



HANDMAIDS OF THE
SACRED HEART OF JESUS,
USA PROVINCE

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*“Let’s
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every single
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God.”*

HANDMAIDS OF THE
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UNITED STATES PROVINCE

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From the Provincial Superior



August, 2013

Dear Friends,

I am honored and humbled by the depth of loyalty and support that is evidenced in this year's Annual Report of Philanthropic Giving. Likewise, I am also grateful beyond words. Your spirit of generosity and kindness continues to shine through and helps light our way to the future.

Our foundress' words remind us that "God sends us to everyone." As you will see throughout this report, He also calls us from everywhere! Our five sisters in formation, whose stories we tell in this publication, come from diverse backgrounds and distinctly different experiences. But with them they bring the gifts of their culture and languages to those in need. They share the beauty of the mission of St. Raphaela Mary in their ministries as they reach out teaching catechism, working with the poor, and bringing the message of Christ through their Handmaid values of simplicity, humility, hospitality, joy, and compassion.

The courageous "fiat" of these fine young women — saying "yes" — has given us hope for what lies ahead and an assuredness that our work in the US will move forward. It is largely because of them that we humbly and lovingly ask for your prayers and your continued support.

Through word and deed, your generosity has always been life-giving. The pages in this report share only a part of the story. Know that the energizing spirit that comes from you and the encouragement we feel from you, cannot be printed with words, but are deeply held in our hearts.

Thank you for your faithful friendship.

With gratitude, hope and love,

Sister Dorothy Beck acj

Sister Dorothy Beck, acj
Provincial Superior

On Becoming a Handmaid

*I*t doesn't matter whether she was raised in the Catholic faith or formed her religious beliefs later. It doesn't matter whether she contacted the Handmaids online or in person. It doesn't matter whether she met the Handmaids at a discernment retreat or through a volunteer experience with one of our ministries. What matters is that which is most important and serves as the common thread that starts the journey. She hears God's call in her heart.

*T*he five young women who are presently in formation with the Handmaids hail from extremely diverse backgrounds, ethnicities, and parts of the globe. Their college degrees range from nursing to mathematics, from theology to education.

*W*hat they have in common, however, is a desire to follow in the footsteps of Saint Raphaela Mary, committing themselves to the Constitutions of the Handmaid Congregation, and dedicating themselves to a life of hospitality, simplicity, humility, joy, and compassion.

*S*o how did it happen? What brought forth in each of them the willingness to embark on a similar path and the desire to respond to God's call with a courageous and heartfelt "Fiat"?

*S*ome of the answers are revealed in the personal stories that have been lovingly shared by Theresa, Uyen-Chi, Jessica, Oanh, and Michelle. Learn from them what it is to have been called by God to travel the journey He has entrusted to them.

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St. Raphaela Mary

Sister Theresa

Sister Theresa grew up in a devout Catholic family whose elders were active in the church community. Although their religious practices were firmly based, she acknowledges that their Catholicism was muted. Publicly educated and enclosed in a totalitarian state, she knew the norm of restricted freedom explaining in a very matter-of-fact way, “It was normal for us to go to daily Mass at four a.m.”

For Sr. Theresa, there was a resigned complacency to Catholic life in the 1990’s, after the fall of Saigon, Vietnam. She states, “I was happy enough riding my moped daily through heavily trafficked streets to the University. I was happy enough learning the information which was given to us. I was not unhappy taking the required course in Military Strategy for women and men that taught us how to handle an assault weapon, to march, and to take part in a two-week training camp, chanting slogans. It was an ordinary part of my life at the time.”

After college, where she majored in biology, Sr. Theresa began to attend meetings that a Vietnamese Handmaid had organized for young women. There, bonds of friendship began and she became interested in the Handmaid way of life. God’s invitation drew her to look at the Handmaid vocation each time she attended a meeting and during her own prayer time. Sr. Theresa noticed that the Handmaids appeared to be happy, to be in love with God, and particularly eager to adore Him in the Eucharist. They genuinely seemed to care for others and to serve others without counting the cost. In the Handmaids, Sr. Theresa could see that all was for the sake of God, and of Jesus whom the sisters loved passionately. Sr. Theresa could also see that the Handmaids, as well as Vietnamese Catholics in general, revered the Blessed Mother, wanting to learn from the “first Handmaid of the Lord”.

Like so many Vietnamese of the ‘80’s and ‘90’s, and even until today, those wanting to emigrate to the US are placed on a waiting list that extends for many years. In the case of Sr. Theresa’s parents, papers granting them leave arrived after a wait of more than ten years. Their adult children, including Sr. Theresa, waited much longer.

By the time Sr. Theresa was granted permission to emigrate to the US, she had been drawn by God to ask to become a member of the Handmaids, and had decided to remain in Vietnam, living the life of struggles, joys, and service with the very needy families that were familiar to her. However, she was advised by the sisters to take advantage of emigration: “Leave now to join your family. You will have greater flexibility for many things later in life if you live in the United States.” This was not the advice she wanted to hear.

A significant sacrifice of some women and men entering Consecrated Life is leaving their families. In Sr. Theresa’s case, in order for her to follow her vocation, a much different sacrifice was asked. While she would be in the same country as her parents and some brothers and sisters, she would lose all that was familiar to her — her language, culture, a climate and food she was used to. She would be leaving many of her familiar Catholic practices, good friends, and women who were at her stage of vocational discernment. There were so many things...

By experience, and perhaps better than any American-born who has studied Immigration Law, she learned why a newcomer to the United States is called alien. She recounts, “For me, everything was alien to my identity and I was alien to many new ways. Language was just one barrier. Think of what it might do to you when you can’t laugh at some funny words said to relax and welcome you.” The idea of alien expresses feelings and a state far deeper than any description can convey. Proud now to be an American citizen, Sr. Theresa has put behind her the “alien” status that once described her.

Currently as a temporary professed Handmaid of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, she is AT HOME. “I belong to a community that welcomed me with the preparation with which I came. Fortunately, I have been able to wisely build on it. The Handmaids in the United States serve many different ethnicities because we ourselves represent so many ethnicities. And I appreciate that — especially at Vietnamese New Year!”

During her years in formation, Sr. Theresa has had the opportunity to return to her native country, where she immersed herself in the Handmaids’ work there. She realizes more than ever that she is drawn by compassion and is ready to act on behalf of Christian education and justice for the Vietnamese.



She acknowledges that the economic situation for the Vietnamese people has improved. But she also realizes that their opportunities to know Jesus, to love and serve Him, and to be free in the Catholic and world communities are still very restricted.

Since becoming a Handmaid novice in 2005, Sr. Theresa has spent time in the Philippines, among Filipina, Vietnamese, East Timorese, and Spanish Handmaids. She has traveled up and down the east coast of the US learning about the Handmaids and their works in Georgia, Florida, and Pennsylvania. Her realization is clear: “I see that I belong where women are advocating for the poor, defending them in court, educating them with excellence, and providing opportunities to encounter God. In order to make those with whom we minister feel at ease, we speak in Chinese languages, Kmer, Spanish, English, and Vietnamese. God’s Spirit keeps affirming my place here. My congregation has given me the opportunities to open my eyes and mind and heart in ways that I never dreamed.”

She elaborates, “I am just beginning a journey of loving Reparation, repairing myself and being offered surprising opportunities to help God repair others. I hope and expect to continue my vowed commitment in a reconciling world in which Jesus in Eucharist may be accepted with love and gratitude as the Great Repairer who has given all for us.”

Sr. Theresa made her First Profession of Temporary Vows on June 19, 2009. She received a certificate in accountancy from Villanova University in August, 2013, and currently serves as the community treasurer in Haverford and the assistant to the treasurer at Ancillae-Assumpta Academy in Wyncote.

Sister Jessica

"...you have given all to me, now I return it to You. Give me only your love and your grace, that's enough for me."

(St. Ignatius Spiritual Exercises, Contemplation to Attain Love)



When asked about her vocation, Sister Jessica responds genuinely, "I could say that I never even considered religious life until my early 20's, but I think there's some part of us that senses that the life that most typically surrounds us just won't satisfy a deeper desire within us. The call was there from the beginning and God revealed it slowly — and in a way that I perceived gradually."

Sr. Jessica wasn't raised within the Catholic faith, but as a child used to walk around thanking everything, searching for an explanation of "something greater" that would give reason to all that she saw around her. As a teenager, she used to say, "I wish I could make a living volunteering!" After college, she tried this and served with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC), discovering that the communal life really spoke to her, together with searching for the ways to live out a faith that does justice. She had a hunger for prayer, for the spiritual. She knew a personal love for Christ and experienced community life to be more fulfilling to who she was than even her former dreams of married life. She had deep desires to serve among the poor, to give herself to what she knew to be God's

desires for His people ("The Lord has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted..." Lk 4:1-11) Slowly, she began to understand that raising a family would never fulfill the deeper desires that were emerging. Yet, according to Sr. Jessica, "I was not aware of religious life beyond Whoopi Goldberg and Julie Andrews. Thinking that God was calling me to international missionary work, I looked into a short-term experience before applying for a long-term commitment."

Through a search of Catholic volunteer services, Sr. Jessica discovered an appealing opportunity — a 10 day experience serving amidst the people of El Salvador with a congregation of sisters. She made the trip with a friend with whom she had served in the JVC, knowing little about the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, who sponsor the project. The one thing that she did know about the Handmaids with whom she would be living and serving, was that they followed Ignatian spirituality, something that had become very important to her.

About her experience in El Salvador Sr. Jessica revealed, "I anticipated that God would confirm my idea about becoming a lay missionary, but God revealed God's desire that lay much deeper within me. The joy with which these few sisters lived, serving among the people and communities in need, the conversations and reflections we shared as a group that demonstrated the desire to teach an awareness of the presence of God in each of us, in those with whom we worked and played and taught during the day, and the presence of God in our world today that is crying out for the true love of Christ, all of this spoke to the changes and rising desires that I had been experiencing, although I had feared that I was being too idealistic. In these sisters, however, I 'knew'

as you know some things only by grace, that this life flowed from a very deep relationship with Jesus, from Christ, whom they adored in the Eucharist ... and from a total self gift to him ... and that there was nothing more true to my own existence than the desire for the same."

After days of serving, teaching and playing, one sister approached her and asked the question Sr. Jessica was ready for her to ask: "Jessica, have you ever considered being a sister?" Unable and unwilling to brush off the question, they talked together for some time. While not conscious of such a thought, many of Sr. Jessica's experiences and desires were coming back to her. Putting them together something larger began to emerge. She asked the sister, "What does all of this mean?!" The wise sister advised that "most people do not even consider religious life, so if you do, you owe it to yourself and to God to at least be open to the possibility."

A week after returning to the US, Sr. Jessica attended a Handmaid discernment retreat. The pieces began to fall into place and she began to see how God had been making her aware of her call slowly but surely throughout her life.

Sr. Jessica's entrance to the Handmaid community was November 11, 2006, followed exactly a year later by her entrance to the Handmaid novitiate. Her First Profession of Temporary Vows came on November 22, 2009.

Today, Sr. Jessica is studying theology at Universidad Pontificia de Comillas in Spain. She realizes that there is much more to her journey in becoming a Handmaid, but knows she is on the right path.

In fact, she always has been.



Sister Uyen-Chi

“God’s desire for you is written in your life, in your personal history...Examine that.”

No person, no life, no vocation can be understood unless you have walked it with the other person. Knowing this, we can enter into the story of Sister Uyen-Chi and share part of her journey, as if reading the work of God between the lines of the chronological events. For in Sr. Uyen-Chi’s story, there is a profound message and an invitation to know and to love God.

The invitation that Sr. Uyen-Chi felt to consider religious life was not as frightening as was the first nudging insight of the certainty of this calling. “There is something there to which you can’t put words,” she shares, “but there exists an interior knowledge that says, this is who you are.” The possibility of a religious vocation had been present in Sr. Uyen-Chi since her childhood, although she spoke of it to no one. Her family was very involved in the Catholic community, and word would spread too easily and quickly.

The first time she shared this nudging desire was after she had graduated from college and took part in her first Ignatian retreat. With an urgency to respond to what she was feeling about the possibility of religious life, she knew that making a retreat would help her clarify things. “I first spoke about my thoughts to a priest whom I thought I would never see again.” Free from pressure, Sr. Uyen-Chi was able to receive the counsel of the priest and guidance in discernment about religious life. It was then that Sr. Uyen-Chi received the most valuable advice in discerning God’s desire for each of us: “God’s desire for you is written in your life, in your personal history. Examine that.”

Sr. Uyen-Chi continued making the Spiritual Exercises with the same Jesuit priest for seven years. They were seven years of patient and serious discernment, not only towards her ultimate vocation, but also of the steps along the way. After the first retreat she desired to share more explicitly the gift of faith and became a catechist in her

parish. Although she had had no prior teaching experience, teaching catechism awoke something greater within her. With a mathematics degree and the possibility of attending medical school or pursuing a Masters degree in engineering, Sr. Uyen-Chi chose instead to return to school to become a math teacher. Her religious vocation is evident even when she shares her experiences from her years of teaching, for it is the revelation of the gifts and the truth of each of her students that was most life-giving.

She dedicated herself further to the life of the parish, realizing that the more time and energy she gave, the more life she felt. It was in this giving of herself that she knew more truthfully who she was, and gradually began to accept the truth of God’s desire for her as a religious sister. The awareness of her calling did not come as a flash, yet, as she shares, “it became so clear. Never have I made a decision with such clarity.” Of course, the unknown was still a source of fear, but it was a fear that didn’t run very deep. In making the decision to answer God’s call, she acknowledged that the truest experience was that of a profoundly peaceful joy — a joy that she could not have created on her own.

This deep joy confirmed the discernment, and Sr. Uyen-Chi began another discernment of religious communities. Today, when sisters from other countries meet her, they often comment: “Oh! So you’re the one who met us through the internet!” With clarity about what was essential to her vocation, she began an initial search for a congregation through the internet, entering on Google, “Ignatian spirituality + women religious”. While there were many congregations that matched this search, what she saw in the Handmaids persuaded her to come to know more. “What drew me to the Handmaids was the Eucharist.” In a deeply Ignatian congregation with the Eucharist as the center of all life, Sr. Uyen-Chi knew she was called to be a Handmaid. Sr. Uyen-Chi made her First Profession of Temporary Vows on September 8, 2009.

Since then, she has completed additional studies at Villanova University, earning a Masters degree in theology. She continues to deepen her understanding of The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius, desiring to share with others the depth and the love of Christ. In June, 2013, Sr. Uyen-Chi assumed the position of Coordinator of Religious Education at Ancillae-Assumpta Academy.

SISTER MICHELLE

My vocational journey has felt like putting together a puzzle. God has led me to unexpected places where I encountered the pieces that have helped to make me more fully who I am, who God created me to be.

Sister Michelle grew up in the Chicago area in a small Catholic family. A pretty shy kid, she never imagined the road that she would eventually take, but acknowledges that preparations to set out on the road “began with my family, where the values of commitment to living out our faith, service to people in need, and searching for justice in the world were deeply instilled in me.” Additional experiences of service and involvement in her parish helped lead her to seek opportunities of ministry. She describes taking ownership of her faith during



participation in a retreat called Teens Encounter Christ (TEC). “TEC not only transformed my relationship with God, giving me a greater sense of discipleship, but it also blessed me with friendships that would play a key part in the story of my vocation.”

One such friend was Mike. Mike was the first person to suggest to Sr. Michelle the possibility of religious life. She was seventeen and completely closed-off to the idea, but Mike planted a seed that would suddenly break through the surface later. That day came when she was listening to a homily given by another friend, Fr. Kevin. “Something he said struck me and I began to think that maybe religious life is a possibility for me.” She wasn’t sure she liked the idea, but was at the very least open to it as a possibility. Taking this possibility very seriously, she sought out spiritual direction.

At college, Sr. Michelle was actively involved in various service experiences, some of which took her from her tiny mid western world to places across the country and across the continent, instilling a love for the diversity that exists in our human family: one piece of the *puzzle*. “In college, my eyes were opened to a much larger world, and I began to become passionate about social justice issues and the option for the poor: another piece of the *puzzle*. I took my first trip out of North America to Chile, where I immediately fell in love with Latin America. Throughout my discernment, I constantly wavered between the idea of religious life and married life, and continued to actively seek and pursue experiences that would aid in this search.”

After graduation from college, Sr. Michelle committed to a year of full-time service with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC) in Baltimore. Knowing nothing of Jesuit or Ignatian anything, she rapidly became immersed in an Ignatian world, teaching at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School and beginning to practice Ignatian spirituality. She found it fit well with the way she related to God and lived her faith in the world: another *puzzle* piece. The experience of living in community, which was difficult at first, became extremely life-giving: just another piece of the *puzzle*. At the end of her service year, Sr. Michelle took a trip to Wyncote to visit Jessica, a friend from TEC, who had recently become a Handmaid novice. It was then that she met the Handmaids for the first time.

Sr. Michelle decided to do more full-time service to continue her discernment and committed to Heart’s Home in Lima, Peru. Before she left, she visited Jessica again, and expressed a desire for spiritual direction with someone who could help her continue her practice of Ignatian spirituality. In Lima, Sr. Michelle was connected with another Handmaid, Sr. Vicky. Slowly she came to know the community and found visits to the Handmaids becoming more frequent. “I felt so welcome and so much at home with the Handmaids. I could be the truest version of myself when I was with them.” Heart’s Home, however, showed Sr. Michelle poverty and suffering like she had never seen. Fortunately, part of her life there was daily adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. She explains, “Sometimes all I could do for my new friends was to bring them before Jesus, present in the Eucharist. The Eucharist became so central to my life.”

And then something happened. Sr. Michelle tells her story: “On the Feast of St. Ignatius, God began to give me the confirmation I needed to have clarity about my call. I went to the main church of the Jesuits in Lima for the celebration of the Eucharist. There, I encountered much of the Handmaid province of Peru-Bolivia as we took part in the celebration and witnessed the ordination of a Jesuit deacon. I felt an overwhelming sense that so many of the pieces of my life were coming together, and it made my heart overflow with joy. Only days later, in talking with some other members of Heart’s Home about vocation, a priest shared that vocation is ‘whatever life that best helps you be in closest relationship with God.’ Immediately, I heard from within me, ‘For me, that’s religious life!’ For the first time, there was no fear associated with that idea, just deep peace. It was just the confirmation I needed to begin the process of becoming a sister. When I shared all of this with Sister Vicky, I didn’t even need to express that the community I wanted to join was the Handmaids. It was obvious to both of us that I was already home, that the picture of the *puzzle* was clear enough to show that the image of my life was that of a Handmaid of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.”

Soon after leaving Lima, Sr. Michelle became a Handmaid postulant in Wyncote, and on May 26, 2013, made her First Profession of Temporary Vows. Since then, she has come to see that God can do amazing things with our lives, and that all we have to do is remain faithful and make ourselves available to what God is calling us to. “Each day, I am more and more humbled at the beauty of the life God has invited me to, and while it seems clear that the *puzzle* God and I have put together is that of a Handmaid, it is not yet complete. I can’t wait to see what God has in store, as I am given more of the pieces of the *puzzle* that remain throughout the whole of my life.”

“The greatest work that I can do for my God is this: to surrender myself entirely to His most holy will, without placing the smallest obstacle in the way.”

Saint Raphaela Mary

Sister Oanh

Sister Oanh has been discerning her religious vocation for many years. Very involved in the Vietnamese Catholic community, entering a non-Vietnamese congregation was something very rare and puzzling to some within her community. A dedicated nurse, discerning a religious vocation meant listening for a call even more expansive than where she had already found life-giving service. God revealed within her, however, desires that converted these obstacles into offerings.

Sr. Oanh first began to consider a vocation to religious life as a senior in high school when she made a retreat with the youth group from her parish. A talk about vocations struck her powerfully. When she returned home, she talked with the sisters with whom she had been in confirmation classes and asked about an upcoming “Come and See” experience, an opportunity to come and experience the life of the sisters for a short period of time. “I fell in love with the life,” she says, “the prayer life, the joy I felt while I was with them.” At the end of the experience, she called home and told her mom, indirectly, that she wanted to enter this congregation.



The only daughter among five brothers, parting from her expected role in the family was difficult.

“Mom, I want to cut my hair,” she pleaded. Her mom, however, was very aware of what her daughter was really saying. Upon entering this order, all of the girls cut their hair short. Her mom forcefully and repeatedly said, “No. I like your hair the way it is.” With emotions elevated, they both began to cry and could not continue the conversation. Sr. Oanh later called her mother to ask again why her mother would not permit her to cut her hair. Her mother shared calmly, but with pain: “Because you’re our only daughter. I don’t want you to leave.”

Sr. Oanh was just seventeen at the time. “I didn’t have the courage to just enter. I wanted my parents’ support.” She was shocked when she returned home and discovered that her father, the person whom she most believed would encourage her in her religious vocation, objected as well. “I was upset with my dad, with my mom, and even with God.” She questioned why God would plant this desire in her and then not make it possible. Reluctantly, Sr. Oanh agreed to wait and to finish her education. She admits, “My greatest fear was that I’d lose the call.” Her mother, however,

offered her real wisdom which later proved to be true. “If God calls you, you won’t lose the call.” In the meantime, Sr. Oanh attended vocation retreats and sought out priests and sisters for advice in learning how to keep her vocation alive while she was waiting.

While studying for her undergraduate degree, Sr. Oanh met a Jesuit who was directing a retreat of Ignatius’ Spiritual Exercises. There, she was introduced to how to pray and to the basics of spiritual life. She continued to receive the Spiritual Exercise retreat every year, shaping her spiritual and daily life. A few years later, she attended a special retreat of the Exercises with other young women who were also discerning religious vocations. It was during this retreat that her decision was made. “It was clear,” Sr. Oanh acknowledges. She knew with conviction and joy that God’s desire for her was a vocation to religious life.

She completed her undergraduate degree and nursing school while continuing her discernment of a religious congregation. In 2007, she attended a “Come and See” experience with the Handmaids and “fell in love with the Congregation.” Her love for the Eucharist drew her to the Handmaid’s charism of Eucharistic Adoration, and their Ignatian spirituality resonated with her appreciation and experience of the Spiritual Exercises. During her visits, she experienced “something different” about the sisters, stating, “I was shocked by how humble and happy the sisters were.” She continued to pray, to talk with the Handmaids, and to visit. She had decided to enter the Handmaid Congregation when her Mom suffered a stroke. Blessings, however, as Sr. Oanh has learned, come in many different ways. Remaining with her mother while she recovered gave them both much needed and reparative time. “I see it as the final hurdle in testing my trust in the Lord. I was initially sad that I couldn’t give my life to God as planned, but soon became grateful for the time He gave to my mom and me for bonding and reconciliation.” In 2010, Sr. Oanh entered the Handmaid novitiate as a postulant, and on November 24, 2012, made her First Profession of Temporary Vows. While she thought that she was ready a decade earlier, she realizes that God has remained faithful to her along a lengthier journey. “Consistently, He gently whispers, ‘Do not be afraid! Be patient.’”

The ACJ Family

A MEANINGFUL COLLABORATION WITH THE HANDMAIDS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

What is the ACJ Family?

The ACJ family is comprised of men and women who experience a desire to be more closely associated through their lay vocation with the charism of the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The ACJ Family, like the Handmaids, is a multi-ethnic body that embraces all ages, races, and cultures. Their desire is to join in the ministry of the Handmaids by contributing their efforts and energies working towards re-establishing the peace and reconciliation which Christ brought. It 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.



The ACJ Family is involved in lay collaboration with the Handmaids to:

- Live Reparation as a response to God's love;
- Discover the Eucharist in its dimension of celebration, adoration, and life;
- Seek universal good with hope.

The ACJ Family is a family that is welcoming and open, and one that lives unity in diversity.

Within the ACJ Family, there are two groups: the Associates and the Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament.

- The Associates share their lay vocation with the Handmaids endeavoring to find a deeper, more inclusive, compassionate love which has the power to address the world's indifference to God. They are aware that their gifts as lay persons will both enrich religious community and increase by bonding with the Handmaids. They want to be part of a century of Handmaid tradition and a "future full of hope." (Jer.29:21) The ACJ Associates meet monthly in Haverford, Miami, and Wyncote.
- The Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament are drawn to prayer before Christ in order to deepen their awareness and acceptance of Jesus as Lord, bringing the world before Him. Adorers endeavor to "live life as one prays it and pray life as one lives it." The Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament has been an official Association of the Universal Church since 1937.

ACJ Family members selected from throughout the 24 countries where the Handmaids minister will convene in February, 2014 in Madrid, Spain for the Second International Assembly. Forty-five participants are expected to take part in this assembly, which will also include selected Handmaids. Following the guidelines of the "New Evangelization" which the Church has given during the "Year of Faith" the group will attend meetings and discussions that will aim towards planning for the future of the ACJ Family. Representing the US Province will be Susan Singer, an ACJ Associate and Handmaid Province Advisory Board member. (Mary Mealey, also an ACJ Associate and Handmaid Province Advisory Board member, was one of the participants for the first assembly held in 2009.)

"I want to see the image of God in all the people that I meet and treat them according to their dignity and with reverence."

St. Raphaela Mary

The Call

“The Lord is changing the Institute. Let us rise to the challenge and allow ourselves to be transformed by Him.”

DESIRED FUTURE

- Viable Communities in Mission
- Joyful/Integrated life
- Discerned Reparative Ministries

Last year the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus held an international meeting in Rome. Sisters were elected in each of the provinces, vice-provinces and regions. They joined with the general leadership team to review our religious life and mission. They studied materials submitted by sisters all over the world. In the time together they realized more deeply the call implied in the theme, “The Lord is changing the Institute. Let us rise to the challenge and allow ourselves to be transformed by Him.”

One of the ways to respond to this call is to engage in a planning process by means of apostolic discernment. On August 2 - 4, 2013, the United States Province, during their Annual Province Renewal Days, entered into this planning process. With enthusiasm, faith and hope, the sisters began to study their commitments and resources. The illustrations on this page capture the means, the ways and the projected goal of our journey together. As Handmaids, we live NOW in joy, hope and gratitude as we seek to spread the message of God’s Love, always looking to the future.

Integrity of creation,
justice and peace...
Through the lenses of
Young people... Communion...
Consecration... Charism...

COMING FROM...

- Dialogue
- Abundance stance
- Contemplative stance

Faith/trust in God

Using the resources available

Hope Reality

PLANNING PROCESS

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That three sisters from the USA Province have been sent to ministries across the Atlantic and Pacific to fulfill St. Raphaela Mary's desire to serve "wherever they are called"...

- Sr. Jessica Kerber is studying at Universidad Pontificia de Comillas in Spain.
- Sr. Margaret Scott is serving in Japan as the head of the Seisen International School,
- Sr. Julia Walsh is serving in Rome.

Did you know?

That Sisters Carmen Cabrejos, Dona DeMarco, and Kathy Gazie have been invited to take part in a renewal program that will take them to Rome in November...

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That the Handmaids offer the public an opportunity to find peaceful moments and some privileged time with Christ through...

- Eucharistic Adoration every day from 9:00 am to noon in the chapel at St. Raphaela Center in Haverford
- Eucharistic Adoration Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 10:30 am in the School Chapel at Ancillae-Assumpta Academy
- Praying the rosary every Thursday morning at 8:00 am in the Sister's Chapel in Wyncote
- First Friday liturgy at 10:00 am at St. Raphaela Center in Haverford...

Did you know?

That Handmaids hosted a liturgy in February, 2013 for friends and supporters celebrating the "Year of Faith"...



Annual Fund Contributions

Year End Totals

2012-2013

Fundraising	\$112,355
Grants	\$173,609
Annual Fund	\$42,965
Novena of Mass Cards	\$4,130
Memorials	\$5,955
Other	<u>\$4,550</u>
TOTAL	\$343,564

2011-2012

Fundraising	\$177,321
Grants	\$95,270
Annual Fund	\$57,677
Novena of Mass Cards	\$4,630
Bequests	<u>\$42,360</u>
TOTAL	\$377,258

2010-2011

Fundraising	\$145,490
Grants	\$71,000
Annual Fund	\$30,132
Novena of Mass Cards	<u>\$2,957</u>
TOTAL	\$249,579

2009-2010

Fundraising	\$75,819
Grants	\$37,000
Annual Fund	<u>\$7,013</u>
TOTAL	\$119,832

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In 2013, the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus rejoiced in celebrating the golden jubilees of Sr. Mary Ann Craig and Sr. Margarita Martin.

Sr. Mary Ann, a native of Philadelphia, first met the Handmaids as a young girl attending Adoration at the community's chapel in West Philadelphia. Serving in a variety of capacities, her ministries have taken her throughout the United States. She serves today in Haverford as a member of the Handmaid leadership team and secretary to the Provincial Superior. Sr. Margarita, who was born in La Coruna, Spain, served in ministries in Ireland, England, and Spain before coming to the US. Since 2002, Sr. Margarita has ministered at Oasis Católico Santa Rafaela in Athens, GA. We congratulate both of these remarkable women and pray for their continued commitment and service to the Handmaids and to the people of God.

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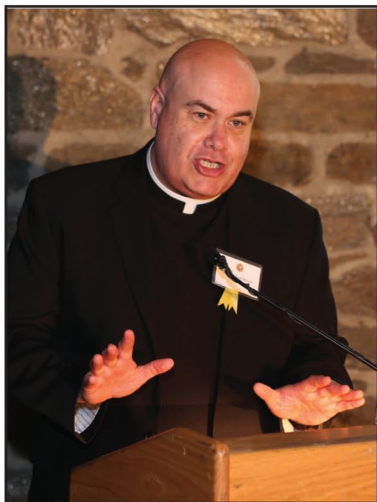


According to the requests of our donors, designations to specific funds have been honored. The following chart details a breakdown of contributions.

Designations	Grants	Annual Fund	Other	Total
Athens	4,000	1,100		5,100
Philippines		30		30
Province Fund	100,000	13,805		113,805
Formation	35,000	3,360	250 (Gifts)	38,610
Aged and Infirm	31,609	7,700	4,130 (Novena of Mass)	43,439
Project FIAT		990		990
St. Raphaela Center	3,000	7,100	1,555 (Memorial)	11,655
Ancillae-Assumpta Academy		200	4,400 (Memorial)	4,600
Province General Development		8,570	4,300 (2012 JOH)	12,870
Most Needed		110		110
Gift In Kind * (not included in total)				11,650
Fundraising (Journey of Hope)			112,355	112,355
Cash and cash equivalents	\$173,609	\$42,965	\$126,990	
TOTAL				\$343,564

Journey of Hope 2013

On Wednesday, April 17, 2013 the USA Handmaid Province Advisory Board along with the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus hosted the *Fourth Annual Journey of Hope Celebration* at the Knowlton Mansion in Philadelphia. The event included a cocktail reception and a select live auction, masterfully called by board member and Ancillae-Assumpta Academy 1972 alumna, Debbie Giordano. Co-Chairpersons for the event were Mary and Dan Mealey. Other committee chairpersons were Rodie Alvaré-Henson and Susan



Singer, who coordinated and organized the auction, and Carol Angelo, who designed and produced the advertisement and program book. This signature event raised over \$115,000 for the Handmaids.

An audience of two hundred listened to special guests, Dr. Nance K. Dicciani (Ancilla Domini Academy '65) and Reverend Mike Olivere, longtime friends of the Sisters. They highlighted the evening's program by sharing personal reflections and poignant remarks about the Handmaids. With meaningful and heartfelt stories and anecdotes, both elaborated on the impact and influence the Handmaids have made in their lives. Before assuming her role as auctioneer, Debbie Giordano added her unscripted comments about the Handmaids in like fashion.

Throughout the program, each speaker drew affirming nods and smiles, signaling a common understanding, a consensus of sorts from the attendees. And whether recalling the wisdom of Sister Pilar Ymaz or the persuasiveness of

Sr. Elizabeth McCoy — the austere approach of Sr. Jane Anderson or the lightheartedness of Sr. Gloria Petrone, the recollections revealed what so many have felt through the years and still do. The spirit and charisma of the Handmaids, their ever faithful presence in times both good and bad, their love of Christ, and their hope for the future continues to offer a reassuring gift to those whose lives they touch. Indeed, the Handmaids, though small in number, remain large in ways that cannot be measured.

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We Lovingly Remember Sister Assumption Escauriaza ~ September 24, 2012



Sister Assumption Escauriaza, a member of the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus community for 77 years died peacefully on Monday, September 24, 2012.

A natural storyteller, she loved conversation and sharing the message of God, through word and deed. Engaging others with her hearty laugh, and at times a mischievous glance, Sr. Assumption knew how to make things happen and get things done. Her life’s work, whether building schools, communities, or friendships is a reflection of the gifts she so lovingly and earnestly shared, and underscore her most genuine mission – helping to build the kingdom of God.

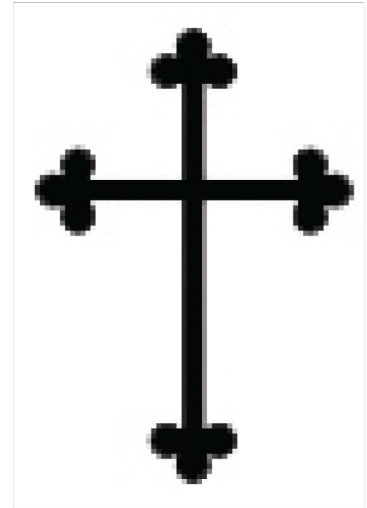
We rejoice in the gift of her life and are grateful to those who contributed to the Sr. Assumption Escauriaza Memorial Fund to honor her life’s work and all that she inspired in fulfilling the Handmaid mission.

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We Lovingly Remember Lena Cipollone ~ December 7, 2012

Through the generosity of her family, contributions in memory of Lena Cipollone were designated to the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, USA Province. The Handmaids deeply appreciate this gesture.

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Lena Cipollone, a longtime and cherished friend of the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Saint Raphaela Center, died peacefully on December 7, 2012.

In 1953, Lena, along with her husband, John, founded John Cipollone, Inc., where she worked as the company's secretary. An engaging woman, Lena loved family gatherings and visits with friends. She also took a great interest in golf, baking, cooking, and dancing.

In addition to her husband, Lena is survived by five children, eleven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. She will always be remembered as a loving and generous wife, mother, and friend.

We rejoice in the gift of her life and are grateful to those who contributed to honor her life and her memory.

Grants

During the 2012-2013 year, the following agencies provided support to the Handmaids USA Province. We are deeply grateful for the generosity they offered to our mission and ministries.

The Annenberg Foundation provided a grant in the amount of \$100,000 for general operating expenses.

The Berdan Support Fund provided a \$2,000 grant for continued support of the Formation Program.

The Butwell Family Foundation provided a grant in the amount of \$3,000 for sound equipment for the chapel at St. Raphaela Center in Haverford.

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

Eight Points Holding provided a grant in the amount of \$3,000 to support the Formation Program.

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

The Sullivan Family Charity provided a \$4,000 for the Athens community to use at their discretion.

Support Our Aging Religious (SOAR) provided a grant in the amount of \$4,190 to purchase and install a motorized chair in the Sister's residence in Wyncote.

The Annual National Religious Retirement Appeal, made in parishes each December, provided \$27,419 for retired Sisters.

Total	\$173,609
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The ANNENBERG FOUNDATION

Haverford, PA – June 14, 2013 - The Annenberg Foundation has awarded a grant to the US Province of the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to continue their work throughout the country. With the US headquarters in Haverford, the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus have received a grant in the amount of \$100,000 toward their service to the communities throughout the US.

The unrestricted grant will be used to provide general operating support to further the Handmaids' mission of reparation. To that aim, the Handmaids nurture faith development, approach the world with hope and hospitality; reverence the integrity of creation; celebrate diversity; side with the poor; act as leaven for community building; and share all that they are and have.

Sister Dorothy Beck, acj, Provincial Superior, is pleased to be recognized by a major foundation. *"We are grateful for the support from the Annenberg Foundation and pray that our work will not only help those we encounter in our daily work, but also give the Annenberg Foundation pride of their support to the Handmaids,"* said Sister Dorothy Beck.

Gifts-in-Kind

The Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are deeply grateful for non-cash gifts totaling \$11,650 which were received during 2012-2013.

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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 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.



Handmaids Promote Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation

In July, 2013, in Rome, Sr. Margaret Scott (*second from left*) joined Srs. Irene Guía, Elina Guarderas, and Mónica Nakamura to begin construction of an “International Digital Network” for the promotion of justice, peace and the integrity of creation. The team began their work by sharing concerns and desires. They later coordinated criteria emphasizing that their goal was to enlist the collaboration of the greatest number of Handmaids in this project.

Superior General Sr. Inmaculada Fukasawa thanked them for their availability and efforts, reminding them that during the last General Congregation concern arose that “the poor and the earth can wait no longer.” The use of this digital network, along with an ongoing commitment to UNANIMA, will assist the Handmaids in taking action towards this effort.

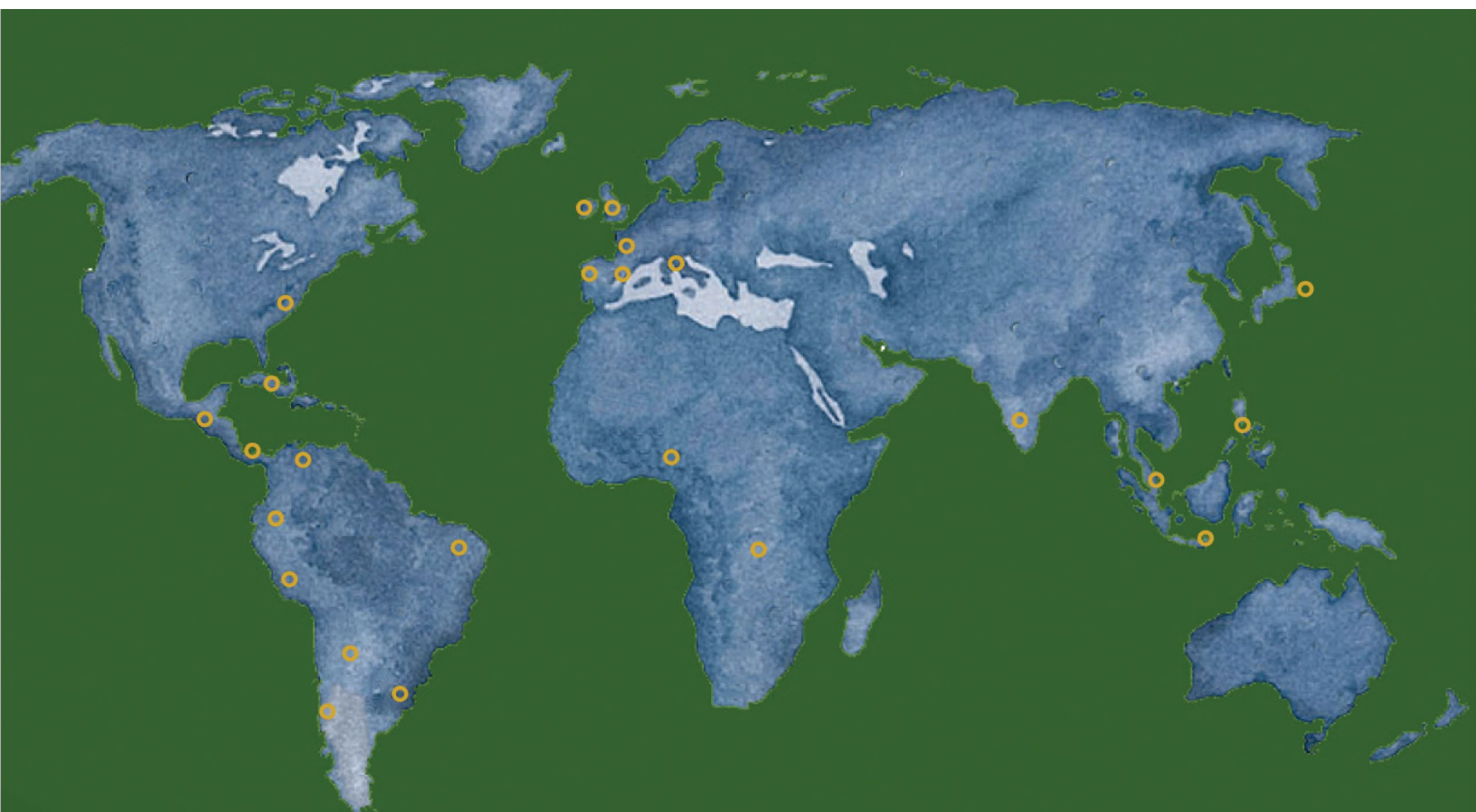
The Legacy Gala

with love and for love...



Saturday, March 29, 2014 will mark ten years since Sister Elizabeth McCoy was called to return to God to share in the eternal reward promised to the faithful. In that decade, though her earthly presence is no longer, she continues to be an ever-present source of guiding inspiration. Elizabeth was a dreamer and a doer...an innovator...a thinker...a teacher. She had a mission — and a gift — for bringing people together...for celebrating diversity...for reverencing creation...for building community...for sharing all that she had. In true Handmaid tradition, she approached the world with hope and hospitality. Her life and her legacy as a Handmaid, an educator, and an unforgettable human being will be commemorated at The Legacy Gala on Saturday, March 29, 2014 at the

Hyatt at the Bellevue in Philadelphia. The event will also honor the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for their dedicated work throughout the US ministries. It is being planned by the Handmaid Province Development Advisory Board and the AAA Parents’ Association and school community. Please be sure to mark your calendars to join us!



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