

2023 Women's Leadership Luncheon

March 21, 2023

Brookhaven Country Club
Farmers Branch, Texas

Learning Today



Transforming tomorrow



School Sisters of Notre Dame
Central Pacific Province



“Love is the bond that unites us with one another and with God.”

*~Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger
Letter #949, December 8, 1850*

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the School Sisters of Notre Dame’s (SSND) 2023 Women’s Leadership Luncheon. Today, you can expect to be inspired with a passion to bring change within yourself and others. It is a pleasure to spend this time with you. Thank you for joining us.

The theme of the 2023 Women’s Leadership Luncheon is, **Learning Today – Transforming Tomorrow**. The focus is mental health, a primary health concern that has far-reaching influence on all aspects of society. We know that by learning more about mental health, starting conversations, building relationships, and fostering a community approach to mental and behavioral health, we can transform lives and support each other as we each strive to reach our fullest potential.

Started in the late 1990s, the Women’s Leadership Luncheon is SSND’s annual event honoring women and recognizing their contributions in making this a better world. Guided by the SSND commitment to transforming the world through education, our goal today is to educate and empower others to learn how they also can make a difference.

Events like this take many generous individuals and businesses to be a success. We thank our supporters for their prayers, work and donations. Our individual and corporate sponsors listed in this book allow us to offer the Women’s Leadership Luncheon free to all guests.

Yours in peace,

Sister Debra Sciano, SSND

Sister Debra Marie Sciano, SSND
Provincial Leader

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Program

Welcome and Prayer **Sister Debra Marie Sciano, SSND**
Provincial Leader

Introduction of Speaker **Sister Mary Kay Brooks, SSND**
Provincial Councilor

Keynote Speaker **Sister Rosemarie Nassif, SSND, Ph.D.**
Executive Director, Center for
Catholic Education
Loyola Marymount University School of
Education in Los Angeles
“ Trust Your Cape”

Q&A

Closing Remarks **Mary Kay Murray**
Resource Development Director





Does the mission of Christ tug at your heart?

We invite women and men to become SSND associates and deepen their commitment to Christ's mission.



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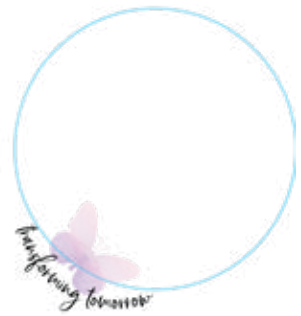
Speaker

**Sister Rosemarie Nassif, SSND,
Ph.D.**
**Executive Director, Center for
Catholic Education
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Sister Rosemarie Nassif, SSND, Ph.D., is the Executive Director of the Center for Catholic Education at Loyola Marymount University School of Education in Los Angeles. Previously, she worked at the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation serving as Program Director for the Catholic sisters and Catholic schools priority areas from 2012 to 2017, during which time she led the granting of \$90 million to Catholic Sisters in 23 countries and \$25 million to Catholic schools in the U.S.

From 2009-2012 she served as senior advisor to the Assistant Secretary at the Department of Education where she had lead responsibility for achieving President Obama's 2020 College Completion goal. She was president of two universities, Notre Dame of Maryland in Baltimore and Holy Names University in Oakland. She has had professional experiences in Japan, Honduras, China, Rome, Korea, London, Italy, and Israel as well as in six countries in Africa.



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Women Honorees



*Sister Mary Anne
Owens, SSND*

**President
Catholic Housing Initiative**



Catholic Housing Initiative is honored to present our President, Sister Mary Anne Owens, SSND, as our nominee for the 2023 Women's Leadership Luncheon.

Service, dedication, and a strong commitment to help the most vulnerable have been Sr. Mary Anne's hallmarks. Born in the magical city of New York City, she grew up in an Irish, Catholic home where an education and a strong faith and love for God were the greatest gifts her parents gave to her.

Sr. Mary Anne's leadership has impacted the families of Long Island, New York, through her work with Catholic Charities. She helped the children and families of the Love Field area as the Principal of Our Lady of Perpetual Help as well as the community of Lafayette, Louisiana, by inaugurating the Justice and Peace office for the Diocese and organizing workshops around racism. She also assisted the families of East Dallas as the Director of the Brady Center and eventually led the Catholic Charities of Dallas, which is a social service agency focused on improving the quality of life for the most vulnerable. As a School Sister of Notre Dame, she served on their provincial council when she and her team orchestrated the historical move of combining four provinces based in Milwaukee, St. Louis, Dallas, and Mankato, as well as the Region of Japan, into one province, the Central Pacific Province.

Today, she sits as the President of Catholic Housing Initiative, a community-based non-profit with a mission of providing quality, affordable housing serving thousands of people in the Dallas area.

Sister's leadership has impacted communities around the globe! She is an example of servant leadership.

Postscript: When Sr. Mary Anne was asked to review the application before submission she remarked that she didn't recognize herself, just like a good Irishwoman.



Women Honorees



*School Sisters of
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Notre Dame School of Dallas



Notre Dame School of Dallas honors the School Sisters of Notre Dame for their dedication in educating students with developmental disabilities. Believing that every child is created in the image of God and deserves the right to an education, the SSND opened Notre Dame School in 1963. They were ahead of their time, as it would be another 12 years before legislation required public schools to serve children with disabilities.

Notre Dame School is proud to celebrate its 60th anniversary and continues to uphold the mission of the SSND. Thank you, SSND, for your vision and dedication! We look forward to serving more students and their families for the next 60 years.



Notre Dame School honors the School Sisters of Notre Dame for their commitment and dedication to establish the school 60 years ago.

Thank you for your vision, your mission, and your continued support.



Past Speakers

- 2022** *Mayra J. Thompson, M.D. FACOG*
Obstetrics and Gynecology, Private Practice
“Graced Leadership: Women’s Unique Response to Urgent Needs”
- 2021** *Janette Monear*
President/CEO of the Texas Trees Foundation
“The Symbiotic Relationship of Trees and People”
- 2020** *Mary Elizabeth Cedillo-Pereira*
Executive Director of Arizona State University’s International Development Office
“Embracing Diversity in our Struggle for Unity”
- 2019** *Anne Simmons-Benton*
Executive Director of Arizona State University’s International Development Office
“The Hidden Crime of Human Trafficking: How to Become a Leader in Your Community”
- 2018** *Theresa Francis*
Principal at Notre Dame School of Dallas and SSND Associate
“My Spiritual Formation – Led and Formed by the Charism of the School Sisters of Notre Dame”
- 2017** *Mary Emma Ackels Karam, J.D.*
Partner at Jackson Walter, L.L.P.
“How to Have a Successful Career and Live a Faithful Life”
- 2016** *Kris Kramer*
Executive Director, Catholic Pro-Life Committee of North Texas
“There’s Just Something About Mary”
- 2015** *Sheila Madigan Levantino*
Marriage and Family Therapist and Spiritual Director
- 2014** *Jennifer Staubach Gates*
Councilmember for the City of Dallas
- 2013** *Dr. Susan Hanssen*
Associate Professor of History at the University of Dallas





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