



The Impact of Mission: Honoring the Past; Strengthening the Future

The school bells have rung once more across the country and throughout the East-West Province. On behalf of the Sponsorship Office, welcome back to the new school year!

In the spirit of St. Julie Billiart, Françoise, and the pioneering Sisters, who used the ringing of the school bell to draw students and establish their schools, we continue to honor this tradition today. Our dedication to their mission—proclaiming the goodness of God and emphasizing "what is essential for life"—remains unwavering.



This fall is particularly special as we celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Sisters' ministry in New England. The impact of their foundational work is still felt today, and it is our collective responsibility to ensure that their mission and legacy endure well beyond these 175 years.

Our team in the Sponsorship Office is committed to preserving and promoting the vitality of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur's mission and charism. As you know, our work involves supporting the integration of their spirituality, charism, and Hallmarks into every aspect of our sponsored schools, healthcare centers, organizations, and ministries.



Katie-Sue Scullin
Director of Mission Integration
U.S. East-West Province Sponsorship Office.

We are excited to introduce a new member to our team, *Katie-Sue Scullin*. Katie-Sue will play a key role in strengthening our efforts and continuing to build the valuable partnerships we have established. She is eager to meet everyone across the Province in the coming weeks and months, and we look forward to her contributions.

Please take a moment to [read more about Katie-Sue](#) and the gifts she brings to the Sponsorship Office team and the East-West Province.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our mission and the important work you do in our ministries. Here's to a successful and inspiring school year ahead!

Peace,

Katie Colin
Executive Director of Sponsorship
U.S. East-West Province

Ways to Participate in the 175th Celebrations

THE SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR



CELEBRATING AN ENDURING LEGACY
OF GOODNESS IN NEW ENGLAND

SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, August 24 at 4 p.m.

Liturgy at Notre Dame Health Care, Worcester, Massachusetts
Space limited: RSVP to lfitzgerald@ewsndden.org or call 617-387-2500 Ext. 19.

Saturday, September 7 at 4 p.m.

Liturgy at St. Gregory Parish, Dorchester, Massachusetts

Saturday, September 14 at 4 p.m.

Liturgy at St. Patrick Parish, Lowell, Massachusetts

Wednesday, October 16 at 6 p.m.

175th Anniversary Gala Celebration

at the Boston Marriott, Burlington, Massachusetts
(ticket purchase required)

Learn more about anniversary events, our
history and purchase tickets at:
sddeneastwest.org/175NE



SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR
Making known God's goodness

Embrace the Season of Creation: A Call to Care for Our Common Home

Did you know that the Season of Creation, an ecumenical movement that encourages spiritual communities around the globe to answer the call to Care for Creation, is just around the corner? It begins on September 1 and ends on October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The [Catholic Climate Covenant](#) and [Season of Creation's](#) websites have a host of resources to support schools and educators that focus on

recognizing the gifts our Creator has given us and celebrating and caring for our common home. If you have a Laudato Si' program, campus garden, classes focused on care for the environment, the Season of Creation could be a great time to highlight these programs and ministries on your campus and invite your campus into deeper reflection on answering this important call and living out the SNDdeN **Hallmark 3 - We educate for and act on behalf of justice, peace and care for all creation.**

Article written by Amy Jobin, Mission Formation, U.S. EW Province Sponsorship Office

“There is need for a covenant between human beings and the environment.”

Pope Francis

Mission Moments



O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we welcome the autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colors of the leaves remind us of the wonder of your creation.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.

May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and bounty we are to share with others.

May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that death is temporary and life is eternal.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever.

- Author Unknown

Happenings Across the Province

Be sure to check out the SNDdeN social media accounts - [Instagram](#) & [Facebook](#) - to learn what's happening within our sponsored ministries! Links also at bottom of newsletter.

Back to School - Preparation, Sharing and Reflection

As summer draws to a close and we shift into the cooler days and structured routines of the new season, our educational ministries are buzzing with activity. On the West Coast, students have already returned to campus, marking the start of an exciting new year. Meanwhile, the East Coast schools are in the final stages of preparation, focusing on faculty and staff retreats, student orientations, and more, before officially opening their doors to the new school year. Whether they're just beginning or well underway, our schools are gearing up for a successful 2024-2025 school year. Here's a glimpse of what's happening across our coast-to-coast educational communities.

Notre Dame Cristo Rey High School, Methuen, MA



The faculty and staff of Notre Dame Cristo Rey began their preparation with orientation, then gathering for a retreat held at the SNDdeN province center in Ipswich, MA. Their theme for the school year is "Believe and Achieve."



Sister Maryalyce Gilfeather, SNDdeN, President at Notre Dame Cristo Rey, shares her enthusiasm and spirit on the first day of school.

Notre Dame Academy, Worcester, MA

Notre Dame Academy, Worcester, MA is thrilled to welcome its wonderful new faculty aboard. They also welcomed students and families back to campus during student orientations and a back-to-school barbecue.



Welcome to the NDA family, new faculty!



NDA families enjoy the back-to-school barbecue.

Notre Dame Education Center, Lawrence, MA

Notre Dame Education Center, adult education community, is excited to welcome its students back during orientation.



Notre Dame Academy, Hingham, MA

NDA's faculty and staff began the new school year by participating in a retreat centered around Hallmark 2: "We honor the dignity and sacredness of each person."



Faculty and staff collectively make a candle symbolizing the light they aim to bring to their students.



President Annemarie Kenneally '80 P'13 '15 and Principal Mary Merrigan, bless the hands of all faculty and staff.

**Notre Dame de Namur University, Belmont, CA
and Emmanuel College, Boston, MA**



Whether you'll be attending in person or online, NDNU in Belmont, CA is planning a Welcome Week and are excited for their students to dive into fresh learning experiences this Fall!



At Emmanuel College in Boston, MA, move-in soon!

Moreland Notre Dame, Watsonville, CA



Moreland Notre Dame staff participated in a



Students were welcomed back to campus and have

retreat. The staff motto for this year is “Engaged in today, moving forward with faithfulness and courage!”

wrapped up their first week of the 2024-25 school year.

Notre Dame High School, San Jose, CA

Notre Dame High School, San Jose, prepared for their return to school by reuniting their faculty and staff for a retreat on the beautiful campus of Santa Clara University. They focused on our Hallmark 6: “We create community among those with whom we work and with those we serve.”



NDSJ faculty and staff gather for their annual retreat. Hugs, laughter, smiles and meaningful connection were abound.



A group of NDSJ faculty and staff alum gather during the retreat. There are a total of 32 alums returning to their alma mater as faculty and staff!

Notre Dame Elementary and Notre Dame High School, Belmont, CA





Notre Dame Elementary was excited to kick off the 2024-25 school year and welcome students.

Above: Notre Dame High School prepared for the new year with a "Staffulty Retreat" complete with their own sweatshirts!

Below: Students participate in an all-school Welcome Rally.



Calendar | Upcoming Events & Meetings

Please reference and bookmark our [Calendar of Events page](#) on the EW SNDdeN website to access more information about our events, access registration links when they go live and additional event listings.

September
4
2024

SNDdeN Board of Directors Orientation - East Coast

[Four Points Sheraton](#) | 2:30 - 5:30 pm

Program & Appetizers.

Registration link has been sent out to east coast participants. If you have not seen the invitation, please [email the Sponsorship Office](#).

September
17
2024

Social Emotional Learning: A Framework for Catholic Education

Zoom | Sept. 17, 2024 | 6:30 -7:30 pm ET

Join us for a presentation and discussion with Molly McMahon, Ph.D., Director of Leadership Programs and the Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

Academy at the Roche Center for Catholic Education at Boston College.

Click More Info to email the Sponsorship Office with questions. [Download flyer here](#).

[Register](#)

Co-sponsored by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur East-West Province



West Coast Board Orientations

Individual Ministry Programs | October 7-10

The West Coast orientations will be held at our CA school locations during the week of October 7 - 10, 2024. Schedule and more information will be sent to each respective board.



Partnering in Mission

New Faculty/Staff Mission Orientation

Zoom Sessions | 3:45 & 6:15 pm ET / 12:45 & 3:15 pm PT

An orientation program welcoming new teachers and staff into the network of Notre Dame de Namur sponsored ministries and schools. Participants receive a certificate at completion of the program. [Download this flyer](#) for more information.

Register for
Early Session

Register for
Late Session



SNDdeN School Leaders Conference

Educate, Empower, Transform

The Westin Cincinnati | Nov. 11, 12 pm to Nov. 13, 3 pm

All school administrators and leadership teams are encouraged to attend! Agenda and registration coming soon! [Book your rooms now!](#) [Email the EW and OH Sponsorship Teams](#) for more information.



West Coast SNDdeN Educators Symposium

Taube Center at NDNU | 5 to 7 pm

Save the date for this dynamic program co-sponsored with Notre Dame de Namur University for a second year. This program is offered to faculty and staff from all Notre Dame de Namur learning communities.



East Coast SNDdeN Educators Symposium

Location & time to be finalized

Save the date for this dynamic program being offered to faculty and staff from all Notre Dame de Namur learning communities.

East Coast Hallmarks Retreat

Spirituality Center, Ipswich, MA | *Save the date*

Faculty and staff of Notre Dame de Namur schools during the first several years of their tenure are encouraged to attend this retreat to deepen their understanding of the 7

Hallmarks & connect with colleagues across the network.

April
10-11
2025

June
6-7
2025

East Coast Healing the Healers Retreat

Spirituality Center, Ipswich, MA | *Save the date*

Any staff members from the Notre Dame de Namur health care facilities are encouraged to attend this day-long retreat for rest, reflection, and socializing with fellow staff from Notre Dame de Namur health care facilities throughout New England. Opportunities to learn more about the spirituality of the Sisters, and optional meditative walks, gardening, yoga, and art. Option to spend the night at the retreat center for those who would like.

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