



ACS

Assumption's Current Sharings

Assumption College for Sisters ♣ February 2019

Radio City Christmas Spectacular

On Saturday, December 8th, the residential students, administration, and staff of ACS were treated to a day in NYC generously donated by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sameth. The main event of the day was attending the Christmas Spectacular at Radio City Music Hall. In addition, the sisters visited the Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center and Saint Patrick's Cathedral.

Long time supporters of ACS, Mr. & Mrs. Sameth were honored at the 6th Annual Caring Basket Gala in 2009. Many thanks to the Sameth's for providing a fun filled day for all!



ACS Mission Statement Revised 2018

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Teach a Sister...Touch the World.



Students of Art History and Appreciation visited the Cloisters, a branch of the Metropolitan Museum of Art located in Fort Tryon Park, NYC. The Sisters had the opportunity to see medieval architecture transported from Europe, as well as numerous paintings and works of sculpture. The Sisters also observed the famous Annunciation altarpiece by Robert Campin.

Leadership Presentation for Assumption College for Sisters

On October 5, Sister Joann Marie Aumand, SCC, who serves on the Provincial leadership team of the Sisters of Christian Charity, delivered a presentation entitled "Effective Leadership" to the international Sister students and several faculty members. The presentation was based on the "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People" developed by Stephen Covey. This was a very powerful and important presentation, since the mission statement of Assumption College for Sisters highlights servant leadership: "Impelled by Christ's love, Assumption College for Sisters, through education and community, forms servant leaders who transform lives."



Pictured above are Sister Joann Marie, SCC and the international student Sisters of Assumption College for Sisters.

Alumna Receive Awards

Head Teacher of the Year

Sister Theresa Mfune, a member of the Sisters of the Holy Rosary Community and ACS class of 2008, has been awarded Head Teacher of the Year by the Ministry of Education in the Mangochi district of Malawi. Recognized for her high standards in the classroom, commitment to excellence in education, as well as the academic achievement of her students, Sister Theresa thanks God for this special recognition. Sister Theresa not only excels in the classroom but also nurtures good relationships with parents and supporters of her school.

Congratulations Sister Theresa on your commitment to your ministry of education!

Excellence in Religious Studies

Sister Monica Nakawala from the Little Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi Community and ACS graduate from the class of 2017 was a recipient of the Award of Excellence in Religious Studies from Georgian Court University.

Congratulations Sister Monica!



Sister Theresa Mfune, SHR

SPOTLIGHT ON ALUMNAE: Sister Dativa Mukebita, FSSB

The non-profit organization, Village of Angels of Tanzania was founded in 2014 by Sister Dativa Mukebita, a member of the Franciscan Sisters of St. Bernadette community (FSSB) and a graduate of ACS, class of 2003. After learning of an elderly Tanzanian woman who died after lying where she had fallen for three days without assistance, Sister Dativa, along with parishioners and retired Pastor, Father Martin Rauscher, from Assumption Parish in Morristown, New Jersey, were called to action. The Village of Angels of Tanzania is a unique model as it utilizes the unemployed youth to care for the elderly citizens.



Sister Dativa Mukebita, FSSB

Since it is the culture within Tanzania for families to care for their own, there are no known nursing homes or programs to support the elderly. As a result, countless senior citizens find themselves abandoned and alone.

Many residents have left the Ngara

District in search of employment opportunities and there have been significant deaths from AIDS-related illnesses. Additionally, the area is home to many young people with little education, few skills and no hope of finding a job. In bringing the young and elderly together in this work of love, the Village of Angels supports both groups and has greatly benefited the community.

The youth receive a stipend for providing assistance and companionship to the elderly. After planting and harvesting crops to feed the seniors, the young helpers are able to sell the surplus at local markets to boost the project's funds. "We ensure that, as well as bringing them food, the young people have plenty of time to hold conversations and provide companionship," Sister Dativa said of the weekly visits. The participating young people have built 70 beds for the elderly and Sister Dativa noted for some senior citizens, this is the first time in their lives that they have slept in a bed. The senior citizens in the region "no longer live in heartbreaking isolation and poverty," Sister Dativa said.

The Ngara District is located in the northwestern corner of Tanzania, and borders on Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi. The Village Angels of Tanzania program is currently operating in two villages where the headquarters and farm are located and currently employs 16 young people to care for approximately 70 elderly people.

Sister Dativa Mukebita joined the community of the Franciscan Sisters of St. Bernadette in 1988 at age 17 and made her final vows in 2005. After graduating from ACS, Sister Dativa earned a BA in Social Work from Alvernia University and an MA in Health Services Administration from Marywood University. Upon completing her studies, she entered the healthcare field, working as a home health aide, nurse's aide and resident care coordinator at a nursing home. During her stay in the US, she volunteered to assist people with disabilities, the elderly, the poor and homeless as well as children in need.

Sister Dativa's mission and creation of The Village Angels of Tanzania is a tremendous inspiration of faith in action and exemplifies the mantra of Assumption College for Sisters, Teach a Sister...Touch the World!"



A Visit from Major Superiors

ACS frequently welcomes the major superior of the international Sister students who have visited with their Sisters to ensure that the Sister has adjusted to life in America as well as to College life. This summer ACS had the good fortune to welcome the Sisters of Christian Charity General Leadership Team as well as the Provincial Superiors of their various provinces/regions.



Pictured above from left to right:

Seated: Sister Maria Pia Rosales O. (Chilean Province); Sister Maria de los Angeles Carrera (General Councilor); Sister Joanne Bednar (General Councilor); Sister Janice Boyer (Western Region)

Standing: Sister Mary Dominic Kopitar (Assistant Secretary); Sister Joseph Spring (ACS President); Sister DeSales Tonero (Treasurer General); Sister Maria del Rosario Castro (Superior General); Sister Angelika Blochwitz (German Region); Sister Adalberto Mette (Vicaress, General Councilor); Sister Mary Edward Spohrer (USA Eastern Province); Sister Maria Angelina Rivarola

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.

ACS Celebrates Highest Enrollment since 1975

The newly inaugurated Contemporary Issues in Theology course attracted several new students and over the 15 week semester, participants were offered a wealth of updating by highly credentialed presenters:

- Evangelization: Rev. Derek Anderson
- Ethical and Religious Directives in Health Care: Msgr. George Hundt
- Virtue in a Technological world: Rev. Jared Brogan
- Stem Cell Research: Msgr. John Fell
- Catholic Liturgy in the 21st Century: Rev. Thomas Dente
- Building or Recommitting to a Bridge for the LGBT Community: Rev. Jared Brogan
- Catholic Social Teaching (2 sessions): Russ Raffay
- Spiritual Direction: Sister Josita Marks, SCC
- Life Issues: Sister Mary Joseph Albright, SCC
- Controversial Issues in Health Care: Sister Elizabeth Kovacs, SCC
- Spirituality: Sister Anita Constance, SC
- 3 D's of Addiction: Sister Bernadette McCauley, SCC and Sister Donna Marie Kemberling, SCC
- Family Life: John Ward
- Environmental Responsibility Based on Laudato Si: Marie Raffay

Comments from students enrolled in the Contemporary Issues course include: "I have a better understanding and appreciation of the liturgy" and "I gained knowledge about different topics that are current issues in our society."

Gratitude to Former Faculty

Sister Margaret McCann, SC

Deacon Stuart Murphy

Sister John Paul Thorley, SCC

Welcome New Faculty

Dr. Adrienne Griffin,
Instructor: College English II



Pictured above is Russ Raffay who presented lectures on Catholic Social Teaching

International Sister Students Experience Christmas Giving

Because the general public realizes these Sisters are far from home, family and religious congregations, there was a great outpouring of generosity from many local groups and individuals: St. Joseph Cornerstone Sisters, Mendham; Parishioners of St. Joseph, Mendham; Parishioners of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Bernardsville; Helping Hands, Cathedral School, Metuchen; Companions of Pauline and Diocesan employees, Harrisburg; Columbiettes, Long Valley; Parishioners of St. Rose of Lima, Short Hills; Lou Scarpa, Director of Development; Eve and Tim Shea, tutor and ACS Trustee.

Pictured are two young parishioners of St. Joseph Church, Julia and Christian Shammass, with Sister Ana Leticia Castro Osorio, BM and Sister Mary Catherine Pham, FMSR



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

Servant Leader Award:



Msgr.
Herbert Tillyer

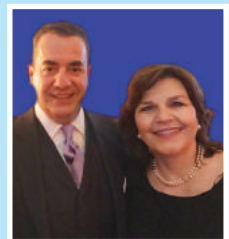


Family Life Award:



Bob & Susie
Waldele

Spirit of the Heart Award:



Charles & Jody
Varvaro

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April 4, 2019
at 6:30 pm
The Hanover Marriott,
Whippany, NJ