

Mission Moments

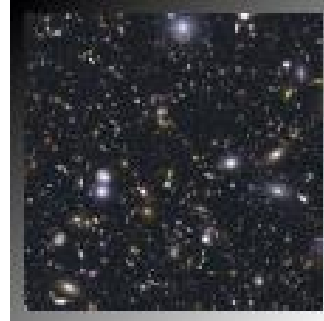
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A contemplative spirit is one of Awe and Wonder. A silent communion with the heart of creation.

Taking a long loving look at the Real

As an Ursuline, Contemplation invites you to listen to what the Spirit is calling you to be, to do and to see.

Do I see nature as a reflection of God's beauty?



Do I see others as "billions of sparks of the Divine?"

Do I specifically practice the art of the "present moment?"

Am I awake, aware, and walk through the day with a sense of reverence?

The following response was submitted in answer to the question: "*How has the Ursuline Mission supported and energized your ministry this past year?*"

Teaching at the jail and facilitating groups at the Women's Shelter have convinced me that Ursuline Sisters leave lasting impressions. Recently a pregnant woman at the shelter said that she graduated from Christ the King School in East Cleveland. After the group session, she followed me out to the parking lot and asked if I would pray for her. I assured her that I would and that I would put her request on our prayer board. Many Ursulines would then remember her in prayer. She hugged me for a long time. Her trust was based not so much in me, but on her good memories of better times in grade school.

The same week at the jail a woman asked about two former teachers she loved. She made me promise that I wouldn't tell them that she was in jail. "They would be so disappointed in me." She comes to class regularly knowing that she can trust me because of her earlier Ursuline education.

Many of the women at both facilities have never met a Sister – they too are in need of compassion during such difficult times. I am blessed through witnessing their pain and courage. Interestingly, over the past years, I have had a number of "Angelas" in my groups reminding me that St. Angela ministered to those marginalized by society.

Sister Mary Eileen Collins, osu.

"How has the Ursuline Mission supported and energized your ministry this past year?" Send your mission story as an attachment to jpetersen@ursulinesisters.org.

Did you know –

- 1) Srs Susan MaryRathbun, Joan Petersen, and five administrators from our sponsored schools attended the Ursuline Conference in Dallas TX Nov. 11-13. Their own words best express their impressions and gratitude for the event:

“I appreciated the insight into the charism of St. Angela shown through hospitality, gatherings, praying together, and the education piece of “global diversity” demonstrated in the breakout sessions.

Mary Whelan – Principal of Beaumont

“I thoroughly enjoyed the collaboration with other Ursuline schools. It reinforced the Ursuline charism that sets our schools apart as we educate the young women for success in a global society.”

Jessica Chadaczek- Beaumont School

“The Dallas conference theme of Global Technology was great! The opportunities to create networks and collaboration among Ursuline schools was much appreciated.”

David Csank - Principal of VA/SJ

“The overall topic of Global Education fits VA/SJ well. Our 21st century task force has already heard some of my feedback and the coming months will see us weaving in some of the ideas discussed.

Megan Scheider – Assistant Principal of VA.\SJ

“I learned of the strength of the Ursuline Charism, and I am glad to be a part of it.”

Tom Gill – Development Director from UCS



Twenty St. Angela Center co-workers attended an in-service presented by Sister Joan. The theme “Abundant Blessings” incorporated Angela’s spirituality, everyday miracles, and living our values. The response was evident from their enthusiastic participation and the energy in the group. A sense of community was definitely present.

VA/SJ’s administration, faculty and staff held a faculty retreat at Merici in October. Sister Joan opened the day with a prayer service and activities based on the counsels of St. Angela. Throughout the day the participants commented on our Ursuline hospitality

A Christmas luncheon for the co-workers at Merici will be held on December 14, 2010. It will provide an opportunity for them to celebrate the season with the Sisters at the Motherhouse. This event is one way of promoting our Ursuline Mission and building community among those who serve at Merici.

Please consider sending any ideas you have used to promote Angela’s spirituality that you would like to share. Entries will be posted on www.ursuline-education.com This site has entries that you might wish to use in your ministry.

“I shall be in your midst, praying with you.”

St. Angela Merici

