

Provincial Team Report

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Team Meeting — May 21-23

We were happy to have Sr. Marie Thérèse Le Goc join us on the first morning of our team meeting to share her insights and observations as she continues her visit in our province. She shared how impressed she is with the sense of mission that she encountered in each sister and how joy and gratitude seem to permeate our lives. We have so enjoyed having both Marie Thérèse and Maria visit our province and come to know us. Thank you for the time given in visiting and we are grateful for your listening hearts.

Our prayer together centered around the feast of Pentecost which we just celebrated. We reflected on these questions: Where have we observed the Spirit at work in our lives recently? What help of the Spirit do we wish to ask on behalf of the province? Invoking the Spirit we prayed not only for wisdom and understanding but for enthusiasm, warmth, strength, goodness and endurance as we carry out our ministry.

It is that time of year when budget preparations need approval. We are very grateful to Ellette Gibson and Renae Loveland for all their work in our finance office. We reviewed and approved all of the community budgets as well as the Provincialate budget and the Province Community Assets budget. Retirement fund requests were granted along with funds needed by communities from the community assets fund.

The team also reviewed and granted requests for grants from the Angela Merici fund. There is more information on these grants elsewhere in the PTR. We are very grateful to all who applied

for these grants and pray for all the ministries that will benefit from these funds. Thank you to all our sisters who work to provide these funds for the poor and marginalized in our society.

Alms were given to Hotel Hope in New Orleans which is an interfaith, non-profit hotel which provides housing in a safe and loving atmosphere for women with children. We also made a contribution to the Venezuela Project.

Several corporation meetings were held and appointments were made for the board of trustees for the Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor and Ursuline Academy, Dedham. We discussed several issues concerning the Ursuline Education Foundation.

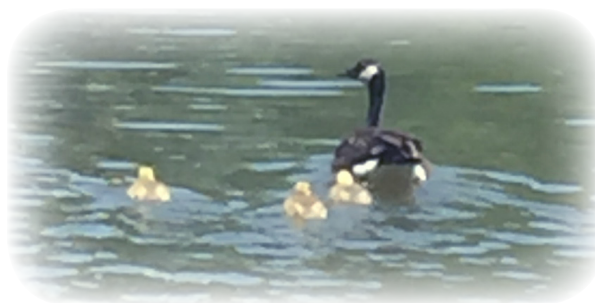
As we look toward our Province chapter in 2018 we had several items to discuss. Looking even further ahead, we began looking at the follow-up meeting to the General

Chapter in 2019. Timelines were a part of these discussions, especially determining due dates for various reports that will need to be completed. More information on these reports and timelines will be coming in the next few weeks.

Signs of spring are all around us and we are hoping that wherever you are you too are enjoying the beauty of God's creation. Our latest sign of spring are the baby goslings which just appeared this week!

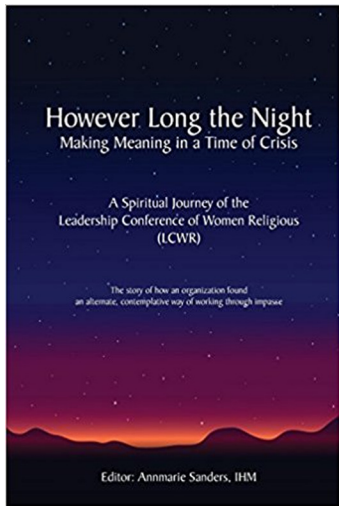
At Pentecost, initiation occurred not only at the individual level ("and a tongue rested on each of them") but also at the corporate level. The outpouring of the Spirit upon the whole community reminds us that we are not on an individual journey but a shared one. God calls us, compels us, to attend to the Spirit in one another.

-Jan Richardson



Suggested Reading

LCWR's new book, *However Long the Night: Making Meaning in a Time of Crisis*, is now available through Amazon in both print and Kindle editions. The book was written in response to



the critical need to find ways to work through the deep-seated polarization that marks these times in the world and country. Written in the context of LCWR's experience with the six-year investigation by the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith from 2009-2015, the book offers both spiritual and practical advice for anyone working through situations of conflict. The LCWR presidents and executive directors who led the conference through this critical time are the authors of the book: Marcia Allen, CSJ; Florence Deacon, OSF; Pat Farrell, OSF; Sharon Holland, IHM; Mary Hughes, OP; Janet Mock, CSJ; Joan Marie Steadman, CSC; Marlene Weisenbeck, FSPA; and Carol Zinn, SSJ. LCWR communications director Annmarie Sanders, IHM served as editor.

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Thank You and Goodbye

Thank you, Sister Maria Jaworska and Sister Marie Thérèse Le Goc, for your visit to our province! It was delightful having you both with us.



Merci beaucoup

Muchas gracias

Dziękuję Ci bardzo

Grazie mille

Thank you



Social Justice Notes

There is some movement in Congress toward action on immigration, please be alert to any calls to support passage of action for the "dreamers". Justice for Immigrants (justiceforimmigrants.org) has an [action alert](#) asking that we contact our members of Congress and demand an end to family separation procedures. Please consider supporting this call.

June 1 is "Gun Violence Awareness Day." People are invited to wear orange to honor all those who have been killed or wounded as a result of gun violence. This [invitation](#) comes from "Everytown," the major organizing group to reform gun legislation.

Food insecurity for families with children becomes an even greater challenge when school lunches are not available through the summer. Figures indicate that 16.5% of households with children face food insecurity. Are there agencies or programs in your local area that provide breakfast and/or lunch to children during the summer? How can you be of help?

Angela Merici Grants

We thank all our sisters who submitted a request for Angela Merici Funds. The province is happy to support each of these important and valuable projects and people.

- Marian Middle School, St. Louis, MO, for academic programs, professional development and technology; - requested by Pauline Lorch and Madonna O'Hara.
- Bethlehem Christmas Project for Children; - requested by Mary K. Milne.
- Salary supplement for working with volunteers who are engaged in work to provide housing for the poor of New Orleans; - requested by Regina Marie Fronmüller.
- Bridges Foundation, St. Louis, MO, for fee assistance for low-income persons wishing to participate in a 19th Annotation retreat program; - requested by Thomas More Daly.
- Salary supplement for ministry among the homeless at Haven for Hope, San Antonio, TX; - requested by Elizabeth Susan Hatzenbuehler.
- Kumler Outreach Ministry, Springfield, IL, for assistance with medications for the poor; - requested by Theresa Davey.
- Hands On Summer Art Camp, New Orleans, LA, for art materials and field trips for economically disadvantaged children; - requested by Regina Marie Fronmüller.
- St. Anthony Food Pantry, St. Louis, MO, assistance with personal care items for the poor; - requested by Diane Fulgenzi.
- Support for a person in prison; – requested by Brendan Jacoby.
- Haven for Hope, San Antonio, TX, art activities for adults; - requested by Elizabeth Susan Hatzenbuehler.
- Ursuline Links, New Orleans, LA, for a program for U.S. and British students working with immigrant children; - requested by Regina Marie Fronmüller.

Provincial Team Dates

Rita Ann

May 25-27150th Celebration in Laredo
June 1.....St. Agnes Home Visitation
June 7-8Francis Place Visitation
June 15-17Family Visit/wedding,
Jacksonville, Illinois

Maria Teresa

May 24-28150th Celebration in Laredo
May 29—June 2.....Family Visit
June 3-10Annual Retreat
June 11-15Vacation
June 18-21Family Visit

Jean

June 7-13Institute of Law &
Religious Life, Pennsylvania
June 18-25Retreat

All

June 27-29.....Team Meeting

Phone Directory Updates

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DATES TO REMEMBER

September 21.....Sexennial Reports
due to Team
November 9-13Provincial Chapter
December 1.....Annual Report
due to Team

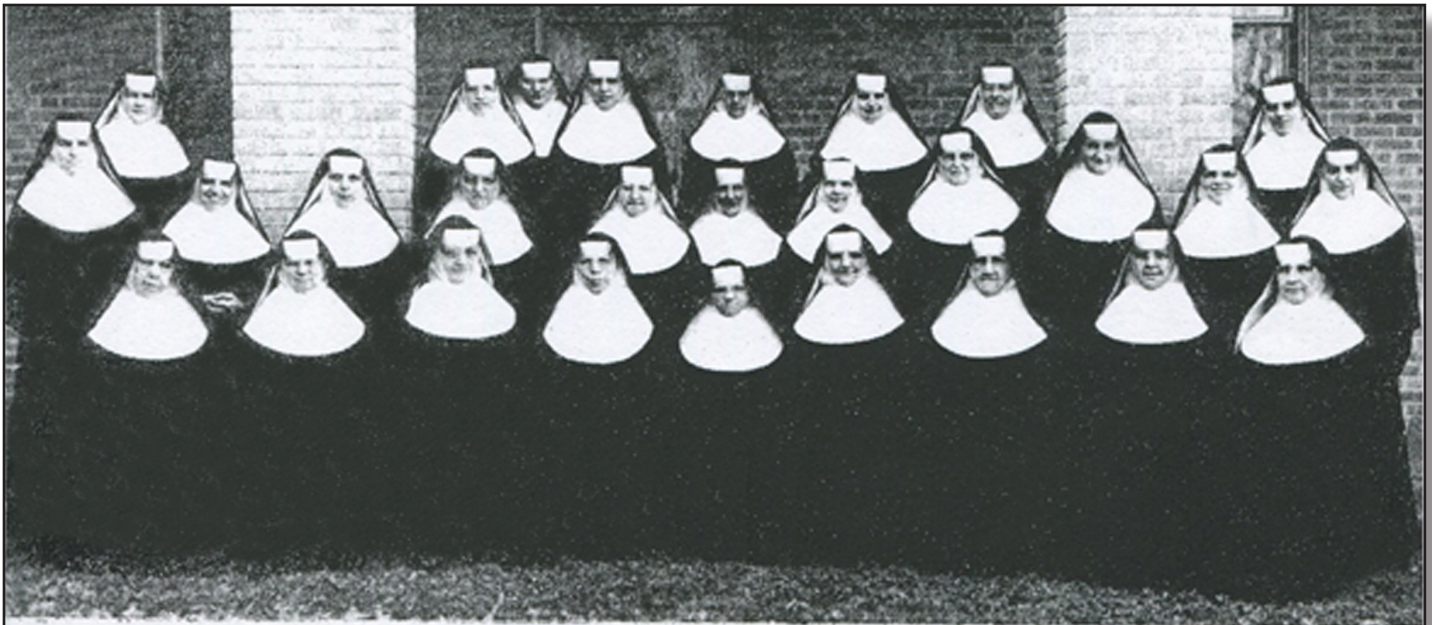
Congratulations!

Celebrating 150 years of service in Laredo

From 1868 to 2017, the Ursuline sisters provided quality education in Laredo, established schools in Mexico and served the needs of the people, including the marginalized. Sisters came to the community from Europe, Texas Ursuline communities and other parts of the United States. During the Mexican Revolution they provided refuge to other communities of sisters and refugee priests. They served in St. Peter's, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Augustine, Holy Redeemer schools as well as in Falfurrias, Nuevo Laredo and Corpus Christi where they established a school for African American children. The Laredo Ursulines joined the Roman Union in 1954. The last years of Ursuline service in Laredo was to the very poor, refugees and the dispossessed.

"We are standing on the shoulders of the ones who came before us. We are stronger for their service . . . wiser for their words, . . . grateful for their vision, and honored by their passion."

Standing on The Shoulders by Earth Mama



L to R First Row: Sr. Mary Ignatius, Sr. Mary Paul, Sr. Anne Marie, Sr. Bernadette, Sr. Mary Geneveve, Sr. Mary Bernada, Sr. Mary Gabriel, Sr. Mary Fedelis, Sr. Mary Frances, Sr. Mary Alberta, Sr. Mary Constance, Sr. Mary Adele, Sr. Mary Cornelia, Sr. Mary Anthony, Sr. Mary Regis, Sr. Mary Veronica, Sr. Mary Helen, Sr. Mary Philomena, Sr. Mary Patricia and Sr. Michal Marie.