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Sister Mary Sullivan, OSU, former assistant provincial and director of the office of Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation, assumed the position of Provincial of the Ursulines of the Eastern Province of the United States on May 1, 2009.

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THE CURSE OF SLAVERY - ALIVE AND WELL

By Bridget Puzon, O.S.U.

When we studied American history in elementary school, the story of the Civil War introduced the topic of slavery—and viewed slavery as something from the past, long gone. Only later did the full import of slavery's meaning and consequences strike us.

We now take for granted our window on the world provided by global communications. Instant information sources enable an unprecedented awareness of worldwide events. The picture is a mixed one, from the trivial to the important, with strife and violence, courage and heroism, and every form of human behavior.

It's no surprise, then, that religious congregations of women around the world have united in their commitment to end modern slavery and heal the victims.

Among the inhumanities we now witness is slavery in the form of trafficking in human beings for commercial purposes: forced labor and prostitution. The number of slaves worldwide is in the millions, and the U.S. Department of State estimates that 80 percent are female, 20 percent male, and half of those slaves are children. Profit for the traffickers is billions of dollars. So, slavery isn't dead, as we had thought.

It's no surprise, then, that religious congregations of women around the world have united in their commitment to end modern slavery and heal the victims. The title of a recent book says it all:

Not for Sale: The Return of the Global Slave Trade—and How We Can Fight It, by David Batstone. For instance, UNANIMA International (www.unanima-international.org/english/program/program_traffic.htm) a coalition of sixteen congregations of women religious, provides direction, strategies, and action suggestions. In New York State, the Coalition of Religious Congregations sets its goal as bringing these crimes to public attention, supporting legislative action to achieve prevention, and providing help for the victims.

The global dimensions of slavery include American cities and neighborhoods, the focus of Kevin Bales and Ron Srodatter's book, *The Slave Next Door: Human Trafficking and Slavery in America Today*.

Ursuline Sister Geraldine Kennedy, a lawyer and Associate Director of LifeWay Network, is engaged in ministry that works to stop modern slavery, and some of the sisters of the province volunteer their time and skills to the goals of the coalition. But as "big bucks" are involved in what is a profitable criminal activity, so have the criminals who traffic in people organized to defend their trade. Regarding specifics in counteracting slavery, restraint about names and locations is a necessity for the protection of victims and those working to stop trafficking.

The efforts of women religious coordinate with the work of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. The United States government, through the State Department (described in its thorough overview in the *Trafficking in Persons Report*) and the Department of Health and Human Services, has put its weight behind the responsibility for preventing and ending these crimes. Law focuses on prevention, prosecution, and punishment. Non-governmental organizations focus on the enslaved people and their needs, helping them rebuild their lives.

In June, the State Department published its Ninth Annual *Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report* (www.state.gov/secretary/rm/20090a/06/124872.htm). Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton introduces the report: "Trafficking has a broad global impact . . . It weakens economies, fuels violence, threatens public health and safety, shatters families, and shreds the social fabric that is necessary for progress. And it is an affront to our basic values and our fundamental belief that all people everywhere deserve to live and work in safety and dignity."

(Bridget Puzon, O.S.U.)



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News and Notes

In April **Sr. Maryellen Keefe** presented a paper entitled "Maritime's Strange Entry into SUNY" at a conference on "SUNY and the Promise of Public Higher Education: A Scholarly Conference on SUNY's 60th Anniversary." A longer version of the paper, "SUNY Maritime: A History," will be published by the SUNY Press in a forthcoming book.

On June 2, 2009, **Sr. Dorothy Ann Kelly** was honored posthumously by Suzi Oppenheimer, NY State Senator, as a 2009 Woman of Distinction. Each year the New York State Senate honors a select group of outstanding women who make our world and our lives better.

Sr. Irene Kutsky was honored posthumously in March at an exhibit, "Women as Heroes: Women Teachers as Mentors," at New Rochelle High School's Museum of Arts and Culture. The exhibit was in celebration of Women's History Month 2009. Grace Power Fraioli, former student of Irene Kutsky, chose to honor Irene. On display was a porcelain work by Irene, "In Memoriam to Henry Okamoto," with a statement by Irene about her vocation as a ceramic artist. Accompanying this piece were photographs of her working with raku pottery.



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SURVEY ENCLOSED

Every once in a while, it is a good idea to reexamine things to make certain that we are not doing things the way we do them just because we've always done things that way.

And, so it is with *Bylines*.

Therefore, we ask you to please take a few moments and complete the survey that accompanies this issue. It will be enormously helpful to us in ensuring that this publication remains vital and relevant to its readership.

The Editorial Staff

A VISIT WITH SR. MARY RUSSO

By Bridget Puzon, O.S.U.,
based on an interview in August 2009.

Overlooking the Hudson River, Sister Mary Russo expressed her pleasure in seeing boats going by and in the view toward the palisades across the water. Her room at St. Cabrini Nursing Home in Dobbs Ferry, NY, holds mementos of her years in religious life and as a teacher. The most striking reminders are the bundles of recent letters from alumnae she keeps in touch with; a small file box nearby is her own version of an up-to-date rolodex.

I asked her about her teaching years. In 1952 Mother Mary (the title Ursulines then used) was assigned to teach in the classics department at the College of New Rochelle (CNR). She was prepared. Prior to what would be her lifetime at the college, elementary school students at Blessed Sacrament School in New Rochelle had, for six years, honed her teaching skills. As she recalls the following five years at The Ursuline School in New Rochelle, delighted laughter accompanies her account of teaching mathematics to the secondary school girls there. All this, while pursuing graduate work in classics at Fordham University, where she later earned the Ph.D. degree.

Mary loved her years as a faculty member at CNR. Her voice and expression brighten to those memories. A 1935 graduate, she had roots at the college where she had been a classics major. She exudes admiration for her

faculty colleagues in the warm way she describes them: Dr. Sheedy, Mr. Scully, and so many others. Her warmth turns to excitement when she explains the opportunities of the 1950s for women's Catholic colleges, opportunities recognized, in her judgment, by Mother Xavier whom she praises for her insight, as well as her expansive vision of broadening the diver-



Photos: Michele Foran



sity and deepening the richness of faculty and the curriculum.

For the first time, in 1950, instead of a male cleric, an Ursuline, Mother Dorothea Dunkerly, became the president of the college. The liberal arts flourished. Mary recalls the bright young faculty

who were appointed. Her joy in teaching students in Classical Civilization increased by also being house mother to a succession of young women in the small residence halls. She could tell some stories.

In 1957 Mary became dean of the college, an administrative position where she continued to routinely encounter students, particularly in interviewing them as they advanced into the choice of a major. She was a firm educator who wanted students to receive "the sacrament of knowledge." She put in place the means for integrating the disciplines, an innovation at the time. Social studies as an area of study was strengthened.

When I asked about her relationship with the students, she spontaneously responded: "I loved my students." She was a dependable presence to them, paradigm of an educator. She recalls one student from that time, whose talents in music could not be fully developed at CNR since there was no major in music. Mary's urging her to transfer met resistance from this happy CNR student. However, she did transfer, and she later became a professional musician—and friend of Mary's.

After seven years as dean from 1957 to 1964, Mary returned to teaching classics. In 1982 she was archivist to the college, a position she well served because of her years of active engagement there.

In her retirement it is not just the past that she reflects on; she reaches out to friends and former students and takes them into her prayers for their well-being in the present.



THANK YOU

Thank you to all our generous benefactors who participated in this year's May Calendar drawing. There were 31 winners with prizes ranging from \$100 to \$1000. The calendar highlights the winners in the 2009 May Calendar drawing.

May 2009					1	2
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Beatrice Cunningham Easton	Ann Hines LoVoi	Joseph Naccari	Anne Dore	Lyn & Dan Scanlon	Dolores McKeon Weber	Msgr. Bill Collins
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Richard Mecca						

NEWS AND NOTES *continued*

In its second year, **Serviam Girls Academy** (SGA) has moved from its temporary location in Wilmington, DE, to new quarters in New Castle, DE, for the new school year. The former Holy Spirit elementary school, led by the late **Margaret McCafferty O.S.U.** from 1987 to 1995 together with **Kathleen Mary Donahue, O.S.U.** from 1991 to 1994, closed in 2005. Now SGA occupies former Holy Spirit School, a far more spacious building that includes classrooms, library, gym, and kitchen.

Serviam Girls Academy is an all-scholarship middle school that provides underserved girls a strong academic program. The school is dependent on grants and donations from groups and individuals. The facilities enable SGA, reflecting the Ursuline tradition of education and based on the Nativity Miguel model, to pursue its mission of service to these girls as they envision and prepare their future.

The **Angela Spirituality Group** is holding a one-day retreat for women on "St. Angela Merici's Vision: Her Story/Our Story," on Saturday, October 17, 2009, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This third annual retreat explores the timelessness of the spirituality of St. Angela, foundress of the Ursulines. The day consists of presentations on St. Angela's legacy, conversations, and individual reflection time.

JUBLIARIANS 2010

Profession Name	Community
70 YEARS	
1/24/1940 Michelle Guerin (Marie Michel)	Andrus
Mary Thomas Maloney	Andrus
9/7/1940 Mary Russo	St. Cabrini
60 YEARS	
1/16/1950 Alice Bouchard (Joseph Marie)	St. Teresa's
Miriam Cleary (Ancilla)	St. Teresa's
Carol Ann Holder	Wilmington
Joan McCarthy (Mary John)	Liberty
50 YEARS	
1/6/1960 Ann Peterson (Charles)	St. Teresa's

IN MEMORIAM

Sister Dorothy Ann Kelly

Sister Dorothy Ann Kelly passed away unexpectedly on March 27. Her six-year term of office as provincial of the Ursulines of the Eastern Province was to be completed on May 31, 2009. Her skills, leadership, sense of humor, capacity for friendship, and devotion to the Ursulines, characterized a lifetime of service.

Sister Dorothy Ann became an Ursuline after she graduated from the College of New Rochelle (CNR) in 1951. In 1954 she made her vows, and in 1958 she earned a Master's degree in American Church History at the Catholic University of America. Her first teaching assignment was to St. Philip Neri School in the Bronx. Later she taught history at CNR and earned a doctorate in American Intellectual History at the University of Notre Dame.

Following five years as academic dean from 1967-1972, Dorothy Ann became president of CNR in 1972, a position she held until 1997. She brought about innovative changes at the college, founded as a liberal arts undergraduate college for women, by the creation for men and women of the School of New Resources, the Graduate School, and the School of Nursing. In 1997, Dorothy Ann was appointed Chancellor at CNR.

In 2001 she became superior of the Community of St. Teresa in New Rochelle. In 2003 she became provincial superior of the Eastern Province Ursulines where her leadership guided the province through significant changes according to the needs of the times for religious life.

Her service and memberships, both nationally and internationally, included serving on the Board of Trustees at Georgetown University, St. Aloysius School in Harlem, and Catholic University of America; Bridges to Peace (formerly Northern Ireland Peace People), and the U.S. delegation to the Fourth UN World Conference on Women in Beijing, China. She was also active locally, for example, as a member of the Boards of the Interreligious Council of New Rochelle, and Sound Shore Hospital Medical Center.

Sister Margaret McCafferty

Sister Margaret McCafferty entered the Ursuline Order in 1945; she was professed in 1948.

She brought her good humor, and devotedness to her students to her teaching, beginning in 1952 to 1959 in elementary school at St. Joseph's Academy, Malone, NY, and at St. Angela's School in the Bronx, NY, from 1960-1961. Margaret served as principal of the Ursuline Academy in Springfield, MA, from 1961-1971. She taught at the Ursuline Academy Junior

School in Wilmington, DE, from 1971-1972 where her administrative leadership skills led to her appointment as principal in 1972 until 1986. Later she became principal of Holy Spirit School in New Castle, DE from 1987 through 1995. In her retirement she served in various capacities for the Ursuline community in Wilmington.

A 1942 graduate of The Academy of Mt. St. Ursula, Bronx, NY, she earned a BA in mathematics from the College of New Rochelle and went on to earn an MS in elementary education from Fordham University in 1961. She served on various boards including the Board of Trustees of The Ursuline School in New Rochelle, the Academy of Mount St. Ursula, and the Mount St. Ursula Speech Center.

In 2008 she moved to Andrus on Hudson. In 2009, Sister Margaret McCafferty passed away at Calvary Hospital in the Bronx on March 27.

Sister Mary Raymond (Ursula) Harrigan

Members of Sister Mary Raymond Harrigan's community of Bedford Park emphasize her hospitality that welcomed and accommodated others under all sorts of circumstances. Her graciousness and steadfastness were matched by her practical skills in maintenance for the Bedford Park property.

Born in Ellenburg, New York, Mary Raymond graduated from St. Joseph's Academy in Malone. She earned a BA in history at the College of New Rochelle, going on to earn a Master's degree in education from Fordham University and a Master's in English from Lehman College.

Sister Mary Raymond entered the Ursuline Novitiate in July 1938 and made her vows as an Ursuline in 1941. She first taught in elementary school from 1944-1960 at St. Joseph's in Middletown, NY, then St. Jerome's and St. Philip Neri in the Bronx. In 1960 she became principal at Notre Dame School in Malone, NY. She was appointed principal of Ursuline Academy in Bethesda, MD, in 1965. She became prioress of the Malone community from 1969 to 1972.

She taught English and religion from 1972-1994 at the Academy of Mount St. Ursula in the Bronx. A member of the Bedford Park Community, she was Assistant Superior there from 1973-1979 and from 1991-1999. In her retirement from teaching, she served the community in a variety of tasks. Always she communicated peacefulness and a cheerful spirit. It was often said of her, "Everyone loves Raymond."

Sister Mary Raymond died at the age of 88 on May 18.

SERVIAM GARDENS



Summer months have brought construction to near completion for Serviam Gardens. For more photos, view the Web site osueast.org

The first 82 apartments are expected to be occupied in the fall. The project was featured on NY1 News on September 5-6. If you'd like to see it go to www.NY1.com and search for Dean Meminger (the reporter). At the conclusion the report links back to last year's story of the groundbreaking and shows the difference one year can make.

View of Serviam Gardens from the Bedford Park convent as of 9/12/09.



Ursulines gather in the lobby for the beginning of their tour of Serviam Gardens.



In September John Reilly, Director of the Fordham Bedford Housing Corporation, conducted several tours of Serviam Gardens for Ursulines and administrators of the Academy of Mount St. Ursula.

Left: John Reilly and Ursulines touring the kitchen area of a suite.

Bottom left: Second floor view of the Convent from a suite in Serviam Gardens. Below: View from Bainbridge and 198th Street.



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WEB UPDATES

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There are fewer than 100 *Ursulines In Song* CDs still available. This beautiful CD directed by Sr. Beth Dowd, OSU was produced in 2006 as part of the 150 years of Ursuline presence that started in the New York area and became the Eastern Province.

The CD was recorded live at the Holy Family Chapel, College of New Rochelle and the Chapel of the Province Center, New Rochelle, New York and features 24 Ursulines performing traditional and contemporary religious music.

Accompanists

Katie Calnon, Marcia Kimball, OSU, and Elizabeth McAdams, OSU

Singers

Alice Bouchard, OSU Mary Jo Lyons, OSU Brenda Buckley, OSU Elizabeth McAdams, OSU Katie Calnon
Jane Mennis, OSU Anne Curry, OSU Mary Jane Robertshaw, OSU Julia Dennehy, OSU
Patricia Russell, OSU Kathleen Mary Donohue, OSU Patricia Schifini, OSU Mary Dowd, OSU
Mary Shea, OSU Anne Thérèse Dillen, OSU Claire Smith, OSU Maryellen Keefe, OSU Marjorie Stumpf, OSU
Marcia Kimball, OSU Madeline Welch, OSU Kathleen Kuczkowski, OSU Dee Yanshak, OSU

Music

Sancta Angela-M. de la Trinité Millon, OSU *Non Nobis*-W. Byrd *All Are Welcome*-M. Haugen
Adoro Te-T. Dubois *Regina Coeli Jubila*-M. Praetorius *Lord of Glory*-M. Kimball, OSU
If You Believe and I Believe-Folk melody arr. J. L. Bell *O Esca Viatorum*-H. Isaac
The Good Shepherd Psalm-M. Kimball, OSU *Ubi Caritas*-Berthier/Gregorian chant
Breathe on Me-J. Chetham *We Are Called*-D. Haas *Ecce Ancilla Domini*-C. Lemieux, OSU
Tota Pulchra Es-Gregorian chant *Stella Matutina*-M. von Trapp
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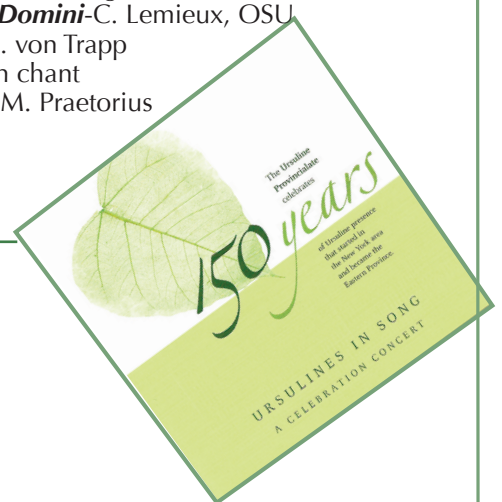
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YOUR AGE CATEGORY 18-20 20-40 40-60 OTHER

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A. I AM AN URSULINE

B. I WORK WITH URSULINES

C. I WAS EDUCATED BY URSULINES

D. MY WIFE OR DAUGHTER WAS EDUCATED BY URSULINES

E. I JUST LIKE THEM

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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.