

Provincial Team Report

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Team Meeting — August 21-23

We began our team meeting following a day and a half of meetings with the Finance and Investment Commissions. It was good to have members of the commissions here at the offices and have time to visit.

As always, we spent time on a wide variety of topics. Issues related to personnel and local government were discussed, and we continue to plan for our November provincial chapter. Alms this month will be distributed to Network for the upcoming Nuns on the Bus tour and to Giving Voice. In addition, we made a contribution to the NAULC in support of the 2019 Ursuline Convocation. We approved a proposal to hire an archivist consultant to assess the holdings at the central province sites where archives are currently stored. You will hear more about this as the plan develops. New trustees were appointed for Ursuline Academy Dedham and Mount

Merici Academy. A change was made in the team liaisons for sisters in assisted living and skilled care. Maria Teresa will be the liaison for both assisted living and skilled care in New Orleans. Jean will be the liaison for both levels of care in Missouri and Illinois. The Mère Marie community is now a community dependent on the provincialate. Rita and Jean reflected

on last month's gathering of Roman Union Ursulines under 70 and the hopes for continuing to strengthen connections into the future.

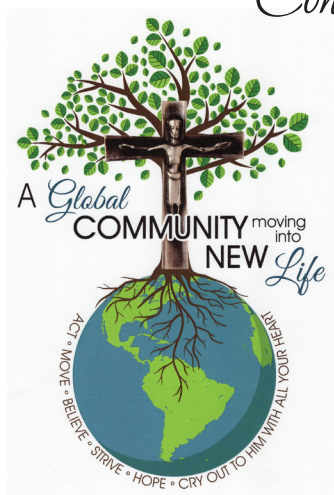
In our prayer together, we reflected on our experiences of the recent LCWR

national assembly. Using excerpts from different addresses, we reflected on three questions posed during the assembly. As communities we must ask ourselves: Whose voices do we not hear? What connections have we turned off? Who are those at the margins of our communities?

"Our new apostolic call is centered on meaning. We need to tell our story, the deep meaning of our lives, that allowed us to do everything we have done. Our story needs to be shared with a world desperate for meaning and purpose. Sisters, our time in leadership will not be complete until we have called all of our sisters to share the 'why' of their extraordinary lives."

(Sr. Teresa Maya, CCVI 2018 Presidential Address)

Congratulations . . .



. . . to Regina Marie Fronmüller on the selection of her artwork by the General Council for the General Chapter logo. She captured the chapter message and artistically put it on paper for all to enjoy and pray with. Thank you for sharing your gift with all of us in the Roman Union.

Social Justice Notes

The Feast of St. Francis is approximately six weeks away. There is clear connection between the international migration disaster and the assaults being made on the environment. The Catholic Climate Covenant has provided a wonderful resource with prayers and resource materials that can be read or downloaded for use at [Catholic Climate Covenant](#), simply click on the Feast of St. Francis tab. The LCWR has taken a position on President Trump's Clean Energy Program, you can read it at this link [LCWR statement](#).

It is important that we hold our elected officials accountable. Please be in contact with them and encourage civil discourse (including advertising) and an openness to compromise.

And if you have a little time and are looking for a way to be helpful:

- A DAY or HALF A DAY . . . volunteer at a local agency or offer to do work at home for the agency.
- TWO HOURS . . . learn about the local services and agencies that address your passion.
- ONE HOUR . . . read about your topic.
- FIFTEEN MINUTES . . . advocate through email or a letter.
- ONLY A MINUTE (each day) . . . pray for those who suffer and for those who seek to solve injustices. Plan one action you will take. Communicate your concern with someone close to you. (source unknown)

Appointments

Theresa Davey

Prioress and treasurer,
Springfield, IL

Carolyn Marie Brockland

Healthcare delegate for
Chateau de Notre Dame,
New Orleans, LA

Miriam Teresa Graczak

Francis Place, Eureka, MO
Ministry of Prayer

Peggy Hill

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Ministry of Prayer



2018 LCWR National Assembly

Earlier this month the three of us were among the 800 leaders of religious congregations who attended the LCWR National Assembly which took place in St. Louis. Ursulines from the eastern province as well as from the independent Ursuline congregations were there, and it's always a joy to be together. This year's theme was "Being the Presence of Love: The Power of Communion." We focused on the urgent need to foster communion and connection in our increasingly polarized world. The three keynote speakers explored insights from new understandings of Trinitarian theology and how those insights might help in the creation of new and more effective ways of strengthening and supporting the global community.

In addition to the food for thought we receive, a big highlight of the assembly is always the time to pray and share with other leaders, receive insights and support one another. The Assembly provides us with a bigger picture of religious life, both national and international, and gives us a greater context for the ministry in which we serve.

"We will become lighter and itinerant, we will be fewer. However, we will be enough; we will be what God needs today. We will bring with us our call to community and our stubborn conviction that Christ suffering in God's people requires our response."

(Sr. Teresa Maya, CCVI 2018 Presidential Address)

We purchased DVD's of the Presidential Address and two of the keynote addresses. Please consider borrowing them to watch alone or with others. Simply contact Adele to check them out. Texts of presentations as well as photos of the event are available at

<https://lcwr.org/calendar/lcwr-assembly-2018>.

Archive Update

In April Sue Anne Cole & Thomas More Daly attended an archive meeting entitled "A Day for Dreaming". It was held at St. Mary's College at Notre Dame. Congregations of sisters from the mid-west were invited to explore ways of establishing a common repository for their archives.

In July, Thomas More Daly and Maria Teresa de Llano participated in the national meeting of archivists at Boston College entitled "Envisioning the Future of National Religious Archives". There were more than 160 archivists, researchers and leaders of communities who participated in discussions and presentations.

Both meetings have been very informative and encouraging as we move forward on the proposal approved by RULUSA to find a common place to bring our U.S.A. archives together in a central place. This will preserve our stories, make materials available to researchers and preserve our emerging future.

"...a religious order (partly through its archivists) preserves an emerging future by using tools like metaphors, images, stories, and material artifacts."

(Emilie Gagnet Leumas, Director of Archives & Records, Archdiocese of New Orleans and Curator at Old Ursuline Convent Museum)



Provincial Team Dates

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September 5.....Meeting with Mr. Bernard Huger, Province lawyer
September 8.....LCWR Region X Meeting, St. Louis
September 25.....Zielinski Report, Province Office
September 28-30Team Days, Ruma
Next team meeting.....September 11-13

The Province offices will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 3rd.



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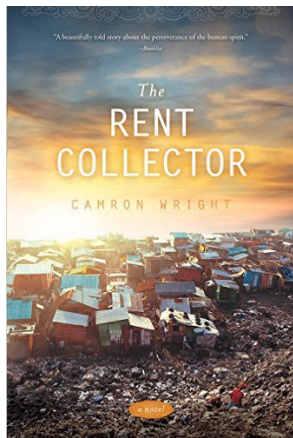
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The Rent Collector

by Camron Wright

Peggy Moore shares her reflections on the Ursuline Academy summer reading book.

Camron Wright was inspired to write this work of fiction by his son's work on a documentary titled "River of Victory." The documentary follows the life of Sang Ly, a Cambodian woman living at Stung Meanchey (literally "river of victory".)



Sang Ly lives with her husband, Ki Lim, and their young son Nisay at Stung Meanchey, the largest municipal waste dump in Cambodia. Although their home is three cardboard walls and a tarp "curtain," they must pay rent each month to live there. The Rent Collector is usually drunk, always mean and seemingly unrelenting about collecting the rent in full on the day it is due. There

is a moment, however, when Sang Ly realizes that Sopeap Sin (the rent collector) knows how to read. Somewhat reluctantly Sopeap Sin agrees to Sang Ly's request to teach her.

As their relationship develops, Sang Ly learns a secret about the ill-tempered woman—a secret that dates back to the Khmer Rouge and sets in motion a tide that will change the life of everyone it sweeps past. *The Rent Collector* powerfully illustrates how literacy can change lives. It also illustrates the necessity of seeing more deeply than the externals to know a person, and the power of the human spirit to endure.



Goodbye . . .

. . . to Atanazia Dobosova who returned to her province of Slovakia after working with Regina Marie helping to build and renovate houses with the St. Bernard Project. She also worked with the children at the art camp this summer. Thank you very much for enriching our lives and the lives of those we serve with your presence!



DATES TO REMEMBER

- August 31.....Formal Chapter proposals due to Chapter Planning Committee
 - August 31.....Preliminary votes from Chapter Delegates due to Jean
 - September 21.....Sexennial Reports due to Rita Ann
 - November 9-13Provincial Chapter
 - December 1.....Annual Report due to Team
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- July 25-28, 2019Ursuline Convocation in St. Louis
 - November 2019.....Chapter follow-up meeting