

The Association of Colleges of Sisters of St. Joseph

2016-2017 Annual Report



Avila University	Kansas City, MO
Chestnut Hill College	Philadelphia, PA
College of Our Lady of the Elms	Chicopee, MA
Fontbonne University	St. Louis, MO
Mount Saint Mary's University	Los Angeles, CA
Regis College	Weston, MA
St. Catherine University	St. Paul, MN
St. Joseph's College	Brooklyn & Patchogue, NY
The College of Saint Rose	Albany, NY

Letter from the Executive Director

Thank you for making 2016-17 an exciting and productive year of collaborative work. Together we are growing closer and stronger as member campuses united in the charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Our programs have added value on our member campuses by providing student programs, professional development opportunities, grants to support programs on campuses and a growing national presence.

A few highlights include:

- Hosting 38 “communities of practice” zoom conference calls for 66 staff members.
- Receiving a \$8000 grant to offer National Catholic Sisters Week events on a common theme of “I am a Dear Neighbor” across all nine member campuses, reaching over 800 community members.
- Presenting and deepening connections within the Sisters of St. Joseph family at the Federation Event and C/SSJ High School Association.
- Increasing our Student Exchange Program applications by 400% and creating new marketing materials.
- Planning to launch a new Le Puy Student Pilgrimage Trip in June 2018.
- Successful reception at the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities Annual Meeting of 19 colleagues from seven member campuses.
- Providing eight meaningful student internships.

ACSSJ is steadfast in its work to realize our current strategic plan and deliberate in planning a roadmap for its bright future. As you read this annual report, I hope it will remind you of our recent successes and energize you to engage in our work.

Maitha Domestici

ACSSJ Executive Director



Conference Gatherings

Federation Event 2016 July 9-12, 2017

Over 30 colleagues from member campuses and Sisters of St. Joseph met together for networking and exploration of collaborative work at the US Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph sponsored Event 2016.

CSSJ High School Conference November 2-4, 2016 - Boston, MA

19 CSSJ high schools came together in Boston for the 2016 CSSJ High Schools Conference hosted by Fontbonne Academy, Saint Joseph Prep Boston and Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston. ACSSJ gave a presentation to participants.

ACSSJ Reception January 27, 2017 - Washington, DC

ACSSJ members, mission officers, chief academic officers, and senior student affairs administrators gathered together at the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities Annual Meeting.

ACSSJ Board Meeting January 28, 2017 - Washington, DC

ACSSJ board thanked Sr. Mary Reap and Dr. Jack Calareso (not pictured) for their leadership and service.

Other Gatherings Included:

- NAESA: Association of International Educators
June 2, 2016- Denver, Colorado
- National Association for College Admission Counseling Conference
September 23, 2016 - Columbus, Ohio
- Mission Officer Conference, Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities
January 27, 2016- Washington, DC

Communities of Practice

Regular convening of Directors of Campus Ministry, Mission Officers, Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs, Vice Presidents of Student Affairs, Vice Presidents of Marketing and Communications, Directors of International Education and Directors of Service-Learning.



66 people participated in
38 hours of zoom conversations.

100% had a positive experience in Zoom monthly calls.

100% valued connecting with colleagues.

94% of respondents were inspired with new ideas.

87.5% of participants were actively engaged in meetings.

"Our zoom meetings were productive and informative. They provided great ideas for me to utilize on my campus and inspired me to work hard to make the mission and charism more present on our campus."
-Community of Practice participant

Student Exchange Program

Rebecca Daml (pictured above with Chestnut Hill College Dean Cecilia Cavanaugh, SSJ), St. Catherine University, studied at Chestnut Hill College.

"I'm passionate about this program and believe every student associated with these institutions should utilize this opportunity!"

In spring of 2016, there was a 400% increase in Student Exchange Program applications



National Catholic Sisters Week

National Catholic Sisters Week awarded \$8000 to ACSSJ. This grant was distributed to the nine member campuses, allowing them to honor the Sisters of St. Joseph by hosting programs and events.

- **Avila University** hosted a Dinner and Dialogue with Journey to New Life, an organization founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph.
- **Chestnut Hill College** hosted "A Way Out Stopping Modern Slavery" on human trafficking highlighting the work of Dawn's Place.
- **Elms College** hosted an event entitled Sisters and Social Justice.
- **Fontbonne University** organized a Rockin' with Sisters event with students joining the Sisters in conversations in rocking chairs.
- **Mount Saint Mary's University** hosted a CSJ Appreciation Day celebrating the Sisters in attendance.
- **Regis College** showed appreciation for CSJs Boston and the work that they do to inspire multicultural and underserved people.
- **St. Catherine University** facilitated a Sisters, Students, and Sustainability panel.
- **St. Joseph's College** held an Earth, There is No Place Like Home event to address and support sustainability efforts of the Sisters.
- **The College of Saint Rose** celebrated Mission & Heritage Week with a Heritage Liturgy

2016-2017 Board Members

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