



SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR

Making known God's goodness

U.S. East-West Province Sponsorship Office

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Who we are and what we do

The Sponsorship Office develops processes and structures for excellent governance practices and integration of mission within SNDdeN sponsored ministries in U.S. East-West Province. A few of our priorities are:

- Support the understanding and growth of Catholic identity and the Notre Dame heritage and values of their institutions by providing education relative to mission integration, sponsorship, and governance
- Commit to Catholic Social Teaching, especially in areas of diversity, equity, inclusion, belonging, anti-racism, care of the earth/climate
- As a team, develop expectations and accountability for mission effectiveness for SNDdeN sponsored ministries in U.S. East-West Province



We recently completed SNDdeN Board Member Orientations and look forward to providing more formation programs, resources and opportunities for in-person mission integration and collaboration for all members of our ministry communities - faculty, staff, students, leadership and directors. Watch for registration forms and invitations to our ongoing/upcoming conferences, sessions and meetings.

Please [reach out to our office](#) with any questions you may have including about upcoming programming opportunities or Governance/Mission Integration resources.

Meet our Team

Katie Colin
Executive Director
of Sponsorship

Julie Dowd
Director of Mission
Integration

**Sister Louise
O'Reilly SNDdeN**
Director of Mission
Integration

Amy Jobin
Director of Mission
Integration

Kim Weckbacher
Program Manager

Highlights from the SNDdeN Board Member Orientations

(Click the safe image link below to see slideshow)



Mission Moments



Thank you, Lord, for all the gifts you have given me and especially for the greatest gift of all - your unfailing love for me. I pray for all those who are suffering and in need of healing.

May they find health, consolation and peace in your loving kindness.

-Sr. Jane Hughes, SNDdeN

Calendar & Events

Important Dates

November 7, 2022

*Notre Dame de Namur Educators:
Partners in Mission*
Online, New England

**November 30 -
December 1, 2022**

Annual Sponsorship Conference
Baltimore, MD

Feb. 28-Mar. 1, 2023

Hallmark Retreat
Villa Angelica, Carmel, CA

March 17-18, 2023

Hallmark Retreat
Notre Dame Spirituality Center
Ipswich, MA

April 2-3, 2023

*Board Forum Collaborative forum with
Xaverian Brother's Sponsored Schools
Network*
Location - TBD

May 5-6, 2023

Healing the Healers Retreat
Ipswich, MA

June 19-22, 2023

*National Student Leadership
Conference*
Emmanuel College Boston, MA

June 26-29, 2023

*SNDdeN National School Leaders
Conference (formally Administrators
Conference)*
Sisters of Mercy Center Burlingame,
CA

Monthly Administrators Meetings

November 8, 2022

December 13, 2022

January 10, 2023

February 14, 2023

March 14, 2023

April 11, 2023

May 9, 2023

Quarterly Board Chair Meetings

December 6, 2022

March 14, 2023

May 2, 2023



Hallmark Retreats

The Hallmark retreats engage educators in reflection and conversation on the Notre Dame de Namur hallmarks and tradition. All Notre Dame faculty and staff are encouraged to attend a Hallmark retreat during the first several years of their tenure. Past participants share the retreats are "a wonderful experience to meet colleagues in the Notre Dame network," and "provided much needed rest, reflection and renewal for me personally and as a teacher." 2023

February 28 - March 1, 2023, Villa Angelica, Carmel, CA
March 17-18, 2023, Notre Dame Spirituality Center, Ipswich, MA

Please contact your head of school, campus minister or mission leader for registration information.

Notre Dame Educators: Partners in Mission

An orientation program welcoming new teachers and staff into the network of Notre Dame de Namur sponsored ministries and schools. The program offers an in-depth view of the history of the congregation, its mission and purpose, Catholic social thought, Notre Dame Hallmarks, and the spirituality and vocation of a Notre Dame educator. Sessions include presentations and time for small group sharing and discussion.

This is a pilot program that has been scheduled to accommodate the East coast school schedules. We hope to expand to the West coast time zone in the near future.

First Mondays of the month
November 7, December 5, 2022
February 6, March 6, April 3, 2023
3:15-4:15 pm ET
Via Zoom

Register for the Partners in Mission Series

Happenings Across the Province



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Is God With Us?

Advent conversations with
the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur.

Saturday, December 3, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. ET/12:00 - 2:00 p.m. PT
Sunday, December 11, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. ET/3:00 - 5:00 p.m. PT
REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/3N6izQt>
CONTACT: Kimberly Mazyck at vocations@sndden.org



Without Exception is network for faculty, staff and campus ministers who support LGBTQ+ identified students at Catholic middle and high schools.

Developed by theology teacher David Palmieri of Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood, MA, Without Exception offers resources, zoom sessions, and other materials for Catholic educators. Learn more [here](#).



On a recent visit to Belmont, CA, some members of the East-West Province Sponsorship Office staff had lunch at the Belmont Province Center.

Standing Left to Right: Sister Jean Stoner, Katie Colin, Julie Dowd

Sitting Left to Right: Shyrl McCormick, Sister Georgi Coonis, Sister Louise O'Reilly, Kim Weckbacher