

Provincial Team Report

Ursulines of Central Province

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Team Meeting — February 28 - March 1

It was good to be together after Rita Ann's weeks in Rome for the EGC. At first glance the amount of agenda items seemed formidable. Once we sat down and began working it wasn't quite so daunting.

We began by praying Psalm 51 and reflecting on our Lenten journeys. We shared about the stones in our hearts that long to be transformed this Lent. From there we turned to province business. We continue to plan for the April meetings for healthcare delegates and navigators followed by the prioresses. We also are planning for the visits of the General Council in May and will send more detailed information as it becomes available.

Our alms focus for this semester is human trafficking. This month we gave alms to the United States Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (USCSAHT) and to Eden House, a two-year residential community in New Orleans

founded for women who are survivors of human trafficking or have a history of prostitution and addiction.

Ellette and Renae met with us to review the Provincialate quarterly report. We also had the joy of accepting a bequest from a former student in Decatur. Board members for three of our Academies were approved, as well as a new

Create a clean heart in me, God. Dust off the unmindful activity that constantly collects there. De-clutter my heart from harsh judgements and negativity. Wash away my resistance to working through difficult relationships. Rinse off my un-loving so the beauty of my generous and kind heart can shine forth. Remove whatever keeps me from following in your compassionate footsteps. Amen.

-*Out of the Ordinary*, © 2000, Joyce Rupp

Mission Statement for UA Dedham. We discussed the sale of some province-owned vehicles and held several corporation meetings. A great deal of last minute paperwork concerning the sale of Villa Maria in Frontenac was attended to.

Rita Ann shared about the work as well as the spirit of the recent EGC. We'll all

be hearing more about the work of the Structures Commission and the 2019 General Chapter in the coming months.

*Our prayer for each of you is for a grace-filled Holy Week
and a joy-filled celebration of Easter!*

Happy Easter!

150th Anniversary of the Arrival of the Ursulines in Laredo

The Ursuline Alumnae, associates and friends of the Ursulines are planning to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the arrival of the Ursuline Sisters to Laredo, Texas in 1868. The date for the celebration is May 26, 2018. The Liturgy will be celebrated at 4:30 p.m. with a reception following. This will take place at the old Ursuline Convent on Galveston Street. Arrival in Laredo will be May 25th and departure will be May 27th. More details will follow later.

Alumnae, friends and associates are eager to host as many Ursulines who have ministered to the people of Laredo and the surrounding areas over the years. This includes former prioresses, principals, teachers, archivists and those who served the marginalized. Please look at your calendars and make plans to attend. Whether you fly or drive your travel will be reimbursed by the Alumnae and Associates. Please let Karen Schwane – skschwane@yahoo.com or Maria Teresa de Llano - mtdellano@gmail.com - know in writing by March 16, 2018 if you are planning to attend.

Sale of Villa Maria property in Frontenac, Minnesota

We are happy to announce that the sale of the Villa Maria property was completed on Friday, March 2, 2018. Mr. John Rupp of Commonwealth, Inc. has purchased the property. He hopes to use the property for a wedding venue and other celebrations. There is also the hope that family centered activities can be offered using not only the main building but the camp buildings. Although it is the end of one era it is the beginning of another for Villa Maria in Frontenac.



We are grateful for all who worked diligently to make this sale a reality. Please join us in thanking God for all that has been and all that will continue now at Villa Maria. Angela's words are ringing true, "have faith, make efforts, have hope, cry aloud to Him with all your heart; then without any doubt, you will see marvels."

Appointments

Celeste Cour

Francis Place
Ministry of Prayer



Suggested Reading

from Ann Marie Owen

Richard Rohr's daily Rcolumn at the Center for Action and Contemplation @ cac.org is both a springboard for meditation and a resource for spiritual reading.

Each week Rohr presents a theme which is developed daily and summarized on Saturday. Creation Spirituality from the Big Bang, through the indigenous people's belief in the Great Spirit, to our present evolutionary awakening is currently presented.

Guest authors and their works are featured, sometimes accompanied by videos and direct quotes from such authors as Thomas Berry, Ilia Delio, Cynthia Bourgeault, Bonaventure, etc.



Phone Directory Updates

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(314) 332-3000 - (pending)
Email remains the same

Social Justice Notes

Please continue to contact your members of Congress – both House and Senate – and encourage them to act to protect “the Dreamers.” Ask them to enact legislation to continue the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and to move toward comprehensive immigration reform.

Members of both state and federal legislatures need to hear support for reasonable, effective gun legislation that both limits access to assault weapons and provides support for mental health programs. This [link](#) to everytown.org provides information and suggested actions to help lessen gun violence.

The March issue of the Stop Trafficking Newsletter is available at <http://www.stopenslavement.org/>. It highlights the connection to trafficking in the seafood industry.

Pope Francis reminds us that “fasting makes us more alert to God and our neighbor.” You can follow Francis’s tweets at www.twitter.com/Pontifex.

Welcome Back . . .

. . . to Rita Ann and Elisa after two very hard but fruitful weeks in Rome for the Enlarged General Council. There will be more information and next steps coming soon.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 24-25.....Meeting of Healthcare Delegates/Navigators
April 25-26.....Prioresses’ Meeting
May 1.....Angela Merici Fund Applications and Evaluations due to Adele
November 9-13Provincial Chapter

Provincial Team Dates

Rita Ann

March 7St. Louis, MO
Development Meeting
March 8St. Louis, MO
LCWR Region X Breakfast meeting
March 20-22.....Dubuque, Iowa
LCWR Region X Meeting

Jean

March 6St. Louis, MO
Oak Haven, visitation
March 8St. Louis, MO
LCWR Region X Breakfast meeting
March 9-12.....San Antonio, TX
visitation
March 15St. Louis, MO
Docent for Catholic Sisters
Week Library exhibit
March 20-22.....Dubuque, Iowa
LCWR Region X Meeting
March 26St. Louis, MO
Holmes community,
visitation
March 27St. Louis, MO
Provincial Chapter Planning
Committee meeting

Maria Teresa

March 7-21.....Mexico
Translator for General
Council members

All

April 3-5.....Team Meeting

*The Province Offices will be closed
from March 30 to April 2
as we celebrate Easter.*

General Council Visits

This May members of the General Council will be visiting the USA provinces and different members are going to different provinces. Their purpose in coming is to visit with the communities and come to know the sisters in each of the three provinces. While they are in the United States the Council will attend the May RULUSA meeting in Chicago to see how the leadership teams of the United States collaborate together.

Our province will be visited by Mother Cecilia, Sr. Maria Jaworska, and Sr. Marie Thérèse Le Goc. We welcome them to Central Province! Listed below are the different communities and who will be visiting:

Mother CeciliaMay 06-09Mére Marie Community
May 16-20Dallas Community
May 20-22San Atonio Community

Sr. Maria Jaworska.....May 02-09Mére Marie Community

Sr. Marie Thérèse Le Goc ...May 02-20St. Louis, Alton and
Springfield Communities
May 20-25New Orleans Community

Congratulations . . .

. . . to **Joan Ann Springman** who was chosen to attend the Montana Experience this July.

. . . to **Regina Marie Fronmüller**, who wrote and had an article published in the *Winter 2018 Horizon* magazine. The article, entitled "Talking to College Students: Two ways to Build Relationships" tells of Regina's efforts to work with the young people on the campus of Loyola University in New Orleans.

