

BYLINES

The Ursuline Sisters of the Eastern Province

*"Live in harmony,
united in one heart
and one will."*

A Note from Our Leadership

Dear Friends,

We're thrilled to begin our 2023/2024 fiscal year with the Fall 2023 edition of Bylines, now in digital form. Our goal is to keep our partners informed on the latest news surrounding the Ursulines. This electronic version of our newsletter is designed to simplify distribution and publications. We hope you enjoy our latest edition.

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We're looking forward to the new fiscal year and anticipate a bright future ahead. With COVID in the background, we're eager for new opportunities to re-engage with our supporters in person.

The Sisters are deeply grateful for your support of our mission and you and your loved ones are a part of our network of prayer.

Peace & Blessings,

Srs. Maureen Welch, OSU, Brenda Buckley, OSU, and Pat Schifini, OSU



Students at the Saint Angela's School in Cameroon

Become a Partner in the Ursuline Global Mission

The Ursuline Sisters of the Eastern Province are part of an international family of Ursulines known as the Ursulines of the Roman Union - **a global community moving into the future and moving into new life**. Our founder, St. Angela Merici, established the Ursuline Sisters with a vision of education and empowerment of women. The Ursulines have upheld this tradition, by successfully establishing schools throughout the world in countries like Brazil, Cambodia, Kenya, and Cameroon.

We support the missions of our Ursuline Sisters worldwide, and have currently partnered with our Sisters in Cameroon who are running a primary school. Saint Angela's School was established by an Ursuline Sister in 1993, and has an enrollment of 700 students and 16 teachers. In Cameroon, societal factors and a culture that values boys' education over girls' hinders children's access to education, with only 47.7% of girls attending primary school compared to 56.7% of boys. Since its inception, the school has heavily relied on donations from benefactors who can no longer provide support. The Eastern Province has stepped in to keep the doors of this crucial institution open. We invite you to join us in this partnership to further the Ursuline Global Mission.

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In Memoriam

We would like to honor and remember the Sisters who entered into eternal life this year. Their dedication to the Ursuline mission and generosity of spirit and love deserves our appreciation. Their memory will live on forever in our hearts. May their souls rest in peace.

[Click Here](#) to read their obituaries and view their service.

Upcoming Events

Feast of Saint Ursula

Date: October 21, 2023

Giving Tuesday

Date: Tuesday, November 28, 2023

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR

September is the start of our 2023/2024 Fiscal year. To mark the occasion we would like to showcase some of the highlights of 2022/2023.



Sr. Ann Dumas (second from the right) with students from The Ursuline School during the Ursuline Second Annual International Day of Serviam.



Sr. Brenda Buckley reading to students at John Cardinal O'Connor School during Catholic School Week.



From left to right David Lorden, Sr. Brenda Buckley, Jessica Lorden, & Sr. Jeannie Humphries during reception at our Mass of Thanksgiving celebration.



Second Annual International Day of Serviam

On Saturday, January 28, the Sisters supported our schools, The Ursuline School, New Rochelle, NY, The Academy of Mount Saint Ursula, Bronx, NY, and The Ursuline Academy, Wilmington, DE, as they partook in the Ursuline Second Annual International Day of Serviam where Ursuline Schools across the country do service work to mark the Feast of Saint Angela. The Ursuline School and The Academy of Mount Saint Ursula teamed up to prepare 500 lunches to feed those most in need in our community, working with HOPE Community Services, Serviam Gardens, and St. Peters Church in Yonkers.

Catholic School Week

During the week of February 3rd, in celebration of Catholic School Week, Sr. Brenda Buckley and Sr. Pat Schifini visited John Cardinal O'Connor School to participate in World Reading Day where they read to students and participated in activities on guided meditation and breathing.

Mass of Thanksgiving

For the first time in two years, on June 20, The Ursulines of the Eastern Province held an in person Mass of Thanksgiving celebration in honor of our donors, associates, students, colleagues, alumnae, Sisters, and friends which was held at our Province Center in New Rochelle. The evening began with reception in the Angela Garden room, followed by dinner in our dining room and concluded with Mass in the chapel. It was a delight to connect with friends and we look forward to doing it again next year.

The Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR)

On August 8 - 11, Srs. Maureen Welch and Pat Schifini, joined more than 700 women religious leaders in Dallas, TX, at the 2023 LCWR Assembly entitled Drawn by Sacred Mystery: A Journey into Hope. Attendees explored the realities facing US religious life today through a cosmic lens, noting how their story fits with what is evolving and emerging in the larger universe. They also explored how they can grow in awareness of the sacred mystery that surrounds them and trust its movement within their lives and the lives of their institutes.

Ursuline Sisters Commemorate National Migration Week with Prayer

On September 21, to commemorate National Migration Week (September 18 to 24th), The Ursuline Sisters of the Eastern Province participated in the Interfaith Prayer in Commemoration of National Migration Week hosted by the Office of Hispanic Ministry. The Interfaith Prayer service shone a light on the root causes that drive migration. It consisted of prayers for migrants in the words of five different faiths and presenters shared how they see the love of our common God reaching out to help migrants directly or through their advocates. The Ursulines recognize that the suffering of migrants and refugees is a pressing global issue and continue our work to promote justice and peace.

From left to right: Sr. Pat Schifini, Sr. Margaret Johnson, Sr. Peggy Moore, Sr. Maureen Welch and Sr. Elisa Ryan at the LCWR Conference.