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Sister Marjean, Sister Mary, Sister Raphael and Sister Jane in the Gathering Room at Mt. Notre Dame

*I assure you that united in heart you will be  
a rock of strength,  
an impregnable tower  
against adversity . . .*

St. Angela Merici

*St. Angela was very wise. Even though the times in which she lived were in many ways different from those of our own day, she understood the needs of her daughters many centuries later: the support of one another and also the support of their families and friends. Accordingly, many of you who know us as individuals often ask, "How is Sister. . . ?" In this issue of Cornerstone we will answer that question.*

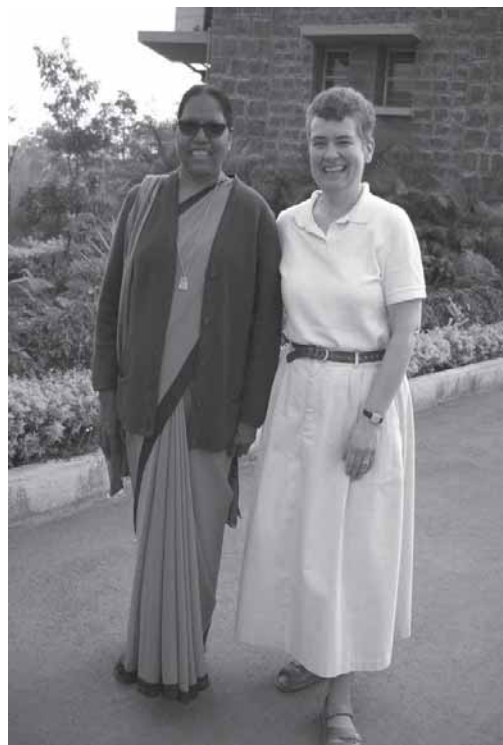
Sister Marjean Clement, Sister Mary Doeker, Sister Raphael Grueter and Sister Jane Stier are currently living at the Mount Notre Dame Health Care Center. Although we miss having them here with us, each one has a beautiful room and exceptionally good care, spiritually as well as physically. There are many activities available and they have a table together in the dining room and many opportunities to share memories. Each one has expressed gratitude for the blessings they experience .

**Sister Ellen Doyle** ministers as Learning Leader Manager at the Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI), whose mission is to build Catholic Leaders for today and tomorrow, including Bishops, priests, deacons and lay people. She also facilitates discernment and planning processes with parishes and religious communities and serves as a spiritual director. Most recently, Ellen traveled to Pune, India, to facilitate the Extended Council meeting of the Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk.



Sister Nancy

**Sister Nancy Vollman:** “My primary ministry of Spiritual Direction brings me great joy. God has blessed me with many lay women and men as well as members of religious communities to journey with as they deepen their relationship with God and learn and grow in the development of their own spirituality. It is a privilege to see and hear the many ways the Spirit is manifested through the people of God. I am blessed!”



Sister Ellen with Sister Celestina Lakra, OSU in India



Sister Christine

**Sister Christine Pratt:** “After twenty-nine years in the Toledo Diocese, twenty-five as Rural Life and Social Justice Director and most recently as Executive Director of Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center in Fremont, Ohio, I am returning to the Cincinnati area and will be taking on the new position as Capital Campaign Coordinator for Chatfield College.”

**Sister Mary Paul Walsh:** Retiring from her work as Archivist of our Brown County treasures has given Sister an opportunity to relax and catch up on her reading. She continues to reside at Brown County where she challenges all of us with her skill at the game of Scrabble.



Sister Mary Paul

**Sister Jeanette Johnson:** “Like everyone else, we Brown County Ursulines are getting older. At present we have one in her nineties, nine in their eighties, seven in their sixties, and one who is a mere fifty-six. My main ministry is to be a contact person for the four Ursulines who live permanently at Mount Notre Dame Health Care Center. I visit Sisters Jane, Raphael, Marjean and Mary once or twice a week, take them to appointments, celebrate birthdays, etc. I am the first to be contacted when an emergency occurs. Also, I chauffeur other Ursulines unable to drive either temporarily or permanently.”



Sister Jeanette

**Sister Lucia Castellini** continues her ministry as Congregational Minister of the BC Ursulines. She is enjoying working in the renovated offices in Springer House along with the dedicated staff that includes Norma Green our Financial Manager, Joyce Snider our Executive Secretary and Joe Snider our Maintenance Supervisor. All at Springer are grateful that the renovations are almost completed! She feels privileged to work on the Boards of Ursuline Academy and Chatfield College and watch them thrive thanks to the fine leadership of both institutions. She knows that St. Angela Merici, Sr. Julia Chatfield and all our foremothers are rejoicing in heaven. She is still involved in her work at Hope Emergency even though she can be there only on Wednesday, the distribution day. Thanks to the wonderful volunteers and donors Hope manages to distribute food, personal care items, clothes, bedding, and furniture to an average of 200 families a week. We feel very blessed.

**Sister Sandy Bates:** “For the past 12 years I have been Co-Director with Lucia of Hope Emergency Program, the Food/Clothing Outreach begun by Sisters Miriam and Dorothy. Every week we distribute food, clothing and other “necessities” of life to folks in Adams, Brown, Highland and Clinton Counties. Approximately 200 families a week receive help from the services we provide. Come and visit us! The web address is [www.hopeemergency.org](http://www.hopeemergency.org) for more information.”

**Sister Mary Ann Jansen:** “I’ve returned to a position at Ursuline Academy that I held in the 1980’s into the 1990’s, as Director of Community Ministries. The expanded position includes collaboration with the Community Service Coordinator and the Coordinator of Multicultural Activities. More specifically my role involves Spiritual Development within the Ursuline Academy community. Through coordination of liturgies, prayer, and retreats, I contribute to an environment at Ursuline that is permeated with Gospel values. I try to have my finger on the pulse of every activity of the school community, be it spiritual, academic, athletic or social. I love my position because I am connected to the students, faculty and staff alike. I am in a position to insert the values of my Ursuline heritage into the daily life of the Academy.”



Sister Anne Maureen



Sister Sandy



Sister Mary Ann

**Sister Anne Maureen Maher:** “Since stepping out of the position of Spiritual Life Services for the elderly Sisters of Charity at Mother Margaret Hall in 2012, I am making my way into the space of retirement. I’m finding that retirement does mean retirement. I volunteered many hours for the presidential campaign. I am greatly involved in committee work for Chatfield College as the College moves into the future. I am negotiating the challenges the aging process throws my way. And along with my sisters in community, I am staying faithful to creating the best possible way of living my vocation in the Church and the world today.”



Sister Lucia



Sister Ruth

**Sister Ruth Podesta:** “Two days a week I help with the ministry to the poor at Hope Emergency. I am teaching Introduction to French at Chatfield College. This summer we are planning Latin 101 which will be a taste of Classical Language and Literature. (Sr. St. Charles will oversee the course!) I spend my Sunday mornings teaching 5th and 6th graders in the Religion Program at S. Angela Merici Parish.”



**Sister Lawrence Sickman** is employed three days a week at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood. The Center provides space for retreats, conferences, meetings and days of reflection. She edits the Newsletter, helps with volunteers, does a weekly bulletin, teaches a weekly preschool class from October through May, and works in finance, writing checks and making deposits. Sister serves as the Community Treasurer and is a member of the Ursuline Corporation Board.



Sister Cecilia

**Sister Cecilia Huber:** “Where am I? What am I doing? So long as I can answer these questions quickly and accurately, things must be pretty good! Both Chatfield College and homes round and about continue to be a great blessing for me. I teach piano to very colorful students on all levels, and they continue to teach me as well. Parish visitation to associate members of our community or parishioners who are going through difficult times is never completed. It is also very life-giving to lead retreats on occasion. Times spent at nursing homes is always a great grace. Ministry by way of email and telephone has become very important and that’s as far as I care to go with that. I apologize to those who have sent me invitations to do other forms of computer communication, but I am afraid I might be caught in a virus, eaten by a worm, or possibly end my days in someone’s recycle bin!!! Photography continues to be a miracle; God makes it, I snap it and presto! It is there for all to see and appreciate at leisure. So the days are filled as Angela urges us onward: ‘Carry on steadfastly and faithfully the work you have undertaken.’ She continues to walk with us as we ask her to bless each one of you in our daily prayers. Lent is a good time to set our sights anew and look forward - together - to that glorious Easter miracle! God bless you!”



Sister Frances

**Sister Lucy Schmid:** “The students at Ursuline Academy have been the heart of my ministry for twenty-two years. These younger “sisters” of UA, those of the past and of the present, are forever prayerfully held in my heart. The seniors and juniors in *Prayer and Spirituality* class make themselves available to God, experientially learn ways of being in contemplative prayer, and more consciously live as spiritual women. The sophomores in *Scripture* class learn the story of God interacting with people in

ancient times, more deeply look at Jesus, and are challenged to live His Gospel. I love my students, and gratefully pray for them and their parents!”

**Sister Frances Hogan:** “Playing the harp in my Music Ministry among the elderly, the sick and the dying has been a blessing for me as well as for others throughout my years of retirement. The experience has also helped me to accept opportunities to be a caregiver to family and friends.”



Sister Clare

**Sister Clare Ragazzo:** “After recuperating from a fractured hip at Brescia for many weeks, I am trying to get back to working in my garden cultivating some flowers. Hopefully I will be able to press them for creating new pressed flower cards. My goal was to do 100 originals to be printed by the end of the past year but the fracture altered that plan. Without doubt it was part of God’s ‘sneaky’ plan for me to slow down or be humbled or to prepare for the next life. Pray that I will experience good health in 2013.”

**Sister Pat Brockman** is blessed to be involved with our Ursuline Companions. They are revisioning with us our mutual call to bring Angela Merici’s charism into the world.

Although enjoying aspects of retirement, she also continues with her work at the Jesuit Center and connections with New Jerusalem friends as well as her parish, St. Monica-St. George, in which she finds lively Church communities.



Sister Lawrence



Sister Lucy



Sister Pat



Sister Roseanne

**Sister Roseanne White:** Four days a week Roseanne can be found at Inter Parish Ministry in nearby Newtown, OH. This is her ministry now that she is “retired”. Since she lives in Mt. Washington she only has a ten minute drive to this place of hope and support for their many clients who come from the far eastern part of Hamilton County. Inter Parish Ministry is a Choice Food and Clothing Pantry that provides “food, clothing and other communal support to those in need and empowers clients with information, support and services to improve their lives.” (Mission Statement) Though her main responsibilities there are in the administrative area, she values the times she has when she interacts with the clients, the many volunteers and benefactors each day. Their stories and life situations provide her with eyes to see other aspects of this journey we call “life.”



Sister Mary

**Sister Debbie Lloyd:** “After a long and fulfilling career as a Spanish teacher in high school at St. Henry District School in Erlanger, KY, and a shorter stint at St. Vivian’s and St. James in White Oak I have relocated and now live in Brown County with the Sisters at Brescia and am working as Archivist for our community.”

**Sister Mary Macke** is working with some of the children at St. Boniface School in Northside. She has reading enrichment groups with some intermediate children and does some reading tutoring and recently helped with the testing for English as a Second Language. There are some children from Africa and many are parishioners from St. Leo Parish. St. Boniface is a Catholic Inner City School and belongs to CISE. There are many volunteers involved in a lively and very active school.



Sister Debbie



Sister Joan

**Sister Phyllis Kemper** continues to minister as a TriHealth parish nurse at St. Francis Seraph Ministries. Besides helping individual clients to manage their health care, Phyllis has developed a series of Health and Wellness classes at the Sarah Center, the outreach/enrichment program for women that is part of SFSM. She is also on the planning committee for Family Nights at St. Francis Seraph Soup Kitchen. The goal is not only to serve healthy meals to families but also to teach the parents how to prepare healthy meals at home with their children.

**Sister Joan Roach:** “After retiring I have been involved with Pro Seniors, a group in Southwestern Ohio doing advocacy/ombudsman work for seniors in nursing homes. Also I have been working with religious sisters from different congregations to tackle the national problem of human trafficking, explaining the problem to general managers of hotels, motels, and “seedy places” so the implications of human trafficking as a felony (10 to 15 years in prison) are understood. My work is very interesting!”

**Sister Agatha Fitzgerald:** “My designated title is Director of Development, and editing this newsletter, along with assorted other tasks, is part of my job. Although I am no longer teaching at Chatfield College, as Professor Emeritus I remain a part of the Faculty Senate and am involved in forwarding the mission of the college. I am also a Mentor for the Athenaeum Lay Pastoral Ministry Program and do some Spiritual Direction.”



Sister Phyllis



Sister Agatha

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## ***CALLING ALL URSULINE CAMPERS!***

Were you a part of that delightful group of little girls who spent two weeks of summer vacationing on our Brown County campus? There is a current effort to rebuild our list of former campers, and we need your help. If you are in touch with any friends or relatives who were part of those happy and eventful days would you alert them and ask that they get in touch with us?



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**Sister Patricia Homan:** “As Congregational Minister it was my privilege to serve on the Board of Trustees at Chatfield College for 8 years. During that time, I became acquainted with the inner workings of the mission, and was impressed with the work of “Empowering students who might best succeed within our small college experience.” In 2011 at the end of my term as Congregational Minister, Chatfield had a position open that begged my attention. As Associate Dean and St. Martin Site Director, I oversee the Campus Ministry program while promoting the history and heritage of the Ursulines. Equally as rewarding is my work with students, developing leadership skills, as well as advising and supporting students in relation to their academic progress. It is also a pleasure to work in collaboration with the faculty and staff and assisting with campus events and activities; doing whatever will empower our students so they can succeed not only in our small college experience but in life.”



Sister Patricia