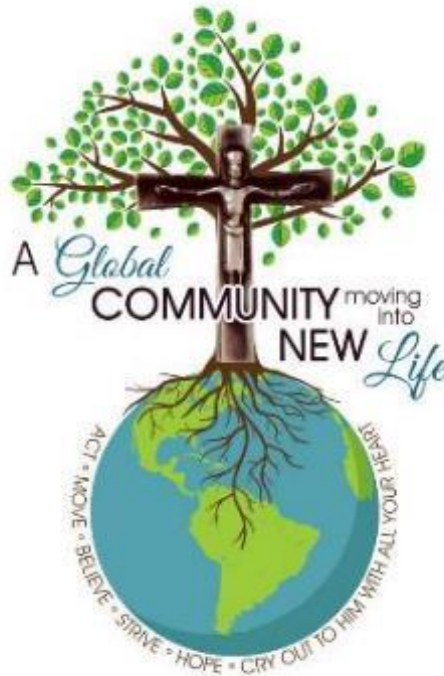


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**ANGELA AND
HER DAUGHTERS
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The “Angela and her Daughters” Program was scheduled from May to October 2022 and was open to lay collaborators.

It was a two-part program:

- *Part One of eight online sessions, between 11 May and 17 August 2022.*
- *Part Two, an in-person pilgrimage, took place in Italy 7 – 21 October 2022, including time in Rome, Desenzano, Salò, Brescia, and Assisi.*

AUSTRALIA (from Bearings, November 2022)

FROM SR. SUE COCHRANE

As we gathered at the Generalate in Rome it was lovely to see familiar faces, no longer only present on our computer and iPad screens, but as real people. After receiving a warm welcome from our group leaders and from everyone at the Generalate we soon began to engage in conversations and share stories of our journeys and where we had come from.

Each of us was asked to bring with us some soil from our homelands, from our holy ground. We all had an opportunity to share with the large group a little of our story, our ministry and what was holy ground for us. We added our soil to the pot in our prayer space. As we shared we paused and we sang Holy Ground. This song came to be woven amongst our journey and our travels and we sang it in many of the places we visited.

This whole experience was one of walking on holy ground. As we travelled to the places where Angela had lived and worked and prayed and gathered the company of women, we came to know each other better. It was wonderful to see the places that had previously only been known through photographs. I was aware of the many Ursulines and friends who had walked similar paths before and that enriched the experience for me. We spent days exploring Desenzano, Salò, Brescia and Assisi before we returned to Rome via the catacombs of Saint Callixtus.

On our days after we returned to Rome we had time to reflect on our experiences and on what we wanted to take forward into our futures. We were keen to find ways to continue to connect and to support each other in our work, in our lives and in our ministries. Most of the participants worked in Ursuline ministries in schools and universities and in other Ursuline ventures. Sharing of resources to help to pass on something of Angela’s charism, with her focus on getting to know each person as an individual, her trust in God’s love and her desire to live the gospel and be God present in our world.



Group members had gathered soil from each of the places we visited and these were added to our pot of the soil that we had each brought with us. As a way to remember and grow the fruits of this experience, a fig tree was planted in the grounds of the Generalate with the soil from each of our homes and from where we had travelled.

We gathered on the eve of Saint Ursula’s day for prayer and sharing with each other and with the general council. We were asked to share about our holy ground of the journey. We each selected a photograph that expressed something of that experience, and these were printed for us. A number of people had photographs of the group, as for many of us we most experienced God with us through our interactions and sharing with the others who travelled the same paths.

We left behind us, as well as our fig tree, plenty for the general council to reflect on into the future. This was the first Angela and her Daughters program and I am very grateful for the opportunity to have been a part of it and to meet so many wonderful people who are living their faith in their daily lives in so many different ways. We gathered from many countries and spoke many languages but there was a sense of unity in our diversity. I am also grateful to the group leaders who put so much time and work into organising the pilgrimage so that everything went smoothly. It was also great to be able to share the experience with Helen.

FROM SR. HELEN DYSON

After months meeting online for information sessions, the group gathered in Rome for the pilgrimage. Many exclaimed how much better we all look ‘in person’ than in a box on a screen.

The level of excitement and enthusiasm was tangible as we began our introductory sessions in the Generalate. The group were asked to bring a bit of soil, ‘holy ground’ from each of their countries, which we mixed together as each person introduced themselves. This culminated in also mixing soil from Desenzano, Salò, Brescia and Assisi to the pot before we planted a fig tree in the grounds of the Generalate to highlight the ‘first’ of such programs. It was quite a meaningful and sacred activity as we entrusted the life of the tree to those who live there.



Many had quite profound experiences in significant places from Angela’s life, e.g. Le Grezze, Angela’s room and in the church of St. Afra in front of her remains. For some, seeing Angela’s body helped them realise she was not a saint they knew about from books or other people, but a real person. I found the depth of sharing about these experiences very insightful.

We had the most perfect weather so the view of the mountains from Lake Garda was glorious and the group really loved the natural environment, enabling them to appreciate Angela’s use of it in her writings. The sisters at Le Grezze excelled themselves in their hospitality as we spent time just “being” in this special place.

Brescia held many highlights as the group really got in touch with this period of Angela’s life. They especially intuited the difference it would have been for Angela moving from Desenzano to Brescia (post war). Being able to be in Angela’s room, to see the crypt, the well of the martyrs, the picture of the Foundation of the Company had a deep effect on them.



They loved the peace and tranquillity of the cloister in the church of San Francesco as they learned that Angela well could have walked here discerning the foundation of the company.

On to Assisi and the sacredness which infiltrates the air. We were able to have some quality group sharing here as we were accompanied by the most beautiful sunset. Many were interested in the link with the Franciscans and the influence of

Franciscan spirituality that perhaps Angela imbued.

Our journey back to Rome included the Catacombs of St. Callixtus. Another glimpse of life of the early Christians which they appreciated.

When returning to the Generalate, many felt they were “going home to Rome.” Their experience of the hospitality, generosity and warmth of the sisters in the Generalate gave the group a different insight into the internationality of the Roman Union. This, along with some time spent with the General Council, certainly gave the participants an experience of the International Merician family.



Overall the whole program of on-line sessions and the pilgrimage was a profound experience for each of the pilgrims. They were deeply grateful for the opportunity and were certainly keen to work with their respective staff groups etc. to deepen the formation, knowledge and experience of the life and spirit of St. Angela.

I too am grateful for being invited to be part of the organising committee and for your support, prayer and interest throughout.

The committee was Diane Fulgenzi (USA Central – co-ordinator) Andreja Godnić (Venezuela); Claudine Marie Ndione (General Councillor); Agatha Linda Chandra (General Councillor); Helen Dyson (Australia) and Armida Veglio (now at Le Grezze). (Photo on the right, from left to right; Sr Diane Absent on the photo)



FROM MS. BERNADETTE WITHAM, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

ST URSULA'S COLLEGE TOOWOOMBA

I have long believed that spirituality expresses itself in our interactions with others and with the environment. It is always the Christ in me connecting with the Christ or God in the other. A perfect way to start the day is to break open the word and ask how it calls me to act differently today. A perfect way to end the day is to reflect on how I answered that call.

One of the frustrations of a busy life is that one rarely gets the opportunity to bookend a day of encounter with scripture reflection. And yet for 15 days that is exactly what I was able to do. It was life giving. Each day we were encouraged to sit with Angela's story and get to know her deeply. We read her words, sang them, danced to them, and discussed them with others and reflected on them in our private time and in the places and contexts where the words were uttered. Meeting 41 people from 15 different countries opened my eyes and heart to the gift of love, friendship and service Angela Merici inspired in her company of women. Not being able to speak each other's language did not prevent us from enjoying each other's company and realising that we have a great deal in common. Being with like-minded people getting to know Angela made it easy to feel at 'home'.

Spending five months meeting and learning online before the actual trip fostered this sense of community. The hospitality of the Ursuline sisters enveloped us no matter where we went. For me Angela Merici moved from being a mythical figure to a real woman of hope, generosity, love, and care. Central to her life was her love of the Lord. I quickly came to realise that Angela's words resonated with the Gospel messages I received through my daily readings.

The big challenge for me now is to play my part in keeping the charism alive. Whilst Angela's writings contain a treasure trove of wisdom one thing that I believe will have significant impact is to esteem others by looking deeply to find the special quality in each individual. Perhaps this is as simple as asking the question before I am about to do something, "Will this give life to the other or will it take the life and energy out of them?"

Angela's wisdom and message is as powerful and as relevant today as it was in the 16th century. Now more than ever we need to be present to each other and reach out in love.

USA CENTRAL

FROM MRS. KAREN MORTILLARD, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE AND MISSION AND IDENTITY

Good Afternoon, Sisters!

I have been home for a week from my incredible pilgrimage to Angela's Italy! I have finally caught up on my sleep and have just begun the long process of considering how the experience has left an imprint on who I am. I am so grateful to each of you. The experiences were deeply meaningful and many reduced me to overwhelming tears. I sat down earlier today to send an email to all of the sisters of the Central Province and I chose the idea of Holy Ground to share my thoughts, experiences, and feelings with them. I like to share parts of what I sent to them to give you just a small glimpse into the impact of this experience on me.



As you may recall, during the closing ceremony when we were asked to share one place where we found Holy Ground during the pilgrimage, I shared an image of the Angela statue in the parish church in Desenzano. I chose it because it was the first time I realized I was meeting Angela for myself. While walking with Angela in all the places she lived and loved, I was forming my own relationship with this beautiful woman. As well, I felt that instead of walking in Angela's footsteps, I was walking WITH Angela. She had met me and was joining me in a very personal way through my journey. While I could only share that one image to conclude our time, I did find Holy Ground in many places, people, and feelings.



I spent a great deal of time sitting in Angela's kitchen by the original floor that's been preserved. I pictured her walking on the floor both as a child playing with her siblings and as an adult cooking. I imagined her spilling olive oil on that floor as she cooked, enjoying time with others who'd come to visit, talking with Jesus as she was there without her parents and sister. It was Holy Ground.

In Brescia, as we walked out of the church of San Clemente, there was the marker to show where Gallo's house was. I imagined Angela walking out of that house and going to mass. I saw so many who needed her guidance coming and going from that door, walking on that street. The time was made even more special when I walked back to the hotel with Sr. Armida. I could feel Angela walking with us! It was Holy Ground.



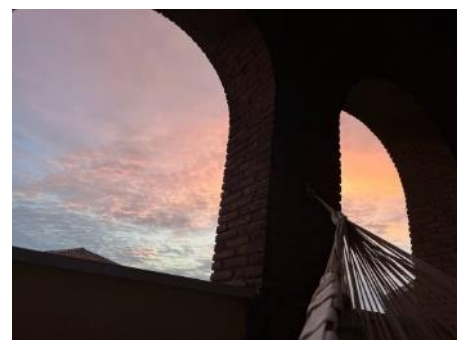
I met so many wonderful people but the time spent with Brenda and Edel was Holy Ground. Even though they are from Ireland and Barbados, we found our stories and lives intersected in ways we'd never have expected. We discussed how Angela bringing such special people to each of us was Holy Ground.

The very last picture I took was from the hammock on the rooftop terrace. I had gone up to spend some time journaling and I found so much peace in the simplicity of swinging, looking up at the sky, and talking with Angela. It was truly Holy Ground.

I feel blessed to have had this opportunity to begin to form my own relationship with this special woman. I have only just begun processing how this all will affect who I am but I have already felt that Angela has returned home with me! She continues to take me by the hand and guide me to find her peace.

I have included a picture of each of my Holy Ground moments for you.

Much love and gratitude, *Karen*



INDONESIA

FROM MR. SUMARDI & MS. MARTHA, COLLABORATORS IN URSULINE SCHOOLS



The “Angela and her Daughters” Program was organized by the Ursulines of the Roman Union for Ursulines and their collaborators all over the world. Through this activity the participants were invited to explore the rich spirituality of Saint Angela (online sessions via zoom meetings) as well as make a pilgrimage to places where Saint Angela once lived (offline sessions). We (Sumardi from St. Ursula Senior High School Jakarta and Martha from St. Mary Junior High School Surabaya) represented the Ursuline schools of the Indonesian province, taking part in this event. We participated in the online sessions together with other participants, in total 41 participants. However, for the pilgrimage part, we could not participate because of difficulties in getting visas from Italy. However, Sister Moekti and Sister Windhi tried to keep us together and finally after going through various difficulties we got visas through the Austrian Embassy. So our pilgrimage started from Austria, to be exact from Klagenfurt.

For both of us, the pilgrimage to Mother Angela's ancestral land left a very deep impression because we met extraordinary people, places, and an extraordinary atmosphere. Klagenfurt, is the first place we stopped in. We met Sr. Marina, and it felt like getting fresh water after the long journey we had taken with all its challenges. Our hearts felt refreshed like plants longing for water. Sr. Marina welcomed and received us with warmth and kinship. She taught us with her actions how to be a teacher who loves each and every one of her students and always serves with her heart. We were introduced to the St. Angela spirituality planting program and the work of the Ursuline Sisters in St. Ursula school which is more than 350 years old. We met teachers, administrative staff, and students. We were also introduced to various types of food and got the bonus of being invited to Slovenia (she had a meeting there). In Slovenia with Sr. Silva we were invited to visit the castle that used to belong to the Ursulines but is now managed by the government as a museum. Klagenfurt became our introduction into the meaning of Mother Angela's life values.



In a pilgrimage challenges and difficulties become part of life. That's what we experienced from Klagenfurt to Desenzano. Starting from a foreign place, where not everyone spoke English for us to ask questions, we relied on wifi for cell phone communication. However, we met generous people who helped us on our way. That was God's help that came through a beggar, a young man, a janitor and a taxi driver until finally we were able to make our pilgrimage to Desenzano and Brescia. “Martha, Mardi” were the words that surprised us in the crowd of train passengers getting off at Desenzano station. It turned out to be the voice of Sr. Armida, the wonderful Ursuline who guided our introduction to Mother Angela in Desenzano and Brescia. Even though we had never met in person before, she greeted us by name. Aha... This is in line with Mother Angela's advice, knowing each person with their uniqueness.

Sr. Armida guided us to know and reflect on the life of Mother Angela from the time she was born till she formed the company of St. Ursula, invited us to walk to historical places in Mother Angela's life, to give thanks together in the Eucharistic celebration and adoration. We were introduced to the



community at Le Grezze, Sr. Annunziata and Sr. Patrizia (suffering from flu at the time), and treated to a family-friendly lunch. We were also treated to lunch with the leadership and members of the Company of St Ursula who are responsible for the tomb of Mother Angela at the Sanctuary in Brescia. In Sr. Armida we met the figure of Mother Angela who was full of enthusiasm, warm, gentle, humble, firm and respectful.

With great joy and enthusiasm, Sr. Mery accompanied our pilgrimage in Rome. It began with an introduction to the rooms of the Ursuline Generalate of the Roman Union as well as the sisters who were there, then on pilgrimage to Assisi, and to the basilicas in Rome.

Our last pilgrimage was to Rome-Assisi. In Rome, we were welcomed and accompanied by Sr. Mery Malisan.

In one whole day we made a pilgrimage to Assisi with Sr. Mery and were guided by Father Pio, (Pio Michael Amran Sugiarto Purba, OFMConv.) an Indonesian Conventual Franciscan priest who serves in Assisi. We got a lot of the historical, theological, and reflective aspects regarding the life history of Saint Francis of Assisi, especially regarding the meaning of sacrifice and peace, as well as historical places that invite us to pray fervently. Mother Angela also from her youth was a member of the Franciscan Third Order. There are many assumptions that Mother Angela entered the Franciscan Third Order because she wanted to dedicate herself to others as well as being able to receive Holy Communion every day because in her day only religious could do so.



For two days we made a pilgrimage to the basilicas in Rome, including St. Paul's Basilica, St. Maria Maggiore Basilica, St. John Lateran Basilica, Scala Sancta, and of course St. Peter's Basilica. From the basilicas that we visited, we saw the majesty and splendor of the wealth of the Catholic faith. Being in the basilica made us feel very small, especially when attending the Eucharist at St. Peter's Basilica and listening to Pope Francis' greeting in the Angelus prayer among the thousands of visitors. It occurred to us that this wealth of the Catholic faith must be guarded and shared with the young people we serve at the Ursuline schools where we work so

that Jesus remains a mainstay in their lives, and Mother Angela becomes their role model.

“Act, move, believe, strive, hope, cry out to him with all your heart, for without doubt you will see marvellous things, if you direct everything to the praise and glory of his Majesty and the good of souls.” (Prologue Counsels 17-18)

SANTIAGO, CHILE

FROM CECILIA EYZAGUIRRE,

COLLABORATOR IN THE SCHOOL SANTA URSULA IN VITACURA

Participating in this program was definitely a great gift. I received this wonderful invitation and now I feel really grateful for the experience.

This journey started in May 2022, when we first met on a Zoom meeting with collaborators of Ursuline communities from all around the world. Lectures were particularly motivating and they allowed me to learn in depths about Saint Angela's life and her charism. In the small reflection groups we also had the opportunity to share our own thoughts and exchange our greatly different experiences.

One thing I felt we had in common and bonded us, was the desire to be close and understanding to our students, showing them love and respect.

I realized that one thing we daily try to do is show our students that when they reach out and share with others, their lives become more meaningful and give them a new inspiration. All this brings us to our ultimate yearning, trying to fulfill God's will for each one of us.

What a joy when, after months of getting together on a screen, we had the opportunity to meet at the Ursuline Generalate in Rome. We shared unforgettable moments during the pilgrimage following in the footsteps of Saint Angela. We learned, we laughed, we enjoyed moments of prayer gaining a deep and inspiring knowledge about her life and spirit.



Walking along the shores of Lake Garda and admiring the peaceful landscape in Brudazzo and Salò, we could imagine God talking to her and preparing Angela for her future mission. The motherly welcome, warmth and hospitality in Le Grezze, touched my heart and made me feel Angela's daughter. The visit to Assisi was a profound moment, a pause in my life, it talked to me about peace, silence and meditation, bringing me closer to God.

If I had to thank in a few words, it would be knowing that we belong to a worldwide community, we have common goals, we inspire others focusing on Angela's dream of helping other women become what they are meant to be by having a strong friendship with God.



THAILAND

FROM SR. PENSRI HORAE

When the Mind Awakens in Angela's Place

After 32 years in Ursuline life, this is yet another time that I have been blessed by God on the occasion of participating in this project from the Province and the Congregation. It has helped me to renew the spirit and charism of Saint Angela. I have learned from the Six Senses leading to the Spirit of the Ursuline Religious life.)Six Main Pathways to the Soul(

What did I see? During my two-week visit to various holy sites, I got a close experience of God's presence and the existence of Angela, whether it was a journey of tramping in different areas for several kilometers until my feet ached, and my legs and knees were so weak that I had to sit by the side of the road meditating. At that moment, I felt the warm hand of Saint Angela reaching out to hold my hand to get up and take the next step.



What did I hear? In Brescia I was awakened from silence to joy in the midst of many people, albeit very busy and chaotic. It was here that I visited the incorrupt body of Angela. She looked calm



in a glass coffin, and, at St. Afra's church, I remembered her story that I had heard and pondered: "Small woman, but how was her heart so great, open to God who loved her and whom she loved? She had a heart ready to help relieve the hearts of others. She was a woman who dared to change her lifestyle in a new era. I heard her calling and inviting me to have the courage to change to a "New way of life"."

What did I taste? Foreign food, although different from what I was used to, nevertheless it was not a big deal because it reminded me of the gospel, "Man does not live on food alone but lives by every word which comes from the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4(

What did I touch? I was fascinated by the atmosphere of Desenzano, a small, peaceful and pleasant town, with the cool breeze of Lake Garda blowing across my body. At the edge of the lake, I sat on the rocks praying to God for such beautiful creation, forging the life of Saint Angela - to have a clean heart like this lake. Acknowledging her presence by my side, I recognized her gentleness, her politeness and her readiness to serve others. She was with me here, more present than when she was alive.



What did I smell? It was the smell of enthusiasm for evangelization, a beautiful experience through the spiritual life of the lay people who participated in this project. I was impressed by the fervor that they had to learn more about Angela.



What did I do with "Body and Mind"? In these sacred spaces and moments that awakened my soul, it was to be alive to dance with Saint Angela's presence everywhere in time and follow the rhythm of life's music that played endlessly.

FROM MRS JANVIRA SIRIPAT, FROM REGINA COELI COLLEGE, CHIANG MAI

Starting from May, through to October 2022, the “Angela and her Daughters” Program was held first through online sessions and then by a pilgrimage to Italy “In the Footsteps of Saint Angela”.



The “Angela and her Daughters” Program was a program to deepen our understanding of the gift we have received from St. Angela, which we want to live by, shape and share today and into the future. This was an international program which included 41 participants from different parts of the world from more than 15 countries. It was such a wonderful program, designed so that we could delve deeper into St. Angela’s charism. The program took the form of 8 online sessions from May to August, followed by a 2-week pilgrimage in October 2022.

I was one of the participants fortunate enough to embrace a great opportunity to participate in this program and it was my first experience of working with Ursuline companions from around the world. Although we were all from different countries, with diverse languages and differing time zones, which resulted in numerous difficulties to overcome in order to work together on zoom, everyone was enthusiastic and excited to be at our meetings, sharing our thoughts, ideas and views together.

On 7th October 2022, we met and began our pilgrimage “In the Footsteps of Saint Angela”. I felt confident that we all believe that this was one of the most memorable and valuable moments in our lives. As a lay collaborator, I was so impressed with everything and every experience whilst visiting St. Angela’s places: Desenzano, Brescia, Assisi, Rome, and also, the Generalate. I also knew that I had become spiritually closer, with a better and deeper understanding of St. Angela.



Thank you, St. Angela; you will never fade from our lives. We, as lay collaborators, learned of your spirituality and charism, which will always guide us and be with us. Thank you, and the Ursuline sisters, for the great organization of this program. You led us here to be with St. Angela who is real within our hearts and, is a charismatic carrier of our faith, by bringing St. Angela into a modern dialogue of our time.

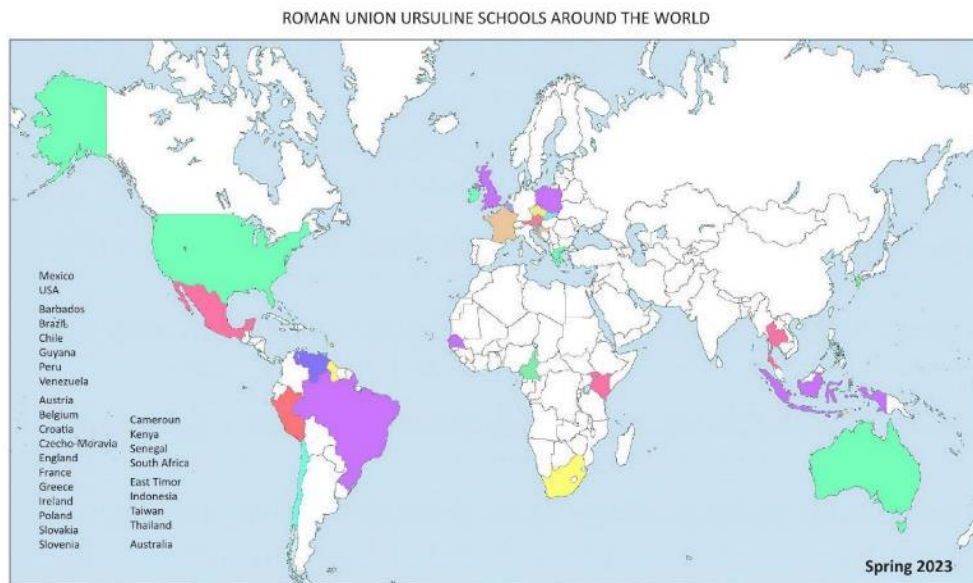


The Global Ursuline Family held in our hearts

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OUR ROMAN UNION GLOBAL COMMUNITY.

One of the participants of Angela and Her Daughters Programme, from the USA Central Province - Karen Mortillaro, initiated the organisation of prayer intentions for our Roman Union Global Community. Some lay collaborators and sisters from the program responded and sent their prayer intentions from all over the world. Karen put them together and made them a beautiful Ursuline Global Community prayer.

She has written: Here in the Central Province, the leaders of each of our five schools will be gathering and will pray this as our closing prayer on March 29th. As each continent is named, someone will put a candle on the map and others will read the intentions submitted for that area.



The Global Ursuline Family Held in our Hearts

As Ursuline Schools of the Roman Union, sharing the legacy of Angela, we are bound to one another by the bond of charity, one in heart and will. We celebrate our diversity and cherish our unity. We hold in our hearts each member of our global Ursuline family.

(ALL) We hold in our hearts our sisters and brothers on the continent of Africa...

We hold in our hearts the community of Brescia House School in Johannesburg, South Africa. We ask the Lord to guide the parents, the educators, the spiritual leaders of this Catholic Ursuline school, and all who take on the very important role of guiding the youth of South Africa as good role models in their lives. Jesus, guide and teach these people in leadership positions, so that they may serve their

families and their communities with wisdom and care. We ask that You hold in the palm of Your hand the Ursuline Sisters of Southern Africa, the founders of Brescia House School.

Christine Booyse - Head of Ethos, Brescia House School

(ALL) We hold in our hearts our sisters and brothers on the continent of Asia...

We hold in our hearts the people of Indonesia. May all leaders of Indonesia pay attention to those who are suffering, poor and marginalized.

Sumardi, Province of Indonesia

(ALL) We hold in our hearts our sisters and brothers on the continent of Australia...

We hold in our hearts the Australian Ursuline sisters and all members of the Ursuline school communities as they remember the victims of a devastating helicopter crash on the Gold Coast that killed 4 people. May all the survivors, families, and witnesses involved be blessed with the peace of Christ.

*Angela Collins - Assistant Principal of Mission and Identity,
St Ursula's College Toowoomba*

(ALL) We hold in our hearts our sisters and brothers on the continent of Europe...

We hold in our hearts the people of France. May all those in the Merician network feel the breath of the spirit to adapt and find new solutions as they work on restructuring the future of Ursuline religious communities and the transmission of the charism to the laity in the face of the decline in the number of Ursulines. Let us pray that the Lord will open new paths so that the charism may continue to be transmitted.

*Dominique Garnier – School Pastoral Assistant
Province of France*

We hold in our hearts the people of Ireland. May peace fill people's homes and hearts. May all Irish people feel the presence of the Lord in their lives, giving them peace and comfort, especially young people suffering from mental illness.

*Edel Murray - Religion Teacher & Chaplain
Ursuline College Sligo*

We hold in our hearts the people of Poland. We thank God for the gift of St. Angela as an example of holiness. Bless our families with peace, strength, and health. Lord have mercy and shower grace on our teachers and students!

*Anna Trella-Lesnik
The Ursuline Schools of the Roman Union in Rybnik, Poland*

We hold in our hearts the Ursuline sisters of the General Council in Rome. St. Angela is called to be the instrument of peace, not only through her speech and writings, but with her whole being and presence. Lord Jesus, you took the mother-in-law of Simon Peter by the hand and helped her up, so she immediately was able to serve you. Please hold us and transform our whole being, so we can be instruments of your peace.

*Sr. Agatha Linda Chandra
General Councillor*

(ALL) We hold in our hearts our sisters and brothers in the Americas...

We hold in our hearts the people of Barbados. We pray for guidance for the families of the staff and students of the Ursuline Convent School as they chart the way forward, faced with the imminent

closure of the school next term. Grant them discernment, Lord as they choose their future paths. Keep them focused on your will and grant them your peace.

Brenda Cumberbatch - Vice Principal, Ursuline School in Barbados

We hold in our hearts the people of Chile. May the love of Jesus be at the centre of each one of the members of all Ursuline families.

*Estela Castro - Academic Coordinator
Colegio Santa Úrsula Chile*

We hold in our hearts the people of Mexico. We ask Jesus to accompany all those refugees who are struggling for life. Help all those they encounter to offer them love and compassion. We pray for all the Ursuline sisters of the Province of Mexico who have been born into eternal life. Especially we pray for Sr. Rosita Ordóñez who died recently in the Ursuline community of Tabasco.

*Josefina Granados Torres
Province of Mexico*

We hold in our hearts all those in the United States who are living in fear and are victims of crime, violence, racism, and injustice. In the Western Province, we hold in our hearts the people of Moscow, Idaho. We pray for the much-needed healing of hearts and lives for all who have been affected by the devastating murders of the University of Idaho students this past November. We pray for their parents, siblings, relatives, and friends. We pray too for the murderer that he may realize what he has done and be repentant.

*Sr. Margaret Johnson & Barbara Aston
USA Western Province*

Sending Forth Blessing

(ALL) May we hold all of God's creation in our hearts as we reflect on our gifts of diversity and unity.

(Side 1) May we be "bound together by the bond of charity, esteeming each other, helping each other."

(Side 2) May we be instruments of peace in our lives and in our leadership roles at our Ursuline schools.

(Side 1) May we bring the light of Jesus to all those we meet and serve.

(Side 2) May we always know we are held in the loving heart of Jesus Christ.

(ALL) May we build a better world by truly living out St. Angela's call to "live in harmony, united together, all of one heart and one will."

