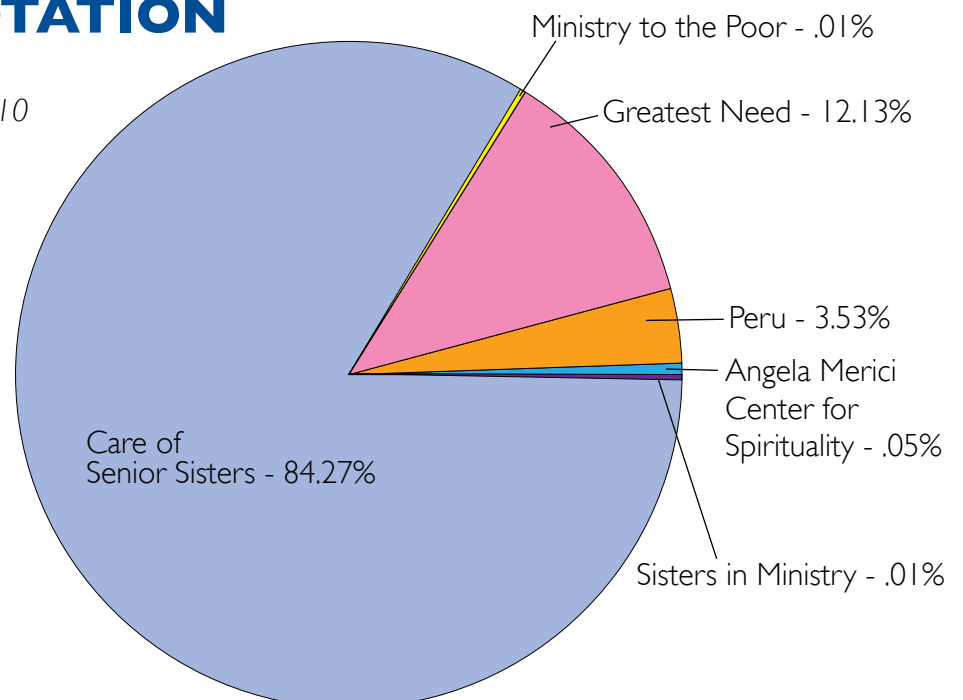
Sister Bernadine Nash was acknowledged by Jewish Hospital for **3,500 hours of volunteer service** as a hospital chaplain. She accumulated these hours between 1998 and 2010. The written recognition came with a volunteer pin identifying her years and hours of service.

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*“May Saint Angela bless us on the way, accompany us on the journey,
and lead us to the One who loves us all. Amen.”*

Four Ursulines Called Home by God

The Ursuline Sisters recently memorialized four of their Ursuline family members:
Sister Esther Fehringer, Sister Rachel Fleckenstein, Sister Clarissa Fitzmayer, and Sister Vivian Dreisbach.

The four sisters, who had a combined 319 years of ministry and service to others,
died at Mercy Sacred Heart Village in Louisville, KY, where they lived out their ministry in prayer.



Sister Esther Fehringer, OSU
*(Formerly known as
Sister Philomena)*

May 19, 1918 - December 29, 2010

MINISTRIES –
Louisville, KY: Holy Spirit, St. Therese, St. Francis of Assisi and St. Ann schools, Sacred Heart Academy and Ursuline Academy
Nebraska: Grand Island, Hershey, Paxton, Sutherland, and Sidney as a pastoral minister

Sister Rachel Fleckenstein, OSU

October 13, 1924 - December 30, 2010

MINISTRIES –
Cumberland, MD: SS. Peter and Paul and St. Mary schools
Lima, Peru: served 4 years as a teacher
Louisville, KY: St. Elizabeth and St. George schools, Sacred Heart Academy, Sacred Heart Model School, Angela Merici High School, and Sylvan Learning Center

Sister M. Clarissa Fitzmayer, OSU

February 8, 1924 - February 24, 2011

MINISTRIES –
Louisville, KY: St. Francis of Assisi, St. Helen, St. Elizabeth, Our Lady of Lourdes, and St. Raphael schools, the Ursuline School of Music and Marian Home
Nebraska: Blessed Sacrament in Omaha; St. Patrick in North Platte; and St. Patrick in Sidney
Columbia, SC: Cardinal Newman

Sister Vivian Dreisbach, OSU

August 24, 1915 - March 10, 2011

MINISTRIES –
Louisville, KY: St. Boniface, St. George, Holy Spirit, and St. Helen schools, Angela Merici High School, Sacred Heart Academy, Sacred Heart Model School, Marian Home, and Sacred Heart Convent
Madison, IN: St. Michael School
Jackson, MS: St. Mary School
Nebraska: St. Patrick School in North Platte, and Blessed Sacrament School in Omaha