



# Assumption College for Sisters Current Sharings

Assumption College for Sisters † March 2010

Assumption College for Sisters  
invites you to the

Ninth Annual  
**Caring  
Basket  
Gala**

March 25, 2010

6:30 p.m.

The Hanover Marriott  
Whippany, NJ

Funds raised at the Gala directly support  
the education of the Sisters.

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our honorees by attending the Gala dinner  
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## Introducing the 2010 Honorees



### The Education Award

Sister Doris Lavinthal, M.P.F.  
Director, Villa Walsh Academy, Morristown, NJ



### The Servant Leader Award

Frank A. Petrucci, Ed.S.  
Retired Superintendent of Schools, Diocese of Paterson



### The Family Life Award

Damon and Melanie Owens  
Natural Family Planning  
Program Coordinators  
for the Archdiocese of Newark, NJ  
and founders of the  
New Jersey Natural Family  
Planning Association.

Owens Girls (left to right)  
Rachel, Therese, Naomi, Olivia,  
Veronica, Collette and Leah

## Students in Tanzania Welcome their New Teacher, Sister Pia, ACS Alumna

Students at Queen of Family Girls Secondary School, Tanzania, are eager to learn from their competent and caring teacher, Sister Pia Shayo. Teaching literature, grammar and religion, Sister credits ACS with providing

her with effective teaching skills. Thanks in large part to Assumption College for Sisters and its benefactors, these happy students are blessed with a dynamic and qualified teaching Sister. *Teach a Sister and Touch the World!*



## ACS Faculty Member Publishes Book on Cardinal Newman

HOW ITALY AND HER PEOPLE SHAPED CARDINAL NEWMAN

by Jo Anne Cammarata Sylva

Dr. Sylva explains how John Henry Newman allowed himself to be led into the fullness of Catholic truth by the influences of Italian Catholics such as St. Alphonsus Liguori and St. Philip Neri. Much of Newman's understanding of a Catholic sense of Tradition was formed and nurtured by the words of these and other famous Italian Catholics.

On the ACS faculty since 2006, Dr. Sylva teaches ESL 101 and is also a member of the ACS Board of Trustees.

### From the President...

Dear Friends of ACS, National Catholic Colleges Week is celebrated February 21-27, a week during which all of us can be proud to be a part of the mission of Assumption College for Sisters, a unique Catholic college.

Incorporated as a separate legal entity in 1961, the college has roots in 19th century Germany with the vision of a German noble woman, Pauline von Mallinckrodt, foundress of the Sisters of Christian Charity, the congregation which sponsors the college. Her vision: that the Sisters should be well prepared, both spiritually and professionally, to spread the Kingdom of God through sound education, from

which in her words, "flows the temporal and eternal welfare of the individual and of society."

As you well know, her vision has been realized in Assumption College for Sisters. Not only do we prepare the Sisters of Christian Charity for their life's work, but we educate and nurture women in religious formation in congregations in our geographic area as well as religious Sisters from congregations in developing nations. In the past several years, we have attracted lay men and women interested in pursuing a certificate in theological studies or taking courses in religion and philosophy. During this past year, we have had two young

women discerning their religious vocation. All of this is done in an atmosphere conducive to fostering their spiritual development.

Graduates of Assumption College for Sisters go forth and share the knowledge and skills acquired here. They are God's hands and feet and heart for all to whom they minister. Now... that is something to celebrate!

Please join us in this celebration by your prayers and continued friendship with ACS. You will be remembered in our prayers, too.

With grateful prayer,

Sister Joseph Spring, SCC

"Together, we can make a difference!"



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# Sister Alumnae Achieve Academic Success

After graduating from ACS with the AA degree, a group of Sister alumnae are studying at D'Youville College, Buffalo, N.Y. The Sisters, pursuing BA and in some instances, MA degrees, are studying elementary education, early childhood education, and biology. Sister Camilius, pursuing a Masters Degree in Accounting and International Business, credits ACS with her strong academic foundation. Sister Emmanuel Phan writes to us: "Although we have been far away from ACS, we believe that the professors and Sisters of Christian Charity, still support our studies through their thoughts and prayers. We do the same as we are very grateful to what we have received from ACS." We wish these Sisters and all our ACS alumnae throughout the world great success and God's blessing.



*Pictured left to right: Sr. Emmanuel Phan, FMSR, Sr. Maria Nguyen, FMV, Sr. Reginab Mlalazi, AMR, Sr. Teresa Phan, FMV, Sr. Ifigenia Camilius, FSSB, Sr. Agnes Kunene, FSF, Sr. Mary Magdalen Hoang, FMSR*

## Sing and Dance Through History

The World Civilization I class, while studying Africa, engaged in a real life experience.

Instructor and students wore authentic Swahili Katangas and Kangas. The class began with a

song and dance in Zulu, "We Come as We Are", taught by two students from South Africa. The singing was accompanied by Sisters playing drums and a kayamba.

All participated!



## Sisters Attend Papal Honors Reception

Sisters attended a reception at Seton Hall University celebrating the appointment of Monsignor Robert S. Meyer as Chaplain to His Holiness. Monsignor Meyer introduced the Sisters to his guests and asked them to seriously consider ways to assist the ACS mission.



*Pictured from left to right: Monsignor Meyer, Archbishop Celestino Migliore, Apostolic Nuncio and Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations, Sister Joseph Spring, SCC, ACS President.*

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Volumes include:

- A Brief History of the World
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- The Catholic Church: A History

Suggested donation for each set is \$100. Checks can be mailed to the college or credit cards can be phoned in to 973.543.6528 x230.

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**Thank you** to Father Edward Flanagan and Nativity of Our Lord parish, Monroe Township, for recently inviting ACS to participate at their 11 a.m. Sunday liturgy. Sister students from Africa participated in the Entrance Procession while Sisters from Vietnam did so at the Preparation of Gifts. Sister Joseph Spring spoke about the mission of ACS. The parish's financial contribution will help defray the cost of a Sister's tuition. If you would like the Sisters to speak at your parish or event, contact Sister Joseph at 973.543.6528 x230.

## Upcoming Events

**March 13:** Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Hoboken; Sisters sing and speak at 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 Noon Masses.

**March 25:** The Ninth Annual Caring Basket Gala, 6:30 p.m.; The Hanover Marriott, Whippany, N.J.

**April 11, 3 pm:** Yom H'Shoah (Holocaust Remembrance). Assumption College for Sisters.

**April 18:** St. Luke's Church, Long Valley; Sisters sing and speak at 11.15 a.m. Mass.

**April 28:** Sisters sing in St. Joseph Church Women's Communion Supper liturgy, Bernardsville.

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## Catholic Healthcare Center Grand Opening

Celebrating the opening of Gianna: The Catholic Healthcare Center for Women of St. Vincent's Hospital, New York City, is (left to right) Sister Joseph Spring, SCC, Sister Ida Heinzmann, SCC and Mr. Henry J. Amoroso, President and CEO of St. Vincent's Hospital.

