

# Esprit de Coeur

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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Alums,

The dog days of summer are finally ending and I am definitely ready - both for the respite from the heat and because our Regional meetings are just around the corner. I hope you have marked your calendar and plan to join us November 17-18 at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Saint Charles, Missouri. (Arrive St. Louis' Lambert Airport, 15 minutes from ASH.) All four Regions will join for a wonderful program Saturday, including a special presentation by Connie Scolari on the special friendship between Sophie and Philippine. On Sunday, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Philippine - and mark the official close of the Bicentennial year - by attending the new Philippine Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis. How amazing for us to celebrate together as the living example of St. Philippine Duchesne's extraordinary legacy! Please visit the AASH website [www.aash.org](http://www.aash.org) for more details and to register for this event.

To continue on the subject of celebration and gathering together, I want to update you on the work your Board has done in regard to the National Conference. As mentioned in my Fall letter, your current AASH Board has undertaken a comprehensive review of our current model for National Conferences, given its increasing expense and declining attendance. Our heartfelt thanks to those who responded to our survey and provided us with your opinions and thoughts. Key feedback which resonated with us: 90 percent of respondents said they attend to reconnect with friends; 82 percent said the Cor Unum Mass was one of the most important components; and 95 percent said they skipped conferences because they were too long.

After much review, discussion, input and prayer, we have settled on a new, abbreviated format that we hope will appeal to you. The 2019 AASH National Conference will be a one day conference with a business session, Cor Unum Mass with luncheon, and guest speakers. I am excited to tell you that Sr. Melanie Guste, RSCJ, head of school at The Rosary, graciously volunteered to host AASH the weekend of April 27, 2019, in New Orleans! All "official" events will be held at the school, significantly decreasing the cost of the conference. You will be responsible for your own hotel accommodations and transportation arrangements, allowing you more flexibility and reducing the financial commitment imposed by previous conferences.

New Orleans is a city with lots of sights, food and fun to be had and we want you to come and enjoy it all. Accordingly, we are designing a variety of optional events in the days preceding and following the conference. We will share more details with you as soon as we have them. Keep an eye out for the Spring edition of *Esprit de Coeur* which will include all the conference details, along with the nominations for the 2019-2021 AASH Board.

As I mentioned in my Spring letter, one of my resolutions is to slow down and appreciate my Sacred Heart community and the experience of serving you. I was able to live out that resolution fully in February when I had the honor of representing you at the XVI AMASC World Conference in Mérida, Mexico. Words cannot express the amazing experience of being surrounded by people from all over the world bonded together by a shared love for the Sacred Heart. This bond truly knows no limits, including language! I had some lively conversations with alums from other countries



*Jodie Hannaman Thorne, President*

which probably looked a lot like charades and were a whole lot of fun. AASH hosted a reception for all US and Canadian attendees which will definitely go on my list of cherished memories. If given the opportunity to participate in an AMASC event or attend an AMASC conference, I encourage you to do so. It will give you a new perspective on what St. Madeleine Sophie accomplished and what it really means to be a part of a global network.

Lastly, as summer ends and the school year begins, I reflect on my days as a student at Duchesne. Who knew, when my parents enrolled me 38 years ago, that the Sacred Heart would continue to be such an important part of my life today? I often say that my Sacred Heart education is the gift that keeps on giving - to me, my family, my friends and hopefully, to my community. I am joyfully passing along this gift to the next generation. My son, Cooper, started 5th grade in August at Regis School of the Sacred Heart. I look forward to reliving some of my wonderful memories through his eyes. I encourage each of you to take a moment to reflect on the gift of your Sacred Heart education. I hope it brings you as much joy as it brings me! As always, you may reach me at [President@aash.org](mailto:President@aash.org).

Looking forward to seeing you in November!

With heart,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jodie". To the left of the signature is a simple heart symbol drawn with the same ink.

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### **On the front cover:**

*The Class of 2018 from Villa Duchesne performs the Maypole, a Sacred Heart graduation tradition shared at many schools.  
(Photo credit: Wagner Portrait Group)*

### **On the back cover:**

*The Class of 2018 from ASH St. Charles celebrates the 200th anniversary of the school's founding by St. Philippine Duchesne.*

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# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hard to believe fall is here already! We had such a busy spring and summer that the seasons have flown. Molly made her Confirmation in April and then finished middle school in May. In June, the AASH Board was in town for our annual meeting at ASH St. Charles. It's always such a joy to be on that campus, walking the same blessed ground as St. Philippine. The Kaspura family headed to Europe in July. We went on a road trip, touring seven countries in 15 days, from the North Sea to the top of the Alps. It was our own fast and furious excursion - and evidence that European countries are generally pretty small. In Paris, we stopped at some Sacred Heart spaces, including the Musée Rodin, once a Sacred Heart school founded by St. Madeleine Sophie Barat, and her Shrine at Saint Francois Xavier Church.

I've started noticing how fast time seems to be passing. Some people say it's a function of my age, but for me, it's tied to Molly's. She started high school in August, and while she's still at Villa Duchesne, she's no longer a child. Objectively, as she is four inches taller than me, no observer would mistake her for a kid; but aside from her appearance, ninth grade is a first step toward adulthood. Already an adult in the church, before the school year ends, she'll start taking driver's ed, go to her first school dance and possibly, on her first date. I'm profoundly, miserably aware that there are only four years left until college, and I feel time is against me. I've been weepy about "going to college" already, even though it's not happening until 2022.

But autumn is a reminder of necessary change, and it makes me reflect on the error of clinging to the status quo. We have so many examples in this issue of people embracing change. I'm trying to follow their lead by ditching my desire for a pause button and focusing instead on the wonderful young woman who occasionally inhabits my daughter as she joins us for dinner.

In our First Person column, Duchesne Omaha graduate Senator Sara Howard talks about how the death of her sister propelled her to be a non-partisan voice for change in the opioid crisis. Elle Alexander from Stone Ridge - and ASH New Orleans and Stuart Country Day in Princeton, NJ - faced the many changes in her life head on, buoyed by the support she found at three Sacred Heart schools. Poet Beth Ann Fennelly, a Woodlands alum, created the "micro-memoir," a genre as new to her as to everyone else. Your board will be changing, too. Nominations are open for the 2019-2021 AASH Board. Go to [www.aash.org/nominate](http://www.aash.org/nominate) to nominate a friend - or yourself.



*In the Swiss Alps.*



*At Madeleine Sophie's Shrine in Paris.*

Our annual report, detailing the financial position of AASH and the many, many generous donors who support us, is included in this issue. Thanks to all of you for your gifts of time and treasure. We couldn't function without you, and that's something that will never change.

In the Heart,

*Maggie*



*Members of the Class of 2018 from Academy of the Sacred Heart in New Orleans.*

## Sacred Heart Class of 2018 Top College Choices

1. Georgetown/University of Miami (tie)
2. Boston College/Northeastern University (tie)
3. Cornell/Notre Dame (tie)
4. Babson College
5. University of Florida
6. University of Southern California
7. University of Missouri



# FIRST PERSON: Living the Goals Fighting to Save Others

*By Senator Sara Howard  
Duchesne Omaha 1999*

Widowed before my birth, my mother raised my sister, Carrie and me as a single parent. Early in my life, then, Carrie often took on the role of parent to me. So, as time came time for me to choose a high school, it was she who woke me one Saturday and wrangled me to the entrance exam at Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart in Omaha.

Admitted on scholarship, my time with the Sacred Heart changed my life. My mom, my sister and I accomplished everything right for me: I was a model student; I went to a good college out East; and I eventually attended law school in Chicago. Thus prepared, I started living my most important Sacred Heart Goal – Goal 3: A Social Awareness that Impels to Action – helping my mother get elected to Nebraska’s Legislature and working at a nonprofit focused on maternal and infant health.

Meanwhile, Carrie’s multiple car accidents led to multiple surgeries to address her pain. While only success appeared to outsiders, Mom, Carrie and I fought a private battle against Carrie’s emerging addiction to opioid painkillers. This preceded presidential speeches on opioid addiction, Dateline specials and front page newspaper articles. At the time, we neither knew what addiction was nor understood opioid addiction’s potential as an epidemic. We thought we were utterly alone.

We lost Carrie to her addiction on March 24, 2009. Our overwhelming pain was countered by incredible support from family, friends, constituents and my Sacred Heart family.

In 2012, I became the first daughter to replace her mother in the Nebraska Legislature. Even as I became one of the youngest female state senators in state history, Goal 3 impelled me to action on the scourge that took Carrie. Senator Gwen Howard, my Mom, had laid significant groundwork for opioid abuse prevention, but much was left to be done to alleviate, for other families, the heartache that I’d experienced.

By 2016, I was able to pass LB 471, legislation that serves as a national model for information sharing by opioid providers. This comprehensive prescription drug monitoring system allows all prescribers and pharmacists in Nebraska to share information and prevent overprescribing. In partnership with our Department of Health and Human Services, we made the system free for providers.

This monitoring curbs “doctor shopping.” Carrie used many doctors, filling their prescriptions at many pharmacies, none of which talked to each other. In the five months prior to her death, she obtained over 4,600 pills from providers who intended only help for an apparently sick patient. Their uninformed good heartedness was no match for Carrie’s malignantly clever addiction.



*Senator Sara Howard '99*

Annually since passage of LB 471, I have proposed new ways to prevent opioid abuse, making Nebraska a leader in opioid abuse prevention. Indeed, Pew Charitable Trusts recently scored Nebraska as one of a few states with reduced opioid deaths this past year, a remarkable reversal of the national trend.

Often, legislators from other states ask, how did you pass such significant legislation at a young age in a polarized political climate? There is no easy answer.

The hardest thing I do is tell Carrie’s story to colleagues, reminding them what a vibrantly wonderful soul she was, how she made me laugh and how Nebraska is poorer for losing her so soon. Most importantly, I’ve learned and shared with all who listen that addiction, and this particular story, has no political party, age or gender. This issue is not Republican or Democrat, not a Millennial issue or a women’s issue. It is a state issue. Families are struggling and the Sacred Heart gave me the social awareness that impelled me to action and prepared me for this challenge.

Often I think how much Carrie has missed: small things like my new apartment and big things like my election and my wedding. Among the many things I have missed is that sisterly chat we’d certainly have indulged over the happenstance of my marriage to a teacher at the very school she wrangled me to that long past Saturday. While I have missed much, I know Carrie would be proud of what I have accomplished; and I am comforted witnessing her legacy enshrined in law.



*Sen. Howard with her sister, Carrie, in happier times.*



# NATIONAL CONFERENCE NEWS

The 42nd AASH National Conference will be held April 27, 2019, at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in New Orleans.

Stay tuned at [www.aash.org](http://www.aash.org) and the AASH Facebook page for all the details!



## Alums Refurbish and Rededicate RSCJ Cemetery

By Mary Bernstein, RSCJ, Sheridan Road 1964

Walking last Spring through the former Barat College campus in Lake Forest, Illinois, alums from Woodlands Academy happened upon an old RSCJ cemetery. They found the small, overgrown graveyard in desperate need of attention. That's no longer true.

Dubbing themselves the "Cemetery Club," a small but mighty group of alumnae from Woodlands Academy, Sheridan Road and Barat College has designed and completed major improvements to the

sacred space. Generous help for this effort was provided by donors intent on reciprocating the unselfish devotion shown them by the RSCJ. On September 29th, to complete the project, alumnae and alumni from Sacred Heart schools throughout the Chicago area will gather to rededicate this final resting place of 166 Religious of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The Lake Forest cemetery was not part of the sale of Barat College to DePaul University. Originally dedicated in 1903, a year before Barat moved from Chicago to the Lake Forest campus, the restored cemetery's interred Religious include many transferred from cemeteries near former RSCJ convents on Taylor Street and on Pine Grove Avenue in Chicago. Others came through an infirmary in Barat's Old Main building that served ailing and older nuns until the 1960's. Today, the cemetery sits comfortably beside land given to Woodlands. Monthly maintenance is provided by the United States – Canada Province of the Society of the Sacred Heart, to which it belongs.

The Cemetery Club included Susan Regan (Woodlands 1975), Heidi Fennewald Kuharich (Barat College 1992), Kathleen Reidy (Woodlands 1977) and Mary Bernstein, RSCJ (Sheridan Road 1964). Bridget Kleiderer (Woodlands 1983) launched their project with a penciled drawing, scribbled on a piece of paper, followed by a formal architectural blueprint.

One of their most significant improvements to the space came through the generosity of an anonymous Woodlands alumna whose aunt is buried in the cemetery. Her gift of the hardscape facilitated replacement of a dilapidated chain-link fence with a statelier black metal fence which outlines two gardens on either side of the Crucifix, each containing benches for reflection. The centerpiece is a stone pathway in the shape of the logo of the RSCJ, which beckons visitors to enter and take in the natural beauty of the cemetery and its surroundings.

Future plans call for a sign near the entrance naming those buried there, as well as a digital database of the personal histories of the interred Religious. This will allow visitors to access the information right from their smart phones as they tour the cemetery. For the present, the names of those buried in the Sacred Heart Cemetery may be found at [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com) under Lake Forest, IL.

The cemetery is always open to visitors.



Architectural drawing of the cemetery refurbishment by Susan Regan, Woodlands 1975.



## Connect with Us

We hear dozens of stories of how alums recognize each other by their class rings, or randomly meet at work or on college campuses. The Sacred Heart Alum Network is more than 40,000 members strong and can help you find others. We'd love to hear how you met other Sacred Heart alums (see stories on pages 4 and 13 in this issue). To share your story, email [editor@aash.org](mailto:editor@aash.org).

Not sure we have your latest email address? Contact us at [NationalOffice@aash.org](mailto:NationalOffice@aash.org) or call 314-569-3948.

Visit our website [www.aash.org](http://www.aash.org) and connect with us on Facebook (AASH-Associated Alumnae and Alumni of the Sacred Heart), Twitter (@AASH) and LinkedIn (AASH-Associated Alumnae and Alumni of the Sacred Heart).





# REGIONAL MEETINGS HELD IN ST. CHARLES THIS YEAR TO CELEBRATE BICENTENNIAL

Join AASH for the 2018 Regional Meetings, November 17 to November 18,  
at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in St. Charles, Missouri.

This year all four regions will meet together as we close out the Bicentennial, celebrating 200 years of Sacred Heart education in America. Regionals will coincide with events surrounding St. Rose Philippine Duchesne's Feast Day, including a new Mass in her honor. The Duchesne Mass is the final event of the Bicentennial Year, which began November 18, 2017.

Cost for the weekend is \$120 per person and includes Saturday lunch, the Shelagh O'Dwyer Reception Saturday evening and the Sunday bus ride to and from the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis. Attendee guests may purchase admission to the cocktail reception and/or a ticket for the bus separately.

Hotel details below. Closest airport is St. Louis Lambert International Airport.



Academy of the Sacred Heart  
619 North 2nd Street  
St. Charles, MO 63301

## Weekend Outline

### Saturday, November 17, 2018

#### Morning:

Breakfast at Regional Meeting Hotel St. Charles

Alum Directors Meeting

St. Philippine Shrine & Museum tours

Box Lunch at Noon

#### Afternoon:

Speaker: Constance Solari, author  
of "Sophie's Fire"

Meditation on St. Philippine

Regional Meetings

Shelagh O'Dwyer Reception

Dinner on your own

### Sunday, November 18, 2018

Breakfast at Regional Meeting  
Hotel St. Charles

12:30 pm — Bus from hotel  
to St. Philippine  
Bicentennial Mass  
at St. Louis Cathedral

2:30 pm — St. Philippine's  
Feast Day Mass

4 pm — Reception on  
Cathedral grounds

6 pm — Bus back to hotel



## REGIONAL HOTEL INFORMATION

### Embassy Suites Hotel St. Charles

Two Convention Center Plaza

St Charles, MO 63303

636-866-0173

### Special Bicentennial Event rate:

**\$136 per night**

**Available Nov. 16-18, 2018**

Included in the room price are free cooked-to-order breakfast, complimentary appetizers and cocktails at the nightly Evening Reception, and a free shuttle to the Academy of the Sacred Heart for Regional meetings.

### To book online:

<http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/S/STLEMES-ASH-20181114/index.jhtml>





# BEAUTIFUL DUCHESNE MASS CELEBRATES THE LIFE OF ST. ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE

The Religious of the Sacred Heart (RSCJ) commissioned the Duchesne Mass to celebrate the 200th anniversary of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne's arrival in America in 1818. The RSCJ asked renowned composer Father Michael Joncas to write the mass so that it gave praise and thanksgiving to God, joined the Sacred Heart family across the world in prayer, made Philippine better known and loved and offered a lasting gift to the musical repertoire of the Catholic Church. Joncas is a liturgical theologian and composer of contemporary Catholic music, best known for his hymn, *On Eagle's Wings*.

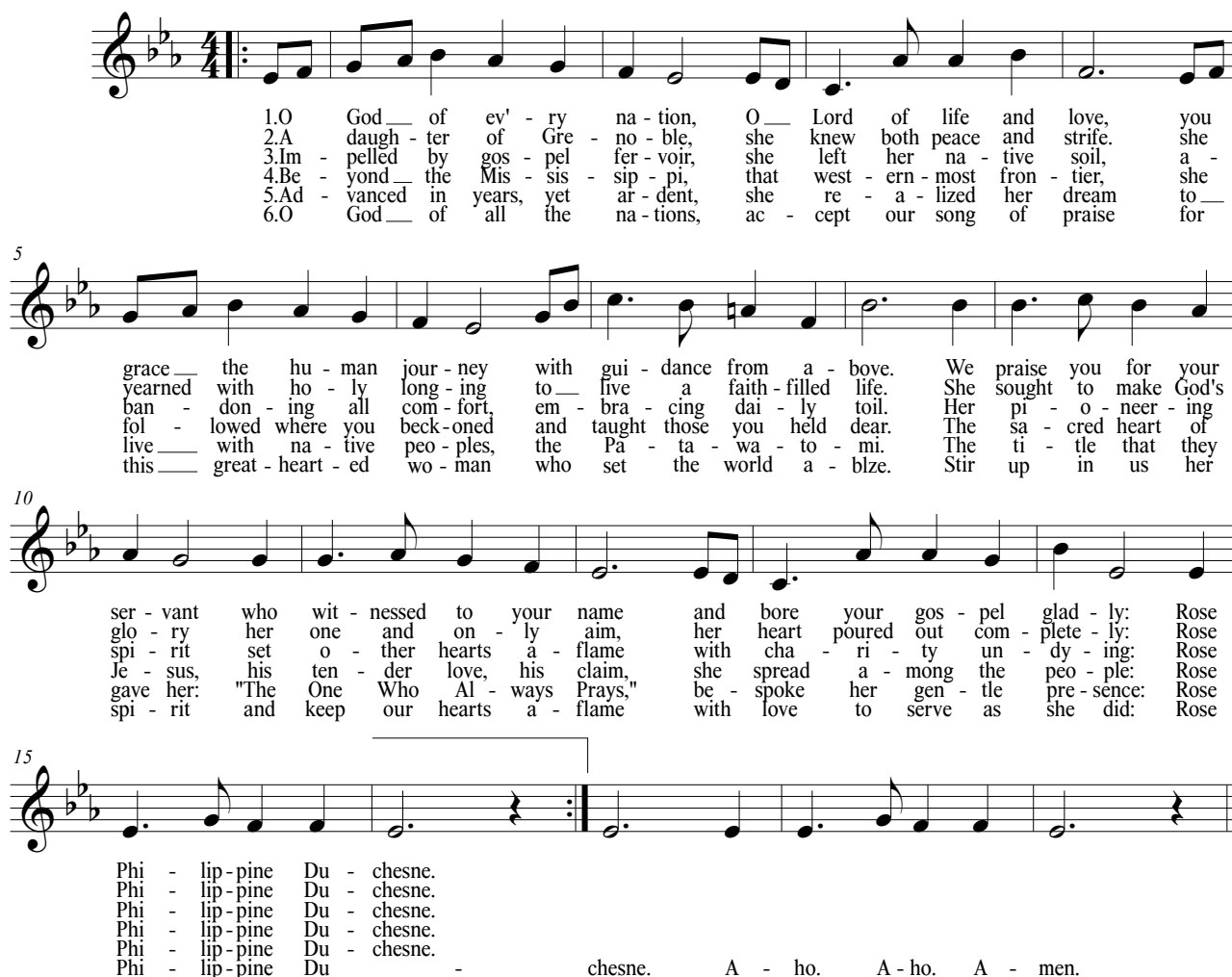
We have included sheet music for anyone who would like to learn the music before November. The College Church Choir made a recording of the music. To hear it, go to <https://aash.org/posts/new-duchesne-mass-music-available>.

## O God of Ev'ry Nation (assembly melody)

Hymn in honor of Rose Philippine Duchesne

Michael Joncas

With vigor ♩ = 90



1. O God of ev'ry na-tion, O Lord of life and love, you she  
 2. A daugh-ter of Gre-no-ble, she knew both peace and strife, she  
 3. Im-pelled by gos-pel fer-voir, she left her na-tive soil, a-  
 4. Be-yond the Mis-sis-sip-pi, that west-ern-most fron-tier, she  
 5. Ad-vanced in years, yet ar-dent, she re-a-lized her dream for  
 6. O God of all na-tions, ac-cept our song of praise for  
 grace the hu-man jour-ney with gui-dance from a-bove. We praise you for your  
 yearned with ho-ly long-ing to live a faith-filled life. She sought to make God's  
 ban-don-ing all com-fort, em-bra-cing dai-ly toil. Her pi-o-neer-ing  
 fol-lowed where you beck-oned and taught those you held dear. The sa-cred heart of  
 live with na-tive peo-ples, the Pa-ta-wa-to-mi. The ti-tle that they  
 this great-heart-ed wo-man who set the world a-blaze. Stir up in us her  
 ser-vant who wit-nessed to your name and bore your gos-pel glad-ly: Rose  
 glo-ry her one and on-ly aim, and her heart poured out com-plete-ly: Rose  
 spi-rit set o-ther hearts a-flame, with cha-ri-ty un-dy-ing: Rose  
 Je-sus, his ten-der love, his claim, she spread a-mong the peo-ple: Rose  
 gave her: "The One Who Al-ways Prays," be-spoke her gen-tle pre-sence: Rose  
 spi-rit and keep our hearts a-flame, with love to serve as she did: Rose  
 Phi-lip-pine Du-chesne.  
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 Phi-lip-pine Du-chesne. chesne. A-ho. A-ho. A-men.

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# XVI AMASC World Congress



## One for the History Books

Nearly 300 Sacred Heart alums from 34 countries gathered in Mérida, Mexico, in February for the XVI AMASC World Congress, entitled “Sophie’s Legacy, A Gift for the World.” AMASC is the international organization of Sacred Heart alums. AASH President Jodie Hannaman Thorne, Duchesne Houston 1985, represented our association as a voting member of the gathering. AASH pays AMASC annual dues of \$5,000.

The Congress unanimously elected two AASH members to four year terms on the AMASC Board. AASH Recording Secretary Rhonda Raffi Meegan, Newton Country Day 1971, Newton College 1975, and Dorothy “Dede” Sheehan Brunetti, Villa 1981, will serve during the 2018-2022 mandate, commencing with their official installation in October, during a special meeting in Joigny, France.

Following the official opening of the Congress by AMASC President Marisa Moreno de Malcher, attendees settled in for a series of presentations centered around crossing new frontiers, finding silence in our lives and recognizing we are all one body in Christ.

Carolyn Osiek, RSCJ, St. Charles 1958, archivist for the RSCJ’s US-Canada Province, kicked off the weekend with a presentation called “Following Philippine Duchesne to New Frontiers.” Although everyone in attendance was familiar with St. Madeleine Sophie Barat, the founder of the Society of the Sacred Heart, many had little knowledge of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne. They were unaware that this year we are celebrating the 200th anniversary of her arrival in America, which began the internationality of both the RSCJ and

*Above: Members of the AASH Board who attended the AMASC World Congress in Merida, Mexico, goof off around a sign for the city in one of its many beautiful plazas.*

Sacred Heart education. Sr. Osiek’s speech about Philippine’s legacy was very well received. Many attendees thanked her for opening their eyes to the extraordinary courage of “Woman Who Prays Always,” the name given to Philippine by the Native Americans she served.

Young alums from Australia and Japan discussed how their Sacred Heart experiences were leading them on a path of exploration and service. There was also time reserved for discussions among attendees concerning various topics, including listening to each other, our dreams for the future and how we are engaging the next generation.

New AMASC members Chad and Egypt were welcomed by a unanimous vote. The weekend ended with a gala dinner where attendees dressed in traditional costumes. (There was some debate among the Americans whether boots, jeans and cowboy hats qualified for AASH members.)

The XVII World Congress will be held in 2022, most likely in Europe.



# XVI AMASC World Congress, continued



Presidents from all of the national associations gathered in Mexico for the AMASC World Congress. Nearly 300 people from 34 countries attended the congress. AASH President Jodie Hannaman Thorne is kneeling with Flat Philippine, one of the many pieces of the celebration of 200 years of international Sacred Heart education.



AASH sponsored a cocktail party during the AMASC World Congress in Mérida, Mexico, for members from AASH and CASHA, the Canadian Association of Sacred Heart Alumnae and Alumni. The gathering was part of an effort to engage more with our Canadian counterparts and foster friendships between the two associations. It was a big success! Pictured are (L-R) AASH Southern Regional Director Deborah Dunham (Grand Coteau 1962, Duchesne Houston 1970) with CASHA president Sarah Cassidy (Canada); and Former AASH President Beth Speck (Duchesne Houston 1971) with Sheila Donahoe (Canada).



AASH President Jodie Hannaman Thorne waits outside San Idelfonso Cathedral for the start of the grand procession of nations before Mass at the 16th AMASC World Congress. Jodie carried the US flag to represent our country. The Mass was celebrated by Monsignor Pedro Sergio de Jesús Mena Díaz, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Yucatan.



AMASC President Marisa Moreno de Malcher presents Maureen Elliott with flowers after her election as AMASC Emerita member.

## Maureen Elliott, Point Grey 1967, Elected as AMASC Emerita in Mexico

The AMASC Congress (AMASC-SacreCoeur.Org), unanimously elected 2017 AASH Cor Unum winner Maureen Elliott as an Emerita Member. Her Emerita Board membership recognizes service and commitment to AMASC.

Alice J. Burns, Prince Street 1966, Manhattanville 1970, and 2013-2015 AASH president, was happy to help nominate Maureen. The pair have remained close since meeting and forming a friendship at the 2007 AASH National Conference in New York. "I have always been so very impressed with her passion and loyalty," Alice said, adding that "As Secretary General of AMASC, Maureen did a superb job."

Maureen became a child of the Sacred Heart on entering 8th grade at Point Grey Convent in Vancouver, British Columbia, in 1962. Graduating in 1967 and becoming active in her local alumnae association and, later, AASH and the Canadian national association (CASHA), she describes her experience with AASH as "A love affair." Her first attendance at a National Conference in Seattle in 1985, she said, "led to my first AMASC Congress in Japan in 1986, and I have been blessed ever since with the love and friendships of everyone I've met along the way, always collaborating to perpetuate and promote the love of our Sacred Heart Family."

Maureen's election was no surprise to Sarah Cassidy, President of CASHA. "Her sense of self is so grounded in Sacred Heart values that she continually extends herself generously to serve others," Sarah said. "As an AMASC member, she was instrumental in creating the 2010-2014 Board, discerning those most qualified to lead the organization through her Congress experiences. Her honesty and fairness have won her the respect of all who know her."

Maureen called her stint on the AMASC Board (2010-2014) "the icing on the cake."

"I am humbly honored and proud to be a member of such a group of distinguished women," she said. "I will always hold close to my heart the recognition as an AMASC Emerita and hope I can live up to the legacy of all its members."



## NEW PROVINCIAL TEAM INSTALLED

In July, the Society of the Sacred Heart (RSCJ) welcomed a new leadership team for the US-Canada Province. The provincial team was installed at the Shrine of St. Philippine Duchesne in St. Charles, MO. Provincial Sheila Hammond, RSCJ, (Sheridan Road 1961, Manhattanville 1965) is joined by Donna Collins, RSCJ, former secretary general of the Society in Rome and principal of Villa Duchesne; Maureen Glavin, RSCJ, former head of school at ASH St. Charles; Theresa Moser, RSCJ (Maryville), former board member at Sacred Heart schools in San Francisco and Bellevue, WA; and Diane Roche, RSCJ, director of the Society's Office of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation. In the photo to the right, they are (L-R) Diane Roche, RSCJ, Theresa Moser, RSCJ, Sheila Hammond, RSCJ, Donna Collins, RSCJ, and Maureen Glavin, RSCJ.



*Photo credit: Linda Behrens*

## NEW STATUE OF ST. PHILIPPINE DEDICATED



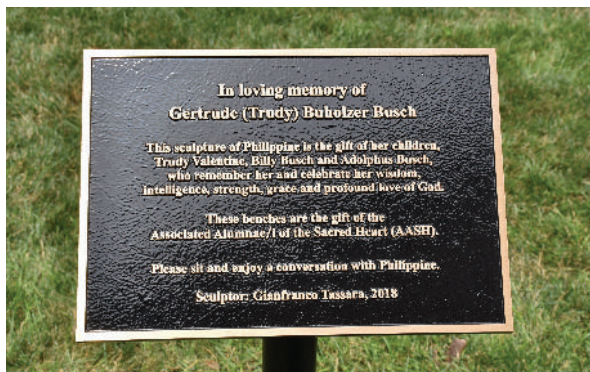
Alums, Religious and Sacred Heart friends gathered in June for the unveiling and dedication of a new statue of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne in the garden of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis.

The bronze statue was commissioned by the Society of the Sacred Heart (RSCJ) in honor of the Bicentennial celebration of Philippine's arrival in America. It depicts the saint seated on a bench with a map of the Louisiana Territory from the

1800s on her lap. Sculptor Gianfranco Tessara of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, made Philippine life-sized, and in her mid-40s, her age when she left France for America. Her face has a beautiful expression, one that encourages visitors to pause, to sit and to join her in conversation or prayer.

The flanking benches, which replicate those present when Philippine arrived in the Missouri Territory, are a gift from AASH on behalf of all alums. They reflect the Board's desire that Sacred Heart alumnae and alumni be part of this permanent installation. Alums who donated to the benches are noted in the annual report, which starts on page 14.

The sculpture is dedicated in memory of Gertrude (Trudy) Buholzer Busch as a gift from her children, Trudy Valentine (Villa 1976), Billy Busch (Barat Hall) and Adolphus Busch (Barat Hall 1967). Two pear trees donated by the provincial office staff will be planted near the sculpture in honor of the 2015-2018 Provincial Leadership Team. The plaque describing Philippine is a gift from the Villa Duchesne-City House Alumnae Association.



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# 2018 GRADUATION PHOTOS



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# 2018 GRADUATION PHOTOS



*Forest Ridge*



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*Stuart Country Day*

*All schools that submitted photos are included.*



# TOP SHELF

## Books by Sacred Heart Authors



*Beth Ann Fennelly*  
Photo ©Mike Stanton

### Heating & Cooling

*Beth Ann Fennelly Woodlands 1989*

Born in New Jersey, schooled in the Midwest, published abundantly and broadly lauded for her literary achievement, Oxford Mississippi resident and Ole Miss Professor Beth Ann Fennelly's laurels include recognition as her adopted State's Poet Laureate. Beth says she mined "my own noggin" for the material in *Heating & Cooling*, a series of 52 micro-memoirs capturing moments that illuminate her life. Using humor and unblinking honesty, she portrays her childhood in a loving but difficult family, her marriage and the triumphs and pitfalls of raising three children.

Her latest book follows a tough four years collaborating with her husband on a novel. "I planned to get right back in the saddle and begin writing another novel," she said. "But weeks and weeks went by and I wasn't writing anything besides little personal jottings in my notebook, strange little snippets of my life." She soon re-imagined this work as a collection of "micro-memoirs," a hybrid of poetry, fiction and creative non-fiction. The shortest is just a sentence, the longest a few pages.

The vignettes are filled with heartbreak and humor - the latter a genre she avoided as a young writer for fear of being dismissed. "As I've grown older, I've gotten more comfortable with my voice and I've stopped repressing humor," she said. "I've come to believe that writing moves us most powerfully when it prods us to experience the full range of human emotions. Humor can sharpen sadness, allow it to pierce us more deeply."

The core of the book is Beth Ann's marriage to writer Tom Franklin, whom she met on the first day of graduate school in Arkansas. She started "writing him gushy love poems," she said. "I'm still writing about him, but they are middle aged love songs now."

Beth Ann's personal past, of course, points to her personal future, which edges into this work. She reports, for instance, sending everyone named in the book the piece about them before it was published. Since one micro-memoir conjures her grown children's reaction to her reflections about them, she comments, "I imagine, as far as my kids are concerned, 'I'll have some bills that come due at some point.' Or, maybe, some affirmation, for getting it on the record - in verse."

The availability, through Amazon and otherwise, of *Heating and Cooling* and Beth Ann's other publications is detailed on her website, at <https://www.bethannfennelly.com>.



*Regina Andrews*

### Sterling Lakes Series

*Regina Andrews, Elmhurst 1974*

The town of Sterling Lakes, as depicted in Regina Andrews' "Sterling Lakes Series,"

is based on Barrington, RI, its author's home town. Barrington "was filled with natural beauty and kind-hearted people," she said. "We never locked our doors. As I grew older, I realized how idyllic my background was in Barrington." So she used it as the setting for her series of Christian romances featuring strong heroines and straight-arrow heroes.

Each of the four books currently in the planned nine book series deals with solving life's problems as that book's protagonists find true love. The themes and ideas in the books come largely from Regina's own life. Museums, theater, classical music, choral singing and gardening are among her hobbies - and all make an appearance, along with her favorite European cities. One heroine works in interior design, as did Regina did when she was younger. Another's romantic partner begins as the boy next door - to that heroine's sister. Of course, that's how Regina met her husband. "My sister moved in next door to him and I visited her all the time," Regina said. "She had a Christmas party, and well...that was that!"

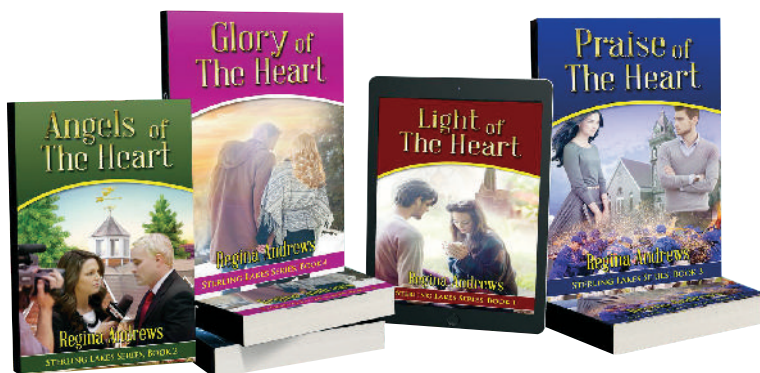
The nine books revolve about the renovation of St. Luke's Church in the fictional Sterling Lakes. The nine are divided into three sections: The first three deal with the past, the middle three with the present and the last three with the future. "Of course, past, present and future overlap, but that is the general story arc of the series," Regina said. "Things change over time, and that became a theme I wanted to explore in my work."

Faith plays a huge role in how Regina's characters solve problems, cope with setbacks and generally live their lives. "My romances actually have three main characters - the hero, the heroine and God," she explains. "It is not just the way the hero and heroine relate to each other that propels the plot. Their relationship with God, in addition to their relationship to each other, directly impacts the storyline."



And, of course, because the books are romances, readers are assured a happy ending, despite obstacles Regina imports from real life or imagination. "The path towards a positive outcome evolves very naturally in my stories," she said. "It is guided by human foibles, triumphs and actions -- all held within the loving heart of God."

The four books now out are *Light of the Heart*, *Angels of the Heart*, *Praise of the Heart* and *Glory of the Heart*. They are available on Amazon.com.




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### Sacred Heart Connections

*Elle Alexander Stone Ridge 2005,  
The Rosary and Stuart*

ASH in New Orleans, Stuart in Princeton and Stone Ridge in Bethesda each claims me; and ASH claims my mother, a single parent and ASH Fifth Grade teacher until we moved to New Jersey.

ASH started my Sacred Heart experience in pre-school, where my faculty member mom and I drove each morning to the beautiful building on St. Charles Avenue. The parade for our Pre-School Halloween festivity and the white dresses for mass at First Communion remain as major childhood memories. When I was eight, we moved to Princeton, and I enrolled in third grade at Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart. The "country" environment of Stuart, twenty miles from open water and, even today, in the midst of a wooded park, contrasted sharply with New Orleans' St. Charles Avenue, as did New Jersey with Louisiana. Nonetheless, my sense of being welcome and valued was immediate and enduring. Many of my friends from Stuart are still close and we have reconnected in cities where I have lived.

In 10th grade, we moved to Bethesda and I joined Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart as the only new student that year. I was nervous on the first day of class, introducing myself to the 60 other girls; but after assembly, my classmates lined up, introduced themselves and welcomed me to the school. I'll never forget it — I knew I would be happy there. Throughout my high school years, I had the support of wonderful teachers and close friends. I felt comfortable to speak up in class, wear a crazy print unitard during spirit week and join the volleyball team.

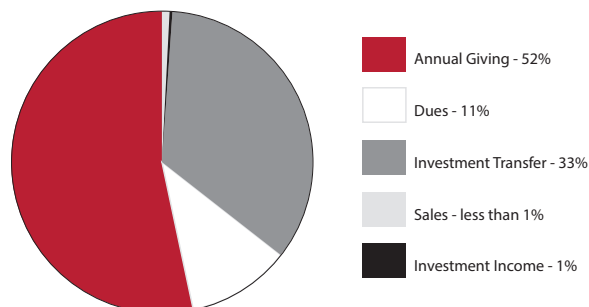
Late last year, I was honored to speak to seniors at a career panel at Stone Ridge. One theme that repeated itself among the speakers was how Stone Ridge gave us so much more than an education. We learned the importance of personal values and building lasting friendships. We gained confidence to grow into strong women who support one another. I'm lucky to have several Sacred Heart best friends from these schools, whom I've treasured for nearly 20 years. I am so grateful to my mom for her sacrifice and her commitment to keeping me in Sacred Heart schools, no matter where we lived.

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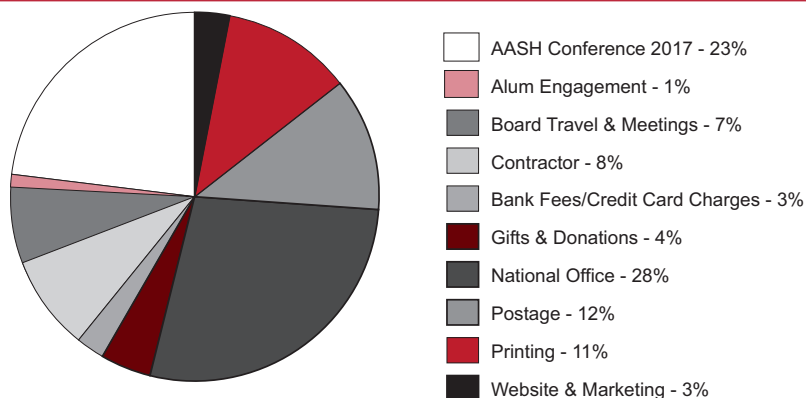
## AASH SOURCES OF FUNDS

Annual Giving .....	\$99,351.63
Dues .....	\$20,758.00
Investments (Transfer from Endowment) .....	\$64,093.86
Sales .....	\$1,410.00
Investment Income .....	\$2,257.12
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$187,870.61</b>



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AASH Conference 2017 .....	\$43,989.00
Alumn Engagement .....	\$1,843.49
Board Travel & Meetings .....	\$13,003.38
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Bank Fees & Credit Card Charges....	\$4,865.25
Gifts & Donations .....	\$8,099.00
National Office .....	\$53,181.33
Postage.....	\$22,592.83
Printing .....	\$21,734.40
Website & Marketing.....	\$6,157.50
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$191,466.18</b>
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A heartfelt thank you to our 855 generous donors! AASH also is grateful to our 143 first-time donors. Our annual appeal raised \$99,351.63. Donors who contributed to the benches for the statue of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis are marked with a ♥. Recurring donors who are auto-debited every month are marked with an infinity sign, ∞.

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Jane Martin	Mary Murphy	Sally Rogers	Kathleen Sutherland	Marie-Louise Wolfington, RSCJ
Patricia Martin	Susan Murphy	Geraldine Rohde	Julie Swartz	Elizabeth Wright
Patricia Mathes	Jacquelin Naunheim	Elaine Rolfes	Regina Swords	Dawn-Marie Yarbrough
Deborah Matlof	Theresa Obermeyer	Olga Rome	Marguerite Taylor	Peggy Yingling
Gerry Matranga*	Cynthia O'Boyle	Daphne Root	Ann Taylor, RSCJ	Janet Zumstein
Mary Mazursteffens	Gloria O'Brien	Jean Russell	Mary Teeter	
Regina McCairns	John O'Callaghan	Marilyn Ryan	Carole Tekulve	
Anne McCarthy	Alice O'Connor	Mary Ryan, RSCJ	Carol Temme	
	Janet O'Connor	Roberta Ryan	Barbara Thompson	

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\*AASH Legacy Project  
†Deceased

## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIA

### In Memory of:

*Suzanne's Teachers  
at Prince Street*  
Suzanne Frank

*Deceased Alums of Atherton  
Class of 1961*  
Pauline Mifsud

*Frances "Francie" Anbut*  
Carol Dwyer Ward

*Clara Bardenheier*

Helen B. Williams

*Corinne Lapeyre Barry*  
Sheldon Lykes

*Georginna "Georgie"  
Blaeser, RSCJ*  
Herlinda Belcher

*Col. William F. Brennan,  
USA, Retired*  
Helen Brennan

*Mary Blish, RSCJ*  
Rosina Carter

*Theresa Dollard Broussard*  
Elizabeth Wright

*Loni Brown*  
Terry Moyer

*Mary Fenner Brummel*  
Kathleen B. O'Regan

*Alice D. Burns*  
Alice J. Burns

*Adele Bush*  
Dianne Daigle

*Sr. Mary Bush, RSCJ*  
Terry Moyer

*Nancy Butler*  
Margaret (Pegi) Scully

*Dr. Richard Cannon*  
Mariah Echele

*May Mac Neal Cardone*  
Sheila Labrecque

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*Jane Horth Cordell*  
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Florence Cardoza

*Charles T. Cullen*  
Sallie Schafer

*Suzanne Finch DeBlaze*  
Nina Weissert

*Carmen DeMoya*  
Mary Rice

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Donna Deeley

*Joe Dwyer*  
Carol Dwyer Ward

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Dorothy Wurzelbacher

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Guillory, RSCJ*  
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Sr. Shirley Miller

*Sr. Helen Hammack, RSCJ*  
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*Mother E. Hunt, RSCJ*  
Socorro Hunt

*Mother Marion Hupp,  
RSCJ*  
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*Julia Hurley, RSCJ*  
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*Martha Kenny*  
Mary McKell

*Edna F Kiszla*  
Sandra Phillips

*Tita Lapeyre, RSCJ*  
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*Leo J. McCabe*  
Anne F. McCabe

*Ann McElhatton, RSCJ*  
Elizabeth Kuczkowski

*Clare McGowan, RSCJ*  
Eileen Sutula

*Joan Condon McIntyre*  
Joan Binder

*Faine McMullen, RSCJ*  
Katharine Higgins  
Deborah J. Carr

*Ann Madden*  
Betty Jones

*Catherine Maguire, RSCJ*  
Barbara Villano

*Miss Loretta Maguire*  
Sally Ann Healy

*Mary Kyne Maze*  
Elizabeth Maze

*Mother Leonor  
Mejia, RSCJ*  
Marina McKenzie

*Sr. Alice Mills, RSCJ*  
Shirley Griffin

*Sr. Dorothy Murray, RSCJ*  
Jean Russell

*Marie Owen*  
Colleen Owen

*Elizabeth Ann Parkman*  
Rosalie Parkman

*Barbara Parr*  
Charles Parr

*Katherine & Patti Reid*  
Camilla Quinn

*Sr. Rina Ronconi, RSCJ*  
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*Helen Daniels Ryan*  
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*Mme. Alvena Schraubstader*  
Carol Temme

*Mrs. Rosemary Schriver*  
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*Barbara Concon Shaunessey*  
Joan Binder

*Sr. Virginia Shulman, RSCJ*  
Susan Hays

*Sister Margaret Shea, RSCJ*  
Margaret S. McCarthy

*Carol LaBonte Sheehan*  
Mary LaBonte White

*Mary Bernadette Steiss*  
Virginia Boone

*Dean Traynor, RSCJ*  
Corinne McClintic

*Lucille Bernard Trueblood*  
Colorado Alumnae of the  
Sacred Heart

*Elizabeth White, RSCJ*  
Barbara Villano

## GIFTS TO THE ENDOWMENT

Dianne Broussard  
Mary Clemency  
Barbara Cook  
Ninetter Brierre Dauwalder  
Dorothy Farley  
Linda Fikes  
Cahterine Fitch  
Mary Fitzpatrick  
Carol Flynn  
Suzanne Frank  
Pamela Gaynor  
Marguerite Goff  
Mary Katherine Green  
Jeanne Hevesy  
Margaret "Janie" Hoffner  
Jo Ann Holland  
Victoria Johnson  
Maggie Sieger Kaspura  
Jean Kaufmann  
Linda Kraus  
Linda McBain  
Sharron McKenzie  
Mary Murphy  
Janet O'Connor  
Jeanne Burke O'Fallon  
Neale Rebman  
Amy Richardson  
Elin Schriver  
Kathleen Schwarz  
Margaret Scully  
Ricki Steele  
Barbara Seta Thompson  
Madeleine Vessel  
Marjorie Vis  
Joan Wehner  
Melissa Weiksnar  
Susan Whalen  
Elizabeth Wright



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### In Tribute to:

*St Phillipine's Statue*  
Mary Schaller ♥

*Deborah N. Dunham*  
Catherine Fitch

*Patricia McNerny*  
Barbara Wiggin

*Jodie Hannaman Thorne*  
Patricia D. Martin  
Catherine Fitch

*Retired RSCJ*  
Eleanor Clem  
Rosaleen Farley

*Marie Gillespie Egan*  
JoAnne Ahern

*Rev. Mother Jane  
McKinley*  
Marianne McDonald

*Esther Ann Whalen, RSCJ*  
Mary Bricker-Jenkins  
Claire- Marie Hart

*All teaching Religious of  
Elmhurst Academy*  
Prof Claire-Marie Hart

*Anne Eppig, RSCJ*  
Sally Teppert

*Catherine Maguire, RSCJ*  
June Davison

*Paule Yon, RSCJ*  
Monica Williams

*Amparo Abascal, RSCJ*  
Maria Diaz

*Judy Butler Fravel*  
Margaret (Pegi) Scully

*Shirley Miller, RSCJ*  
Carolyn J. Smith

*James Ahern Sr.*  
JoAnne Ahern

*Joan Gannon, RSCJ*  
Mary Joan Quinn

*The Morgan Family*  
Mary McKell

*Bill & Corrine Barry*  
Mimi Richard

*Frank and Margaret  
Gillespie*  
JoAnne Ahern

*Mary Jo Mueller-Coffey*  
Mary "Francie" Conrad

*Betty Baxter, RSCJ*  
Martha Wolters

*Frances Gimber, RSCJ*  
Joanne Higgins-Leslie  
Joan Wehner

*Jennifer O'Neal*  
Michelle O'Neal

*Bridget Bearss, RSCJ*  
Andrea Briefs Ferris

*Betsy Hartson, RSCJ*  
Tissie Bean

*Chris O'Neal*  
Michelle O'Neal

*Peggy Brown, RSCJ*  
Valerie O'Keefe

*Sheila Hammond, RSCJ*  
Susan VanVuren

*Patricia Conway Putkey, Happy Birthday*  
Mary Conway Zodrow

*Betty Buckland*  
Mary Katherine Green

*Sharon Karam, RSCJ*  
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*Roselie Posselius*  
Frances Williams

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*Martha Curry, RSCJ*  
Martha Wolters

*Nancy Kilgore*  
William Travis

*Patricia Reiss, RSCJ*  
Jane R. McAniff

*May Mac Neal Cardone*  
Sheila Labrecque

*Mary "Be" Mardel, RSCJ, on her 100th Birthday*  
Susan Tierney  
Maureen Aggeler

*Mother Ruth Dowd*  
Brenda F. De Silva



# NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

## 2019-2021 AASH Board of Directors

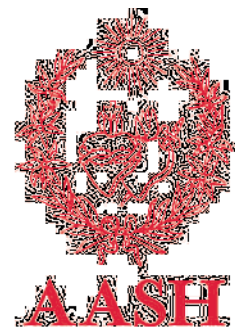
**To nominate someone for the Board, please go to [www.aaash.org/nominate](http://www.aaash.org/nominate).**

The new Board will be elected at the National Conference in New Orleans in 2019. The term will be from June 1, 2019 to May 31, 2021.

### General Responsibilities

*Each board member:*

1. Must attend the national conference before election and at the close of the biennium and must be able to attend the annual summer (June) meeting of the Board in the year of election and the following year.
2. Have ability to communicate regularly by email.
3. Check and contribute regularly to [www.aash.org](http://www.aash.org)
4. Support the activities of the region.



### Job Descriptions:

#### *President*

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Chair of the Board of Directors; presides over all meetings; plans the agenda and supervises any follow-up action resulting from the meetings; gives presentations including the “State of AASH” address to various constituent groups, regional conferences, and the National Conference; appoints Standing Committees and Ad Hoc Committee Chairs and members; maintains close contact with the Network of Sacred Heart Schools, the RSCJ Provincial Team in the U.S.-Canada province, and the RSCJ retirement communities.

#### *Vice President*

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Performs the duties of the President in the event of the absence or disability of the President; assists the President whenever necessary in the functioning of the AASH; in the event of a vacancy in the office of the President the Vice President succeeds to the office for the remainder of the applicable term; represents the President at any official meetings that she/he cannot attend; assumes other tasks as directed by the President, orders and signs Christmas greetings to national and international Presidents on behalf of the AASH Board.

#### *Corresponding Secretary*

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Maintains AASH Facebook page; updates and distributes the AASH Member Association Handbook & Directory annually; sends out email notices of all meetings and conference calls for the Board of Directors; arranges all conference calls and submits bills for payment of the calls; researches best rates for the calls; arranges recording of the calls for the recording secretary; sends composite Regional Director communications to all Past Presidents and Committee Chairs; keeps archival copies of same; assists the National Office and President with personal alumnae/i correspondence; helps oversee the website and online community; helps send eblast messages.



# NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

## *General Responsibilities, continued*

### *Recording Secretary*

RESPONSIBILITIES: Keeps an accurate written record of all meetings of the Board of Directors; provides copies of the minutes of all meetings to the Board of Directors no later than three weeks following such meetings; sends a copy of the minutes to the National Office and Archives.

### *Treasurer*

RESPONSIBILITIES: Receives all monies belonging to AASH; is bonded in an amount determined by the Board of Directors; makes disbursements budgeted or authorized by the Board of Directors; sends out annual dues notices and reports payment; pays AMASC dues annually; balances all AASH accounts and presents financial reports to the Board of Directors and the Delegate Body; secures a bond for the office of Treasurer and National Office Director; arranges for an annual review of finances and filing of Form 990 to the IRS; prepares a budget for the next biennium and submits it to the Finance Committee in accordance with the by-laws; submits budget for approval to the Delegate Body at the AASH National Conference; oversees the maintenance of donor records, receipting, and acknowledgment by the National Office; pays and reimburses all approved AASH expenses; prepares a quarterly financial report detailing all revenues and expenses.

### *Regional Director*

RESPONSIBILITIES: Attends and actively participates in all AASH Board of Directors' meetings; prepares and sends Regional Director's letters four times a year, communicating by mail and/or email the business, events and proposals of each AASH meeting to all Heads of Schools, Alumnae/i Directors, Association Presidents and AASH Representatives who are dues paying members of AASH; sends a copy of each communication to the Corresponding Secretary for distribution; maintains close contact with each association and its AASH Representatives in the region to stay informed of their activities and functions, especially their implementation of National Conference resolutions; seeks new members (associations and individuals) by educating others about the nature and purpose of AASH; explains the benefits of membership in both the national and international alumnae/i associations to prospective members and helps new associations reach out to their constituency; encourages prompt dues payment by member associations; encourages attendance at all regional and national conferences by reminding each association that it is their opportunity to be heard; organizes the Regional Conference with the help of the chairperson in the host city, runs the business meeting, and gives a regional report at the Regional Conference; emphasizes the importance of the participation of young alumnae/i in AASH and stresses how AASH provides them with networking opportunities; communicates all regional news to the national President and the Publications Editor; sends name, address and telephone number changes to the National Office and Corresponding Secretary; provides material for and helps maintain regional section of [www.aash.org](http://www.aash.org); provides a regional report at the National Conference.

# NOMINATIONS FOR MAJOR AWARDS NOW OPEN



## AASH is now accepting nominations for the **Cor Unum Award** and the **Maryliz deVito Lincoln Generosity and Service Award**.

The Cor Unum Award recognizes excellence in one's work, loyalty to Sacred Heart values and the gift of self in service to others. Nominations are welcome from the AASH membership at large. One outstanding person residing in each of the four regions (Central, East, South, West) is honored. The nomination form can be found at [www.aash.org/corunum](http://www.aash.org/corunum).

The Maryliz deVito Lincoln Generosity and Service Award recognizes a young alumna or alumnus who has demonstrated outstanding support of and loyalty to their alum association. Nomination forms can be found at [www.aash.org/maryliz](http://www.aash.org/maryliz).

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