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ecause she contemplated the world with the gaze of her pure heart, and always found God; because she faithfully adored his Presence in the Eucharist and in all things, and especially in persons, seeing the divine image, now the world sees in her the precious image of the Heart of God.

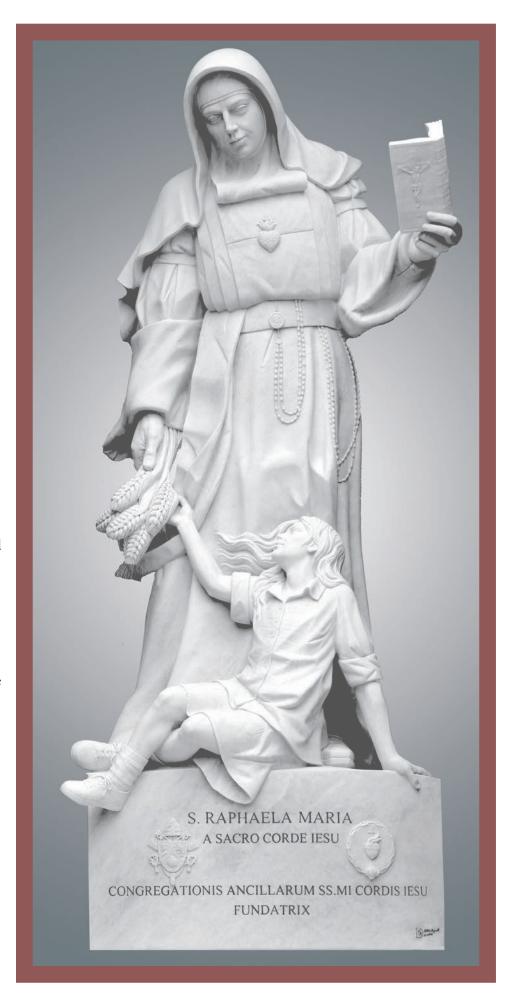
ecause she was misjudged and held in low esteem, and was able to forgive from her heart, loving everyone unconditionally - including those who misunderstood her - today Raphaela Mary is honored in the kingdom of heaven and loved by people on earth.

n the Church which she loved passionately, by the Vicar of Christ, whom she always venerated in life, she was proclaimed a SAINT on the twenty-third day of January of 1977.

oday we contemplate her statue, raised up as a symbol in the center of Christianity. From her modest vantage point, Raphaela continues to look lovingly on all the children of God. May her words resonate in us, words which speak to us of borders breached, of open hearts of universal brotherhood:

"How many children God has! Seeing the world stirs up one's zeal!"

Excerpted from the Proclamation at the unveiling of the statue of St. Raphaela Mary, (by Inmaculada Yáñez, aci). St. Peter Basilica, Rome, January 20, 2010.



Dear Friends,

It doesn't seem possible that I've already completed my first year as Chair of the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart Development Advisory Board. I had previously served a full term as a board member so with each passing year, I came to know and love the Handmaids and their mission that much more.



this Report).

they bring to their vocation. It has really been a life-changing experience.

I would like to extend recognition

My thanks to you on their behalf.



When I accepted the position as Board Chair, I wanted to create a legacy project that would have a significant impact on the Handmaids' future. I'm delighted to report that The Vocations Promotion Initiative has been designed and launched. It will provide the intelligence we need to develop and implement a strategic business and marketing plan to help increase Handmaids' vocations and the necessary donor support to effectively attract more young women to the Order. (You can read about it on page 12 of

As part of this three-year initiative, I have had the privilege of personally interviewing our Sisters on the Formation Team, six Formees, and most recently, a number of our Professed Sisters who were attending their Annual Review Conference at The Raphaela Retreat Center in Haverford. I have been so touched by their personal stories and the commitment, joy and love

to our Development Team and thanks to our generous benefactors for the tremendous success in our fundraising efforts this year. Our revenues have increased three-fold since 2010 which, given the state of the economy, is an amazing achievement. This support from our Annual Fund, Journey of Hope, Foundation Grants and other donations will allow the Handmaids to continue their good works in prayer and deeds.

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From the Provincial Superior

August, 2012

Dear Friends,

As we come to the end of another fiscal year, I am again filled with immense gratitude for all that has been given to the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the USA Province. The outpouring of support, both financial and other, as shown on the pages of this publication is a testament to God's goodness and yours.

Three years ago, when I began my most recent tenure as Provincial Superior of the USA Province, I remember my introverted tendencies coming to the surface and feeling somewhat anxious at having to meet many new people from within our Handmaid ministries and those beyond the safety net of "home." And while I am still an introvert, I have been blessed and filled with joy at having had the opportunity to meet and make so many new friends.

It is with this spirit of friendship and meeting new people that I extend to you the invitation to "Meet the Handmaids". Throughout the pages of this report, we have endeavored to give you a thumbnail version of who we are, where we are, and what we do. Some of our ministries such as Ancillae-Assumpta Academy and the Saint Raphaela Center have a specific and dedicated purpose. Others encompass a number of different outreaches and programs. But all serve with the same charism and mission of the Handmaids throughout the globe. Please take a look at our ministries and realize how very significant your help, support, and friendship are for our continued work.

In the words of our foundress, St. Raphaela Mary, "The heart of a Handmaid must not be limited to any particular number of people, but should reach out to the whole world." Thank you for taking our hands as we reach out to you.

With friendship, hope and love,

Frite Dorothy Beck acj

Sister Dorothy Beck, acj Provincial Superior HANDMAIDS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS, UNITED STATES PROVINCE

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Meet the Athens Community

Our ministry is one of reparation; building community solidarity, celebrating life, and promoting the physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being and wholeness of all.



Srs. Angela, Marietta, and Margarita were honored by their friends at a Mother's Day celebration in May, 2012.

Actress Kim Basinger and NFL Hall of Famer Fran Tarkenton are listed among Athens' most notables.

Athens, Georgia is part of Athens-Clarke County, and is comprised of 125 square miles. It is the eighteenth most populous county in the state, has a 30.8% poverty rate, and a median household annual income of \$36.254.

For many of the poor and disadvantaged living there, the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus have proven true to their calling in offering an Oasis - a haven, a harbor, a place of retreat. Their mission is to provide a place where English and Spanish speaking cultures can connect and enrich one another. And for the last decade, the Handmaids have helped build that connection...and more.

Partnering with the University of Georgia

Embracing the educational spirit and mission of the Handmaids, the Sisters have established a tutoring program in cooperation with the University of Georgia. Students who volunteer to tutor must complete a thorough orientation and make a commitment to a weekly schedule Last year's program had over two hundred tutors. The University also partners with the

Handmaids in providing and distributing 5,000 eggs weekly to families at the Oasis and surrounding areas. Surplus food distributions are also conducted. This year, University students assisted the Sisters through their "Dawg Camp Day of Service", organized by the school's CLS (Center for Leadership and Service).

Living in solidarity with the community

In addition to the educational mission, the three Handmaids who reside at Oasis Católico Santa Rafaela, (Srs. Angela Cordero, Marietta Jansen, and Margarita Martin, pictured above) lovingly serve the families through

Weekly Holy Hour of Adoration Sacramental Preparation Community Building Programs Special Celebrations and Fiestas

They also handle countless unpredictable emergencies and crisis interventions that can range from resettling a battered woman to providing a new roof for a very leaky trailer. Yes, Oasis offers a physical haven, but the Handmaids there give so much more.

HAVERFORD, PA St. Raphaela Center

Since 1957, when its doors first opened, St. Raphaela Center has been a place of peace, a sacred space nestled on nine beautifully appointed acres in Haverford, PA. From the beginning, the center's appeal was evident as its retreatants grew steadily, not only in number, but in their commitment and love for the center and its mission. This year, 8,000 individuals visited the center and took part in its offerings.

As a ministry of the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, its eucharistic mission of reparation promotes wholeness, peace and reconciliation with God, one another and all of creation.

Today, with an exquisite chapel, the center conducts daily exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and liturgy each morning.

A warm welcome and God's loving embrace await you.



he St. Raphaela Center offers a variety of retreat experiences including Individual, Twilight and Overnight, Weekend, Mid-Week/Weekend Directed, and 8-Day Directed Retreats. The center also conduct retreats for schools and other interest based groups, along with Days of Prayer.

Special offerings feature Women's Weekends, Centering Prayer, and Focusing groups. Spiritual direction, engaging in the contemplative process of examining one's daily life is also offered on an individual basis. Additionally, the center offers outreach opportunities for service based groups and offers a perfect, peaceful setting for business and corporate gatherings.

With a full compliment of retreat directors, including Srs. Kayjoy Cooper, acj, Carmen Cabrejos, acj, Margaret Scott, acj, Julie Grey, op, and Mary Carboy, ssj, St. Raphaela Center provides a respite for individuals and/or groups from various faith traditions who seek a time away to meditate, to contemplate and to pray within a quiet peaceful atmosphere.

Sr. Marie Heenan, RSM serves as the administrative assistant and Sr. Asunta Thanh as the center's business manager. While all of the Sisters in the Haverford community assist with the day-to-day tasks of the center, there are additional religious and lay personnel as well as a full contingent of committed volunteers who also staff it.



Sr. Margaret Scott welcomes visitors to the center.

Encountering the Handmaids in Miami, FL

The Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus who make up the Miami community have been serving the needs of south Florida for more than thirty-six years. Established in 1975 in response to an influx of Cuban refugees, today two of the Sisters (Sr. Dona DeMarco and Sr. Cecilia Chen) work in community based programs, while Sr. María Jesús Sagaseta continues to serve in pastoral ministry.

The Superior of the Community in Miami is a diminutive woman whose quiet demeanor should not be mistaken for passivity or reticence. She is by all accounts a woman of great strength and influence. Much like Mother Theresa of Calcutta, she shepherds those in her midst not so much by her words, but by her deeds. For Sister María Jesús Sagaseta, there is no other way.

Sr. María Jesús' work in pastoral ministry brings a sense of awe as she conducts retreats and prayer groups in the Handmaids home and Chapel. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and adoration is also available for the many Hispanics of the diocese who long for an opportunity to draw closer to the Lord. According to Sr. María Jesús, "The prayer group is the best tool for evangelization. Our prayer group is very alive and loves to praise God in song and spontaneous prayers of praise" But for her, the Scripture reading is the most evangelizing tool. "The word of God brought to illuminate our everyday life, with all it's difficulties and joys, is the most transforming and enlightening for peoples mind and hearts."

The enthusiasm and joy she brings to her ministry can only be matched by the similar sentiment one feels in witnessing the work of Sr. Dona. Alongside the Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd who sponsor Camillus House, a shelter for the homeless and those living on the street, Sr. Dona spends her days. Sorting and distributing the mail is just one of

the many routine tasks she performs. The larger part of her "work" comes with the message of reparation and compassion she conveys toward all. It is indeed life-giving as she counsels, listens, supports, nurtures, guides, and prays with those in her midst. In addition to the Brothers and Sr. Dona, there is a steady group of volunteers, all of whom are part of a very edifying spirit

families under the benefit provided by the Immigration laws that are available to them, and at the same time, lead them to experience God's providential love and care." The process of preparing the immigrants' cases involves counseling them in areas involving moral, marital, psychological, emotional and social aspects. Through her preparation, Sr.

"Our ministries are the same in number.

Have they changed in quality? Are we doing them with more love, more enthusiasm, more solidarity, more consciousness of our Spirit of Reparation, as our Decrees are urging us? That would be the question." - Sr. María Jesús Sagaseta, acj

of collaboration. Among the volunteers is the Archbishop Emeritus John C. Favalora who observes about Dona, "I can see that there is much more going on here than simply sorting mail." At Camillus House, Sr. Dona engages her clients in a meaningful and purposeful way, offering them a sense of dignity and purpose. Her mission - her ministry brings healing and hope for those who are marginalized, lost, and broken.

In a similar way, Sr. Cecilia, who works at Catholic Charities Legal Services also assists those who are struggling. "My ministry is not confined to assist people to obtain their legal status to remain in the United States. Rather, it is to reunite

Cecilia is able to grasp more deeply the complexity of human nature, and the unthinkable circumstances some face in their life's journey.

Almost always, her objective is achieving family reunification, making sure that individuals can continue to live together with their spouses, children and parents; away from the shadow of fear that at any moment they could be taken away and separated from their beloved family members.

As a Handmaid, what better way to repair the brokenness of society than to help bring about unity and wholeness?

Handmaids in Philadelphia, PA

Offering "Brotherly" and "Sisterly" Love

The Philadelphia Community answers the call to ministry in an extraordinarily diverse way.

Of the six Sisters in residence there, each is employed in a community setting where they daily bring the charism of the Handmaids to the workplace.

Sr. Betty Ann McDonald

has long been a presence at La Salle University in the School of Business Administration where she is an administrative assistant in the finance department and also works with the economics department. One of her joys is getting acquainted with new students each year, and having the opportunity to help them with the daily challenges of academic life.

Sr. Cam Banh

in her work through Catholic Social Services, is a counselor, social worker, teacher, and friend. Working largely with the Asian community, she is able to provide the counseling and support necessary in helping individuals to inculturate and feel more connected to the community. In addition, outside of her work with Catholic Social Services, she is also a passionate advocate for the Chinese Catholic community in Philadelphia.

Sr. Florentina Iruretagoyena

comes to Philadelphia after having served in the Atlanta, GA diocese in pastoral ministry. For the past nine years, she worked with the parishioners at the Cathedral of Christ the King, working closely with its Hispanic families.



Sister Maria Theresa works with a client at St. Edmond's Home.

Sr. Gloria Petrone

has always been a person to wear a number of hats. A former Ancilla Domini Academy (ADA) student, teacher and principal, Sr. Gloria, it seems, has always been involved in some aspect of Handmaid education. Today, her work in El Salvador proves that still to be true. While officially a member of the Philadelphia community, her work with Project FIAT takes her to El Salvador several times a year for extended periods of time. There she coordinates an ever growing program that among other things, offers assistance in educating Salvadorans in grade school, high school, and college.

Sr. Maria Theresa Nguyen

has for several years, been a member of the staff at Rosemont's St. Edmond's Home for Children. There, Sr. Maria Theresa works with severely physically and mentally challenged children and young adults. In caring for the needs of the residents Sr. Maria Theresa's ministry models the Handmaid core values of simplicity and compassion, and lives out the message of Christ's healing.

Sr. Julia Walsh

continues to reside and work as a translator in Rome.

Wyncote, PA

Ancillae-Assumpta Academy



Sister Maureen with a group of AAA students.

"Understanding the school's mission, the charism of the Handmaids, and the life of St. Raphaela Mary will become part of the school's formalized curriculum. This transformation will translate into actions that are rooted in compassion and words that are life-giving. The students will have many opportunities to embrace the mission that is connected with a Handmaid education...a mission that calls us to serve others and make a difference in our world and in their future."

- Sister Maureen Gillespie, acj, Principal

A Steady Growth

Established by the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in 1945, Ancillae-Assumpta Academy (AAA) remains the oldest ministry of the United States Province. Begun as a school that offered only kindergarten classes, AAA expanded first to Ancillae Academy, a school for girls, adding one grade at a time. In 1957, a boys school, Assumpta Academy was added, and by 1968 the two merged into what is known today as Ancillae-Assumpta Academy.

Tucked away in the suburbs of Wyncote, on the property once owned by *Saturday Evening Post* editor George Lorimer, the school has been recognized with national honors and awards on four separate occasions. It has also emerged as a leader in Catholic elementary education and has consistently earned accreditation from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

Looking Towards the Future...Renewing the Vision

In the Middle States reaccreditation process completed in 2012, the protocol, *Renewing the Vision*, paved the way for the school's establishing goals for improvement on the vision for a preferred future. One of those goals is to develop a more explicit and formalized curriculum based on the Handmaids, their charism, and their history.

While this has always been inherant to the educational structure at AAA, the goal now is to incorporate it with a greater degree of intentionality. Because the physical presence of the Handmaids has decreased (only five Sisters teach or serve in administration - hardly the number who began the school in 1945), it is more important now than ever before to emphasize the Handmaids, their charism, and their values.

"The teaching in our schools is more than a profession; it is a priestly function." - St. Raphaela Mary

Rest assured, however, as it always was and has been, "educating with love and for love" remains the intangible, but palpable and constant emphasis, reverberating in every classroom every day. Actualizing this and other aspects of the Handmaid charism through clearly established curriculum methods will provide the assurance that it always will.

(Srs. Kathy Gazie, Maureen Gillespie, Kathleen Helbig, Joy Payton, and Lyan Tri comprise the Handmaid faculty and administrators at AAA.)



Through the efforts of Sr. Gloria Petrone and the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Salvadorans have benefitted by the works of hundreds of individuals who volunteer their time "building" - not only structures and programs, but love and trust. Lynette Kyle coordinates the volunteer trips and assists in this vital effort. Just some of the "Projects in Motion" that are currently happening are:

Milk Program

assists malnourished infants

Food for the Elderly

provides beans, rice, sugar, milk, and coffee for abandoned and malnourished elderly

Food for Thought

offers children at least one meal a day in order for them to focus and learn material presented in class

Building of a Preschool/Kindergarten

in the village of Villa Zaragoza

Beca Program

sponsors scholarships for grade school, high school and college.

happiness in their families and friends. They delight in seeing the sun rise and set each day, ever hopeful in laughing, praying, and loving.

- Sara DeNault, Volunteer

The future belongs to...

They have their differences, for sure...
They hail from across the states, one each from Texas, Tennessee, Wisconsin, and Georgia; and two from California. Some are Americans by birth; others by immigrating here. A cross-sampling of the universality of the Handmaids, their heritage is multi-ethnic: Vietnamese, Chinese, Italian, German, and more.

The singlemost important common factor for each of them is their desire to become a Handmaid.

Sisters Oanh Vo and Michelle Cimaroli, novices in their second year of studies, Sisters Theresa Vu, Uyen-Chi Dang, and Jessica Kerber, junior professed sisters completing their third year of studies, and Sister Joy Payton, a sister of temporary vows. Energetic, vibrant, and confident, the six young formees who continue in their studies to become a Handmaid answer our prayers and hopes for what is to come.

Presently, at Villanova University, Srs. Theresa and Uyen-Chi are moving along in their theological studies - a priority of Handmaids around the world that corresponds to the Handmaids' desire that all the Sisters be well trained to engage faith and culture.

In addition to her academic work, Sister Theresa has taken on some collaboration in the ministry of Sister Mary Theresa Nguyen acj at St. Edmond's Home for Children. Previously, she had volunteered at a several hundred-client children's home and school in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Sr. Uyen-Chi continues her internet ministry, in particular connecting with women interested in knowing about the charism and mission of the Handmaids. Sr. Jessica remains in Madrid, Spain completing her studies at the Universidad Pontificia Comilas.

In Wyncote, Sr. Joy Payton continues to be a member of the faculty at Ancillae-Assumpta Academy, and is involved in translating the documents of the Congregation and compiling a history of the USA Province.



Handmaid formees visit the shrine of St. Raphaela Mary in Spain.

While there are many factors that point to the continued decline in religious vocations, one of the findings of Catholic Church leaders suggests a strong disconnect in communications and personal contacts between men and women in consecrated life with individuals with the potential to become priests and sisters.

After careful examination into the future of their own vocations promotion and formation program, the Handmaids have embarked on a three-year initiative in partnership with their Development Advisory Board.

The Vocations Promotion Initiative, begun in September 2011, focuses on developing and implementing a strategic plan to increase Handmaid vocations and focus on best practices in Vocations Promotion Ministry. Handmaids' Development Advisory Chair and Initiative Leader, Anita Alvaré provides her thoughts on the project: "We will be spending the better part of this year conducting interviews with the Handmaids and their supporters to better understand what attracts young women to the Congregation. The discussions we recently completed with both the formation team and the formees were filled with inspiring personal stories. We will be analyzing all of the information gleaned from the interviews to develop a fact-based strategic marketing plan designed to build awareness and increase vocations for the Handmaids over the next three years."

"I will lure her and bring her into the wilderness and speak tenderly to her...I will betroth you to me in faithfulness and you shall know the lord." Hosea 2:14, 20.

Sr. Oanh Vo Reflects On Her Journey to Chile

Although the biblical passage above was God's message to the Israelites, it could also refer to the apostolic experience Sr. Oanh felt for two and a half months in Tierra Amarilla, Chile. For there, she too, was brought into the wilderness, to a small town surrounded by one of the driest deserts in the world, and there, too, she encountered God each and every

day. It was within this encounter that Oanh felt God's presence stronger than ever and learned to surrender herself to His grace like never before, "I thought I had gone there prepared, but soon felt like a child being led by the Lord in this unknown place!" In the village she became aware of the difficult realities of those who live there each day. But at the same time, she saw her own poverty and limitations. In this Chilean experience, Oanh was transformed and found more humility, patience, and humbleness and felt God's love in a new uninhibited way. "I was shown how to see and feel more with the eyes of Jesus, and became more aware of the value of each person's unique experience and situations."

Oanh was certainly challenged by the experience, but felt grateful to be called a Handmaid. In this role she took on she felt gratified being in collaboration with Jesus in community, in the Church, and most of all in God's reparation of the world. She discovered from her time in Chile that all Handmaids share many qualities, most especially the contagious spirit, and joy. Even though the different languages, customs, and traditions; the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus share an untiring passion for Christ and



Sister Oanh with a group of children whom she taught catechism.

humanity. Oanh used St. Paul's words to summarize her experience "Glory be to him whose power working within us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine."

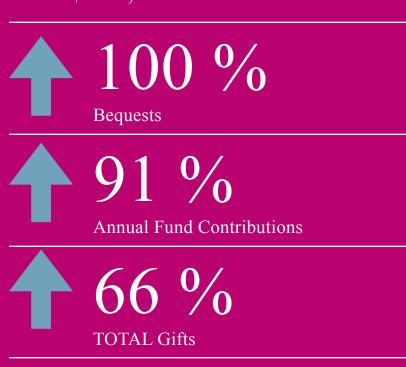
Sr. Michelle Cimaroli Shares Her El Salvador Experience

Folowing a brief trip to visit the Handmaid community in Miami, Sr. Michelle, accompanied by novice directress Sr. Sagrario Nunez, traveled further south to El Salvador. Once in El Salvador, they experienced the country both on their own as well as with a group of college student volunteers. Together they witnessed the strength and faith of the Salvadorian people through the story of a friend's painful experience during the decade-long civil war. Sister Sagrario commented that although they only heard one family's story, she could sense the same traits in all of her interactions with the rest of the people of El Salvador. During the rest of their trip, they worked with the volunteers on construction projects. However, they also enjoyed some free time and delighted in playing with the children of the country. Both sisters agreed that their experiences in El Salvador were profound and faith-filled and would color the way they viewed the world from that moment on. In the words of Sr. Michelle, "The best part of the entire journey was the feeling of being very much at home, even while far from it. At each destination, God's grace was present and it strengthened my desire to be available to go wherever I am needed and will be sent in my life as a Handmaid. Indeed Sister Sagrario's words emulate another Handmaid,

"I am the Handmaid of the Lord, let it be done according to your word." (Luke 1:38).

Year End Totals 2009-2010 Fundraising \$75,819 \$37,000 Grants \$7,013 Annual Fund TOTAL \$119,832 2010-2011 Fundraising \$145,490 \$71,000 Grants Annual Fund \$30,132 \$2,957 Novena of Mass Cards TOTAL \$249,579 2011-2012 Fundraising \$177,321 \$95,270 Grants Annual Fund \$57,677 Novena of Mass Cards \$4,630 Bequests \$42,360 TOTAL \$377,258

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We L vingly Remember Vivian Decker ~ September 2, 2011

Tall, distinguished, and regal in appearance, Vivian Decker was a single woman who spent her life doing good for others. One Sunday at her Miami parish of St. Martha's, she approached Srs. Kayjoy Cooper and Sagrario Núñez following an appeal they had made on behalf of the El Salvador ministry (Project FIAT). Without any hesitation, she handed them a very generous check. A stranger then, from that moment forward, Vivian quickly came to know the Handmaids, both as a donor and friend.

Her professional life was one spent as a bank executive in the Miami area, where she retired as the Sr. Vice-President of Marketing and Corporate Communications. The position suited her well, as she was considered by all who knew her as a warm, friendly, energetic and vivacious woman. An avid philanthropist, among Vivian's charitable causes were her alma mater, Barry University, St. Martha's parish, and many more. Prior to her death, Vivian included the Handmaids in her estate plans with a generous bequest.

At her funeral Mass, Vivian's nephew summed it up. "Aunt Vee lived in a constant state of giving." This sentiment was echoed by the pastor of St. Martha's who, when beginning the homily, commented that priests are instructed to talk about the Gospel, not the deceased. "The problem is" he said, "Vivian was the Gospel, from beginning to end. She lived it." Quite an extraordinary tribute to quite an extraordinary woman.

The Handmaids are honored and grateful for Vivian's gift of a bequest made to the USA Province.

In Mem riam

GRACE GALANTE

September 5, 2011

Through the generosity of the family of Grace (Fanelli) Galante, conributions in her memory were designated to the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, USA Province. The Handmaids deeply appreciate this gesture.

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JOHN AGOSTINE

March 9, 2012

Through the generosity of the family of John Agostine, conributions in his memory were designated to the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, USA Province. The Handmaids deeply appreciate this gesture.

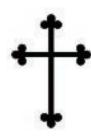
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Additional contributions honoring the memory of Colleen Ford, whose family requested memorials in 2010-2011 were made by Pat and Patricia Devine and Kathleen and John Engel.

Through these three memorial requests, a total of \$2,360 was contributed to the Handmaids during the 2011-2012 year.

May the souls of Grace, John, and Colleen rest in peace.



Journey of Hope 2012

The Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the USA Province Advisory Board hosted the *Third Annual Journey of Hope* at the Knowlton Mansion in Philadelphia on April 18, 2012.

Highlighting the dual theme of the 1960's and Handmaid hospitality, the event commemorated the fifty-year journeys of Consecrated Life celebrated by Sisters Kathleen Helbig, Maureen Gillespie, and Julia Walsh. Among the three hundred friends and family members in attendance were many current and former colleagues and alumni from the Handmaid's school in Wyncote, Ancillae-Assumpta Academy (AAA). Alumnae from the former Ancilla Domini Academy (ADA) were also in the audience, as were a number of families representing "legacy" (those with two generations of affiliation with the Handmaids.) The evening began with a prayerful welcome offered by Sr. Dorothy Beck, Handmaid Provincial Superior and was followed by a program that offered a comic reflection of the lives of Srs. Maureen, Kathleen, and Julia, and a very touching tribute to each of them.

Co-chaired by Mary Mealey and Mary Trautwein Breslin, committee members included:

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Program - Anita Alvaré, Beth and Jack Conroy, John DiBenedetto, Marian Dondero, Kathy Grim, Katie Helbig, Amy Lintner (AAA '82), Jim Murray, Lori Peruto, Peggy Seydow, Carol Thomas, Eileen Wolpert, and Mary van-Zyverden (AAA '79)

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"Generosity lies less in giving much, than in giving at the right moment."

Jean De La Psruyere



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| Designations | Grants | Annual Fund | Other |
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| Unrestricted | | 16,840 | |
| Non-restricted Ministry | | 275 | |
| Province Fund | | 20,500 | 42,360 |
| Formation | 49,000 | 3,525 | |
| Aged and Infirm | 44,270 | 4,390 | 4,630 |
| Project FIAT | | 1,937 | |
| Phillippines | | 10,000 | |
| Athens | 2,000 | | |
| Misc. | | 110 | |
| Most Needed | | 100 | |
| Gift In Kind * (not included in total) | | | 2,385 |
| Fundraising | | | 177,321 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$95,270 | \$57,677 | \$224,311 |
| TOTAL | | \$377,258 | |
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Grants

During the 2011-2012 year, the following agencies provided support to the Handmaids USA Province. We are deeply grateful for the generosity they offerd to our mission and ministries.

Sullivan Family Charity provided a \$2,000 for the Athens community to use at their discretion.

Philadelphia/Harrisburg Archdiocese provided a grant in the amount of \$4,095 to be used for retired Sisters.

The Donald D. Lynch Family Foundation provided a \$5,000 grant to support the three-year initiative for Vocation Promotion.

The Berdan Support Fund provided a \$2,000 grant for continued support of the Formation Program. (This is the third year the agency has extended support through a grant.)

Eight Points Holding provided a grant in the amount of \$9,000 to support the Formation Program.

The Koch Foundation provided a grant in the amount of \$20,000 for the Formation Program.

The California Community Foundation provided a grant for the Formation Fund in the amount of \$10,000.

Support Our Aging Religious (SOAR) provided a grant in the amount of \$16,135 to assist with the installation of new flooring in the Sisters residence in Haverford.

The National Religious Retirement Organization (NRRO) provided a grant in the amount of \$24,040 for retired Sisters.

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The Handmaids of the Sacred Heart are deeply grateful for the non-cash gifts received during 2011-2012.

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Ways to Support the Handmaid Province

- Volunteer at any of our ministries.
- Become an ACJ Associate (Programs are available in Wyncote, Haverford, and Miami.)

Ways to Contribute to the Handmaid Province

- Remit cash or check by mail to the Handmaids USA Province Development Office in Haverford, PA.
- Contribute on-line through Network for Good. One-time or recurring contributions can be set up & managed.
- Utilize your employer Matching gifts program. (Contact your employer for information.)
- Significant tax advantages are available for making contributions to charitable organizations through planned giving, (including bequests, securities, life insurance, annuities, and more). Please consider the Handmaids when planning your estate.

Senior Handmaids...A Blessing to Our Province and the World







Sr. Rose Harmsen



Sr. Bridget McGarvey



Srs. Ruth Held and Philomena Monte

Having given many years of service throughout the United States Province and beyond, five of our Sisters have transitioned to assisted living and nursing home facilities, where their physical needs are able to be met with greater skill.

Prayer continues to be a constant source of strength for each of them, and unites them with the Handmaids worldwide. Please remember our Sisters in your intentions at Mass and in your daily spiritual reflections.

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

Psalm 90:12

THE ACJ ASSOCIATES

Is Lay Collaboration Calling YOU?

The Handmaids mission is not just for the Sisters. Their vocation was a word that God spoke to St Raphaela for everyone. The work of re-establishing the peace and reconciliation which Christ brought is the life project not only of Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus but of the whole human family. Eucharist, at the heart of this thrust, belongs to all

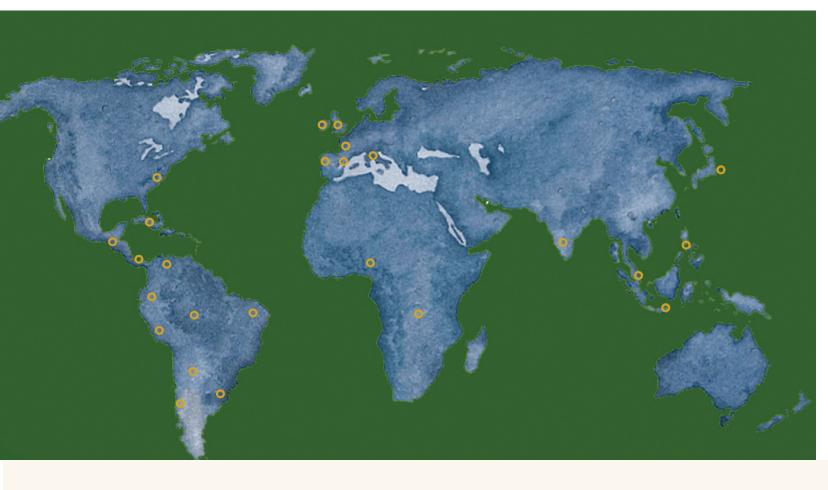
ACJ Associates find in the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus an interracial, multicultural community whose direction corresponds to their striving for reparation/reconciliation, so needed in today's world. They look to the Handmaids for a spirituality of inclusive, compassionate love which has the power to address the world's indifference to God and hunger for meaning.

To all who are experiencing in their human journey a desire to deepen their relationship with God, to be more closely associated through their own lay vocation with the charism of reparation/reconciliation, peace-making/justice-doing, informed by the power of the Eucharist, we, Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, invite you to join with us and become an ACJ Associate.



Sr. Dona DeMarco with ACJ Associates in Miami

The ACJ Associates meet monthly in Haverford, Miami, and Wyncote. If you are interested in finding out more about the ACJ Associates, or you think God may be calling you to become one, please call Sister Dorothy, acj, at 610-642-5715 ext 26.



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