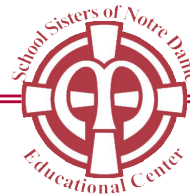


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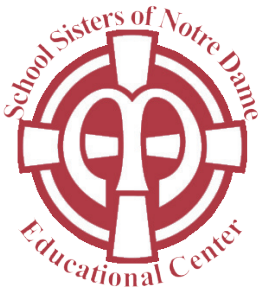
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Dear Education Advocate,

WITHOUT YOU, WE COULD NEVER HAVE ACHIEVED SO MUCH!

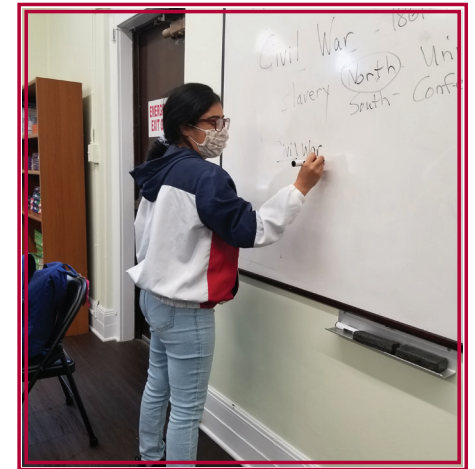
“May the God of the garden give growth so that what God’s love has called into being, may bear blessed fruit in its time.(20 YEARS)” Mother Theresa Gerhardinger SSND Letter #339.

YOU have been tending this garden of the Center for five, ten or twenty years. This year of celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the SSND Educational Center is living proof of the wisdom in these words of Mother Theresa who founded the School Sisters 190 years ago. We surely stand on the shoulders of great women. I am amazed and grateful that so many of you were taught by the SSNDs and in her spirit have become involved in the education of women.

I am delighted with the progress our students have made and I want you to enjoy these excerpts from ESL students who opted to take the advanced writing course via zoom.

“I do several things to stay healthy. I eat healthy food and drink plenty of water. In addition, I try to get a good night’s sleep...For example, I stay away from electronics before I go to bed. I also do yoga to relax at night.... Treating people well and loving yourself are important for your emotional health.” -Yunyi

“I am from Bangladesh..I have been living in the U.S. for four years....I completed my Master’s degree in my country. I was a bank officer... Now, I work at IHOP as hostess. I want to get better job than my present job.” -Monrira



“I took my children for an Easter event. I saw they were preparing for the event, so I asked them if they needed help. The lady who seemed to be the boss said we could be part of the team. So, my job was to make cotton candy. “Maybe,” I said to my friend, “I’ll set up my own cotton candy stand. Ha! Ha.” -Weiqin

Please continue to support the education of our women by returning the enclosed envelope or making your gift through our website, www.ssndecwomens.com.

May this summer bring you days of relaxation and refreshment.

With deep gratitude,

Catherine Feeney, SSND

Sister Catherine Feeney SSND
Executive Director

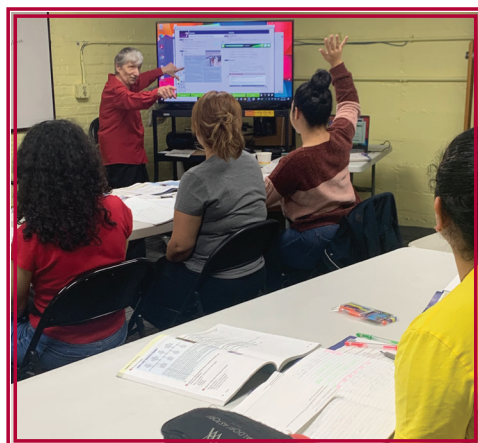
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We are grateful to Nancy Vargas for her years of service on the Board and are happy she will continue to work with the Development Committee.

STAFF

Sister Aileen Halleran SC lovingly shared her teaching skills in our GED and ESL programs for many years. Because of ill health, Sister resigned mid-year. Fortunately, Sister Eileen Trainor RSM was available to pick up Sister Aileen's language arts class.



STUDENTS

Congratulations to

- **Nube Sacoto** who has earned her GED diploma.
- **Kavita Maharaj Krishendath, '22** will soon receive a certificate from Metropolitan Learning Center that will qualify her to work as a medical assistant.
- **Maria Lituma**, ESL Level 2 student who was awarded United States Citizenship.

Yoga classes are a first for the Center. As an outgrowth of health classes, Vanessa McHugh R.N. has been guiding nine of our women in these relaxation techniques. She and her husband donated the yoga mats.

Our Closing Ceremony is fast approaching. Each of our seven classes selected a representative to address the assembly and share what have been the highlights for that class.

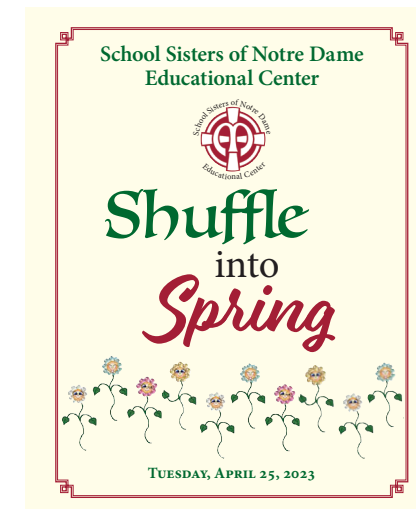


Maria Lituma



SHUFFLE INTO SPRING

Thanks to Sonia Saleh and our dedicated Development Committee our fundraiser was not only a success, but a lot of fun. One hundred-sixty guests gathered at Russo's on the Bay to celebrate the Twentieth Anniversary of the Center. Board Chair Sister Kathleen Cornell SSND presented Sister Cathy Feeney with a commemorative plaque and acknowledged her twenty years of leadership. Sister Cathy Stare S.C. shared her experience of working with our women. Graduates Kavita and Patti spoke duet-style and recaptured their time at the Center. Tim and Jamsie of Your DJs at Work entertained us with new and old tunes for Radio Bingo. Sister Maria Iannuccillo was the lucky winner of the \$1000.



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