

Provincial Team Report

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Team Meeting — April 3-5

We began our meeting together in prayer, contemplation and sharing as we began the Octave of Easter. We prayed gently holding that sense of amazement, joy and glee that comes with knowing that regardless of what “seems dead and forsaken...” our eyes are set on the One who is the source of our life and hope.

Our three and a half day meeting had a very full agenda. We spent a good amount of time working with healthcare issues that several sisters and their communities are facing. Our commitment to do our best to provide the needed physical and pastoral care is always a priority.

Other business items included the April meetings of our province healthcare delegates and Navigators, the annual prioresses meeting, and our 2018 Provincial Chapter. We also began long-range planning for a 2019 Province Conference whose purpose will be to debrief the General Chapter and to discern new province leadership. We have been blessed with several monetary gifts from generous people who know the Ursulines and have been willing to support us. We distributed alms this month to Covering House in St. Louis, a place of refuge and restoration for girls who have experienced sexual exploitation

and sex trafficking. We also made a special donation to the English Tutoring Project as they commemorate 20 years of providing service in St. Louis City and County. You will read more about this elsewhere in this PTR.

We approved terms for Board of Trustees members for Ursuline Academy of Dallas and Ursuline Academy of Dedham. We also met with the UEF planning committee to put some finishing touches on the upcoming UEF meeting which will take place in Dallas. Susan Whelan met with us to share about her work in the Communication and Development office. We continue to deal with stewardship issues for two of our properties. The Crystal City property is a concern due to on-going water damage.

“Risen One, Source of Amazement, I run to the tomb of life, I hurry to see for myself. When I look with eyes of faith, I am amazed at what I find. That which seems dead and forsaken fills with wisdom and teachings for life.”

-*Out of the Ordinary*, Joyce Rupp

Finances were very much a part of this meeting. We met with Ellette regarding General and Administrative Expenses, projected budgets and salary increases for the fiscal year 2018-19.

We are delighted to welcome visitors from the General Council next month. We worked on a tentative draft for their visits, especially that of Marie-Thérèse Le Goc who will spend most of her time with us in the Central Province. Dates for each community visit will be sent out soon.



Have you checked out our website lately?

Go to www.osucentral.org and catch a glimpse of the latest news and happenings.

English Tutoring Project

Celebrating 20 years of Service

Twenty years ago a group of religious women in St Louis realized a need for tutoring children who did not speak English and the English Tutoring Project was begun.



One of those far sighted women was our sister Peggy Moore who was provincial at the time. This non-profit organization has grown over the years from a travelling van to eight sites having small classrooms in several schools throughout the city of St. Louis. To celebrate this milestone and to recognize the wonderful work that the English Tutoring Project does for so many children, the team made a donation to the English Tutoring Project in Peggy's honor. On September 8th a recognition and thank you is planned as part of the LCWR Region X meeting to be held in St. Louis, and on September 25th there is a reception at the Archbishop's residence to also celebrate. **Thank you Peggy**, for having the courage and wisdom to launch something new which addressed a need for so many children.



Archive Update from Thomas More

Our three Roman Union provinces are forming a committee to explore the care of our archives in the future. Ann Barrett, Sue Anne Cole, Thomas More Daly and Rosemary Meiman along with archivists and sisters from the East and the West will compose the group.

In April the Holy Cross Sisters of St. Mary's at Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana, are hosting a meeting for sisters to dream about a center for archives of the mid-west communities housed on their college campus. And in July an archivist gathering at Boston College will address the issues of preservation and access to resources of Catholic Religious Archives. Some members of the committee will attend these meetings.

The committee counts on your prayer that it may be enlightened by the Holy Spirit in its work.

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Angela Merici Grants

The Angela Merici Grant applications are due May 1, 2018. Guidelines for the application may be found in the Province Directory on page I-5, the application is on I-11, and the salary supplement application is on page I-12.

Those working in ministries with the poor and marginalized are encouraged to consider applying for a grant. Those who received a grant in 2017 are reminded that evaluation forms are also due by May 1, 2018. Evaluation forms are found on page I-13.

Please send applications and evaluations to Adele via email at adele@osucentral.org or by regular mail to the province office. If you have any questions regarding the forms please contact Adele.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 24-25.....	Meeting of Healthcare Delegates/Navigators
April 25-26.....	Prioresses' Meeting
April 27	Province Chapter Response due to Rita Ann
May 1.....	Angela Merici Fund Applications and Evaluations due to Adele
May 15.....	Responses to Structure Questions due to Adele
November 9-13	Provincial Chapter

Provincial Team Dates

Rita Ann

April 8-12.....	Waterville, ME
April 13-15, 19-21	Dallas, TX Visitation
April 24	Francis Place Board Meeting
April 27	Personal Day

Jean

April 12	LCWR Region X Breakfast meeting
April 22	St. Louis, MO Climate Summit Cardinal Turkson lecture
April 19	Personal Day

Maria Teresa

April 6-8.....	Sutherland Community Visitation
April 12	LCWR Region X Breakfast meeting
April 13	Francis Place visit

All

April 16-18.....	Dallas, TX UEF & Sponsorship meetings
April 24-26.....	Meeting of Healthcare Delegates and Prioresses' Meeting
April 30 - May 2....	Team Meeting



Social Justice Notes

On April 22 we celebrate the 48th annual Earth Day. The theme this year is “End Plastic Pollution”. You can find information and suggestions at these links: [Catholic Climate Covenant](#) and [The Earth Day Network](#).

If you are interested in supporting *Activa Tu Serviam* (the outreach to people in need in Venezuela) you can send any donations to the Ursuline Province Center, 1338 North Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10804.

Please continue to encourage your members of Congress in both the House and the Senate to act on the behalf of the “Dreamers” by passing legislation which will provide them permanent legal status. Ideally, this would be part of comprehensive immigration reform.

The April issue of the “Stop Trafficking Newsletter” is available [here](#).

May the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. be a reminder to all of us of the unfinished business of the Poor Peoples Campaign. We continue to need to address the issues of poverty, racism, militarism and the degradation of the environment.

Celebrating Miriam Patricia

Wednesday, March 14th was the day that we celebrated the official retirement of Miriam Patricia Faricy from the Province Office. During the last 10 years she served as assistant in the Finance Office. We marked her retirement with a festive luncheon and gift. Many stories were shared about serving and living with MP, as well as recalling both touching and funny memories. Thank you, MP, for your generous and faithful service!

