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your will.*

MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP

Dear Friends,

At this writing, we are drawing near the season of Lent, our spiritual preparation for the great feast of Easter. The liturgical cycle on which the life of the Church revolves serves as a type of metaphor for life. We have the grander, more extraordinary "Christmas" and "Easter" moments and events, the Advent and Lenten seasons that call us to preparation and heightened awareness of what's to come, and the quieter, less frantic activity of Ordinary Time. The occasional mountain top experiences always give way to the day-to-day routine of life on the plateaus and flatlands.

Certainly our construction project illustrates the cycle well. We persevered through the long, anticipation-filled wait, to the completion of the building and the great exultation of moving day. Now the 68 sisters who comprise the first Merici Crossings community are peacefully settling in, anticipating both the joys and challenges that await them at each turn.



Sister Susan Bremer

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As you might imagine, it is a time of excitement as we look to the "new" before us, but it has also been a time of bittersweet letting go. In prayer and ritual we celebrated and bid farewell to our home of 60 years. And as we engage in setting up our new spaces for living, prayer and ministry, we are excited to be transitioning to the future that stretches before us. Among our hopes for Merici Crossings is that of a revitalized community spirit. With 19 sisters relocating from residences beyond the motherhouse to join the 49 long-time motherhouse dwellers, there is great potential for newness. Stay tuned.

Meanwhile, Ursuline life and service continue. In these pages you will meet Sister Noel Marra and some St. Anselm parishioners reflecting on her ministry among them in Chesterland. You will also meet some amazing young people who are learning first hand from our Community Kitchen staff about food preparation and dining room management. Rounding out the issue are obituaries of our recently deceased sisters and a reflection by long-time friend Elaine Kason, who will receive this year's Merici Award at our 10th Annual Ursuline Derby Day, Saturday, May 4.

In all times and seasons, from solemnities and holy days to the blessedly familiar and routine days of ordinary time, God continues to bless us through friends like you. Be assured that as we transition into our new home and congregational center, we hold you in our prayers of gratitude for helping to make our Merici Crossings dream a reality.

And finally, as we journey forward may even your most ordinary of days be charged with extraordinary grace and blessing!

Gratefully, in Saint Angela,

Sister Susan Bremer

THE MERICI SOCIETY: TOUCH THE FUTURE. MAKE A GIFT. LEAVE A LEGACY.

We welcome you into The Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland's Merici Society when you make a planned gift to the Ursuline Sisters. Planned giving allows you to plan now to leave a legacy. It can also provide income, avoid or minimize capital gains, and ensure the programs important to you are supported beyond your lifetime.

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In exchange for a transfer of cash, marketable securities, or in some cases, real estate, The Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland contractually agrees to pay a fixed sum to you and/or another beneficiary for life. The payment rate depends on the age of the beneficiary — the older the beneficiary, the higher the payment rate.

You can claim a current charitable deduction for the portion of the transfer, which represents the charitable gift. Payments, which can be deferred if income is not needed immediately, are partially tax-free. The Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland receives the remaining principal at the death of the income beneficiary.

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The Merici Society
The Ursuline Sisters Planned Giving Program

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For more information, or a copy of our planned giving packet, contact Colleen Slattery in the Ursuline Sisters Development Office at cslattery@ursulinesisters.org.

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In her own words: 2019 Merici Award recipient Elaine Kason

When asked to accept the 2019 Merici Award from the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland, I was honored and humbled. It gave me pause to think about how the Ursulines have influenced my life these last 20 years and the many gifts they have given me over that time.

I have come to look at life as pages in a book. I think there are points in our lives when it is time to turn the page. I came to one of those times when I retired from education, moved to a new home and sought a new church to attend. Little did I know that also on the next page were the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland.

My early life pages included attending public school and being raised in the beautiful Eastern Rite of the Catholic Church. It was difficult at times to feel a real connection to the very ethnic church community. That changed many years later when my move and search for a new parish closer to home brought me to St. Clarence Church and my first contact with the Ursulines. Through Sister Donna Marie Bradesca and her pastoral ministry, I found a home in which to deepen my faith and my desire to be of service to others. Community involvement through the Charity-in-Action Committee started me on that path. Scripture Study opened the door to deepening my faith.

This led me to the Ursuline Motherhouse where I found out that part of the Ursuline charism is welcome and friendship to all. Workshops and retreats offered there by sisters like Sister Maureen McCarthy opened the faith door even more.

As time moved on, I have come to know about and admire the Ursuline's history of nearly 170 years of service through education and their ministries where the need is greatest. I wanted to help and support the sisters in any way that I could. Sister Susan Durkin pointed me to the next page when she asked me to assist in



Elaine Kason

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organizing a benefit to help support the sisters and their work. The page turned to the Ursuline Derby Day.

Over ten Derby years, there have been countless contacts with prospective donors, dozens of gift baskets, auction items and so many other details that help to make a successful event. The time and efforts have been indeed rewarding, to say nothing of the great friendships and the opportunity to work with people faithful in their efforts to support the sisters and their ministry. The Gospel calls on us to serve with love. Saint Angela Merici asks us "to be a joyous person—to always act out of charity with faith and hope in God."

It's time for me to turn a new page after ten years on the Derby committee, four as chairperson. Leaving the committee will in no way lessen my involvement, service and support of the sisters. I am pleased, honored and humbled to join the past recipients of the Merici Award at the special tenth celebration of Derby Day on May 4, 2019. God gave me the gift of the Ursuline Sisters to show me the way of faith and service. I will always treasure that.God.

*"Life is like a notebook.
Two pages are already written by God.
The first page is Birth and the last page is Death.
Center pages are empty.
Fill them with smiles, service and love."*

- Unknown

BUILDING A FUTURE: WELCOME TO MERICI CROSSINGS.

Moving Day! All the dreaming and planning led the Ursuline Sisters to this day. There's much still to do to make Merici Crossings a home, but it's a great day to begin building a future.



Windows from the Chapel of the Most Holy Trinity found a glorious new home!



A view of a typical kitchen in the sisters' suites

Rooted in Ursuline history and honoring founder St. Angela Merici, the name for this new residence proudly stands as a commitment of the sisters to continue their mission of "transforming society through contemplation, justice, and compassion." Underlying this mission is their openness to cross over into the graced lives of those they are called to serve, to encounter others and accompany them in their life's journey.

Pope Francis reflected on how we are called to create a culture of encounter. It begins, he says, "with not just seeing, but looking; not just hearing, but listening; not just passing people by, but stopping with them...and allowing yourself to be moved with compassion." During this **Bold Faith | Building a Future** campaign, we reached out to so many of our donors who understood our need and gave generously to this effort. Time and again they shared stories of being listened to, cared for, and loved by the Ursuline Sisters.

Two such donors are Joe and Kay Allen who shared with us what inspires them to support the sisters. Joe, a retired general contractor, shared his expertise with Sister Susan regarding the design and plans for the new building. His insights were so helpful. Kay was taught by the Ursulines and remembers them as inspiring and outstanding educators. "When first approached for a gift, we just knew we had to be a part of the **Bold Faith | Building a Future** campaign as it was such an important endeavor for the sisters and their future. A new home is something they certainly deserve."

Merici Crossings will be a place of welcome where sisters come together in life and prayer, where family and friends gather to celebrate the Eucharist and enjoy a leisurely lunch, and where relationships deepen. **It is where people gather and lives intersect.**

Later in the spring and summer, once sisters are fully settled in, the Ursulines will welcome family and friends, donors and neighbors to Merici Crossings in a series of celebrations and open houses. More than an opportunity to see the new residence, it will be an occasion to encounter one another and celebrate a new era of the Ursulines' commitment to serving God's people.

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

As sisters begin settling into their new home, we again express our gratitude to our generous families and friends who support this campaign. We began with a goal to raise \$8 million from the Greater Cleveland community. At the end of December 2018, 1,168 donors had made commitments totaling \$9.5 million, nearly 20% over the original goal. Thank You!

The Ursuline Sisters will honor and thank donors at the ribbon cutting and open houses in the summer 2019. Watch your mailboxes for the invitation.

Ursulines and students learn from each other through CEVEC program

Cuyahoga Eastern Vocational Education Consortium (CEVEC) is the endeavor of the Mayfield City School district and of approximately 40 business partners to assist students from Cuyahoga, Lake, Geauga and Summit Counties to become community employable.

The Ursuline Sisters and their Community Kitchen are numbered among the providers in this program. Students who qualify typically enter it as juniors or seniors and are on an Independent Educational Program (IEP) for various reasons. CEVEC gives them a combination of academic work with rotations between work sites that provide career exploration in a safe environment. Under the guidance of practitioners in their career fields who serve as mentors and job trainers who have special education expertise, these students are taught and regularly assessed on "Power Standards" such as: attendance and punctuality, professional appearance, professional workplace behavior, appropriate demonstration of initiative and independence in problem solving balanced with knowing when / how / and from whom to seek guidance or help, positive attitudes and respectful communication, effective organization and attention to details, ability to stay on-task and on-time and to make adjustments as needed. The staff encourage both self-advocacy and community building among the students, as well as put them in contact with additional support teams and agencies.

At the Ursuline motherhouse, CEVEC students regularly rotate among tasks in culinary preparation, dish washing, recycling, busing tables and work surfaces, as well as in serving as receptionist at a major point of entrance to the motherhouse, and helping volunteers seasonally with landscaping.

The previous bare bones summary, however, fails to convey the life of the program. To get to the real heart of CEVEC,



Job Coordinator Bridget Scafidi (left) and Dominick

one must meet the people: the students, the CEVEC supervisors/teachers, and the Ursuline mentors.

The students are exceptionally friendly, speak highly of the program here at Ursuline, and clearly are happy to be participants at this Ursuline location. One student (Diana) identified the kitchen as her favorite place to work because "I can learn so many new things there each day." She also named the teachers as being among her favorite parts of the program because "they always push you to do better and they

help you if you need it." Another student (Jaia) identified the diversity of students as one of her favorite aspects within the program. She enjoys working with people from all over. From her remarks one can infer that in CEVEC labels do not matter. Clearly, for both Diana and Jaia, future employment is not their sole educational goal. Another student (Jackson) was accompanied by his Job Trainer, Miss W, who skillfully engaged him with questions to which he responded earnestly, comfortably, and with appropriate answers that grew in length as the dialogue evolved. By the end of the conversation, he had managed to recall all the Power Standards on which he was working, how he had practiced them routinely, and determined yet another application for one of them that he could put into immediate use; he was proud of himself for being able to do so.

The students are, of course, the heart of the program but that heart would not beat at all without the teamwork of CEVEC personnel and Ursuline mentors. Bridget Scafidi, Job Coordinator, and Heidi Wuescher and Peggy Bonitati, Job Trainers, are their teachers. Chef Art Bennett who is in

charge of the Ursuline Community Kitchen and his staff are the much sought after mentors. Individual sisters, Carol and Francis Borgia, help to mentor those who work the receptionist desk, and Sister Joanne Buckman contributes a comfort level in the environment by helping the students understand what a religious community is all about. Finally all the sisters play a role in the way they interact with the students. Because sisters treat the students with courtesy and respect that some of them do not ordinarily experience elsewhere, they find it easier to respond in kind.

Chef Art, an outstanding mentor, willingly shared his feelings: "Having kids here connects me with the youth of today and it helps me to see the world with their eyes, which affects the way that I look at things. They have a mature innocence about the way they see things and their expectations. It opens up a part of me that helps me to share part of my experience and to help kids become a productive part of society." He went on to say "At first I thought it (CEVEC) was a great way for me to get free labor for the good of the sisters. I have since learned that it is more about what I can give to the students, trying to create an environment where they can feel comfortable enough to fail as well as succeed, and if they fail they are comfortable enough to try again. And I have gotten much more out of the program personally as well as professionally. I can teach anybody how to chop carrots, but if (that is my only expectation of the student), all I will have is a pile of chopped carrots and a bored student. But if I teach the students how to go through the many steps to prepare and cook breaded eggplant, I have



In order from left to right: CEVEC students Jerimiah, Zoe, Diana, Jaia, Brendan, Theresa, Marie, Kelsey and Dominick; Chef Art is behind them.

pushed them to their limits and given them a skill to be proud of. They will have a greater interest in learning, and we will have a greater rapport. Because we push them a little bit, I have seen a great change not only in the students but in the teachers."

Chef Art also cannot say enough for the leadership of Job Coordinator Bridget Scafidi: "This is not a job for her; this is her life! ... She helps the parents and the other teachers; she helps the graduates find jobs; after students graduate from the program she stays involved in their lives. After watching her through the years I have picked up her approach; my expectations for the students have been raised but also my expectations for myself. So we have grown as a team."

Here at the motherhouse, if the organizational scheme of CEVEC is the bare bones and the team of people is its heart, then the life-blood seems to be the values that flow through the whole program and everyone in it: respect and concern for the individual, an inclusive and welcoming spirit, consistent effort in education, and the role of relationships and teamwork in Gospel-centered service. These values are part of the Ursuline charism and history, and continue to generate hopefulness for future generations. Encountering Christ through serving others – it never goes out of date.

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- Chef Art

Sister Noel Marra and her team share the Gospel at St. Anselm



Sister Noel (center) and coworkers Mary Catherine Knight (left) Patty Hanna (right)

Those who lead others to justice will shine as stars for all eternity. (Dan.12:3)

Among the many people “who lead others to justice” at St. Anselm Parish in Chesterland, is Ursuline Sister Noel Marra, who serves on the staff as Director of Religious Education, along with a large number of volunteers who assist her in catechetical ministry. Gathered from this group, a few representatives met for an informal discussion and personal sharing on ministry. Included were: Sr. Noel; Patricia Hanna, PSR (Parish School of Religion) grade 8 Catechist; Mary Catherine Knight, PSR grade 2 Catechist; and Stephanie Rowen, PSR Secretary.

The discussion began with a sharing of how each one initially became involved through a “call” or an “invitation” from Sr. Noel or Sr. Ann Whitely who ministered at the parish for 16 years prior to her retirement. After serving for several years, they all agreed that although they initially responded to a “need” in the parish, they now view their participation as an important ministry that not only helps young people grow in their faith relationship to God, but has also been an avenue for personal spiritual growth for each of them.

Our path of life unfolds based on our response to what needs arise. God’s call comes to us from those around us. Catechetical work is a “Spirit” experience grounded in personal reflection and a desire to create community with those we serve.

– Sr. Noel

I’m here to strengthen my faith with my children and the Church community children, although, at first, I thought I was just filling a need of the Church. It is truly a learning experience of being a disciple when teaching and working in this community ministry. Being part of the PSR Catechist staff builds connections with the children and these connections then ripple out into the community.

– Patricia Hanna

The Spirit leads us!



Sister Noel Marra

Sr. Noel grew up in St. Jerome Parish attending PSR classes from grades 2-5. There she met Sr. Theophane, "a very kind nun" who helped her to prepare for First Communion (eventually they would live together as Ursulines). When Noel was a student at St. Jerome, Sister Barbara Eppich was the Sodality moderator and also a strong influence. Noel went on to Sacred Heart Academy where the Ursulines continued to be

even more important as teachers and friends.

Noel's ministry journey as an Ursuline led her to a wide variety of experiences and opportunities to serve others, including teaching in elementary schools in the inner city and in suburbs, and taking a leadership role together with Ursuline Sr. Sheila Marie Tobbe in refining and implementing the "Alternative to Violence" Curriculum in schools and neighborhood organizations. She created and served as the first board president of the Bellaire-Puritas Development Corporation with neighborhood business and church leaders, which focused on housing and safety needs of the Puritas neighborhood. She then attained a degree in Family Pastoral Studies. Sr. Noel finds that "all her previous experiences" mentioned above can easily be incorporated into her present role of Pastoral Minister. She administers a religious education program in the parish for 280 children, which involves 28 volunteer catechists, and a total of 92 occasional volunteers.

Be aware of the needs of the times. (St. Angela)

St. Angela Merici was the founder of the Ursulines and she aspired to change the decadent Renaissance society in which she lived. Angela continues to be the inspiration for Ursulines and their ministry today. She gathered a small group of women to pray, to grow in their relationship with God, and to be open to the guidance of the Spirit. Their call was to change society by impacting the dire situation of women and children. Her admonition to her small group was to be aware of the "signs of the times" and to respond to the needs of any age.

This directive from their foundress has led Ursulines of all ages to develop a "dynamic adaptability". Today is no different. Ursulines in ministry anywhere continue to "transform society through contemplation, justice and compassion."

In the small group discussion on ministry with Sr. Noel and her catechists at St. Anselm Parish, Angela's advice to "change with the needs of the times" contributed to some creative "dreaming" and considerations for future directions for pastoral ministry in the Church.

I hope the Church becomes more accepting to opening channels for young adults so they can become comfortable in administering a ministry to others.

- Stephanie Rowan

My wish for the future would be for the Church to have open conversations and sharing sessions with their parishioners so that everyone can share their thoughts and experiences to learn from each other. This can build a comfort level for those who need it, and keep an open conversation going for others to learn.

- Mary Catherine Knight

Diverse forms of liturgy and creative involvement of the church community in the Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist need to be incorporated as part of the "New Evangelization."

- Sr. Noel

My hope for the future is that my children will see how faith in God IS what leads them, and that they will want to be led. I strive to be open to God's presence in community conversation and small group conversation.

- Patricia Hanna

Pope Francis seemed to be addressing these committed catechists when he said:

Challenges exist to be overcome! Let us be realistic, but without losing our joy, our boldness, and our hope-filled commitment. Let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of missionary zeal.

- Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel

Sister Marilyn Story

Dedicated teacher, administrative professional

Students at Beaumont School, Villa Angela Academy and Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School from the mid-1960's to 2004 learned the intricacies of algebra and geometry from Sister Marilyn Story (formerly Sister M. Florian). And faculty, staff and others associated with her in ministry and in community were regular beneficiaries of her kindness and care. The gentle teacher and administrative professional died early October 12 at Hillcrest Hospital. She was 78.



In 2004 Sister Marilyn was asked to return to the motherhouse to serve as administrative assistant to the Ursuline Sisters' leadership team. She readily accepted the invitation and served capably and professionally until her death, assisting four teams in her tenure.

Sister Marilyn is survived by her brother Martin (wife Christine) of Toronto and a niece and nephew. She was preceded in death by a sister, Nancy Chatham.

Sister Marilyn's teaching career spanned 33 years. After leaving the classroom she remained at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School eight years, serving as the school registrar and the guidance department secretary.

She will be remembered for her quiet but friendly demeanor, and her kindness and generosity. She was a faith-filled woman, a devoted sister and aunt, and a beloved community member and friend.

Sister Donna Capuano

Faith-filled religious, innovative minister

We remember Sister Donna Capuano as a fearless and faithful woman, at home with primary students learning to read as well as business executives and construction workers. She was a woman open to the promptings of the Spirit, willing to serve in many capacities throughout her life. In spite of her diagnosis of a rare and debilitating terminal condition, her faith was unwavering to the end, as she constantly expressed gratitude to God and to those who cared for her. Sister Donna died peacefully November 2 at Regina Health Center where she had been in residence since July 2017.



Sister Donna (formerly Sister M. Ignatius) earned undergraduate and graduate degrees from St. John College in Cleveland and was also proud of her further studies at The University of Notre Dame and Harvard. Her earliest years of ministry were in elementary education at St. Catherine and St. Patrick (Cleveland), St. Charles Borromeo (Parma), St. Therese (Garfield Heights), St. Robert Bellarmine (Euclid) and St. Clare (Lyndhurst) where she also served as principal. Other

ministries were varied: service in the Diocesan offices; Director of Continuing Education at Ursuline College; education consultant at the Hitchcock Center for Women as well as at Ameritech; Executive Director and Career Consultant at the Ursuline Sophia Center; consultant for Zunt Construction; Organizational Director for New Ventures, and coordinator of the motherhouse community.

Most recently, Sister Donna was a resident at Regina Health Center where she impressed the staff and residents with her willing acceptance of the limitations of her disease, her laughter, her gratitude and her courage in facing death.

Sister Donna will be remembered for her passion for life, her love of family and community, her compassion for individual sisters in need and her creativity in her ministry in all its varied forms.

She is survived by her siblings Dick (Glenda), Dody, Jack (Maureen), Bonnie (Tom) and Tom (Danny) and many nieces and nephews.

Sister Caroline Kocur

Dedicated educator and faith-filled religious

Sister Caroline Kocur (formerly Sister Mechtildes) spent her entire career in the ministry of education, 23 years as a teacher and 25 as principal. Even in her last years, as a resident at Regina Health Center, Sister Caroline continued to teach by example, living graciously and gratefully despite a variety of health challenges. The gentle and kindly educator died November 12, surrounded by family members, sisters and friends. She was 81.



tenure as principal of St. Vincent De Paul School (Cleveland). She served briefly at Urban Community School before retiring to the motherhouse in 2012, and moved to Regina Health Center in 2013.

Regina staff and residents alike found in Sister Caroline a friendly and joyful presence, always quick with a warm greeting or a word of thanks for any kindness extended or service rendered. Even in her last hours, she welcomed each visitor with a smile.

Sister Caroline began her ministry career teaching first graders at St. Mary School (Collinwood). Additional teaching assignments included St. Charles Borromeo and St. Francis de Sales schools in Parma, St. Mary Magdalene (Willowick), and St. Catherine (Cleveland). She taught and later served as principal at Immaculate Conception (Willoughby) and St. Jerome (Cleveland). Sister Caroline's longest ministry service was a 13-year

Sister Caroline is survived by a brother Gilbert (wife Mary Jayne) and a sister Martha Flow. She was preceded in death by her brother Andrew.

She will be remembered for her friendly and gentle demeanor and her grateful heart. She was a dedicated educator, a faith-filled religious, and a devoted sister and aunt.

Sister Therese Demchock

Educator and pastoral minister

In the span of her 53-year career, Sister Therese Demchock (formerly Sister M. Stephanie) engaged in many and varied ministries, from elementary school teacher and principal, to community administrator and transportation coordinator, and finally to parish and hospital minister. The same comfort and consolation she brought to the sick and dying was returned to her by her Ursuline sisters at Regina Health Center where Sister Therese died November 26, 2018. She was 87.



duties at St. Philomena Parish and briefly at St. Joseph Parish in Collinwood.

Responding to a need within the Ursuline community Sister Therese left parish work to serve as the sisters' transportation coordinator for eight years, after which she accepted her last formal assignment as pastoral minister at Hillcrest Hospital. She concluded her active career with a term as local coordinator of the motherhouse community, before devoting herself to the ministry of prayer.

Sister Therese launched her ministry career as a primary grade teacher at St. Jerome School. Her other teaching assignments included St. Charles and St. Francis de Sales schools, both in Parma, St. Clare (Lyndhurst), St. Philomena (East Cleveland), and St. Timothy (Garfield Heights) where she also served two years as principal. In 1974 Sister Therese shifted her focus from the classroom to the parish, assuming pastoral minister

Sister Therese will be remembered for her no-nonsense approach to life as well as for the compassion she extended to those in need. She was a faith-filled religious, a committed family member, and a loving sister and friend.

She was preceded in death by her sister Alice York, and her brother Louis. She is survived by several nieces.

Donations in memory of these sisters can be made to the Ursuline Sisters at www.ursulinesisters.org.

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