Assumption College for Sisters
Current Sharings

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.

Show your support and congratulate our honorees by attending the Gala dinner or placing an ad in the Gala Journal.

Easily and securely purchase dinner tickets and Gala Journal ads at our website www.acs350.org or call 973.543.6528 x230

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. Petruccelli, 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!”
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.

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.
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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.

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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.