

July 15, 2004

Dear Friends in the Sacred Heart,

I hope you are enjoying your summer. It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Regional Conference in San Diego, new and old faces. I'm sure all of you will agree with me that Pat Boer and her committee staged an outstanding weekend. The settings at the hotel and on the USD campus couldn't have been lovelier. The speakers were awesome and the morning prayers and Mass so inspirational. Our thanks and congratulations to the San Diego alums for a magnificent job!

Now, on to other AASH news . . .

COR UNUM AWARDS Watch for the nomination form for our 2005 Cor Unum Awards in our next *Esprit de Coeur*. This is your chance to recognize an outstanding alumna/us to be honored at our Biennial Conference in Chicago April 21-24, 2005. One award winner is chosen from each of our four regions. The nomination form will also be available on-line, so be sure to visit www.aashnet.org. The deadline for nominees is October 1, 2004.

AASH BOARD NOMINATIONS Do you know who would like to become more involved as a Board member of AASH? We are looking for women and men to join the 2005-2007 National Board. Please be thinking of potential Board members and watch for a special mailing from our AASH past president and nominating committee chair Nancy Agnew. The deadline for nominations is September 30, 2004.

NEW NATIONAL DIRECTORY We are currently working on a new national directory published by Alumni Memories. You may recall receiving a mailing to update your information. Please encourage your alums to log on to www.aashnet.org or complete and return your form as soon as possible. As you know, this resource is only valuable if we have the most up-to-date information possible.

AMASC WORLD CONGRESS Olga Rome, AMASC President, and her team are busy preparing for the AMASC Congress April 23-28, 2006 in New Orleans. This is sure to be a spectacular world gathering and one that we are thrilled to be hosting in the United States – the first time since 1980!

To prepare for this momentous occasion for sharing in the spirit of the Sacred Heart, Kathleen Simon, AMASC Study Plan coordinator, is compiling responses to the Study Plan question "How would your life be different if you had not received the gift of our Sacred Heart education?" She is in the process of collecting the responses from around the world and looks forward to great support from the United States. If your association has yet to respond, kindly do so as soon as possible.

APPEAL FROM THE SOCIETY OF THE SACRED HEART All of our alumnae/I will be receiving a critical appeal from the Society of the Sacred Heart to help cover the deficit in their operating budget as well as to help build their endowment. As children of the Sacred Heart, this is a unique opportunity for us to give back to the women who gave so much to us. The AASH Board has approved a gift of \$,500 to be matched by the Barat Educational Foundation, Lake Forest, Illinois who has offered a \$250,000 challenge grant. Your gift will help to express our gratitude to our beloved RSCJ.

MBNA CREDIT CARD The MBNA credit card is a significant source of income for AASH. Last year we earned \$21,603.77! To apply for a credit card, visit aashnet.org. With every purchase you make, you'll be helping to support AASH.

SUMMER REUNION PROJECT Unfortunately Sr. Marie Wolfington's Summer Reunion Project in LaBelle, Florida July 13-18 for alums who participated in service projects while they were students in Network schools was canceled due to low attendances. Please continue to pray for our Sacred Heart students who are participating in Network Summer Service Projects across the country.

REGIONAL CONFERENCES. . . MAKE A NOTE AND JOIN US!

WEST: The Western Regional Conference "Forging Frontiers of the Heart" was held in San Diego, California June 25-27. More than 140 attended this beautifully planned event. Kudos to the committee members for all their hard work.

SOUTH: The Southern Regional meeting, "Challenges to the Heart in the 21st Century," will be held in Lafayette, Louisiana October 1 and 2, 2004. The Alumnae Association in Grand Coteau will host the meeting.

CENTRAL: The Bloomfield Hills and Grosse Pointe Academy alumnae groups will host the Central Regional Conference in Detroit, Michigan October 8-10, 2004.

EAST: The Greenwich Alumnae Association will host the Eastern Regional Conference November 12-14, 2004 on the beautiful Convent of the Sacred Heart campus.

CHICAGO CONFERENCE UPDATE Be sure to mark your calendars now and plan to join us for the 35th AASH National Conference April 21-24, 2005 at the Drake Hotel in Chicago. Our theme is "St. Madeleine Sophie's Vision of Service – Living Our Legacy." Co-chairs Catherine Miserendino and Tami Hoekstra along with their committee are putting together a conference that you won't want to miss. The program will highlight our schools in the area: Barat College, Woodlands Academy, Sheridan Road and Josephinum. And you'll want to come early for the pre-conference "Breakfast at Tiffany's" and stay an extra day for a taping of the "Oprah Winfrey Show."

AASH GIFT SHOP IS GOING . . . KEEP IT GROWING! Don't miss out on selling your gift items on the AASH website www.aashnet.org. Currently items are available from St. Charles, Grand Coteau, Bloomfield Hills, Broadway in San Francisco, Villa Duchesne – City House, Barat College of DePaul University, the Shrine of St. Philippine Duchesne, Neighborhood Artisans as well as the AASH National Office. This is an easy way to increase your opportunities to sell items you alumnae/i around the country to purchase Sacred Heart memorabilia. Just call Jeanne O'Fallon at our national office toll free at 1.888.622.7421 and she will be happy to walk you through the process.

AASH COLLEGE CONNECTION Please remind your recent graduates about the AASH College Connection at www.aashnet.org – a great way for Sacred Heart alumnae/I to connect as they begin college. This is an invaluable tool with a database of all Sacred Heart alums currently in college, a college life discussion area for alums to interact with one another and links to on-line resources for loans and grants, study tips and college life issues. The 2004 college data will be posted when the AASH Office receives names and college destinations for graduates of Doane

Stuart, Newton Country Day, Bryn Mawr, Greenwich, Broadway and Atherton. Your help in getting this information to AASH is greatly appreciated.

HANDBOOK AND DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS: Below are several changes/corrections to be made in your AASH Handbook and Directory:

Pg. 2.10 change address of Network of Sacred Heart schools to:
700 N. Third Street, St.Charles, MO 63301. 636.724.7003 (F) 636.724.4049

Pg. 2.12 Barat College Alumni Association President/Co-Chairwomen are:
Michele diCarlo Burgis (delete from AASH Rep) and Sarah Highstone.
Also delete Melissa Phillips Henderson as AASH Rep.

Pg. 2.19 Greenwich-Maplehurst AASH Rep Kristine Sekor Hooper replaces Adele O'Grady Botticelli as Alumnae President. Currently AASH Rep position is open. Stephanie Ashley replaces Barbara Kavanagh as Alumnae Director.

Pg. 2.22 91st Street Alumnae President is open; delete Mary DeLuca De Bourbon. Please add Alumnae Director Susan Burke, 212.722.4745, ext. 146, susanburke@cshnyc.org. Erin Reale is the Assistant Alumnae Director. Also delete Mary Ranney, RSCJ as Religious Moderator.

Pg. 2.29 Academy of the Sacred Heart Alumni President is Tom Smith, 320 Monroe Street, St. Charles, MO 63301. 636.946.4144 (F) 636.724.7632, sodamuseum@aol.com Maureen Glavin RSCJ replaces Margaret Caire RSCJ as Head of School. Her e-mail address is mglavin@rscj.org. Maryville University AASH Representative Rosemary Gidionsen has retired.

Pg. 2.33 Arizona Alumni President is Pam Snyder, POB 5820, Glendale, AZ, 85312-5820

Please stay in touch. I enjoy hearing from you all.

Fondly,

Sally Heffernan Anderson
Western Regional Director