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MAY IN BLOOM

May is so beautiful:
Orchards are fair;
Branches of fruit trees
Make gardens of air.
Flowers of fragrance
Bloom in the light;
Fall like the snowflakes
Showering white.
Orchards of heaven
Grow with a grace,
And like a blessing
Perfume the place.
Each tree in blossom,
Each lovely spray,
In this month of Our Lady,
Bring glory to May.

Helen Maring

An Opportunity for All Sisters

May 30, 2012

Our Foundation Board, Finances and Investments

Each year at our June Community “End of Year” report you have been given investment and financial updates. This year, we are going to do something different. These reports will not be given on June 2 but rather, from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 30, you will individually have the opportunity to meet with the following:

Investments Mike Bercher and Jennifer Hildebrand
Finances Doug Albright
Foundation Board Adele Jasion, Marty Connors and Dick LaValley, Jr.

Throughout the various Covenant discussion meetings, some Sisters had questions regarding the role of our Foundation Board. This gathering will also provide the opportunity to spend time with some of our members.

You will be able to “travel” from table to table in our library/dining room areas.

June 2, 2012

We will be meeting on June 2 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. All Sisters are required to attend this meeting.

~ Agenda ~

- ❖ **St. Ursula Academy Update**
 - Lynn Anderson, Interim President
 - Kim Sofo, Principal

- ❖ **Associate Program Report**

- ❖ **Diocesan Vocation Program**

- ❖ **NAULC**

- ❖ **Committee Reports**

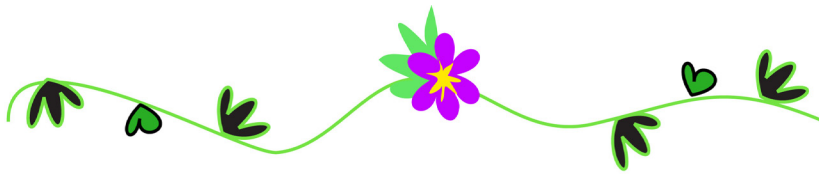
- ❖ **Ursuline/SUA Scholarships**

- ❖ **Updated Policies pertaining to our Center**
 - Jeni Belt (Attorney at Law with Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP)
This update will include new information according to Ohio Law as to whom may be accepted as residents in skilled nursing home facilities such as our Center.

 - Additional Center information

- ❖ **Recent LCWR Meetings**

- ❖ **Community Updates**



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayer offered by Rev. Marty Donnelly at the annual K of C dinner in honor of the women religious who serve in our diocese:

Catholic religious women of this diocese – indeed this country – can't be thanked enough, honored enough. Both church and the country stumble, weak and unsure, from one faltering crisis after another; while our religious women have kept, and keep on, keeping on from one decade, one generation, to the next, healing our wounds, bringing hope to our poor, giving our children hope, confidence, opportunities.

The Knights of Columbus have recognized their contribution. The Knights are wise enough, visionary enough, grateful enough, to take these few hours this afternoon to say thanks to the Sisters. More than saying thanks, they tell these women, Sisters of our diocese – if retired, but some still on the job; and still other Sisters who have put together the Women Blessing Women ministry – the Knights want to tell them that they admire their competence, their ability, their bold courage, their success. They have brought the gospel of Jesus Christ to our diocese, to our city, and to our culture. Our Catholic church and our city could not have succeeded without these women.

Let us pray.

Thank you, loving God, for sending these great women, humble but confident, into your Son's mission. We pray that their lives and their ministries remain special, truly charismatic. We ask for them nothing but that they might continue to serve the common good in the church and in society. May they know that their lives have been fulfilled and their purpose realized. Continue to bless them, we pray. Amen.



Deadline for the June Newsletter is:

Friday, May 20, 2012

Council NOTES

Council Agenda

- Opening Prayer
- Review of Minutes
- Committee Meetings
 - Community Committee Mtgs.
 - Associate Mtg.
 - Diocesan Vocation Mtg.
- April LCWR Meeting Follow Up
- April LCWR Sub Region Follow Up
- Critical Personnel Issues: Resilience in Leadership Conference held in Greenbelt, Maryland, attended by Sr. Margaret and Sr. Claudia
- Preparation for NAULC Mtg.
 - View DVD: *Transformation of Religious Life in North America: An Action-Oriented Initiative*
 - Continue developing theme, prayers, schedule, etc.
- Calendar check
- Finances
 - Center Budget
 - Community Budget
 - Investments

Ursuline Convocation

Date: July 4-7, 2013

Theme: Angela's Radical Gospel
Vision: Expanding the Vision

City: Cincinnati

Detailed information will be received at a later date.



Rest In Peace

Donald Riley, brother of Sister Charlotte Rita ~ March 11

Sister Susanne Wenninger, SND, sister of Sister Mary Virginia, SND; aunt of Sister Mary Magdalen, SND and Sister Mary dePorres, SND ~ March 23

Sister M. Vincent Zarembski, OSF/S ~ March 23

Sister Mary Zagorc, Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland ~ March 25

Sister M. Rosanne Gacek, OSF/S ~ April 2

Sister Mary Alice Mathias, OSF/T ~ April 5

Sister Robert Ann Wheatley, Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph ~ April 8

Associate Helen Sherman, mother of Sister Sandy Sherman ~ April 10

Harold Massie, father of Vickie Massie, SUA '79 ~ April 10

Brett Ritchie, son-in-law of Karen Warren, nurse at the Center ~ April 11

Joyce Gwinner, organist for more than 20 years at St. Agnes Church, Toledo ~ April 11

Sister Helen Ann Stuart, Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph ~ April 15

James Bender, brother of Dorothy Berry, SUA '39 ~ April 17

Sister Consuelo Price, Ursuline Sisters of Louisville ~ April 19

Dr. Edward Jacob, husband of Ann (Shamy) Jacob, SUA '57 and brother of Janice Musarelli, SUA '69 ~ April 19

Todd Hafner, husband of Lorie Hafner, teacher at St. John's Point Place and cousin of Dan Hafner ~ April 22

May Reflection Day

Ursuline Center Chapel
Saturday, May 26th

10:00 – Reflection

“Mary in Scripture”

Presenter: Pat Bercher

10:30 – Exposition -
Quiet time

11:30 – Communion Service



A Dream Come True

For many, many years, I have had a very large, beautiful picture of a very graceful ballet dancer in my room. The caption on the picture reads:

“If you can imagine it, you can achieve it; If you can dream it, you can become it”

For many years I have had the dream to do something in the Dance Studio at St. Ursula Academy, with the mirrored walls and ballet bars. Believe it or not, my dream has come true! Thursday, April 19, I began teaching an adult line dancing class and we get plenty of exercise. The name of my dance studio is “Mirracle Dream Castle.”

So dream big! Your dream can come true! ~ *Sister Margaret Anne*



NEWS

FROM PERU

Sometimes people ask me what I do. I realize what they really want to know is what's a normal day like. It's not yet 10 a.m. Let's look at today so far.

We are 5 in the house today: Yuli and I are Ursulines, Jennifer is a lay woman living with us the last 6 months, Pilar is an Ursuline Associate from Cajamarca, who comes to stay with us periodically for medical reasons, and her daughter Yesenia. Yuli and I sleep in the front bedrooms, right on the residential divided street between us and the river. It is the only street that public transportation is allowed to travel on in the whole district. It is also the connection between the airport and the commercial/political center of Lima. Traffic continues at all hours—from cars, vans, and pick-up trucks to buses, ambulances, police vehicles, and semis. Most of it we sleep through. At 5 a.m. today I awoke to repeated whistle signals outside my window. Our houses are connected like townhouses. My first response was to listen closer. Then I realized it was a work colleague of our sleepy next door neighbor. Now to fall back to sleep. It's patchy, off and on sleep. I hear the morning waking up all around us. At 6:30 Yuli gets up to get ready for school. She's replacing the regular kindergarten teacher. There are 2 phone calls before 7. Prayers at 7:30 and then get breakfast ready for the guests. People start trickling down to the kitchen. The doorbell rings and it's a 10 year old, telling me his grandmother is very bad at her house, and all the family is gathered. Please come quickly. I run (literally) to the house three blocks away and find out the grandmother is fine, fixing breakfast. We'll have to investigate that later. He needs to go to school first.

I sit down at the computer to begin this letter and find out the Internet isn't working. Someone tells me that yesterday a man came to the door to ask if our connection was working. It was. He wanted to check it himself. My first question was if the man had any ID. Luckily they hadn't let him into the house. An hour or so later, the Internet wasn't working. They called the telephone company and supposedly a technician will be here sometime today. At least they got the report number from the telephone company to compare with the technician when he arrives. It's hard

to be so suspicious of people, but experience has taught us to be cautious.

The visitors have started their trek through Lima for the day. First, they will reserve and pay for their doctor's appointment at the hospital this afternoon. Pilar's brother will meet them at the hospital and they will take buses for an hour to cash in coupons they have bought that will entitle them to discounts and free medicines. After getting the medicine, they will eventually return to the hospital for the doctor's appointment, hopeful that there might be a bit of good news.

Luckily I don't have any scheduled meetings today, so I can catch up with work at home. Jennifer is cooking lunch, but also has to leave soon for the day. I will be here for the technician, after looking for Internet to send this letter. I don't trust the public computers with my thumb drive. I've had my fill of hackers/viruses for now. The day is young. I could get lots of exercise yet walking to all these unexpected adventures that fill any day.

Love, Carol

Spring Cleaning ... Time To Divest!

The Center basement is "stuffed" with unused materials, furniture, etc. It is time to clean house! Time to divest! Some items will be given to places that might be able to use extra crutches, etc. Other unwanted/unused items will be placed in our Garage Sale which will take place behind the Center, June 5, 6, and 7. If you have personal items, including furniture, books, etc. in the basement please either take it home with you or place it in your room if you live at the Center or mark it for the Garage Sale no later than Friday, May 25. There are personal and general items that have not been used in years.

If you live else where, please do not help yourself to something in the basement without speaking with Sister Bernarda or Tom Barnhiser because some of the furniture belongs to Center rooms. You are also asked not to use the basement to "drop off" unwanted items from home.

Thank you everyone for your cooperation.



SUA Reporter Sharing Wisdom

Sister Mary Jane Cosentino, OSU

Interviewed by McKenna Laney

Sister Mary Jane was born on October 29th and her baptismal name was also Mary Jane. She grew up with two brothers, two sisters, and an identical twin. One of her brothers sadly just passed away, but she always keeps him in her prayers. Most of her family lives in Arizona but she has an older sister that is in the Convent with her. Her family from Arizona visits her usually once a year or once every two years and stays for about three weeks. Sister Mary Jane grew up in Berlin Heights, Ohio and also attended high school there. Huron was her parish in that area. Sister became a part of the Convent because she said, "God was calling her." When asked why she

chose the Ursulines she said it was easier for her parents and everyone around her since her older sister had joined this one already. Her ministry is education and she taught mostly Biology and other sciences to high school students. First, she taught at public schools in Milan and Sandusky, Ohio. Later, after she became a Sister, she taught at St. Ursula Academy for forty years. Now that she is retired, she enjoys working with stamps of all kinds through the Ursula Stamp Project. Her job is to sort and categorize after someone else cuts them. Sister Mary Jane has traveled to seven different countries in Europe including Portugal, Spain, France, and Germany.

Sister Mary Marilyn Mayle, SND

Interviewed by McKenna Laney

Sister Marilyn was born on June 15, 1919 in Norwalk, Ohio. She grew up with a younger sister, one older brother and a younger brother. In her youth, she always had dogs around, especially bull dogs. Even now in her spare time she loves playing with dogs that are brought to the Ursuline Center. During the summer as a child, she remembers going to her cottage from the moment school let out, to the day before it started again. She went swimming and played outside all day. Sister also

enjoyed playing baseball and tennis. Sister Marilyn's baptismal name was Rita and as she grew up she said, "I fell in love with Jesus". That is what made her become a Sister. Her ministry was teaching high school English, mostly shorthand. She taught all over Ohio from Fremont to Sandusky and she also taught at St. Joe's, Notre Dame and Ladyfield. Now Sister is a joy to be around and visit with.

McKenna Laney

My name is McKenna Laney and I attend St. Ursula Academy. This year I am a sophomore and I enjoy every moment of my school environment, from classes to sporting events. I love being around my friends and teachers. I have two siblings, an older sister who attends Central Michigan University and is currently in grad school for her doctorate in physical therapy; and an older brother who goes to Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. He is majoring in chemical engineering and is in his third

year. I was born in Toledo, Ohio at Riverside Hospital on March 17, 1996. At fifteen years of age I like to be active and play lacrosse, and I also like to be around my friends and family. When I get older I would love to travel to many places including Spain and France. I also enjoy being at the Ursuline Center, it fills me with joy when I get to interact with the Sisters, even if it is for just a card game.

Faith gives us the courage to face the present with confidence and the future with expectancy. ~ 'Amish Sayings' by Suzanne Woods Fisher

Associate News



Dear Friends,

I recently had the opportunity to speak to a junior class at St. Ursula Academy about my service and ministry as an Ursuline Associate. This was a very "outside the box" opportunity for me because you see, I may be a lector at Mass, however, to speak freely in front of a group of people is very difficult for me. I shared this with them because Angela was a person who stepped out of her box frequently and I believe she calls us to do the same.

True service is exactly that...stepping outside of our box, stepping outside of our comfort zone to help someone else. Because service is not about ourself. It is about reaching out beyond ourself, beyond our home, beyond our community. Don't get me wrong, there are times we are called to serve within our boundaries but for the most part Angela encourages us to look out beyond those boundaries.

I love Angela's example of being ready, being willing and being open to the Holy Spirit for guidance. We are here to be that example for others.

To be the light of readiness.

To be the light of willingness.

To be the light of the Spirit shining where there is darkness.

To be the light of the present moment.

Shakespeare wrote, "To be or not to be, that is the question." I truly believe Angela would say, to be is not the question but rather, the answer!

May I take this opportunity to wish every woman a Happy Mother's Day. For those of us without children of our own, we too should take the time to celebrate this day for there have been many opportunities as Angela's daughters where we have nurtured, encouraged and supported others as well as one another.

Just a reminder that small prayer groups are in the process of being formed. If you are interested and have not contacted me you may still do so. And our annual Sisters and Associate Retreat is May 19. Contact Pat Bercher if you would like to attend.

May Spring blessings abound!
Kathy

Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland

The Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland express their gratitude for the leadership of

Angelita Zawada, OSU (RIP)

Maureen Grady, OSU

Joan Marie Russ, OSU

Mary Ellen Brinovec, OSU

Joanne Buckman, OSU

and are pleased to announce the election of a new administration for a four-year term, effective June 2, 2012

President

Susan Durkin, OSU

Councilors

Maureen Doyle, OSU

Susan Bremer, OSU

Kathleen Flanagan, OSU

Ann Letitia, OSU



Sylvania Franciscans **Elect New Leadership Team**

The Sisters of St. Francis of Sylvania, Ohio elected a new Leadership Team April 20, 2012. Chosen for a four-year term, the team will be formally installed during a liturgy at 11 a.m., Sunday, June 24, 2012 in Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapel on the Motherhouse grounds in Sylvania.

Sister Mary Jon Wagner was elected Congregational Minister; **Sister Theresa Darga**, Assistant Congregational Minister; **Sister Patricia Gardner**, Full-Time Councilor; and **Sisters Sharon Derivan**, and **Rachel Nijakowski**, Part-Time Councilors.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2012

May

- 10 Maumee Bay
- 12 Collaborative Ministry Day - Notre Dame
- 20 SUA Graduation
- 28 Memorial Day
- 31 Council Meeting

June

- 2 Community Meeting, 11:00 a.m. - app. 3:30 p.m.
- 13-14 Council Planning Days
- 24 NAULC Meetings - Council
Louisville, KY

Voting for the Common Good in the 2012 Elections

Recently some residents of the Center gathered for a discussion on Voting for the Common Good in the 2012 election.

“The common good is the total of all those conditions of social living – economic, political, sociological and cultural – which make it possible for women and men readily and fully to achieve the perfection of their humanity. Individual rights are always experienced within the context of the promotion of the common good. Catholic social thought’s vision of promoting the common good involves working on developing in society all those conditions of social living through which each and every person can be enabled to achieve their authentic human development more fully.”

Edward P. DeBerri, James E. Hug, Peter J. Henriot, and Michael J. Schultheis,
Catholic Social Teaching Our Best Kept Secret
(Orbis Books, Maryknoll, New York, Fourth Edition, 2004) 23

The questions provided by Catholics United for the Common Good included the following:

- How do you see people in your community working towards the common good?
- What needs do you see that are not being adequately addressed?
- What needs to change, in order to address the needs you identified?
- What would you ask your elected officials to do?
- What is the role of government in promoting the common good?
- What is the role of We, the people?
- What do we want elected officials from our state to do to further the common good?
- What will we commit ourselves to do to further the common good?

It’s not too early to begin asking ourselves these questions.

For updates on such discussions go to www.catholics-unied.org.

Submitted by the Committee on Mission.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

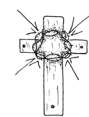
May

- 4 Rose Hubay
- 6 Sr. Mary Claver Pollauf
- 7 Sr. Mary Evelyn Kuhn
- 10 Joan Bradner
- 12 Nancy Harmon
- 23 Roseann Jackson
- 25 Judy Lonergan
- 27 Jane Charette
Judy Virtue
- 28 Robin Bonfiglio

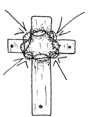


June

- 7 Dee Anne Fraker
Larry Wolf
- 9 Sarah Abts
Patricia Meiring
- 15 Sr. M. Antoinette Cosentino
Sr. M. Marilyn Mayle
- 17 Sr. Margaret Anne Carstensen
- 18 Sr. Jeanne Marie Holtz
- 20 Carolyn Wolf
- 23 Sr. Ann Marie McManus
- 26 Sr. Maria Jose Gonzales
Bob Lonergan
Beatrice Bruen
- 27 Sr. Pat Grosse
Debra Kreft
Stan Turski
- 28 Alice Mertes
- 29 Virginia Labardee
Rev. Ric Saelzler
- 30 Bertie Seal



FEAST DAY



May

- 22 Sr. Rita Mae
- 26 Sr. Mary Evelyn
- 30 Sr. Mary Jean
Sr. Jeanne Marie

June

- 22 Sr. Antoinette
- 21 Sr. M. Louisa
- 27 Sr. M. Marilyn



you are appreciated

All of us are aware that in order to have beautiful Holy Week Services, a great deal of anticipation, time and selfless giving takes place along with behind the scene activities. Sisters Marie Denise, Claudia, Regina, Coletta, Margaret Anne, Eileen Marie, Francein, Antoinette, Carol, Mary Kay, Mary Lou, Elizabeth Marie, St. Martin, plus Fr. Ric, Deacon Patrick McCabe, Edward Gerrity, Val Myers, Tracy Rodgers and her helpers spent endless hours of preparation so that Holy Week would be so meaningful for all.

All the other “angels” who volunteered to cover the various roles in the liturgies, assisted our residents in getting to all Services, prepared the special meals including the Agape, as well as all who came to worship are also appreciated. **Thank you one and all!**



*Madeline with her banner for confirmation.
(March 9, 2012 at Gesu)*

a grateful heart

A soon to be St. Ursula Academy Student

Dear Ursuline Sisters,

I just wanted to thank you for the honor of receiving the Ursuline Sisters Scholarship. I am very appreciative!

Thank you so much!
Madeline Perry

notes of appreciation

Dear Ursuline Sisters and Associates:

Thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl which comforted Mom during her own special Holy Week in the context of the larger celebration of the Church.

Our thanks also to those who sent cards, gifts, and condolences and memorials and were present in person and/or spirit at Mom’s resurrection liturgy.

Gratefully,
Sister Sandy Sherman
Dena (Sherman) Schreiner and Family
Yoli (Sherman) Tanner and Family

A note of gratitude to all who continue to donate food and supplies each month:

Thank you. You have assisted Glenwood Lutheran Church Giving Store in serving over 400 family units since opening in September 21012.

We are pleased because we know Christ is too.

Advocacy Minister
Juanita Easley-Hollis

Please share my feelings of gratitude with all the Sisters and Associates for their prayers in my recent hip surgery and their most beautiful gift of the handmade throw blanket. It has been my source of comfort since I received it.

Thank You,
Juanita Kontak

The smallest deed is better than the greatest intention.
~ 'Amish Sayings' by Suzanne Woods Fisher

They Are Never Forgotten “Legacy”

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Dear Sister Superior,

I was at Toledo Good Shepherd School from 1950-1958 and studied under only Ursuline sisters. I hope that you had the opportunity to know some of these fine women who worked so hard during those years when it was common to have 40 or more students in each classroom. The sisters that I remember are:

Sister Mary Elise (first grade). She was a very gentle and kind woman; and Sister Mary Anna (She prepared us for first communion). She was already very elderly in the early fifties.

Sister Mary Judith (second grade). I remember the Dick and Jane readers so well - and the Baltimore Catechisms. I think we really got down to business with her - and we were expected to do the work!

Sister Edward Mary (She taught me for three years - grades 3, 4 and 5) - She was wonderful - besides learning so much about spelling and geography, I remember doing craft projects all the time - I even learned to knit from her. Going to school was always fun with her.

Sister Mary Michelle (sixth grade). She was a beauty and so nice!

Sister Mary Boromeo (seventh grade). She was a wonderful choir director - we were singing all the time - and I still remember the songs; and the pageantry of Christmas, Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday. Easter, 40 hours, and every mass was spectacular.

Sister Mary Edward (eighth grade). Intimidating at first, but she really loved the boys. She pushed us hard to excel academically - and to prepare for high school. I remember that she had her master's from Fordham - and taught us algebra - unheard of in those days for eighth graders to be studying algebra.

I remember the early years when the big black DeSoto limousine brought the sisters each morning from the Collingwood convent to the school. Somewhere in those early fifties the parish built the convent on the third floor of one wing of the school building. Occasionally I used to serve mass in the sisters' convent chapel. It was a rare treat to ride the elevator to the third floor.

Besides all the academic subjects we learned about St. Ursula, St. Angela, Saturday dance classes at Collingwood and even about Nazareth Hall. I was very well prepared thanks to the above named sisters. Bless their hearts - they remain in my thoughts and prayers to this day.

Thanks to you and your band. Sincerely,

Larry Ryan