

2009 AASH NATIONAL CONFERENCE
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The 2009 National Conference of the Alumnae and Alumni of the Sacred Heart (AASH) will take place from Thursday, April 23 through noon Sunday, April 26, 2009, at The OMNI Hotel in Los Angeles, California with pre-tours scheduled for April 22nd and the morning of April 23rd.

BACKGROUND AND THEME

The Conference will be dedicated to St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, who in 1818 came to the United States as a missionary and founded the Schools of the Sacred Heart. She was canonized in 1988, and is one of the saints depicted in the tapestries of the Communion of Saints at the magnificent Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles. The Conference theme reflects her missionary work and philosophy: **“Missionaries of the Heart, Here to Make a Difference.”**

THE OMNI HOTEL AT THE CALIFORNIA PLAZA

The elegant OMNI Hotel is located at 251 South Olive Street, downtown Los Angeles. Detailed information about The Omni and information about AASH rates can be obtained through www.omnihotels.com, or by phone (213) 617-3300.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 22, 2009

1:00- 4:00 AASH Board of Directors Meeting

1:00 - 8:00 Registration

Daily: Selected hours Hospitality Suite
Selected hours Sacred Heart Boutique

Pre-tours see below

Thursday, April 23, 2009

Registration 9:00 - 5:00

1:00 - 2:45 Grand Opening of Conference: AASH General Session I, with P
Past Presidents Procession with school and association banners to
“Coeur de Jésus”
2:45 - 3:00 Break
3:00 - 4:00 Regional Meetings
4:15 - 5:15 Past Presidents Meeting, hosted by Marcie Amory
5:30 - 7:00 Screening of “Divining the Human,” documentary on the making
of the Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral Tapestries
7:00 Welcome Dinner at the Tesoro Trattoria with all-women Mariachis
entertainment

Friday, April 24, 2009

6:30 - 7:30 Kundalini Yoga
8:00 - 9:00 Continental Breakfast
9:00 - 10:15 Program on St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
10:15 - 10:30 Break
10:30 - 11:30 Seminar - Missionaries to Ourselves
12:00 - 1:30 Luncheon Dr. Mary Lyons, President, University of San
Diego on How USD Incorporated Sacred Heart Values
1:45 - 2:45 Missionaries through Mass Media and Film
2:45 - 3:00 Break
3:00 - 3:55 Missionaries as Volunteers and Missionaries in the Law
4:05 - 5:00 Missionaries at Home and Abroad, and
Young Missionaries Lead the Way
5:00 - 5:30 Free time
5:30 Leave for Hosted Dinners
6:00 Hosted Dinners at the Farmers Market at The Grove

Saturday, April 25, 2009

6:30 - 7:30 Kundalini Yoga
8:00 - 10:00 Free Time
10:00 - 11:30 Cor Unum Awards Liturgy - Cathedral
Cor Unum Award Recipients and Past Cor Unum Award
Recipients Procession with Con-celebrants, school and
association banners.
12:00 - 2:00 Cor Unum Awards Luncheon - The OMNI
2:00 - 3:00 Free time
2:00 - 10:00 Rose Boutique

3:00 - 4:30 AASH General Session II
4:30 - 6:00 Free Time
6:00 - 7:00 Gala Social Hour
7:00 - 10:00 Missionaries of the Heart Grand Gala and Silent Auction
“There’s No Business Like Show Business” Dessert Presentation

Sunday, April 26, 2009

6:30 - 7:30 Kundalini Yoga
8:00 - 9:00 Sunday Mass
9:00 - 10:00 Continental Breakfast
10:00 - 12:00 General Session III, Election of New Officers
1:00 Potential Day at the Races

SCREENING OF “DIVINING THE HUMAN”

This documentary is a beautiful telling of creating the tapestries depicting the Communion of Saints which adorn the Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral. One of the images on the tapestries is that of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne. These tapestries were created in California and electronically manufactured in Belgium. Watch ordinary men and women who modeled for the artist as these saints, become saintly before your eyes.

WELCOME DINNER, TESORO TRATTORIA, underwritten by the University of San Diego

The Tesoro Trattoria, which serves delicious continental and Italian cuisine, is located a few footsteps north of the north entrance of The OMNI. An indoor and outdoor setting boasts a beautiful “mist”ifying floor to ceiling waterfall. You will be entertained by an exciting all women Mariachi Band while you are welcomed to the Conference by President Marcie Amory and Sister Kathleen Conan, RSCJ, United States Provincial.

FRIDAY PROGRAMS AND SEMINARS

Friday’s seminars will begin with an informative yet entertaining presentation by Jane Shannon Cannon, Alumni Director of Academy of the Sacred Heart, St. Charles MO, about St. Rose Philippine Duchesne. The history of St. Philippine will include her missionary work with the Potawatomi Indians. Other seminars on Friday will address how we can be missionaries in our everyday lives.

HOSTED DINNERS (In place of Home Dinners)

Perhaps the most fun evening for our out of town guests will be our Hosted Dinners at The Farmers Market at The Grove. After informal dining at diverse restaurants with your hostesses, alumnae and alumni will be free to explore The Grove, a charming shopping center, with its beautiful dancing waters, specialty boutiques and the majestic The Grove Movie Theater.

KUNDALINI YOGA

Broadway CSH alumna, Elizabeth Bradley, volunteer Legal Counsel for the AASH Conference and Certified Kundalini Yoga Teacher, will present a specially developed curriculum for our alumnae and alumni. Incredibly, our research has discovered that Yogi Bhajan (RIP) who brought Kundalini Yoga to Canada and to the United States was an alumnus of the Sacred Heart in India!

COR UNUM AWARDS LITURGY, underwritten by the AASH Los Angeles Association.

The Cor Unum Awards Liturgy, during which the Cor Unum Awards will be presented, will take place at the magnificent Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral. A short walking distance away from The OMNI, the liturgy will commence with a grand processional display of association and school banners. Chris de Silva, a GIA published composer of liturgical music, will solo and conduct a Choir and Chamber Group of musicians as they perform “The Mass of St. Brendan,” and other of his compositions. Liz Bradley Helmick, Conference Chair, and Sandy Cassell Farrell, Conference Program Chair, will help lead the singing. Msgr. Lloyd Torgeson, Pastor of St. Monica’s Church, will celebrate the Mass.

COR UNUM AWARDS LUNCHEON

The Cor Unum Awards Luncheon will take place at The OMNI Hotel immediately after the Liturgy. Mary Jane Tiernan, (1961 SDCW) 2009 AASH National Conference Treasurer, will present the Invocation as a representative of the Associates of the Society of the Sacred Heart. The Keynote Speaker is yet to be confirmed.

HOSPITALITY SUITE - Underwritten the Arizona Association

The Hospitality Suite will be open at various times yet to be determined before and during the Conference. Western Region alumnae and alumni, in particular those from Arizona, will staff the suite. VOLUNTEERS INVITED

SACRED HEART BOUTIQUE

The Sacred Heart Boutique will be located right next to the Registration area, in the central hallway of the main Conference floor. T shirts with the beautiful Conference Logo will be sold next to the Registration Table. The Boutique will be open throughout the Conference at all hours of the day that those wanting to sell their items will be available to staff the table(s). All Sacred Heart ministries, schools and alumnae and alumni associations may sell goods. Each seller is responsible for his/her own finances and/or applicable sales taxes. Arrangements for space must be made prior to the Conference. Instructions to be provided.

ROSE BOUTIQUE

The Rose Boutique will have commercial vendors of specialty jewelry and gifts selling their wares with a percentage commission payable to the Conference to help defray expenses. It will be open only on Cor Unum Awards Saturday, commencing immediately after the Luncheon and will close after the Grand Gala. It will be located in the south foyer outside of the Grand Ballroom main entrance.

MISSIONARIES OF THE HEART GRAND GALA

The Missionaries of the Heart Grand Gala will be a dinner in The OMNI Grand Ballroom. A special award will be presented to The Christophers, which has exemplified our Conference theme since its inception in the 1930s. The representative accepting the award will present an address. The talk will include the history of The Christophers and the goals of the Christopher Movement by the founder, former Maryknoll missionary, Father James Keller (RIP). We were prompted to include the Christophers in our Conference by the comment in the Introduction to the Anniversary Edition of Father Keller's book, You Can Change the World, that the idea for the Christopher Movement, occurred, at least in part, during a talk that Father Keller gave at one of our schools:

“The thoughts behind the movement that would be known as The Christophers began to coalesce. They focused on the need for an individual concept of mission, and they were first developed most identifiably in a talk Keller gave at the **Convent of the Sacred Heart**

in Noroton, Connecticut, in the 1930s. He told the students there that each of them could personally do something, with the help of Jesus, to change the world for the better, adding that they could become “Christophers” -- Christbearers – in the process.” Ibid., at *xxiv*

The address is expected to include film clips of “You Can Change the World,” a film where Father Keller appeared with stars such as Ann Blyth, Loretta Young, Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, and William Holden. Also included will be excerpts of The Christophers’ TV programs, interviewing celebrities regarding the role played by their spirituality in their careers. Invitations to several notable celebrities will be extended to attend the Gala Dinner.

COST

The full registration fee will be similar to the charges of years past. Detailed information regarding the price of the full and partial registration costs will be posted on the www.aashnet.org on or before January 2, 2009.

PRE/POST TOURS

I. WEDNESDAY APRIL 22, 2009

WALKING TOUR: DISNEY HALL, CATHEDRAL, BOX LUNCH

Leave Hotel at 10:30 Walk to Disney Hall

10:45-11:30 Tour of Disney Hall

11:30-11:45 Free Time

11:45- 12 Noon Walk to Cathedral

12:00 Box Lunch

12:45 Organ Concert if available

1:30- 2:45 Tour of Cathedral (1 hr. 15 min. tour)

3:00 Return to Hotel

II BUS TOUR - DISNEY HALL, CATHEDRAL, NO LUNCH

Leave Hotel at 9:30 A.m.

9:45 -10:45 Tour Disney Hall

11:00-11:15 Bus to Cathedral

11:30-12:45 Tour Cathedral (1hr. 15 min.)

12:45-1:30 Organ Concert at Cathedral (if available)

1:30 Return to Hotel

III BUS TOUR Same as II, but with Mexican lunch - DISNEY HALL, CATHEDRAL, OLVERA STREET LUNCH

Leave Hotel at 9:30 a.m.

9:45 -10:45 Tour Disney Hall

11:00-11:15 Bus to Cathedral

11:30-12:45 Tour Cathedral (1hr 15 Mins)

12:45-1:30 Organ Concert at Cathedral (If Available)

1:30-2:00 Bus to Olvera Street via Hotel

2:00 Lunch at Olvera Street (Pre-selected Mexican Food Sampler)

(Short Time for Shopping for Mexican Curios) (If No Organ Concert

12:45 - 1:15 Shopping at Cathedral Gift Shop) 1:15 Driven to Olvera Street)

IV BUS TOUR TO RODEO DRIVE/BEVERLY HILLS AND WALK OF STARS/HOLLYWOOD

5:15 p.m. Leave Hotel

6:00 p.m. Arrive at Rodeo Drive - Chanel, Tiffany's, Bulgari, other International Boutiques, within 2-3 blocks Saks & Neiman Marcus,

7:15 p.m. Depart Rodeo Drive for Walk of Stars

7:45 p.m. Arrive at Walk of Stars/Hollywood - See exterior Chinese Grauman's Theatre, souvenir shops and Hollywood & Highland Shopping Center (everyone on their own for dinner)

9:15 p.m. Depart Hollywood

9:45 p.m. Arrive at OMNI Hotel

**IV THURSDAY
GETTY VILLA**

9:00 a.m.-9:45 Travel to Getty Villa

10:00 - 12 Noon Getty Villa

12 Noon to 1:00 Box lunch on bus on return to hotel

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