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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Rosalie Bellanca Posselius,
President

Dear Friends,

No one could have imagined the unique nature of this Biennium when we last celebrated together at The Rosary in New Orleans in April of 2019. It has been a challenging and interesting journey. When I wrote my first letter to you as President, I planned to add this prayer written by Janet Erskine Stuart: "Loving God, unseen Companion of our life, give us faith and eager expectancy as we begin this fresh stage of our journey. Take from us all fear of the unknown and teach us to wrest treasures from darkness and difficulties. As the days come and go, may we find that each one is laden with happy opportunities and enriching experiences; and when this year reaches its completion, may our best hopes be more than ever fulfilled. Amen." It didn't make it into that *Esprit de Couer*, but it certainly is appropriate for this moment.

Just nine months into the biennium, it seemed likely that our eager objectives and expectancy might be halted indefinitely. Ambitious plans for projects and events had to be reconsidered and reinvented. The Board took cues from the rest of the world and other Sacred Heart organizations, all facing the same challenges. Faith bestowed by the Sacred Heart became our strength and we drew upon the courage and confidence of our founding mothers, who endured far more difficult challenges than we were facing. We moved ahead.

Looking back, the treasures that revealed themselves from the difficulties were countless. New skills, funny zoom bombs, failures and successes all were realized by a team of board members who were determined to make progress. Our *esprit de couer* was flourishing because of newly discovered methods of "being together," which we appreciated more than ever before. Time that would have been spent going about our business in normal times gave way to long periods of silence and solitude. The isolation brought to us the gift of *Espacio*, reflection and many enriching experiences as Mother Stuart suggested in her prayer.

Opportunities arose to collaborate with the Conference of schools, the Associates, AMASC, the Stuart Center and the RSCJ provincial team, whose leaders taught me what it means to be fully devoted to our shared Mission. I was a beneficiary of their talent and their example became a source of inspiration to me.

As the days come and go, I am filled with gratitude toward my fellow board members, along with the National Office, and their stalwart dedication to the AASH. I could not have picked better traveling partners on this journey. Any success we have had was because of their creativity, resilience and hard work. Soon, we will be introducing our new networking platform that will serve our constituents in new and valuable ways. We have planned and will introduce heritage tours that will provide opportunities to travel together to Sacred Heart landmarks. And, most importantly, we have dedicated ourselves to collaboration with all facets of our Sacred Heart family to ensure we carry our Mission into the future with the idea that all of us together are better than each of us alone.

Please join us for our free, virtual conference, "Hearts in Motion." Great ingenuity has allowed us to provide programming that will be informative, interesting and fun. While I am disappointed that we cannot be together in the great city of Detroit, I know that our spirit of *Cor Unum* will prevail as we celebrate the beginning of a new chapter for AASH. Thank you for your trust, support and the chance to serve you for the last two years. It has been an honor that I will carry in my heart forever.

"We must always begin again and again with great confidence and an unquenchable hope, ever repeating NUNC COEPI, Today I begin!" — Janet Erskine Stuart

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rosalie Bellanca Posselius".

2019-2021 BOARD MEMBERS



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43rd AASH National Conference Committee during a planning meeting. Left to right: AASH President Rosalie Bellanca Posselius (Grosse Pointe 1973/ Bloomfield Hills 1977); former AASH President Barbara Brown Lopiccio (Bloomfield Hills 1962); Andrea Briefs-Ferris (Bloomfield Hills 1975) and Patricia Eldredge Kolojeski (Grosse Pointe 1962)

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National Conference Keynote Speaker Desiree Cooper, Pulitzer Prize-nominated journalist, Detroit community activist, attorney; Detroit National Conference logo designed and donated by THE MARS AGENCY

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Maggie Sieger Kaspura,
National Office Director

It's been a year since the pandemic started but we're not back to normal yet. I have to say, I wonder if we'll actually ever see the old normal again. The biggest change for AASH this year is that our 43rd National Conference will also be our first virtual one. The Conference Committee has put together a great program (see details starting on page 5), and it's all free; so please plan to join us via zoom April 22-25. You do have to register (<https://aash.org/posts/registration-now-open-43rd-aash-national-conference>) so we can send you the zoom links. It's a way to prevent the "zoom bombing" that happened during October's Regional Meeting. Those who register should keep an eye on their snailmail box — we'll be sending you a little something for the Shelagh O'Dwyer Cocktail Party on Friday, April 23.

We have an amazing crop of *Cor Unum* recipients this year. Every conference, I think we've been blessed with the best nominees ever and then the next biennium's nominations come in. Sacred Heart alums are truly remarkable and so very willing to make a difference by sharing their talents with their communities. You can read all about this year's four recipients on page 9.

The Board Slate for the 2021-2023 biennium also will be introduced in this issue (pages 14-16). Vice President Rhonda Meegan takes over as president June 1. She's got a powerful group behind her, which is great news, because they'll be tasked with continuing the difficult modernization work started by the previous two boards, led by Jodie Hannaman Thorne (2017-2019) and current President Roselie Bellanca Posselius. The Board is a mix of old, new and returning members, so we should all expect great things from them.

Finally, our 2021 Women of Conscience are on page 11. I'm a huge fan of these two women — Fran Gimber, RSCJ and Carolyn Osiek, RSCJ — and I promise you're going to be just as impressed. Ani Haroian from ASH St. Charles is our Maryliz winner. Ani's got big shoes to fill, but I think you'll find she's up to the task.

Although we won't be gathering in person, please join us for a history-making National Conference. Thankfully, we live in a time with technology that allows us to "meet," no matter the state of the pandemic. I hope you're able to take advantage of it!

In the Heart,

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.

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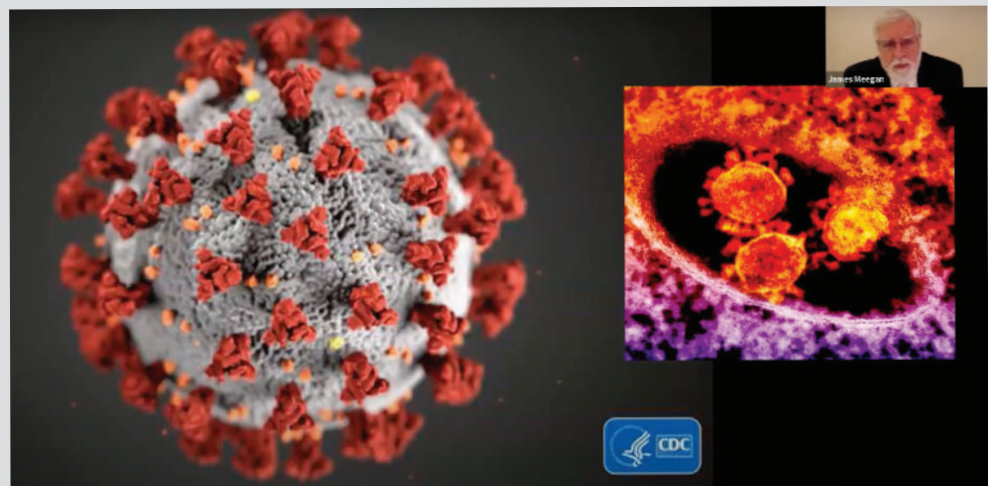
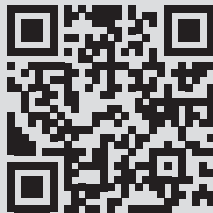
1-HOUR WEBINAR SERIES Debuts to Virtual Packed House

AASH kicked off its 1-Hour Webinar series in October, with a talk by virologist Dr. James Meegan, the husband of AASH Vice President Rhonda Meegan. Jim spoke on "COVID-19: What's Next?" and answered questions from the 110 people who tuned in.

If you missed the webinar, it can be found on AASH's YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/C6Rvv9JarsE>. Jim will be back February 25 for a discussion about the COVID vaccine. The following 1-Hour Webinar will be a virtual tour and history of the Shrine of Saint John Berchmans at Grand Coteau.

Find details on these and upcoming AASH 1-Hour Webinars at the AASH website: www.aash.org.

Missed the first webinar? Scan the code below with the camera on your phone to watch the recording on YouTube.



Dr. James Meegan, virologist, spoke on "COVID-19" Whats Next? in October 2020

REGIONAL MEETING RECAP



First Ever Virtual Regional Meeting Draws Nearly 100 Alums

AASH held its first ever virtual Regional Meeting this year on Mater's Feast Day (Oct. 20). Pre-pandemic, the AASH Board made the decision to try a virtual Regional. The Board hoped a virtual meeting would allow more people to attend, since they would not have to leave home. Holding the meeting virtually also meant alum directors from the schools would not be forced to choose between the Regional and the National Conference, which typically fall within the same school budget year.

Nearly 100 people attended the meeting, which was not without technical glitches as AASH learned the Zoom ropes. Early on, the meeting was "zoom bombed" by a woman rolling a cannabis joint and a fake sumo wrestler. We've learned you cannot post links to the meetings publicly. That's why everyone will

be asked to register for the National Conference events, even though events are free to attend.

All in all, the meeting was well attended and successful enough that future Regionals also will be held virtually. Despite the somewhat humorous technical difficulties, it was a good dry run for the upcoming National Conference, which you can register for here: <https://aash.org/event/43rd-national-conference-hearts-motion>. For underwriting, sponsorship or Ribbons donations, go here: www.aash.org/conferencedonations.

TOP SHELF

Books by Sacred Heart Authors

Transformed by Grief – A Personal History

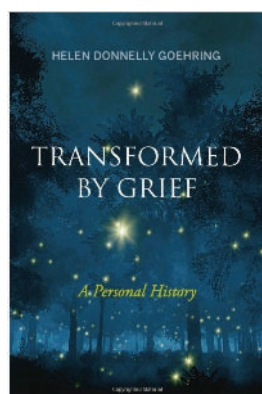
Helen Donnelly Goehring Barat College '54

Helen Donnelly Goehring observes that “many of us find ourselves grieving the loss of our loved ones long after they have departed.” She states that her book “explores how people heal from losing those they couldn’t have imagined living without.” It avows that grief can be processed no matter how long it has been borne.

In *Transformed by Grief – A Personal History*, the author introduces eleven people who have sustained her in various ways through her nine decades of life, only to “lose” each to death. Instead of remaining hostage to loss, she has learned to “transform grief into growth.” These warmly described, emotionally accessible eleven, in her announcement of their stories, become integral again to Goehring’s personal history, nurturing her celebration of life and grace. From her friend Joanie, dead when the author was just seven years old, to Rose, whom she’d not even met until her mid-60’s, telling the stories of these eleven broadcasts her grief about each, making it approachable and resolvable. “In the knowledge that awareness is ever available, what matters so much is not *when* one begins, but *that* one begins,” she says; “Our own healing stories, and those of others, have a powerful capacity no matter how much time has passed between when we lost a loved one and when we became authors of the story.”



Helen Donnelly Goehring
Barat College '54



As a coda to her stories of the eleven, Goehring adds a chapter titled “Me.” At the age of 87, she’s lost treasured self-sufficiency and writes of her declining health and accelerating need for support. She’s accepted the latter in the love and help of family, friends, church and community and confronts these days the questions “How much time is remaining to me? What will take me?” In response, she works, writing her own story, finding there renewal and newfound peace and celebrating life every day. “I continue,” she ends her narrative, “to be transformed by grief.”

Transformed by Grief – A Personal History also includes examples, from C. S. Lewis through Joan Didion, of famous thinkers’ reports of their own struggles with grief, as well as an extensive reading list and catalogue of other resources the author commends to those in need of healing. The book is available at amazon.com

Storms From a Clear Sky

Denise Frisino Forest Ridge '70

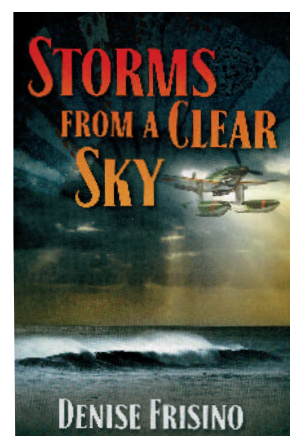
“Operation Vengeance” was a U.S. Navy mission to locate and kill Isoroku Yamamoto, the Japanese Admiral who promoted the Pearl Harbor attack that brought America into World War II; and “God-Dragon Special Attack Squad” was the moniker for a planned Japanese fleet of submarines designed to carry and launch fighter bombers off the coasts of the United States. These historical datum, and many others, populate author Denise Frisino’s *Orchid Trilogy*, the saga of Billi O’Shaughnessy, a young woman enthralled with Japanese culture, and Jack Huntington, an FBI agent combating Japanese espionage at home, as their love story plays out against a background of momentous events. The Forest Ridge and Seattle University alum derives the title of the trilogy’s second book, *Storms From A Clear Sky*, from Yamamoto’s description of his God-Dragon aircraft.

Researching for an earlier novel about Prohibition, *Whiskey Cove*, Frisino happened on the story of Japanese espionage organized along the West Coast, from Alaska to Mexico, prior to the war. Fascinated, she spent years interviewing “Greatest Generation” members, garnering stories that authenticate her tale of Billi and Jack’s exploits. The Trilogy’s first book, *Orchids of War*, introduces the couple as the winds of war approach and its third, in process but as yet untitled, will follow them to the end of hostilities. The centerpiece, *Storms From a Clear Sky* takes them from December 7, 1941 to mid-1943.

The author’s books are available at amazon.com; and information about Denise’s research is at www.denisefrisino.com.



Denise Frisino Forest Ridge '70



If you have a book you’d like to share with our Sacred Heart alums in Top Shelf, please contact the National Office at NationalOffice@aash.org or 314-569-3948.

AASH NATIONAL CONFERENCE

April 22-25, 2021

Join AASH Online for the 43rd National Conference

Circumstances mean AASH cannot gather in Detroit for the 43rd National Conference, but that doesn't mean plans for "Hearts in Motion" have stalled. In fact, the conference committee, led by chairs Andrea Briefs-Ferris (Bloomfield Hills 1975); Patricia Eldredge Kolojeski (Grosse Pointe 1962); and former AASH President Barbara Brown Lopiccolo (Bloomfield Hills 1962); as well as AASH President Rosalie Bellanca Posselius (Grosse Pointe 1973/Bloomfield Hills 1977), has been working diligently to make AASH's first ever virtual conference a success.

The Conference will kick off Thursday, April 22, with individual Regional Meetings for all four AASH regions. Keynote speaker Desiree Cooper will talk about women moving forward, particularly post-pandemic, on Friday, April 23. Later Friday, log on with your beverage of choice to catch up with old friends — and make new ones — for the Shelagh O'Dwyer Cocktail Party. A panel of alums will discuss "Wholehearted Leaders: The Lived Experiences of Women Leaders in Sacred Heart Schools" Saturday, April 24. The Cor Unum Mass and Awards will be Saturday afternoon.

Hearts in Motion will feature a mix of live and pre-recorded events. It will be entirely free, but participants must register to receive Zoom links. Registration is online at <https://aash.org/event/43rd-national-conference-hearts-motion>. For sponsorship, underwriting and Ribbons donations, go to www.aash.org/conferencedonations.



Keynote Speaker **Desiree Cooper**

The daughter of an Air Force family and a graduate of both the University of Maryland and The University of Virginia School of Law, Desiree Cooper was born in Japan and lived in Colorado, New Mexico and Virginia before settling in Michigan. Desiree practiced law for several years then became a journalist,

writing commentary for *The Detroit Free Press* for ten years and earning two Pulitzer Prize nominations. She also frequently contributed to Public Radio's *All Things Considered*. In 2016, she published her first book, *Know the Mother*, a collection of short stories. Reviewer Lara Lillibridge said "Know the Mother will haunt you as you applaud the fact that Cooper's women have been given a voice, a dignity previously unseen;" and Desiree's own paper, *The Free Press*, said the work "dives unflinchingly into the intersection of race and gender." "[A] speaker," by her own account, "on the themes of racial and gender equality, reproductive freedom, family-positive public policy, and the welfare of women and girls," Desiree says, "I have dedicated my career to lifting the voices of women and marginalized communities."

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PAMELA ALEXANDER

Pamela Alexander (Bloomfield Hills 1984), a Georgetown grad with a master's degree from Columbia University, is Director of Community Development for the Ford Motor Company Fund, Ford's philanthropic arm. Earlier, she held a variety of positions in the Company's Governmental Affairs office, dealing with strategic issues such as the environment and privacy, and has also worked at the state level and acted as manager of the Company's Political Action Committee. In her current job, she is responsible for Ford Fund's outreach initiatives throughout the U.S and directs grants related to automotive safety education and health initiatives. Pamela serves also on various non-profit boards. She has been honored with a "High Heels in High Places" award by the Trumpet Foundation, a "Corporate Trailblazer" award from Rainbow PUSH and was featured in *Ebony* magazine's *Speaking of People* column and *African Americans on Wheels* as one of the auto industry's most influential African-American women.

CRYSTAL ASHBY

Licensed Attorney Crystal Ashby (Grosse Pointe 1974, Bloomfield Hills 1979) is a graduate of the University of Michigan and DePaul University College of Law. Following a half dozen years in private practice and 22 years in law, public affairs and university relations with BP (fka as British Petroleum), Crystal currently serves as Interim President and CEO of The Executive Leadership Council (ELC), the preeminent membership organization for black CEOs, board directors and other senior-executive African Americans at our economy's largest companies. The first woman CEO of the organization, she credits her participation in its leadership development program, "Strengthening the Pipeline," for her elevation to that post. Crystal was included on the Oil & Gas Diversity Council's 2014 list of Influential Women Leaders and on the National Diversity Council's 2014 list of Top 50 of Most Powerful Women in Oil and Gas.



REEMA A. HASAN

Reema A. Hasan, M.D. (Bloomfield Hills 1996), is a graduate of The University of Michigan and the American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine. Additionally, she was a Postdoctoral Fellow (Heart Failure) at Michigan and has trained at a number of other medical campuses in Michigan. Reema currently serves the University as Assistant Professor of Medicine, teaching on Internal Medicine, Cardiology, Heart Failure and Transplant. A Fellow of the American College of Cardiology, she is also a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine in Boston. Reema pursues research in a number of areas, including gender differences in heart failure and mechanically assisted circulatory support. She maintains membership in several professional societies, has published numerous papers in her field and is active in the peer review of others' work. Reema is licensed to practice in Michigan. Clinically, she concentrates on advanced cardiac, heart failure and transplant cases.

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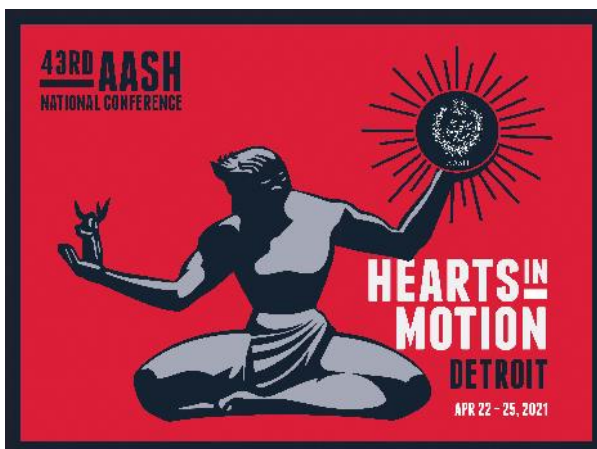
JOHN MCINERNEY

“The Lego Guy,” University of Michigan School of Design graduate, John McInerney (Kensington Hall 2008), spends his days at The University’s C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital helping kids reduce pain levels and anxiety and encouraging cognitive development and gross motor skills. He works with eight to ten children per day, using programmable Lego motors, standard Lego accessories and an Ipad, teaching them to build one of thirteen brick robots he’s designed. There’s a frog, for instance, whose motion activated tongue flicks out to catch a fly and a dump truck that empties its bed of Lego items into messy piles. John didn’t get his “dream job,” working for Lego as a product designer, so he decided to “make up my own job ...working with kids and helping people.” Mott is happy to have him.



KORIN VISOCCHI

Panel facilitator Dr. Korin Visocchi, formerly associate head of school at Bloomfield Hills, is the new executive director of the Network of Sacred Heart Schools. A veteran educator in public and private schools, she holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from Michigan State and Michigan, along with a doctorate in Educational Leadership from Oakland University. She is also a diplomate of Northwestern’s Kellogg Executive Education Program. Her dissertation at Oakland was entitled *Wholehearted Leaders: The Lived Experiences Of Women Leaders In Sacred Heart Schools*. The paper is a deep-dive leadership formation study of four Sacred Heart Heads of School.



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AASH NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Schedule

43rd AASH National Conference from Detroit

April 22-25

All events FREE but registration required to participate

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Schedule (all times Eastern)

Thursday, April 22

12 noon - 2:00 pm - Alum Directors' Meeting

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm - Association Presidents' Meeting

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm - Break

4:00 pm - 6 pm - Regional Meetings

Friday, April 23

12 noon - 2:00 pm - General Session I

2:00 pm - 2:30 pm - Break

2:30 pm - Until she is finished - Keynote Speaker

4:30 pm - Grosse Pointe Academy Tour, The Nuns' Walk

Sr. Annette Zipple's Presentation/Hearts in Motion Award

Shelagh O'Dwyer Virtual Cocktail Party

Saturday, April 24

12 noon - 1:30 pm - General Session II

1:30 pm - 2:00 pm - Break

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm - Panel Discussion "Wholehearted Leaders"

4:30 pm - Mass at Basilica of Sainte Anne de Detroit followed by Cor Unum and Women of Conscience Award Presentations
Gala

Sunday, April 25

12 noon - General Session III

Voting for New Slate

President's Farewell

Incoming President's Comments

Host Association Announcement for Next Conference

Get to know Detroit: Virtually!

Check out these virtual tour suggestions:

The Rise and Fall of Detroit's Black Bottom

Black Bottom was a predominantly Black neighborhood in Detroit. It became nationally famous for its music scene. In the early 1960s, the City of Detroit razed the entire Black Bottom district and replaced it with the Chrysler Freeway and Lafayette Park, a mixed-income development designed by Mies van der Rohe as a model neighborhood. (23 min.) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iSVgOCiT93Y>

Car Design in the Motor City

Car Design in the Motor City, 1950–2020. This guided tour showcases a variety of concept cars currently on display at the DIA. Be dazzled by futuristic concept cars, roaring muscle cars, and sleek racers. (14 min.) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZfHsrKl1Ol8&feature=youtu.be>

How Detroit Went From A Booming Metropolis To A Shrinking City

This report from NBC Nightly News takes a frank look at some of the challenges facing Detroit including poverty, a failing school system, and swaths of vacant land due to diminished population. (19 min.) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1CBwl3heojM>

The Henry Ford Museum

At the Henry Ford Museum, visitors are enthralled by over eight acres of historical cars, inventions, and innovations. (3 min.) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2GOdjvJWWjY>

Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation

Step into a world where past innovations fuel the imagination of generations to come. Here is a brief walk-through tour focused primarily on the transportation industry. (13 min.) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4UwOQ9c5TXE>

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for excellence
in one's work, loyalty
to Sacred Heart
values and the gift
of self in service to
others. It is awarded
at the Conference
to one alum living in
each of the regions.*



Therese Gorman Mayer
(Grosse Pointe 1944)

Nini Mayer (Bloomfield Hills 1980) reports that her mother, Therese Gorman Mayer (Grosse Pointe 1944) helped out last Christmas with the Ladies of Charity gift giving in service of Detroit's poor. Nini reports, further, that Therese continued, at age 94, attending Grosse Pointe Alumnae Advisory Board meetings until Covid-19 concerns interfered in March. She had served as her Alumnae Board President in the 1970's and pursued her Advisory Board work continuously thereafter until restricted last year. With multiple generations of Mayers passing through Bloomfield Hills, Therese and her husband, Ed, served on the Bloomfield Hills Board of Directors in the 1980's, even as Therese was heading up the Mothers' Club at Brother Rice, where their sons attended. Therese and her sister, Sally Gorman Grierson (Bloomfield Hills-Lawrence Avenue 1948/Manhattanville 1952), attended many of the national AASH Conferences; and Therese hosted dinner at her home when AASH visited Detroit. She supports the Carmelite Nuns of Detroit, for whom she has often chaired or otherwise assisted annual fundraising for their food and home expenses. She worked at Lighthouse of Oakland County, a local charity, attending to resident's most basic needs, such as food and shelter; and for years she mentored individual children, spending time with them each week helping with homework and providing necessities otherwise unavailable to them. Therese is proud of her affiliation with the Sacred Heart Community including, in particular, the many RSCJ closely bonded to her in spirit. Its presence in her heart remains broad and deep.



Bonnie Walsh Stoloski
(Newton College 1959)

Bonnie Walsh Stoloski (Newton College 1959) has a record of leadership in both the Sacred Heart family and the broader community that includes attendance at 14 Biennial Conferences, starting in 1983, participating in monthly prayer vigils in Naples, Florida, for Respect Life and founding St. Anne's Nursing Home in Rockford, Illinois, which involved Bonnie and her team converting a Franciscan Motherhouse into place of physical and spiritual care for the elderly. Bonnie followed through with its mission, becoming a daily visitor to, and volunteer for, St. Anne's residents. She has been Chairperson over Civic Plantings in Northfield, Illinois and President of its Parent -Teachers Association. She has attended the AMASC conference in Scottsdale and hosted Newton College Alums for lunch in Naples, Florida.

Dedicated philanthropists, Bonnie and her husband, Bill, are members of the Cor Unum Legacy Society and Chaired the Sponsorship Committee for the 2015 Boston Conference. They are donors to Bonnie's high school, Notre Dame Academy in Hingham, Massachusetts, as well as The College of the Holy Cross, which Bonnie's brother, Jesuit Father E. Corbett Walsh, attended. From the Portland (Maine) Museum of Art to Newton Country Day School to St Finbarr Parish in Naples, Florida, to the Guadalupe Center in nearby Immokalee, they attend to need wherever they see it.

COR UNUM RECIPIENTS



Kathleen Gibbons Favrot
(Rosary 1953)

The Favrot family's investment in the Sacred Heart philosophy is emblematic of their deep and genuine embrace of its tenets, whether building for its future or underwriting its response to current crisis. For instance, in 1996 and the succeeding ten years, Kay Favrot (Rosary 1953) and her husband, Tim, led three capital campaigns. Their gift in the '90s enabled the Rosary to construct a new state-of-the-art math and science wing and renovate and expand the Middle and Upper School library. In 2002, they chaired another campaign and set an early benchmark with a gift which resulted in the purchase of property that more than doubled the size of the school's campus. Regrettably, the renovated campus opened its doors days before Hurricane Katrina, in 2005. After the storm, having sustained substantial personal losses themselves, the Favrot family nonetheless donated another leadership gift, worked tirelessly to stimulate giving in the community and eventually made another lead donation.

In nominating Kay for the Cor Unum Award, Sister Melanie Guste, RSCJ (Rosary 1970) notes other donations, but emphasizes that "Kay has been involved with Sacred Heart throughout her life. Beginning with making candy with Mother Soniat, to volunteering in the bookstore, she has always devoted time to the school ... [serving] numerous terms as a Board member, a member of the Alumnae Board, served on numerous Mothers Club, Alumnae Association and school committees in addition to her fundraising efforts." Sister Guste adds "Kay's generosity, especially during the challenging years after Hurricane Katrina, is nothing short of heroic;" and it continues today, quietly helping young women to attend Sacred Heart by anonymously assisting with tuition.



Mary "Corky" Treacy Thompson
(Manhattanville 1961)

Corky Thompson (Manhattanville 1961) embarked on a new career when she wrote her first book in 2013. In a biographical note she provided Amazon.Com in connection with her book sales, Corky, a native New Yorker who moved to Aurora, Colorado in 2003, said she considers herself a professional volunteer, starting with her early involvement in PTA, scouting, and church activities to her six years serving on the Scarsdale, NY, Board of Education, and continuing throughout her life with civic and political activities. Passionate about social justice, Corky also mentored incarcerated women at the Denver Women's Correctional Facility from 2006 until 2020. She has been an active member of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul at Our Lady of Loreto Parish and recently became the Midwest representative for the Society's Voice of the Poor. Corky, for twenty years following graduation, served as Alumni Director at Manhattanville.

In the Colorado Sacred Heart community, she has spent years as an active board member, working in all aspects of the organization. Margaret Locke (DASH Omaha 1979), the 2020 President of Colorado AASH, says "The newsletter? Corky. Education outreach? Corky. Regional and national seminars on matters of religious and social significance? Corky. A hot meal for a family in need? Corky. All this while caring for her husband who years earlier had suffered a brain injury in an accident. Her energy is limitless. So is her courage." Margaret concludes, "While others may hesitate at the door of service, Corky dons her faith, her determination, an empathetic smile and walks in."

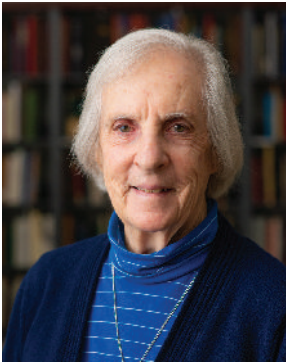
WOMEN OF CONSCIENCE



Carolyn Osiek, RSCJ (ASH St. Charles 1958)

Sr. Carolyn Osiek is an authority on the role of women in the early Church. Her great contributions to the Society of the Sacred Heart include leading the Society's committee on slavery and reconciliation and her collaboration with Marie-France Carreel, RSCJ, and her co-recipient of this year's Woman of Conscience award, Frances Gimber, RSCJ, in the translation and editing of *Philippine Duchesne, Pioneer on the American Frontier (1769-1852) - Complete Works*, a two-volume compilation of Saint Philippine's writings. Sr. Osiek currently serves as Archivist of the Society of the Sacred Heart, United States-Canada Province. In addition to dozens of scholarly works, she is co-author of two other scholarly books, *A Woman's Place: House Churches in Earliest Christianity* and *Ordained Women in the Early Church: A Documentary History*. She is the master of several languages and a New Testament scholar, holds a doctorate in New Testament and Christian Origins from Harvard University and is a past president of both the Catholic Biblical Association and the Society of Biblical Literature.

Sr. Osiek's early study of Christian origins coincided with a second wave of feminism in theology and biblical studies that inspired her focus on women in the early church. She was Professor of New Testament for 26 years at Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, and for six years at Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth. Along the way, she has taught at various levels as faculty of Harvard Divinity School, Maryville College, the Christian Leaders Institute, Villa Duchesne and Grand Coteau. Sr. Osiek has served in editorial roles for numerous publications, including the Catholic Biblical Quarterly, the Bible Today and New Theology Review. Additionally, she has been a leader in a multitude of organizations, including St. John's University Visiting Committee, the Society of Biblical Literature, Civitas Dei Foundation, Catholic Biblical and Barat College.



Frances Marion Gimber, RSCJ (Atherton/Menlo Park 1951; Manhattanville College 1955, 1964),

The exceptional familiarity of Sr. Frances Gimber with the history of the Society of the Sacred Heart comes in part from her eight years spent as Archivist of the Society, a job which entails daily, in-depth engagement with that history. Sr. Gimber brought this acumen, and her Manhattanville degree in French, to the translation into English of several French publications belonging to the Society. These included original writings of both Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat and Saint Philippine Duchesne.

In addition to her translation of *The Society of the Sacred Heart in the World of Its Times*, Sr. Gimber collaborated with Marie-France Carreel, RSCJ, and her co-recipient of this year's Woman of Conscience award, Sr. Osiek, in the translation and editing of the two-volume *Philippine Duchesne, Pioneer on the American Frontier (1769-1852)-Complete Works*, published in 2019. The latter writings included 656 letters, five journals and several shorter documents produced by Saint Philippine. Sr. Gimber also authored the scholarly *Woman of the Word: A Life of Marie Louise Schroen, RSCJ*.

Prior to her service as Archivist, author and translator, Sr. Gimber taught at taught at Grosse Pointe, Greenwich Kenwood, Nottingham, 91st Street, Newton and the International School in Tokyo. She also served as Director of Residents at Woodlands, Mistress General at Kenwood and Assistant Director of Novices at Newton Centre. For eight years, she served as secretary to the superior general of the Society at the Motherhouse in Rome.

RECOGNIZING OUR YOUNG ALUMS

Maryliz deVito Lincoln Generosity and Service Award Recipient



Ani Haroian (ASH St. Charles 2008)

Ani Haroian (ASH St. Charles 2008), a graduate of Rockhurst University, has taught in Peru and Uganda as a Jesuit Volunteer, joined a Dominican Republic Service Trip, participated in a Puerto Rico Service Experience with Religious of the Sacred Heart, made an Appalachian Mountain Service Trip and taught at the Clelian Heights School for Exceptional Children in Pennsylvania. She's currently employed teaching Spanish at Rockhurst High School in Kansas City, Missouri.

Her ultimate career goal as a teacher is "to promote multiculturalism in our world... I have a strong desire to bridge cultural gaps in an effort to provide an appreciation for other languages and ways of life." St. Philippine observed that, "God does not require great achievements, but a heart that holds back nothing for self." Lisa Tebbe (ASH St. Charles 1980), who nominated Ani for the award, attests that "These words from our school's foundress epitomize Ani."

Indeed, as an Eighth Class student in St. Charles, Ani adopted these words as her mission statement. "I didn't realize how important that moment was, because now that quote has carried me through high school, through college, through the decision I made to leave the country and serve others," she said. "She doesn't require that we are successful in terms of money or have a lot of things or have a lavish lifestyle – it's that heart."

Though 230 miles removed from St. Charles, Ani remains attached to ASH St. Charles, volunteering at various fundraising events, helping launch a "Fund-the-Need" Tuition Assistance program and otherwise, stepping up cheerfully in aid of Alumni Coordinating Council efforts. "Ani holds our RSCJ in her heart and visits whenever she is able, lifting their spirits through her love and generosity," Lisa says. "Her heart is open and full and her natural inclination is to give, to serve — in the beautiful spirit of Maryliz deVito Lincoln's generosity and service."



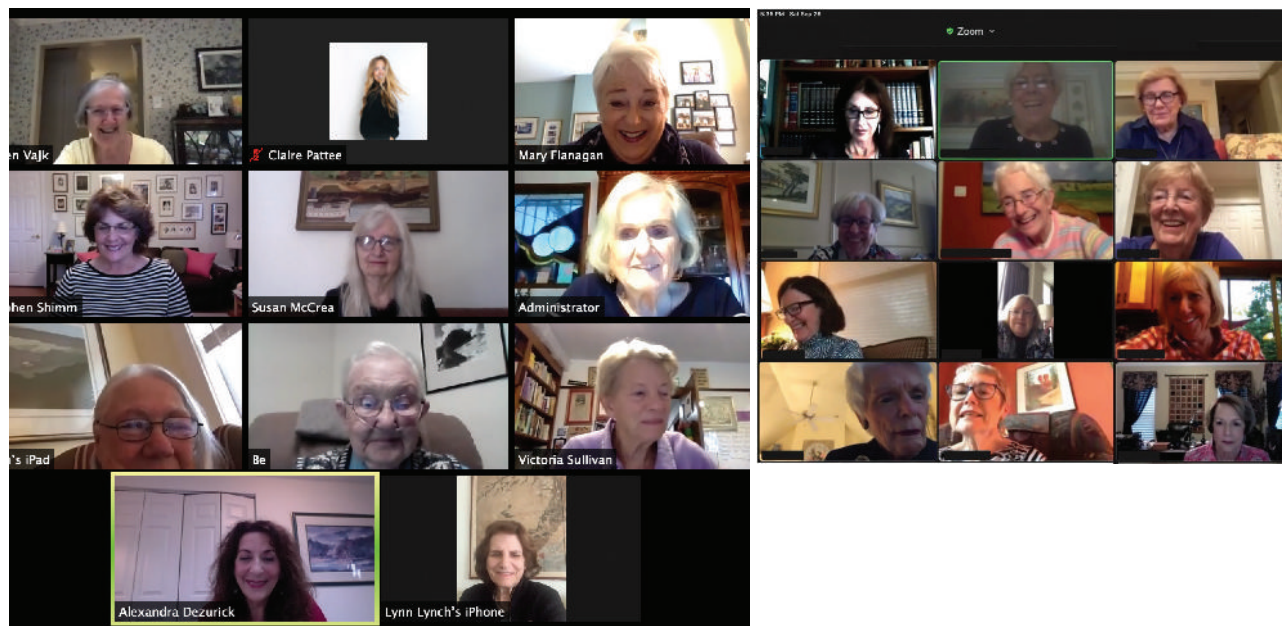
This award, given in memory of Maryliz deVito Lincoln, was established in 2007 to recognize an alumna or alumnus, 35 or younger, who has demonstrated outstanding support of and loyalty to her/his alumnae/i association. The winner receives an expenses-paid trip to the national conference.



Maryliz's joyful, exuberant, generous spirit was palpable. A graduate of Lone Mountain (1965), she became involved in her local alumnae association, then at the national level, ultimately serving as AASH president from 1999-2001, and internationally with AMASC (Association Mondiales des Anciens/nes du Sacré Coeur). She was a Child of Mary, an Associate of the Society of the Sacred Heart and a great friend of the RSCJ retirement community at Oakwood. "Her devotion to the Religious of the Sacred Heart and deep appreciation of her Sacred Heart education permeated her very being," says Olga Seiferth Rome, The Rosary '53 and AASH Past President.

Maryliz died in 2003 of an apparent heart attack. She is remembered as a kind, compassionate, fun, competent, courageous, loyal woman. Her generous bequest not only funds this award, but also is invested by AASH to be used for special needs.

Sadly, the pandemic meant many schools had to forego reunions last year. Luckily for us, a few held virtual events and sent screenshots or photos.



Broadway 60th Reunion

Woodlands 60th Reunion



Atherton Class of 1969 50th reunion photo with their former teacher and former Mistress General Sr. Marianna Torrano. Photo credit to Abel Sanchez, Golden Images. Alumnae are listed below.

Front: Elaine Saussotte, Peg Stickney, Cynthia Splatt, Piti Gurza-Witherow, Deanna Chan, Adreane Bellerone Maestrini, Janet Manini Manger, Meg Whalen, Pam Polsinelli Herrold, Loryn Kehoe-Ross
Middle: Denny Montgomery Evans, Lyn Jason Cobb, Lisa McCloskey Geserick, Mary Ann Giarusso McDonald, Marcia Furey, Sr. Torrano, Ruth Harrison, Susan McMorrow Oehlsen, Antoinette Dwan
Back: Sara Reese Hedberg, Kathy Cahalan, Janet Dyer Wildey, Susan Dyer Carey, Terry Lawler Greenwood, Molly Johnson, Ann Leishman



2 alumna were present for their 65th reunion — Class of 1954 Trudy Crampton Fabian and Deon Stenzel Bezaguet.

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Rhonda Raffi Meegan, President, Silver Spring, Md.

Rhonda is a graduate of Newton Country Day School (1971) and Newton College of the Sacred Heart (1975). She possesses an intimate familiarity with the inner workings of AASH, derived from her Board Membership since 2013, serving successively as Eastern Regional Director, Recording Secretary and Vice President. She has also contributed as North American liaison to the AMASC Board, AASH Representative for Newton College and as AASH Representative for the Boston Alumnae Association of the Sacred Heart. She served as a Director of the Boston AASH and carried the Sacred Heart torch as a Director of the Boston College Alumni Association. Rhonda was a founding member and Board Secretary of the Greater DC Area AASH and a member of the Boston AASH National Conference planning committee. Reflecting on Rhonda's decades of service, CASHA President Sarah Cassidy (Halifax 1976) calls her "hard working," with "excellent communication skills," and opines that Rhonda "is a team player that brings out the best in people." Sarah concludes that "She will be a fantastic President and her contributions will remain extraordinary."



Kate Devers Sawyer, Vice President, Los Angeles, Ca.

Employed in the Finance Department of The Cheesecake Factory, Inc. for a quarter century, Kate Devers Sawyer (91st Street 1986) travels extensively, assuring compliance with corporate standards and data security protocols in CF restaurants. She has served on the AASH Board since 2015, first as Western Regional Director and, for four years, as Treasurer. Rhonda Raffi Meegan (Newton Country Day 1971/ Newton College 1975) salutes her "extremely valuable expertise to each biennium." Kate has attended the 2012 Western Regional Conference and three (2013, 2015 and 2017) AASH National Conferences, as well as two AMASC Congresses (2014 and 2018). She made critical contributions to the 2006 reactivation of the Los Angeles AASH and served as Member of its Board until 2013. Living out Goal Three, Kate has served as a Big Sister with the Catholic Big Brothers and Sisters Community for more than a decade; and she has served for years as the ACS Relay for life Team Captain. "I am glad to be a Sacred Heart girl because of the pride we have," Kate says. "Our Sacred Heart education really sets us apart from the rest."



Sarah Mayer Wolf, Treasurer, Birmingham, MI

Sarah Mayer Wolf (Bloomfield Hills 2007) earned her Bachelor of Science in actuarial mathematics from the University of Michigan and works for Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan as an actuary and manager. She and her four sisters, including Emily, currently Chair of the Bloomfield Hills Board of Trustees, are their family's fourth generation of Sacred Heart women. Herself a member of the Bloomfield Hills Alumnae/Alumni Board, Sarah previously served as its Recording Secretary and currently shares the Social Chair position with classmate Kate Steigerwald Movitz. "They've done an incredible job bringing together younger Alum," says Stephanie Chaczyk (Bloomfield Hills 2007), adding that "As a professional in the Actuarial Sciences industries, [Sarah] is perfect for this role [as Treasurer]. Not only is she qualified in reviewing balances of AASH's financial portfolio, she's also trustworthy and a pleasure to work with."

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Linzee Evans Lagrange, Recording Secretary, Grand Coteau, La.

Linzee Lagrange (Grand Coteau 1979) has served her alma mater as Alumnae Board member for 19 years, including 16 as Treasurer and 3 as Board President. She has served Grand Coteau as Director of Alumnae for over 10 years. One of her favorite occasions is Alumnae Weekend, when alums come back to Grand Coteau, sometimes for the first time in many years. "I love to share in their happiness of just being back on our beautiful, holy campus," Linzee says. At the national level, she has served as Corresponding Secretary for the past 2 bienniums. At both the local and national levels, Linzee made what Roselie Bellanca Posselius (Grosse Pointe 1973 /Bloomfield Hills 1977) calls "a unique and highly valuable contribution," her facility with social media. "We are currently working during challenging times, focusing our efforts to change the tools we use to support our Mission" Roselie said. Linzee agrees, declaring social media "a great tool to reconnect with alumnae/I throughout the world," adding "[it's] also very helpful with spreading the word" among a busy, busy audience.



Stephanie Chaczyk, Corresponding Secretary, Sterling Heights, Mi.

Stephanie Chaczyk (Bloomfield Hills 2007) a Michigan State University Alumna, and current graduate student at the University of Detroit Mercy, has been serving AASH at the national level since 2019 as Recording Secretary. As she pursues her Masters of Business Administration, Stephanie also is proudly employed in business development and marketing with an enterprise in business since 1908. She remains active at Bloomfield Hills, and is the current President of the Alum Board. She also sits on the Board of Trustees and Advancement Committee. Serving her alma mater, Stephanie has for many years been a participant in Community in Action Day, practicing commitment to community service, and Goals and Criteria of Sacred Heart education. As illustrated by her continuing, granular service at alumni events, leading by example is important to Stephanie. As Recording Secretary, she has been leading efforts to get the Association's presence on social media platforms up to date and otherwise getting its presence into the 21st Century with grace and skill. Her latest involvement includes working with the National Conference Board for the 2021 conference in Detroit.



Andrea Briefs-Ferris, Central Regional Director, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

Andrea says "The Sacred Heart education and formation was a privilege and a blessing to both me and my 3 children." All four have attended her alma mater, Bloomfield Hills. She was a member of the Class of 1975, and volunteered in the admissions office while her children were in school there. In addition to her election to the AASH Board in 2019, she served multiple terms on the Bloomfield Hills board, including a current stint as President. "Sacred Heart values are the underpinning of how I try to live my life," she says. An Oncology Nurse Navigator for breast cancer patients and recipient of a Masters Degree in Health Services Administration, she participates in cancer awareness community events and annual walks. Additionally, she is called upon to make presentations for community and continuing education events, advancing awareness of the importance of advance care planning and other healthcare issues. Andrea's belief is that "The Sacred Heart school network is unique in its core values and in its expanse across the globe," and more than worthy of her continued service.

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Maria Asteinza, Eastern Regional Director, Forest Hills, NY

Eastern Regional Director Maria Asteinza has been on the Board since 2019 and 91st Street's representative to AASH since 2015. She is committed "to paying back for all that her Sacred Heart education gave her." Employed in Education since 1994, Maria is currently Director of Communications at the French-American School of New York. Earlier, following her education at Williams College, Maria had been involved in an eclectic array of enterprises, including New York's Alliance for the Arts and CBS Sports' 1992 Winter Olympics advance and broadcast teams. Maria's community contributions have included service as a Reach the World Advisory Board Member, mentoring a non-profit on the use of technology in New York public schools. For two decades she has assisted preservationist organizations, the Dyckman Farmhouse Museum and the King Manor Museum. She attended her first AASH conference in 2009 and has been a regular attendee at National Conferences and AMASC congresses, establishing bonds with Sacred Heart Alumnae all over the world.



Charla Niccoli Dziedzic, Southern Regional Director, St. Charles, Mo.

Charla Niccoli Dziedzic (ASH St. Charles 1975) has given years of service to the Sacred Heart family, most recently as President of the ASH St. Charles Alumni Board. As an Alum, Parent and Past-Parent she has chaired annual fundraisers, served on Mums of Alums at Villa, chaired the ASH St. Charles Bicentennial Committee and pitched in dependably on projects as they came up. "[S]ome days I forget she is a volunteer, as she is here so often working for our school," says ASH Alum Director Lisa Tebbe (ASH St. Charles 1980). "Charla's attention to detail, analytical nature and dedication make anything she undertakes successful." Her abiding goal is to make Philippine more known to the wider community. Accordingly, in addition to her dedicated service to ASH and Villa, where her daughter, Rose, attended, Charla volunteers regularly at the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, the USO and Birthright. "Her organizational skills, follow-through, excellence in communication and thoughtful decisions are gifts," according to Lisa, that make Charla "ready, willing and able to serve AASH!"



Marcia Tufarolo, Western, Regional Director, Seattle, Wa.

Marcia Tufarolo (Forest Ridge 1973) calls her 2019 – 2021 term as Western Regional Director, "a fun and rewarding experience. It has been so nice to develop relationships with the members across the western region and to meet so many Sacred Heart alums." Twice a member of the Forest Ridge Alumnae Board, Marcia became her Class Agent, working to maintain class members' contact with the school and among themselves, and has been active in reunion coordination and fundraising. Her attendance at the AASH National Conference in 2017 induced Marcia to serve since then as Forest Ridge AASH representative and to return for the Association's 2019 Conference. Lauded as an outstanding mentor and tutor of enrollees in Year Up, an innovative program giving urban young adults increased opportunities to succeed in college and in real careers, Marcia is also active in the ministries of her Seattle parish, including the St Martin de Porres shelter monthly food preparation program and as a post hurricane Katrina volunteer in Biloxi Mississippi, where she assisted families in need.



Deborah Newhouse Dunham AASH Ambassador, Annandale, Va.

Deb is a certified aging-in-place specialist and geriatric case manager in the Washington, D.C., area. Over time, she has had a variety of professions which allowed her to serve on international, national and community boards of directors. From 2007-2013, she served as a Board Member for her alma mater, Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart in Houston and served two terms as AASH Southern Regional Director before her assignment as AASH Engagement Ambassador. In this time of fewer Sacred Heart Sisters, fewer schools and a growing number of Alums in the US and Canada, she advocates within the Sacred Heart Community for alumnae/i engagement with our Association. Her extensive dialogue with local Sacred Heart associations "has given me," she says, "great insight into the uniqueness of each association... and their commonality is that everyone is delighted to be together and have total fun!" She adds, "The Sacred Heart is still my moral compass and a large part of who I am, for which I am grateful and lucky!"

SACRED HEART CONNECTIONS

Betsey Beckman

50 Years to Celebrate!

*The Great Hall stands empty now.
Long past are its years of fame.
Seldom are there visitors here,
but those who come, cherish its name.*

*"What great hall do you speak of?" you say.
"What building could you possibly mean?"
'Tis the silent old Sacred Heart,
the lovely old Sacred Heart,
which now stands alone on the hill."*

This is a poem I wrote at 13, not long after my last days at Sacred Heart in Cincinnati, just as I and twenty other classmates finished our 7th grade. The school, founded in 1869 and otherwise known as Clifton, closed its doors one hundred and one years later, in 1970. It was a heart-wrenching experience for us to have traveled with our little band of girlhood friends to the cusp of teen years, only to be cast asunder to an array of other schools.

Since 1970, the gorgeous building of the old Academy of the Sacred Heart has been renovated into some very innovative condos. The main chapel has become a living room, the curved dome of the cupola is now a master bathroom, and the hand-carved wooden ceiling lifts up over a loft bedroom. Curiously, my cousin's family has recently moved into this setting, and now lives in the chapel space where many of us received our First Communion over 50 years ago.

When I learned of this connection to the "Great Hall", I felt the nudge to call together my classmates for a 50-year reunion! With the help of one of my besties from 7th grade (Amy MacConnell Templeton,) and the help of Facebook and more, we were able to track down most of our class members from that era.

With the onset of COVID, we resorted to gathering on Zoom. I was able to find my uniform from 7th grade and fit into it (sort of!) I had the joy of creating a slide show – "Sacred Heart Then and Now", integrating photos of the building and our classmates into a retrospective. We were even able to find our 7th grade teacher, Sr. Mary Hagele, RSCJ, and were all touched to hear that she has been praying for us every day for the past 50 years!

Besides mining hilarious memories, we also were able to honor the powerful foundation that we all shared. Our experience of being nurtured in the values of community, kindness, inclusivity, prayer and service were named by many. We lifted our signature cocktails designed for the occasion (topped off by strawberries halved in the shape of a heart) to toast to our foundational memories as children of the Sacred Heart.

At age 63, I wrote a new poem, which we read as our closing prayer. I share it here as a taste of "goûte" for this joyous occasion. Here's to the next 50!



Sacred Heart Prayer

*Those were simpler days,
when white gloves kept us safe,
congés kept us happy,
primes kept us good,
and prayer kept us holy.*

*In our saddle shoes and blazers,
we learned, we played,
we high-jumped, we sang,
we curtsied, we crowned Mary,
we wandered together, protected
in a field of two hearts
encircled, ablaze.*

*For five decades,
our hearts have been tested,
tried, emboldened, enlarged,
broken open, embraced.
O Sacred Heart,
may we return in love,
may we open in love,
may we walk always in love.*

Amen.

— Betsey Beckman

Betsey Beckman, a dancer, author, spiritual director, and video producer lives in the Seattle area and is the founder of The Dancing Word: Embodying the Sacred in Liturgy and Life. (www.thedancingword.com). Her slide show *Sacred Heart Then and Now* is accessible on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DP3IDU6_iKs&t=70s



*Betsey Beckman,
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