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UPDATE ON PBS PRODUCTION ON THE HISTORY OF MARY MANSE COLLEGE

Judy Biehler Miller ’69, 419-472-7444
and Colette Kalisz Egner ’72, Co-chairmen

With the generosity of many, we have met our production goal to produce an episode of “Toledo Stories” on The History of Mary Manse College through WGTE Public Media. Our producer, Courtney Hutton, is working on gathering information, conducting interviews, visiting the former campus, browsing through archives, etc.

If you are interested in being part of this experience, donations are still being accepted. There are extra expenses to cover such as acknowledgement letters, mailings, etc. These donations can be made in memory of, or in honor of a family member, classmate, or former professor. All funds left in the account will be given to The Ursuline Convent.

The final production will not be completed until early 2019. We will do all we can to let you know when it will be shown on Channel 30. There will also be information on how to receive a DVD of the show.

We would like to thank all of you who have supported this project which remembers and honors the people and places of our beloved college.

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100 WORDS
Dear Mary Manse Friends and Ursuline Sisters,
Just want to let you know about my totally thankful time and introduction to "live life and live it to the fullest in God’s plan”. Mary Manse College was an environment of love and caring- thanks to the Ursuline Sisters, the wonderful environment, and my sisters in Christ. I was privileged to be a teacher for 34 years, had 52 years of a great marriage to my beloved, Vern, six grown children, 26 grandchildren (several married, 10 great-grandchildren, one who is a Catholic priest, one considering sisterhood, all blessings.) I have been involved in Heartbeat-2015 award- Catholic War Vets- local, national Sanctity of Life Award of year, 2015, Teachers Saving Children many years on board, and many political, prayer organizations.
Thank you, Mary Manse!

Juanita Graber Sattler ’57

100 WORDS
Mary Manse College- her elegant presence in bricks, her faculty, her students, and particularly her Sister Mary Lawrence, are all factors that influenced my character and developed the values that I only in later years have grown fully to appreciate. I owe much gratitude to Sister Mary Lawrence who in 1960 secured an NDEA loan for me to continue to attend MMC. She took a gamble on me and I was the winner. I am thankful for the enrichment I have been afforded by my association with all that MMC was and with all that she remains.

Susan Masztak ’63

100 WORDS
I had dreams – big dreams. Creighton University in Omaha, Catholic University in Washington... my college dreams. Reality set in and I reluctantly ended up registering for college at Mary Manse – the only option I could see. I felt cheated. No football, team, no drama department, no men students, a school so small that missing a class was noted by faculty passing you in the hallway. I planned to transfer to another school at the end of the year. But then, something happened. I made friends (that have lasted a life time), got involved in extracurricular activities (had fun) and challenged my brain (gathering knowledge, firming up values and developing tools to cope with life). I returned that sophomore year, became involved in student organization, was supported in developing leadership skills, had opportunities to be creative with my music and became part of the Mary Manse Community. The gifts I took away from that four year experience have served me well for more than 50 years.

Esther Herroon Gillies ’63

100 WORDS
I am sending a contribution for the WGTE Mary Manse Story as a tribute to Sister Mary Lelia and Sister Rose Margaret. Sister Lelia was my Advanced Composition teacher at St. Ursula in 1963. She also likely championed my scholarship to Mary Manse which put college within my reach. Sister Rose Margaret was my main instructor while attending Mary Manse from 1964-1968. She was a demanding teacher for whom I have the greatest respect. I felt that both St. Ursula and Mary Manse enriched my life especially my love of literature. I am truly grateful.

Mary Gay Mattera Deiger, SUA ’64, MMC ’68

100 WORDS
My Experience of Mary Manse
Living only blocks away, with my mom an active alum, two big sisters going there as I started grade school, and two aunts running the library, Mary Manse was never not part of my life. Our whole family went there for plays, concerts, lectures, and ceremonies. Class Day with “the turning of the tassels” was my favorite.
At age 8 or 9, I started a “job” stamping, pasting, and shelving books—well-paid in cookies and cocoa, but also in exposure to the amazing scope of knowledge available to learn.
My actual student experience still held surprises, but the depth, breadth, and collegiality at Mary Manse? Just what I expected!

Marianne Beins Vere ’69

100 WORDS x 4
From the third floor dorm room of Barb, Marie, Penny and Sharon...
Throughout our 4 years at Mary Manse College the memories were made and well preserved. Little did we think that 51 years later we would still be sharing these! Entwined in each are many faces and personalities that never faded. Here are just a few—
Freshman year 1966-67: Class Day “You’re Not Freshmen Anymore” and turning of the tassel!; Sister Lelia; Big Sisters; language lab hours that seemed like days; formal dinners in Lourdes Hall; discovering a non-stressful place called the B+L!
Sophomore 1967-68: Renewing friendships; Major British Writers; school musicals; joining clubs, choir and orchestra; playing pool in Parkwood; getting to class on time; typing term papers over and over; remembering to sign out when leaving the dorm!

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Another call was from Clarann Haesling Wise, who graduated from Tiffin Calvert in 1959 and still lives in Tiffin. She received a 2 year cadet certificate from MMC where she lived in St. Angela Hall as the other dorm housing was filled. There were five other girls in her room, and across the hall were eight girls in a room. She remembers Sr. Jane Catherine as her room mother and that they ate all three meals in another building, with four at a table in a formal setting. She is still good friends with another 2 year student, Jane Matte Depinet. Clarann took summer classes at MMC and from Heildberg College in Tiffin. Clarann taught at St. Joe’s School in Tiffin under Sr. Rosemary as her principal until she stayed home to raise her children. She said that another MMC graduate, Joyce Elchert Hart ’62, taught Clarann’s 3 children. She said that Mary Manse College was a wonderful experience and she received a good education!

Dear Judy,

I received your letter and want to thank you for your kind words about Mom’s writing. The project about Mary Manse sounds like a great way to preserve it’s legacy. If you’re able to, please have newsletters sent to Mom’s address at The Little Sisters. While her dementia makes it difficult for her to read much, we often read to her and I think the familiar things are comforting to her. Thank you,

Sheila Cook for Barbara Carter Daley ’58

September 2017, Marna O’Brien Adamian ’67 and her former roommate, Karen Baker Lippa ’67, spent a few days with Mary Hausmann Greiner, associate, and her roommate, Judy Biehler Miller ’69 in Canada at Niagara-on-the-Lake. They shared again as in other travels together, lots of stories about the “good ol’ days” at “The Manse.” Here’s to all the friends we made while we spent those 4 years on Collingwood Avenue!

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May They Rest in Peace

ALUMNI:

Rose Ferrara Barone '41
Patricia Czelusta Howard '46
Margaret Foos Feltes, '47
Ethel Therese Horkavi Hogan '47
Lucy Ferrara Pinciotti '50
Helen Golbinec McDaniel '51
Barbara Lunbeck Callanan '51
Dorothy Ann Schlachter Zemper '53
Mary Ellen Barry Bihn '53
Patricia Bauerschmidt Dickey '55
Evelyn May Brennan '57
Rita Wrobleski Walasinski '61
Doris Ann Norris '62
Kay Ellen Voglewede '63
Jeanne Behan Wojtkowiak '64
Esther (Sue) Schmitt Lewis '64
Helenegene Stacho Wenninger '67
Frenchye Harper Latham '68
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Sister Mary Joan Furlong, S.N.D.
(Sister Mary Joan Frances)
Sister Mary Bernarda Sullivan, SND
(Rita Ann Sullivan)
Sister Mary Michel Schmitt, SND
(Rita Schmitt)
Angela Rose Haas Carroll

HUSBAND
Judy Puffenberger Zimmerman '67
Susan Durnwald Benedum '68
Claudia Bowen Kreiner '68
Sandy Avina Georgoff '69

MOTHER:
Mary Beth Dibling Rumer'72

SISTER:
Ann Ferrara Scuder '48 (2 sisters)
Joan Klap Kyle '57
Nancy Marryott Schlageter '68
Mary Behan Miller '70

BROTHER
Dorothy Schlachter Zemper '53
Loretta "Sis" Gallagher Wenger '58
Kathleen O'Brien Seitz '63 (2 brothers)
Marna O'Brien Adamian '67 (2 brothers)
Debra Diroff '74

FACULTY
Margaret A. Weber, music teacher, 70's

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Additional Information

provided about our dear departed religious professed alumnae. Mary Manse College conferred degrees on many sisters in the Toledo area.

Sister M. Lenore Eagles, OSF
earned a B.A., B.S.E., and M.A. from MMC

Sister Mary Joan Furlong, SND
(Sister Mary Joan Frances)
earned two degrees in education from MMC

Sister Mary Bernarda Sullivan, SND
(Rita Ann Sullivan) received degrees in Education and English from MMC and the U of Detroit

Angela Rose "Angie" Haas Carroll
graduated Our Lady of Cincinnati in '56 and Mary Manse College and joined Sisters of Mercy as a teacher. Left convent in '69

Sr. Joseph Therese, SND (Joanne Torti)
passed away about 2 years ago.
Obituaries of Several Alumnae

Ethel Therese Horkavi Hogan ‘47
She had been married to Paul Hogan just short of their 70th wedding anniversary. She is survived by her husband Paul and her two children.
She had been a teacher at Sts. Peter and Paul School for over 20 years.
She had also been a member of the church choir and funeral choir for many years. She enjoyed music and her gardening. She will be missed by her family and friends.

Kay Ellen Voglewede ‘63
Kay was born in Hampton, Virginia on March 1, 1940. She graduated from St. Vincent de Paul High School in Newport News, then graduated from Mary Manse College in 1963. After receiving a Bachelors in Physics, she began a 33 year career with NASA in Washington, DC as an editor in the Scientific and Technical Information Program. She retired to Williamsburg, Virginia to be closer to family.

Frenchye Harper Latham ‘68
Frenchye Harper Latham...received her bachelor’s from MMC. (no additional information)

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Mary Flahie Egan ’63, enjoys spending time with her 2 daughters and grandchildren, Ellie, Jake, and Sophie.

In July, Marna O’Brien Adamian ’67 flew to Rochester, New York to spend a few days with her former roommate, Karen Baker Lippa ’67. They had a wonderful time recalling Marna’s many visits to the Minetto/Oswego area with Karen.

Sorry to be sending obits, but it is what it is. Joan Bradner’s daughter, Liz Bradner Kunkel, age 56, died in Chicago last week. She lost a hard fought battle with breast cancer. Funeral/burial in Chicago. Jane Burnett Flis’s son, Michael, died a week ago in Toledo. Wish I was writing regarding glad tidings. Will you please pass these obit notices on to the Alumni office? Many thanks. Sending good wishes to you. Mary Catharine Guyton Phillips ’53

Here’s a photo of the four “brave” and “proud” Class of ’55 buddies that sang the Mary Manse Fight Song to honor Patricia Bauerschmidt Dickey ’55 at the funeral luncheon Saturday, Aug. 18th. Lucy Pattay Oravez ’55, Sue Kelley Badyna ’55, Sally O’Connell ’55 and Char Gleckler Kreuz ’55....the country gal from Delta

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R.I.P. Doris Ann Norris ’62

It is with great sadness that I report that Doris Ann Norris, class of ’62, died on March 8, 2018 at the age of 77 in Fostoria, Ohio. After graduating from Mary Manse, she taught for two years, then came home to her true vocation at the then Fostoria McClean Public Library where she had worked as a page in high school. Awarded a grant from the State Library of Ohio she received her Master’s in Library Science from the University of Michigan in 1966.

She served at the library, (Kaubisch Memorial Public Library) in almost all capacities from page to Director. She retired in 2002, then substituted at the Tiffin Seneca County Public Library and the Birchard Sandusky County Public Library. She remained involved with libraries local and national .

Dori devoted her life to service, In her active years she served on Fostoria’s St. Wendelin Parish Council, the Toledo Diocesan Assembly (two terms as president), the local board and Diocesan board of Catholic Charities. She was a member of the Public Defender of Seneca County Commission, a member of Altrusa, Pax Christi, as well as other civic and social groups. She also co-facilitated Monday Mysteries at the Wood County Public Library in Bowling Green.

Dori was a devoted attendee at national library conferences and mystery writer conventions. At the 2012 Bouchercon (International Mystery Convention) held in Cleveland, Ohio, she was honored for her passionate support of women writers and her role in providing research and support services to many published authors.

Dori loved Mary Manse and often talked about her college days with fondness. She will be missed by her Mary Manse friends as well as all of those whose lives she touched.

Submitted by Esther Herroon Gillies ’63

In less than two months, The Sunshine Strollers band had 13 engagements. Char Gleckler Kreuz ’55 plays trombone in this much in demand band of over 30 musicians in Florida.

Judy Biehler Miller ’69 received some calls from classmates this summer. Marianne Beins Vere ’69 called from Russellville, Arkansas to say hello and that she was planning to do some traveling and would be in Toledo late June. She was eager to hear how the WGTE project was going and what is being planned for the celebration of our 50 year anniversary next spring. Marianne told that in a trip to Portland, Oregon, she saw someone wearing a Tony Packo’s t-shirt. Small world! (See Marianne’s 100 WORDS, p. 2)

Cathy Doniere Fredrickson ’69 called from Cypress, California to say hello and that she’s planning to come next spring for our class’ 50th celebration. Class of ’69, see message on page 8.
Barbara M. Callanan Lunbeck ‘51
Died after a brief illness at home in Audubon, Pennsylvania. She is survived by her six children and their spouses, her 14 grandchildren, and her great-grand-child. Barbara was a spirited and popular student, graduating with a B.S. in 1951 from Mary Manse College as class Vice-President with high honors in chemistry. While at Mary Manse, Barbara met Bob. After graduation she worked for a year in Toledo as a chemist. Married in 1952, Barbara and Bob shared a 63-year marriage that ended only with Bob’s death early last year.
Barbara loved art, reading, conversation and travel. After decades consumed by family responsibilities, she began taking studio art classes in earnest in the 1980s. She soon became a full-time student, commuting daily for two years to the Pennsylvania Academy of The Fine Arts, where she majored in painting. Many of her landscapes, still life and portraits now adorn her children’s walls.

From the Spring Banquet to All
The class of 1968 had it's 50th year reunion from our graduation this past Spring. In attendance from Catonsville, Maryland, was Claudia Bowen. She was so impressed with visiting everyone, she wrote to each of us a note, along with a gift of some stones. Below is what she has said, and I so agree with her comment.

Submitted by Nancy Talpos Murdock ‘68

This is a note to share some thoughts, reflections and actions I have taken since I saw you in May of this year. During the banquet where we celebrated the 50th anniversary of our graduation from Mary Manse College, I began to reflect upon my own college experience, and I left with a profound appreciation and gratitude for the relationships developed, opportunities afforded, and sacrifices made by many on my behalf so that I could acquire a college education. As I reconnected with each of you, listened to the stories being told of your experiences, remembered shared experiences, as well as some of my own, I laughed until my eyes watered and my sides hurt. Although a visit to the campus was a reminder of “times past, it occurred to me that storytelling is our legacy and truly The Mary Manse Story”. Without our shared stories and experiences, how would Mary Manse live on?

Claudia Bowen ‘68
If you would like to know more about the very interesting stones, please write Claudia at: claudiabowen@hotmail.com.

Ed. Note: Stay tuned for the next issue! MMC episode of “Toledo Stories” on The History of Mary Manse College through WGTE Public Media, will be available in the spring on DVD.
Dorothy Ann Schlachter Zemper, ’53

Dorothy, age 86, passed away Monday, March 12, 2018, at Rosary Care Center in Sylvania, OH. Dorothy was born May 23, 1931, in Toledo, OH, to Charles and Rose Schlachter and was a 1949 graduate of Central Catholic High School. She was a 1953 graduate of Mary Manse College. She was married to her husband, George, for 60 years, until his death in 2014. Dorothy taught elementary school, raised a large family, and was a Social Worker for Toledo Catholic Charities until she retired.

One Family, Six Sisters at Mary Manse, at One Time

Alice Leyland
(Sr. Joachim, OSU)

Judy (Leyland) Coffman

Mary Leyland

Eleanor Leyland
(Sr. Johanna, OSU)

Loretta Leyland

Inez Leyland

(Picture submitted by Larry Leyland, nephew of these women)

Patricia Bauerschmidt Dickey ‘55

Patricia M. Bauerschmidt Dickey ’55, went home to be with the Lord while at St. Luke’s Hospital on August 15, 2018. A lifelong resident of Maumee and Waterville, OH. She was very active in the St. Joseph Parish in Maumee. Pat was raised in a house that used to sit in what’s now the parking lot for the church and school. Pat has influenced many lives over the years, teaching fourth grade at St. Joseph’s Catholic School, Maumee. Pat was very active in St. Joe’s Choir where she sang with daughter, Julie, for many years. Pat and Ken were lifetime members of the Waterville Playshop, where they made history having three generations on stage in the same production. Pat’s love for music, rug hooking and her family were just a few of her many passions after she graduated from Mary Manse College. She retired from teaching after 36.5 years with most of that time being spent at St. Joseph in Maumee. She enjoyed tennis, golf, swimming and volunteer work. Patricia attended St. Joseph Catholic Church and lent a helping hand with Communion distribution and Rosary Altar Society. Patricia was also a 25 year Breast Cancer survivor.

Mary Ellen Barry Bihn ’53

Mary Ellen passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 18, 2018 at Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Perrysburg. She was born on October 19, 1931 in Lakewood, Ohio to Loretta (McNeil) and David W. Barry, Sr. Mary Ellen was a 1949 graduate of St. Ursula Academy and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mary Manse College in 1953. She married Robert F. Bihn on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 1954, and he preceded her in death in 2016. She was a member of St. Jerome Catholic Church, Walbridge Senior Center, and Ageless Wonders. Mary Ellen enjoyed western round and square dancing, reading, solving word search puzzles, and baking cookies.

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Valentine’s Day Red is LIFE and LOVE by Susan Masztak ’63

Remember those St. Valentine’s Eves when your children and your students set aside their school work to create paper valentines to distribute the following day, leaving cuttings of red or pink construction paper mixed with flakes of white doily-like pieces wafting onto piles on the floor? And oh, those patches of sticky glue on the kitchen table and classroom desks. Maybe a fresh flower was tended in a vase of water for that special someone. Did you bake chocolate chip cookies topped with tiny red cinnamon hearts for the occasion? Perhaps you splurged on boxes of small colorful candy hearts printed with cute words of affection for all the classmates. Those were the days before Dollar Stores. If you were a teacher, I suspect that you, too, had been given a treat or two and felt obliged, however reluctantly, to chip away some minutes from a lesson to allow socializing while munching on sugary treats. Those minutes were gifts in themselves. Great memories, aren’t they?

Last Valentine’s Day six minutes and twenty seconds were all it took at Marjory Stoneman Douglas H.S. in Parkland, Florida to change a day for expressing love to a day of unexpected dread. When fourteen students and three teachers were killed, Valentine’s Day changed forever, not only for the MSD students but for students in every American school, public and private.

Not long after having borne the shock of the shooting, MSD students gave voice to their grief and to the urgency to act immediately. They demanded safe gun control laws and safe schools, organized “die-ins,” and provided access to voter registration in Florida. Rallies took place from Florida to California, as well as in cities around the world. Public and private school students in Toledo and environs joined in support of their contemporaries to protest school shootings by participating in the National School Walkout. Many students at St. Ursula Academy left their building for a planned seventeen minutes, a minute for each student and teacher lost in Parkland. Several Ursuline Sisters joined them showing commitment to the values of St. Angela Merici and to the development of strong women. The protesting students’ speeches in D.C. made their goals clear as did the potent signs they carried:

**ENOUGH NEVER AGAIN**
**BOOKS NOT BULLETS**
**PROTECT CHILDREN, NOT GUNS**
**THIS TIME MUST BE DIFFERENT**

**ARM ME WITH BOOKS, NOT WEAPONS**
**THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS DON’T SAVE LIVES,**
**GUN CONTROL WILL**

By using their mastery of social media, their resolve rose into phenomenal activism that grew into a national youth revolution resulting in the “March For Our Lives” the following month in Washington, D.C.

Organizers estimated the march drew a diverse crowd of 800,000. We saw them on TV and on the front pages of our newspapers (those of us fortunate enough still to have a working trustworthy free press). A few student leaders graced the cover of TIME. A talented MSD vocal group presented a powerful performance of “Seasons of Love” from RENT to a TV audience of millions at the 72nd Tony Awards show to a cheering standing ovation reminding us of why we are here. Earlier, their teacher, Melody Herzfeld, was presented with the Excellence in Theatre Education Award which she deemed “a defining moment” in her life. Do listen to her acceptance speech available on YouTube. These may be the best words you will hear during all 525,600 minutes this year.

Never having been enamored with numbers, the following statistics are distressing to me. Currently, there are 393,000,000 civilian-owned firearms in an estimated 50 million households in the U.S., 120.5 firearms for every 100 people. No one knows the number of AR-15 automatic weapons in the U.S. Why have they not been counted? There are at least 1,690,000 children living in homes with unlocked firearms. In Florida alone there are now 1.8 million concealed weapon permit holders. Here are some more significant numbers: The U.S. Department of Education reports that 50.7 million students attended public schools in 2017-2018. An additional 5.2 million attended private schools. Of these 52.9 million students in possible danger, 187,000 is an estimate of the students who have experienced a shooting at school since the 1999 shooting at Columbine H.S. in Colorado.

Nineteen years have passed. The current White House administration, including the Secretary of Education and Congress, has failed to legislate or propose any relief for the crisis in school safety. A new AP poll has found that nearly half of Americans do not expect elected officials to take action, thus stoking the students’ fiery evolution into the needed spine of our country on behalf of those who could not be saved and for those who must be saved. These articulate students continue to be motivated, fearless, unrelenting, and a credit not only to their parents and teachers but gifts to a chaotic government. They bravely have set out to do what has not been done—return schools to a safe place, a place to learn and to grow without fear.

They continue to speak louder in growing numbers in a unified voice that will not be silenced. The 2018 MSD yearbook is titled “As One”. At the time of this writing a large group of MSD students set off to make two tours: one to make 50 stops in 20 states, another to visit all 27 congressional districts in Florida. The tours followed a peace march in south Chicago led by students from St. Sabina Academy, an elementary school of 273. Entertainers Jen-

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The Odenweller Family with Four Sisters

Four sisters of Mary Manse College are delighted to share, both their artifacts and their memories, of their beloved Alma Mater—and they come from a single Putnam County family.

(The artifacts were shared at the 2018 Alumni Banquet.) First, the receipt—for ten dollars, which was required as a deposit for the enrollment of Mary Ann Odenweller Rode ’58. She recalls her tuition being $1000 per year, which her father, Edward Odenweller, gladly paid for each of his daughters, “in case any of them married a “bum,” (which, thankfully, they didn’t). Shared also was a photograph of the three Odenweller sisters—currently Mary Ann Rode ’58, Patricia Weger ’60, and Marcia Meyer ’61. The youngest Odenweller sister, Joan Odenweller Engelsman, attended Mary Manse before transferring to Bowling Green. The sisters’ commitment to education was cemented all those years ago, and collectively, they have provided over 100 years of classroom instruction to students in Ohio schools—all thanks to the tutelage of the Ursuline sisters. Today, Mary Ann’s daughter-in-law, Christina Rode, continues her mother-in-law’s legacy as a veteran teacher at St. Ursula Academy.

The Putnam County Elementary Education supervisor repeatedly praised the training so many of his new hires received from Mary Manse College, as he found them to be excellent teachers, well versed in many subjects and dedicated to their students’ well-being. Mary Ann shared that she was required to keep a collection of 100 index cards related to children’s literature as a resource that would enable her to suggest material directly related to her students’ interests. This was one of many progressive teaching techniques that enhanced the Putnam County schools throughout the decades.

As boarders at the magnificent Collingwood residence, Lourdes Hall, the three oldest Odenweller sisters were thrilled to enjoy dinners served on white tablecloths for which they were required to attend in formal dress, which included white gloves and tea-length dresses. At those special dinners the most precise etiquette was expected, since only the highest standards for deportment was sanctioned by the Ursuline nuns. Whether it was exploring theology with Fr. Sullivan, perfecting the pedagogy that would forever inform their teaching, or embracing the delicacy of public life, students at Mary Manse College experienced the highest ideals of Ursuline education—and they appreciate it to this day.
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