

Glimpses of Artisans of Change

Our 6th URSULINE SPONSORED HOUSE in collaboration with the Sisters of the Sacred Heart, brought hope and joy to Miss Meka and her 13-year-old daughter. Her home was partially destroyed by tornadoes in February 2018, just 13 years after flood damage from Katrina.



Because of COVID-19 we are unable to go out and rebuild, but keep in contact by phone with those we have helped, namely, Mr. Frank, Miss Nanie, Miss Meka, etc. Our phone encounters bring HOPE and ENCOURAGEMENT. In one case our Ursuline community provided food and then we contacted an agency who would provide daily meals for the family.

Serviam is still very much alive even though some projects have been postponed. The St. Louis

Ursuline students had to cancel March 14, the day before they were to come to New Orleans due to COVID-19, but rescheduled for August 3-6, 2020. We now have funds for our 7th house which we hope the students will have a hand on in August.

Our monthly day of service for all Alumnae will continue once the air is cleared.

As a sign of HOPE for our neighborhood we, (Sisters Ginger, Mary Ann, Maggie and Regina Marie) painted a rainbow on our driveway as a sign of HOPE for our neighborhood. Many have expressed gratitude for it brings JOY and HOPE.

Regina Marie Fronmuller, osu
New Orleans





Lamentation Psalm

O Spirit of the Universe,
We, the indigenous peoples of the world
cry out to you on behalf of our sacred traditional
heritage and lifeway
that connects us to our organic planet earth.

How long can we live through this
intergenerational trauma of our traditional, cultural
and environmental destruction?

In each generation you withdraw your creative power, so that we, your
people, can re-create the inherent sacredness of your creation.

We ask you, our Creator, to place in our heart, mind, and spirit, your
sense of humor, laughter and joy amidst our people to deal with the intensity
of our pain.

We ask you to heal our spirit, mind and heart in
our struggles with this pain.

O Creator, continue to place the Holy Spirit
among the peoples and nations to renew the face
of the earth.

We give you praise and thanksgiving for the
beauty of all peoples, nations and the earth.

Josephine Aloralrea, osu Anchorage, Alaska

Sculpture by Susie Silook depicting the trauma of violence against Native Women

This has been an extraordinary Lent to be sure! We hope that these weekly glimpses of artisans of change have lifted you up and inspired you. As we head into the sacred Triduum tomorrow, we invite you all to think even more deeply about what it means to you to be an artisan of change. These days of sheltering in place and quarantine have given us the gift of time for deeper reflection and we invite you to share with all of us some of the pearls of insight that you have had about being an artisan of change. Just send your thoughts to diannebaumunk@gmail.com and next week's glimpse will be rich with your sharing.

**What does it mean to you
to be an Artisan of Change?**