



Ursuline Sisters, Congregation of Tildonk

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From the Congregation Leadership:

Blessings to you as we celebrate Pentecost! Pentecost comes fifty days after Easter and just ten days after Ascension Thursday. This feast recalls the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the twelve apostles and those gathered in the Upper Room, as described in the Acts of the Apostles 2:1-31. Pentecost is further observed by some as the birth of the Church.

Breathe in me
O Holy Spirit,

That my thoughts
May all be holy,

Act in me,
O Holy Spirit,

That my work, too,
May be holy,

Draw my heart,
O Holy Spirit,



That I love
But what is holy.

Strengthen me,
O Holy Spirit,

To defend
All that is holy,

Guard me, then,
O Holy Spirit,

That I always
May be holy.

St. Augustine

UISG Meeting, 2013: Sister Margaret attended the Assembly of UISG (Union of International Superiors General) in Rome from May 3rd, to May 7th, 2013. Approximately 800 Sisters were in attendance from 76 countries. The theme of the gathering was "It shall not be so among you" (Matthew 20:26), and the next line in Matthew's Gospel reads "Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant". As you can imagine, then, those who addressed us spoke about leadership and authority in today's context, challenging all of us to reflect on our understanding of obedience today, especially in a rapidly changing and chaotic world.

The talks from the assembly can be found on the UISG website at www.uisg.org

Sister Gemma Rose Minj, member of the Congregation Leadership, is arriving in Brussels on Friday, May 24th, 2013. She will stay for a few days in the Generalate.

On Wednesday, June 5th, Sisters Margaret and Gemma will travel to the United States to visit our sisters and to be with them for their Provincial Chapter, June 21 to 23. From there, Sisters Margaret and Gemma will fly to Winnipeg to visit our Sisters in Canada.

We wish them a pleasant trip and God's blessings, courage, and companionship of Angela and John.

Sisters Pratima Toppo, from Ranchi Province and **Nirmala Kerketta**, from Tezpur Province completed their International Tertianship Program organized by the Roman Union Ursulines in Rome. They return to their home Provinces to continue to be faithful to God's call in serving God's people.

May they remain strong and courageous as they relive and recall the life and teachings of Angela and John.

We congratulate them and wish them safe trip to their home Provinces.

From United States Province:

Women's Spa Night,
St. Ursula Center Blue Point, NY
April 19, 2013

*Calm your mind,
Refresh your soul,
Relax with friends.*

On Friday, April 19th, the Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk Mission Advancement Office sponsored the second Women's Spa Night. The event, coordinated by the Event Planner, Liz Wilson, is an annual fundraiser and all proceeds benefit the Ursuline Sisters.

We are very pleased to say that over 65 women attended the event. A very special thank you to Liz and the 15 members of the Spa Committee who planned and prepared the evening. Thanks to the 26 practitioners who kindly gave of their time and talent to make the evening so memorable. The women attending were able to participate in three different treatments and therapies...among the many choices were various beauty treatments, massage, reflexology, yoga, t'ai chi chih, nutrition and meditation. We also raffled off 20 beautiful baskets which primarily consisted of items that were donated by local businesses and individuals.

Everyone who comes to St. Ursula Center for this extraordinary event is awed and amazed at the elegance of each room, truly transposed into the exquisite beauty of a "Spa" environment!

Our thanks to those who make the event possible, contributing behind the scenes, our Sponsors and Contributors! Before the evening even comes to a close, everyone is already asking: "What is the date for next year's Spa?"

Thank You, Liz, Sisters, Volunteers, for creating this beautiful evening which "calms our minds, refreshes our souls, and invites us to relax with friends."