



ACS

Assumption's Current Sharings

Assumption College for Sisters ♣ February 2021

Surviving the Fall Semester

The Administration of ACS congratulates the Faculty, Staff and Students for successfully completing in-person instruction throughout the Fall Semester. As faculty and students reinforced their technology skills for occasional remote instruction and creative use of outdoor space as state-approved re-start protocols were adhered to, quality instruction continued to take place. It is the hope and prayer that conditions in 2021 will improve and all will remain safe and healthy.



Outdoor Chemistry Lab - A COVID adaptation



Top: Outdoor Study Session
Basic Math Students learn US currency

20th Annual Caring Basket Gala

Twenty remarkable years have passed since the first Caring Basket Gala was organized by loving friends of Assumption College for Sisters in an effort to raise scholarship dollars for Sister students from the developing world! The College proudly announces the 2021 Caring Basket Gala honorees and we ask you to join in celebrating their acts of faith and service to the greater community and the College. Receiving the Family Life Award are Anne and Paul Krump, Mendham, NJ. The Reverend Daniel O'Mullane, pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Boonton, NJ will accept the Education Award. The Servant Leader Award is bestowed upon the College's Board of Trustees in honor of the remarkable work of the Board. The gala will be held virtually on March 25, 2021. As the gala is virtual, anyone can "tune in" from home to celebrate our honorees and support the scholarship drive through text-to-give technology. To receive a link to the gala, please send your email address to gala@acs350.org! We implore God's blessing upon the honorees and all who make the mission possible: **Teach a Sister...Touch the World.**

ACS Welcomes a Visit from the new Bishop



On December 29th the newly consecrated Bishop of the Diocese of Paterson, Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney, visited ACS along with Father Stephen Prisk, Priest Secretary to the Bishop. It was an honor for all to meet Bishop Sweeney. Special thanks to Board member, Angelo Sansano who organized the event.

Alumnae In the News

Sister Ifigenia Bahati Camilius (ACS class of 2005) from the Franciscan Sisters of Saint Bernadette went on to receive her BA in Accounting and MS in International Business from D'Youville College located in Buffalo, NY. Sister Ifigenia is currently working as a school Bursar in Loyola High School located in Dar es Salaam Tanzania.

Sister Ifigenia Bahati Camilius, FSSB



Faculty Update

During the Fall 2020 semester, we said goodbye to instructor Stephanie Melick (PS 101 General Psychology) and welcomed Dr. Nicolette Salerno; we said goodbye to Dr. Adrienne Griffin (En 102 College English II) and welcomed Jaye Santoro.

Dr. Jo Anne Sylva, (College English I) who has been with ACS for 14 years is taking a semester off for medical reasons and we welcome Sister Marie Pauline Demek, SCC, for the Spring 2021 Semester.

And last but not least, we said goodbye to Sister Marie Russo, SC, ESL Reading and Writing instructor for the past 7 years. Faculty, staff, and students are grateful for all she has done with our international Sisters, bringing them from beginning English to College level English. We are grateful to Dr. Judi Popovich for assuming the ESL Intermediate Reading in addition to ESL Intermediate Writing.

We congratulate Instructor Russell Raffay (Hi 098 Cultural Foundations) on his ordination to the diaconate where he ministers at St. Michael Church, Netcong, along with full time teaching at Mendham High School.



Sister Marie Russo, SC, and ESL 103 Introductory Reading students



SPOTLIGHT ON ALUMNAE:

Sister Mary Joseph Thuoc Le, FSMR

Sister Mary Joseph Thuoc Le, a member of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Congregation, graduated from ACS in 2013 before continuing her education at Felician University in Lodi, NJ, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications.

As a child Sister Mary Joseph was inspired by an elderly sister who was extremely holy and benevolent. It was at the age of 16, when Sister Mary Joseph attended the Sister's funeral mass, that she was first called by God to join religious life. She joined the Daughters of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary congregation at the age of 18. Sister Mary Joseph recalls, "I made my final vows at the age of 29. Step by step, God guided and attracted me to stay in religious life ever since."



Sister Mary Joseph Thuoc Le, FSMR

Currently, serving as a Provincial Secretary for her Congregation, Sister Mary Joseph is responsible for the day to day operations of the provincial office, and also works with her sisters in the communications field managing the provincial website as well as assisting with completing her sisters visa applications to travel, work, or study abroad. Always willing to help, Sister Mary Joseph has also had the opportunity to resolve issues with foreign travelers by offering to translate for local law enforcement.

Sister Mary Joseph recalls her time at ACS, "Studying at ACS has been a great blessing and an opportunity for me to be able to serve more people in a variety of fields."

Student Life at ACS



Christmas Visit

Friends from Our Lady of the Mountain, Long Valley, delivered gifts for the Sister students.



Living Nativity

International Students visit Drive Through Living Nativity at Green Pond Bible Chapel in Newfoundland, NJ.



Giving Tuesday

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters over \$6,000 in funds were raised for our 2020 Giving Tuesday campaign. Sister Maria Cecilia Landis, SCC, who prepares 60 meals per day, celebrates the purchase of two industrial stoves.

Thanksgiving Hike

Board member Angelo Sansano with the help of JR Falcone arranged a hike to the Pyramid Mountain Natural Historic Area located in Montville Township in order to provide a fun outing for the students during the Thanksgiving break.



Our international sisters were treated to a Christmas visit on behalf of the Sister-to-Sister program now in its 10th year.

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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SAVE THE DATE! The Twentieth Annual Caring Basket Gala

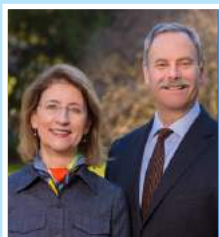
Servant Leader Award:



ACS
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Family Life Award:



Paul & Anne
Krump

Education Award:



Reverend
Daniel O'Mullane

A VIRTUAL EVENT

March 25, 2021
at 6:45pm

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