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Be humble, be simple and bring joy to others.
-Madeleine Sophie Barat

Treasures from the Heart

SOMETHING OLD FINDS NEW HOME AT DUCHESNE ACADEMY



Carrara Marble, one of the most exquisite and expensive marbles, gets its name from the Italian village where it is found. This fine white marble was often chosen by great sculptors. Michelangelo preferred carrara above all other marbles, and his David is a notable example.

Many cathedrals, facades and monuments have been constructed of this prized marble for hundreds of years. From the Pantheon in Rome to the Harvard University Medical School to London's Marble Arch, carrara has retained its timeless beauty and stature.

Alums attending the recent 39th AASH Biennial Conference in Omaha were treated to a tour of the new Quinn Performing Arts Center. It was there they saw a magnificent old panel of carrara with the Sacred Heart Seal sculpted in its center.

Its recent history is connected to Barat College, where it was part of an altar created by the famous Daprato Rigali Studios over 100 years ago. In the 19th Century, Daprato statues set the standard for religious art around the world. It is believed that the altar was originally made for the Sacred Heart Academy on Taylor Street (Holy Family Parish) in Chicago and later moved to Barat when the college was built.

At some point in time, the altar was disassembled and the panel seemingly lost. Fortunately, this magnificent treasure was found in the basement of Dougherty Dormitory when Barat buildings were being demolished in 2007. It was donated to Duchesne Academy to preserve its historic connection to the Sacred Heart story.

The exquisite old marble panel is stunning in its new home, where it is revered as a true Treasure From the Heart.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

FROM AASH PRESIDENT 2011-2013

MAUREEN E. RYAN

BARAT COLLEGE 1981



Maureen with Willow Head, granddaughter of Past President Willow O'Brien Shoemaker.

Dear Alums...

One can never say these two words enough – **THANK YOU!** A sincere thank you to all who have donated to AASH; attended Regional Conferences last fall and most recently the 39th Biennial conference held in Omaha. I want to especially thank the many individuals who volunteered their time to help plan our many Sacred Heart gatherings this past biennium. Kudos to **Suzy Kratochvil, Conference Chair** and her committee who ensured that the 39th National Conference hosted in Omaha was planned and executed so beautifully, as well as, **Sheila Haggas, Head of School at Duchesne Academy**; and the numerous volunteers, made up of faculty, staff and Board of Trustees who worked so hard behind the scenes. And, a very special thanks to the generous underwriting made possible by the **Shelagh Mary O'Dwyer Legacy Fund** and **Omaha Steaks**. I will hold dear the memories of connecting with Sacred Heart alums from all over the United States and Canada!

The last two years have been met with many challenges and possibilities. As an 80-year old organization, we have grown exponentially since that first National Conference was hosted in 1933. It has been a privilege to serve on the Board for the past several years and to have set the wheels in motion that promise to make the next 80 years an association that every Sacred Heart alum will be proud to support.

During the National Conference, we celebrated and honored many members of the Sacred Heart family who have made – and will continue to make – a significant contribution to the success and future of AASH. We are so fortunate to have so much energy and commitment to preserving the legacy of our foundress St. Madeleine Sophie Barat. Each honoree is living proof that a Sacred Heart education lays the foundation for lives well lived... lives embodied with **Federation, Spirit and Service**.

The 2011-2013 AASH Board set Goals and Actions Plans when we met for the first time in June 2011, and here are just a few highlights of what we have accomplished during this biennium:

Advance and improve communications of AASH - Through our new Website, AASH has become very social ... we can be found on FaceBook, Twitter, LinkedIn; and I started a Blog. We have a new National Directory that was just published, and over 1600 alums purchased a copy! And most recently, we sent out a link to a short survey that will help the Board of Directors in the next biennium understand what the members of this large association know and think about AASH.

Assist local associations in advancing their presence in the community - We have promoted a wide range of Sacred Heart events via social media and our website... currently and most notably, The Society of the Sacred Heart Spirituality Forum 2013 being hosted July 10-14, 2013 at Sacred Heart Schools – Atherton. Details can be found on the AASH website.

Promote service opportunities to our alumnae/i base - We recently announced the inauguration of The Joan Lueder Coffey Service Award. You can read the details and a heartwarming tribute to Joan by her husband, Ed on page 17.

Evaluate the immediate and long-term needs of AASH - This is an area that needs attention and it brings to mind a quote from Janet Erskine Stuart - "**My head is full of plans and dreams of what might be done, but I must be patient: people are not ready yet.**" Although we do not have a strategic plan in place, the two areas that I see needing our immediate attention for us to thrive is that our association should be "financially independent and entirely professional."

I believe the 2013-2015 AASH Board under the leadership of Alice Burns will "**Let us go forward on the road that has brought us to where we are...**" (Philippians). My hope and prayer is that we continue in Federation, Spirit and Service for another 80 years and beyond. It has been a great honor and joy to share these two years with so many of you. In the words of St. Madeleine Sophie "be humble, be simple and bring Joy to others".

Warm regards in the Heart,


Maureen Elizabeth Ryan

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"Preach by example
of your lives
rather than by words.
Example is the very best
sermon"



"Strengthen in us,
O God,
the work You have
began in us"



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memories shared



a spirit of friendship



Sister Shirley Miller Escorts St. Madeleine Sophie on a Tour of Duchesne

The following is the keynote address given by Sr. Miller, RSCJ, at the Cor Unum Awards Luncheon. To read the full transcript of Sr. Miller's tour with St. Madeleine Sophie, visit www.rscj.com.

I was asked to speak about what St. Madeleine Sophie would have loved about the Heartland.



And so a few months ago, I had a chat with Sophie, asking her how to approach this topic.

She suggested that I pick her up at Eppley Airfield and that we take a road trip around Omaha and Duchesne. Returning from the airport, we stopped by the Missouri River for a while, and she told me stories of Philippine's adventures on the river and of how much the river meant to her.

She told me what I always intuited – that the river image was a big part of her understanding of devotion to the Sacred Heart. That is our call – God's love flowing into our hearts and our love flowing out to one another, transforming the world with love.

When we arrived at Duchesne we drove around the campus, and I explained to her how it looked in the 50's and 60's – the cloistered look, buildings hidden behind bushes which surrounded the campus – a campus vibrant with little children through college girls and nuns with flowing habits and veils blowing in the wind.

She commented on the seal of the Society, the hearts of Jesus and Mary, at all of the entrance ways, and she reminded me that she, Sophie, and her early companions founded the Society to renew devotion to the Sacred Heart and chose to open schools as a means to deepen that devotion.

We spoke of the thousands of Sacred Heart educators, lay and religious, throughout the world who have embodied the goals of Sacred Heart education and passed that spirit and legacy on to hundreds of thousands of students generation after generation.

And then we saw the newer logo...the world encircled with the love of the heart of Jesus and the compassion of God. She loved that symbol, focusing on the internationality of the Society in 44 countries.

As we drove into the circle drive, she looked up and saw the sign over the front door –DUCHESNE – and she said how right it is to have schools named after her old friend Philippine – Heart of Oak.

I parked in the circle drive, even though I knew I shouldn't, but after all, I was chauffeuring the foundress, and I thought that was good enough to keep me from being towed.

We were greeted so warmly by the portress – so Duchesne –like, so Sacred Heart -- as if we were the most important people in the world! And there were volunteers everywhere, alums, parents, RSCJ, friends, families, and staff all preparing for the AASH conference.

Sophie said, "This is such a welcoming and generous place." And I said it always had been. "Oh, I feel so at home!" she said.

We then stopped in the back of the chapel, the light casting magnificent shadows through the stained glass windows. She looked at the confessionals and asked if we still use them!

We entered the chapel and she took her rightful place as superior in the back stall, and I knelt next to her, feeling I had earned my spot. It was a gift to pray next to her and to literally rub shoulders with our saint, hoping whatever she has would rub off on me.

I closed my eyes and the faces of thousands of people, including many of you here, passed by me: all those who have brought their joys and sorrows, their hopes and needs, and even their wedding bouquets to this sacred place.

As we knelt before the Tabernacle, she recalled her "original vision" of our little Society: in her words: to gather young girls together and establish a little community, which night and day would adore the Heart of Jesus. I said to myself, when we are 24 religious, able to replace one another on a prie dieu for perpetual adoration that will be something, and yet little enough for such a noble goal.

Her dream has come true today – a multitude of adorers in this country of Philippine:

*48,000 living alums;
320 RSCJ;
120 Associates;
1,000 Children of Mary;
12,000 students annually enrolled in Sacred Heart schools
in the US;
At least 24,000 parents;
2,000 faculty and staff; and
400 trustees*

She was a little taken aback when I took her to the other side of the chapel to her shrine. "This one's for you." With great humility, she closed her eyes and said, "I am ready to continue our road trip."

I asked her how she maintained her faith and hope and love during her 63 years of leadership in the Society. She said, "I watched, I listened, I prayed."

She said, "Never forget, the spirit of the Society is founded on prayer and the interior life."

We continued our journey throughout the school. Everywhere we went, we were hugged and welcomed by high school girls in plaid skirts and red sweaters and the little children in smocks and khakis, being lovingly led by Sara Wachter.

The headmistress Sheila Haggas even knelt down and kissed the hem of Sophie's pantsuit, just like Philippine had kissed the hem of her dress when they first met at St. Marie d'en Haut in Grenoble in 1804.

We went up the back stairs to the second floor and stopped before the statue of Mater, our treasure of calm and serenity; we wrote out our intentions and left them in Mater's lap. I laughed again at Sophie's backhanded compliment to artist Sister Pauline Perdrau in 1844 after the colors had softened and the Pope had christened her Mater Admirabilis, "Your little Madonna isn't half bad!"

In late afternoon, even though it is forbidden, we went up to the fourth floor roof and watched the sunset in the



west over the Cathedral towers, reminiscent of her childhood in Joigny, watching the setting sun over St. Thibault.

Our final stop was in the beautiful new entrance and space, completed just in time for this conference. "Ah, how exquisite," Sophie said, and then she looked up and there was her friend Philippine unveiled for this occasion.

I could tell that Sophie was getting tired (or maybe I was projecting!) It was an emotional experience for her to come to Duchesne for the first time and for me to return to the beloved place.

She looked around and said, "There is someone I am missing here. I remember hearing about the AASH conference in Omaha in 1989, hosted

by then President Jo Witt. I look forward to meeting her someday. Please give her my special love and blessing." So, Diane, Karen, Marilyn, please carry St. Madeleine Sophie's blessing to your wonderful Mom. And deep love from all of us

"Continue the dream, Cor Unum et anima una in Corde Jesus: One heart and one mind in the heart of Jesus; be united with one another and with our God. Pray that love, peace and communion will prevail in our world."

As we drove out of the circle drive, she looked back, waved her white handkerchief and said to all who were gathered there, LET LOVE BE YOUR LIFE FOR ALL ETERNITY.

Provincial Update and News from the RSCJ

News from the Society of the Sacred Heart

Barbara Dawson, RSCJ, provincial of the U.S. Province of the Society of the Sacred Heart, shared significant news with the Sacred Heart family gathered in Omaha for the 2013 AASH Conference: **on July 8, 2013, the Religious of the Sacred Heart in Canada and the United States will become one province.** This watershed moment, the culmination of months of planning and dialogue, will reunite the daughters of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, who brought the Society to the continent in 1818.

“The RSCJ throughout North America enthusiastically support this decision, which we see as life giving and supportive of our mission on both sides of our border.” Sister Dawson, who will serve as provincial of the new

province, reported. “We are blessed that the alumnae of our Canadian Sacred Heart schools have already begun to work more closely together.”

There are twenty-one Religious of the Sacred Heart in the Canadian Province, and two Sacred Heart schools, one in Halifax and one in Montreal. The schools will immediately begin the process for admission to the Network of Sacred Heart Schools.

In Mission for Life Campaign

In late January of this year, the Society leadership announced the successful conclusion of the In Mission for Life campaign. The five-year, \$40,000,000 campaign, spanning the United States, received \$46,900,000 in gifts, pledges and bequests for the spiritual and educational mission of the Society and the care of elderly sisters. More than

5,300 benefactors participated in the campaign. The Society announced a Year of Thanksgiving to express their gratitude to all who participated and to promise daily prayer for each of you.

Sister Shirley Miller, director of Mission Advancement for the province, said, “Thank you for all the ways you have rekindled hope within the Society and renewed all of us in the fiery determination of St. Madeleine Sophie and St. Philippine Duchesne. Thank you for the three most far reaching outcomes of the campaign: the renewing and deepening of relationships, the strengthening of the Society’s spiritual and educational mission of discovering and making known the love of the Heart of Jesus, and the assurance that our elderly sisters will be cared for.”

Stuart Center for Mission, Educational Leadership and Technology

The province has launched a new ministry: the Stuart Center for Mission, Educational Leadership and Technology supports the educational mission of the Society of the Sacred Heart by working with Religious of the Sacred Heart, collaborators and social justice groups to respond strategically to the educational and justice needs of our country and the world. Its five offices will support the development of new projects and initiatives, strengthen technology at the service of mission, focus on youth and leadership and provide conference space for religious and social justice groups.

For more news from the Society, we invite you to visit the province’s newly redesigned website at www.rscj.org.

REGIONAL RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT THE 2013 OMAHA CONFERENCE

CENTRAL REGION RESOLUTION:

Resolved, That an AASH Annual Day of Service shall be established, in order to foster a deeper commitment to the goal of a social awareness that impels to action, which could be accomplished in a variety of ways, such as partnering with our schools in providing service in our local communities, supporting the existing ministries of the RSCJ, making a financial contribution to our schools or a service organization, or joining together in prayer; and

Resolved, That we shall educate ourselves to the idea of service as “Stuartship,” and join in the RSCJ in learning about the life and ministry of Janet Erskine Stuart, and honor her legacy by dedicating the Annual Day of Service in her name.

EASTERN REGION RESOLUTION:

Resolved, That in keeping with our Sacred Heart education and tradition, we shall have the courage and confidence to continue to speak up and act in matters of conscience with regard to the evolving church.

SOUTHERN REGION RESOLUTION:

Resolved, That we shall commit to actively foster connections with young alumnae and alumni by utilizing the resources of AASH to identify and engage the young alumnae and alumni living, studying, or working in our communities;

Resolved, That we shall commit to promote informed and active participation in the political process after listening to the cries of the poor, the needs of others and dialogue between science and religion; and

Resolved, That in recognition of AASH’s birthplace of St. Louis, we shall commit to promote and market the services of the AASH National Office and the opportunities to work ever more closely with its family - the Society of the Sacred Heart Provincial Office and the Network of Sacred Heart Schools - based in St. Louis and St. Charles.

WESTERN REGION RESOLUTION:

Resolved, That we as individual members shall commit to subscribe to RSCJ.org to receive their daily reflection, in order to nurture our spirituality and relationship with the RSCJ, and so that it will serve as a reminder to pray for our Sacred Heart family each and every day; and
Resolved, That we shall leverage AASH social media channels to engage and bolster membership.



Left to Right: Alain Wood-Prince, Wendy Wood-Prince and Barbara Wood-Prince.

Woodlands Academy Hosts Congé 2013 Fundraiser, Honors Alumna

Woodlands Academy of the Sacred Heart in Lake Forest, IL, held its 40th annual fundraiser with a special congé and recognition of alumna Barbara Wood-Prince for her continued service on behalf of the school.

Congé Co-Chair Tom Flint said, “This year’s event will have a special twist. Congé will honor someone who has made an incredible difference to the Woodlands Academy community. Barbara Wood-Prince, a Board of Trustee member since 2007, is recognized for her tremendous philanthropic initiatives to Woodlands. Congé is one way we come together as a community to celebrate the special place that Woodlands is and to help financially ensure that the educational mission of Woodlands Academy continues into the future. Woodlands is a place where each girl is encouraged to be a leader. So it’s fitting that we recognize one of our leaders while we raise funds to be solely used to help educate future leaders.”

When Barbara attended elementary school at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, it was in the basement of what later became Barat College, the predecessor of Woodlands Academy. Following completion of her studies at Woodland, she continued her studies at Convent of the Sacred Heart (Noroton, CT).

A resident of Lake Forest, Barbara co-chaired a multi-million dollar campaign to build a new Science Center in order to better equip students to pursue study in STEM fields, where women are generally under-represented. Barbara was nominated by Woodlands Academy for the 2013 Archdiocesan Development Council IMPACT award, which honors a volunteer or staff member whose commitment, energy and vision have promoted Catholic education in the school community of which he or she is a part.

U.S. Provincial Team Sr. Diana Wall RSCJ, Sr. Barbara Dawson RSCJ, Sr. Meg Causey RSCJ and Sr. Sheila Hammond RSCJ at St. Cecelia's Cathedral Cor Unum Awards Liturgy in Omaha NE.





PAST PRESIDENT PROFILE

Past President Margaret McLaughlin

Experienced Many Firsts

during her Sacred Heart Journey

When Margaret McLaughlin was elected President of AASH in 1965, it followed a series of 'firsts' in which she was closely involved. Margaret McLaughlin is Canadian and that, in itself, is significant, because she became the first AASH President from outside the United States.

But her election is not surprising, when you learn that her connection with Sacred Heart began decades earlier. Margaret is the youngest of seven children. Her two older sisters attended the Sacred Heart Convent of Montreal – better known as City House – and the family added four boys before Margaret came along.

After attending a neighborhood Catholic primary school run by the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, Margaret was enrolled at City House, graduating in 1943. Her Mother had died while Margaret was in her teens, so she opted not to attend university but to remain at home caring for her father. She took a secretarial course at the Mother House, a renowned school run by the Sisters of the Congregation Notre-Dame,

Following her father's death in 1970, Margaret returned to her studies at the Université de Montreal, where she earned certification in hospital administration. She worked in public health, managing a pediatric dental clinic in a city hospital until her retirement.

Her heavy responsibilities did not deter Margaret from actively supporting City House – describing herself as “a very devoted alumna.” She ran the Fall Bazaar and was President of the City House Alumnae for two years.

Sacred Heart alums from Canada were welcome to attend AASH Conferences as observers with no vote or ability to hold office, and Margaret took advantage of the opportunity to attend a number of Biennial Conferences. She says it was during the San Diego Biennial Conference in 1961 that she “really got my feet wet.”

“At the San Diego Conference, AASH President Anita Figueredo Doyle announced that it was proposed that Canada become the 6th Vicariate of the AASH,” recalls Margaret. “I was named as an observer, invited to attend all Board meetings for the next biennium. It was exciting.

Everyone was so warm and helpful. I also met some wonderful women who later became close friends.”

At the next Conference, held in Washington, DC in 1963, Mother Eleanor Whitehead, Provincial of Canada, invited the AASH to hold its 1967 Conference in Montreal, to coincide with Canada's Centennial and the opening of Expo 67. It was the ideal time for the AASH to hold its first meeting outside the United States.

For Margaret, the Washington Conference held personal significance: She was elected Vice-President of AASH, the first Canadian to hold such a position. She recalls how honored she felt that AASH placed so much confidence in her.

Parallel to the events taking place in the United States with the AASH, Very Reverend Mother de Valon invited all Sacred Heart alumnae to attend a 'Reassemblment mondiale' to be held in Rome in 1960. Margaret recalls that it was her “good fortune to attend the meeting... an experience I will never forget.”

“From wherever the Religious of the Sacred Heart had spread their teaching over the years, alumnae came to Rome to bear witness and meet together,” said Margaret.

It was the success of the Reassemblment that allowed Very Reverend Mother de Valon to fulfill her desire to form the World Association of Alumnae of the Sacred Heart. The first organizational meeting was held in Brussels in May 1965.

“I attended that first meeting, representing Canada, along with Mary Isabelle McKenna Caestecker, then President of AASH, who represented the USA,” said Margaret. “This was a real working meeting, where our purpose and goals were discussed and decisions were reached. A committee was struck to tackle the daunting task of drafting the charter and statutes.”

In 1966, an International Council meeting was held in Rome, which Margaret attended, along with Isabella Hughes Livaudais. It was here that the statutes were approved and AMASC officially came to be. During the Montreal Biennial Conference in 1967, AASH members voted unanimously to join AMASC, making it truly worldwide.



AASH President Margaret McLaughlin (1965-1967) and Reverend Mother Eleanor Mulqueen at the 15th Biennial AASH Conference hosted in Montreal, Canada.

Meanwhile, during the Chicago Conference in 1965, Margaret was elected President of AASH, and set about preparing for the 1967 Conference to be held in Montreal. The Conference was a success and it was one filled with “firsts.” It was the first Conference held “across the border”; it was the first simultaneous translation in French and English offered throughout the event; and it was the first

time the RSCJ joined members for outings and meals – as a result of Vatican II in large part.

“I remember Mother Whitehead's words when she addressed the opening of the Conference, and they ring as true today as they did then,” recalls Margaret. We have... a concern for the uniqueness of woman's role in our technological age.

Margaret says that one of the enduring memories of the Montreal Conference was “the spirit of Christian kindness which affected every relationship and made the work so rewarding.”

In addition to her active participation in the Sacred Heart family and AASH, Margaret is devoted to her own family, which she says is “enormously important” to her. She has 23 nieces and nephews, many grand nieces and nephews, and now great grand nieces and nephews – “so many that I have almost lost count.”

“They are spread all over the globe, yet I still have contact with them, from as far away as South Africa, England, China, the U.S., and Canada.”

Margaret maintains close friendships with classmates she shared during her years at City House. “It is not uncommon for me to play bridge with Audrey and Cora, or have lunch with Mary – all alums – in the course of a week.”

Margaret McLaughlin: an AASH Past President who truly lives the Sacred Heart Mission as a volunteer... as a leader... and as a woman empowered.

Past Presidents Attend Cor Unum Liturgy

Eleven AASH Past Presidents attended the 39th Biennial Conference, including outgoing President Maureen Elizabeth Ryan. At right: front row, left to right are Maureen Ryan, Valerie Moore O'Keeffe, Mary Jane Taber Houlihan, Marion E. Glennon, Barbara Brown Lopiccolo. Back Row left to right are: Beth Lowry Speck, Toni Walsh Curry, Patricia Dickman Sheehan, Nancy Ross Agnew, Adele O'Grady Botticelli and Susanna McPherson Lane.



New Documentary Film Honors Alum Elaine Stritch, BH'43



Television viewers know actor Elaine Stritch as Alec Baldwin's mother on the hit comedy, *30 Rock*, but her television presence dates over four decades. Theatre and movie enthusiasts have followed her long career that has run the gamut from musicals and comedies to dramatic roles – earning her numerous awards and a vast following.

Sundance Selects has acquired North American rights to **Elaine Stritch: Shoot Me**, a week after the documentary made its world premiere at the Tribeca Film Festival in May. Chiemi Karasawa, is the film's producer/director, and spent a year documenting Elaine's life and career. The move by Sundance Select will bring the film to a wider audience.

Reviews of the documentary have given Karasawa high praise for portraying a sensitive, multi-faceted glimpse into the life of Elaine Stritch – herself a complex, multi-faceted woman, whose life story has all the elements of great theatre. And it all began 87 years ago in Detroit, Michigan.

Born on Feb. 2, 1925 (some sources state 1926) and raised the youngest of three girls in Detroit. She was the daughter of a well-to-do rubber company executive and his homemaker wife. Elaine was the entertainer of her family – always telling stories and doing imitations to the delight of party guests. The born entertainer with an early desire for a glamorous lifestyle moved to New York City in 1944 – a year after her graduation from The Convent of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills.

When she moved to New York, she continued her Sacred Heart education at the Duchesne Residence in Manhattan, followed by acting classes at the Dramatic Workshop of the New School for Social Research in New York.

With her enthusiastic assertiveness and drive, it wasn't hard for Elaine to get work in regional and off-Broadway productions. And only two years after arriving in New York, Elaine Stritch made her Broadway debut. The rest, as they say, is history.

What followed were increasingly important roles in Broadway hits. A role in the drama, *The Little Foxes*; understudy to Ethel Merman in *Call Me Madam* during its Broadway run and the lead role in the National Tour. As her credits grew, so did her opportunities in television and film.

Elaine married British actor John Bay in 1972 and moved to London. Over the next 10 years, she starred in London stage productions and television sitcoms, earning a new audience of Elaine Stritch enthusiasts. On the big screen, she more than held her own in a dual role opposite Sir John Gielgud and Dirk Bogarde in Alain Resnais' fascinating film *Providence*. Following the death of her husband in 1982, she moved back to New York City, where she began teaching at the Stella Adler Conservatory and had roles in regional productions around the country.

Once again, her roles on Broadway, American television and film were hers for the taking. Age never held her back. At 77, she created her one-woman success, *Elaine Stritch at Liberty* – taking the show from coast-to-coast to rave reviews and sold-out appearances. Not only did she tell her story, she sang and recreated roles that had brought her fame over the decades.

It was the resilience and diverse talents of Elaine that brought Chiemi Karasawa to undertake the new documentary. Not only does it follow Elaine over a year and retrace her career, but also the film includes interviews with such luminaries as Alec Baldwin – who is also the film's co-executive producer – Hal Prince, Nathan Lane, Tina Fey, and others.

The show business "bible" *Variety* published this review of Karasawa's achievement: "*Painting a surprisingly tender, insulin-injections-and-all portrait of a star known for her brassy demeanor and Teflon exterior, this feature directing debut for vet docu producer Chiemi Karasawa ('The Betrayal,' 'Tell Them Anything You Want') should earn wide fest and ancillary exposure, plus limited theatrical, where it will prove catnip to the cabaret crowd and those entranced by the artistry of great performers.*"

Sacred Heart alums include many who have achieved fame and accolades as writers, actors, humanitarians, journalists, artists, business leaders, philanthropists, educators and religious. Each in her chosen field – whether overtly or covertly – is living the Sacred Heart mission of empowerment, service and leadership.

Elaine Stritch – a Sacred Heart girl who has touched the lives and hearts of millions.

STUART COUNTRY DAY JUNIOR WINS AASH ESSAY AWARD

MY MOM is the living manifestation of the goals of the Sacred Heart. A Stuart girl for twelve years, the values of social awareness, intellectual values, building community, faith, and wise freedom are deeply rooted in her personality. She combines them all in her work and personal life. Being a lawyer requires intense intellect. She represents people because she has the social awareness that people with disabilities are wronged and misrepresented, and is impelled to fix that. By helping others in this way, she builds community. And she does so with God on her side, one of the few allies she has in her line of work. This idea of fighting for rights of those who can't has translated to her family as well. My sisters and I are her babies, girls who cannot make the right decisions for themselves. So she fights to protect us and does everything in her power to make sure we are safe, happy, and living our lives.

She doesn't realize it, but my mother has an incredible legacy that sprouted from her Sacred Heart education. She lives out the goals of the Sacred Heart every day and teaches them. Although my other two sisters are not Sacred Heart, my mother has managed to integrate the Sacred Heart values into all of our lives and personalities.

When I talk to her friends and fellow Stuart alumnae, they always tell me that my mother was a quiet yet kind friend whom everyone trusted. At some point those values manifested in me. When I was eight years old and in the car, my mother told me, "If you don't have something nice to say then don't say it at all."

That lesson stuck, and since then I've learned how to be careful with my words and use them for good instead of wrong. I don't gossip. Instead of showing cruelty I give compassion and sympathy, and welcome everyone into my life. A classmate started talking to me about these terrible things that had happened in her life, how she had been wronged over and over and over again. When I told her how sorry I was that she was dealing with this, that she shouldn't have to experience this, and that she was a beautiful, intelligent, amazing person, she looked at me

Yes, Mother

BY
CAROLINE SCOTT

like she had never heard that before. Perhaps she hadn't, but I knew I was so happy to be the person to use my words to help instead of hurt. Here at Stuart, I've become someone who values others and the special gifts each person has to offer-I am friend to the jock, the theater kid, the robotics team, anyone and everyone who will let me into their lives. To me, this is my legacy: I build community.

Still, my mother had more Sacred Heart goals to teach me. She places a huge emphasis on the importance and value of community service in our lives. Her message rings loud and clear in my mind everyday: use what you love to make a difference in the world. This year I happily joined Cherub Improv, an improvisational group that travels around New York City and performs for hospitals, senior centers, orphanages, and homeless shelters. Cherubs has been an amazing experience for me. For one hour we can bring a smile to faces that are experiencing pain and hardship. I love using my passion and talent to make a difference; it's an essential value I've learned from my Sacred Heart education that I'm blessed to explore. At these hospitals and senior centers I feel like I'm really leaving a legacy.

You can so easily trace my mother's legacy to this school. This is where she learned how to be the person she is today, and she's taken that knowledge and passed it down to me. So I've been hit with a double whammy of Sacred Heart; having both my mother and a Stuart education, I truly understand the values of the Sacred Heart. When my mom hands me my diploma next year, my time here will

be complete. My legacy will be that of the girl who knows how to use what she loves to change the world, the girl who shows kindness and compassion to everyone in her life, and I'll leave this track wherever I walk in the world. I am my mother's daughter, and we are both daughters of the Sacred Heart.



Conference Chair Suzy Kratochvil with essay award winner Caroline Scott.

AASH BOARD ANNOUNCES JOAN LUEDER COFFEY SERVICE AWARD

The 2011-2013 Board of Directors announce the inauguration of the *Joan Lueder Coffey Service Award*. The award establishes a new partnership with the Barat Education Foundation (BEF) and the Ignatian Volunteer Corps-Chicago (IVC).

The award is named in honor of a Sacred Heart alumna of Barat College, Class of 1965. Joan Coffey believed deeply in the values of education and service to the poor. She passed away in 2003.

Dr. Coffey was a life-long educator and student. She was born in Chicago, and received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Barat College and her Ph.D. in History from the University of Colorado.

She taught for many years in public and private secondary schools including Woodlands Academy of the Sacred Heart. Dr. Coffey joined the faculty at Sam Houston State University in 1990, where she was Associate Professor of History at the time of her death.

She is author of *Leon Harmel: Entrepreneur on Catholic Social Reform*, published posthumously by Notre Dame Press.

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps is a national organization that provides retired and semi-retired individuals, aged 50 and older, opportunities to volunteer in poor and marginalized communities. IVC volunteers commit two days per week, 10 months per year – generally September-June – in direct service to those in need.

Volunteers also participate in a comprehensive faith formation program in the Jesuit Catholic tradition. It is a one-year commitment with the option for renewal.

The *JLC Service Award* will support the placement of an IVC-Sacred Heart alum in the Chicago region who volunteers at a school that promotes educational opportunities for students of limited means and/or at an IVC partner agency servicing the materially poor.

Volunteers meet monthly as a Christian faith community from September to June and participate in days of reflection



and an annual retreat. Each member is matched with a spiritual reflector with whom he/she meets monthly to reflect on his/her service experience.

AASH is proud to promote the *Joan Lueder Coffey Service Award* and the Ignatian Volunteer Corps as a unique opportunity for retired Sacred Heart alums to continue living out St. Madeleine Sophie

Barat's vision of "social awareness that impels to action" and her commitment to ongoing personal faith development.

The Award was publicly announced at the IVC 'Madonna Della Strada Awards' at Loyola University-Lakeshore Campus on May 8. A number of Sacred Heart alums attended the event.

AASH, BEF, and IVC Chicago anticipate that this award will be a model for the establishment of other endowed "named" service awards in regions where AASH and IVC alums are working with the underserved.

For more information on the Ignatian Volunteer Corps, please visit the IVC website at www.ivcusa.org (click on 'Chicago').

The Barat Education Foundation is an independent 501(c) 3 organization, established in 2000 prior to the sale of Barat College to DePaul University. At that time, the Foundation was charged with the development and support of innovative educational programs and services that reflected the values and educational tradition of Barat College.

When DePaul University closed Barat College in June 2005, the Board of Directors voted to perpetuate and build upon the Barat legacy of education, leadership and advocacy. Today, the Barat Education Foundation is committed to continuing and adapting the heritage and legacy of Barat College to the

21st-century world.

For more information about the Barat Education Foundation, visit the BEF website at <http://www.thebaratfoundation.org>.



Left to right: Fr. Brian Paulson, SJ, MER, Sheila Smith, Chair BEF, Christine Curran, IVC, Ed Coffey, and George Sullivan.



Sister Marguerite Green, RSCJ and Joan.



Joan Lueder Coffey with her mother and husband.

A TRIBUTE TO JOAN LUEDER COFFEY BY HER HUSBAND

ED. NOTE: Following are remarks by Ed Coffey during the IVC reception.

Good evening. It is wonderful to be back in Chicago, and I am honored to be sharing this event with the IVC, their dedicated volunteers, and all of you. I am also very pleased to be joining the Barat Education Foundation and the Alumni Association of the Sacred Heart in establishing the Joan Lueder Coffey Service Award to support and advance the mission of the IVC. I am inspired by the profiles that I have read of each of the recipients of the awards to be presented this evening, and the extraordinary work they have and continue to undertake in service to their communities and the good people that they support on a continuing basis. I hope that the addition of this service award memorializing Joan -- a woman who devoted her entire adult life to educating and inspiring others to learn and then serve the needs of their students, families, and the community at large -- will help to further advance the IVC to serve, educate, improve and inspire those most in need in the Chicago area.

When my beloved Joan died in the summer of 2003, the university newspaper at Sam Houston State in Huntsville, Texas, north of Houston, where she had been a member of the History Department faculty for 13 years, announced her death in an article headlined "Inspirational History Professor Dies after Eight-year Battle with Cancer." In a somewhat over the top statement characteristic of many a college student, one student was quoted in the article saying, "Dr. Coffey was a teacher who knew everything there is to know about history." Another commented, "She had high standards. She expected a lot from her students, but I'm sure they can look back and say they had the best."

Joan took her inspiration for life and her work first from her parents who sacrificed much to ensure both of their daughters had college educations that their parents had not enjoyed. On a Sunday afternoon in 1961, when Joan and her parents visited the Barat campus and had their first experience with the Society of the Sacred Heart order of nuns who ran the College, the RSCJ's as we more familiarly know them now, they were greeted and shown around by Sister Burke, then president of the College, but also the chief tour guide. Joan committed to attending immediately, and the tour that lasted perhaps an hour began Joan's relationship to the spiritual, moral, philosophical, cultural, and personal values of St. Madeline Sophie Barat and the Sacred Heart order that she founded, values that remained with her and strongly influenced her for the remainder of her life.

Joan's relationship with the Sacred Heart, first fostered at Barat, was further strengthened and enriched as she taught at Sacred Heart schools in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Woodlands in Lake Forest.

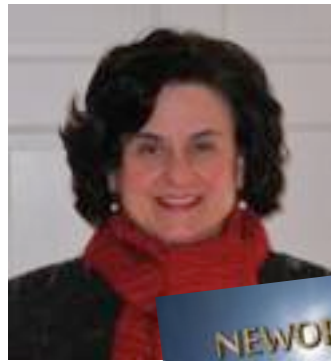
Her work and really her entire life were always a wonderful reflection of the words expressed by St. Madeline Sophie Barat, who said, "Your example, even more than your words, will be an eloquent lesson to the world."

When Joan and I established a speaker series at Barat in the late 1990's to honor Sister Marguerite Green, Joan's mentor at Barat, and address issues of social justice and concern, the first speaker was Sister Helen Prejean, author of *Dead Man Walking*, whose lifelong objective has been and continues to be abolition of capital punishment. So moved was Joan by Sr. Prejean's words that she immediately tried to get her to speak at Sam Houston State, which is located less than a mile from the execution chamber used by the State of Texas Criminal Justice system, by far the most active such facility in the country if not the world. Sr. Prejean was not able to speak there before Joan died, but the annual symposium at Sam Houston State that gathers in memory of Joan welcomed her as its first speaker where she spoke movingly not only of Joan, but the issue of capital punishment, and her mission to eradicate it, to a packed house of people on all sides of the issue.

Even after Joan was ill, she continued her work with barely a pause, assuming along with me responsibility for the eucharistic ministry to the sick and homebound in our home parish in Texas, researching and writing, in the term prior to her death, teaching along with another cancer stricken member of her department a course dealing with death and dying, and completing her book, including carefully proofreading each of its more than 1200 research footnotes.

But mostly she remained focused on her teaching, and especially those students who were like her first in their families to attend college, or were minorities, or did not have English as their first language, or were often not blessed with good study habits and did not write or test well. Let me close by recalling her relationship with one young man in particular. He struggled mightily and Joan spent a great deal of time with him reviewing and rewriting and resubmitting papers. He needed a C on a final exam, and he came in very uncertain of his prospects, but when the results of the test that she always reviewed without reference to student identities were in and he passed, he came to Joan and with tears in his eyes and folded hands, and told her that he made it because of her support, and that of Sweet Jesus. Forever after, he was SJ to us.

Thank you again for the honor of being with you tonight, and may God bless you in doing His work. I know Joan will be smiling as she sees all of us here moving forward and continuing to inspire others as she would, making a difference in the lives of God's people, especially those deeply in need.



NETWORK: WORKLIFE. TRANSITION. BALANCE.

BY KATHERINE KAMMER, THE ROSARY '65

Katherine (Kit) N. Kammer, MSA, CMF, is an international leadership, team and career coach, author, and speaker. For more than 20 years, she has helped thousands of individuals realize their performance potential and achieve their dream jobs. Kit has been featured on television, radio, and in newspaper articles. In 1993, she founded Kammer and Associates, Inc., a boutique consulting firm based in Atlanta. Kit served as past president of the Atlanta Chapter, Association of Career Professionals International. She believes in service to her community and profession, is a lyric soprano and a laughter club leader.



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DO GOOD WELL

BY JENNIFER PRZYBYLO, SHERIDAN ROAD '99

Jennifer Przybylo's dedication to social responsibility evolved in an unusual way. During a particularly difficult period in her adolescence, she sought out activities that would allow her to channel her teenage angst into productive, positive causes. She began volunteering and organizing ways to aid others. Jennifer was named Illinois's top high school volunteer by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. For her community leadership, she was honored as a United States Senate Youth Program Delegate and a Toyota Community Scholar. She continued her love of service as an undergraduate at Yale and upon graduation, she received the prestigious Boell Prize for excellence in the senior research she had undertaken at the Yale School of Medicine. She earned a MPH in Computational Biology at Cambridge University. Her work has also been published in numerous journals. Currently a student at Stanford University School of Medicine, she continues to be actively engaged in both research and her community.



Practical, wise, and witty, **Do Good Well** is a groundbreaking book that offers a comprehensive and readily adaptable guide to social innovation that not only captures the entrepreneurial and creative spirit of our time, but also harnesses the insights, wisdom, and down-to-earth experience of today's most accomplished young leaders. Written in a fresh voice and a dash of humor, **Do Good Well** avoids the typical generalized takeaways and overly simplistic "how-to" advice, which lacks a grounding in a larger context. It delivers instead a winning combination of theory, anecdote, and application that walks you through the process of identifying a problem, developing an action plan, and then executing the plan in a way that will get results.



LIVING LINES

BY MARY "MISSY" MEEHAN CARTER, MANHATTANVILLE '64

Living Lines is derived from Missy Carter's own writings and library collection. It is a book that has proven to be a tool for self and life-assessment, or just opened for a surprise insight. It encourages the reader to live more fully and provides a reference to be revisited in that ongoing process. Carter asks the reader three core questions and offers perspectives. She focuses on perennial themes--the meaning of life, setting priorities, coping with challenges, strengthening relationships, and connections between body and mind.



Living Lines is truly an invitation to explore one's life. It can be used as a handbook and is a gift to yourself, something you can always share with others. This book was self-published via The Espresso Book Machine, a new and innovative printing process that is located around the country.

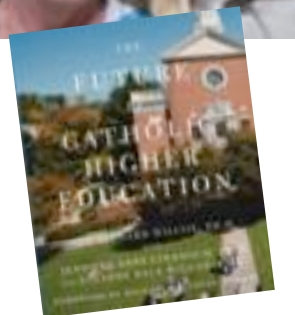
Missy Carter earned a Master's in Counseling at the University of Rochester and has been a career counselor, specializing in transitions, work and family issues, stress management and integrative approaches to health and wellness.

**REVISIONING MISSION:
THE FUTURE OF CATHOLIC HIGHER EDUCATION**

BY JOHN RICHARD WILCOX PH.D., JENNIFER ANNE LINDHOLM PH.D. AND SUZANNE DALE WILCOX Ed.D, PRINCE STREET '55, MANHATTANVILLE '59

Revisioning Mission: The Future of Catholic Higher Education is both a "how to" book and a resource text. The first section describes the challenge of continuity that faces Catholic colleges and universities: Religious congregations which founded these institutions are no longer present on campus in numbers that allow them to preserve and nurture the Catholic culture and religious heritage of the congregation. New faculty, as well as all employees, will need a formation program to introduce or update their understanding of Catholic higher education, especially at their own institution. Revisioning Mission offers instructions on creating such a program through the development of learning communities. The second section provides a series of content essays that profile the spiritual life of students, explain the Catholic culture, Catholic intellectual life, adult spirituality, and discusses the founding religious congregations.

Suzanne's chapter deals with the spiritual journey, tracing a path for adults to finding their "true selves" through prayer, lives of charity and presence in the world. Her journey, which began at Prince Street in the fourth grade and continued through Manhattanville at the undergraduate and graduate levels, was bolstered and strengthened by thirteen years as an rscj and her current work as a spiritual director and retreat chair. After ten years teaching religion and English at Convent of the Sacred Heart in New York, Greenwich and Grosse Point, Suzanne served as a faculty member and administrator at City University of New York, Iona College and the University of Bridgeport. She holds the bachelor's and master's degrees in English Literature from Manhattanville College, as well as the master's degree in Educational Administration and the doctorate in Educational Administration from Teachers College, Columbia University. Upon retirement, Suzanne received training as a spiritual director from Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation.





2013 Award recipients Jane Shannon Cannon, Betty Rexford Buckland, Sr. Shirley Miller RSCJ (Woman of Conscience), Rosemary O'Neil, and Jean Hicks Miller.

Elizabeth (Betty) Rexford Buckland

One of life's greatest gifts is the pure joy shared in honoring someone you love so much, with an award for something they love so much and hold so precious and dear.

Elizabeth (Betty) Rexford Buckland is being honored with Cor Unum today, not only for her years as a Lifer at Overbrook, but for her life's work, and love for all things Sacred Heart.

Growing up, Betty learned to be a leader through her love, respect and reverence for the RSCJ's and the Sacred Heart. In fact, one of Betty's greatest talents is her natural ability to seamlessly recall, at the drop of a hat, names and facts and events of life of the Sacred Heart, with the utmost enthusiasm and excitement, as if it were happening right then and there. Betty's kind nature always welcomes with you a warm smile, and a gentle heart.

Whether it's cheering for you on the playing field, running a phone-a-thon, directing a campaign, chairing a reunion, or tirelessly spearheading Bryn Mawr into the network of schools, it's all done with love. That's a true gift. Her courage, determination, strength, wholeness of spirit and heart, wisdom and humility are what inspire me most of all. In fact, those same qualities provided Sophie and Philippine with the foundation that made all of this possible. Where we

continue today, hundreds of years later, celebrating the love of the Sacred Heart.

Betty Rexford Buckland: Forever Caring, Forever Faithful, Forever Loving, Forever A Child of The Sacred Heart.

--Wendy Buckland, Omaha, April 13, 2013

Jane Shannon Cannon

Thirty-three years ago, Jane Cannon was my eighth grade Latin teacher whose phrases and conjugations are still imbedded in my brain. Since I began working at the Academy in 1993, Jane has become a highly respected mentor, colleague and friend. Over and over, I hear her say "yes" to anything that is asked of her and to clearly see what is needed, and in her gracious, humble way, just do it.

Jane's mother, Virginia Shannon, likely had to enforce few rules. However, she did insist that Jane be educated by the RSCJ at Maryville in St. Louis, as she had been. From her first day, Jane understood, finding it a place filled with grace.

Her example inspires to this day. If Cor Unum means One Heart, then Jane exudes the love that flows from that heart. She suffuses everything with grace and a gentle spirit of service. Sister Maureen Glavin, Head of the Academy of the Sacred Heart, calls her, "the incarnation of Philippine

Duchesne on this campus in this day. Her activity is permeated with Presence ... Christ's Presence."

Jane's presence has been felt since 1969, when she began working at the Academy where their four daughters attended. Through various positions, one thing has remained constant: her love for the Academy and for sharing our story. As her crowning achievement, she is researching and writing the Academy's history in preparation for the 2018 bicentennial of the founding of the first Sacred Heart school in America.

With all Jane gives to Sacred Heart, she gives hundredfold to her family: Dick, her husband of 53 years, their four daughters, Angie, Cindy, Carol and Erin (all here today), and eight grandchildren. We are indebted to them for sharing Jane with us and we join them to honor an extraordinary wife, mother and grandmother.

Jane is a radiant example of steadfast, selfless love. St. Philippine Duchesne said of St. Charles, "My heart will abide here." How providential that Jane's heart does, too!

--Lisa Tebbe, Omaha, April 13, 2013

Jean Hicks Miller

A native Californian, Jean Hicks Miller in stellar fashion has fulfilled her stewardship call. In her excellence as a professional volunteer, her loyalty to Sacred Heart Values, and her joyful gift of self in serving others, Jean has demonstrated the Cor Unum criteria. She leads by example through respectful cooperation and collaboration with others, putting into action the words of Martin Luther King, Jr.: "All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance, and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence."

Jean's professional volunteerism led her to serve on the organizing committee for Women Together, a fundraising body and event to raise funds for homeless and battered women. For many years, Jean also has organized a weekly meal for 60 women at Rachel's Women's Center.

Jean's loyalty to her Sacred Heart Values is borne out by her many contributions to the San Diego Sacred Heart Alumnae/i Association over 35 years, including 20 years as a board member, and as Chair for the AASH National Conference in 1981. In recognition of Jean's outstanding service and commitment to USD, she was selected by the USD Alumni Association as the recipient of the prestigious Mother Rosalie Clifton Hill Award in 2007.

Jean's faith and trust in God accompany her daily, and inspire many in her parish, where she serves as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister.

In closing, I believe Jean Hicks Miller daily brings to life the philosophy of the Sacred Heart, radiating a love of life in sickness and in health, touching many by her example, grace and dignity. Jean's gift of self to others, her family, friends, alums, and the greater community truly, is rooted in Sacred Heart Values.

--The Reverend Monsignor Mark Campbell, Omaha, April 13, 2013

Rosemary O'Neil

At four of the last five AASH Conferences we have honored a Rosemary. With Shakespeare we ask, "What's in a name?" And it is Shakespeare, in a very different context, who answers: "Rosemary -- that's for remembrance. Pray, love, remember." These words summarize the glorious life of Rosemary O'Neil, who prays fervently, loves deeply, and always remembers.

Lovingly welcomed by Mother Agnes Regan in 1938 to a wonderful world at Sheridan Road, and expanding her horizons and sealing solid her character in cherished years at Maryville College, Rosemary has given back in loyal remembrance ever since. She organized archival photos, chaired an anniversary celebration, and helped reopen a chapel at Sheridan Road. At Maryville she was instrumental in raising \$100,000 to endow a scholarship in memory of Mother Marie Odéide Mouton.

We should thank her beloved Mother Mouton for nurturing Rosemary's trademark way of being thoughtfully forthright. When she worried her candid remarks could seem uncharitable for a Child of Mary, Mother Mouton reassured her: "Rosie dear, you are more sophisticated than some."

This sophistication, or frankness, makes Rosemary a valued advisor and is a joy in broad friendships, often formed at these very conferences, since 1951, and strengthened by her apostolate of the telephone. Her comments send one to the dictionary or a notebook, or into mirthful laughter.

During the 2005 Chicago conference, she gathered thirteen alumnae friends for dinner. Toward the end of a beautiful evening she went 'round the table and, without a note or a flaw, paid glowing tribute to each guest.

Our humble honoree tried to decline this award, saying that others have done great things while she has just done things "person to person, one to one." Yes, Rosemary, as you have prayed, loved, and remembered, your life has been one to one, one heart to one heart. One heart -- Cor Unum. You have lived Cor Unum and sursuum corda -- lifting up our hearts and leading us all to the Heart of God.

--Jeanne Burke O'Fallon, Omaha, April 13, 2013

WOMAN OF CONSCIENCE AWARD

Shirley Miller, RSCJ

Last week, Shirly retreated to prepare for today. Peaceful, yet actively attuned, our Woman of Conscience both seeks and follows. As she writes speeches she discovers what God wants her to communicate. By example, Shirley gives expression to God's word, and what she shares – spoken or written – is inspired.

About women's conscience, the Catholic Catechism says: "Deep within her conscience a woman discovers a law which she has not laid upon herself but which she must obey. Its voice, ever calling her to love and to do what is good, sounds in her heart at the right moment....For a woman has in her heart a law inscribed by God....Her conscience is a woman's most secret core and her sanctuary. There she is alone with God, whose voice echoes in her depths."

It is tempting to say that our Woman of Conscience is akin to Sophie Barat for her courage and confidence, her vision, insistence on listening to the Spirit while at the same time embracing that 'vile subject of money.' It is tempting to liken her to Janet E. Stuart – a lover of nature with a farming background, an amazing educator who understood so well the human process of life and growth. It is tempting to draw analogies with Philippine – who rolls up her sleeves in humble service, prays always, silently sacrifices, is determined and serious about embracing God's desires as her own, and ever-seeking new frontiers even in her mature years. It is tempting - we could do this accurately and with ease. But, Shirley Miller is her own person, even as she stands on the shoulders of our greats.

From religion classes and principal-ships, to Provincial service on a national stage, Shirley - you are ever the teacher for an expanding classroom. Becoming the Director of the In Mission for Life Campaign, you established our advancement office - relationally. You discerned each step, assembled the team and taught. Continually learning, consulting, inviting, listening, you successfully charted this frontier. Shirley, you took our RSCJ reality and helped us to understand. You continue to teach all of us (alums, parents, students, RSCJ, friends, etc.) to believe in, and to invite others into, God's mission – for Life and for Love.

Today we honor Shirley Miller, RSCJ, as the AASH Woman of Conscience. Shirly, we do so because you are ever faithful to God's voice echoing in your depths, and you lovingly amplify God's love to our Sacred Heart Family. We thank you, and we love you.

--Anne Wachter, RSCJ, Omaha, April 13, 2013

THE JANET ERSKINE STUART SPIRIT AWARD

Jean Bartunek, RSCJ Carlota Duarte, RSCJ Jackie Howard, RSM Patricia Reiss, RSCJ

This is a special moment for AASH, as we enter our 80th year as an Alumni Association. Additionally, in 2014, we will recognize the 100th anniversary of the death of Mother Janet Erskine Stuart. Because of this, the Awards Committee has chosen to create a special "Janet Erskine Stuart Spirit Award".

It has been learned through her writings that Mother Stuart believed strongly in three things: *Love is the beginning and end of everything... Being oneself... Finding God in all things...*

Religious women today strive: *to interpret the spirituality of the Society; to maximize the new technologies of an ever increasing globalized world to build Cor Unum; and to respond to the needs of the world.*

Consequently, it is with gratitude and happy hearts that we honor the following Sisters:

Jean Bartunek, whose scholarship has distinguished her in academia. She serves in higher education as the Robert and Evelyn Ferris Chair and Professor in the Department of Management and Organization at Boston College.

Carlota Duarte, who works in the area of adult education and lives among some of the world's oldest, most isolated and unique cultures in Mexico. She is also the founder and director of the Chiapas Photography Project.

Jackie Howard, a Sister of Mercy, who has built, closed, and rebuilt schools and guided young people in her 40 plus years in secondary education as teacher, counselor, principal, and president in four different states.

Significantly, these three Sisters were all in the same class of 1966 at Maryville.

Our final recipient, **Patricia Reiss**, has served in Student Services at Barat from 1972 until its closing in 2005. She then worked with the Religious at Oakwood in Atherton and is now RSCJ in Residence at Woodlands.

Their journeys have been modeled after Sophie, Philippine and Janet and have been rooted in an abiding love of the Sacred Heart. Thank you, Sisters, for what you do for the Society, the people with whom you work, and for touching – so beautifully – the lives of all of us.

--Sandra Farrell, Omaha, April 13, 2013

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For 80 years, AASH has been the primary resource for Sacred Heart alums to stay in touch with their schools, their classmates and news of Sacred Heart events and activities.

As a Sacred Heart alum, you are automatically a member of AASH, and we hope you are visiting our official website – www.aashnet.org; receiving your issues of Esprit de Coeur – the twice yearly magazine published by and for Sacred Heart alums; and participating in your local AASH Association; and attending the local, regional and national gatherings that bring you together with old and new friends.

AASH is also dependent on your generosity to maintain the National Office, publish and mail Esprit, and support both the RSCJ and alumnae/i conferences. While monetary donations are always welcome, there are other ways, as well.

• **In-kind gifts** that provide needed AASH services – printing, computer/website maintenance, design and writing, airline miles, lodging, to mention a few. Your skills, your company, your connections all have dollar value and mean as much as cash.

• **Stock gifts** enable AASH to build a portfolio for the future. Whether it's 10 shares or 1000 shares, your stock gift will help AASH continue for another 80 years! Your financial advisor can assist you.

• **Bequests** are a loving way to demonstrate your lifelong devotion to your Sacred Heart education and your desire to perpetuate that devotion for future alums. You may want to designate your bequest to establish a **Legacy Scholarship** or you may just want your gift to support the work of AASH in coming years. Consultation with your advisors can assist you in making the decision that is right for you.

• **Matching Gifts** are made possible by hundreds of companies ready to match your cash contribution. Some companies match dollar for dollar, others are even more generous, and some have a ceiling on its matching gifts program. Stretch your dollar donation much further by taking advantage of your company's matching gifts program. You will find a list of companies on our website www.aashnet.org.

However you support AASH, your generosity is greatly appreciated. You are living proof that St. Madeleine Sophie Barat has fulfilled her dream of empowerment, social activism and service through education. It is our job to continue to live her dream.

A GIFT OF REMEMBRANCE



Woodlands Parents Prepared and Donated Our AASH Survey

If you are one of more than 1,300 alums who completed our recent survey, you were no doubt impressed with the professional way in which it was presented and how user friendly it was. That's because we were fortunate to have Don and Margie Morich – principals of Consumer Professional Research Inc. – donate their time and resources to creating this important survey for AASH.

The objective of the survey was to get input from you, in order to find ways that AASH can make your membership more relevant. Our respondents provided excellent insight into the strengths and weaknesses of AASH, and future Boards now have a blueprint for expanding and improving benefits.

Don and Margie are parents of Woodlands graduates Emily Morich Olson and Elizabeth Morich Fritz; and two-year Woodlands attendee Mary Lynn Morich Furbush. Their in-kind contribution to AASH is an example of how alums and their families can make a significant impact by in-kind gifts of services. Remember, in-kind gifts are tax deductible to the extent of the value of the service.

If your business or organization is considering a survey, you are encouraged to contact CPR, 435 N. LaSalle St., Ste. 210, Chicago, IL 60654. Phone (312) 832-7744 or visit the website at <http://www.cprchicago.com>.

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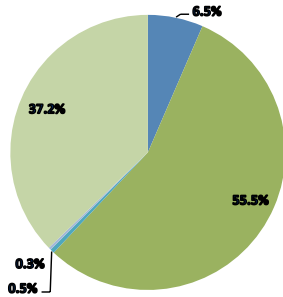
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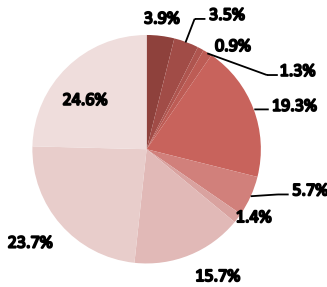
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