



NATIONAL SPONSORSHIP AND NETWORK OFFICE

Network Notes

From the Desk of Dr. Laura Koehl

What a joy to begin this lovely month of October with our SND Foundation Day! The Sisters of Notre Dame have been sharing God's goodness and provident care through their many good works for an incredible 172 years! Our SND sponsored ministries and affiliated schools are blessed with this rich history and legacy as they each work to advance the SND mission across our SND USA network.

Our ministries celebrated Foundation Day in a myriad of ways. At the heart of each celebration was an abiding appreciation for the loving care the Sisters of Notre Dame have shown in meeting the needs of the times across generations of change. In addition to a sampling of celebration photos below, please check out this Foundation Day video highlighting the foundresses and all the good works that followed their willingness to answer God's call.

May each of our sisters know of our prayers of gratitude and love for all they do for us. We also pray for all the sisters gathered in Coesfeld, Germany (where it all began!) for the General Chapter 2022, where they are focusing on the theme of "Cultivating a Culture of Encounter and Care."

Gratefully,
Laura Koehl, Ed.D.

HAPPY SND FOUNDATION DAY!



Lial School celebrated with prayer and reflection and honored their school namesakes - Lizette (LI) and Aldegonde (AL), teachers who were foundresses of the Sisters of Notre Dame (left).

NDA LA Elementary School students and families made a craft in honor of the Sisters of Notre Dame (right).



NDA Park Hills celebrated with a parade to visit the sisters at St. Joseph Heights (left).

Metro Catholic School 2nd graders sang *Like a Sunflower* and gave sunflowers to the sisters.



Fall 2022

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

Sponsored Ministries Celebrate Anniversaries

Lial Catholic School (Whitehouse, OH) began the year-long celebration of the school's 50th anniversary in August with an outside celebration of Mass followed by food trucks, campus tours, reconnecting with friends, and recharging the Lial spirit. The golden anniversary is celebrated throughout the school through creative and fun references to "gold."



St. Charles Community (Covington, KY) celebrated its 60th anniversary as a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Notre Dame. For the past 60 years, St. Charles has been serving the needs of local seniors through a full range of services on their beautiful campus that can accommodate the complex needs of aging seniors. Services include personal care services or just a support system to handle daily tasks like housekeeping and cooking



In September, **Notre Dame College** (South Euclid, OH) began a year-long celebration of its 100 years of providing a liberal arts education in the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame to diverse populations. Notre Dame College opened its doors to 13 women and 11 novices on September 18, 1922. The articles of incorporation for the College were signed and filed with the State of Ohio on March 30, 1923, and a semester's tuition was \$75.

Top Work Place Awards

Congratulations to **Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin School** (Chardon, OH) for being awarded a Top Workplaces 2022 honor for the fourth consecutive year, and, for the third consecutive year, **Julie Billiard Schools** (Lyndhurst, OH) has been awarded a Top Workplaces 2022 honor by *cleveland.com* and *The Plain Dealer* Top Workplaces. The list is based solely on employee feedback gathered through a third-party survey. The anonymous survey uniquely measures 15 culture drivers that are critical to the success of any organization, including alignment, execution, and connection.

NDA Toledo Leaders Attend IB Global Conference



Notre Dame Academy (Toledo, OH) leadership recently attended the International Baccalaureate Global Conference of the Americas in San Diego. The conference provided the opportunity to connect with other IB schools and learn what's new in IB. This year, NDA celebrates 10 years of offering IB to over 1,000 students. NDA is the only IB World School in Northwest Ohio and one of only 21 IB high school diploma programs in Ohio.

From left to right: Principal Andrea Zimmerman; President Kim Grilliot; Dean of Academics Beth Corrigan; and IB Coordinator Angie Joseph

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CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

St. Charles Community is "Best of NKY"



St. Charles Community (Covington, KY) has been named the Best Northern Kentucky Retirement Community in *NKY Magazine's* 2022 "Best of NKY" competition for the sixth year in a row. St. Charles also received the Shining Star Award from the Area Development District for their Community Outreach Programs; the Northern Kentucky Best Workplace award; and *The Cincinnati Enquirer* Top Workplaces Award for two consecutive years.

St. Agnes School Receives Blue Ribbon School Award

Congratulations to **St. Agnes School** (Arlington, VA) for being recognized as a 2022 National Blue Ribbon School by the U. S. Department of Education. This is the school's second Blue Ribbon designation. The school's mission is to educate students so that they become loving Christians, inspired learners, outstanding achievers, natural communicators, and strong servants of God.



Welcome New Leaders

New Principals

Ms. Brianna Berlin - Notre Dame Academy Elementary School, Los Angeles, Ca
Mr. John Hagen - Queen of Apostles School, Toledo, OH
Ms. Allison Klutarich (Director) - Metro Catholic School, Cleveland, OH
Mr. Steve Martin - St. Helen Catholic School, Newbury, OH
Mr. Chris McCloskey - Julie Billiard School, Lyndhurst, OH
Mrs. Miranda Osborn - St. Mary's School, Leipsic, OH
Mrs. Christina Rice - Prince of Peace Catholic Montessori, Covington, KY
Ms. Emily Urlage - St. Joseph School, Cold Spring, KY

New Board Chairs

Mr. Mark Hausfeld - Notre Dame Academy, Park Hills, KY
Mr. Mark Nixon - Notre Dame Academy Schools, Los Angeles, CA
Mr. Joe Woodall - Notre Dame Learning Center Preschool, Thousand Oaks, CA

National Ministry Corporation Board Holds Retreat



The National Ministry Corporation Board gathered for their first annual board retreat at the Lial Renewal Center in September. While in Toledo, they enjoyed visits to Notre Dame Academy, Lial Catholic School, and Maria Early Learning Center, where each school shows remarkable examples of the SND mission in the work of their ministries.

RURAL HEALTHCARE



This past June, students from Notre Dame Academy in Park Hills, KY; Notre Dame Academy in Toledo, OH; and Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin School in Chardon, OH spent one week at the inaugural Rural Healthcare Student Experience at St. Claire HealthCare (SCH) in Morehead, KY.

The first two days, Sr. Judine Lambert, Vice President of Mission Integration at SCH, arranged for the students to shadow healthcare providers in multiple areas in the hospital as well as ride along with home health and hospice caregivers throughout the Morehead area.

Each day, students gathered together to share their reflections and tie a ribbon on a wreath made by NDCL Principal Joe Waler. At the end of the week, the beautifully adorned wreath was a reminder of their collective experiences and personal growth.

"I loved the interactions with such a wide variety of people."

I liked talking to the home health providers in the car and also visiting the houses and gaining a new perspective on the lives of people in the Appalachian area."

"I really enjoyed being with the speech therapist. He was really compassionate about all of his patients."



When not immersed in healthcare, students enjoyed activities in beautiful Morehead and the surrounding area. The group participated in Mass at Jesus Our Savior Parish followed by a barbecue picnic and Morehead State University Newman Center presentation at Cave Run Spillway; saw a movie and toured the MSU Space & Science Center; attended the SND USA National Network Awards presentation; and walked to the local ice cream parlor.

The group from NDCL posed with the statue on the SCH campus that reflects its integrated healthcare system that combines complementary and alternative medicine practices with conventional medicine. SCH is the largest employer in the region with over 1,260 medical staff members including more than 125 physicians and 70 advance practice professionals. It includes the largest rural hospital in Northeastern Kentucky with 159 beds, seven primary care locations located within five counties, a multi-specialty medical pavilion, an outpatient center, homecare services and operates three retail services including family medical supply, pharmacy and aesthetics and provides 1.25 million patient encounters.



STUDENT EXPERIENCE

The last half of the week, students joined the Northeast Kentucky Rural Health Scholars for presentations on nursing and physician assistant programs as well as many hands-on labs.



Suturing Lab



Laparoscopic Skills



CPR Skills



Heart Dissection



Labor and Delivery



Tying Surgical Knots



On the last day, students learned about the importance of good nutrition and put their knowledge to the test with a smoothie contest, judged by the week's chaperones, left to right, NDCL Principal Joe Waler; NDA Toledo VP of Advancement Tolani Afolabi; NDA Toledo Co-Director of Campus Ministry Josh Mocek; and NDA Park Hills Science Teacher Patty Mueller.

The week was celebrated with a delicious dinner at the beautiful home of SCH CEO Don Lloyd and his wife Monti, where Mr. Lloyd presented the students and chaperones with custom jackets embroidered with the SCH and SND logos.

Plans are underway for the Second Annual RHSE tentatively scheduled for June 18-23, 2023.



GOSPEL WITNESS

JLC Celebrates the 100 Languages of Children



Julie Learning Center (Covington, KY) held the 100 Languages of Children event last May. This event is based on JLC's many educational practices of Reggio Emilia's approach to learning. The Reggio Emilia approach, named for the city in Italy where the first preschools were launched, offers a student-centered environment that encourages children to learn through experience, express themselves and play a role in directing their education.

In the Reggio Emilia approach, children are believed to be born with full capabilities for personal development and relationship-building. The hundred languages is a key principle and refers to communication and emphasizes the importance of providing children with one hundred ways to share their thinking of the world around them. Through exercising their hundred languages, children strengthen their powers and contribute to their communities.



Awards Are a Family Tradition at OLV



This past May, Sheila Martinez, principal of **Our Lady of Victory School** (Washington, D.C.) was honored as a recipient of the SND Transformative Leadership Award. Sheila's daughter, Siobhan Martinez, received the SND Distinguished Graduate Award in 2014 when she was an 8th grader at Our Lady of Victory School. Both Sheila's and Siobhan's names and awards are recorded in the award books at the Motherhouse in Rome, Italy. Sheila's mother enjoyed a recent visit to the Motherhouse where she viewed the awards books.

Prayer Partner Sister Program

The NSNO would like to connect every school with a Sister of Notre Dame as a Prayer Partner Sister. In addition to praying for your school, we hope an SND Prayer Partner Sister will keep the presence of the sisters alive in schools and nurture the connection between schools and the SNDs. This connection can be cultivated through shared activities and the presence of a sister at school events. Please email Lisa Fredrickson at lfredrickson@sndusa.org if you would like to participate in this program.

Sr. Mary Amy Hauck is a Prayer Sister for **St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy** (Downey, CA). She graduated from St. Matthias in 1968, right before she entered the convent. One of her teachers there was Miss Janice Leal, who later became Mrs. Janice Bass. Years later when Sr. Mary Amy was teaching at St. Rose of Lima School in Maywood, CA, she taught Janice's daughter, Mary Frances. Now Mary Frances is a religion teacher at St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy. "It seems like we have come full circle," said Sr. Mary Amy. "At our Jubilee Celebration, it was a joy to see Mary Frances and her mother once more -- both of them carry that distinguishing mark of Notre Dame," she added.



EDUCATION FOR TRANSFORMATION

NDES Opens Middle School

Notre Dame Elementary School (Chardon, OH) restructured the school to include a middle school designed to meet and exceed the academic and social-emotional needs of the middle school student; prepare the middle school students for high school; and allow middle school student enrichment in both academic and special classes. It features a dedicated space exclusively for its grades 6-8 students and provides a dining room space to be used exclusively by them. The current "specials" hall will house the three sixth-grade classrooms, as well as the seventh- and eighth-grade science classroom and lab.



The opening of the **Notre Dame Middle School** (Chardon, OH) began with K to 5 students clapping the new middle school students into their new middle school space. Sisters of Notre Dame joined in a ribbon cutting, the Notre Dame Parent Association provided cake, and the middle school students attended their first Liturgy together. The celebration also included middle school students putting their thumbprints on giant NDMS letters as a reminder they are the first students to attend the Notre Dame Middle School.



JB's New Outdoor Classroom Space Welcomes Students



Julie Billiard School (Lyndhurst, OH) recently completed an outdoor renovation project to offer a new outdoor classroom for its students. The outdoor classroom will be outfitted with plenty of seating, umbrellas, and a portable Promethean ActivBoard that will allow the staff to include technology in their outdoor lessons. Also, much of the furniture purchased was assembled by JB students.

This renovation was made possible through a generous gift from Sr. Barbara Soplata and her family. Sr. Barbara grew up on 17 acres in the country in Newbury, Ohio, where she and her family spent most of their time in the garden, woods, or fields. Outside they played with their pet ducks, chickens, cats, rabbits, and horses. "I am looking forward to the students enjoying the beauty around them as they study and work. There are so many lessons you can learn from nature," said Sr. Barbara. "My hope is that this outdoor space will help the students and faculty become attuned to the wonders of creation around them," she added. Outdoor learning offers a unique environment for learning and has been shown to improve academic performance, boost mood, improve behavior.

St. Claire HealthCare Breaks Ground for New Urgent Care

Sr. Marla Monahan, St. Claire HealthCare Board Chair, and St. Claire HealthCare CEO Don Lloyd spoke at the recent groundbreaking ceremony held this summer for the new Urgent Care Center at **St. Claire HealthCare** (Morehead, KY), which will be conveniently located just off I-64 and KY-32. According to Mr. Lloyd, this project is among the first of many strategic investments in the pipeline and one of many facilities to meet the needs of the region and expand access to quality healthcare.



Resources

Coming Up!

11/2-4

Sponsored Ministry Leadership Meeting

Covington, KY

12/1

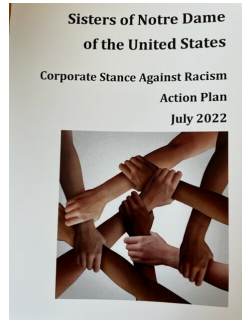
Winter NSNO Newsletter Submission Date

12/8

SND USA Feast Day

1/29-2/3

Catholic Schools Week



The Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) Advisory Council and Racism Committee announced that the action plan for the Corporate Stance Against Racism has launched. This booklet contains the synthesis of all the suggested actions by the sisters, along with prayer, reflections, and background information about the process SND USA engaged in to reach a Corporate Stance on this justice issue.

Hard copies of the booklet have been sent to all SND sponsored ministries and affiliated schools. The booklet is available in an electronic format on the JPIC website at <https://jpic.sndusa.org/>.

For more information, contact Ann Clark, Co-Director, Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation, at aclark@sndusa.org.

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