

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

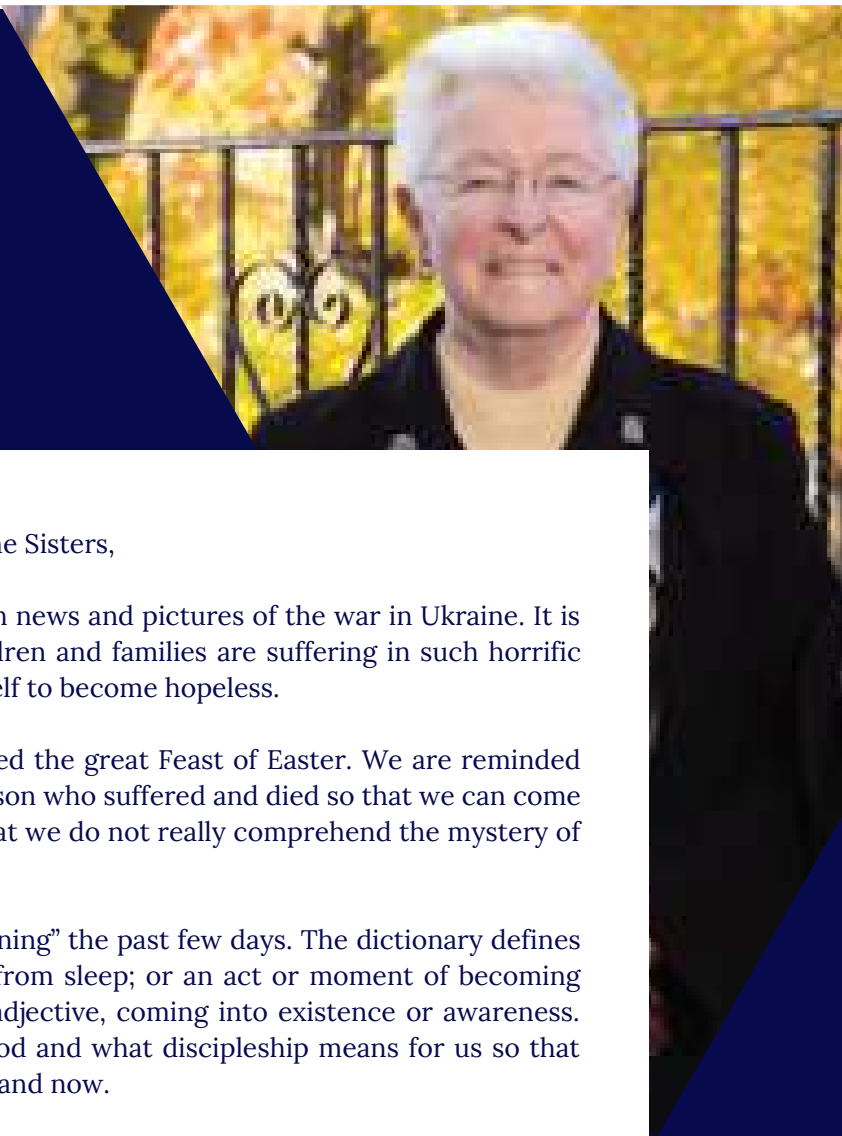


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United States Province

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Provincial Leader

SR. JOANNE CALLAHAN



Dear Friends and Supporters of the Ursuline Sisters,

As I write this letter we are inundated with news and pictures of the war in Ukraine. It is hard for me to fathom that innocent children and families are suffering in such horrific ways. I feel helpless but will not allow myself to become hopeless.

We have come through Lent and celebrated the great Feast of Easter. We are reminded our God loves us so much that he sent his son who suffered and died so that we can come to live with him forever. I am conscious that we do not really comprehend the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

I have been reflecting on the word “awakening” the past few days. The dictionary defines the noun awakening as an act of waking from sleep; or an act or moment of becoming suddenly aware of something; and as an adjective, coming into existence or awareness. Jesus came to awaken us to the love of God and what discipleship means for us so that God’s Kingdom may be enjoyed by all here and now.

Our role is to be “instruments of peace” which is a tall order today. We need to accept others who are different than we are and accept that having a difference of opinion with someone does not mean we cannot work together for the good of all. The growing divide calls all of us to “awaken” to our call to justice, peace, and care of the earth.

Many of you have been so generous to us as we continue to meet the needs of our sick and retired sisters. Your generosity has “awakened” us to the gratitude that we owe you for partnering with us and we are overwhelmed by your generosity throughout the year. Know that we pray for you and your loved ones daily.

This annual report is our thank you to you.

Sr. Joanne Callahan

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Statement of Accountability

Development Income and Expenditures

Public Support and Revenue	Year Ended 2020	Year Ended 2021
Public Support		
Gifts/Donations	371,746	400,031
Grants	132,461	175,317
Events	25,153	248,229
Total Public Support	<u>529,360</u>	<u>823,577</u>
Expenditures		
Program Services		
Support of ministries	15,000	77,052
Support of retired/infirm	419,731	596,456
Total Program Services	<u>434,731</u>	<u>673,508</u>
Supporting Services		
Fundraising	16,900	10,516
Event expense	1,876	79,205
Administrative and General	75,853	60,348
Total Supporting Services	<u>94,629</u>	<u>150,069</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>529,360</u>	<u>823,577</u>

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The Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk operate four hospitals in India which were founded by the Sisters to serve people in remote villages where there is typically very little access to health care.

As Covid-19 ran rampant in India during 2021, two of the Ursuline medical centers - in Dumka and Chandmari - had to close temporarily because so many staff became infected. The situation was dire for those at St. Ursula Hospital – Konbir Noatoli and St. Ursula Hospital – Lohardaga, where they faced shortages in supplies and treatment options. As the medical staff battled their own illness and mourned losses in their own families and Ursuline communities, they were forced to send patients up to 30 miles away. For many locals, this journey was an impossibility with catastrophic consequences.

After an urgent plea from the US Province, donations poured in for our Sisters in India. Thanks to the generosity of our local supporters, other Ursuline communities, and a \$21,000 grant from the Catholic Health Caregivers Fund, our Ursuline Sisters were able to reopen their hospitals and continue caring for the people they serve.

A New Purpose in **BLUE POINT**

On Saturday, December 18th, the former St. Ursula Center in Blue Point reopened as the Bayport-Blue Point Library.

While the sale and repurposing of Blue Point was hard for many, it is very satisfying to see how this space will continue to serve the community – where people of all walks of life and ages can gather, learn, and grow. The library's expanded programming includes fitness classes, continuing education, cooking classes, movie nights, and crafts. The building now also includes a coffee house.

Those who oversaw this three-year transformation strived to be respectful of the Ursuline history – we were especially delighted to see the preservation of our beloved stained-glass windows as the Chapel has been reborn as a Reading Sanctuary! The opening also included an exhibit on the St. Ursula Center and was attended by several Sisters.



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2021 GOLF OUTING

After a date change and a rainy morning we're happy to say that the 2021 Swinging for the Sisters Golf Outing & Dinner honoring Brian Shea was a tremendous success! We're so grateful to everyone who participated and volunteered!



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Foundation

\$25,000 towards the congregational
archive project (Belgium)

Prayer Enrollment **PROGRAM**

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 healing, let someone know you are thinking of him/her, or send birthday blessings. Each gift of prayer also offers financial support for our retired Sisters who will pray for the person or for the repose of the soul of whomever you enroll.

A card with your prayer intention will be placed in the chapel of St. William the Abbot Convent in Seaford, New York along with a listing in our monthly newsletter. Your loved one will be remembered in the daily prayers of the Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk, and in special Masses for the Prayer Enrollment Intentions of the Ursuline Sisters 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)
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THERE ARE CURRENTLY 30 SISTERS IN THE US PROVINCE OF THE URSULINE SISTERS OF TILDONK

THE AVERAGE AGE OF THE SISTERS IS 79

92% ARE ABOVE RETIREMENT AGE THOUGH MANY CONTINUE TO SERVE



1/3

BENEFITS FROM SOCIAL SECURITY FOR RETIRED RELIGIOUS ARE ONLY A THIRD OF WHAT THE AVERAGE US BENEFICIARY RECEIVES

RETIRED URSULINE SISTERS ARE NOT SUBSIDIZED BY THE DIOCESES OR PARISHES THEY SERVED



12%

AVERAGE SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS COVER JUST 12% OF THE AVERAGE ANNUAL COST OF CARE FOR A SISTER OVER 70

THE DEDICATED WOMEN OF THE URSULINE SISTERS OF TILDONK CONTINUE TO BE ACTIVE IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION, PARISH & PASTORAL MINISTRY, HOSPITAL & HOSPICE MINISTRY, SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH, AND SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

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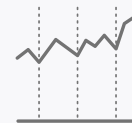
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Celebrating Our **JUBILARIANS**

We gathered together on October 23rd to celebrate our 2020 and 2021 Jubilarians. These eleven extraordinary women had the opportunity to renew their vows during Mass celebrated by Msgr. Brian McNamara at Maria Regina Residence and enjoy lunch as a community after.



Back Row: Sr. Denise Farrands (60), Sr. Bridget Olwell (60), Province Leader Sr. Joanne Callahan, Msgr. Brian McNamara; Front Row: Sr. Alice Traynor (60), Sr. Mary Joan of Arc Spelman (70), Sr. Mary James Fox (70), Sr. Regina Delaney (75), Sr. Mary Grace Hodnett (70), Sr. Teresita Catalano (70), Sr. Marguerite Torre (70), Sr. Mary Anne Sheehan (60)

A video of this Mass, photos, and biographies for our 2020-2021 Jubilarians can be found by visiting www.tildonkursuline.org/jubilee2021

2022 JUBILARIANS

*Sr. Margaret (Blanche) Golub
65 Years*



*Sr. Mary James Francis McDonnell
65 Years*

*Sr. Laurentine Morgan
60 Years*



*Sr. Mairead Barrett
55 Years*

*Sr. Joanne Callahan
55 Years*



*Sr. Margaret O'Brien
55 Years*

History of the **US PROVINCE**

Ursulines throughout the world trace their roots to St. Angela Merici. In 1535, Angela, a spiritual leader in Brescia, Italy founded the Company of St. Ursula, comprised of twelve women who shared her dedication to the education of girls, helping the poor, and visiting those who were sick. Through their work they created an alternative future for young women for whom a patriarchal society offered only marriage or monastic life. The Company of St. Ursula later became the first teaching order of Sisters in the Church.

Three hundred years after the formation of the Company of St. Ursula, Fr. Jean Lambertz, a parish priest in Tildonk, Belgium who also recognized the need to educate girls, founded the Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk. A parish house was transformed to a convent and renovated stables were used as their first school. From their home in Belgium the Ursulines expanded their mission into other parts of Europe and India before arriving in North America.

Answering a call from Fr. Garbottini, a group of Sisters came to the United States in 1924 with the intention of teaching at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary School in Ozone Park, New York. The group that founded the United States Province included Mother Stanislaus, Mother Madeleine, Sr. Teresa, Sr. Maria, Sr. Ignatius, Sr. Frances de Sales, Sr. Anna Teaster, Sr. Kathleen Nevis, and Sr. Patricia O'Farrell. They arrived just in time to celebrate the parish's feast day in September, and the Sisters quickly created their Mother House in Ozone Park, thus establishing the US Province of the Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk.

Within a year of their arrival in New York, the Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk began teaching at Our Lady of Grace School in Howard Beach, New York and they would soon go on to teach and administer in schools within the Diocese of Brooklyn, Diocese of Rockville Centre, Diocese of Bridgeport, and Archdiocese of Hartford.

By 1935 the Sisters established their novitiate in Blue Point, New York. After a fire in 1980, the Sisters rebuilt what would be known as St. Ursula Center, a retirement home and retreat center, and continued to live and minister there until 2019. It is now the home of the Bayport-Blue Point Public Library.

While the work of the Sisters has changed over the last 96 years, they continue to be active in Catholic school education, parish and pastoral ministry, hospital and hospice ministries, social justice and outreach, and spiritual leadership. Sisters from the United States Province live and work in New York, Connecticut, and Belgium and the global reach of the Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk includes Canada, Belgium, India, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Guyana.

Ursulines worldwide remain committed to education, justice, peace, and the integrity of creation inspired by the life and charism of St. Angela Merici and Father John Lambertz.

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2022 **EVENTS**

- Jan 27 *Feast of St. Angela Merici*
- Mar 16 *Lucky Shamrock Raffle*
- Jun 2 *Annual Golf Outing & Dinner*
- Oct *Annual Luncheon*
- Nov *Joy of Giving Virtual Auction*

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