

# THE 2010 WANSBORO AWARD RECIPIENT



*Anne Oldani Kern*<sup>68</sup>

Anne Oldani Kern lives her life centered on the teachings of St. Madeleine Sophie Barat and St. Rose Philippine Duchesne. Love, prayer, service and confidence in the Heart of Jesus characterize Anne.

A strong belief in the value of a Sacred Heart education was instilled in Anne by her parents, William J. and Mary Sweeney Oldani<sup>31</sup>, and then nurtured during her 13 years as a student at Lawrence Avenue and Bloomfield Hills and four years at Barat College of the Sacred Heart, Lake Forest. As a Montessori teacher for 30 years, Anne has brought

into her classroom St. Madeleine Sophie's understanding that each child is a special gift with many talents. Anne gives of herself to her students "for the sake of one child".

Her parents' commitment to helping others has been Anne's inspiration as she makes community service an essential facet of her life. When her sons, Michael, Christopher and Andrew attended Kensington Academy and University of Detroit Jesuit High School, Anne was an involved parent assisting on various committees. She has tutored in the Pontiac After School Learning Center for many years. One year her son, Andrew, volunteered with her because she has instilled in her sons the value of service and the need to make a difference in the community. Anne and Otto, her husband of 35 years, are members of St. Columban Parish, where Anne serves as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister. Anne has followed the example of her mother in having the Associated Alumnae/Alumni of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills play an important role in her volunteer activity. She has held several Board positions, including President, and remains on the Advisory Board of the Alumnae/Alumni Association. Anne has attended many national conferences of the Associated Alumnae/Alumni of the Sacred Heart, sometimes participating as a delegate or committee member. Currently, Anne serves on the Academy of the Sacred Heart Board of Trustees Advisory Board.

With calm and quiet confidence in the Sacred Heart, Anne manifests the legacy of Katherine Wansboro, RSCJ in the roles of a loving wife, mother and sister; a devoted daughter; and a self-less friend. The Alumnae/Alumni Association proudly presents the 2010 Wansboro Award to Anne Oldani Kern.