

Bylines

Ursulines of the Eastern Province SPRING 2014

URSULINES AT ANDRUS *Bridget Puzon, OSU*

On February 25, 2014, Sister Kathryn Fitzgerald celebrated her 100th birthday, with a gathering of Ursulines at Andrus on Hudson, where Kathryn resides. A festive occasion, she enjoyed the party with sisters who also are residents there and sisters from her former community of St. Teresa in New Rochelle. The occasion provides a picture of the sisters at Andrus who are part of the province, and whose care requires specialized service.

The formal name of Andrus has a sub-title that is descriptive: A Long-Term Care Community Fostering Independence and Well-being for Elders. Looking around the table at the birthday party reveals the way that Andrus' mission affects sisters with varying disabilities and health needs. It's never good news to hear that one needs a long-term health-care facility. Yet, care and companionship ease the adjustment to living away from home in an elder residence much larger and diverse than the communities the sisters formerly lived in.

an interesting and varied group they are, living with serious physical or cognitive limitations with dignity and good cheer. Depending on each one's capacities and abilities, the sisters interact with each other and participate in activities of the residence. Sister Mary Jane Robertshaw, who for years taught art at the College of New Rochelle, attended an art class and talked to the group about her sculpture of St. Angela, as well as encouraging the participants to try their

hand at drawing. Some, like Sisters Marjorie Stumpf and Virginia Maxwell, visit other residents who might not be able to get around easily or who are bedridden.

Thanks to her trusty computer, Sister Marie Albert Walsh continues as a dauntless worker for the organization where she last served, the Ministry of Caring in Wilmington. Sister Eileen Fane, who founded the Adult Learning Center in New Rochelle, was interviewed for a

video presentation on the work of the Center. It will be used for promotion and fundraising. Sisters Winifred Danwitz, Gloria Marie Sullivan, and Marie Albert Walsh formerly served on the Residents Council. For the sisters at Andrus life is changed, not taken away.

One most unusual development involves Sister Irene Mahoney, an established writer who has lost most of her sight, and at 93 continues to think "writerly." In regular conversations with a man at the dining room table, she became interested in his stories about service in World War II. He is delighted to tell his stories. And Sister Irene consulted with his family, *Continued on p. 6*



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Left to right: Sisters Pascal Conforti (Delegate Superior, Andrus on Hudson), Marjorie Stumpf (resident at Andrus), Maureen McCarthy (province health coordinator) and Irene Mahoney (resident at Andrus)

Supplementing the services of Andrus and mindful of the sisters' dedication as religious, Sister Pascal Conforti is delegate superior to the Ursuline residents, seeing to their comfort and care. And what

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FROM THE EDITOR

Bylines heard from a couple of you with possible stories for this publication. Thank you.

As we work on those story ideas, we invite other readers to drop a note to the Editor about all things Ursuline. Maybe this is a specific moment framed by a recollection. Perhaps this is an observation about a practice or perspective cultivated over many years. Can you offer comments



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on an article in this issue or an earlier issue of *Bylines*?

Simply, we want to hear the clarity of your voice. If you have photos, please include these with your name and a phone number. If sending as an e-mail, the address is devofc@aol.com. Please put 'Letter to the Editor' in the subject line. Hard copies may be sent to: Ursuline Provincialate, 1338 North Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10804. Mark your envelope "Letter to the Editor."

I look forward to hearing from you.

Roxanne Zimmer

News & Notes



Marie of the Incarnation

In February it was reported that Mother Marie of the Incarnation, Ursuline missionary to Canada, and two other key figures from the "New World," will be declared saints before the end of the year. **Mother Denis Mahoney, OSU (Irene Mahoney)**, wrote a biography of her life, *Marie of the Incarnation: Mystic and Missionary* (Doubleday, 1964).

The Adult Learning Center (ALC) held its 17th Annual Gala Benefit on April 3, 2014, at The Fountainhead in New Rochelle. This year's honorees for service to the local community of New Rochelle were Jewelle Prieto, restaurateur, the Don Coqui Restaurant Group; Stephen J. Trauzzi, M.D., F.A.C.S., consultant urologist on staff at Calvary Hospital, Westchester Medical Center, Lawrence Hospital and St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital; and ALC graduate Angela Picardo, R.N., who was recognized as "Volunteer in the Spotlight" and who is a volunteer teacher of ESL.

Ursuline Educational Services (UES) will hold its global education conference at the College of New Rochelle from June 15-20. The conference, Global Education in the Ursuline Spirit, will foster collabora-

tion among educational institutions sponsored by or affiliated with Ursuline Sisters worldwide. Participants will share successful educational endeavors as well as strategies for fostering Ursuline values in the classroom. Participants will also develop or reinforce partnerships among Ursuline schools worldwide.

Sr. Martha Counihan, OSU was recently awarded a grant in coordination with the archivist at Manhattanville College on the National Federation of Catholic College Students, a social action organization among Catholic colleges, universities, and Newman clubs. NFCCS involved thousands of students in several regions. The College of New Rochelle and Manhattanville were active participants between 1937 and 1967. Read about the grant and see digitized materials at www.cnr.edu on the Gill Library web page.

On March 10 **The Upper Room** hosted Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus Emil A. Wcela from the Diocese of Rockville Center. Bishop Wcela, Scripture scholar, author, lecturer, award-winning columnist and past president and member of the Catholic Biblical Association, presented his views on Lay Ministry Since Vatican II.

Last fall, **Sr. Beth Dowd, OSU** and Songcatchers received the Diversity Award from the American Jewish Committee. The Songcatcher After-School Music Program engages children of low-income families in song while building diversity in the local community. Video of the Awards Breakfast, including the Songcatchers performance may be seen at www.songcatchers.org.

On April 27 at 3 p.m. Songcatchers will hold a concert in St. Gabriel's auditorium, New Rochelle, featuring the talented volunteers from the After-School Music Program and the Songcatcher Choir Camp. The program will include instrumental solos and ensembles, and conclude with combined choral and

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As I See It

Mary Sullivan, OSU

This is my final column of "As I See It." Eight years in the leadership of our community are now behind me.

A feeling of profound gratitude wells up in me when I reflect on this time. I have learned and been given so much through your support, encouragement, challenge, and good humor. It has been a pleasure to meet many of you at our events, and to reach out in letters and publications.

My beginning as provincial was marked by a great loss – the death of Sister Dorothy Ann Kelly. It was a moment of profound sadness, temporary paralysis, and then the realization that her spirit was present and would lead us on. The Province came together as did all her colleagues and friends, to remember her and to pay tribute to her achievements.

Last month I was present at the Harbor Club on Glen Island at a CNR gala honoring Dorothy and other alumnae, and it was inspiring to listen to the accomplishments of the honorees. "Women of achievement" was what Dorothy was about in her years of service and what each Ursuline has strived to do in her ministry: encouraging individuals to use their gifts for others, for the growth of the kingdom of God.



As I see it at this time I am inspired and encouraged by two wonderful events this year, one past and one to come. The General Chapter of Ursulines held in Rome last fall was a transforming event for the participants; the call from this gathering, "to dare to be the change we wish to see in our world,...and to respond to the cries of the earth and its people," will reverberate wherever Ursulines live and work.

The other event is the forthcoming Ursuline Global Education Conference being sponsored by UES, Ursuline Educational Services. This will bring together Ursulines and their colleagues from around the world to look at education from a global perspective. The Conference will take place at The College of New Rochelle, June 15–20, with representatives from Ursuline schools in the U.S. and around the globe, from every continent. What possibilities!

And, as I see it for myself, after some rest, I will reinsert myself in searching for the deeper meaning of the "universe story" through reading and reflection and a workshop, "The Mystical Perspective of Earth and Cosmic Consciousness." In dealing with the smaller details of life, I find it helpful to keep looking at the larger picture. And then, who knows?

Finally, as I see it, Ursulines, their friends, and benefactors have been blessed and gifted. So in the words of Angela, "Continue the good work you have begun" and have confidence in her promise, "I will always be in your midst..." Amen.

URSULINES ELECT NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM

At a Provincial Chapter held on February 8, 2014, the Roman Union Ursulines of the Eastern Province elected a new Provincial Prioress and Provincial Council. Sr. Jane Finnerty, currently serving on the present Provincial Council, was elected Provincial. She will replace current provincial, Sr. Mary Sullivan. The newly elected provincial and councilors will assume office on May 1, 2014.

Sr. Jane's recent previous ministries, besides those in province roles, include Pastoral Associate/Religious Education Coordinator at St. John the Baptist Parish in Yonkers; Executive Director of the Religious Formation Conference National Office in Washington, DC, and Tertian Directress for the Ursulines, in Rome.

The newly elected Provincial Councilors are Sr. Ann Peterson, currently serving on the present Provincial Council; Sr. Patricia Russell, currently Owners Representative for Property Development and Leasing for the province; Sr. Joan Woodcome, Director of Special Projects at The Ursuline School in New Rochelle; and Sr. Maureen Welch, Assistant Director of the Partnership for Global Justice, an NGO at the UN.



The new provincial team at a celebration reception following their election. From left to right - Councilors: Sr. Patricia Russell, Sr. Maureen Welch, Sr. Joan Woodcome, Sr. Ann Peterson and Provincial Sr. Jane Finnerty.

ASSOCIATE PROFILE: ***ALICE DUFFY GRANT***

Martha Counihan, OSU

When the Ursuline Associates were formed in the late 1980s at the initiative of Sr. Carol Ranges, two groups in New Rochelle emerged. One included a number of CNR alumnae who were active in the College of New Rochelle Alumnae Association; the other, mentored by Sr. Jeanne Brennan, included women who were employed at the college. Sr. Mary Boyan, former faculty member and a long-time member of the Alumnae Board, invited those on the Board to consider joining the group she was forming. Alice Duffy Grant, also a long-time participant on the Alumnae Board, eagerly joined.

Alice is a graduate of The College of New Rochelle (also the daughter and sister of alumnae) and has long been active in CNR alumnae and other college organizations. Currently retired from 34 years of teaching history at Pelham High School where she was involved in myriad teaching and mentoring activities, Alice became an Ursuline Associate early in its history and continues to be an active member. Presently, she provides teacher training/professional development for New York State school districts and for the College Board as well as ongoing professional development for teachers in Catholic high schools locally and on Long Island.

Alice has recently been involved in recruiting for the Admissions Office at CNR via her contacts with Catholic high schools and guidance teachers. She said, "I consider myself fortunate to have received such excellent academic and personal preparation at CNR for the teaching and mentoring responsibilities I was asked to assume in my career."



Photo: T. Eppridge

Alice Duffy Grant

Alice lives in Bronxville and helps her historian husband, Dr. Philip Grant, in his research, teaching, and conferences. The two met at St. John's University where Alice earned her MA in history.

In 2002, Alice and a CNR classmate, Beth Ball Hofstetter, worked with Sr. Dorothy Ann Kelly to establish a lecture series, The Upper Room, a forum for lay Catholics to examine current church issues, especially in the light of Vatican II teaching. The group continues to sponsor forums several times a year.

Alice enjoys her involvement with the Associates, her work with teacher education, and recruitment for her alma mater. When she is not buzzing around doing these fine services or helping Phil with his conference presentations, she enjoys relaxing at her family's home in Southold, NY, on the North Fork of Long Island. Alice continues her service in all seasons.

ORIGINS OF THE URSULINE ASSOCIATES

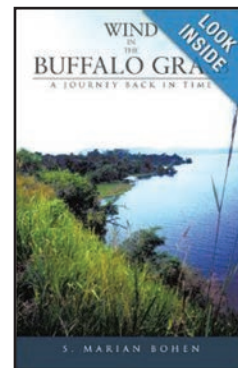
Martha Counihan, OSU

(Based on a presentation Martha gave to Malone, NY Associates)

In 1591, members of St. Angela's Company arrived in Avignon and in 1604, several moved to Toulouse. It was in France that the members of the Company began to be called "Ursulines." The new women of the Company in Toulouse were subjected to some gossip because they were not living in a cloister. They, nevertheless, attracted vocations and succeeded in establishing a school for girls. These Ursulines taught the catechism and performed other good works. To assist them in their good works, they assembled a group of lay women named the *Dames de Sainte Ursule*.

The Associates were lay women (like Ursuline Associates of today); they engaged in a period of formation. The Toulouse Associates had a two month probation period and were accompanied by an Ursuline for spiritual advice. An Associate leader chosen by their group served for three years. In addition to assisting the Ursulines in their apostolate, the *Dames* were encouraged to assemble weekly, pray daily, and do spiritual reading. Today their legacy has passed to Ursuline Associates.

In *Wind in the Buffalo Grass*, Sr. Marian Bohen reflects on her almost twenty-five years as an Ursuline missionary in Indonesia. With humor and wisdom, she takes us on a journey of a fulfilled life among ethnic and religious groups in Java, Kalimantan and Western Papua, where she discovers the richness of the human family in the language and customs of the people she encounters. *Wind in the Buffalo Grass* is available from amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com, authorhouse.com or call the Book Order Hotline, at 1-888-280-7715.



JUBILARIANS OF 2014

On the anniversary of their religious profession we honor the Ursulines who have dedicated their lives to God and who have faithfully served others and the church. A celebration of their profession of the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience in the Eastern Province of Ursulines of the Roman Union, will be held in May. This year our Jubilarians were asked to reflect on the occasion. Their responses follow.

75 YEARS - JANUARY 1939



Anne Marie Kelleher

"When I was 10 years old, I first saw two Ursulines laughing and talking to each other. I found myself saying, 'I want to be like that when I grow up.' On January 24, 1939, I woke up, looked out the window, and began to sing a song popular at that time: 'It's June in January, because I'm in love.' It was my profession day. On January 24, 1980, on my return trip to Africa, on a hotel stopover at dinner, a song came over the speaker, 'It's June in January.'"

I have come to realize the Gift of Memory in these and other experiences. How grateful I am for God's word, presence, and working in my life and others."

60 YEARS - JANUARY 1954



Mildred Haibt

"Looking back on these challenging and enriching experiences, I find myself deeply grateful and blessed for God's call to the Ursulines."

"As an Ursuline, I am grateful for the education and training in the spiritual life and for the freedom I have had to follow what I felt called to and where I could make a contribution."



Carole Marie Keaney

"It was at the College of New Rochelle that I first met the Ursulines. Remarkably distinctive personalities though they were, two things struck me about them as a group: they prayed, and they loved each other. In all these years, they've never let me down. It's humbling to be one of them. Thank you, thank you."



Marie-Celine Miranda



Mary Jane Robertshaw

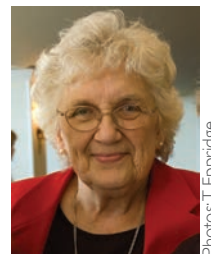
"My Ursuline life has broadened my outlook on life, and it continues to be a never-ending learning experience that continues to this day."

"What an absolute gift my vocation is. Perhaps gratitude is the only response to the gift of these many years. I am grateful for the many changes in religious life, especially reclaiming my name, for my music, and most of all for my family, always accepting, always life-giving. And for my long-suffering Ursuline sisters. I am grateful for their example, their support, and their forbearance. How could I have made it through without them?"



Elizabeth Ann Sommer

"Sixty years of ups and downs in life have increased my gratitude to so many of my family, friends, and fellow Ursulines. Life called me to be present in a variety of cultures and religions in Asia, notably Indonesia, and the western world, increasing knowledge of God by and in so many others. The God within us is revelatory, so revealing of our world. I am truly grateful for life and for all who are in my life."



Dolores Yanshak

Photos: T. Eppridge

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60 YEARS - JULY 1954



Bridget Puzon

"It's been a wonderful life, rich with interesting people, good friends, and a loving God. I hope I make God smile--and even LOL."

From the beginning, Mary Walter knew she wanted to serve in the missions. She has fulfilled that calling from her profession to her appointment to Thailand, with generosity of spirit, dauntless humor, and unflagging service, even reaching beyond Thailand to assist in a variety of works in other parts of southeast Asia and for the regional bishops conference. Incapacitated at this time, she is a well-loved jubilarian.



Mary Walter Santer

"Gratitude: for the call and presence of God all along the journey; for the many happy years teaching and service to the



province; for the beautiful persons I've met – sisters, students, friends. Everything is gift, the grace of a loving God."

Doris Therese Wallbridge

Photos: T. Eppridge

50 YEARS - MARCH 1964



Mary Alice Duggan

"I hope to continue to serve the people of God for years to come, and when the time comes for me to slow down, I hope I can open my hands to receive what surprises the Lord has in store for me. Perhaps, I'll tend a little garden!"



Eileen Finnerty

"The infinite goodness of God, the love and fidelity of my Ursuline Sisters, and the knowledge, that in these changing times, St. Angela is with us lending aid to our prayers encourages me to continue to open my heart to God's call."

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who are also interested in getting a record of his life, as she undertakes doing a narrative of his experiences. He asserted with vigor: "I'm gonna be a book!"

And then there is the satisfaction of finding people at Andrus who have past connections with Ursulines, such as the sister of the late Sister Marie Jerome Murray. The sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame who are residents share the daily Mass. One of them formerly worked in the library of the Academy of Mount St. Ursula. One of the Little Sisters of the Assumption residents formerly worked with Sister Pascal at St. Clare's Hospital.

Andrus has a rehabilitation facility that provides therapy to get people going - and it does. Some Ursulines have benefited from it for short term treatment as well as its care for the residents.

In her specific position for the Ursulines at Andrus,

Sister Pascal is assisted by three others, employed by the Ursulines: Kathy Vernazza, a Registered Nurse, is full-time, tending to the sisters' health needs; Certified Nursing Assistant Calli Patterson fulfills a multitude of personal services; and Danielle Iodice assists in things like taking sisters for walks, shopping, and appointments. They are a fine and dedicated team whose attentiveness and good service contribute to the care, comfort, and companionship of the Ursuline elders at Andrus.

Visitors, whether sisters of the province, relatives, or friends, are expressions of care for the sisters and connections to the world that is still theirs.

This portrait outlines how Ursuline benefactors and friends contribute to enriching the lives of the elderly and infirm Ursuline sisters as they live out their dedicated lives.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Throughout the year, in response to various mailings, friends of the Ursulines entrust prayer requests to the sisters of the province. This is especially true - and is one of the joys of the season - in the tree ornaments for the Province Center Christmas trees with the accompanying prayer requests to the Ursulines.

This year, around Christmas, an informal group of sisters talked about receiving some of the prayer requests. The sisters, who are part of a network for prayer petitions, were so pleased to be asked to pray with these friends for intentions—mostly people—dear to the hearts of those who sent them. In this group, it turned out that one of the sisters received a petition from a former CNR classmate whom she hadn't had contact with in years. So, she followed up by calling her classmate and happily renewing their acquaintance. That is only one symbol of the satisfaction felt by all.

Most of all, the opportunity to act on the prayer requests all season long is a way the Ursulines say thank you to friends and benefactors, all joined in God's loving care.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Through the generosity of a small group of donors (names listed in the 2012-2013 *Annual Report*) and a grant from the W. O'Neil Foundation, the Ursulines installed a generator at St. Teresa's Convent in New Rochelle.

In the event of a future power outage, the sisters can now be assured of continued electricity for lights, elevator, heating system, and food service.

We are grateful to those who contributed to this project.



Photos: Ray Cacaciore

Recently installed generator at St. Teresa's Convent.



Photos: T. Eppridge

Sr. Simone Campbell speaking at The College of New Rochelle

CELEBRATING ST. ANGELA

On January 25, two days before the feast of Ursuline foundress St. Angela Merici, the sisters of the province gathered to honor her in recommitting to her spirit and vision. Associates and friends were invited to share the occasion, held at the College of New Rochelle to accommodate the gathering.

The highlight of the day was speaker Sr. Simone Campbell, director of Network and a national voice for Catholic social justice in American life. Her talk was called "Hearts on Fire: Welcoming the Stranger." Simone began her presentation with a tribute to St. Angela and to the companions she has inspired through the centuries. Drawing on the contemplative response, a practice developed to consider current issues, what followed was an exploration of those issues affecting women religious, notably the censure of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, and the many issues regarding "the pain of the world."

Using Biblical narratives, she spoke of the Burning Bush, illuminating the radical acceptance of "a world worth fighting for," and the story of the Samaritan woman whom Jesus, against the customs of the time, asked for help, a cup of water, whereby abundant blessings opened up to her in unexpected places.

While Sr. Simone spoke eloquently of the contemplative spirit with which to approach the needs of our times, she used poems she has written to express what she described. "I ache, tremble/almost weep at folks . . . faced with spiritual famine/of epic proportions. . . . Apostle like, I whine:/ 'What are we among so many?'" For women religious in these times of great change in their lives along with great opportunities to serve, she invoked the rich heritage of prayer and service. And what is the answer? "The consistent 2000 year-old/ever-new response is:/ 'Blessed and broken, you are/ enough.' I savor the blessed,/ cower at the broken and/ pray to be enough" (from *Loaves and Fishes*).

WILMINGTON CONVENT CLOSES

In 1893, the Ursuline nuns were asked by Bishop Alfred A. Curtis to establish a school in Wilmington, Delaware. For the past 120 years, they have served students and their families from throughout the greater Wilmington community with great love and respect. The convent in the center of the Ursuline Academy campus housed hundreds of Ursuline Sisters over time, visitors from other Ursuline schools throughout the world, and even served as a home for student boarders from 1924 to 1953. St. Angela reminds us that change is inevitable and that the Sisters should seek advice and make new decisions prudently. Today we have done just that.

After several years of discernment, the Ursuline Provincial Council made the decision in 2011 to close the Ursuline Convent in Wilmington. In February 2014 the Ursulines who were living in the convent moved out. This was a difficult decision occasioned by decreasing personnel, the health needs of aging Sisters, and increased costs from underutilization of the convent building. This story is not unique to the Ursulines, as many religious communities in the United States find themselves in similar situations.

Some of the Sisters will remain in Wilmington to keep alive their relationship with former students and with the Ursuline Associates. Sr. Betty McAdams is



teaching at the Ursuline Academy, Sr. Jeanne Cashman is contributing to the work of the Ministry of Caring, and Sr. Joanne Desmond is an active presence at The Lorelton. Sr. Carol Ann Holder serves in Compassionate Care Hospice, Sr. Marion Lynch continues in her spiritual ministry, and Sr. Mildred Haitp is active in building up Serviam Girls' Academy, for students who benefit from extra attention and opportunities.

Sr. Stephanie Wilson, superior of the Wilmington community, has been busy in clearing up remaining community business in the convent. Srs. Laurence Montgomery, Regina Gagnier and Jeanne Hamilton are living in the Bedford Park North Avenue community.

During January the Sisters' contributions were celebrated a number of times by the school, Associates, alumnae and friends of the community. Bishop Malooly, the Bishop of Wilmington, joined them for several of these occasions.

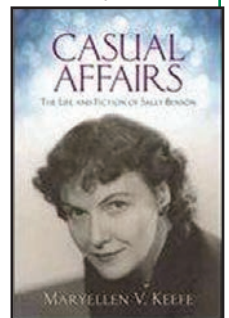
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instrumental selections – among them the beloved Canon by Pachelbel. Admission: contribution, \$5. For more information contact: songcatchers@gmail.com or 914-654-1178.

During the months before this year's Super Bowl, the Coalition of Religious Congregations Against the Trafficking of Persons (CRC-STOP) and the Tri State Coalition for Responsible Investment (TriCri) worked together with about four hundred volunteers informing hotels in New Jersey and New York about the ECPAT Code of Conduct. The code addresses the accelerated trafficking of young people around large sports events and the project is intended to prevent trafficking. **Srs. Miriam Cleary** and **Alrie Giordano** prepared relevant information regarding hotels and contacts, and students from the Academy of Mount St. Ursula volunteered for this project.

Casual Affairs: the Life and Fiction of Sally Benson by Maryellen Keefe, OSU, Ph. D., has been released by SUNY Press. It is the only biography of a woman whose fiction inspired the popular Hollywood film, *Meet Me in St. Louis*, soon to celebrate its 70th anniversary.

Keefe's biography draws chiefly from personal correspondence, interviews with Benson's family members and *New Yorker* colleagues, and research in the *New Yorker* magazine's archives. This long-awaited biography of Sally Benson should interest scholars in women's studies, film history, gender studies, and women's fiction.



Available for pre-order from www.sunypress.edu, www.amazon.com or www.barnesandnoble.com, *Casual Affairs* will ship in June.

IN MEMORIAM



Sister Lorette Brophy, OSU

March 17, 1921 – September 16, 2013

Sister Lorette Brophy died on September 16, 2013, in Krugersdorp, South Africa.

She entered the Ursulines in 1944, after graduating in 1943 from The College of New Rochelle. She taught in New Rochelle at Blessed Sacrament School and The Ursuline School before becoming principal at the Ursuline Academy in Bethesda.

St. Lorette went on to serve in a variety of positions over the years

as principal, superior, mistress of juniorate, and treasurer in the province, in the northeastern province, in the Generalate, and in South Africa.

Sr. Lorette was born and named Patricia, in New York in 1921 to Loretta and Francis Brophy. She had three sisters and a brother, and is survived by many nieces and nephews.

Sister Mary Larkin (formerly Mother Evangelista) died peacefully at Calvary Hospital on October 21, 2013.

During her 60 years as an Ursuline, Sr. Mary was a teacher at parochial schools in the Bronx, Westchester, Franklin, and Orange Counties.

When she retired from teaching, Sr. Mary worked in several parishes as a Pastoral Associate both in New York and New Jersey, and then as a volunteer chaplain at Phelps Memorial Hospital.



Sister Mary Larkin, OSU

November 9, 1931 – October 21, 2013

Born in the Bronx on November 9, 1931, she was the daughter of Catherine and Michael Larkin.

She entered the Ursuline Sisters in 1950 and made her First Profession of Vows in 1953.

She is predeceased by her parents and her sister, Kathleen. Sister Mary is survived by a niece and a nephew.

Sister Margaret Hamilton (formerly Mother Mary Loyola) died peacefully at Andrus on Hudson on March 12, 2014. Known as Peg, she was an alumna of the College of New Rochelle Class of 1948. She made her first profession on January 16, 1953.

Peg began her ministry of teaching in 1956 at St. Angela's School and next at St. Philip Neri School, both in the Bronx. She earned an M.A. in history from Fordham in 1956. From 1960 to 1963 she taught at the Ursuline Academy in Dedham, Massachusetts. She then spent a year teaching at St. Ursula School in Brazil. She returned to St. Jerome School, and after a year of tertianship 1968-1969, continued there until 1972. In 1974 Peg earned

an M.S. in Library Science at Villanova University, and served as Librarian at the Academy of Mount St. Ursula from 1974 to 1993. She was active in the Catholic Library Association, New York Chapter. In 1993 she retired at the Bedford Park community. Because of poor health, she moved to the Marian Residence in 2001, and then to Andrus in 2005, where she was known for her gentleness in these years.

Peg was born in Bridgeport, Conn., on August 31, 1926, to Isabelle and Phillip Hamilton, who predeceased her. She was also predeceased by three brothers, John, Phillip, and Richard. Her brother Fredrick (Ted) resides in Newton, Conn., and she has many nieces and nephews.



Sister Margaret Hamilton, OSU
August 31, 1926 – March 12, 2014

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PROVINCE MISSION STATEMENT

We, Ursulines of the Eastern Province of the United States, are women religious in an international community, united by the vision and spirit of our foundress, St. Angela Merici.

Impelled by deep personal love for Jesus Christ, Angela sought in a life of prayer and action to bring people from all segments of society to a deeper love of God and one another.

We follow Angela in the service of this twofold love. While we continue to proclaim the Gospel in our traditional work of education, we welcome the call of the Spirit to new ministries.

In response to the needs of our times, we commit ourselves, in both our life and our work, to solidarity with the poor; to the pursuit of justice for all, especially women; and to collaboration with the laity.

As a community that values both tradition and progress, we move into the future with courage and with trust in God.