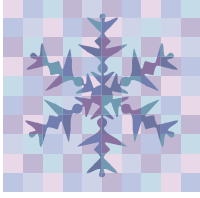


Mission Moments

Winter Issue 2011



The beauty of winter calls us to reflect: Contemplate a snowflake & see your uniqueness. Contemplate a blanket of snow & see community.



The following response was submitted in answer to the question:

How has the Ursuline Mission supported and energized your ministry this past year?

Our community gatherings during the past few years have helped me to think of “my ministry” in a much broader context.

We reflected together that “it’s not our mission, it’s God’s mission and we are all called to share in it.” The mission, the call and our response are all directly related to our personal relationship with God, and our desire to further build up the kingdom of God leads us to respond to others in service and in love. This was the ministry of Jesus throughout his life; this was the ministry of Angela.

Thus, my ministry here in Kentucky is not simply my “job,” but rather, it is our response to the needs of the Church and the people in this area. Many of the sisters, the parishes, the families, and the youth groups in Cleveland have found meaningful ways to share in this ministry to the needs of the migrants, the uneducated – the poor who live in isolated rural areas.

People of all faiths and all walks of life have come to know and love the Ursuline Sisters who have been “the Church” in this area, and, in a very real sense have shown them what Jesus’ life, what Angela’s life and what the Ursuline life is all about. — **Sister Dorothy Bondi**

Did You Know?

- Our two sponsored high schools are active in service and mission projects. Examples are: The Beaumont seniors put 3000 flags on public square with a name of one who died in the 9/11 tragedy. VA/SJ’s “Divisional Service Days” were organized for Marion Sterling School, Women’s Transitional Housing, and St. Augustine Hunger Center, and other facilities.
- Eighteen students from Beaumont and 25 from VASJ shared a bus to St. John’s Cathedral to join the Rally for Life beginning with a Mass celebrated by Fr. Tom Woost. Afterward a group of more than 300 high school students from 20 Catholic high schools, along with teachers and staff, marched to Public Square, led by a drumming band from St. Martin

DePorres High School. At Public Square, students from a number of schools gave speeches on various life issues to inspire and encourage their fellow students. There were cheers for life and chants led by the drum band. The Rally inspired the students and staff who returned home invigorated and full of promise to continue to celebrate this Right to Life month through many other venues at their school.

- In October Sisters Susan Mary Rathbun and Joan Petersen attended the Ursuline Educational Services (UES) Ursuline Dialogue in Dedham, MA. The theme was “Connecting U.” Several graduates gave presentations on engaging alumnae and friends in support of the mission of the Ursulines. Sisters Madonna O’Hare and Bridget Haase offered inspirational presentations highlighting the lived experience of the Ursuline mission.
- In November Judy Wimberg, the new director of UES, and Sister Pat Meisner visited the Ursuline schools in Northeast Ohio. Sister Mary Kay Conkey scheduled visits for the Cleveland Ursulines’ sponsored schools. Sister Joan hosted the team at Merici for a discussion centering on mission and education in Ursuline schools. The following day the Ohio tour concluded with a visit to the Youngstown Ursulines. Both Judy and Pat responded with very favorable messages regarding the time they spent in Cleveland.

The Mission & Heritage Commission has 33 members this year representing the following affiliations: Ursuline College, UCAP, Beaumont, VA/SJ, Saint Angela Center, Ursuline Associates, Ursuline Co-Workers, Ursuline Congregation and the Community-at-Large. The pictures below depict participants journaling about the impact of St. Angela’s spirituality in their lives. The next Mission & Heritage meeting is Jan. 26, 2012.



Suggestions for Christmas Gifts:

- ***Angela, a Steadfast Presence*** (\$8) is a unique book on the life of St. Angela seen from the perspective of her friends and companions.
- **Counsel Notepads** (\$1 each), featuring an illustration and saying from St. Angela’s Counsels, offer a practical way of imparting Angela’s words to many who need a mantra for the day.
- ***Spirit of Ursuline* bronze Key Chain** (\$5.50).

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