

THE 2014 WANSBORO AWARD RECIPIENT



Barbara Brown Lopiccolo '62

“The Society of the Sacred Heart has been singularly blessed by God ... It is blessed, most of all, in the special bond of unity which joins all the members together; so strongly that those who see it have declared that no human power could have welded so many diverse spirits and nationalities, in one whole and that without doubt, the finger of God is here.”

Sr. Janet Erskine Stewart's words resound today as we honor Barbara Brown Lopiccolo⁶², the 2014 Wansboro Award Recipient. Barbara is one of those special people who has demonstrated her trust and confidence in the Sacred Heart of Jesus through her life-long commitment to the Sacred Heart community.

Barbara Brown Lopiccolo, a Sacred Heart “lifer,” is a 1962 graduate of the Academy of the Sacred Heart, and for the past 29 years, she has served the Academy of the Sacred Heart's Bloomfield campus and has been the Admissions Director since 1988. In addition to being the welcoming recruiter for the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Barbara has been an involved, active alumna in our local, national, and international Network of Sacred Heart Schools.

Barbara was a two-term President of the Alumnae Board of Bloomfield Hills, MI from 1991 to 1995, and she has continued a leadership role on the Advisory Board. Barbara served as President of the Associated Alumnae and Alumni of the Sacred Heart (AASH), an organization of over 50,000 alumnae and alumni of Sacred Heart Schools in the United States and Canada. In 2006, Barbara was elected to the Board of Directors of the worldwide association of alumnae and alumni of the Sacred Heart. The Network of Sacred Heart Schools includes 21 schools in the United States and is affiliated with institutions in 44 countries around the world. In 2007, Barbara received the Cor Unum Award for the Central Region, which is given for “excellence in one's life work, loyalty to Sacred Heart values, and the gift of self in service to others.” In 2010 Barbara was named Vice President of the Worldwide Association of Alumnae and Alumni of the Sacred Heart (AMASC).

Barbara has always shown by example what it means to live the *Goals and Criteria* of the Sacred Heart. In the summer of 2012, Barbara took part in the Mission Immersion Program and spent two and a half weeks in Uganda. Barbara reported that, “Working with the Ugandi students strengthened the bonds that unite us as members of our growing Sacred Heart family.”

The Alumnae and Alumni Association congratulates Barbara Brown Lopiccolo on her dedicated service to our school and to the Sacred Heart national and international communities and proudly recognizes Barbara Brown Lopiccolo with the 2014 Wansboro Award.

THE WANSBORO AWARD



Katherine S. Wansboro, RSCJ

In 1972, the Wansboro Award was initiated to honor individuals in the Sacred Heart family who by their lives and activities have demonstrated Confidence in the Heart of Jesus. The recipient of the award need not be a Sacred Heart alumna, as indeed Sister Wansboro was not, but the recipient must share with Sister Wansboro that strong commitment and dedication to the Heart of Jesus and Sacred Heart education.

After her graduation, Sister Wansboro needed a year to decide about her future. Being acquainted with the Kenwood Convent of the Sacred Heart for some time, she understood more deeply the spirit of the Society, believing it could bring to fruition all she was searching for in religious life: total consecration to the love of Christ. His love was her constant support during her more than 50 years as a Religious of the Sacred Heart.

As a religious, Sister Wansboro received an M.A. from Boston College and her undergraduate degree in Library Science from the State University of Albany. She frequently attended summer school to better prepare herself to meet the educational challenges in a changing world. As a teacher or coordinator of studies, Headmistress or Superior, she served in several houses in the Province, including Newton, Washington, D.C., Buffalo, Greenwich, Rochester and 91st Street. Her longest stay was in Michigan, where she spent 25 years, one at Grosse Pointe and 24 at Lawrence Avenue and Bloomfield Hills. She was Superior at Lawrence Avenue when the decision was made to establish a house in Bloomfield Hills. With only \$8,000 to buy land and build a new school, the task seemed impossible! It was clear to her that it could only be built on Confidence in the Heart of Jesus. It was through this Confidence that the project became a reality and Sister Wansboro became Superior of Bloomfield Hills, serving from 1958-1964.

Sister Wansboro insisted on excellence from her students. She endeavored to see that the Charity of Christ was the basis of all school activities. She worked behind the scenes by providing support and encouragement to her students and their families. She founded the Fathers' Club and the Janet Stuart Association to develop understanding between home and school. On August 2, 1990, Sister Katherine Wansboro celebrated her Diamond Jubilee as a Religious of the Sacred Heart. The Lord called Katherine Wansboro home on March 13, 1998.

This award is presented annually in the name of Katherine S. Wansboro, RSCJ, whose life exemplifies Confidence in the Heart of Jesus.