

January 18, 2012

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Contact: Carolyn L. Korenic
Director of Alumni and Advancement
(330) 744-4563, ext. 125**

Ursuline High School To Hold Catholic Schools Week Prayer Service

On Friday, January 27, Ursuline High School will celebrate Catholic Schools' Week with a prayer service at 10:15 a.m. planned by the Liturgy Committee. January 27th is the Feast Day of Saint Angela Merici, the founder of the Ursuline Sisters. The prayer service theme is "We Are the Hands and Feet of Christ." As part of the prayer service, students will learn about Angela Merici through three short skits written by Ursuline Religion Teacher Mrs. Linda Miller and enacted by members of the Liturgy Committee.

In the spirit of Saint Angela, Ursuline High School is collecting household cleaning products for the 12 families who live at Beatitude House, a ministry of the Ursuline Sisters. Beatitude House serves women and children bound in the cycle of poverty and homelessness. Through housing, education and family support, Beatitude House helps them break the cycle. These will be presented to Sr. Mary Alyce Koval, OSU, Education Director at Beatitude House.

John Slanina, UHS '95, will be the guest speaker. John will address students on "Making a Difference in Youngstown." John earned undergraduate degrees in Mathematics and Mechanical Engineering from Youngstown State University. He holds a Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology performing research in microfabrication and biosensor design. He also worked as a Science and Technology Policy Graduate Fellow at the National Academies in Washington, D.C. developing practices for Congress that would make the United States more economically competitive. After stints in Atlanta (GA), Columbus (OH) and the Netherlands working on science and economic development policies, Slanina moved back to Youngstown in February 2010 to work at Revere Data, a financial investment research firm with offices in the Youngstown Business Incubator. John is a member of the Ursuline Alumni board of directors, Youngstown CityScape and the Youngstown Rotary Club. He also established the Rocky Ridge Neighborhood Association on Youngstown's West Side.

Ursuline High School was founded in 1905 by the Ursuline Sisters of Youngstown. We are a co-educational, college preparatory high school of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Youngstown.