



Sisters in the City

2007-2008 Annual Report

TRANSFORMING SOCIETY THROUGH contemplation, justice AND compassion

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MESSAGE FROM THE President



Dear Friends,

It is with great joy we present to you the Ursuline Sisters' 2007-2008 Annual Report. In this year's report we share with you the work of our sisters in the urban areas of Cleveland. All of us are keenly aware of the many challenges confronting the City of Cleveland, the Churches and Catholic schools. As Ursuline Sisters we believe that with God's help we can make a difference in the City of Cleveland, one person at a time, one institution at a time. I hope you will be inspired as you read about the dedication and faithful service of our sisters.

The stories of our Ursuline ministries began 158 years ago when Bishop Amadeus Rappe, the first Bishop of Cleveland, invited the Ursuline Sisters to come from our monastery in France to serve in the newly formed Diocese of Cleveland, which at that time included all of Northern Ohio. Since that day our Sisters have faithfully responded to the changing needs of God's people. Our Foundress, St. Angela, admonished her sisters: *Be constantly aware of the needs of those for whom you are responsible. Try to fulfill them to the best of your ability giving of yourself willingly and unobtrusively.*

All of our ministries—traditional and new, large and small—give clear expression to our Ursuline mission: *to transform the society in which we live through contemplation, justice and compassion.* Thank you for being a friend of the Ursulines and may God bless you for all you do in support of our Ursuline ministries.

Sister Angelita Zawada, OSU

MESSAGE FROM THE

Development Director



Dear Friends,

In her book *Look To This Day* Sister Michael Francis Hearon wrote, "A hundred-million miracles' were needed to answer [the Sisters'] prayers. And answered they were in many different and unexpected ways." The Ursuline Sisters still pray

and work for a "hundred-million miracles" each day. We pray for miracles to touch those we serve in the many ways they need to feel God's caring and healing presence, we pray for each of you, and we pray that the values and the ideals of the Ursuline Mission will continue to be a positive force in a society which so desperately needs it.

Your partnership with the Ursuline Sisters answers so many of those prayers in "different and unexpected ways." Your generous support during the past fiscal year enabled our sisters to bring care, compassion, dignity and the gospel message to countless people who needed it most. Your gifts helped bring comfort to the sick in our Saint Angela Center and peace of mind to our retired sisters. Your donations help us continue our mission and enable us to make some very necessary capital improvements to our Motherhouse. We hope you enjoy reading this Annual Report and find satisfaction in the wonderful works your support makes possible.

Although we continue to face many challenges, we remain steadfast in our commitment to the people of Cleveland and beyond. On behalf of all the Cleveland Ursulines, I thank you for your generous support that enables us to do all that we do. We are humbled by the sacrifices you make on our behalf. Thank you for being part of our lives and for allowing us a place in yours.

Peace and Prayers,

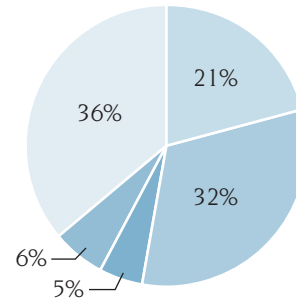
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FINANCIAL Overview

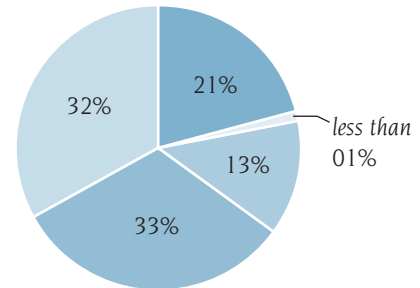
DEVELOPMENT INCOME

Ministry Endowment	\$ 287,361	21%
Memorials & Bequests	\$ 438,941	32%
Programs*	\$ 70,477	5%
Grants	\$ 80,500	6%
Donations	\$ 503,110	36%
Total	\$1,380,389	100%



DEVELOPMENT DISBURSEMENTS

Ministry Endowment	\$ 287,361	21%
Saint Angela Center	\$ 9,595	less than 1%
Ministries**	\$ 187,516	13%
Temporarily Restricted***	\$ 446,409	32%
Unrestricted****	\$ 449,508	33%
Total	\$1,380,389	100%



* Income generated from programs covers the costs associated with maintaining the programs and related facilities and includes Mass card, Chapel and Saint Angela Garden programs.

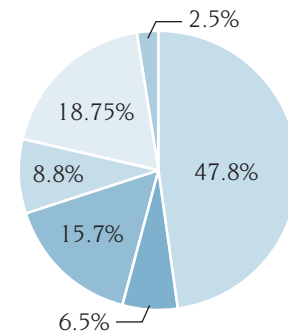
**Includes grants secured by the development office and disbursed directly to separately incorporated Ursuline ministries.

*** Temporarily restricted funds represent contributions earmarked for specific items or projects.

****The term "unrestricted" means donations are not restricted to supporting a specific line item in the budget, but rather can be used for the greatest need as determined by the congregation.

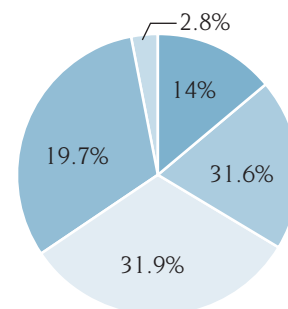
URSULINE SISTERS' OPERATING REVENUE

Salaries.....	47.8%
Social Security.....	6.5%
Development.....	15.7%
Other Donations.....	8.8%
Skilled Nursing Facility.....	18.7%
Other Income.....	2.5%
Total.....	100%



URSULINE SISTERS' OPERATING EXPENSES

Community Operations.....	14.0%
Plant Operations.....	19.7%
Sisters' Expenses.....	31.9%
Skilled Nursing Facility.....	31.6%
Other Expenses.....	2.8%
Total.....	100%





The Cleveland Clinic's Patients First program, which accommodates Marymount and Southpoint hospital employees, recently welcomed its 1,000th employee to the training program that takes place at our Ursuline Educational Center. Far right is Rental Coordinator Sister Barbara Jean Sever, who accommodates guests with the help of Sisters Dianne Brickman and Mary McNulty.

Supporting the Mission

Advancing our Ursuline mission requires financial resources. This past year, as always, we endeavored to allocate more funding to our mission by increasing revenues and reducing administrative costs.

Our St. Angela Center concluded its first year as a state-licensed, skilled nursing facility. This newly acquired status allows the congregation to receive Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance payments on behalf of our sisters who live in or receive skilled nursing service through the Saint Angela Center. As a result, in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, we reduced the subsidy we had to pay to operate the St. Angela Center by nearly \$1 million. This represents an annual savings we expect to continue into the future.

Meeting room rental income at the Ursuline Educational Center (Motherhouse) for seminars and conferences increased by 141% over the prior year. This success is due to a more visible marketing campaign and a relationship with the Cleveland Clinic's Marymount and South Point hospitals to provide meeting space for the hospitals' Patients First pilot program. Our sisters handle most rental operations and net proceeds help pay for the sisters' retirement needs and support the mission.

We also changed how we acquire automobiles our sisters use in their ministries. The previous practice of leasing cars for four years has been replaced with a "finance-to-own" plan that will keep the vehicles in our fleet for seven years (or longer depending on vehicle performance), thereby reducing the overall cost of ownership. Although the impact of this change will take several years to realize, we expect the savings to be substantial.

More sisters are taking on responsibilities—in addition to their assigned ministries—throughout the Ursuline Educational Center to avoid the need to hire additional paid staff. This is especially important as the workload continues to grow in proportion to the building's age and increased use.

As we share our success with increased revenues and reduced expenses, we must also acknowledge challenges we face.

Like everyone, we've been hit with higher fuel costs to operate our vehicles and heat our buildings. We anticipate a \$29,000 increase in gasoline costs this year and our natural gas rate increased by 10 percent over last year.

Unforeseen expenses loom with our 50-year-old Ursuline Educational Center. While the building is very well maintained, it is not uncommon for unplanned expenditures to crop up from time to time. During the past fiscal year, the building required \$187,000 in improvements to maintain safety and optimal functionality for our residents, employees and guests.

Medical and dental costs continue to escalate for us as well. When a sister becomes ill she may be unable to work so we incur attendant medical costs and potential lost income.

These are just a few of the challenges we face as we move forward. Much has been accomplished financially during the past fiscal year but there is always more to do. We remain committed to being good stewards of our resources to advance our mission of transforming lives through contemplation, justice and compassion.

Rocket Rides were among the entertainment enjoyed by employees, their families and Ursuline sisters at the annual Saint Angela Center picnic.



Inner City Cleveland Ministry Sites



URSULINE SISTERS OF CLEVELAND

July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008

Independent Ministries

Operated by third parties employing Ursuline Sisters or receiving subsidized or volunteer services from Ursuline Sisters

Carmel of the Holy Name
 Cleveland Public Library
 Community Women's Shelter
 Crown Point Farm & Education Center
 Cuyahoga Tapestry System of Care
 Cuyahoga County Women's Shelter
 Diocese of Cleveland
 Education Consultant Services
 Parmadale
 Science for Today and Tomorrow
 Southeast Women's Shelter
 Thea Bowman Center
 U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development
 Women's Outreach Center
 Women's Re-entry Network

Schools

Archbishop Lyke School
 Ascension School
 Chanel High School
 Gesu School
 Holy Family Learning Center
 Jennings Infant and Child Care Center
 John Carroll University
 Lake Catholic High School
 Metro Catholic School
 Oblate School of Theology (TX)
 Saint Agatha-St. Aloysius School
 Saint Bernadette School
 Saint Gregory the Great School
 Saint Joseph Family Care Center
 Saint Martin dePorres High School
 Saint Mary (Collinwood) School
 Saint Mary Seminary
 Saint Vincent de Paul School
 Up With Kids Daycare Center

Healthcare, hospice, retirement facilities

At Home Instead Senior Care
Cleveland Clinic Hospice
Elyria Memorial Hospital
Holy Family Home
Hospice of the Western Reserve
Laurel Lake Retirement Community
Menorah Park (Stone Garden)
MetroHealth Center for Skilled Nursing Care
Montefiore Nursing Home
Regina Healthcare Center
St. Augustine Manor
University Hospitals
Villa Serena

Spiritual guidance/formation

Centering Space
Ignatian Spirituality Institute
Still Pointe

Parishes

Assumption
Corpus Christi
Epiphany – St. Cecilia
Holy Cross
Holy Family
Holy Trinity
Holy Redeemer
Guardian Angels
Mother of Sorrows (Ashtabula)
Mount Carmel (Ashtabula)
Our Lady Help of Christians
Our Lady of Peace
Saint Ambrose
Saint Anselm
Saint Anthony of Padua
Saint Cecilia
Saint Charles
Saint Eugene (Cuyahoga Falls)
Saint Francis of Assisi
Saint Joseph (Amherst)
Saint Joseph (Ashtabula)
Saint Ladislav
Saint Leo the Great
Saint Lucy
Saint Malachi
Saint Mark
Saint Martha (Akron)
Saint Philip Neri
Saint William

Ursuline Ministries

*Founded & subsidized as needed by the
Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland*

Ursuline Institute of Learning
Ursuline ArtSpace Studios
Ursuline Educational Center
Cardinal's Nest
Career Transition Services
Licensed Professional Clinical Counseling
Reiki Clinic & Training
Retreats & Training
Ursuline Piazza HIV/AIDS Services
Woodhill Home Estates Tutoring/
Library Programs

*Separately incorporated & founded by
the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland*

Esperanza Threads
SDG Advisors (co-founded by Stacey Picard)

Ursuline Mission Service

Cleveland Latin American Mission Team,
El Salvador
Border Mission: Matamoros Mexico/
Brownsville, Texas

Sponsored Institutions

*Separately funded and incorporated institutions founded and
currently sponsored by the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland*

Beaumont School
Urban Community School
Ursuline College
Villa Angela-Saint Joseph High School



YEAR IN Review

2007-08 Marks Year of New Beginnings

Fiscal year 2007-08 could aptly be subtitled "New Horizons." With the congregation engaging in Chapter deliberations and elections and new ministries springing up, it has indeed been a year of new beginnings.

Chapter 2008

Chapter, a gathering of community members held every four years, includes a multi-day direction-setting meeting and a three-day session for the election of congregational leadership. The direction-centered Chapter of Affairs took place January 18-21. The gatherings were rich in their quality of discussion and alive with spirit and enthusiasm for the future. Some 120 delegates worked with facilitator Ruby Cribbin to process community hopes and desires, ultimately drafting a *Statement of Hope* to guide community and ministry efforts for the next four years. The statement noted the group's desire to be "transformed by God into a creative, healing presence in the world." This hope will be advanced by immersing ourselves in the Universal Christ, grounding ourselves in the wisdom of St. Angela, and deepening our relationships. (For more on the Chapter of Affairs, see articles starting on page 10.)

The Chapter of Election followed February 22-23 with the re-election of Sister Angelita Zawada as president and Sisters Maureen Grady and Joan Marie Russ as council members. Newly elected to council positions were Sisters Mary Ellen Brinovec and Joanne Buckman. Their installation took place June 7.

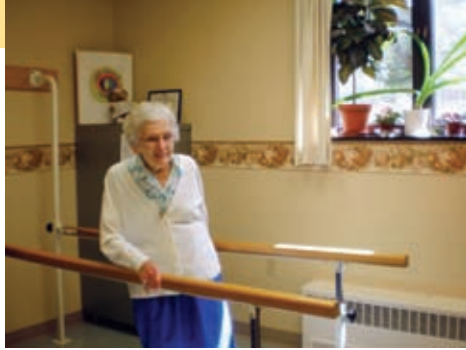
New Ministries for Emerging Needs

Three new sister-initiated ministries debuted in the past year. Sister Susan Zion established Ursuline Piazza HIV/AIDS Services to provide support services for persons with HIV/AIDS. The Piazza program at St. Augustine Manor in Cleveland provides education, counseling, social services and transportation to current and former patients of the HIV wing of the Manor, as well as educational programming for staff, former patients and patient family members/caregivers. Also lending her skills to the Piazza ministry is Sister Jennifer Corlett, a licensed psychologist, with training in alternative healing modalities. She offers counseling and stress-reduction sessions for residents.

Former Beaumont School President Sister Ritamary Welsh is utilizing her many skills honed in the educational arena—classroom teacher, principal, school superintendent—and her experience in congregational leadership in a consulting ministry. SDG Advisors, co-founded by Sister Ritamary and Stacey Picard, works with small to midsize nonprofit organizations, primarily Catholic K-12 schools, to help them strengthen their infrastructure to better fulfill their mission. The ministry provides professional guidance in all areas of administration, including board governance, planning, resource development, financial management and marketing. For more information, visit www.sdgadvisors.org.

Sister Dorothy Bondi initiated Ursuline Home Mission in Ashtabula County, a tri-parish effort, geared toward unifying the Hispanic and Anglo populations in a supportive faith community. The parishes, Mother of Sorrows, St. Joseph and Mount Carmel, have formed one school and share RCIA and many sacramental and parish programs. Sister Shirley Ann Warner also assists in the ministry. The sisters have been visiting families to surface needs and to invite parishioners to active participation in the faith community.





Accomplishments

In August 2007 the Saint Angela Center, our congregational health care facility, was granted licensure to operate as a nursing home for our sisters and for other religious women needing short- or long-term care or therapy. As a state-licensed facility the Center qualifies for Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements.

Within five months of securing licensure, the Saint Angela Center placed fourth in the state in resident satisfaction. More than 950 facilities participated in the 2007 Nursing Home Resident Satisfaction Survey sponsored by the Ohio Department of Aging. Residents were asked about their satisfaction in the areas of environment, activities, administration, direct care/nursing assistants, laundry, meals and dining, social services and therapy. Saint Angela Center sisters were especially complimentary of the individualized care staff members provide.

Hospitality Services Score with Clinic Contract

In 1999 when the decision was made to renovate the Ursuline Educational Center (UEC) the anticipated goal was two-fold: upgrade the facility for continued use as the congregation's administrative center and home for some 60 sisters, and create more user-friendly space for additional Ursuline ministries and for income-generating rentals. The improved living quarters and administrative offices were embraced immediately, and within a relatively short span of time, two new ministries—Ursuline Institute of Learning and Ursuline ArtSpace—were up and running.

The final phase of the plan, establishing the UEC as income-producing rental space, was slow in developing. Then, thanks to the efforts of Sister Barbara Jean Sever and her hospitality team, Sisters Dianne Brickman and Mary McNulty, the program began showing more promise, with annual income averaging \$16 -20,000 per year. But the big step forward was just around the corner.

In August 2007, two visitors came to the Ursuline Educational Center to inquire about rental space. The two women, one, Director of Nursing at South Point Hospital, the other, Director of Restorative Needs at Marymount Hospital, were charged with finding a site to pilot the Cleveland Clinic's *Patients First* program for their hospitals.

Sister Barbara Jean led them on a tour of the facility. They liked the various rooms and the peaceful, almost spiritual environment they found so consistent with the program's components and overall goal. So, despite a few doubts, they decided to take a chance. In November 2007 the first of the *Patients First* retreats took place here. Since then, the UEC has hosted more than 105 retreat

days for 1500 employees, half from each hospital. By the end of January all Marymount and South Point employees (except physicians) will have participated.

Income generated through the Clinic contract for the 2007-08 fiscal year stands at \$70,000; other rentals produced an additional \$10,000. The benefits of the 16-month contract go well beyond the financial, however. Now we have relationships, Sister Barbara Jean observes, "Sixty-eight percent of the participants didn't know us, had never been here and, in some cases, had never met a sister." Now, because of their time here and Sister Barbara Jean's 40-minute presentation that is part of each retreat day, "all of them know Ursuline."

There is potential for continuing the Ursuline-Clinic partnership. Marymount and South Point are developing follow-up *Patients First* sessions, which could be hosted at our facility. In addition, Cleveland Clinic boasts nine other hospitals, including the main campus. It is conceivable one or more may select the Ursuline Educational Center as their program site.

Sister Barbara Jean believes through her hospitality ministry with *Patients First*, Ursulines are indirectly influencing the way health care is delivered. "We provide the holy and healing environment to participants so they, in turn, can provide better, more compassionate care to their patients." Matching needs and resources for good. That's what this ministry is all about.

For rental information or to reserve space for a meeting or conference, please contact Sister Barbara Jean at 440-449-1200, Ext. 123, or info@ursulinesisters.org.

2008 CHAPTER

Statement of Hope

We desire to be transformed by God into a creative, Healing Presence in the world by:

- Immersing ourselves in the Universal Christ;
- Grounding ourselves in the wisdom of Saint Angela; and
- Deepening our relationships.

This Statement of "Our Hope" will be expressed in various forms of engagement with all of creation.

2004 CHAPTER DIRECTIONS

We commit to a Congregational process of revitalization and transformation based on contemplation, justice and compassion.

We commit ourselves to revitalize our ministry focus to empowerment, direct service and systemic change for and among the oppressed, especially women and children, both locally and globally.

Our 2008 Chapter of Affairs called us to examine our lives individually and collectively to surface areas of focus that will best help us continue to advance our mission of transforming lives.

To develop the stated direction the Cleveland Ursulines would collectively pursue as a congregation, sisters surveyed people with whom they come into contact through their ministries to learn more about how we serve and what we take to our ministries. The recurring theme of presence—not physical presence—but our "way of being" with others was cited as one of the most valued qualities we bring to the world and our ministries.

Our Statement of Hope is also an outgrowth of the Chapter Directions to which we committed—and to which we remain committed—during our 2004 Chapter of Affairs, a focus on congregational (individual and collective) and ministerial revitalization.



President says Chapter 2008 points toward revitalized congregation

The Ursuline Sisters' Chapter 2008 "Statement of Hope" is rich with the very same elements that contribute to the growth of religious life. "We're in a new cycle of life ... one of revitalization," says Congregation President Sister Angelita Zawada. Transformations she's seen unfold in the congregation over the years—especially those since our 2004 Chapter Directions were implemented—reveal an exciting future.

Studies of centuries of religious life point to the same conclusion. For instance, *Shaping the Coming Age of Religious Life*,* a book that has examined trends in the lifecycles of religious congregations, even addresses what we are experiencing now with smaller numbers and fewer women pursuing religious life, indicating this is a normal and expected phase.

"Living into a new cycle of revitalization requires our openness to God's transformative power," says Sister Angelita, referring to the congregation's Statement of Hope. "It requires us to live more contemplative lives," she adds. And these elements, too, are the very same as those that have contributed to new dawns in religious congregations throughout history.

Living the directions set forth in the Statement of Hope, for example, *Grounding ourselves in the wisdom of Saint Angela*, "will help us more deeply clarify how to live our charism" to better bring forth Angela's gifts," says Sister Angelita, adding, "It will prompt us to ask more profound questions about how we are to serve."

Lifecycle of Religious Congregations

Like changes in the ways religious congregations serve, patterns of growth and decline are typical. What we find so exciting is the Ursulines are on the cusp of a phase in which our numbers and image, characterized by our primary ministries and purpose, are expected to grow.

Founded by Angela Merici in 1535, Ursulines have endured, serving in wide-ranging capacities throughout our order's 473-year history. This endurance is testimony to Saint Angela's wisdom and foresight. Broadly, while all Ursulines take a vow to provide Christian education, Saint Angela's counsels advise us to be adaptable to change, pay attention to what's happening in society and meet the needs of the times. When we look at all the diverse ways in which we serve today, we could ask, "How could Saint Angela have seen *this* coming?" But we don't have to ask; visionaries just know.

*Charisms, or spiritual gifts, are given to Christians by the Holy Spirit to enable them to be powerful channels of God's love and redeeming presence in the world. Whether extraordinary or ordinary, charisms are to be used in charity or service to build up the Church. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2003). *Siena.org*.

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— Sister Angelita

Changing World Calls for Changing Ways

If we don't look or serve like we have in the past, it's because we are being called—and have been for several decades—to do God's work differently. Our ever-changing world, with its ever-evolving challenges, continually creates opportunities to adapt and serve where we are most needed. For instance, our Cleveland congregation was born out of the need to educate an influx of immigrants in the mid-1800s.

We are also likely to claim a distinct new identity—something religious communities experience every several hundred years. So in our congregation's lifecycle, while we continue to provide education through our ministries, it makes sense we are no longer as dominant in the Catholic schools as we were from the mid-1800s to the mid-1900s.

Today, while separately funded, incorporated and independently operated, schools founded by the Cleveland Ursulines continue to provide hallmark Ursuline education. Our sisters who minister in these Ursuline-sponsored institutions—Beaumont School, Ursuline College, Villa Angela-Saint Joseph High School (co-sponsored by the Marianists) and Urban Community School—continue to serve in positions ranging from president to classroom teacher and in capacities in between.

As women religious who have taken vows to provide Christian education, we have stretched our methods to foster lifelong learning. We place no age limit on the people we serve and require no enrollment in our mission to transform lives.

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DIVERSE

Ministries

Reflect Diverse Needs

If we look at what we've all witnessed over the past 30 years alone—with the world becoming smaller and smaller every day—we see people working in careers and sisters serving in ministries for which we couldn't have predicted a need.

Medical and technological advances designed to save lives and make our lives easier, new patterns of socialization and many other things that didn't exist 30 years ago have since presented moral and social issues many of us could not have seen coming.

So the most recent decades have called us to educate people of all ages in many different ways. For instance, Sister Paulette Snyder administers a faith-based program called ElderWisdom, which celebrates the gifts older adults have to share with the world, and explores avenues to share knowledge that only can be gained through the experience of a life long-lived.

Sisters ministering in pastoral care teach people to approach their challenges with a faith-based perspective, not only to make sense of what's happening, but to help them develop healthy ways to move forward, grow and benefit from their experiences.

Still, for example, other sisters educate people to help them navigate career transition, learn constructive approaches to foster parenting, re-enter society after incarceration and handle the challenges of care-giving. These represent just a few out of many areas in which we've been called to serve since the latter years of the 20th Century.

Education Endures as Ursulines' Legacy

The Ursulines opened the first Catholic school in the diocese within weeks of their 1850 arrival in Cleveland. And we have been teaching ever since! Even with the needs-inspired ministry shifts to social services, parish ministry, health care and other works, the Ursulines maintain a faithful corps of educators from preschool through college.

In the 2007-08 academic year 18 sisters ministered in preschool, elementary and secondary Catholic schools in the city as teachers or principals, or in other staff or volunteer positions. Six others provided tutoring and GED services at city schools and as part of the Ursuline Institute of Learning at St. Philip Neri.

Ursuline education influenced suburban Catholic schools as well, with 16 sisters serving as classroom teachers, administrators or staff members at the elementary and secondary levels. Yet another 16 sisters ministered at Ursuline College, with the Institute of Learning boasting a dozen sister tutors at the Ursuline Educational Center.

All in all, some 68 sisters—more than 30 percent of the Ursuline community—advanced the legacy of Ursuline education within and beyond the city.



Sister Mary Jean Raymond, St. Aloysius–St. Agatha

One of these dedicated educators is Sister Mary Jean Raymond, first-grade teacher at St. Aloysius-St. Agatha School in Cleveland.

Some years back Sister Mary Jean decided she had had enough of teaching; after 14 years and three schools it was time for a change. She sought and secured a ministry position at a Lake County parish. There was one tiny caveat, however. The pastor had promised Sister Mary Jean's predecessor she could return to her ministry in his parish should her new position fall through. What were the chances of that happening, Sister Mary Jean wondered. She didn't have long to wait for the answer. Some unforeseen circumstances arose, putting an end to any talk of the woman's new job and, consequently, to Sister Mary Jean's as well. So it was back to the drawing board.

Disappointed, Sister Mary Jean turned to Sister Eugene, the Ursulines' ministry director at the time, who told her there were four openings ... all in education. She encouraged her to look into

the fourth-grade opening at St. Aloysius School in Cleveland. With some reluctance she agreed. When she visited the school to inquire about the teaching position and met the principal, pastor and other school personnel, "something came over me," she recalls. "A strong inner voice insisted, 'This is where you need to be.'" And today, 26 years later, that voice is still strong and clear and insistent. St. Aloysius is still where she needs—and wants—to be.

St. Aloysius is more than a ministry for Sister Mary Jean; it is a very significant part of her life. She enjoys working with Marianist community members who are part of the school and parish; it is the same partnership that exists at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High school, jointly sponsored by the Ursulines and Marianists. Sister Mary Jean worships in the parish church and is responsible for the liturgical environment. In addition to teaching first grade, she also serves as girls' track coach and assists with grant writing. It's all part of the philosophy espoused by

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Principal Sister Sandra Lea Sabo, SSJTOSF, that no talent gets wasted. If someone has a skill that can be put to good use, it is.

Sister Mary Jean readily credits the Ursulines for educating her to do what she does. Likewise, she has been given opportunities to pass on what she knows, not only to her students and to their families, but also to other teachers. Sister Mary Jean is a popular presenter at education conventions. She has spoken at the National Catholic Education Association convention and has given local workshops. She is always eager to share teaching methods and strategies. Sometimes she meets up with her success stories. One of her proudest moments, she recalls, came at one such workshop when a former student approached her to announce that she, too, had become a teacher. The young woman proudly exclaimed, "I am what I am because of how you taught me in first grade."

While much has stayed the same at St. Aloysius throughout the years, much has changed as well. Mothers, most of them single parents, are younger and somewhat unsure of how best to help their children. They are concerned about escalating violence, Sister Mary Jean notes, and worry about being too strict or too lenient. Many of them live with the pressure of trying to get an education to get off welfare. Sister Mary Jean and the other teachers, aware of parents' stress, can help accommodate special needs, like providing breakfast for some of the children. "The mothers often come to me for advice," she says, and adds with a chuckle, "I think they see me as a wise grandmother figure."

Another noticeable change is the population served by the school is becoming more and more unchurched. While there hasn't been a significant group of Catholic children for some time, the vast majority have had some church affiliation. That is changing. And it's a loss for everyone—children, families and the school community.

Poverty is great in the St. Aloysius neighborhood. In fact, Sister Mary Jean notes, "St. Aloysius has



Sister Mary Jean Raymond with her first-graders at St. Aloysius. She is in her 26th year at the school.

the highest poverty rate of any Catholic school. It places parents in a terrible dilemma. On any given day, they are faced with choices like, "Do I buy breakfast for my family or purchase the required school supplies?"

Fortunately the school is blessed with generous supporters who come to the aid of those most in need. They are family and friends of the faculty and staff, and parishioners at St. John Vianney, St. Aloysius' partner parish. They help with expenses like school supplies and uniforms and special needs.

Living in poverty does not excuse students from developing their own spirit of generosity. Sister Mary Jean and her colleagues teach their students about the importance of giving. "We teach our kids that there is always someone worse off," she says. And they readily respond to canned food drives, the United Way appeal and mission collections. "Sometimes," she says, "in the parish food distribution program, a family might actually get back some of the very items they contributed. Still, it's important for them to know how to give, how to share."

Like all parishes in the diocese, St. Aloysius is involved in the clustering process. With its cluster parishes St. Adalbert, St. Agnes-Our Lady of Fatima and St. Philip Neri, it too faces an uncertain future, as does the school.

For the time being, though, Sister Mary Jean continues to focus on what is. She holds fast to the wisdom of the late Archbishop James Lyke who noted, "Education is the best gift the Church has to give the poor." And she knows, without a doubt, that St. Aloysius is still where she needs to be to share the gift.

Sister Sheila Marie at home in inner city ministry

Ursulines serve in 30 parishes throughout Greater Cleveland

"The two churches and Thea Bowman Center are one entity that cannot be separated," says Sister Sheila Marie Tobbe. "We're all one church. It's people of faith helping one another."

The two churches Sister Sheila Marie refers to are Saint Cecilia and Epiphany, located in Cleveland's Mount Pleasant neighborhood, where widespread poverty is evident. Despite dismal financial circumstances, the people she encounters through her ministries there are the most faithful she's ever seen. "Their understanding of spirituality in terms of a lived spirituality—they're miles ahead—that's all they've had to survive," she says.

Sister Sheila Marie could minister in a suburban parish, but has chosen to serve in the inner city for the past 20 years. "Why do I do it?" she asks. "Terrell, Marquis, Janet ... relationships," she answers. "They're your family, people you love, people you care about. People come to help. We don't pay them anything. They feel a sense of ownership. To walk out would be a mortal sin."

Sister Sheila Marie's path to the inner city started in El Salvador after a trip to visit Sister Dorothy Kazel, who was serving there, in 1979. "I wanted to serve in El Salvador, but to serve the poor, I had to walk among the poor," so she moved to St. Catharine Convent, ministered to people in Cleveland's inner-city and became hooked by their faith. Sister Sheila Marie eventually joined the Cleveland Latin American Mission Team in El Salvador for several years, and when she returned, she headed straight back to Cleveland's inner city.

"My official title at both parishes is staff coordinator but what that means is, if there's no one to do it, start talking to people," says Sister Sheila Marie. She also serves as Interim Executive Director of the Thea Bowman Center, a hub of activity that has earned the nickname, "Saturday Church." "There's so much energy around this," she says. "I started to notice when adults started showing up at 10 a.m. for a computer program that started at 1 p.m. just to be there."

Hot meals are served on Saturdays along with a full menu of programs, including computer activities, Kung Fu, yoga, chess, drumming and arts and crafts. The center also offers help with job searches, men's Bible study, a summer lunch program, 4-H activities, children's field trips to places like the Natural History Museum and the Cleveland Botanical Garden, tutoring, homework assistance, games and more. Thea Bowman's Hunger Center also distributes food to 350 families each month.

After-school activities take place Monday through Thursday, and an onsite daycare is open until midnight. "We're a place of accompaniment," says Sister Sheila Marie. "We have mothers with children working four and five jobs. We help them raise their children. We're an alternative family for kids who have no family at home. Regulars come to help because of their faith commitment."

The Thea Bowman Center is a magnet that attracts people of all ages to the "church." They get here for the programs and the kids will ask, "Who's Jesus?" The people who volunteer and work at the center provide a "moral code," and teach the children how to treat one another with respect and non-violence.

Many of the children are from families that have experienced generational poverty and have lost their "moral center," typically a grandmother, says Sister Sheila Marie. "When you lose your moral guide, you lose your moral connection, which usually means falling into drugs," she adds. Young men grow up in a culture where selling drugs is a way to make money and in a society that values achievement, she says, adding, "We have to help them navigate that."

While Sister Sheila Marie acknowledges the "church-going poor," she says, "The inner-city has become very 'unchurched' but they're hungering for it, hungering for something different."

Sister Sheila Marie is concerned about the future of her Epiphany/St. Cecilia/Thea Bowman Center church as the diocese moves forward with parish clustering. The church is a safe, loving hub where fellowship abounds. Regardless, she says, "When something happens, they figure out how to make lemonade out of lemons. People who live in poverty know how to bring good out of horrible situations. You see the extremes of life with the poor, you see the worst but when you see the best, the best is breathtakingly good. Our churches need to be connected to this."

Alicia Jordan, who often volunteers, shares a hug with Sister Sheila Marie Tobbe at the Thea Bowman Center. Sister Sheila Marie remains committed to her church, as a family member and parishioner while she wears the hats of parish staff coordinator and interim executive director.



Sisters offer comfort in pastoral care ministries

More than 24 Ursulines minister full time, part time or on a volunteer basis

Ursuline Sisters ministering in pastoral care serve in many settings. They administer spiritual care to the dying, the bereaved, the sick, the unemployed, the frightened and the disappointed. They listen to, support and encourage people experiencing difficult times to provide a spiritual perspective to their suffering—and hope for brighter days.

Sister Maureen Grady volunteers at Brendan Manor, a home for chronically ill adults. “Most have experienced institutionalization, and many have been homeless due to lack of resources or estrangement from family,” she notes. Brendan Manor provides housing and supportive services to these adults.

Sister Maureen leads a group of residents in spiritual direction and says they all want to further their relationship with God and they consider the sessions an opportunity to speak to one another in deeper ways.

Sister Nancy Beckenhaur serves as an associate supervisor in St. Vincent Charity Hospital’s Clinical Pastoral Education Program. She supervises interns who then minister at sites throughout Greater Cleveland. She also ministers at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and Hillcrest Hospital.

Sister Maureen McCarthy volunteers at Malachi House, a home for poor, terminally ill patients with six months or less to live. The residents have no one else to care for them, no medical insurance, and little or no financial resources. Here, they receive medical care and compassion in their final days.

These ministries provide just a glimpse of Ursulines who serve in pastoral care. The breadth of service reaches beyond the inner city and Cuyahoga County, where they take the Gospel to those in need of care and understanding.

Sister Frances Helen accompanies the dying on journey to eternal life

Amid the fear, sadness and uncertainty that surround impending death, Sister Frances Helen Komar works with hospice patients and their loved ones to help them find meaning, peace and even joy along the journey.

Receiving news that a person has only a limited time to live gives families and loved ones the opportunity to make the most of the time they have left together. Sister Frances Helen considers it an honor to help provide comfort during the difficult and most personal experience of dying.

“I’m there to be a companion along the journey,” says Sister Frances Helen, a pastoral minister for Holy Family Hospice. While the agency is the only Catholic hospice in Cuyahoga County, she serves patients of all faiths and some with no faith at all. Her work takes her to homes and nursing homes of people who are living out their final months or days. She serves in the inner city and throughout Cuyahoga and adjacent counties.

“Sister is a living angel on earth,” says Walter Zawislan, who recently lost his wife, Josephine, after 60 years of marriage. He says he can’t express what Sister Frances Helen’s presence meant to him as she comforted him through his wife’s final days.

Walter’s son, Joe, says, “She had such a calming effect on my dad.”

“Sister was sitting with Dad at Mom’s bedside talking about how they met,” says Walter’s daughter-in-law, Deborah. “It was a blessed time,” she adds.

Sister Frances Helen takes the Eucharist to Catholic families and arranges the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Beyond that, she is a source of comfort to those she encounters, regardless of their faith or belief system.

Sister Frances Helens says, “Illness is a precious time for patients and family members to deepen relationships, to heal broken relationships ... a time to say how much they love each other.”

It’s also a very spiritual time. “Some patients ask faith questions like ‘why me?’ They may be feeling anger with God or they may have accepted the fact that they’ll soon die,” says Sister Frances Helen.

“In dying people learn and grow spiritually,” she says, adding in most cases patients’ faith becomes stronger and they are able to experience a dimension of faith they wouldn’t otherwise know. “People experience new and renewed faith and develop an acceptance of God’s plan for them,” she adds.



Walter Zawislán calls Sister Frances Helen "a living angel on earth." She gave comfort to Walter and his wife, Josephine, in Josephine's final days.

"Sister Frances Helen was wonderful," says Tom Levi, who lost his wife, Vera, after 51 years and eight months of marriage. "She prayed with my wife. Every time she saw me she consoled me and hugged me. She really helped our family."

Sister Frances Helen encourages loved ones to share memories of the patient's life to honor the life they've lived. And she is there to talk about whatever is on a patient's or loved one's mind.

When she leaves a patient's home or nursing home, she says, "God, I've done the best I can to show your love today. I'm putting them in your hands until tomorrow."

Sister Frances Helen says it's very humbling to be allowed into a family's private space when a loved one is dying. "It's a precious time in their lives and a stranger is walking in," she says.

She also finds her ministry very uplifting, and comments, "What you give you receive back a

hundredfold." She is reminded of Saint Angela's First Counsel, "*You have more need to serve others, than they have to be served.*"

Serving hospice patients and their families has also heightened her awareness of the need to live in the present and value love and relationships more consciously as well. "Everyday is a precious gift of life. How you live today will be a memory tomorrow."

Emphasizing quality of life over quantity, Sister Frances Helen says, "A person can be more fulfilled in a few months than ever in a lifetime. My constant prayer is they have inner peace, love, hope and joy. Physical death will bring new, eternal life that cannot be taken away."

She says Saint Angela's Seventh Counsel remains steadfast in her mind as she serves: "*For in these troubled time you will find no other refuge than at the feet of Jesus Christ.*" Clearly, God called Sister Frances Helen to this cherished ministry.

Sisters exhibit influence, compassion in health care

Think of Ursuline ministries. Chances are health care is not the first one that comes to mind. Still, in terms of the number of persons served, our efforts in the field are significant. We have a handful of sisters providing varied, but important work in the health care arena.

Take, for instance, Sister Rosemarie Carfagna. For the past year she has served as Senior Vice President for Mission in the Sisters of Charity Health System. While her work is administrative, it contributes significantly to the system and to the quality of care extended in the system's hospitals in Cleveland, Westlake, Canton and Columbia, South Carolina. Or consider Sister Julian Eymard, a seasoned nursing veteran. She puts her nursing experience and knowledge to good use as a resource for sisters residing in the motherhouse.

Sister Kathleen Mary Flanagan utilizes her expertise in training new generations of nurses as a professor in Ursuline College's nursing program. And Sister Mary Lou Tadsen, a psychiatric nurse by training and experience, is winding down her ministry career with Home Instead Senior Care, providing companionship, home-helper and personal care services for the elderly in their homes.

Sister Ruth Urbanski, a home health nurse for Hospice of the Western Reserve, travels to patients' homes to provide medical assistance, comfort and support.



Sister Ruth Urbanski, Hospice of the Western Reserve

Sister Ruth Urbanski has served as a home health nurse for Hospice of the Western Reserve for eight years. Operating out of the Fairhill office, her territory includes all the East Side Cleveland zip codes, areas others might fear or try to avoid. So why does she do it? "Because," she insists, "everyone deserves quality, compassionate care; the poor are no exception."

Sister Ruth didn't set out to be a hospice nurse. Her previous job was with Neighborhood Family Practice, on the Near West Side of Cleveland. She left after eight years because her position had become too administrative. "I wanted to do hands-on nursing," she says. "That's why I became a nurse." So when the opportunity to work for Hospice arose she thought it might be a good match. Certainly it fulfilled her wish for "hands-on nursing."

She's glad she made the change. The work is challenging but it's also a privilege. "I go into homes and meet people where they live," she says. "I'm no big authority. I give medical assistance and try to bring comfort. But mainly what I give is support."

Sometimes needs extend far beyond the sick person's medical needs, she notes. Sometimes the family is in crisis, "but you have to resist the urge to try to fix everything. I can't fix it all. My role is to assess, help make comfortable and support." At times she engages in education with family members, explaining the illness and symptoms, telling them what to expect, and explaining why she does what she does for their loved ones.

Her caseload averages about 15 to 19 people who need to be seen at least once a week. New patients

sometimes require more frequent visits, as do persons nearing death. Some have AIDS or cancer; others have heart disease or end-stage dementia. One patient suffers from ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease.

Sister Ruth has great admiration for people who opt to care for their loved ones at home. "It's a real sacrifice," she says, "because it's not easy and it's not fun." People choose home hospice for a number of reasons. Home has special meaning. Often the quality of life is better at home; people feel better, more comfortable at home with their own things, their own people around them. Hospice offers them an option that is truly person-centered.

The work, rewarding as it is, is not without challenges and frustrations. Sometimes, Sister Ruth says, patients refuse the medicine she offers or a suggestion she makes to help alleviate suffering. Some individuals are just stubborn; others are in denial about the seriousness of their illness; still others hold the belief that suffering will atone for a past fault or failing. In those instances, she says, as frustrated as she might get, there's nothing she can do but "wait until they crash. Then I come in to help pick up the pieces and begin again."

Sister Ruth says she can't imagine doing anything different any time soon. Hospice provides wonderful service and "I'm happy and proud to be part of it. For the first time, I feel I am really using my skills." What she offers is not lavish. "I do the basics to keep the patient clean and comfortable," she says, "and strive always to do it with care and compassion."

Ursulines committed to fostering systemic change

In the Ursuline Sisters' 2004 Chapter Direction Statement, and reiterated for ongoing emphasis in 2008, sisters committed themselves to work toward systemic change. Change of any kind is slow, but changing systems can be painfully so. It requires patience, commitment and sometimes, great courage. Ursulines are engaged in systemic change efforts on many fronts, sometimes as part of their ministry, most often in volunteer capacities beyond their ministries.

Board membership is one way we help effect systemic change. Many of our sisters serve on boards of non-profit organizations dealing with education, health care, housing and social services. Another means of advocating for change is through our corporate stances opposing capital punishment and supporting the closing of the School of the Americas (SOA). Sisters work as they are able to give witness to these stances.

As legal service administrator for the Cuyahoga Tapestry System of Care, Sister Joanne has witnessed firsthand the effort to change the system that seeks to help children in need.



Sister Joanne Gross advocates for systemic change through her ministry with the Cuyahoga Tapestry System of Care.

Sister Joanne Gross, Cuyahoga Tapestry System of Care

Most strategies for effecting change initiate from a position outside the system. Sister Joanne Gross, on the other hand, works for change from within the system as an employee of Cuyahoga County. As legal service administrator for the Cuyahoga Tapestry System of Care, she has witnessed firsthand the effort to change the system that seeks to help children in need.

According to the county's website, the Tapestry program is a "new approach to meeting the behavioral health needs of children through a unified family, community and public and private system of care." It serves children under the age of 18 with severe emotional needs that are disruptive to relationships and daily activities and those whose behaviors hold potential for involving them with juvenile court, or with substance abuse counseling.

Tapestry's tagline, "weaving solutions with children and families," offers a key concept of the initiative. The effort involves the children and their families, finding solutions *with* them, not *for* them. It begins not by identifying what is detrimental or lacking in a child's life, but by naming the strengths that can be built upon in bringing about desired outcomes.

Another revolutionary aspect of Tapestry, according to Sister Joanne, is its attempt to get all the public systems working for kids to work together in their delivery of wrap-around services. These services can include mental health counseling, respite service for parents, recreational activities, and art and music therapy. Just about anything you can think of, as being helpful to children or families is possible.

The goal of it all, Sister Joanne says, is to "reduce the recidivism rate among youth, to get kids to not need public systems."

Sister Joanne's part in the Tapestry initiative has been to write all the contracts with the more than 80 agencies that have signed on for the program, and the agreements that allow the agencies to work together. In addition, she also drafts Memoranda of Understanding with all care providers.

She is proud to be using her legal training in so worthwhile and innovative an endeavor. Until joining the county almost five years ago as the Coordinator of Domestic Violence Initiatives, a position she held for two and a half years, the bulk of Sister Joanne's career had been as legal counsel for the congregation and in higher education, for Ursuline College, Case Western Reserve University and John Carroll University. And while she enjoyed working in that arena, she finds working for systemic change very energizing and, obviously, very much in line with the congregation's Directions.

In her free time Sister Joanne serves as a volunteer magistrate in South Euclid's Juvenile Division. So she is well acquainted with the needs of youth and the potential benefits of programs like Tapestry.

She is encouraged by the level of commitment the County has demonstrated thus far and by the spirit of cooperation that exists among Tapestry's participating agencies. "It's not perfect," she admits, "and we're still experiencing some growing pains. But it is rewarding to be part of something so remarkable, so creative and forward-thinking." If it works, it will transform the way children and families access services. And that will be a marvelous expression of systemic change.

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Ursulines committed to helping women of WREN, Community Women's Shelter

Whether formal or informal, it's not unusual to see transformative ministries emerge and thrive through our Sisters' networks. Sisters discover issues or circumstances that beg for action, and community life puts the wheels in motion.

An Ursuline "Town Hall Meeting" four years ago ignited the congregation's initiatives to provide direct service and effect systemic change in the inner city. The sisters wanted to serve existing organizations and after exploring their options, agreed to participate in the Community Women's Shelter's Adopt-a-Shelter program and to support the efforts of Women's Re-Entry Network (WREN).

WREN provides assistance to women who are re-entering society after incarceration. Most need employment, job-search assistance and temporary housing. The agency also helps with basics, like donated toiletries, clothing and bus fare.

WREN is also there to help provide education and encouragement to the women and assure them they can turn their lives around.

The Community Women's Shelter serves women who are homeless for any number of reasons. Women receive meals, a place to sleep and assistance with navigating the systems that might lead them toward finding a place to live, securing employment or even acquiring a driver's license or state identification. The shelter also offers activities to the women that encourage well-being.

Our Ursuline Sisters share their gifts with women accessing services through WREN and the shelter. Women at WREN and the shelter live stressful lives full of uncertainty and in many cases emotional pain. As Ursulines, we try to help address those issues as well, paying attention to their needs for validation, self-esteem and hope.

"The women like that the sisters take time to talk to them after their time of service," says Social Justice

Coordinator Sister Noel Marra. "This 'taking time' is seen as a special gift of our coming," she adds.

Sisters Liz Troha, Mary Ellen Brinovec, Joan Petersen, Jeanette Kearns and Ann Winters have provided Scripture sharing, prayer and spiritual direction.

Sister Liz Troha has taken Tai Chi and guided imagery to the shelter. Sister Diane Therese Pinchot has encouraged the women to express themselves through art. Our congregation's President, Sister Angelita Zawada, and many other Cleveland Ursulines have helped prepare and share meals with the women of the shelter. Sister Gretchen Rodenfels has treated the women of WREN to massage.

Sister Noel Marra's parishioners at St. Joseph (Amherst) have rallied around the women at the shelter as well. In addition to helping with collections and meals, they helped the women plant an herb garden. Sisters Therese Horan (Assumption) and Carmen Hocevar (Holy Redeemer) have led collections for the agencies at their parishes. Sisters regularly contribute to collection drives at the Motherhouse.

Sister Ruth Ann Auckley shops for the shelter's needs when financial donations arrive. Sister Barbara Jean coordinates work sessions at the Motherhouse where resident sisters help with behind-the-scenes needs, like wrapping silverware for meals.

When the women receive the care and services of WREN and the Community Women's Shelter, some of them, for the first time in their lives, begin to believe in themselves and pursue goals and dreams they could never have imagined. This is what can happen when vulnerable women receive support and encouragement from people who treat them with dignity by honoring their needs, nurturing their talents and offering a listening ear.

Acting as God's instruments, we minister in the hope the women we serve will know God's love surrounds and will help sustain them.



Carlotta Perkins displays a geometric abstract painting she created with four interchangeable panels that can be displayed in a variety of patterns.

Carlotta Perkins follows God's lead to new opportunities

Carlotta Perkins never imagined her story would make the front page of *The Plain Dealer*. Hers was a story of art and homelessness expressed through an exhibit featuring her work and the work of 10 other homeless women. Titled "Out of the Box," the show was conceived to help dispel stereotypes associated with homelessness. All five of her pieces sold.

Since that exhibit more than two years ago, Carlotta has sold more artwork in a number of shows and has moved out of the Community Women's Shelter. Her love of art is expressed through paint, clay, jewelry and paper. A very faithful woman, she thanks and praises God for where she is today—and says God keeps leading her to Ursuline Sister Diane Therese Pinchot.

Carlotta hadn't painted in more than 20 years when she met Sister Diane Therese, who brought a ceramics class to the Community Women's Shelter.

"I met Diane in October of 2005," she remembers. "She was like a rainbow after a storm to me. She helped me realize life doesn't stop (because of unfortunate circumstances). She helped me realize God is alive and here. He's not going to let you fall."

Carlotta recalls Sister Diane Therese's commitment to taking art projects to the shelter on a continuing basis. "Sometimes I would be the only one there (to participate) and she said, 'I can always count on you

to be here, Carlotta.'" The two would talk and share stories. Carlotta says, "She's a remarkable woman. Even when she was going through a hard time when her mother was dying, Sister Diane came to the shelter for us."

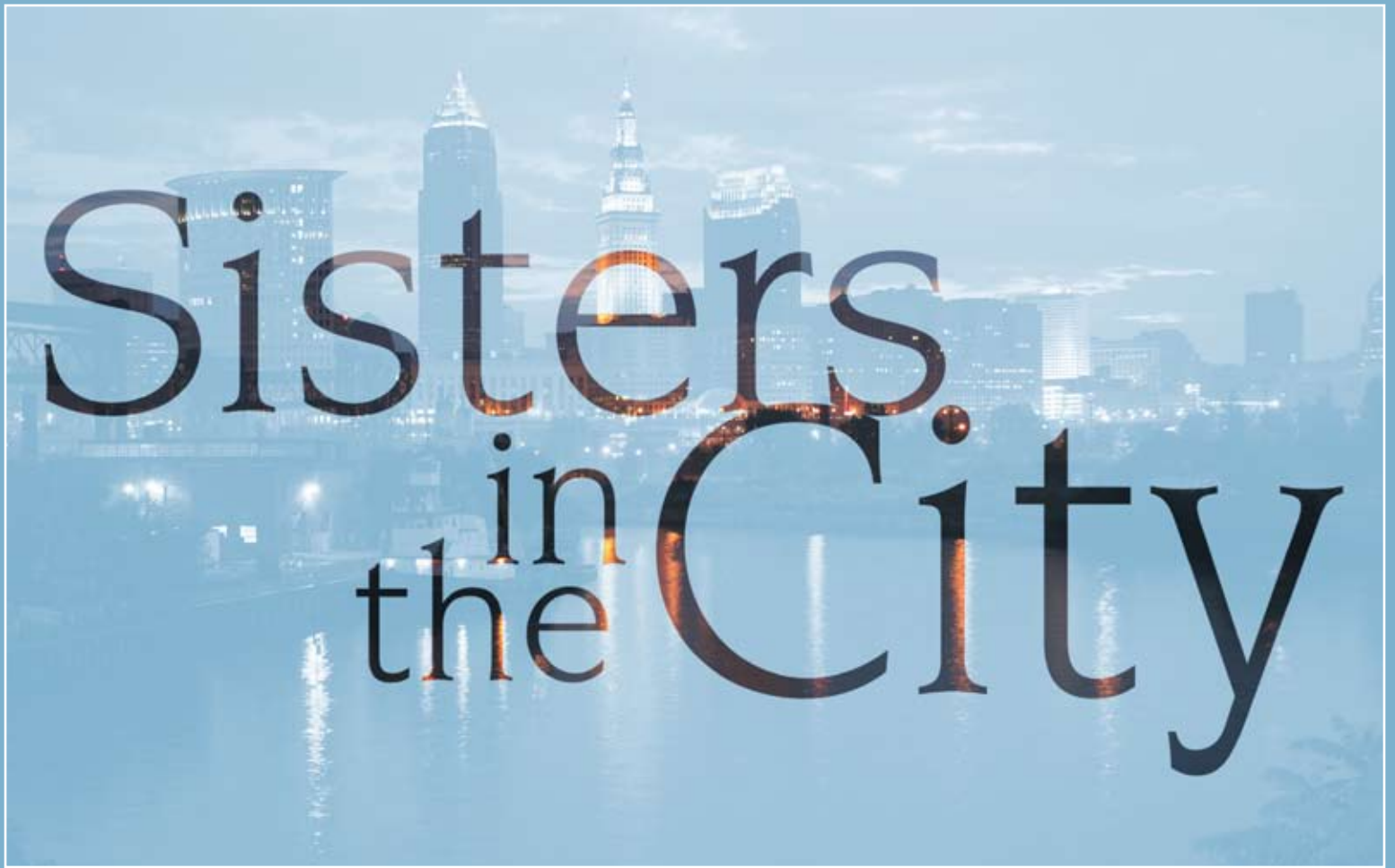
Sister Diane Therese also brought women from the shelter to Ursuline College to fire their Raku (a form of ceramic art) projects. Carlotta was "blown away" at the sight of the campus and says it made her feel at peace right away.

Today, Carlotta works full time for a cleaning service contracted by the college—she learned about the opportunity when she emailed Sister Diane Therese to stay in touch. At the mercy of the bus schedule, Carlotta arrives two and a half hours before her shift begins. She spends the time walking and praying. "I feel so at peace here," she says. "I can come to work with a problem or be stressing out and I walk and talk to God and see the rabbits and the water and all the nature and I find comfort."

Carlotta says, "My biggest wish today is to be able to attend Ursuline College. I don't know about the fine workings of art, and I want to take art history and learn about my favorite artist, Picasso," she says. Sister Diane Therese is helping her explore scholarship opportunities. In the meantime, she creates art in her free time and says she is where God wants her to be.

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