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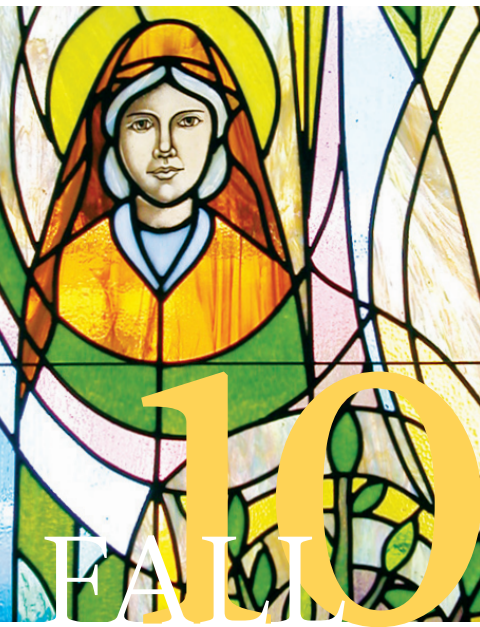
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Ursulines build community all summer long.

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MESSAGE from the PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

What a great summer this has been! It's been filled with exciting events: two glorious

Jubilee celebrations; a gathering of 300 Ursulines from North America; welcoming thousands of you to see the Women & Spirit Exhibit; a Lake County Captains Game and picnic supper (cover photos); and our annual Garden Party. We'll be talking about this summer for a long time!

For three days in July Ursulines from Canada, Mexico and the United States met to explore the newest research on St. Angela Merici and the founding Charism of the Ursulines. Each religious congregation brings to the Church a unique gift of the Spirit, or charism. Angela offered the Church the gift of a new form of religious life in which the Ursulines lived a deep and personal relationship with Christ while in the midst of the world but not of it. This was a revolutionary concept in 1535.

Since the end of the Second Vatican Council, religious women have been gradually better understanding and living into their original charism as the Council asked us to do: *There is a need for fidelity to the founding charism*

and subsequent spiritual heritage of each Institute. It is precisely in this fidelity to the inspiration of the founders and foundresses, an inspiration which is itself a gift of the Holy Spirit, that the essential elements of the consecrated life can be more readily discerned and more fervently put into practice. (#36 Vita Consecrata)

The Women & Spirit Exhibit we have sponsored at the Maltz Museum since May is a powerful portrayal of how the unique founding spirit of each religious congregation in the United States has influenced the very history of our country. More than 10,000 people have seen the exhibit so far, giving it rave reviews. The exhibit will leave for the Ellis Island Immigration Museum August 28, so if you haven't seen it, a few days remain.

As friends of the Ursulines, you share in our mission through your generous support. On behalf of all our sisters, I thank you for all you do to make it possible for us to be faithful to our mission and ministries. Know each day we remember you in our prayers. May God bless you.

Yours in St. Angela,

Sister Angelita Zawada, OSU

SAVE
 THE
 DATES!

2010

Sept. 29 – Retreat – Women in Scripture
 Nov. 7 – Memorial Liturgy
 Nov. 17 – Reflection on Advent Readings

2011

March 3 – Reflection on Lenten Readings
 March 6 – Florida Mass & Brunch
 May 7 – Ursuline Derby Day
 June 7 – Retreat – Topic to be announced

Back By Popular Demand!

Ursuline Sisters' Retirement Rally

Last year, through our first Retirement Rally, we raised more than \$100,000 to contribute toward the care and support of our retired sisters—in addition to awarding 129 cash prizes totaling \$9,700! Our sisters *literally* rallied for their retirement by selling entries. Excitement was in the air as entries poured in and sisters helped manage them.

The Rally helps pay for critical services and living expenses that increase as everyone gets older *and we're a family of 196!* In the area of healthcare alone, our Retirement Fund helps us pay for:

- Dental care;
- Prescriptions;
- Wheelchairs and power chairs;
- Vision care;
- Hearing aids;
- Medical insurance and co-payments;
- Tests & treatments for diseases & conditions, both chronic & temporary;
- Surgeries and follow-up care.

Since sisters received no pay or a small stipend—and the going rate for those sisters who received funding toward their retirement was \$100 per year—from 1850 until the mid-1990s, *your participation in our Retirement Rally would help us immensely!*

This year, we're offering the opportunity to purchase five entries for the price of four. We encourage our Ursuline family and friends to buy their \$25 entries from a sister they know because during each monthly drawing, two "sister sellers" will be awarded \$25 if their name is written on the back of the first two entries pulled bearing a "sister seller" name. You may also obtain entries by calling our Development Office at 440.449.1200.

We hope you'll enter the Rally and encourage friends, family and co-workers to "take a chance" on the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland.

JUNE RETIREMENT RALLY WINNERS

\$500
Bonus Drawing
Gerald Scott

\$250
Patricia Crawford

\$100
Lynn Magnotto
Mike Cleary
Frank Skufca

\$50
Janice Krebs
Maureen Flynn
Celia D'Agostino
Elaine Kane
Linda Rubel
M.L. Madigan
Dorothy Holpit
Colleen Raynewater
Mary Elwell
Jim Byrne
Anne Marie Miller
Larry Mlynek

\$25 'Sister Sellers'
Sr. Frances Helen Komar
Sr. Mary Irene Kane

From left, Ursuline Sisters Angelita Zawada (president) and Alice Brickman (development office special projects coordinator) draw entries, spin the hopper and announce the June winners in our last drawing of the 2009-2010 Retirement Rally, when a \$500 bonus prize was awarded.



Faith moves Ursulines toward culture of sustainability

Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. Go green. We've all heard these terms and hopefully, most of us heed these words. They foster sustainability, a concept more and more people, businesses and organizations are embracing, including the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland.

In a nutshell, sustainability indicates a capacity to endure—in this case, the capacity for our planet and future generations to healthily persist. We, as Ursuline Sisters, feel a particular responsibility to witness reverence of God and all Creation through sustainability.

Taking this a step further, this calls us to "act intentionally in ways that enhance the quality of life for all Creation," says Sister Joanne Buckman, a member of our congregation's leadership team who is piloting efforts to establish an Ursuline "Green Team."

Saint Angela Merici would agree, as a Third Order Franciscan and our foundress, we are in keeping with our Ursuline Charism.

As she explores what this Green Team might mean for the congregation and beyond, Sister Joanne, Treasurer Sister Joan Peine, Associate Director of Development Cindy Johnson and Sister Ann Winters join others like Finance Director Bob Bazzarelli and Maintenance Supervisor Bill Rider in participating in a six-part educational series offered by Cleveland's Entrepreneurs for Sustainability. The new



Several Ursuline Sisters have planted and maintained an organic garden on the Motherhouse/Ursuline Educational Center property for the past several years. This enables the sisters to enjoy low-cost, pesticide-free fresh vegetables that don't require the use of a vehicle for delivery, saving natural resources that would become pollutants.

faith-based "Sustainability Implementation" (SI) program is "a peer-based, action focused, learning process that increases the rate (an organization) can learn new technologies and processes and the probability (they) will successfully implement what (they) learn."

The program offers "a whole-systems design strategy that will transform (organizations), inspire innovation and improve the quality of life in Northeast Ohio." Moreover, participants have the opportunity to network with others who have the same passion for sustainability.

As testimony to the fundamental value of the SI educational series, organizations such as American Greetings, Energizer and Forest City

Enterprises - Tower City Center have enrolled representatives of their companies in the for-profit version of the program.

The learning process helps organizations move toward developing a culture of sustainability that encourages reduction of their carbon footprints. The Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) defines carbon footprint as a measurement of the cumulative impact of a person or organization on Earth's resources by examining such things as energy use in transportation, household electricity, food, clothes and personal products. According to LCWR, the calculation reveals "how many Earths one's lifestyle is consuming and by implication,

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Providing your email address to us will contribute to our sustainability efforts by allowing us the opportunity to reduce the paper we use while reducing our need for postage. It also allows us to share news with you on a timelier basis.

Email addresses may be sent to abrickman@ursulinesisters.org.

Join the sisters for retreats, Advent & Lenten programming

REGISTER FOR THE FOUR-PART SERIES FOR A GREAT DISCOUNT!

What do contemporary women have in common with the women of the Bible? Sister Maureen McCarthy will enlighten and inspire women of all ages when she presents *A Day of Reflection: Women in Scripture*, Wednesday, Sept. 29, from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. This mini-retreat will be presented at the Ursuline Educational Center/Motherhouse and will include a light lunch.

Sister Maureen will focus her teachings on the *Shunammite Woman* from the Old Testament and

the *Woman with a Hemorrhage* from the New Testament. The stories of these women will resonate with those who attend, and offer insight into how we may reflect upon them to enhance our own faith.

The cost to attend is \$40. The deadline to register is Sept. 22. Please complete the form below and return it to the Ursuline Sisters Development Office, 2600 Lander Road, Pepper Pike, Ohio 44124; call 440-449-1200, Ext. 199; or email abrickman@ursulinesisters.org to make reservations.



ADVENT & LENTEN PROGRAMMING

Sister Maureen will reflect on the Sunday Advent readings and explore their meaning in our lives Wednesday, Nov. 17, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. (\$10).

Reflection of the Sunday Lenten readings and themes and how they apply to our lives will be presented Thursday, March 3, 2011, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. (\$10).

A June 7 day of reflection, with the topic to be suggested by the Sept. 29 retreat attendees (\$40). All presentations will take place at the Ursuline Educational Center/Motherhouse.



A DAY OF REFLECTION: WOMEN IN SCRIPTURE

Wednesday, September 29 ✨ 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.



- I'm/we're registering for the four-part series by Sept. 22 to attend all for just \$75!
- I/we will attend Women & Scripture Sept. 29 at \$40 per person ✨ deadline to register is Sept. 22.
- I/we will attend the Nov. 17 Advent program at \$10 per person ✨ deadline to register is Nov. 10.
- I/we will attend the March 3 Lenten program at \$10 per person ✨ deadline to register is Feb. 22.
- I/we will attend the June 7 Day of Reflection at \$40 per person ✨ deadline to register is May 31.

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

No. of people attending _____ No. of programs _____ @ \$ _____ per person.

A check for \$ _____ is enclosed

Please charge \$ _____ to my MC Visa Discover Card

Account # _____ Exp. date _____

Signature _____ 3 digit security code on back of card _____

Names of those attending (please print clearly) _____

Please return to: Development Office, Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland, 2600 Lander Rd., Pepper Pike, OH 44124, by Sept. 22



Sister Catharine Gilbride

beloved educator, Ursuline sister

Most individuals who attended Ursuline College

in the last four decades of the 20th Century remember Sister Catharine Gilbride (then Sister Margaret Mary) as their Western Civilization professor or as the college archivist. But the kindly history teacher also touched countless young lives as an elementary school teacher earlier in her ministry career.

This much beloved educator and community member died June 16 in the Saint Angela Center, with her sister, Sister Anna Margaret, at her side. Sister Catharine was 85. Her funeral

Mass was celebrated June 19 in the Chapel of the Most Holy Trinity.

Sister Catharine was one of seven children born to James and Catherine Gilbride. She grew up in the Cleveland area, attended Ursuline Academy of the Sacred Heart, entered the Ursuline community from St. Catharine Parish in 1942, and professed final vows in 1948. She earned a bachelor's degree in education from St. John College and a master's degree from the University of Notre Dame.

She began her teaching career at St. Joseph School, Collinwood, before starting a 13-year tenure at St. Ann School in Cleveland Heights. In 1960 she was assigned to Ursuline College where she

served 40 years, many of them with Sister Anna Margaret as a faculty colleague. For eight years following her 2000 retirement, Sister Catharine engaged in the ministry of prayer and service at the motherhouse. She moved to the Saint Angela Center in 2007.

Sister Catharine will be remembered for her gentle and joyful spirit, ready laughter, and love of walking. She was a faith-filled woman, a committed religious, a dedicated teacher and colleague, a loving sister and loyal friend.

Sister Catharine is survived by her sister and nieces and nephews.

Donations in her name may be made to the Ministry Fund of the Ursuline Sisters.



Congregation launches 2010-11 ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

Amid the still-shaky economy and now, with so many reeling from parish closings and mergers, are you ready for some good news? The Ursuline Sisters are still here. We are here and still committed to helping wherever we're needed. And with myriad challenges besetting our city and church, we think that's good news.

We continue to serve, not only in our storied ministries of education and faith formation, but also in meeting needs spawned by poverty, social service cutbacks, shifting parish boundaries and personnel cuts.

We recognize in these unsettling times a special call to engender hope, and to be

God's compassion in the world. To do that, we need your help. With the start of our new fiscal year, we launch our 2010-2011 Annual Fund campaign with a goal of \$290,000. Monies generated will help sustain our ministry efforts to provide:

- Catholic education, sacramental preparation and faith formation;
- Support for those coping with change and loss, and comfort for the sick and dying;
- Assistance to homeless women and women reentering society after incarceration;
- Tutoring to reinforce classroom learning and improve school performance; and

- Adult GED training.

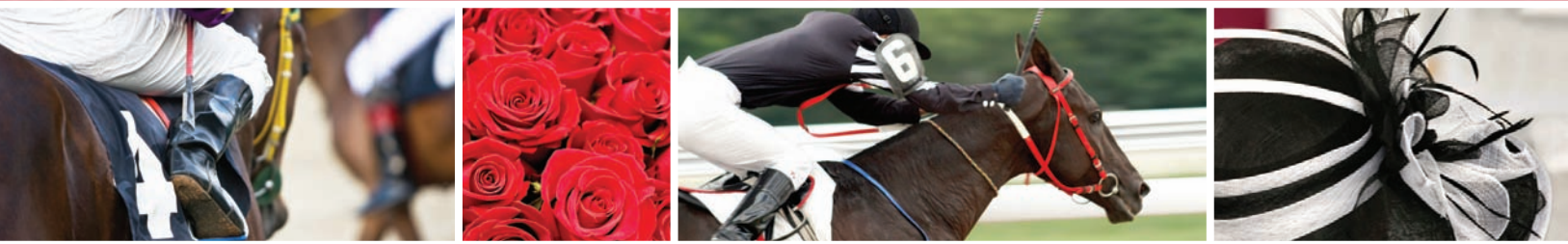
The Annual Fund also assists us in caring for our retired and infirm sisters who helped forge the Ursulines' 160-year legacy of service in the diocese and beyond. Your support will assist those who ministered many years for little or no compensation.

We are so grateful for your past support. Please consider making a contribution to this year's Annual Fund campaign. Join us in reaching out to our brothers and sisters in need.

For more information about the campaign or about payment options, please call Cindy Johnson 440.449.1200, ext. 166.

URSULINE DERBY DAY

Be a part of
Derby Day 2011!
Mark May 7 on your calendar today



With much to do, we're already busy planning Ursuline Derby Day 2011. The event will take place May 7 in the beautiful Lakeview Club Lounge at Cleveland Browns Stadium, where we will provide free valet parking to our guests.

We received so much wonderful feedback about this year's Derby Day and many people and business organizations have asked how they can get involved by helping underwrite the event or by donating auction or raffle items.

Underwriting helps cover the costs of food, beverages, parking, the venue, signage, invitations, postage and incidentals necessary to host the event. We acknowledge underwriters and those who

donate items in the event program and on our Web site.

If you're interested in donating a new item for the raffle or auction and you'd like some ideas, we've put together a "wish list" of items we'd like to feature alone or within theme packages. They include:

- Digital camera
- Camera case
- Compatible photo printer
- Camcorder
- Transferable frequent flyer miles/airline tickets
- Certificates for hotel accommodations
- Restaurant gift cards
- Theater tickets
- Golf course gift cards/certificates
- Tickets to area attractions/sporting events

- Cleveland sports team apparel
- Specialty store gift cards/certificates
- Artwork
- Jewelry
- Crystal
- Items & services for homeowners
- Home décor items
- Gardening supplies/certificates
- Car care items
- Laptop computer
- Picnic/tailgate supplies
- Holiday themed items
- Unique experiences

We welcome your ideas for raffle and auction items as well. Those who wish to donate items or funds may call Sister Susan Durkin at 440-449-1200, Ext. 105, or email sdurkin@ursulinesisters.org.

Reduce. Reuse. Recycle.

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what we are taking from the poor of the world." (LCWR: Earth's Call: Reduce Our Footprint.)

Over the years, the Ursuline Congregation has consistently taken efforts to live in a sustainable way by ramping up recycling; conducting an energy audit and gradually implementing its recommendations; and outsourcing our Saint Angela Center's laundry to Evergreen Cooperative Laundry.

Cleveland's Evergreen Cooperatives, according to its Web site, are "pioneering, innovative models of job creation, wealth building and sustainability." Evergreen's employee-owned, for-profit companies are based locally, create meaningful green jobs and keep financial resources within the community. Employees earn a living wage and build equity in their firms as owners of the business. The cooperative is also "LEED"

certified (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design is an internationally recognized green building certification system).

As our sisters and professional associates move forward together in this faith-based educational journey, we're gaining knowledge that will contribute toward creating a Northeast Ohio culture of sustainability. We'll keep you posted as we progress in this endeavor.

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Visit www.UrsulineSisters.org to submit prayer requests.

GIVE THE PERFECT GIFT *to 'the person who has everything'*

You'll never hear anyone say, "I have too many prayers already. I really don't need any more." In fact, we believe everyone needs and appreciates prayer today more than ever.

So when you're struggling with what to give certain friends and loved ones, consider enrolling them in the Friends of St. Angela prayer program.

You'll receive a beautiful, pocket-sized certificate to place in your Thanksgiving & Christmas cards that reads: "(your gift recipient's name) is enrolled in the Ursuline Sisters' Friends of Saint Angela prayer program and will be prayed for during six Eucharistic celebrations in their

Chapel of the Most Holy Trinity.
Enrolled by (Your name)."

Perpetual Membership in the Friends of Saint Angela program is available for those you'd like to enroll for prayer in perpetuity. It also makes a meaningful gift for any occasion. Perpetual enrollment provides an extraordinary presentation with a 5" x 7" card bearing a window with a beautiful, three dimensional debossed icon of Saint Angela.

For more information or to receive your certificates and enrollment forms, call 440-449-1200, Ext. 199, or email abrickman@ursulinesisters.org. Please note we also offer sympathy and "Thinking of You" cards for enrollees.



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