

Thanks to a generous grant from the Ursuline Sisters of Cincinnati, twenty six students and thirteen chaperones attended UEN's Student Retreat in New Orleans January 11-14, 2024. The theme of the retreat was Faithfully and Joyfully: incorporating St. Angela's teachings in everyday life. Facilitator Jane Cruthirds, Director of Mission Formation for Sacred Heart Schools in Louisville, KY, prepared an interactive, historical and spiritually rich program focused on St. Angela's hospitality, and the vital role her instruction can have in students' daily lives. Jane used many resources from the collaborative Ursuline AMOR project website, *Angela's Story*, by Mary Cabrini-Durkin and the book *Also in Your Midst*, by Sr. Martha Buser OSU. Co-hosted by Ursuline Academy of New Orleans, a school visit, prayer service in the National Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor and private tour of the Shrine museum was incorporated into the retreat experience. Retreatants constructed a make-shift "piazza" with St. Angela imagery as its center. Embracing the spirit of *insieme* was encouraged as a method to practice St. Angela's counsels daily. Chaperones aided and participated with students in structured listening sessions modeled after the recent Synodal sessions in Rome. UEN thanks Jane Cruthirds for serving as retreat facilitator and Christy Zurcher of Ursuline New Orleans for offering gracious, southern hospitality.

Faithfully and Joyfully

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How you are being called to be more like a piazza...open, gracious, hospitable, and filled with joy?