



Ursuline Sisters, Congregation of Tildonk

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From the Congregation Leadership:

United States Province Chapter: Our Sisters from the United States Province will have their Province Chapter on June 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, 2013 in Blue Point. Sisters Margaret O'Brien and Gemma Rose from Congregation Leadership will be with them in person during these days of their deliberations.

We assure you, Sisters, of our presence, prayer and blessings. We wish you much courage, prudence and wisdom. May Angela and John be in your midst to guide and lead you in your decision making and new discoveries.

Ursuline Convocation: Ursuline Sisters, members of the Company of St. Ursula, Associates, Companions in ministry, and friends of all sorts are invited every third summer to participate in the Ursuline Convocation. This summer it is scheduled from July 4th to 7th, 2013.

The Ursulines in Cincinnati are excited to have the North American Ursuline Convocation return to Cincinnati, Ohio for the first time in 21 years. Cincinnati was the site of the very first Convocation in 1992.

Keynote speakers Sue Scharfenberger, OSU, and Catherine Bertrand, SSND, will collaborate to break open the theme Angela's Radical Gospel Vision: Expanding the Circles.

Sisters Margaret O'Brien and Gemma Rose from Congregation Leadership will be attending this Convocation along with members of the US Province. We wish them a good time and safe trip.

From Rancho Province:

Eucharistic adoration on June 2, 2013: It was wonderful to be together with the universal family of God in Prayer on 2nd June 2013. I appreciate our Holy Father who initiated this Holy Hour and used the media powerfully. The sisters of Rancho province in their respective communities conducted Eucharistic Adoration and celebrated the feast of Corpus Christi. At the Provincialate in Rancho, about 50 sisters (Novices, Juniors and Seniors) gathered in the Novitiate Chapel at 6.00 P.M. and revived their faith in front of the Blessed Sacrament. It was a great

opportunity for all the faithful from around the world to gather with the Holy Father in a communal witness to the sacred value of all life as part of the Year of Faith. The two intentions of Pope Francis were the central theme of Adoration. The sisters who led adoration added the theme of Corpus Christi. The First intention: "For the Church spread throughout the world and united today in the adoration of the Most Holy Eucharist as a sign of unity. May the Lord make her ever more obedient to hearing his word in order to stand before the world 'ever more beautiful, without stain or blemish, but holy and blameless.' That through her faithful announcement, the Word that saves may still resonate as the bearer of mercy and may increase love to give full meaning to pain and suffering, giving back joy and serenity."

The second intention: "For those around the world who still suffer slavery and who are victims of war, human trafficking, drug running and slave labor. For the children and women who are suffering from every type of violence. May their silent scream for help be heard by a vigilant Church, so that, gazing upon the crucified Christ, she may not forget the many brothers and sisters who are left at the mercy of violence. Also, for all those who find themselves in economically precarious situations, above all for the unemployed, the elderly, migrants, the homeless, prisoners and those who experience marginalization. That the Church's prayer and its active nearness give them comfort and assistance in hope and strength and courage in defending human dignity."

The reading for the day was *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*, which gave us the invitation to become the Bread of Life, as our Lord Jesus Christ. With various intercessory prayers and hymns of Praise we concluded the Hour of Adoration.

The blessings received during prayer had an immediate impact upon the novices and juniors sisters. They had a tournament of throw-ball and other games in our courtyard. In one game Novices won and the other, juniors took the chance. Praise and Glory to Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Short Stay Home for women in distress: Asha Kiran Shelter Home, Fudi, Ranchi is a ray of hope for victims of different kinds who come to take shelter. In the month of April 2013, shelter Home started providing shelter to women in distress. This is the initiative of state Government program for women to give a short stay, to take care of them and meet their immediate needs until their families are traced out and they become reintegrated with their families.

On 12th April 2013, two women were referred from Women Helpline, at Dangratoli, Ranchi. One is from Kanke and the other from Chaibasa, West Singhbhum. From that day they are staying at Asha Kiran. Both of them are married and separated. They have their own painful and horrible story to tell.

Among two one is very difficult to handle. She has undergone lot of pain from her step mother and own family. She was chased out from the family and started living on the road. She is totally discouraged in her life. She has only the one wish to take revenge on her step mother, father and family. She recalls the past days and nights she spent on the street, the torture and humiliation she endured and she gets infuriated and shouts out loud day and night like she is gone mad. Sometimes it is unbearable and frightening.

There was no improvement in her dealings and behaviors. Therefore, after having observed her for 15 days, she was sent back to Women Helpline, Ranchi. She stayed there not even an hour and ran away from there and was back to Asha Kiran. She has a very complicated case. Sr. Gemma Toppo and Advocate Anita from Ranchi have heard her story and taken note to take up the case.

It was a new and unique experience for the children and Sisters here to deal with these inmates and live with them. Slowly the inmates feel at home and are living happily. They are learning vocational training such as tailoring and embroidery to get new skills to stand on their own.

We thank Sr. Eva, the Provincial, for giving permission and moral support to start this new venture for women to help them find a proper shelter and good atmosphere to live in peace. We thank Madam Mridula Sinha, Secretary Social Welfare Department, Jharkhand, for her interest and initiative to release the funds to support this project. We also thank Sr. Gemma and Sr. Julia, the Project Manager, for their efforts to get this funding to run the short stay home for women in distress.

Sr. Ranjita Kindo

From United States Province:

Congratulations! Sister Regina Delaney, OSU



On Saturday, May 25, 2013, 100 guests, including family, friends, Faculty, Alumni, Parish Staff, and Ursuline Sisters, attended the Annual Nativity B.V.M. Alumni Association Luncheon honoring Sister Regina Delaney.

This day honored Sister Regina for not only her time spent in Nativity BVM School as Teacher and later as Librarian, but also her years serving as Administrative Assistant at Divine Mercy Catholic Academy (formerly Nativity School). The day

also provided all present the opportunity to praise, thank and celebrate Regina for her more than 50 years of service in Catholic education as teacher and administrator.

On Monday evening, June 3rd, Divine Mercy Catholic Academy honored Sister Regina at Mass in Nativity BVM Church at 7:00 pm. The Mass, attended by parents, students, faculty, parish and school staffs, and several Ursuline Sisters, was followed by a Reception during which the students in each grade offered special presentations to Sister Regina. The entire night was a wonderful tribute to Regina and her dedication to the children and families of the school.

We, the Sisters and Associates of the US Province, thank Sister Regina for remaining at Nativity, representing our "Ursuline presence" in the very place we first began in the US in 1924! As she prepares to retire from Nativity BVM School/Divine Mercy Academy this June, we know that Regina's gifts, talents and skills will continue to be used for the benefit of many as she undertakes new endeavors and volunteer ministries.

Dear Regina, we "*Thank You*" and we wish you every grace and blessing for your future!

PROVINCE CHAPTER, 2013

June 21-23, 2013, approximately 30 Sisters will gather at St. Ursula Center, Blue Point, LI, NY, for Chapter. During this time we will be looking toward the next three years of Province life. In addition, the delegates will elect three Provincial Councilors.

The theme for this Chapter is: "*What would Angela do today?*" In her last Counsel, Angela tells us, "...and I shall always be in your midst, helping your prayers." We have that reassurance that she will be with us in our deliberations and we thank all of you as well, for your prayer for us.

URSULINE SISTERS OF TILDONK ASSOCIATES

On Saturday evening, June 22, 2013, the Sisters and Associates will be present for Liturgy during which the Associates will renew their Covenants. There are 20 Associates in the Province and many of them will be present for an afternoon meeting followed by Liturgy and a celebratory dinner.

As part of the renewal of the Covenants, the Associates present will pray: "As together we journey with St. Angela in our midst, we wish to deepen our spirituality and to grow closer to you, our loving God. We desire to accomplish this through a non-vowed participation in the Ursuline mission, through sharing in Ursuline ideals, goals and charism and through our mutual vision of Jesus."