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Congratulations to the Class of 2011



From left to right: Sister Justina Ekibenda, FSSB; Sister Emiliana Ntanguye, BM; Sister Constancia Cyliro, FSSB; Sister Martha-Anne Mabuntana, FSF; Eliabeth Tartaglia, SCC; Sister Maria Teresa Nguyen, SCC; Sister Mary Joseph Schultz, SCC (Alumna of the Year); Sister Aurelia Kabere, BM; Sister Veronica Kayetta, ISRA; Sister Ezekiel Ngongo, FSF; Sister Oliveta Mwanawima, ISRA; Sister Cathy Lynn Cummings, FSSE (Commencement Speaker)

On May 14, ten students from Assumption College for Sisters received their AA degree while six students received Certificates in Theological Studies.

The invocation was delivered by Father Johndamaseni Zilimu, brother of Sister Justina, one of the Graduates. Father is currently Parochial Vicar at St. Matthew

Church in Champaign, IL while working toward his PhD at the University of Illinois.

The Commencement speaker was Sister Cathy Lynn Cummings, FSSE, Principal of St. Elizabeth Nursery and Montessori School, Parsippany, Executive Secretary of the Diocesan Pastoral council and Vocation Directress for her congregation, the Franciscan Sisters of St. Elizabeth.

Sister Cathy obtained her BA from Florida Atlantic University and her MS from Nova Southeastern University. Continuing education courses included the study of Theology here at Assumption College for Sisters. Prior to her entrance into religious life, she taught for 16 years in the Florida public schools and for 6 years as adjunct professor at Nova Southeastern University Graduate program. During that time she developed and presented

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Alumna of the Year

Sister Mary Joseph Schultz, SCC was selected as Alumna of the Year 2011. Sister graduated from ACS in 1974 and continued her studies at Felician College, receiving a BA in Education and then on to Seton Hall University to receive an MA in Pastoral Ministry with a concentration in Youth Ministry.

Sister Mary Joseph has had a long career in all levels of Catholic education: 16 years at the elementary level, 7 years at the secondary level and 7 years as President of Assumption College for Sisters. Most recently she has served as Resource Director at St. Paul Inside the Walls and Campus Minister at Fairleigh Dickinson and Drew Universities.

During the time Sister Mary Joseph served as President, she successfully led the institution

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Receiving the Certificate in Theological Studies: Left to right: Abidee Peralta, SCC; Sister Janet Keller, FMA; Sister Brittany Harrison, FMA; Sister Juliett Perez, FMA; Sister Guerline Joseph, FMA; Sister Alina Suarez, FMA

ACS Class of 2011 Scholarship Recipients

Sister Constansia Cyliro, FSSB *Silver Lake College, Manitowoc, WI*
 Sister Justina Ekibenda, FSSB *St. Bonaventure University, Olean, NY*
 Sister Aurelia Kahere, BM *D'Youville College, Buffalo, NY*
 Sister Veronica Kayetta, ISRA *Felician College, Lodi, NJ*
 Sister Oliveta Mwanawima, ISRA
College of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, NJ
 Sister Ezekiel Ngongo, FSF *St. Bonaventure University, Olean, NY*
 Sister Maria Theresa Nguyen, SCC *continue employment as LPN*
 Sister Emiliana Ntanguye, BM *Silver Lake College, Manitowoc, WI*
 Elizabeth Tartaglia, SCC *continue formation in SCC Novitiate*

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workshops for the Broward County School District and as part of the National Science Foundation Statewide Systemic Initiative, she presented many workshops in science and math. One can readily see why she was awarded Teacher of the Year of Hollywood Central Elementary Schools four different times and also named the Florida Outstanding Elementary Science Teacher of the Year.

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through its fifth Middle States Accreditation, continued to implement a program for accepting 25 students each year from developing nations, and successfully built up the legacy of past presidents. Sister Mary Joseph was honored on graduation day for her many years devoted to Catholic education and for her outstanding leadership of Assumption College for Sisters.

Hispanic Immigration and Culture in the United States

Sister Karen Marie Benfer, SCC, ACS class of 2009 and 2011 graduate of the College of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, NJ, presented her research to the Sisters of Christian Charity at Mallinckrodt Convent. In her studies, she focused on the historical, political, religious, and educational

background of the various Latino ethnic groups that have immigrated into the United States. The current issue of immigration involving the Hispanic population was examined through these different perspectives. This was synthesized and delivered through a PowerPoint presentation.

From the President...

Dear Friends of Assumption College for Sisters,

As the 2010-2011 academic year comes to a close, I reflect back on so many wonderful relationships and experiences we have had here.

Our theme for the year was "Call us to hear the voices that challenge." Our students have lived this, being both women who hear the Word of God, who

act upon it, and who have been proactive in using their knowledge and skills to make the world a better place. As we send forth our graduates to other institutes of higher learning or to continue in their profession or in their religious formation, we are confident that they will continue to be hearers and doers of God's Word.

We count on your prayers and support so that Assumption College

for Sisters will continue to provide education for religious women in an environment "animated by the spirit of Jesus Christ, rooted in its Catholic identity, and committed to sound academic development" (ACS Bulletin). We promise you our prayers, too.

Sister Joseph Spring, SCC

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"Together, we can make a difference!"



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The Tenth Annual Caring Basket Gala

A Stellar Evening Celebrating Assumption College for Sisters and the 2011 Honorees

An atmosphere of celebration and hospitality permeated the Grand Ballroom of the Hanover Marriott on March 24, 2011 as close

to 400 friends of Assumption College gathered for the Tenth Annual Caring Basket Gala. The entire Assumption College com-

munity and the Gala Committee congratulate the honorees and extend grateful thanks to all who made the Gala a great success.



Sister Joseph Spring, SCC presents the Education Award to Monsignor Kieran McHugh, President of Pope John XIII High School, Sparta, as Monsignor's brother, Ted McHugh, beams with joy.



Dr. Brain Beyerl, neurosurgeon and deacon, was honored to receive the Servant Leader Award. The Doctor and his wife, Andrea, are pictured here enjoying the evening.



Mr. Robert Cavaleiro, President of Catholic Book Publishing Corporation and wife, Frances, accepted the Family Life Award on behalf of the Cavaleiro Family and in celebration of Catholic Book Publishing Corporation's 100th anniversary.



Raffle basket winners have reasons to smile!



Our dedicated volunteers brought good cheer and enthusiasm to the Gala!



Members of the Salesian community currently studying at Assumption College for Sisters enjoy the Gala.

The students of Assumption College for Sisters offered music during the evening under the direction of Sister Mary Edward Spobrer, SCC, ACS faculty member and Chancellor of the Diocese of Paterson.



The 2010–2011 Annual Fund

The Annual Fund aims to increase Sister students' access to higher education and enhance the teaching, learning, research and spiritual growth provided at Assumption College for Sisters. When you donate to the Annual Fund, you become part of a

community of benefactors who are a lifeline to the Sisters and those they will serve.

The Annual Fund tally is currently \$38,557.00 and we are still pushing ahead!

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a part of this community of benefactors, please send your contribution payable to Assumption College for Sisters. No gift is too great or too small.

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Students Teaching Students

St. Vincent de Paul School, Stirling, NJ, spent the month of March studying about Africa. One of the school parents immediately thought of the international students from Assumption College for Sisters as a primary source. On March 29,

eight students introduced themselves and their country of origin. They then explained the musical instruments they would use while dancing. And with no further ado, they performed a few tribal dances to the delight of the assembled students.

Hands on Science

Second year students at Assumption College for Sisters applied their knowledge and enthusiasm for science during a recent excursion to Liberty Science Center, Jersey City. This adventure provided an opportunity to explore contemporary topics in biology and chemistry. It was an occasion to employ critical thinking skills learned in the classroom, engage with the scientific text, and review for the final exam!

Students encountered exhibitions on ecology and ecosystems. The Sisters extended their classroom lessons about the carbon, nitrogen, and water cycles in these exhibitions, including "Energy Quest." Face to face with lizards,

fish, and insects, they explored habitats through text and live demonstrations and enjoyed an interactive chemistry presentation.

The exhibition "Infection Connection" was particularly relevant to their biology studies at ACS. The displays reviewed many of the class lectures in immunology and epidemiology. It was an opportunity to discuss pathogens and disease, including malaria.

Textbooks, laboratory experiments and lectures during this school year served as an introduction to biology and chemistry. During this field trip, the students saw the application of their studies to the local and global aspects of science.



Parish Invitation

Special thanks to Rev. Hugh Murphy for his invitation for ACS international students to sing at Our Lady of the Lake, Mt. Arlington, NJ at their Sunday liturgy. Also, we thank Msgr. Herb Tillyer of St. Peter's Church, Parsippany, who also welcomed the sisters to participate in their Sunday liturgy.

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Sony Wonder Field Trip

On April 7, ten students from Assumption College for Sisters, accompanied by their Computer Applications teacher, Ms. Kathleen Laskoski, ventured into New York City. First, they toured the Gothic St. Patrick's Cathedral, visiting the various altars. They then strolled across Fifth Avenue to view Rockefeller Center stopping at the Channel Gardens, the skating rink and the statue of Prometheus. The Sister students were amazed to find the flags of their countries on display in the Plaza area surrounding the ice rink. After taking photographs, they went inside the lobby of the GE building to see the murals and works of art in the lobby.

The destination of their trip was the Sony Wonder Technology Center on Madison Avenue. There the students participated in the interactive display of the history of technology. They observed sophisticated robots, animation, and even participated in their own television program.

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Students Enjoy New Experience of Church and Culture

Easter Thursday, April 28, students of Dr. Jo Anne Sylva's Independent English Study class and Sr. Mary Veronica Kulsar's World Civilization class shared a trip to Newark to view in real life one of the glories of history and the Catholic Church. The Gothic Cathedral "came alive" at Sacred Heart Cathedral (now Basilica since Pope John Paul II visited). This splendid building is one of the largest in the United States and contains three magnificent rose windows. One is almost stunned by the beauty upon first entering.

An excellent guide gave a review of church history before taking the group on a tour of the cathedral. One of the students remarked that it was good to see the reality of what they have been studying; the trip strengthened what they had learned in class. Another said it was the first time she had ever seen such a large church and she marveled at the stained glass windows and the Gothic architecture.

Later, Dr. Sylva and her husband invited the group to lunch at a Portuguese restaurant in the Ironbound section of Newark. Since the students had never had Portuguese food, it was a culturally enriching, ethnic experience that was also very much fun!



Left to right: Sister Tobie Tondi, SHCJ, Sister Veronica Kayetta, ISRA, Sister Clara Mwanyalila, ISRA

Gannon Lecture

Sister Tobie Tondi, SHCJ, Fundamentals of the Catholic Faith and College English II instructor, invited Sister Veronica Kayetta, ISRA and Sister Clara Mwanyalila, ISRA to a lecture at Fordham University entitled "The Case for Investing in Women: 40 Years of Perspectives from the World's Largest NGO" presented by Susan Davis, President and CEO, BRAC USA. Ms. Davis is a pioneer in developing holistic approaches to address complicated social needs. She has introduced in-

novative development approaches to improving the health, wealth, and well-being of the poorest women and their families in Africa and Asia. In the introductory remarks it was said that "Unless we empower women and provide them with an education, our world is hopeless."

Ms. Davis' remarks centered around six themes: motherhood, marriage, money, meaning, movement, measurement. In conclusion, she challenged the audience to follow the lead of the Fordham students who would be spending time in Tanzania this summer.