

Provincial Team Report

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Team Meeting — September 11-12

As we met these days we were mindful of the many people whose lives were drastically changed due to Hurricanes Harvey and Irma as well as the victims of the earthquake in Mexico. We are touched by the stories of bravery and heroism as people care for one another. These are the stories our nation and our world need to hear. Our Ursuline sisters throughout the world have sent us messages of concern and promise of prayers. We for our part, continue to mobilize and help those who are affected by these disasters. Our alms for this month will go to the Diocese of Victoria, Texas, to assist with their disaster relief program. We encourage you as individuals as well as clusters/communities to consider helping out in any way you can.

“...we should occupy ourselves with the people whose [needs] are too many and whose rights are too few; who are crying out, and fairly, for a share in public affairs, for assurances of employment, and against distress; who follow bad leaders because they have no good leaders...”

~ Frederick Ozanam, founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The usual items of personnel and appointments of local community and board of trustee members were on the agenda. You can find these appointments listed elsewhere in this PTR.

Ellette Gibson met with us regarding the upcoming changes to the Institutional Investors Income Fund.

We continue to do long-range planning, including preparations for the Provincial Chapter in 2018. We are considering a possible place, facilitator for the Chapter and possible sisters for the steering committee. A Chapter is an opportunity to gather and evaluate where we have been, reflect on where we are and together look toward the future. We will soon be asking some of you for help and thank you in advance for your willingness to serve.



Something to Share

Five of us from the St. Louis area participated in the recent LCWR Region X day for women religious in our area. The presenter, Sr. Teresa Maya, CCVI is the current President of LCWR. She spoke on the topic: *What is our call as women religious as we face the growing diversity in the U.S.?* Over the course of the day, she used 4 lenses to focus our reflection:

1. Answering the Call: What needs examination?
2. Religious Life: What can we offer?
3. What does the LCWR *Call to Action* require?
4. Bringing It Home: What can we do in our local context?

Using the Pew Research Study on [The Next America](#) she called our attention to the Big Picture of diversity in our country & changing demographics, and contrasted this with questions regarding the pace of Church and religious life to respond to this reality. She suggested that the Catholic Church in the U.S. has the possibility of becoming the first “world Church” with Mass celebrated in 85 different languages on any given Sunday. Teresa gave us lots to reflect on and challenged us to be aware that while we can’t do everything, we can, and must, do something. Sound familiar? “Do something, get moving . . .”

Social Justice Notes

Dreamers

President Trump has given Congress six months in which to pass legislation to protect the status of “Dreamers” – the young people brought to this country as children. Most economic and social reports indicate that they are, in fact, positive additions to our economy and culture. Please contact your U.S. Senators and Representatives urging them to enact DACA authorization.

Racism

As a nation we continue to struggle both nationally and locally with racism. Are there local programs that could help each of us come to a greater realization of the impact of racism in our own communities? Do these programs point out what needs to be done to redress the problems? How might you share the insights you have gained?

Climate Change

The impact of hurricanes Harvey and Irma are reminders of the need to respond not simply to the immediate needs of those suffering but also the long term need to address questions of climate change. What must we do to slow the impact of global warming and destruction of the wetlands? [The Global Catholic Climate Movement](#) is an excellent source for information and action.

Appointments

Mary Ann Dooling

Board of Directors
Ursuline Education
Foundation

Maria Teresa de Llano

Ursuline Sisters Trust Fund
Board of Trustees



Local Community Officials

Mary Lapping

Missouri Cluster
Prioress

Congratulations . . .

. . . to Sr. Agnes Murray
on the occasion of her
65th jubilee of profession
on September 16th!



Provincial Team Dates

Rita Ann

Sept 14.....St. Louis, MO
LCWR Region X Meeting

Sept 19.....St. Louis, MO
English Tutoring Project
Special Event

Sept 20.....St. Louis, MO
English Tutoring Project
Board Meeting

Sept 22-26Dedham, MA
Dedication Ceremony of new
Athletic and Convocation
Center at Ursuline Academy

Sept 28.....St. Louis, MO
Ursuline Academy
Board Meeting

Oct 6-8.....St. Louis, MO
Family wedding, visit

Oct 9St. Louis, MO
Bishops Meeting for
Major Superiors

Next team meeting October 17-18

Jean

Sept 14.....St. Louis, MO
LCWR Region X Meeting

Sept 19.....St. Louis, MO
Ursuline Academy
Heritage Days

Sept 28.....St. Louis, MO
Ursuline Academy
Board Meeting

Sept 30.....St. Louis, MO
Sr. Antona Ebo Social Justice
Conference

Oct 5-9Chicago, IL
Roman Union Gathering

Oct 11Springfield, IL
Loretto Home

Maria Teresa

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December 1.....Annual Report due to Rita Ann



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DO something
MOVETIVE,
get moving &
CREDETI,
be confident
SFORZATIVE,
risk new things
SPERATE,
stick with it
GRIDATE ALLUI CO'L COR VOSTRO:
get on your knees
CHE SENZA DUBIO VEDERETI
then be ready for
COSE MIRABILE
Big Surprises
S. ANGELA MERICI