



ACS

Assumption's Current Sharings

Assumption College for Sisters ♣ February 2018

Chris Lowney, Author, Invited to Speak on Leadership

On September 18, Chris Lowney, noted author, having been invited by Assumption College for Sisters, spoke to a full audience on the topic of leadership, featuring his latest work, *Everyone Leads: How to Revitalize the Catholic Church*.

Chris Lowney, a one-time Jesuit seminarian, chairs the board of Catholic Health Initiatives, one of the nation's largest healthcare/hospital systems. He formerly served as a Managing Director of J.P. Morgan & Co in New York, Tokyo, Singapore and London until leaving the firm in 2001. He has lectured in more than two-dozen countries on leadership, business ethics, and other related topics.

He is the author of five books, including the bestselling *Heroic Leadership* and *Pope Francis: Why He Leads the*

Way He Leads, which was called "a book for the ages" and became the # 1 bestseller on Amazon's "Popes and the Vatican" list. During his talk, Chris explored some of the profound challenges now facing the Church and invited each of us to step up and help lead the Church's revitalization.



Leadership Team: Students from Assumption College for Sisters, pictured at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Denville, along with the Pastor, Fr. Martin Glynn; Sr. Joseph Spring; and to her left, Chris Lowney, author of *Everyone Leads: How to Revitalize the Catholic Church*, which has inspired the Leadership Program at Assumption College for Sisters.

ACS Instructor Sister Margaret McCann, SC, Ph.D. conducts a weekly follow-up with the students to enhance their leadership skills.

Morris Catholic High School and ACS in Uganda

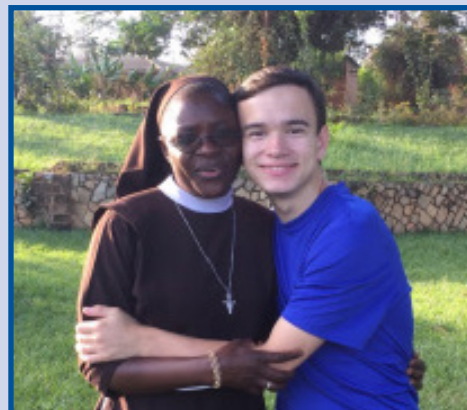
Ben Duphiney, Morris Catholic High School (MCHS) senior and Sister Mary Cecilia Akol, a Little Sister of St. Francis (LSOSF), student at Assumption College for Sisters and a native of Uganda, forged a friendship which led them to plan a mission trip to Uganda, along with Ben's father Gerard where they would assist in the schools run by Sister Mary Cecilia's congregation.

Ben collected school supplies and donations from the Morris Catholic community along with donations from family and friends to distribute to the various schools where they would work.

Once they arrived and distributed the donations, they also made extensive repairs in the school for the blind—replacing windows and repairing floors and purchase lumber to build benches where children could sit to eat their lunch at another school.

During the trip, Gerard Duphiney led the establishment of "Kevina Mission Possible" as a corporation in Soroti, Uganda, that will serve as a conduit for future donations coming from the United States. It is named after Mama Kevina from Ireland who established the three schools of the LSOSF in Soroti.

Sister Mary Cecilia Akol will graduate from Assumption College for Sisters in May of 2018 with an AA degree and Ben Duphiney will graduate from Morris Catholic High School in June of 2018. The Duphiney Family will receive the Spirit of the Heart Award at the Seventeenth Annual Caring Basket Gala, March 22, 2018.



To read Ben Duphiney's blog and see more photos, visit <https://nationsofcompassion.wordpress.com>

Logo Designed to Communicate World Day of the Poor Message



World Day of the Poor Logo

The World Day of the Poor, instituted by Pope Francis, focuses attention on outreach and spiritual solidarity with those in poverty. The team at *Everything Health* in Basking Ridge, NJ, assisted Monsignor Geno Sylva, a priest within the Paterson Diocese and an official with the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization, in developing a logo to visually communicate the meaning of the day. Incidentally, Monsignor Sylva is the son of ACS faculty member Dr. Jo Ann Sylva.

Mary Alice Lawless, Managing Partner of *Everything Health*, serves on the ACS Institutional Advancement Committee and was honored, along with her husband Fred, at the 2017 Caring Basket Gala. Additionally, her son Ted, a team member at *Everything Health*, chairs the ACS Young Professionals Committee. At the invitation of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization, the Lawlesses and the rest of their company traveled to Rome this past November to participate in the first World Day of the Poor. The group attended Mass at St. Peter's Basilica, celebrated by Pope Francis, and then volunteered at a lunch for the poor of Rome.

Assumption College for Sisters congratulates our committee members, Mary Alice and Ted Lawless, and the entire team from *Everything Health* for their role in supporting the World Day of the Poor.



Msgr. Geno Sylva and the team from *Everything Health* visiting Rome for World Day of the Poor.

ACS President Honored by Mary Queen of All Nations Missionary Alliance

Sister Joseph Spring, SCC, was honored on December 10th by Mary Queen of All Nations Missionary Alliance for her outstanding service to the unique mission of Assumption College for Sisters and for continuing to go above and beyond promoting "Teach a Sister...Touch the World". The event held at the Madison Hotel was attended by 350 supporters of MQAN mission. In the future, MQAN may be a potential resource for the communities of ACS alumnae ministering in the countries where MQAN has a presence. Congratulations to Sister Joseph who continues to be an inspiration to us all!



Milestones in Religious Life:

ACS STUDENT/ALUMNAE PERPETUAL PROFESSION

June 10, 2017:

Sister Maria Bhená, SDV & Sister Fransiska Leja, SDV

July 28, 2017:

S. Gaudensiana Dhey, FSSE & Sister Mariana Sola, FSSE

August 15, 2017:

Sister Maria Angeline Weiss, SCC & Sister Marie Jose De La Rosa, SCC

FIRST PROFESSION

August 16, 2017:

Sister John Paul Thorley, SCC (former faculty member)

RECEPTION INTO NOVITIATE:

August 20, 2017:

Sister Paulina Navarro, SCC

August 25, 2017:

Sister Luciana D'Cruze, MPF

SPOTLIGHT ON ALUMNAE: Sister Immaculata Atienza, FSSE

My name is Sister Immaculata Atienza of the Franciscan Sisters of Saint Elizabeth. I was born and raised in the Philippines. When I was growing up two things captured my mind, heart, and imagination: The Catholic Church and the volcanoes around the world. I wanted to become a Volcanologist when I was a young girl, but God had another plan for me.



Sister Immaculata Atienza, FSSE, and faculty

I joined the Franciscan Sisters of Saint Elizabeth in 1993 prior to moving to the United States in 1994. I began studying at Assumption College for Sisters in the Fall of 1994 and have wonderful memories of my early education at ACS. My fond memories of my first year as a college student were full of joy and laughter. ACS gave me a strong academic foundation as well love for my religious vocation. I am very grateful for dedication, love, and great example of the Sisters of Christian Charity.

Currently, I serve as a School Administrator in a small poor village with 600 students in Ethiopia, Africa, where the national language is Amharic. Our mission is in the region of Oromo, the language of the people is Afaan Oromo. Trying to learn two languages at the same time is challenging task. The natives of Guagure Bora (my small village) speak at least two languages and switch from one to another within one sentence — very confusing. Most of my students are barefoot and own limited clothing. Several students have debilitating rickets or skin diseases. Some show evidence of malnutrition and hunger. But all are gleaming with hope and the will to learn. All are happy and excited to come to school.

Only about 5-6% of adults in this village have ever attended school. I have wiped my eyes numerous times in sadness and in pleasure. Everyday has a new twist, a new turn, a new problem. Dealing with the situations, the cultural differences, the communication barriers keeps me stimulated and challenged.

After one year I am beginning to get the gist of what they are saying and I can communicate with the natives using their language. My people the Oromo tribe have a strong faith in God. Oftentimes when we face challenges and problems they remind me, “Waqayo Jira” (God exists). I am grateful that God uses me to be His instrument to help His people. It has been an amazing journey with God. From the Philippine Islands to the verdant green hills of New Jersey to the heart of the Ethiopian jungle truly “Waqayo Jira” (God exists) in my life!

Pilgrimage to Basilica of the National Shrine

On October 21st, eight students and two faculty of ACS traveled to Washington, DC along with 47 pilgrims from the Diocese of Paterson to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the apparition of Mary at Fatima.



The highlight of the pilgrimage was the assembly of over 2,000 faithful from the diocese gathered together for the recitation of the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary and the Chaplet of Mary, followed immediately by a very festive liturgy honoring the Blessed Virgin.



Pictured above are Sister Marie-Therese Nguyen, SPP and Dr. Katherine Doyle

Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel: Up Close

The Art History and Appreciation class went on a field trip to Paramus where they experienced Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel: Up Close organized by SEE Global Entertainment.

The Annual Fund: Teach a Sister Touch the World!

The Annual Fund seeks to enhance the educational and spiritual formation programs offered at the college. All contributions to the Annual Fund assist the college and its students in achieving measurable success as they prepare for a life of service.

Donations may be made by check, payable to Assumption College for Sisters; credit card by calling the college at 973-957-0188 x 101; or online giving at acs350.org.

Students Visit Grounds for Sculpture

Students in Art History and Appreciation visited Grounds for Sculpture, a large sculpture park in Hamilton, NJ, founded by John Seward Johnson II where 300 works of sculpture are sited in a beautiful open space where art lovers can leisurely stroll and enjoy nature at the same time.



(Left to Right) Sister M. Charity Nkwera, OSB and Sister Lucia Anh Nguyen, SPP

Field Trip to Museum of Natural History



On October 18th, ACS students and faculty took a field trip to the Museum of Natural History in NYC.

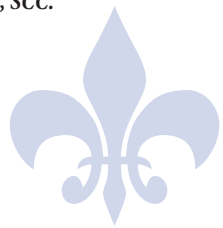
The trip was led by Mrs. Anne Ricculi, former biology instructor at ACS, Ms. Jane Kopley, ACS biology instructor; and Don Succardi, ACS algebra and chemistry instructor.

Assumption College for Sisters Participate in 45th Annual March for Life

Several students along with college President Sister Joseph Spring, SCC and faculty member Jean Wedemeier, *Technology Coordinator*, traveled to Washington, DC on Jan. 19 to join the 45th Annual March for Life.



Pictured here in the midst of the marchers are Sister Maria Elizabeth Pajoc Siney, OMO; Sister Lucia Luyen Pham, LHC—TT; Sister Mary Thi Hai Duong Nguyen, FMV; Sister Mary Catherine Hop Nguyen Bich Pham, FMSR; Sister Maria Linh Tran, LHC—TT; and President Sister Joseph Spring, SCC.



Welcome New Faculty

As the Fall Semester began we welcomed the following personnel to faculty and cadre of tutors

FACULTY:

Dr. Judith Popovich, ESL instructor

TUTORS:

Sister Jean Amore., SMIC

Sister Kate Conti, SMIC

Peg Feyl

Sister Marcia Huber, SMIC

Sister Joann Korn, SCC

Sister Sheila Madden, SMIC

DJ McCabe

Sister Margaret Reid, SMIC

Sister Michelle Lukenda, SC

Sister Frances Renn, SSM

Eve Shea

Frances Spilman

Dr. Robert Stickles

Mary Ann Michalski

NURSES:

Sister Janice Jolin, SMIC, RN

DJ McCabe, RN

Former Trustee Honored

Michael Critchley, former ACS Trustee and 2008 Caring Basket Gala honoree was honored with the Advocati Christi Award presented by Bishop Serratelli at the Second Annual Red Mass celebrated on October 1st at St. Paul Inside the Walls. Michael Critchley is the second recipient of the Diocese of Paterson's Advocati Christi Award, honoring a lawyer or judge who is not only committed to his or her legal profession, but also to the profession of his or her Catholic faith.



Assumption College of Sisters Commemorate International Holocaust Remembrance Day

In conjunction with the Th 098 course, Fundamentals of the Catholic Faith, international Sister students of Assumption College for Sisters became acquainted with Nostra Aetate, the Vatican II document which definitively repudiated anti-semitism in all its forms.

Holocaust survivor, Murray Goldfinger and his grandson, Stephen Black shared, Mr. Goldfinger's experiences during the Holocaust while at the same time offering valuable lessons for life: "Don't live in the past, but don't forget it, and always look towards the future. That's how I live my life."



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SAVE THE DATE! *The Seventeenth Annual Caring Basket Gala*

Servant Leader Award:



Msgr.
George Hundt



Spirit of the Heart Award:



The Duphiney
Family

Family Life Award:



Kevin & Therese
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March 22, 2018
at 6:30 pm
The Hanover Marriott,
Whippany, NJ