

# Provincial Team Report

Ursulines of Central Province

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## Team Meeting — April 30 - May 2

Our meetings began on the feast of our saint, Marie of the Incarnation. As we held in prayer the needs of the province, the Church and the world we were very aware of Marie's strong quest to go in spirit "to every part of the earth" to share the Good News of God's unconditional love for all creation.

Our team meetings followed three full days of other gatherings—province healthcare delegates and health navigators, prioresses, and a retreat day together with both groups. Look for photos of these gatherings in this issue. We hope you'll be able to sense the enthusiasm, commitment and spirit of *insieme* that was so alive during all three days.

We had a full agenda of province business—personnel issues, appointments for sisters and also new trustees for three of the academies. We accepted a bequest from the estate of a friend of Villa Maria in Frontenac and allocated alms to the Institute for Peace and Justice in St. Louis. Time was also devoted to upcoming meetings beyond the province—the RULUSA and North American Ursuline Leadership Conference, both in May, and the national assembly of the

Leadership Conference of Women Religious which will take place in St. Louis in August.

Earlier in April we took a look at ways we can work toward greater sustainability at the province office. To mark the 48<sup>th</sup> annual Earth Day we began our first initiative—the elimination of paper and plastic products. We're investing in plates, bowls and flatware for daily use and larger events. Our hope is that this first small step will be just the beginning of a broader option for Earth and all creation.

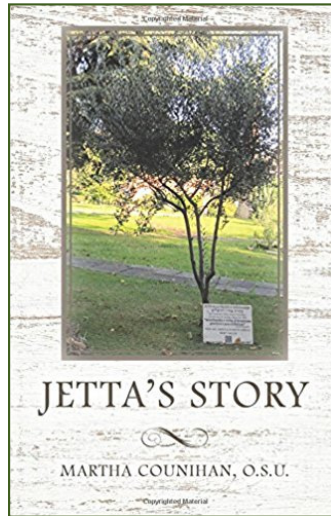
We also want to share that, in the name of the Roman Union Ursulines of the Central Province, we signed on to the U.S. Catholic Climate Declaration. The Declaration is an expression of solidarity with the We Are Still In campaign which began in June 2017 after President Trump announced that he planned to withdraw the U.S. from the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement. The Declaration, with its signatories, will be made public on June 11<sup>th</sup>—the third anniversary of the release of *Laudato Si*. Click [here](#) to read the Declaration, or Google U.S. Catholic Climate Declaration.



## Suggested Reading

You may be interested in reading Martha Counihan's book, *Jetta's Story*. Jetta was a Jewish teen who, with her family, risked death fleeing Zagreb, Yugoslavia. The family sought help from the Vatican and they were taken in at the Generalate.

Martha relates stories found in the diaries of two Ursuline nuns who lived in our Generalate during WWII. Their diaries record what it was like for Jetta and her family living under German occupation, facing deportation and death themselves for the crime of answering the call of their faith.



## Appointments

**Jill Jaeb**

Assisted Living,  
St. Joseph Village, Coppell, TX  
Music for St. Joseph Village  
liturgies

**Louis Marie Carter**

Healthcare Delegate,  
St. Joseph Village, Coppell, TX

**Brendan Jacoby**

Healthcare Delegate,  
Loretto Home, Springfield, IL

*Welcome . . .*

. . . to Marie Thérèse Le Goc who will be visiting the communities of Missouri Cluster, Springfield, Alton, and New Orleans from May 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup>.

. . . Maria Jaworska who will be visiting the Mère Marie Community May 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup>.

The sisters from the General Council along with Ann-Marie Gardiner will be attending the RULUSA Meeting in Chicago from May 10<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Update on the Ursuline Education Foundation

There have been two meetings of the Ursuline Education Foundation this past year, one in New Orleans, LA and most recently in Dallas, TX. We continue to be in a planning process for the sponsorship of our schools as we move forward. Several options for governance structure are being considered at this time and they are: ecclesiastical Decree of Formal Consent from the diocesan bishop as an independent Catholic school, Public Juridic Person and finally a civil corporation or holding company. No final decision has been made at this time and we ask for continued prayers. We are very grateful to the men and women who serve on the Foundation Board giving of their time and sharing their wisdom.



## Social Justice Notes

The House of Representatives is considering legislation (H.R.2 – Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018 – the Farm Bill) which would significantly limit access to food stamps (the SNAP program). Please consider contacting your representative to urge that the cut backs not be included in the bill. You can use this phone number 844-390-0619 which will direct your call to your representative’s home office. More information concerning food insecurity can be found [here](#).

The May issue of “Stop Trafficking!” is now online. It can be accessed at: <http://www.stopenslavement.org/>.

Congress still has not acted to provide a clean Dream Act. Please continue to urge both members of the House and Senate to provide protection for these young people.

St. Louis has a “Clean Sweep” program that invites people to go and help clean up neighborhoods – trash and such – spring cleaning. Is there a similar program in your area that you could participate in to help? As President Macron told Congress – “there is no Planet B.”



### Venezuela Project

A reminder to reach out and help students in Venezuela by sending your donation to:

Venezuela Project  
URSULINE PROVINCIALATE  
1338 North Avenue  
New Rochelle, NY 10804-2121

### DATES TO REMEMBER

May 15.....Responses to Structure Questions due to Adele  
November 9-13 .....Provincial Chapter

## Provincial Team Dates

### Rita Ann

May 16.....English Tutoring Project Board Meeting  
May 25-27 .....150<sup>th</sup> Celebration in Laredo

### Maria Teresa

May 15-18 .....Personal Days  
May 24-27 .....150<sup>th</sup> Celebration in Laredo  
May 29-30 .....Beginning of Family visit, San Antonio

### Jean

### All

May 10-13 .....RULUSA Meeting, Chicago  
May 21-23 .....Team Meeting

## *Congratulations to . . .*

. . . Mary Ann Dooling who will be awarded the Angela Angel Award on May 10<sup>th</sup> at Ursuline Academy, St. Louis. The faculty and staff at the academy select the person they feel is “someone who passionately and compassionately fulfills his/ her work responsibilities but also goes above and beyond to serve others....it is someone who epitomizes the core values that form the mission and philosophy of Ursuline Academy.” Congratulations Mary Ann and so well deserved!

## Phone Directory Updates

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## April Meetings

With deep gratitude, we introduce our full team of Province Health Navigators who joined us in April for the healthcare delegate meeting. From left to right: Debbie Christopher, Illinois and Missouri, Susan Ruzicka (standing), Dallas, and Cindy Dauner, New Orleans.



We took a break during the daylong healthcare meeting for a photo op in the patio!

Sr. Renita Brummer, OSF is the Minister General of the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Kirkwood. She facilitated a day of prayer for the healthcare personnel, prioresses and leadership team entitled "Just This: A Long Loving Look."



The final gathering was with the prioresses. What a wonderful group!