

Day Two

Ursuline Jubilee Novena

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Angela and Community

Introduction: Like Jesus, Angela drew a small group of followers whom she trained for total dedication to Jesus Christ; to live and witness to the values he taught. She gave them a Rule of Life that would mark them as consecrated women living in society according to Gospel values. It was to be new community, united with one vision one goal, that the Kingdom of God has come. She envision the growth of this little band and the expansion of their ministry when she wrote, “For if God planted this company, he will never abandon it. Counsel 4 v.8

Readings:

Please go often, as you have time and opportunity, to visit your dear daughters,... tell them they should want to be united and in concord together, all being of one will, remaining under obedience to the Rule, for in this is everything. That they should to honour to Jesus Christ, to whom they have promised their very self. Counsel 5 v.20

My last word to you, is that you live in harmony, united together, all of one heart and one will; because the more you are united, the more Jesus Christ will be in your midst as a father and good shepherd. And they will be no other sign that you are in the grace of the Lord than that you love one another and are united together. Legacy 10 v.9

Reflection: What is our Community Vision regarding ministry? How do I enter into it? How far am I responsible for the atmosphere of my community?

Do I often read the chapter on Community in our Constitutions, Art. 74-91?

What do you think about Art. 75 - 77 when it says, “there is an essential relationship between the quality of our community life and fidelity to our commitment?”

Closing Prayer St. Angela, our mother, obtain for our community the gifts of harmony and sincerity in our relationships with one another in community. We want to be witnesses to our Jesus’ words, “They will know that you are mine if you have love for one another”. Amen Jn. 13 v.