



Ursuline Sisters, Congregation of Tildonk

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From the General Leadership:

We wish you a happy feast of our beloved Saint Angela!

Here is a song about St. Angela which is written to the familiar tune, "Creator of the Stars of Night." We invite you to raise your voices in song together to celebrate this revolutionary and visionary woman. May we be so blessed!

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Be the last, with child - like faith that grows not cold

Lord Jesus, you once told your friends,
"If first would be the place you'd hold,
Then you must choose to be the last,
With childlike faith that grows not cold."

Your servant Angela in truth
Took up the challenge of your call,
And serving you in ev'ry child
She taught the lowly and the small.

She lived the words Saint Peter wrote:
"Let those who help do ev'rything

In answer to the Savior's word,
That God's high praise each act might sing."

You gave her followers so brave,
The Ursulines of teaching fame
Worked round the globe in many lands
To spread the song of your great name.

To you, O Teacher, Christ our Lord,
We give our glory and our praise
With Father and with Paraclete,
Our loving God through endless days.

Prayer together: Lord, may St. Angela commend us to your mercy; may her charity and wisdom help us to be faithful to your teaching and to follow it in our lives. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. AMEN.

From Ranchi Province:

THE FIRE MUST BURN; this was the theme to celebrate "THE FOUNDATION DAY" on 13th January 2013. Provincialate and Novitiate family at Kanke Road, Ranchi, kept the tradition of celebrating the foundation day in India, in remembrance of the four pioneers, namely Sr. Ursula, Sr. Gonzaga, Sr. Antonie and Sr. Sabine, coming to India on 13th January, 1903. After one hundred and ten years of Ursuline existence in this part of India, the sisters still feel that the fire must burn. This was also the motto of Fr. Lievens, the apostle of Chotanagpur, who dreamt that the religious will keep the fire burning. Like three Magi, our pioneers saw the star in the East, in India, in Ranchi, and they found Jesus in the land, with the aboriginals and different tribes of Chotanagpur. These pioneers, together with Jesuits, Sisters of Loreto and of St. Anne, have sown the seed of faith and now we are entrusted to keep the fire of faith burning.

In the evening of 13th January, 2013, the sisters of the two communities, Novitiate and Provincialate, with a few visitor sisters, praised and thanked God in the Novitiate Chapel for bringing our four sisters to this Land and also for all our sisters who have left a legacy for us. The prayer service was followed by "Bon-Fire". We experienced pleasant warmth of our pioneers in that cold evening. The fireworks and crackers brought joy and a second diwali to our campus. Our neighbours were surprised to see light and joy in our campus. We danced and sang and expressed our love to one another. Of course, we had sweets and festal dinner.

From United States Province:

Celebrating the Feast of St. Angela

On Saturday, January 19, 2013, the Sisters and Associates of the US Province will gather at St. Ursula Center in Blue Point to celebrate the feast of our Founder, St. Angela Merici.

The day has been prepared by the Charism Circle and will focus on refining our Charism Statement, concentrating our attention on two aspects of the charism: a life profoundly rooted in God and a life which makes a difference in society.

The day includes prayer, small and large group discussion and enjoying one another's company during a festive meal!

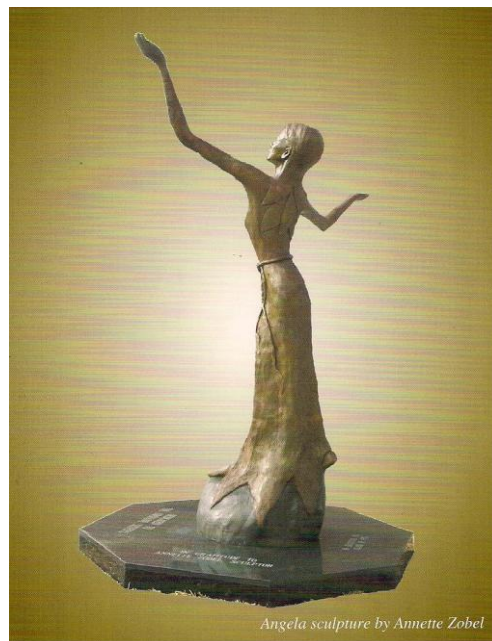
Please join with us as we pray the following prayer excerpted from "Praying with Angela Merici":

Loving God, you are my life, my hope, my heart and my will, my freedom of choice, my thoughts, my speech and my deeds are at your service.

Take all of my spiritual and worldly possessions. I lay everything in your hands. Take it, and let my whole self be at your service, so that the kingdom of your Father may grow in our world.

Lord, you know our longing for peace and for the blessing of living in harmony with others. Let us understand that you are our center, the center of our focus, the center that unites us, the center that we seek with a great and longing heart.

Give us the strength and patience for the difficult task of bringing about peace and harmony in all spheres of our lives, in our homes and in our Church and society so that your kingdom of peace may grow on earth. Amen.



Happy Feast of St. Angela!