

URSULINE SISTERS OF TILDONK US PROVINCE



Sr. Bridget Olwell, Sr. Margaret Golub, Sr. Catherine Talio, and Sr. Catherine Gardiner celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the US Province (more on pages 5 & 6)



*“Have faith
and keep up
your courage.”*

Sr. Angela Merici

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From Our Province Leader



Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that it has been a full year since we gathered together in joy and thanksgiving to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the US Province. It was a remarkable day filled with so many memories, laughter, and thoughts of our Sisters and friends who are no longer with us, and we are incredibly grateful to all of you who joined us for the celebration in person, and who watched and followed along online. We now turn our attention to our *next* hundred years and the legacy we will leave as we continue our ministry.



The reach of the Ursuline Sisters extends past the United States and the congregational generalate in Belgium and reaches to India, Guyana, DR Congo, and Tanzania, where the provinces are thriving. Worldwide, the Ursulines continue to provide education, spread the Good News, and minister to the needy. Over the summer, I had an opportunity to join with Ursulines from other provinces for a extended counsel meeting in Belgium followed by a pilgrimage to Italy. In just 24-hours we visited all four Papal Basilicas to celebrate this Jubilee Year and were able to witness Pope Leo XIV pray the Angelus in St. Peter's Square! We then continued to Brescia, where St. Angela first started the association of Ursulines, and then to her birthplace and final resting place in Desenzano. What an incredible gift of fellowship, prayer, and reflection the trip was! (It was also incredibly hot, but that's a story for another day...)

Through my pilgrimage, I carried you all with me in my prayers, and I remain humbled by and grateful for your support of the Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk and friendship every day. Know that you are always remembered in prayer by me and the other Sisters.

We offer the next few pages to you as a way to stay connected, update you on some good news, remember our Sisters who have passed, and ask that you continue to pray for us as well. Over the past few years, we have had more Sisters enter assisted living facilities where they are enjoying being together and with other residents and receiving a level of care that we could not provide internally. As we share our news with you, please don't hesitate to share yours with us! You'll see on page 7 that we invite you to write to our Sisters, and you can also stay connected with us through our Facebook page.

Thank you for walking with us for these past 101 years!

St. Joanne Callahan

Prayer Card Enrollment

Our Prayer Enrollment Card Program is a way for you to express sympathy for the loss of a loved one, honor someone who is living or deceased, offer prayers for anybody in need of them.

A card with your prayer intention will be placed in the chapel of St. William the Abbot Convent and your loved one will be remembered in the daily prayers of the Sisters and during Masses celebrated on the following days at St. William the Abbot Church:

The Feast of St. Angela Merici (January 27th)
Birthday of our Congregational Founder Fr. John Lambertz (February 8th)
Easter Sunday
Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows (September 15th)
Feast of St. Ursula (October 21st)
All Souls Day (November 2nd)
Christmas Day

To order cards for future use please visit
www.tildonkursuline.org/prayerenrollmentcards
or call Anne Walsh at 718-591-0681 x2060

We Pray

In Memory Of

Charles Ackerman - John Campbell Ackerman - Mary Affunt - Emma Rose Angelilic - Susanne Boden - Joann Bumbalo - Ida Buscemi - Joel Buono - Doris Buttafuoco - Peter Calia - Louis Carnesecca - Nancy Catalano - Margaret Chaase - Rose Clark - Jack Colbert - Joanne Cole - Augustine Colletti - Maria Concardo - Mary Ellen Conlon - Brendan Coughlin - Jayne Biscare - Desmond Browne - Lois Conley - Jack Coughlin - William DeVito - Carol diMando - Carmille Horrenson-DiPalma - Genero Antonio Diaz - Anthony DiBrita - Robert Dunn - Joan Enternman - Christian Eyzaguire - Harry Fernez - Robert J. Finnegan - Ken Finnweuld - Emil Frankola - Sydney Fulford - Ronald Gadsby - Pietra Galante - Peter T. Galligan - Garraffa - Vincent Gennaro - Jim Gomiela - Seth Goodwin - Kathleen Gramarossa - Anne Graziano - Msgr. Donald Hansen - Dorothy Hennessy - Bill Herring - Thomas Hessel - Edward Jacoby - Michael Jakub - Veronica Jinks - Teresa Johnson - Fr. Daniel Keefe - Dave Korn - Anna LaBella - Lorraine Laydon - Sharon Lehner - Glenda Lombardi - Pamela McCormack - Keith McLaughlin - Jennie McNally - Richard McNamee - Margaret Mahon - Anna Mandracchia - Carol Matthews - Michael Miraldi - Victoria Mokaski - Brother Jack Mostyn, CFC - Mary Doherty Myers - Sr. Judith O'Connor, OSU - Tom Oliverio - Bob Olsen - Vasilios Papdopoulos - Frank Puglisi - Mary Renker - Lynn Holly Robertson - Dolores Rodriguez - John Ross - Steven Paul Samuksnis - Clare Sardelli - Jeannette Schmitt - Msgr. Francis Schneider - Kathleen Sealy - Charles Seelinger - Carl Sena - Peyton Shaw - Catherine Shilston - Richard Siani - Jun Sison - Barbara Stauffer - Roger Stedz - Richard Streiber - Mary Ann Sullivan - Kathleen Sweeney - Edward Taloby - Teddy - Albina Terone - Teresa M. Tighe - Mary Tobin - Lawrence Turturro - Donald John Yeager - Theresa Vetere - Ralph Votte - Vincent Ward - Richard Weinrich - Joan Houghton Zieniewicz

For the Healing Of

Bill Avello - Mary Baker - Jean Cain - Lorriane Calia - Bev Cleary - Ann Dellow - Maria DeLeo - Sandra DeMarco - Tony Dominick - Nancy Donohue - Mary Lou Edwards - Peter Euler - A.M. Finlay - Brendan Gannon - Melanie Hoffman - Rev. Mike Jankowski - Matthew Mak - Elizabeth Monte - Heather O'Sullivan - Sr. Moire Quinn - Phil Salt - Patricia Sillizman - Keith Steiner

For the Birthday Of

Kathleen Downey - Rosemary Graziano - Catherine Schmalenberger - Linda Siani - Gloria Spodaro

In Honor Of

Seminarian Kevin Rueda

In A Special Way For

Kathleen Downey - Fr. Nixon Jean Francois - Marianne Lynch - Maddeline Martorella - Bishop William Murphy

Sr. Marguerite Torre Memorial Golf Outing

This past June, we gathered for our premier fundraiser, our annual Golf Outing and Dinner, named in memory of our dear Sr. Marguerite Torre. This year's honoree was our friend, Mr. Louis Guerra.

Louis is a product of an Ursuline education, having graduated from Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary School in Ozone Park. He is also a graduate of John Adams High School and the Mortuary School at the

American Academy of McAllister Institute. Louis served as manager of the Charles J. O'Shea Funeral Homes before he and his partners purchased them.



Louis Guerra, center, with Brian Shea and Sr. Joanne Callahan

A former college baseball player and coach at St. John's University, Guerra is also an accomplished musician. He serves in the community as a member of the Knights of Columbus Padre Pio Council in Bellmore, achieving a 4th degree. He and his wife, Mary Lou, live in Deer Park with their two sons.

We thank Louis, our event co-chairs - Bob Catell, Rich Daly, Bob Kalenka, Frank Kurre, Frank Liantonio, Michael Rafferty and Charles Trunz - and committee members - Hani Copti, Sr. Meghan McArdle, OSU, Brian Shea, Michael Torre and Tom Von Essen.

*Save
the Date*

Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk
Sr. Marguerite Torre Memorial

MONDAY, JUNE 1ST, 2026

NORTH HEMPSTEAD COUNTRY CLUB
PORT WASHINGTON, NEW YORK

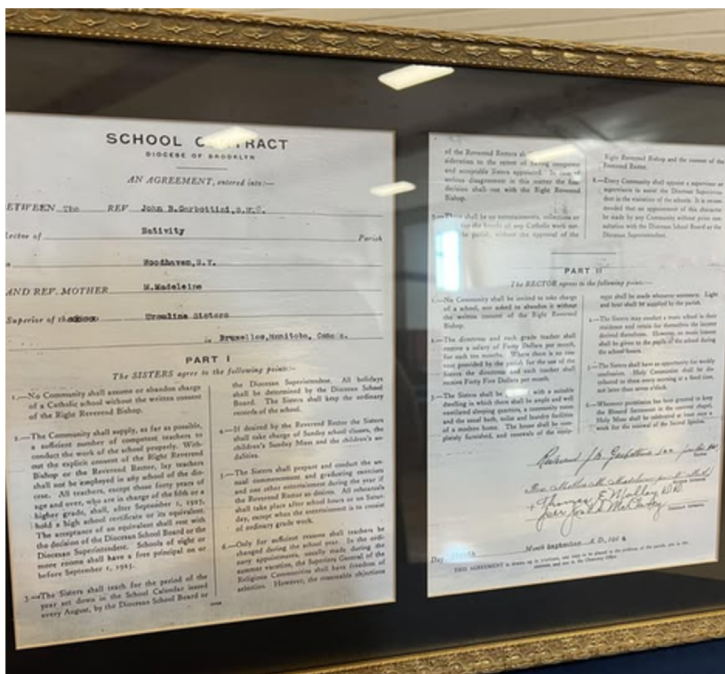


Celebrating 100 Years of

Last September, the US Province of the Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk celebrated their 100th Anniversary. The day was rich with symbolism - Bishop Robert Brennan, the Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn was the main celebrant of our Mass of thanksgiving, the diocese in which the Ursulines first served. The offertory included the original 1924 contract between the Ursulines and Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary school, the names of all those enrolled in our prayer card program, and the names of all living and deceased sisters and associates.

After Mass at St. William the Abbot (Seaford, NY), there was a reception attended by over 100 people. There were many stories and laughs shared. St. William's was chosen as the location of the celebration as the Ursulines have had a continuous presence in the parish for over 75 years - and they still continue to live and remain active in the community today!

To view photos of the day, video recording of the Mass, and the commemorative journal, please visit www.tildonkursuline.org/100



Making God Known and Loved



Congratulations, Sr. Joanne!

Sr. Joanne Callahan, OSU was honored at the National Catholic Educational Association's Lifetime Educator Award this spring! The NCEA is the largest, private professional education association in the world. The organization works with Catholic educators across the nation to support ongoing faith formation and the teaching mission of the Church and includes nearly 140,000 educators serving 1.6 million students in Catholic education in the US.

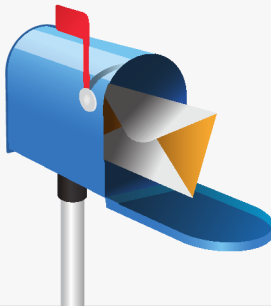


Sr. Joanne celebrated at the National Convention with educators from the Diocese of Rockville Centre



Sr. Joanne with 2 students of St. William the Abbot in the late 1980s

Sr. Joanne grew up in West Haven, CT and first encountered the Ursuline Sisters as teachers in her religious education classes. She entered the Ursuline community in 1967 and embarked on a ministry in Catholic education that would span four decades. Her first assignment was at St. William the Abbot (NY) followed by a time at St. Mary High School in (CT). In 1983, she returned to St. William's for five years as the principal. She went on to serve the Diocese of Rockville Centre as Director of Teacher Personnel, Director of Regional School Planning, and as the Superintendent of Schools. While serving as Superintendent of School she also was on the committee at St. John's University to for the Institute for Catholic education which offered excellent in-service for teachers and administrators. Along with Bishop Murphy, she also was instrumental in setting up the Tomorrow's Hope Foundation which offers scholarships for students to attend Catholic elementary schools in the Diocese. She still volunteers for THF.



Our Sisters would love to hear from you! You can write to them at:

[Sister's Name]
c/o Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk
81-15 Utopia Parkway
Jamaica, NY 11432

Keep In Touch!

260 Years of Service!



Sr. Meghan McArdle, Sr. Laurentine Morgan, Sr. Geraldine Conklin, Sr. Catherine Talia, Sr. Ann McHugh, Fr. John Sureau, and Sr. Joanne Callahan

Last fall, the US Province celebrated the Jubilees of Sr. Ann McHugh (70 years), Sr. Geraldine Conklin (65 years), Sr. Barbara Gooding (65 years), and Sr. Catherine Talia (60 years) with a Mass celebrated by Fr. John Sureau, pastor of St. Bridget (Westbury, NY) where they renewed their vows and a lunch with their family and friends.

Please join us in congratulating Sr. Ann, Sr. Geraldine, Sr. Barbara, and Sr. Catherine and thanking them for their combined 260 years of service!

2026 Jubilarians

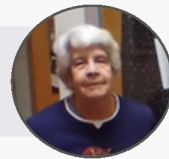


*Sr. Bridget Olivell
(Sr. John Martin)*

65

65

*Sr. Janet Schreiner
(Sr. Victorine)*



Sr. Denise Farrands

65

70

*Sr. Mary Lou Tressy
(Sr. Jerome)*



On Display



Sr. Jane Quinlan recently showed her collection of crafts and artifacts from the Democratic Republic of the Congo at the Seaford Public Library!

The display included the country's flag, wooden carvings, paintings, copper and malachite, volcanic rocks, handmade instruments and dolls, colorful cloth, and banana bark handicrafts.

Sr. Jane proudly and selflessly ministered in DR Congo and the people she served remain in her heart always.

New Position



Sr. Meghan McArdle was recently named the principal of the Academy of Mount St. Ursula!

The Academy of Mount St. Ursula is a Catholic high school for girls located in Bronx (NY), conducted in the Ursuline tradition, that serves college-bound women of diverse cultures through its programs in academics, arts and service. By instilling a love of learning and a broader global view, in a safe and nurturing environment, we strive to empower young women for leadership in society.



Founded in 1855 by Ursulines from Missouri, "The Mount" is the oldest continuously operating all-girls Catholic girls' high school in New York State.

Sr. Meghan, who was educated by the Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk as a student at St. William the Abbot, will be leading the school's academic endeavors and student life. She joined AMSU in a few years ago as the Assistant Principal for Academics and Discipline.

Stay Connected

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We Remember



Sr. Gertrude "Trudy" Goldman
Aug 7, 1944 - Nov 9, 2024



Sr. Judith (Jamesetta) O'Connor
May 9, 1940 - Mar 4, 2025

To view memorials for all deceased Sisters
please visit www.tildonkursuline.org/inmemoriam



Fall Luncheon

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH
12:30 - 3:30 PM
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PURCHASE TICKETS BY VISITING
WWW.TILDONKURSULINE.ORG/LUNCH2025



Become an Ursuline Associate



Associates are women and men called to a non-vowed participation in the mission of the Ursuline Sister. They share in Ursuline spirituality, participate in prayer groups and social events and work with the Sisters to serve God's people wherever the need is greatest.

If you are interested in learning more, please email info@tildonkursuline.org

Reasons to Give



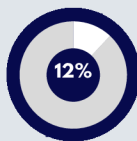
The average age of the Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk is 82 and 96% of them are above the retirement age, though many continue to work and serve others.



Retired sisters are not subsidized by the parishes or dioceses they served



Benefits from social security for retired religious are only $\frac{1}{3}$ of what the average US beneficiary receives



The average annual cost of care for a sister over 70 is \$52,882 while the average annual social security benefit is \$6,336 (or 12% of the cost of care)



There are many ways to express your gratitude to the Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk for a life of service to education, poverty, literacy, immigration and advocacy for women and children. Each opportunity offers distinct benefits to you today and for years to come. As we continue our core mission of service to the community, our focus has turned inward as well. We face an urgent need to ensure the safety and dignity of our elderly and infirmed Sisters.

Please scan the QR code or visit www.tildonursuline.org to make a one-time donation or learn about other ways to give.