



# Partnership News

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## SND EDUCATION - INTERNATIONAL CONNECTION

Education is a primary ministry in all of the 17 countries the Sisters of Notre Dame can be found. Recently, the four U.S. SND provinces had the opportunity to host three visitors from Indonesia, home to over 20 SND schools. Sr. Maria Kharita, SND, Sr. Maria Eufrasia, SND, and Mr. Sigit Setyawan, Operational Director, visited the U.S. in hopes of achieving three goals: gain insight into how the SND Charism is manifested in everyday school life; learn how to apply successful management techniques to schools in Indonesia; and build networks and explore school connections. Through meetings with administrators, faculty and students, each had unique observations of their experiences.

Sigit found similarities in each school of Notre Dame. “I feel the goodness of God through people. When I met principals, teachers and students, I feel that they are kind and wonderful,” he said. “God is good, and you feel that in each school we visited.”

Sr. Eufrasia found the sisters “amazing” in running and developing the educational institutions and ministries here. “Their spirit and charism is evident in their lives, in conversation and in every encounter,” she said. “We can also see their spirit in the staff and teachers in the institutions and schools,” she continued.

Sr. Kharita enjoyed meeting with the sisters. “Even though they are retired, their experience is really meaningful to me because I see the spirit of Notre Dame,” she said. “I am so grateful and blessed with this trip and meeting the sisters and educators. I am encouraged and motivated to do more in Jakarta.”

All three also found the Charism Retreat very meaningful and felt the deep commitment of the participants to preserve the spirit of the SND sisters in their institutions. They returned to Indonesia with their goals met and enthusiastic about sharing and implementing what they learned here.



Meeting with Kim Grilliot, President, NDA, Toledo, Ohio.



Enjoying a spring snowfall with Sr. Agnesmarie LoPorto, Chardon, Ohio.



Visiting Julie Learning Center in Park Hills, Kentucky.



Meeting with Tony Guevera, Head of School, La Reina High School and Middle School, Thousand Oaks, California.

# CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

## NDA Los Angeles School Counselor Making a Difference

In celebration of National School Counseling Week, *Princeton Review* recognized school counselors across the country who are making a difference in their students' lives. Kathy Morgan, Director of Guidance at **Notre Dame Academy**, Los Angeles, CA, was among 20 counselors in the country recently spotlighted. Kathy, pictured below left, loves her work and seeing students set goals and pursue them as they move from freshman through senior year.



## NDA Kentucky President Honored

Congratulations to Notre Dame Academy, Park Hills, Kentucky, President Dr. Laura Koehl on being selected as the 2019 Helen Carroll Champion of Education through the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Women's Initiative. Dr. Koehl, pictured above right, is recognized as a leader for her impact and dedication to education for the last three decades in the Northern Kentucky community. She is a 1975 graduate of NDA and returned to NDA as a teacher. In 2010, she was named the first lay principal at NDA and the first lay president in 2014.

## Spotlight on Service

Sr. Allison Marie Gusdanovic, SND, was the recipient of Outstanding Faculty honors for her service and commitment to **Cleveland Central Catholic**. Sr. Allison has been at the School for 16 years and currently serves as the Principal.

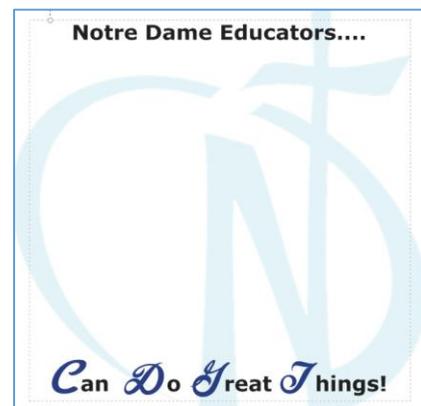
Jodi Johnston, Principal of **Julie Billiard School** in Lyndhurst, recently celebrated 20 Years of service at the school.

Sr. Mary Jean Korejwo, SND, received the Mary Dowling Award in recognition of 25 years of ministry at **Cardinal Gibbons High School**, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Sr. Sharon Kovalcik, Faith Development and Enrichment Coordinator at **Julie Billiard School** in Lyndhurst, Ohio, recently celebrated 25 years of service.

## Notre Dame Educators..... *Can Do Great Things!*

Are you looking for a great teacher's gift? These Post-It notes reflect NDCL Principal Joe Waler's easy way to remember the SND Educational Principles while also reminding educators of the tremendous influence they have on their students. Notes can be purchased for \$1.50, which includes shipping, by contacting the National Education Office.



# GOSPEL WITNESS

## CNN Features *Waterschool*, NDA (LA)

Students at Notre Dame Academy, Los Angeles, viewed *Waterschool*, a documentary that follows the experience of several young female students who live along six of the world's major rivers. They also participated in a question and answer session with producers Teri Schwartz, Dean of the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television, and Nadja Swarovski, member of the Swarovski Executive Board that set up the Swarovski Waterschool in 2000.

Swarovski was inspired and uplifted to see the girls' reactions towards the film. "Many of them are really looking forward to using their extended knowledge and education to then put themselves in a leadership position to further that positive change," she said. To view the CNN news feature, visit [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g\\_aXisfwdjg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g_aXisfwdjg).



*Waterschool* producers, Nadja Swarovski (left) and Terri Schwartz (second from left) visited Notre Dame Academy Los Angeles for a question and answer session following the film's screening.

## NDC Students Serve Community

Notre Dame College students prepared income tax returns for low income Cuyahoga County residents in collaboration with the United Way of Greater Cleveland. Projects such as this are powerful tools to reach into the community and help the underserved while providing the students with character-building service opportunities.

"I really like helping the clients that come to get their taxes filed. They are so happy and thankful to get their taxes done for free," said Cassie Thomas, a senior accounting student and coordinator of the tax preparation at the College. "It's also a great feeling to use my education from Notre Dame to help others in our neighborhood."



**water for life**

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Water is a basic right for life as well as a social and cultural good. As Sisters of Notre Dame, we reverence water as a sacred gift. We work to protect the waters entrusted to us and we act to ensure this right for all, especially the poor in areas where our Sisters serve. To attain this goal, we employ and teach principles of sustainability at every level of water use.

**Water for Life** became a living corporate stance for SND Chardon in 2005. It commits them to transform their prayers and personal and communal actions in concert with the United Nations millennium goals for global sustainability. For resources and more information, visit [www.sndchardon.org](http://www.sndchardon.org), click on the "What We Do" tab and scroll down to "Water for Life."

# EDUCATION FOR TRANSFORMATION

## Catholic Schools Week at NDA KY

Schools across the country celebrated Catholic Schools Week in late January in many ways. **Notre Dame Academy Kentucky** submitted the following photos of their celebration.



Catholic Schools week began with “Nunday Monday” celebrating mass and a luncheon with the Sisters of Notre Dame.



Students sported their pajamas on Tuesday for “Sisterhood Sleepover Day at NDA” and welcomed alumnae on Thursday to “Bring an Alum to School Day.”

“We are truly blessed to be students and educators in a Catholic school guided by the charism of the Sisters of Notre Dame,” said Jane Kleier, Director of Marketing and Communications, NDA, KY.

## Many Schools Celebrated the Week



**St. Thomas Aquinas School** in Cleveland made butterfly pins for a bereavement ministry (l) while **St. Francis Catholic School** (r), also in Cleveland, started the week appreciating safety enforcers by hosting officers from the Cleveland Police Department.



**St. Agnes School**, Ft. Wright, KY, invited priests, deacons and nuns to talk to the students about vocations (above), and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at **St. John Elementary School** in Delphos, OH performed at “Kick Off to Catholic Schools Mass” (below).

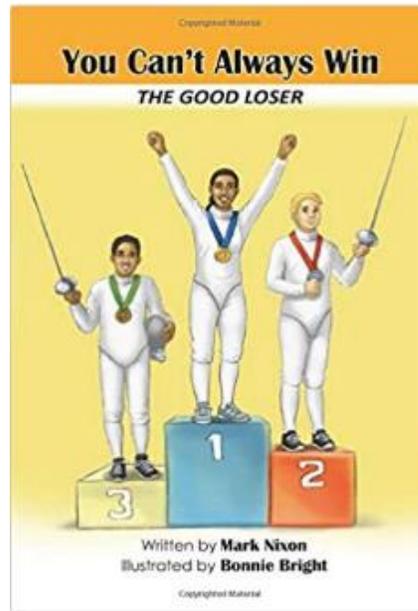


## CHECK OUT THESE RESOURCES

### NDALA Board Member Authors Book

Notre Dame Academy LA Board Member Mark Nixon's recently published book for children discusses good sportsmanship and illustrates the behavioral differences between being a good loser and a not-so-good loser. *You Can't Always Win - The Good Loser* is written for children ages eight to 11 or grades three to six to read on their own or with parents as they enter into organized sports or other competitive activities. The book offers guidance on how to cope with the psychological challenges of winning and losing, and encourages readers to choose to be good losers despite being disappointed.

The book is written in the guiding, inspiring, caring and empowering voice of a coach and parent, with careful attention to ethnic and gender diversity.



*You Can't Always Win - The Good Loser* is available in paperback from Amazon for \$12.99.

### Revamped Resource Hub

The Board Leadership and Governance section of our website's Resource Hub has been updated and reorganized to include many new items within the existing topics. To access this additional information, visit [www.snded.org](http://www.snded.org), Resource Hub and then click on "Board Leadership and Governance." The password is: BoardResources.

If your school will be conducting an end-of-the-year board assessment, visit the Resource Hub for sample surveys. Once on the Board Leadership and Governance page, find the "Board Role and Responsibilities" box and click on the word "HERE," which will take you to a list of documents. The Board Self-Assessment Survey examples can be found about half way down on the first page.

### Plan Ahead for These Dates

- October 1: Foundation Day
- March 25: Feast of the Annunciation
- April 8: Feast Day of St. Julie Billiart
- May 1: Bernard Overberg's Birthday
- July 12: St. Julie Billiart's Birthday

Ideas on ways to celebrate as well as prayers, quotes and other information on these important dates can be found on our website's Resource Hub.



## FYI: Coming Up.....

- **Kentucky Partnership Schools Faculty Retreat:** Thursday, August 8, 2019, at Notre Dame Academy in Park Hills, Kentucky. For information, contact Rich Hoyt at [rhoyt@saintagnes.com](mailto:rhoyt@saintagnes.com)
- **SND National Education Advisory Council Annual Meeting:** Wednesday, October 23 through Friday, October 25, 2019, in Park Hills, Kentucky. For information, contact Lisa Canterbury at [lcanterbury@ndec.org](mailto:lcanterbury@ndec.org)
- **Notre Dame Academy Los Angeles and La Reina High School and Middle School Joint Retreat:** Friday, November 1, 2019, in Thousand Oaks, California. For information, contact Lilliam Paetzold at [lpaetzold@ndala.com](mailto:lpaetzold@ndala.com) or Lisa Fredrickson at [lfredrickson@ndec.org](mailto:lfredrickson@ndec.org).
- **SND Sponsored Board and School Leadership Meeting:** Wednesday, November 13, 2019, at Bethany Retreat Center in Chardon. For information, contact Lisa Canterbury at [lcanterbury@ndec.org](mailto:lcanterbury@ndec.org).
- **BoardSource Leadership Forum**, the largest convening of nonprofit board members, chief executives, staff and other nonprofit professionals, will be held in St. Louis, Missouri on May 7 and 8, 2020. For information, contact Sr. Mary Frances Taymans at [mftaymans@gmail.com](mailto:mftaymans@gmail.com) and visit <https://boardsource.org>.

## Looking Forward to.....

- The next **SND National Education Summit:** Summer 2021.
- The **SND History and Heritage Trip:** Summer 2022.

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