

# THE URSULINE *Sisters* OF YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO



## Saints — Past, Present and Future

Dear Friends,

We often say of another person, "She/He is a saint." We mean that the person inspires and challenges us to leave our comfort levels in order to relate to and serve "the stranger." Perhaps we can all name someone who does this.

Ursuline Sisters throughout the world will literally be able to say this in 2014, as Ursuline Sister Blessed Marie of the Incarnation becomes a saint.

Catholic News Service reports that Marie of the Incarnation, an Ursuline missionary to Canada, will be canonized by Pope Francis before the end of the year. Marie of the Incarnation, born Marie Guyart, was the first Ursuline to arrive in North America, landing in Quebec on July 4, 1639, where she embraced Native Americans.

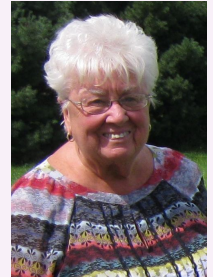
Born Oct. 28, 1599 in Tours, France, Marie was married at an early age (arranged by her parents) and had a son, Claude, who became a Benedictine priest in 1641. After her husband's death, she entered the Ursuline order.

Marie was beatified on June 22, 1980 by Pope John Paul II. Her canonization demonstrates that we are all potential saints in whatever walk of life we engage.



As this Lenten Season quickly approaches, let each of us, like Marie of the Incarnation, leave our comfort zone and undertake a new, adventuresome journey of embracing "the stranger" in the multiple forms that invite our presence at this time.

The Ursuline Sisters of Youngstown thank God for another Ursuline Sister who will join the "Communion of Saints."



From  
Sister Nancy Dawson  
General Superior

Join us in welcoming residents to *Ursuline Sisters Senior Living* apartments, our newest ministry.

Seated from left are Pat Gmitter, Doris Lockshaw and Genevieve Behan. Standing are Sally Dailey, Maureen Russo and Winnie Hill. Missing from the photo are Bob and Valerie Schilling, Art Dattilo, and Leo O'Brien.

USSL is for adults 55 and older with moderate income.

We're interviewing candidates for three more apartments. If you're interested, call Peggy at the Motherhouse: 330-792-7636.

## Meet Our New Neighbors



## Good News

Learn more about these and many other Good News stories on our websites:



Ursuline High School celebrates the feast day of St. Angela Merici and generously donates to one of our ministries.

Visit: [www.theursulines.org](http://www.theursulines.org)



Think you're called to be a Catholic nun? We can help.

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## Ursuline Sisters in the Classroom

Were you taught by an Ursuline Sister of Youngstown? Generations of people in the Mahoning Valley were. After all, we're celebrating our 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year!

We once were known as a teaching community. Today our Sisters have diverse ministries, but many are still in schools. Take Sisters Regina, Jan and Carole for example.

Sister Regina Rogers is assistant principal at Ursuline High School, Youngstown, heads the Service Program, and has ministered as a religion instructor there. "I've been here over 30 years," she says. "It's a wonderful place to be. It's a great experience to see students grow."



Sister Regina Rogers



Sister Jan Gier

For 36 years, Sister Jan Gier has ministered as a teacher and administrator in grade schools and preschools. Currently she teaches kindergarten at St. Stephen School, Niles. "I love teaching," she proclaims. "Kindergarten's my favorite grade because the students are so enthusiastic. The children love to learn and get excited about simple things."

Ministering as an intervention specialist is Sister Carole Suhar. At St. Rose School, Girard, she works with students who need a little extra help with their subjects. For nearly five decades, she's ministered as an instructor and administrator. Of teaching, she says, "I absolutely love it. It's the best way to reach children. They're so open to what you say."



Sister Carole Suhar

## Celebrate National Catholic Sisters Week with Us

Join us in celebrating National Catholic Sisters Week March 8-14 as part of Women's History Month. The initiative was launched by St. Catherine University, St. Paul, Minnesota, with a grant from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation. It's meant to increase public awareness of the lives and contributions of Catholic sisters — throughout history, in today's world, and into the future.

During this week, be sure to visit [theursulines.org](http://theursulines.org) and our Social Media sites. You'll learn much more about us, our mission and ministries — meeting many of our Sisters, seeing photos and learning how you can be involved with us.

# Come to Our Women's Spirituality Day

Invite the women in your family and among your friends to join us for the retreat *Celebrating the Gift of Women: A Day of Spirituality*. We're sponsoring the event, which is Sat., April 5, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at The Ursuline Center. At right you see some of our many committee members creating this special day.



This retreat promises to nurture your faith, showcase the talents of women, inspire, empower, inform and educate. All faith traditions are welcome.

We'll join together in morning prayer and hear engaging keynote speaker Lisa Marie Belz, OSU Cleveland, discuss *St. Paul and the Role of Women in the Early Church: Sorting through the Contradictions*.

From there you'll choose three of 15 sessions to attend. Lunch is included; hand massages and vendors will be featured, too.

Visit [theursulinecenter.org](http://theursulinecenter.org) for a workshop listing and to register, or call Associates Terry Supancic, 330-219-6243, or Eileen W. Novotny, 330-533-3831 to receive a brochure.

The \$26 donation is payable online by credit card. Scholarships are available. Don't miss this exciting event!



## **Women in Scripture Lecture Series**

Biblical women played an important role, and their stories can enrich our lives. Our own Sister Patricia McNicholas is offering a lecture series on *Women in Scripture* for Lent. It runs Mondays March 10-April 14, either from 10-11:30 a.m., or 6:30-8 p.m. The donation is \$15 per session or \$60 for all five lectures.

## **UC Readers Book Club**

Next discussion is:  
April 8 *The Astronaut Wives Club* by Lily Koppel  
Meet in Prato Hall at 6:30 p.m.  
All are welcome. See website for complete 2014 list. Preregistration appreciated.

## **2014 Guided Labyrinth Walks**

Begin Sun., April 27, 2 p.m.  
See website for complete season listing and guided walk themes. Labyrinth is open dawn-to-dusk year-round.

## **Ignatian Retreat in Daily Life**

For busy people wanting to build better relationships with God. Meet at Motherhouse 30 min. weekly, pray 30 min. daily. \$75 covers eight meetings, book and handouts.

## **UC Spiritual Book Club**

Meets third Thursday each month in Prato Hall at 10 a.m. See website for current book selection. All are welcome. Preregistration appreciated.

**To register or for more info, call Eileen W. Novotny, Ursuline Associate, 330-533-3831, or visit [www.theursulinecenter.org](http://www.theursulinecenter.org) for these and additional events and opportunities.**

**"Give good example - teaching more by what you do than what you say."**

**St. Angela Merici  
Our Founder**

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## Women in Ministry

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## Water With Blessings Has Blessed Us, Too



Isn't it amazing how ideas can blossom into the wonderful and unexpected?

That's what's happened to us with the *Water With Blessings* project. Sister Norma Raupple (standing at center above) learned of the program from its founder, Sister Lorraine Lauter, an Ursuline Sister from Kentucky (standing at left), at the North American Ursuline Convocation last July.

It inspired Sister Norma so much that in December she led a team to the U.S.-Mexico border with filtration systems for families who have terrible H<sub>2</sub>O. At \$60 apiece, these were bought with gifts from our Associates, family, friends and the team.

250 families now have clean water, and Sister Norma and the team shared a strong faith experience. Four of the young women (at left) volunteered with us previously and continue to be involved, some as Companions in Mission.

For more on this story and additional photos, visit our blog at [theursulines.org](http://theursulines.org).



Above, Sister Lorraine teaches "Water Women" how to use the filtration systems.