

Provincial Team Report

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Team Meeting – April 18-19

Our time together in this Easter Season was spent in preparation and in oversight as we prepared for meetings this coming week and in exercising our responsibilities as the Members of various corporations. Sister Madonna met with us in preparation for the UEF (Ursuline Education Foundation) meeting on April 24.

Mrs. Ellette Gibson and Jonathon Heitner of Wells Fargo joined us for a part of our meeting. Mr. Heitner annually provides us with a report on province investments. We are grateful to be able to rely on competent and thoughtful managers of our resources who follow socially responsible investment guidelines. Some time was spent in beginning preparation for the fiscal 2017-18 budget.

Our conversations also included a discussion of responsibilities that the new Team will share as they begin their service to the Province on June 2nd. More information will be forthcoming about their missioning.

Thank you to all who contributed to the responses for the Structures Commission. As

Team we are called to share our own responses, many of which we saw reflected in the information shared by communities and individuals.

The article we used for sharing was a column entitled "On Not Overreacting to Criticism" written by Ronald Rolhiser, OMI in the most recent Oblate School of Theology magazine. His premise is, as Church, we need to live in trust and hope and integrity and not be threatened or defensive. Two quotes that stood out are: ... in 1985 someone asked Cardinal Basil Hume what he considered the foremost task facing the church today. He said simply: "To help save the planet." Recently, in a television interview with the cardinal archbishop of a major archdiocese, he was asked roughly the same question, and his response was: "To defend the faith." Rolheiser finished his column with the statement: "We are meant to be food for the life of the world; not the food of defensiveness, but the food of understanding, graciousness and forgiveness."

May these weeks of the Easter Season be a time for each of us to practice understanding, graciousness and forgiveness.

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CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

Ursuline Education Foundation Corporation Meeting

The Ursuline Education Foundation Corporation will hold its Board of Directors meeting this month on April 24th. The meeting will be held at the Ursuline Academy in Kirkwood.

On the agenda is a presentation of the draft of a revised set of bylaws each school will eventually have to adopt. These bylaws will provide for the future need of the UEF to assume the role of Member in each of the school corporations. Our province lawyer, Bernie Huger, and our canon lawyer for this project, Sr. Lynn Jarrell, will lead this presentation and discussion.

Several other items are also on the agenda. The board will review the potential candidates for each of the school's boards of trustees. The UEF Mission Committee has prepared a report on these candidates and will present it to the board of directors for their recommendation. The UEF Finance Committee will present the proposed budget for the UEF for the fiscal year 2017-2018. Also on the agenda is a report on the Ursuline Academy of Dallas Identity Assessment which took place last December under the guidance of Madonna and the Sponsorship Office.

The formation of the members of the board of directors in the Ursuline tradition and spirit continues to be significant in this process; for this reason Madonna and Diane have prepared a special formation exercise to open the meeting.

The next board of directors meeting will be held in the fall at Ursuline Academy in New Orleans.



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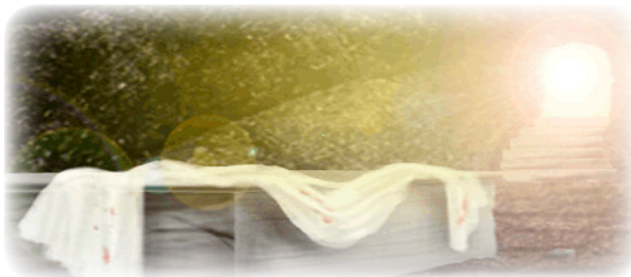
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DATES TO REMEMBER

April 30Community Budgets due to Ellette

May 1.....Angela Merici Fund Evaluations
and Applications due to Adele

May 20.....Blessing of new gravesites in
Lake City, MN - 3:30 p.m.

October 6-9USAOSU Roman Union Gathering

Angela Merici Grants

It is that time of the year when the Angela Merici evaluations and applications are due to the Provincialate! Because the team looks at each grant request in the context of all the requests received it is important that the evaluations and applications are submitted by the May 1st deadline. The application form can be found in the Province Directory on page I – 11. The evaluation form can be found in the Province Directory on page I -13. The application form for a salary supplement can be found on page I – 12. These forms are also available to you on the province web site intranet. All of the above forms should be sent to Adele Brennan at the province office or to her email, adele@osucentral.org. We are very proud of the many wonderful projects that have benefitted the poor and marginalized in the past and we encourage you to consider applying for these grants!



Congratulations . . .

The [Midwest Archive Conference](#) (MAC) held its annual meeting in Omaha, Nebraska April 5-8, 2017. In attendance were Sisters Thomas More Daly and Rosemary Meiman. Also present was Sr. Martha Jacob, archivist for the Ursulines of Louisville, KY. We congratulate Thomas More who was one of three presenters on the panel entitled *Endangered Archives: Issues Facing Catholic Religious Collections in the United States*.

Her co-presenters were Malachy McCarthy, who works with the Claretian Archives USA-Canada, and Jane Kenamore, Kenamore & Klinkow, LLC, who is helping the CSJ's combine the archives of 4 provinces together with the General Government archives in St. Louis. Anyone interested in a copy of Thomas More's presentation can contact Jean at hopmanj@gmail.com.

Provincial Team Dates

Rita Ann

- April 21St. Louis, St. Andrews Senior Solutions
- April 24St. Louis, UEF Corporation Meeting
- April 25-26.....St. Louis, Sponsorship Meeting
- April 27-30.....Chicago, RULUSA

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- May 9.....New Orleans
- May 11.....Our Lady of Wisdom visit
- May 12.....OLPS Board of Trustees Meeting

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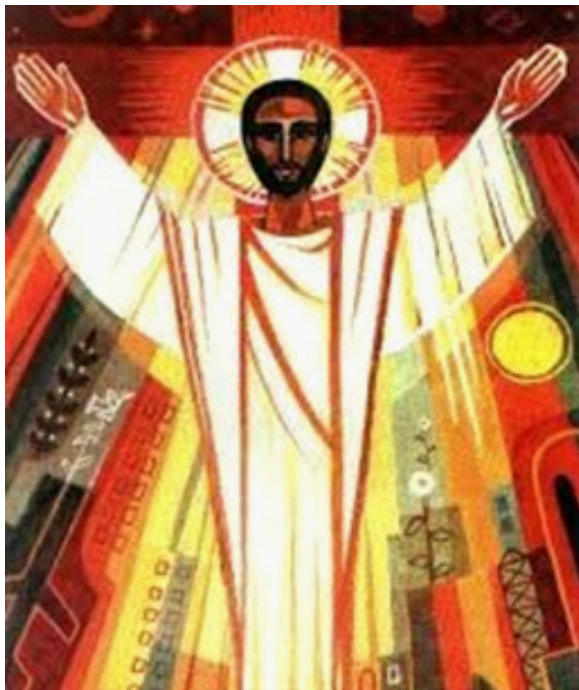
- May 15-16Team Meetings

Social Justice Notes

As we celebrate the 48th Earth Day, it is a good time to consider how each of us impacts on “our common home”. There is more and more information available on simple ways we can act as thoughtful stewards of creation. A recent newspaper article provided new information about what can and cannot be recycled and what cannot be recycled efficiently. Please check in your local area to find the most recent information on recycling.

Pope Francis again calls us to be people of light and hope in his [Urbi et Orbi](#). Please continue to pray for and to advocate for refugees and for peace in all the war-torn areas of our world.

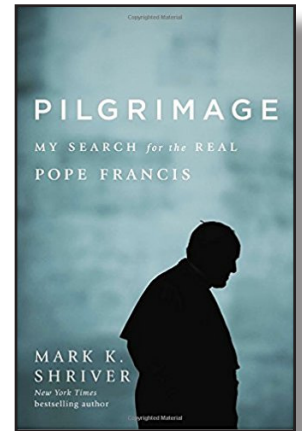
The April issue of the Stop Trafficking! Newsletter is available [here](#). Trafficking, especially of women and children, continues to be a problem in the US and throughout the world. Officials, elected and appointed, need to be reminded of our concern and demand for action.



Suggested Reading

Thank you to Sr. Colette Jokerst who shared her reflection on the book *Pilgrimage: My Search for the Real Pope Francis*, (Random House, 2016), by Mark Shriver. Sr. Colette’s reflection follows.

The author was pleased to discover that Pope Francis reaffirmed that his faith in the Catholic Church was a church in which he could believe. Events in the present day were disturbing and disappointing, hence his “search”. In Shriver’s search for the “real Pope Francis”, he spent three years visiting places and people who had close relationships with Jorge Bergoglio, who had worked closely with him and were inspired and influenced by his presence. The stories they related to Mark and his relating these conversations and influences that had chain reactions excited me and I felt Jesus present among us today in human skin. I also felt this personal influence/ inspiration was “caught” by the author. Shriver, had a genuine conversion which I, too, felt.



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