

Day Five
Ursuline Jubilee Novena
Foundation of The Company of St. Ursula
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Angela and Mission

Opening Hymn

Introduction: Angela was conscious of her mission: called to consecrate herself totally to Jesus; and to found a new way for women to be entirely given to God while serving in the apostolic work of evangelization. Article 1 in our Constitutions reads, “the Roman Union of the Order of St. Ursula...founded by St. Angela is an international religious institute in which contemplation and apostolic life are so interwoven that each gives life to the other”. Angela faithfully pursued the clarification of this missions all her life. From the solitude at Desenzano to a more active life at Brescia, she prayed, guided the young women that came to her, and dictated the means and ways they were follow in their new life. Her mission was successfully completed; the Company of St. Ursula was born on November 25, 1535

Reading: “Dynamic fidelity to the charism of Angela deepens in us that unique two-fold love which inspired her to herself entirely to service of God and to the coming of his kingdom in this world”. Art. 2

“Our mission, entrusted to us by the Church and carried out in her name, is education for evangelization, expressed in various ministries” Art. 5

“In our diversity, we are called to reflect the unity and catholicity of the Church and to be witnesses of love in a divided world”. Art..7

“Following the example of Angela and in docility to the Holy Spirit, we search for new adaptations according to the needs of times and circumstances, trusting joyfully in the power of the Spirit who unifies our lives and makes all things new”. Art. 8

Reflection: Contemplation and apostolic action each gives life to the other. Do I regularly examine my fidelity to prayer? What do I ordinarily pray about? Do I evaluate my apostolic action? How do rate them on a scale of 1-----5-----10 ?
What plans do I have to continually improve the quality of my contemplation and apostolic action?

Closing Prayer: Loving and compassionate Father, you loved me and called me. I want to respond wholeheartedly to your loving call. You called me to the Ursuline life whose mission it is to deepen in us that two-fold love that was the charism of Angela, being entirely dedicated to you and working for your Kingdom to come into the world. Give me the strength and perseverance to be faithful to my calling and mission. St Angela, pray for us.

Closing Hymn