



# *Ursulines of Cincinnati*

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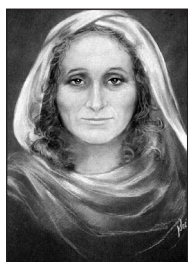
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## *Mission Statement*

*We, the Ursulines of Cincinnati, are a community of Christ-centered women transforming lives with compassion and creativity.*

*We pledge to respond to the needs of our times through diverse ministries and in collaboration with the laity.*

*We will respect the dignity of each individual, nurture their unique gifts and be present to them as we all seek a deeper and more personal relationship with God.*



*1535* St. Angela Merici established the Company of St. Ursula (Ursula was the patron saint of young women) in Brescia, Italy, with 28 of her followers at her side. Unlike many women religious of that period, the first Ursulines

did not live cut off from the world, but were engaged in active ministry, meeting the needs of the people of their time.

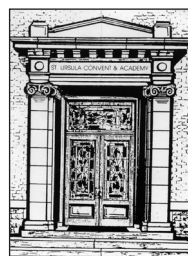


*1910* Mother Fidelis Coleman established the Ursuline Sisters of Cincinnati at the request of then-Archbishop Henry Moeller to teach, serve and care for the people of Cincinnati as a wave of immigrant children came into parish schools.

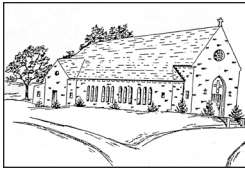


*1639* Marie (Guyart) de l'Incarnation became the first woman missionary to North America, giving selfless service to God and the Native Americans. She was the first superior of the Ursulines in North America.

Mere Marie was beatified on June 22, 1980.



*1910* St. Ursula Academy opened its doors in September 1910 with 63 children in kindergarten through the eighth-grade. One hundred years later, the schools have been divided into St. Ursula Academy (Walnut Hills) with 780 students, and St. Ursula Villa (Mt. Lookout) with 450 children.



*1913* Holy Name School became the first parish school staffed by the Ursulines, quickly followed by St. Monica School.



*1914* Mother Baptista Frenner became the first directress of St. Ursula Academy and later served as superior of the Ursulines of Cincinnati. Her leadership helped to establish the Ursulines' reputation as outstanding educators.



*1918* The chapel at the Ursulines' McMillan Street motherhouse was completed because of the generosity of Maria Longworth, of Rookwood Pottery fame, and Bellemey Storer.

*1920* Sister Mary Carmel McClellan, academic director of St. Ursula Academy, became the first woman to receive a doctorate in education from the University of Cincinnati.



*1920-1950* The Ursuline Sisters spent summers teaching religious education to children in Arnheim and other rural parishes in the eastern portion of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

*1930-1964* The Ursulines staffed additional parish schools, including Our Lady of Visitation, St. Francis de Sales, St. Henry (Dayton) and All Saints.



*1963* Twenty-two exiled Cuban Sisters were welcomed into the Ursuline community. They were driven out of Cuba by the Communist Castro regime. The Sisters studied American teaching methods and English to prepare them to teach at schools in the Archdiocese of Miami, Florida.



*1965* Sister Monica Foltzer developed "Professor Phonics Gives Sound Advice." This approach to teaching reading is still used today.

*1993* The Ursulines of Cincinnati followed in the footsteps of St. Angela by traveling to Italy to visit the homeland of their foundress.



*2001* In collaboration with the laity and in response to the needs in our local community, the Ursulines established the Starfish Project, a ministry for women in crisis.



*2006* The Ursulines' archives was moved, reorganized and renovated.

*2009-2010* The Ursulines plan for the celebration marking 100 years of service to the people and church of Cincinnati.

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For more information on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary events, contact Sister Mary Jerome Buchert, OSU, General Minister, at 513-961-3410, ext. 139.

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