



St. Paul Mission



First Peoples Buffalo Jump

URSULINE RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTER

Presents Our 17th Annual
MONTANA URSULINE EXPERIENCE
“WHERE ANGELA HAS LED US”

July 8 – 15, 2019

An interesting and engaging program about Ursuline Foundations in Montana, Native American Culture, the Lewis & Clark Expedition and more....

This communication concerning the Montana Ursuline Experience contains a few details of our 2019 program. This program is open to all Ursuline Sisters, Associates, Administrators, Teachers, Spouses and Friends as well as college and upper grade high school students.

To arrive in Great Falls, several forms of transportation are available. The Great Falls Airport services Alaska, Allegiant, Delta and United Airlines. The Ursuline Centre will pick up guests at the airport. Some participants may wish to drive and incorporate a trip to nearby National Parks, either before or after the Ursuline Experience program.

Registration will begin at the Centre on Monday, July 8th at 2:00 PM. This gives time to settle in before the Introductions at 3:00 followed by a tour of Ursuline Centre. The building, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, was opened in 1912 as a K-12 school for boarders and day students. It contains many pieces of artwork, Native American artifacts, antiques, and memorabilia in the rooms and along the hallways.

During the week long program, field trips will be made to several Ursuline sites in Montana. This will include an all day trip to the Fort Belknap Indian reservation and St. Paul Mission. This former Ursuline Mission is still active and members of the Gros Ventre and Assiniboine Tribes still reside at the mission. This trip will provide opportunities to view the Missouri River Breaks and some of the country that Lewis and Clark experienced. Another trip includes an all day venture to St. Ignatius, Montana where Mother Amadeus is buried.

An afternoon trip to the historic St. Peter's Mission, established in the wilds of Montana by Mother Amadeus in 1884, is also on the schedule.

The week includes other interesting field trips: the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, First Peoples Buffalo Jump, and the Big Stone Hutterite Colony.

It is highly recommended that participants read the book *Lady Blackrobes*, a history of the Ursuline Missions in the heart of Indian country written by Sr. Irene Mahoney. This book, an intriguing and fascinating read, can be purchased at the Ursuline Centre for \$16.95. To order a book, contact Sr. Francis Porter at (406) 452-8585 or email Peggy Rowe at prowe@ursulinecentre.com.

The state of Montana, also known as “Big Sky Country” and “The Last Best Place,” has many areas of historic interest and scenic beauty. Those interested in traveling to nearby parks can get to Yellowstone National Park within 3½ hours from Great Falls, and Glacier National Park in just 2½ hours. Renting a car for such trips is possible and some may want to combine with other participants for such trips. Those individuals who possess a “Senior Pass” card issued by the National Park Services should bring their card with them. This pass enables the holder to enter a number of National Parks and Federal facilities free of charge. Those interested in remaining extra days at the Ursuline Centre may do so for \$46 per night, breakfast \$8.50, lunch \$11.50 and dinner \$14.50

The staff at the Ursuline Centre is looking forward to welcoming the participants to the Montana Ursuline Experience 2019. Please plan to join us!

In the Spirit of St. Angela,

Sr. Rosemary Meiman, OSU, Presenter

Thomas Trunkle, Director Ursuline Centre

Peggy Rowe, Assistant Director Ursuline Centre