

July 2020



THE WALKING STICK

Ursuline Companions on the Journey

B.C. Ursuline Companions

Mission Statement

We are a group of women & men dedicated to fostering Christ's love in the world according to the spirit of St. Angela Merici. We gather for prayer & spiritual support. We open ourselves to the gentle voice of wisdom as we live our daily lives



Save the Date:

DAY OF REFLECTION

"Walking in Sacred Silence"

November 7, 2020

If you have not had the opportunity to visit the Brown County Ursuline website we encourage you to do so via the link below. The Companions have a page with event information, links to this newsletter as well as an enrollment form for those interested in joining our dedicated group.

www.ursulinesofbc.org

Hope

I write this after reading and rereading parts of "Friends of Silence" for May 2020.

In the past, I felt that hope was that passive feeling - I am powerless, but I hope. I imagine many of you reading this believed the same. Faith, Hope & Love & the greatest of these is Love. Well, obviously faith was before hope.

During the strangest and tragic of times, I have come to believe that hope is the wellspring of well, everything. Those who have ever found themselves stuck in depression know what it means to lose hope. It seems that hope is that force of energy that enables a person to move. It's a human being's super power! Jane Hirshfield wrote, "Hope is the hardest love we can carry."

*So hope is not this passive inactive feeling. In Active Hope, Joanna Macey wrote, "Active hope is a practice. It is something we *do* rather than *have*. Since active hope doesn't require our optimism, we can apply it even in areas where we feel hopeless. The guiding impetus is intention, we choose what we aim to bring about, act for, or express."*

Write about how you've been hopeful! How are you keeping it together? What things have you been doing for yourself and others?

Vicki McDonald

Monthly gatherings at Chatfield Library, St. Martin Oh
(wear a Mask, weather permitting we will meet outside)

Spiritual Journaling/Autobiography

3rd Friday of the Month 10:00-11:30 am

July 17

October 16

August 21

November 20

September 18

December 18

Lectio Divina

1st Tuesday of the Month 10-11:30 am

August 4

October 6

September 1

November 3

December 1

Day of Reflection

November 7, 2020

10:00 am – 3:00 pm



Mass is celebrated each

Wednesday

8:30 am

in

Sacred Heart Chapel

On the campus of Chatfield College

UPDATE: HOPE EMERGENCY PROGRAM

Hope successfully converted to a Drive-Thru traditional pantry in March to safely serve our clients. We are now offering a limited version of all of our services, ie, clothing and household goods, using current health guidelines. As clients receive their food, they can request personal care items. Our volunteer nurses are available as a Drive-Thru also.

Please keep our clients, volunteers and staff in your prayers so we can continue serving an average of 220 families a week.

VIRTUAL EVENTS

Chatfield of Dreams

Online Auction

September 26th through October 3rd

Event Finale with special
messaging/activity beginning at 6pm
on October 3rd

Prayer of St. Teresa of Avila

Let nothing disturb you

Nothing distress you

While all things fade away,

God is unchanging

Be patient, for with God in your heart, nothing is lacking,

God is enough

("Her Music for Healing", Margaret Rizza)

VIRTUAL EVENT

*Brown County Ursuline Alumni
made the very difficult decision to
postpone until 2021 the 175th
Anniversary Celebration of the
Ursulines' arrival. Instead, alumni
members will gather for a virtual
reunion using Zoom.*

Chatfield College Elects 6th College President

After 10 years guiding Chatfield College as president, John Tafaro retired.

The Board of Trustees elected Robert Elmore to take up the helm as of January 2020. Bob served as the College's Vice President and Chief Operating Officer since 2014. In those positions he led the institution through major capital improvements including the historic renovation of the Over-the-Rhine campus, the renovation of the Welcome Center at the St. Martin Campus. Overseeing improvements in technology capabilities allowed the college to introduce online learning.

"The Chatfield Board of Trustees has made an outstanding decision with its selection of Robert Elmore as the college's sixth president. Bob's skills, experience and appreciation for Chatfield's students and unique mission make him the perfect choice to lead this important Catholic institution of higher learning for the years to come."

Welcome New President at Ursuline Academy

Ms. Ramona Payne has been appointed President of Ursuline Academy. A 1976 graduate of UA, President Payne received her undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame.

President Payne said of her new role at Ursuline Academy, "I have attended excellent universities, but the intellectual curiosity nurtured at Ursuline was the impetus for a life full of career success and challenges." "I'm excited and honored to be able to help guide this institution that means so much to me into the next decade of academic excellence."

<http://www.ursulineacademy.org/about administration>