

February 1, 2005

Dear Sacred Heart Friends:

Greetings from Chicago, the host city to the 35<sup>th</sup> AASH National Conference! In a little more than ten weeks we will gather in my hometown at the Drake Hotel. Under the dedicated direction of **Conference Co-chairs Catherine Miserendino and Tami Rocha**, many of us in Chicago are busy with those last minute details here on the home front. However, there are still opportunities for those from afar. **All associations** in the Central region are encouraged to participate in some way so please consider contacting me if you or your association would like to be involved. This letter is filled with many conference details, reminders and news.

**CHICAGO CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS** - The 35th AASH National Conference **April 21–24, 2005** at the **Drake Hotel in Chicago** is quickly approaching. The theme is **“St. Madeleine Sophie’s Vision of Service--Living Our Legacy.”** Details can be found in the winter issue of *Esprit de Coeur*. The registration form can be downloaded and payment for the conference can be made on-line – [www.aashnet.org](http://www.aashnet.org)

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS AT THE DRAKE HOTEL** – Please know that all attendees **MUST** call The Drake at 1-800-55-DRAKE (1-800-553-7253) between the hours of Mon - Fri 7 AM to 8 PM CST or Sat & Sun between the hours of 9 AM - 5 PM. If you do not call during these hours you will be automatically routed to a Hilton (non Drake) reservation line and they will not have the AASH Conference listed. If you call during the hours listed above and the lines are busy you may be automatically re-routed to the Hilton system. Our group is listed under **AASH Conference** - the room rate is \$179.00 per room + tax (14.9%). Please note some of the double rooms are small rooms with twin size beds. I understand for approx. \$60.00 more you can ask for two queen size beds and the room has two bathrooms.

**PRE-CONFERENCE TOURS** - For those that plan to come in early to enjoy all the beauty of the Windy City there are two docent guided tours for you to experience on Thursday, April 21st. The first is **Jacqueline Kennedy: The White House Years at the Field Museum** getting you back in time to take in a guided tour of **Impressionist and Post-Impressionist Masterpieces at the Art Institute of Chicago**.

**ESSAY CONTEST DEADLINE REMINDER** – All Heads of School received a reminder notice that the deadline for submission of student essays is **February 15<sup>th</sup>**.

**HOME DINNERS** – If you know of alums in the Chicago area that you think would be interested in hosting a home dinner, please contact either Kiki Rothing or Maria Wanamaker **by February 15<sup>th</sup>**.

**PARADE OF BANNERS** - The liturgy committee plans to use banners from each association during the processional on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please send your banners and pole to Barat Education Foundation 700 East Westleigh Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045 - **ATTN: BANNERS FOR AASH by April 1<sup>st</sup>**.

## **UNDERWRITING & SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES –**

**Cor Unum Ads** – A great way to recognize recipients of the Cor Unum and/or Women of Conscience Award, please contact Deb Wells @ [debbie.wells@shschicago.org](mailto:debbie.wells@shschicago.org) in the subject write, **“Cor Unum Ads”**. Full-page ads are \$100.00. Deadline for copy is March 15<sup>th</sup>. **Tote bags** – if your school or association has an item for the tote bags, please contact - Susan Halle @ [ehalle@msn.com](mailto:ehalle@msn.com) in the subject write, **“AASH tote bags”**. We are estimating 250 attendees. Please know that your association’s help in underwriting or donating towards the conference would be greatly appreciated.

**REGIONAL REPORTS DUE APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>** – Each association is being asked to forward a written report to me by April 1<sup>st</sup>. I ask that the AASH representative follow this simple format when sending in their report - Association Name, Officers, Annual Events and list New Programs. There will be a regional meeting on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, all reports will be consolidated for our region and will be included in your packet. The meeting time will be spent sharing ideas as well as appointing a representative from our region to be on the nominating committee for 2007-2009.

**LIVING OUR LEGACY SERVICE PROJECT** - Please note on page 7 of the winter issue of *Esprit de Coeur* that there is a wonderful opportunity for all alumnae/i to participate in and that is a **Book Drive** to benefit **Josephinum Academy** (all girls, Grades 6-12), and **Children of the Sacred Heart**, a neighborhood outreach, parent education and support project of Sacred Heart Schools at Sheridan Road. Your association can send in books ahead of time as we are looking for new or gently used books for readers 0-3 and multicultural fiction for high school girls. Gift certificates are welcome too as long as they are from a Chicago based bookstore. For further info, contact Sally Sharp @ [sally.sharp@shschicago.org](mailto:sally.sharp@shschicago.org) in the subject write, **“Book Drive”**.

**RESOLUTIONS REMINDER / VOTING PRIVILEGES** - On Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> after the closing breakfast at the Drake Hotel we will conclude the 35<sup>th</sup> AASH conference with general session III. **Please review the proposed resolutions listed on page 6 of the winter issue of *Esprit de Coeur* and get your associations input on them before coming to the conference.** You may also submit other resolutions for consideration. Because time will be short it would be helpful if associations prepared the wording of their resolution before the conference. Also, you should be prepared to present it, defend it and gather signatures on it before submitting it to the resolutions chair at the conference. Each association in good standing has two votes. **Please select members from your association who will be staying till the end of the conference as you are allowed up to two delegates and one alternate.** The conference registration form has a space where registrants can indicate if they are acting as a delegate or alternate for their association, but we would also appreciate it if the AASH rep or association would submit those names in advance of the conference to the AASH National Office: [aashnatl@aol.com](mailto:aashnatl@aol.com) or 888 622-7421.

## **Now on to other AASH news and updates...**

**ASSOCIATION DUES REMINDER NOTICE** - A reminder that dues notices have been sent to all associations. Payment of dues is necessary in order to have full voting privileges at the upcoming National Conference. Please be sure to check and see that your dues are paid.

**AMASC WORLD CONGRESS** – Mark your calendars for **April 23–28, 2006** in New Orleans. This is sure to be a spectacular world gathering and one that we are honored to be hosting in the United States - the first time since 1980! I encourage you to visit the AMASC site for details. <http://www.amasc-sacrecoeur.org/studyplan.shtml>

**CHILDREN OF MARY (EdM) GROUPS** – If your association or school is fortunate enough to have a Children of Mary group, please send the name of the moderator, president and/or contact person along with their address, phone and email (if applicable) to **Olga Rome, President of AMASC** @ [orome@rowleygroup.com](mailto:orome@rowleygroup.com). Olga has a special need for their support for the world conference of alumnae/i in New Orleans in 2006.

**NEW PROVINCIAL NAMED FOR THE US PROVINCE** - Beginning in August 2005, **Kathleen Conan rscj** will become the provincial of the United States Province, succeeding **Kathleen Hughes rscj**, who has served as provincial since 1999. Sister Conan, presently of Chicago, was appointed by the General Council of the Society of the Sacred Heart in Rome, based on extensive consultation with members of the U.S. Province.

**HANDBOOK AND DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS – PLEASE NOTE:**

Below are a few changes/corrections to be made in your AASH Handbook and Directory:

**Pg. 2.7** - Add - Lenore Thomas Stoddart (Mrs. John J., Jr.)

**Pg 2.22** - Manhattanville Alumni Association –  
Alumni Director - John Galgano, Email: [galganoj@mville.edu](mailto:galganoj@mville.edu)

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Dr. Mary Magnano Smith. – [smithmary.fac@forestridge.org](mailto:smithmary.fac@forestridge.org)

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Please keep **April 1<sup>st</sup>** in mind, as it is the deadline for many items listed above - no fooling! Looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you in Chicago!

Warm regards,

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AASH Central Regional Director