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### Farmland Auction Brings End To Ursuline Land Ownership

On October 24<sup>th</sup> we held an auction for the farmland that has been held in a conservation easement since 2010. Eighty-five plus acres split in three parcels were available. The skill of the auctioneers and the process used to engage the bidders to raise the bids were both drama and dance. In the end, the final offer was given for all three parcels and purchased by a friend of the community. His mother was our main cook at the Motherhouse for many years. He went to school in the nearby public school where our sisters taught. His fondest memory is of Sr. Xavier Ladrikan, his first-grade teacher. When we discovered that Jim “Red” Adams was the buyer, it was clear to us that the farm has remained in the family. The result of the auction exceeded all expectations of what the outcome would be. The proceeds from the sale was the sisters’ donation to the *Season for the Sisters* Retirement Initiative.

On November 15, 2017, Sr. Phyllis Kemper, Congregational Minister and Jim Adams met to sign the final documents and deed. With this last action, the Ursulines of Brown County ceased to own any buildings or



real estate. However, our presence continues at our former Motherhouse property as three Sisters continue to reside at Brescia, our administration offices are housed in the Springer building, and Sisters are in administration and teaching at Chatfield College, St Martin, Campus. The chapel and other facilities are also available to the community through Chatfield College.



## 2014 Graduate of Ursuline Academy Named Rhodes Scholar

Camille (Mimi) Borders, a senior in Arts & Sciences at Washington University in St. Louis, is among 32 students from across the United States chosen on November 18 as a Rhodes Scholar.

One of the world's most prestigious academic awards, Rhodes Scholarships provide all expenses for two or three years of study at the University of Oxford in England. Borders, 21, intends to earn a master of philosophy degree in social and economic history, studying the global slave trade and the factors that led to its eventual demise.

Born and raised in Cincinnati, Borders arrived as an Ervin Scholar at Washington University in August 2014, shortly after the shooting death of Michael Brown in nearby Ferguson, Mo. She quickly became active in campus and community protests, and active in creating the group Washington University Students in Solidarity, to facilitate race-relations dialogues and institutional change on campus.

A defining moment occurred that fall, when Borders and many others "were tear-gassed while peacefully protesting in front of the Ferguson Police Department," Borders remembered. "As I ran in a foggy haze, among the cacophony of sirens and screams, my breath jagged and eyes watering, I decided my life would be dedicated to promoting racial equality...organically, my activism grew intertwined with my interest in academia and research," she said. "My love for knowledge and intellectualism is inherently tangled with my desire for equality."

Ms. Borders was selected as a Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow and served as research assistant for the oral history project "Documenting Ferguson." In 2016, she researched the Trans-Atlantic slave trade at the University of Bristol as part of the Fulbright Summer Institute, and, in 2017, she spent six months at the University of Ghana, studying history and creative writing.

"Mimi is an intellectual force of nature," said her advisor, Iver Bernstein, professor of history and director of American Culture Studies in Arts & Sciences. "She combines interpretive originality with laser-like attention to both the particulars of everyday life and to the big questions of American political history. What does it mean to have a self, to be a citizen, to be free?"

Jeffrey Q. McCune Jr., associate professor of women, gender and sexuality studies, called Borders "a born scholar of the best kind. She is rigorous, ambitious, creative, intelligent — a focused, independent thinker of great humility and integrity," McCune added. "Her work connects theory and history in a mature and masterful way."

We congratulate Mimi on this achievement and are grateful that she continues our legacy.

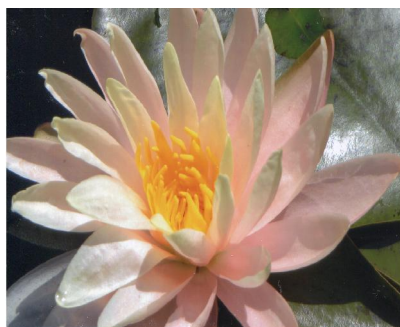
### **Ursulines Gather to Celebrate the Feast of St. Angela**

The Feast of St Angela arrives every year with the Ursulines of Brown County participating in two opportunities to celebrate. This year the first of the celebrations took place at the Mount Notre Dame Health Center on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, where four of our Sisters reside, two in assisted living and two in health care. The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur welcomed us with a special Mass followed by coffee and donuts shared by all. Although only three of us were able to join the Sisters residing there, the hospitality of the Notre Dame Sisters and the St. Joseph Sisters made for a full house of celebrants. (continued on page 4)



## **Sister Marjean Clement Leaves Legacy of Unique Art and Service**

Sister Marjean Clement (formerly Sister Mary James) died peacefully at Mt. Notre Dame Health Center on October 17, 2017 at the age of 88. She was a beloved member of the Ursulines of Brown County for 70 years. Her ministries included teaching at St. Vivian School in Cincinnati, Carroll High School, Dayton, Fayetteville High School and Chatfield College in Brown County. She followed Sr. Miriam Thompson as Director of Hope Emergency in Brown County and served in congregational leadership. She was also an accomplished artist who created a unique and much-admired style. Sr. Marjean donated her body to science. A Memorial Mass was celebrated on November 4, 2017 at 11:00 AM at St. Julie Chapel, Mt. Notre Dame Health Center Cincinnati, where she resided for about 10 years.



## **Sister Cecilia Huber's Love, Humor And Music A Gift To Many**

Sister Cecilia Huber, OSU, a beloved member of the Ursulines of Brown County for 67 years, died peacefully at Mt. Notre Dame Health Center on December 30, 2017, at the age of 86. Born and raised in rural Mercer County, Ohio, Sr. Cecilia came to the School of the Brown County Ursulines as a sophomore. After entering the Ursuline community she taught at the School of the Brown County Ursulines, Ursuline Academy, Chatfield College, did pastoral work in the Diocese of Fairbanks, Alaska and served in congregational leadership. She also wrote two books which were memoirs of her time in Alaska and her life as an Ursuline of Brown County. In addition, she published a book on the life of Madame Olga Conus, her teacher and world renowned piano instructor. Until shortly before her death Sister Cecilia was teaching piano to Chatfield College students and was compiling a book of her own music illustrated with photos from her personal collection. Photography was another of her favorite pastimes. Because Sr. Cecilia was beloved by so many, there were two memorial Masses, one at Ursuline Academy in Cincinnati on January 13, 2018 and one at the Sacred Heart Chapel, in St. Martin, Ohio on January 20th.



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Thirty people gathered for the second celebration, hosted this year by the Brown County Sisters on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at Ursuline Academy, Cincinnati. Cincinnati Ursulines, Associates, Companions and friends also gathered for liturgy followed by dinner in the school cafeteria. Our gatherings may be small, but they are filled with Angela's spirit of being of one heart and one mind.