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Assumption's Current Sharings

Assumption College for Sisters ♣ February 2020

ACS Visits the United Nations

On October 22, forty-two students and several faculty and trustees of ACS, visited St. Patrick's Cathedral, the Holy See Mission to the United Nations and had a guided tour through the United Nations.

One of the guides admitted the group to the crypt in which the bodies of Archbishop Hughes, the visionary behind the construction of the Cathedral, all the of archbishops who have served the Archdiocese of New York as well as Venerable Pierre Toussaint.

The group then traveled to the Holy See Mission to the United Nations where Rev. Roger Landry, member of the staff of the Most Reverend Bernardito C. Auza, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the UN, described the role and work of the Mission. He shared with faculty and students that the Holy See, by its very nature and tradition, can offer information and guidance that should animate the member nations and their relationships. The Holy See, by its own choice, has the status of Permanent Observer rather than a Member State so that it can remain neutral in specific political problems.



Archbishop Auza spoke about some of the key issues, foremost of which was Climate Change. He then invited the group to the chapel where he prayed with them and gave his blessing.

Following this meeting, the group traveled to the United Nations itself where they were given a guided tour. Some of the highlights included visiting the Meditation Room and viewing the Chagall windows surrounding it; seeing the mosaic done by Norman Rockwell depicting the faces of people of the world representing the "Golden Rule"; the display quoting Secretary General Ban Ki Moon stating "the world is over-armed and peace is under-funded", the quote of Malala Yousafzai at the UN Youth Assembly, "One child, one teacher, one book, and one pen can change the world, and the life-size statue of Nelson Mandela."

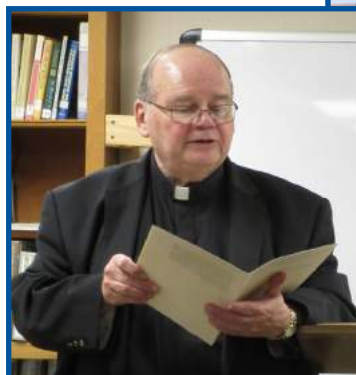
Wednesday Evening Lecture Series

For the second consecutive year, ACS offered Th208 Contemporary Issues in Theology course, taking the format of a lecture series. Outstanding speakers were featured, among whom was Msgr. Raymond Kupke addressing "Vatican II and Its Impact on the World Today."

Msgr. Kupke has served as Archivist of the Paterson Diocese since 1976. He is the author of *Living Stones. A History of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Paterson* (1988).

Another speaker was Sister Joann Marie Aumand, SCC who presented on Human Trafficking, sharing personal stories from her work with trafficked victims in the Archdiocese of Newark.

Msgr. Raymond Kupke



Sister Joann Marie Aumand, SCC and several students attending the lecture series.

Faculty Members In the News

Scholars of St. John Henry Newman explored the newly canonized theologian's life and legacy at a symposium in November at St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, Yonkers, New York. Father Ian Ker, a British scholar, lecturer and author of more than 20 books about Newman delivered the keynote address. ACS College English and ESL Fundamentals instructor and author of *How Italy and Her People Shaped Cardinal Newman: Italian Influences on an English Mind*, Dr. Jo Anne Sylva, presented



Dr. Robb Lauzon

a workshop entitled "Newman and the Italians: How Italy and Her People Brought Newman to a New Holiness." Msgr. Peter Vaccari, Rector of St. Joseph's Seminary, introduced Dr. Sylva's talk. Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Bishop John Barres, and the seminarians of Dunwoodie were among those who attended the Symposium.

ACS Fundamentals of Public Speaking and Women in Literature instructor, Dr. Robb Lauzon, presented a paper on *Memorial Space and Its Mnemonic Function* at the National Communication Association Convention held in Baltimore, Maryland in November.



Dr. Jo Anne Sylva with Fr. Ian Ker

Generous Donors with Great Senses of Humor!

Giving Tuesday is a national day of giving following "Black Friday", traditionally a major shopping day after Thanksgiving. For the second year now, ACS has launched a successful Giving Tuesday campaign to raise funds needed for specific projects for the college and convent.



Our Fall 2019 campaign, dubbed *Sleep in Heavenly Peace*, aimed to raise funds needed for new mattresses and box springs for 21 Sister students. Some of the clever and humorous giving levels included: The Pillow Fight Club, Hit the Hay Club, and Cat Nappers! Thanks to many generous donors with great senses of humor and generous hearts, ACS raised the \$11,000 needed for the beds. Thank you, for enabling our Sister students to sleep in heavenly peace so that they may rise in the morning well-rested and ready to learn in service to the Church.

Student Life at ACS



SPOTLIGHT ON ALUMNAE:

Sister Maria Elizabeth Pajoc Siney, OMO

Sister Maria Elizabeth Pajoc Siney, a member of the Opera Mater Orphanorum Congregation, graduated from ACS in



Sister Maria Elizabeth Pajoc Siney, OMO

2019 before returning to her native country of Guatemala to minister to the elderly at the Saint John Paul II nursing home, sponsored by her community.

Born in the small village of Cruz Blanca San Juan Sacatepequez, Guatemala, Sister Maria Elizabeth was 16 when she entered the Community of Opera Mater Orphanorum, which is translated as the Mother of Orphans.

At the age of 13, Sister Maria Elizabeth first began to discern religious life after two cousins who were members of the Daughters of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus congregations visited her home. Later Sister Maria Elizabeth joined the choir in her small parish of Cruz Blanca and the president of the choir, who was also a cousin, introduced Sister Maria Elizabeth to the OMO congregation. After singing at one of the community masses, God called Sister Maria Elizabeth to join the Opera Mater Orphanorum congregation.

Sister Maria Elizabeth recalls her time at ACS, “ACS helped me strengthen my Christian and moral values. It also helped me to be a good leader.”

In speaking of her ministry serving the elderly, Sister Maria Elizabeth shares, “I can see God in their faces.”



Visit from Our Lady of the Mountain



Friends from Our Lady of the Mountain, Long Valley, visited ACS with several gifts—microwave, household supplies, groceries and many personal and hand crafted items. Pictured here are several of the women with the international Sister students showing off their gifts including new warm scarves.

Pro-Life Witness

Each Friday during the time set aside for “40 Days for Life” Faculty member Jean Wiedemeier and several students gathered in front of Planned Parenthood to pray the rosary to save the lives of the unborn children.



Rosary Rally – Denville

On October 12 throughout the US in over 5,000 locations, people joined together to pray the rosary asking God, through the holy rosary, for peace in our country and around the world. Students from ACS assembled in the Denville downtown shopping center for this event.

“Sister to Sister” Begins 9th Year

On October 5, ACS international students and members of the Women’s Cornerstone Group from St. Joseph Church, Mendham, who initiated the “Sister to Sister” program had a lovely gathering. This program, now in its ninth year, brings together two communities of women to meet and connect.



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.

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Thomas
Anselmi



Family Life Award:



Louis & Julianne
Modugno

Education Award:



Brother
Paul Diveny, OSB

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The Hanover Marriott,
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