

February 8, 2005

Dear Sacred Heart Friends:

Greetings from Arizona, I'm sure all of us in the Western Region are happy to be approaching Spring so hopefully we can put the rains, mudslides, wind and snow behind us. I hope none of you suffered damage or injuries. This letter is filled with news of our upcoming National Conference in Chicago. I know many of you are planning to attend and it should be a great program. I look forward to seeing you there. Please remember to mail your association reports to me by April 1st. This is outlined in more detail in paragraph 9.

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, or you can register on-line.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS AT THE DRAKE HOTEL – Please know that all attendees MUST call The Drake at 1-900-55-DRAKE (1-800-553-7253) between the hours of Mon. – Fri. 7AM to 8PM CST or Sat & Sun between the hours of 9AM – 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 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 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 15th.

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 15th.

PARADE OF BANNERS – The liturgy committee plans to use banners from each association during the processional on Saturday, April 23rd. Please send your banners and pole to Barat Educational Foundation 700 East Westleigh Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045. Attn: Banners for AASH by April 1st.

UNDERWRITING AND 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 in the subject, write: “Cor Unum Ads”. Full page ads are \$100.00 Deadline for copy is March 15th. Tote bags – if your school or association has an item for the tote bags, please contact: Susan Halle @ 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 1st – Each association is being asked to forward a written report to me by April 1st. 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 22nd, 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 and 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 in the subject write, “Book Drive”.

RESOLUTIONS REMINDER / VOTING PRIVILEGES – On Sunday, April 24th after the closing breakfast at the Drake Hotel, we will conclude the 35th 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 until 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 an 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 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 (EdEM) 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. 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

New emails:

Dr. Mary Magnano Smith – smithmary..fac@forestridge.org

Mary B. Flaherty, RSCJ – flaherty.maryb.fac@forestridge.org

Patty Sullivan Stanford – stanford.patty.fac@forestridge.org

Please keep April 1st 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!

Fondly,

Sally Anderson
AASH Western Regional Director