

Regional Letter August 27, 2001

Dear Association Presidents, AASH Representatives, Alumnae/i Advisors and School Directors:

Greetings from Seattle! I hope you are all enjoying the last few days of summer with rest and relaxation. My summer has been a busy one. At the end of June the new AASH Board of Directors gathered in St. Louis, Missouri for our first board meeting. While the meeting was very productive, the highlight of the trip for me was our visit to the shrine of St. Philippine Duchesne in St. Charles. It was wonderful to see the chapel and the surrounding area, which serves as a tribute to this wonderful woman.

We covered a host of topics at the June Board Meeting, and I have the following updates for you:

#### Update from the RSCJ Provincial Team

During a meeting with the board, Sr. Paula Toner reiterated the Provincial Team's interest in ongoing collaboration with AASH and the Network of Sacred Heart Schools. She explained the Mission Statement of the Society, United States Province, and discussed the General Chapter 2000 document. Sr. Toner referred to the needs of the Third World countries, especially Africa. The worldwide RSCJ community will focus on social justice for those who do not have a "voice".

#### AASH Website

Please encourage all of your members to visit the AASH website at [www.aashnet.org](http://www.aashnet.org). A special emphasis has been placed on the College Networking portion of the website. Sacred Heart alumnae/i attending college can use the website to research grants and loans, connect with fellow Sacred Heart alums in college, and to communicate via an electronic threaded discussion with other alumnae/i. The AASH website, and especially the College Networking section, can be a valuable resource to our members. Alumni directors have assisted the AASH National Office by providing current information on our most recent Sacred Heart graduates.

#### AASH Handbook Updates

AASH Handbook update forms soon will be sent to all AASH Reps. Please complete the form and return it to the AASH National Office by October 15, 2001.

#### Harris Directory

A limited number of copies of the AASH National Directory 2000 are available through the Harris Publishing Customer Service Department, which can be reached at 1-800-877-6554.

#### Annual Appeal Letter

The Annual Appeal Letter will be mailed through the AASH National Office in the Fall. Please keep an eye out for it, as your donations help keep our AASH programs running at full speed.

## AMASC

The AMASC (World Assoc. of Sacred Heart Alumnae/i) Congress will take place April 14-19, 2002 in Sydney, Australia. The Congress programme will be mailed by the AASH National Office to AASH members listed in the small red AASH Handbook and Directory. The programme has also been posted on the AMASC website at [www.amasc-sacrecoeur.org](http://www.amasc-sacrecoeur.org). The theme of the conference is Matters of the Heart: Reconciling ourselves with our world, and in the words of AMASC President Trish Burns, the conference will “help us all build a better world through greater understanding and unity.” We count on you to inform your associations about this opportunity.

## Regional Conferences

The Regional Conference Chairs are arranging the venues for regional meetings:

Central Region: October 25-27, 2002 in Cincinnati, OH

Eastern Region: October 18-20, 2002 in Albany, NY

Southern Region: February 15-17, 2002 in Galveston, TX

Western Region: October 11-13, 2002 in Seattle, WA

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Fondly,

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