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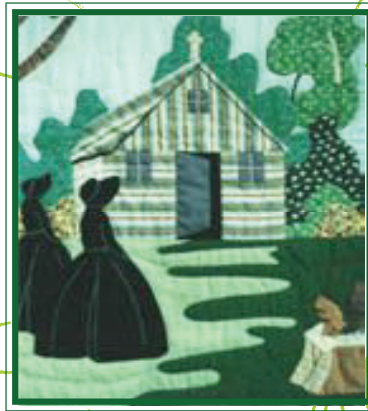
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"It was two o'clock in the afternoon . . . We saw, at some distance, the little cross on the church of St. Martin . . . The sight caused us a joy so great I can hardly describe it"

Mother St. Pierre

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THE ARRIVAL OF THE URSULINE FOUNDRESSES

A time to celebrate!

Sunday, July 19, 2020 from 1:00 - 4:00 PM
in St. Martin, Ohio

They were total strangers from two different Ursuline communities; the native language of one group was English and the other French. Two were young religious in Formation and four were Lay-sisters. The townspeople of Beaulieu were so angry about the sisters leaving that they sent the Mayor and his Council to demand that they remain. Their sailing vessel, the Zurich, left the port of Harve France on May 4, 1845. There was confusion and uncertainty in their travel connections and seasickness and storms during the twenty-nine days at sea. They hoped to serve with their former Chaplain, Fr. Amadeus Rapp in Toledo but arrived in Cincinnati not knowing their destination. It was July fifteenth before the decision was made. St. Martin would be their home.

Who were these courageous women?

Mother Julia of the Assumption (Julia Chatfield) was a thirty-seven year old English woman who had been disowned by her Father, Major Chatfield, because of her conversion to Catholicism. From the Boulogne Community, she had been an Ursuline just ten years when she undertook the leadership of the group.

Mother Hyacinth (Caroline Eiffe) a novice of Irish birth was twenty-six years of age. She was one of the three sisters from Boulogne. In her reflection, Sister Gonzaga says “She had a gracious and attractiveness of manner that were irresistible.” A talented musician and teacher, a Cincinnati reporter once affirmed “the world had lost a good actress to make a good nun.”

Matilda Dunn (Sister Josephine) an eighteen year old English girl came from Boulogne as a postulant. Impulsive and easily excited, she was big hearted, always kind and quick to oblige. She was beloved by students who nicknamed her “Sister Josie”

Mother Stanislaus (Pauline Laurier) from Beaulieu was Mother Julia’s Assistant. Thirty years old and nine years professed she was the ruling spirit in the classes and loved by all as the head of the school.

Sister Bernard (Michelle Bouyon) was evidently a stalwart, dependable person as she was chosen to help Mother Stanislaus escape from Beaulieu. Hard as she tried, she never mastered the English language. She was very lively and full of good humor and much loved by the children. A lay sister, she was just thirty- eight years old.

Mother Augustine (Marie Bouret) gave the appearance of being very stern. Black eyed, austere, straight as an arrow, her helping hands were ever available. She was thirty-one when she arrived at Brown County.

Mother St. Pierre (Marie Andral), a plain little grey eyed woman, was always active, usually cheerful with a business-like quickness in her. She carefully kept the convent books. Due to her management the financial success of the community was established.

Mother Angela (Adeline Demota) She was 30 years old when she arrived. After many years of dedicated service she returned to France in 1876 where she was warmly received by her family and friends.

Sister Mary (Helene Bonnet), a fifty one year old lay sister, was a simple, quiet woman who spent her life doing the work that needed to be done without complaint. Because she had difficulty with the English language her droll way of putting French and English words together was often the source of great merriment for the others.

Sister Christine (Christine Veyssiere) was a twenty nine year old lay sister. She provided physical labor for the Community and students by washing, rendering lard, and hauling wood. During the extreme tension of the Civil War, she became ill and was sent to an institution.

Sister Martial (Cecile Soulier) managed the kitchen. She spent her days hauling wood, doing laundry and rendering lard. She was a forty six year old lay sister when she arrived.

New School Presidents Identified



Bob Elmore

The Chatfield Board of Trustees has recently elected Robert P. Elmore as the next President of Chatfield College. Mr. Elmore who has served as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Chatfield since 2014, becomes the sixth President in the college's 48-year history. Mr. Elmore is a graduate of the University of Louisville and a Certified Public Accountant. Bob has 35 years of higher education experience and has held numerous leadership roles at various institutions and non-profit boards. He assumed his new role effective January 23, 2020. "I am delighted and honored to be selected as the next president of Chatfield College and build on the success and legacy of the Ursulines of Brown County. I want to thank the search committee for their work and the Board of Trustees for their support as we work together to create more educational opportunities for people in the communities we serve," Mr. Elmore said upon his being named the new president.

The Ursuline Academy Board of Trustees announced the new leadership of Ursuline Academy with the appointment of Ursuline alumna, Ramona Payne '76, as the new President of Ursuline Academy. The announcement comes as Ursuline looks forward to the 125th anniversary of the Ursulines of Brown County opening Ursuline Academy in Cincinnati in 1896 that takes place in 2021. Ms. Payne will also be the first African American female to hold the title of President in a Cincinnati, Catholic, private high school. After graduating from Ursuline Academy, Ms. Payne's academic path included a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Notre Dame, a Masters of Business Administration from Duke University Fuqua School of Business, and most recently, a Creative Writing Certificate from the University of Chicago Graham School. Ms. Payne brings a wealth of experience to the new position she assumed February 18, 2020.



Ramona Payne



Celebration of the Feast of St. Angela

The Ursulines, Companions, Friends and Family in the Cincinnati area united on January 25th to celebrate the Feast of St. Angela. We gathered in joy and gratitude for our Ursuline heritage and the blessings we have received from our Mother Angela. In our Liturgy we recalled that Angela's gifts have continuously transformed Ursulines around the world who serve as examples for each of us. Our celebration was also a reminder that the Ursulines from Beaulieu and Boulogne sur Mer united in their acceptance of the invitation to share the light of Angela's charism in the wilderness of Ohio 175 years ago, in 1845. We know that Angela continues to invite us to follow Jesus, the light and Lover of us all. Like our predecessors and companions, we prayed that we may be visionaries who respect the past, celebrate the present and anticipate the future with hope. Following the Liturgy, we enjoyed a delicious meal and warm companionship, following St. Angela's example of openness and hospitality.

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CHECK OUR NEW WEBSITE AT *ursulinesofbc.org*

We have recently launched a new website. We hope you enjoy the new look and please reach out to us if you have any questions or suggestions.

BLOG

Our new blog is a one-stop-shop for news, member highlights, obituaries.

OPTIMIZED FOR MOBILE

Our previous website was not optimized for viewing on your mobile device. Our new website can be viewed on your Apple or Android device. Enjoy scrolling through our timeline or Member Biographies.

FRESH LOOK

Our new website has a modern look and modern feel. We found a way to incorporate more images and video into our site.