



ACS

Assumption's Current Sharings

Assumption College for Sisters ♣ February 2026

College Enjoys Trip to NYC!

On October 22, twenty-five students—along with several faculty members, tutors, and friends of Assumption College for Sisters, enjoyed an exciting and educational trip to New York City. The group visited St. Patrick's Cathedral and had a guided tour of the United Nations Headquarters.

At St. Patrick's Cathedral, participants had the opportunity to view a new mural at the cathedral's entrance by artist Adam Cvijanovic. The mural beautifully depicts the Apparition of Our Lady of Knock in Ireland, alongside significant figures from the history of the Catholic Church in America, including St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, the first American citizen to be canonized. Other scenes portray nineteenth-century immigrants arriving in New York, as well as modern-day first responders—many of whom are descendants of those early immigrants. What captured the most attention, however,

were the portraits of *present-day arrivals* waiting to be welcomed, a touching reminder of the enduring immigrant experience.

Following lunch, the group proceeded to the United Nations Headquarters, located around the corner. After passing through extensive security and receiving photo badges, they were admitted inside for guided tours. Highlights included viewing the famous Norman Rockwell mosaic, which represents the "Golden Rule" through the faces of people from around the world. Along the way, students also learned about the many ways the United Nations serves nations and fosters cooperation across the globe.

Throughout the day, students enthusiastically took photos both inside and outside each historic site, capturing memories of a trip that blended faith, culture, and global awareness.



MSCHE Grants ACS Reaccreditation

As of June 26, 2025, ACS received reaccreditation from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE). The evaluation team, led by Anne Clark Bartlett, PhD, former Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost at Saint Elizabeth University, and other higher education professionals, conducted the Self-Study Evaluation visit from February 23-26, 2025. An integral part of the visit focused on demonstrating alignment of ACS with the MSCHE Standards. Various ACS constituencies facilitated the self-study process, including the Steering Committee Co-Chairs, Steering Committee, faculty, board members, and students. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2032-2033. Thank you to everyone in the ACS community who contributed to this important endeavor.



Honoring Eve Shea: A Legacy of Love through Scholarship

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Tim and Cindy Shea for their extraordinary \$250,000 donation in loving memory of Eve Shea. This gift, deposited into our Memorial Scholarship Investment fund, will provide a full scholarship annually for many years to come. To honor Eve's deep love, commitment, and devotion to our sisters and the mission of ACS, a tree will be planted on our campus in her memory.

Sisters of Christian Charity Elect Superior General



Sr. Mary Joseph Schultz, SCC

On September 10, 2025, the Sisters of Christian Charity North American Province announced that Sister Mary Joseph Schultz, SCC was elected as their new Superior General. The election took place in Paderborn, Germany, at the congregation's 25th General Chapter, themed "Rooted in Christ, Witnesses of Hope." Sister Mary Joseph Schultz, former president of ACS from 2002-2009, earned her AA from ACS, her BA in Elementary Education from Felician College (now University), and her MA in Pastoral Ministry from Seton Hall University. Sister Mary Joseph's vast experience includes teaching high school theology, serving as an apostolic visitor of US women religious, engaging in campus ministry, holding the position of pastoral associate, and being a member of the SCC provincial leadership team. Most recently, Sister served as first councilor at the Sisters of Christian Charity generalate in Germany. On her new role, Sister Mary Joseph shared, "I am humbled by my election as Superior General of the Sisters of Christian Charity. It is very challenging but I know that the Lord brought me to this place gradually with step-by-step preparation throughout my life. He will give me what is necessary each day." Sister Mary Joseph also noted that her goal is to be a bridge-builder and peacemaker, in the footsteps of Blessed Pauline von Mallinckrodt.

Gratitude to Former Faculty

Mr. David Gillespie

Ms. Barbara Kelly-Vergona

Welcome New Faculty

Sister Maria Angeline Weiss, SCC
Fine Arts Appreciation - Dance

Gratitude for Giving Tuesday Donations!

ACS extends a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the ACS *Giving Tuesday* campaign, which aimed to raise funds for a Field Trip program to provide our students with hands-on experiential learning beyond the classroom. Special



thanks to Louis Scarpa, Patricia McGrady, and Jean Wedemeier for organizing the campaign, and to our residential students for posing for lighthearted photos to help promote the campaign. We are pleased to report that our fundraising goal was **exceeded**. *Giving Tuesday* is an annual campaign created in response to Black Friday, one of the busiest shopping days in the United States. Thank you again to all the generous donors who participated in *Giving Tuesday*!

ALUMNAE NEWS



Sister Maria Linh Tran, LHC-TT ('20) from the Lovers of the Holy Cross located in the Thu Thiem province, Vietnam, graduated from Seton Hall with a BA in Theology in 2022 and is currently at the Gregorian University in Rome for a one-year Pontifical formation program.



Sister Jesca Alitubeera, IHMR ('20) from the Sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary graduated in December 2024 from Divine Word College, IA, with dual BA degrees in Theology and Mission and Intercultural



Studies. Sister Jesca is currently teaching at St. Zoe Day and Boarding School in Mubende, Uganda.

Sister Mary Thuan Bui, FMV ('20) from the Daughters of Our Lady of the Visitation congregation in Vietnam, graduated from Georgian Court University, NJ, with a BA in Religious Studies



in 2022 and earned an MSW from Carlow University, PA, in 2025. Sister Mary Thuan serves her congregation in various capacities, including grant writing, supporting hospitalized children, and assisting with caring for children

with disabilities. Sister Mary Thuan is pictured at the Huong Huu Primary School where she delivered donated gifts of moon cakes and lamps to help the children celebrate the Têt Trung Thu Mid-Autumn Lunar Festival.



Tutor Appreciation Event

On December 10, ACS hosted a Tutor Appreciation event in gratitude for the efforts of all of our volunteer tutors who tirelessly support our students in both content areas and English language proficiency. Academic Dean, Sister Teresa Bruno, SC, thanks tutors for their commitment to our students.

FIELD TRIPS

Students learn about Church History

Accompanied by their instructor, Sister Carol Schuyler SCC, and Director of Student Services, Sister Geralyn Schmidt SCC, students in *The Church: Its Nature and History* course visited the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal at St. Catherine Laboure Church and Saint Ann Byzantine Catholic Church. The field trip concluded with a visit to Saint Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg, a designated Jubilee site.



L to R back row: Sister Mary Thu Nguyen, LHC-GV, Sister Mary Therese Huong Tran, FMSR, Fr. Taras Lovska, Sister Letisia Komba, OSB.

L to R front row: Sister Mary Therese Mai Ho, FMSR, Sister Carol Schuyler, SCC, Sister Geralyn Schmidt, SCC

40 Days for Life

During the biannual 40 Days for Life, students accompany faculty member Jean Wedemeier, to peacefully pray the rosary for God's intercession and healing outside of Planned Parenthood in Morristown.

Pictured are Sister Maria Anh Le, LHC-TT, and Sister Mary Therese Mai Ho, FMSR.



Trip to the Denville Library

On November 7, Sister Marie Pauline Demek, SCC and ACS Librarian Leslie Monchar accompanied second year students to the Denville Library. Circulation Supervisor Lynn Struebel facilitated a tour of the library and introduced the students to many available resources and programs.



Christmas Fun!



Students celebrate Christmas with gifts and a visit from former Board member Ellen Sandman and Santa, Ellen's husband George.

Life Skills Workshops Enrich ACS Sisters

In September, ACS residential students participated in a time and stress management workshop led by Sister Bernadette McCauley, SCC, a former ACS instructor and licensed counselor. The session focused on the importance of balancing academic responsibilities with personal well-being through effective time and stress management.



S.R.O., Kristian Sandman

The workshop provided practical guidance on budgeting and introduced tools to help students develop realistic financial plans while managing limited resources.



Sr. Bernadette McCauley, SCC

Also in September, Denville Police Officer Kristian Sandman presented a safety talk for residential students, sharing essential information to help ensure a safe living and learning environment for the entire ACS community.

Continuing this focus on essential life skills, second- and third-year students attended a Financial Literacy Workshop in October facilitated by retired CFO Bob McGrady.



Sip & Pray Event

On November 1, 2025, the Morris Catholic High School Commons was filled with new and existing ACS supporters who gathered for a fun and successful “Sip and Pray” event. Guests enjoyed a delightful evening of fellowship and a top-notch wine and bourbon tasting with delicious pairings. Ellen Sandman, a former Board member, arranged for an assortment of donated appetizers from Sergio’s, Hunan Taste and Thatcher McGhee’s. Special thanks to Kristian Sandman, Ellen’s son, who shared his expert bourbon knowledge, and to Lindsay Gomeriger Gunn, our sommelier, who donated the wine.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Ellen Sandman for her tireless efforts alongside Patty McGrady, both in the weeks leading up to the event and throughout the evening.

The event was a wonderful way to strengthen the ACS community while raising vital support for our mission.



Pictured: Former Board Chair Andrew Anselmi speaks to attendees at the Sip and Pray event.

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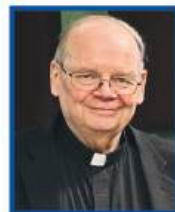
With gratitude to God,
Assumption College for Sisters
and the
Sisters of Christian Charity
cordially invite you to
save this date...

**Thursday,
March 19, 2026**

Invitations to follow

Please join us to support the mission of Assumption College for Sisters and congratulate our honorees.

Twenty-Fifth Annual Caring Basket Gala



Msgr. Raymond Kupke
The Education Award



Timothy and Antoinette Donohue
The Family Life Award



James Porfido
The Servant Leader Award

Date: Thursday, March 19, 2026

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Sheraton Parsippany Hotel
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