

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.

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For more than 160 years, women and men of distinction have led the Academy of the Sacred Heart in partnership with the Religious of the Sacred Heart, giving of their time, talent and treasure and leaving a lasting impression on the life of each child. The Board of Trustees holds the mission of the Society of the Sacred Heart in trust as it serves the current generation of Children of the Sacred Heart while also making decisions that will impact generations to come.

The Alumnae and Alumni Association made a landmark decision to bestow its highest distinction upon the entire Board of Trustees because they have demonstrated the integrity,

generosity, leadership and commitment to community through their common fidelity to the mission of the Academy of the Sacred Heart. Together, this group of leaders has created a new definition of collaboration as they have each contributed the unique personal gift given by God for the sake of the community they serve. It was impossible to isolate the contributions of one Trustee over another, as they have made a universal commitment to act as a body entrusted to govern in the spirit of the Society of the Sacred Heart. Therefore, the Alumnae and Alumni of the Academy of the Sacred Heart honor this distinctive group of leaders—those who embody the heart of Jesus, guiding the school from a time of great challenge into a time bright with promise for the future.

With gratitude for their leadership, dedication and commitment to Katherine Wansboro's "House Built on Confidence", the 2011-2012 Board of Trustees are the worthy recipients of the award named for one who, like the current Board, led from vision to visible action of God. Congratulations and thank you to the Board of Trustees!