

2022-2023

# ANNUAL REPORT

Assumption  
College  
for Sisters



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Born from the heart of Mother Pauline

Photo: ACS Chapel

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT JUNE 2023



Dear Friend of Assumption College for Sisters,

As I write this message, there is so much I want to share with you, our friends and benefactors, concerning the past year.

Through the hard work of faculty and the generosity of you, our friends and benefactors, we were able to offer many field trips for our students enriching their knowledge of life in America—Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Morris Museum and Grounds for Sculpture. Interest on our Endowment Fund was growing to the extent that each resident international Sister was able to receive a new laptop computer. "Giving Tuesday" afforded us the opportunity to install air conditioning/heat in the Student Center and dining room, complete with doors to help with energy efficiency.

The 22nd Annual Caring Basket Gala was the best ever! This helps us provide the much needed 20 scholarships each year for our international Sister students.

In addition, all of our graduates received full scholarships to continue their education at St. Vincent College, Latrobe, PA; Marywood University, Scranton, PA; Kings College, Wilkes-Barre, PA and Divine Word College, Epworth, IA. Hearing the accomplishments of our recent alumnae, we have learned that in receiving their BA and their MA, they have all graduated with honors and are returning to their country to serve their congregations as formators, teachers, and parish ministers.

Much of the 2022-23 academic year was focused on preparing for our re-accreditation with Middle States Commission on Higher Education which will take place in 2025. As a result of our 2017 re-accreditation, we made many improvements in the delivery and quality of instruction, in the upgrading of technology, in the improvement of the facility, in our marketing strategies, and in our collection of data to substantiate improvements. We have much work ahead of us!

As we begin the 2023-2024 academic year, we will be celebrating two events: the 175th anniversary of the Sisters of Christian Charity and also the 70th anniversary of the founding of Assumption College for Sisters. Stay tuned for more details to come!

Presently, as President of ACS for the past 14 years, the time has come for me to "pass the torch" to a new leader. Sister Marie Pauline Demek, SCC, will serve as interim President and will be assisted by Sister Carol Schuyler, SCC and Sister Maria Teresa Nguyen, SCC. All are graduates of ACS and are eager and well equipped to further the mission.

As I leave this beloved ministry, I thank each of you for your support and belief in Assumption College for Sisters. "It takes a village to educate [a Sister]" and you have all been such an important member of that village. I entrust the future of ACS to God Who has always taken care of the college, to our faculty, staff, Trustees and you, our friends, that Assumption College for Sisters can continue to "Teach a Sister...Touch the World."

You are in my prayers and I ask you to pray for me, too.  
Sincerely,

*Sister Joseph Spring, SCC.*

SISTER JOSEPH SPRING, SCC - ACS PRESIDENT: 2022 - 2023

### MISSION STATEMENT

Impelled by Christ's love, Assumption College for Sisters,  
through Education and Community, forms servant leaders who transform lives.  
**Teach a Sister...Touch the World**

# FINANCIALS

**Fiscal Year:**  
July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

## INCOME:

**70%**

Fundraising

**6%**

Tuition

**6%**

Grants

**2%**

Scholarship  
Donations

**1%**

Other

**15%**

Investment  
Income

## EXPENSES:

**40%**

Salaries &  
Related Exp

**12%**

Advancement

**3%**

Technology

**3%**

Instructional  
Materials

**22%**

Facilities  
Occupancy Ins

**20%**

Other

# GOVERNANCE

2022 - 2023

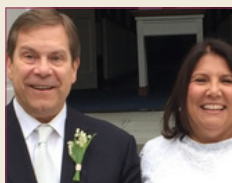
## Members

Sister Joann Marie Aumand, SCC  
Sister Patrice Owens, SCC  
Sister Esther Falzone, SCC

## Board of Trustees

Angelo Sansano, Chair  
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## Thank you to our 2023 Honorees



**Education Award**  
**Peter & Janet**  
**Simon**



**Servant Leader Award**  
**Most Rev. Kevin**  
**Sweeney**



**Family Life Award**  
**Andrew & Sole**  
**Anselmi**

"I thank my God whenever I think of you  
and every time I pray for you,  
I pray with joy."

PHILIPPIANS 1:3

## SPECIAL THANKS TO:

- Administration, Faculty and staff of ACS who have worked tirelessly on the Middle States Re-accreditation process.
- The ACS Board of Trustees and provincial Leadership who are guiding us through the transition in leadership.
- The students of ACS who continue to work hard in their studies and in their shared responsibilities in the ACS building.
- Twelve area dentists and Atlantic Health System who provided pro-bono services to our international resident students.
- Our volunteer school nurses who are always on call to advise and assist our students.
- Our volunteer drivers who provide transportation to medical and dental appointments.
- Our wonderful cadre of tutors who have helped and befriended our international students.
- Our many friends and benefactors who did not abandon us during this difficult year.

## INSTITUTIONAL GOALS

The mission of ACS is guided by Institutional Goals which provide the frame work for all we do.  
Integrated Religious Formation - Leadership - Service - Community - Social Justice

### INTEGRATED RELIGIOUS FORMATION

**FACT:** Throughout its history, Assumption College for Sisters has consistently maintained its focus and distinctive mission of educating women religious. By providing sound theology and philosophy courses in an atmosphere of integrity and shared vision, the administration and faculty strive to enhance the religious formation of the students within the context of their own distinctive community charisms.



#### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Combining study with religious formation, several Sisters renewed their vows and one celebrated her Silver Jubilee at Mass on the feast of the Immaculate Conception in the ACS chapel.
- To share in the cultural celebrations of congregations represented at the college, All Sisters joined in the Feast of the Vietnamese Martyrs at Mass, with entertainment and with traditional food.
- College English 101 were treated to Mass and a tour of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist.
- During Th 101, students learned of our Jewish heritage and how it is the basis for our own Christian faith.
- Th 098 class visited the shrine of Blessed Miriam Teresa. They also presented each congregation's history, charism and ministries. As part of this class they toured the SCC Heritage Room at the Motherhouse in Mendham.
- Several Sisters joined in the Corpus Christi procession at Sacred Heart Church, Rockaway.

### LEADERSHIP

**FACT:** ACS strives to form women who will be a light for the world and a leaven in society. Whatever form their service may take, Assumption's students need to be prepared to assume the responsibility of Christian leadership and the commitment to bring, through countercultural witness, the Gospel message to God's people.



#### HIGHLIGHTS:

- During various celebrations, students assumed leadership roles in serving as MCs, hostesses and coordinators.
- Several students took the initiative to prepare and sell Christmas cards and decorations at a local Christmas market.
- 2023 graduates prepared the liturgy, accompanied and directed the music for the Graduation ceremonies.
- Student representatives organize several events, providing decorations and entertainment.
- In all of the classes, students practiced their public speaking skills by giving presentations.

## 10 Countries National Origin

Cameroon  
Canada  
Indonesia

Kenya  
Mexico  
Mozambique

Tanzania  
Vietnam  
United States  
Zambia



## SERVICE

**FACT:** Service, central to Christian discipleship, is an essential aspect of ACS. Students are expected to avail themselves of opportunities to prepare for a life of service in the Church.



### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Sister students from United States based congregations actively participated in the ministries of their congregations as catechists and classroom aides.
- Sisters exercise the ministry of prayer by participating the 1000 Strong Rosary event and the Public Square Rosary. They alternate in leading a decade of the rosary at St. Mary's Church before daily Mass.
- Resident International Sisters serve ACS with their various household duties such as cooking, cleaning, snow removal, gardening, and participate in Sisters of Christian Charity "Run for a Nun" Event.
- The FA 101 Dance class used their musical talents to brighten the lives of the elderly residents of Saint Joseph's Senior Home in Woodbridge, NJ
- Students become an integral part of each "Working Group" in the process of preparing for Middle States Re-accreditation.

## COMMUNITY

**FACT:** Community, founded on service and respect for each person's dignity, ranks among Assumption's most cherished values. Intrinsic to its heritage, the College strives to further the vision of Blessed Pauline and the spirit of Christian Charity she imparted to her Sisters.



### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Becoming part of the church and civic community is important for our Sisters. In Denville, they attended the Rotary Duck Race, the Parish Picnic and the St. Patrick's Day party. Graduates were honored at graduation by the local mayor, receiving a proclamation making each an honorary citizen of Denville.
- In the Church community, they attended Mass. Each year the graduates are called upon to lead the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Divine Mercy Sunday.
- At Christmas, various groups prepared generous gifts for each Sister student.
- Among the Sisters of the ACS community, the Sisters from 5 different countries, mingle with and support the various cultures and languages, singing hymns from the different languages and attending celebrations highlighting their cultures.

**Benedictine Sisters of Our Lady Help of Christians**  
**Benedictine Sisters of the Monastery of Our Lady of the Desert**  
**Daughters of Mary Help of Christians**  
**Daughters of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary**  
**Dominican Sisters of Tam Hiep**  
**Franciscan Sisters of Saint Elizabeth**  
**Holy Spirit Sisters**  
**Immaculate Heart Sisters of Africa**  
**Lovers of the Holy Cross TT**  
**Lovers of the Holy Cross PD**  
**Lovers of the Holy Cross Vinh**  
**Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood**  
**Sisters of Mary Queen of Peace**  
**Sisters of St. Joseph of Mombasa**  
**Sisters of St. Therese of the Child Jesus of Buea**



## SOCIAL JUSTICE

**FACT:** Growing out of a firm belief in the dignity of each person, faculty and students at ACS strive to see the face of Jesus in all. They seek ways to embrace the poor and eliminate systems of oppression worldwide.



- Resident International Sisters visited the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island where they learned of the plight of 19th Century immigrants.
- Each Friday during Lent a small group of students prayed the rosary in front of the Planned Parenthood building as part of the "40 Days for Life" campaign.
- First year students visited the 911 Memorial in Morris Plains. Due to rain, they could not participate in the service.
- On Veterans' Day students prayed by the local memorial on the property of Morris Catholic High School honoring Morris County veterans.
- A 2003 ACS alum spoke to students about her work with the Village Angels of Tanzania, when she came to visit, stressing the need for education especially for the young women.

## IMPACT OF FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP, FUNDRAISING, FRIENDRAISING, GRANTS

- **Nineteen international Sister students were offered full scholarship including room and board**
- **HVAC units installed in dining room and student center**
- **Fourteen volunteer drivers offered their services**
- **Fourteen academic tutors offered their services**
- **Security upgrades to the Computer System Network**

## OUTCOMES

**100%**

**Graduation  
Rate**

**19**

**Scholarships  
Awarded  
2022/23**

**455**

**AA Degrees/  
ARA Degrees  
Awarded  
Since 1955**

**73**

**Certificates  
in Theology  
Awarded  
Since 1983**



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