

Greetings from the President

Dear Friends of Louisville,

As we enter another new year, my prayer for all of us is that God will continue to bestow abundant blessings upon us and that we will respond wholeheartedly by trusting in God's unconditional love for all of us. Recently, I came across an article by Rev. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI, in which he states:

"The end of one year and the beginning of a new year are a naturally reflective time. If you come to the end of a year and are still alive, then you haven't had a bad year. If you are still within the family of faith, then you've had a good year, irrespective of personal sickness, economic misfortune, lost relationships, or any other tragedy. Moreover, if there's gratitude in your heart and you can ask God for providence and protection for the coming year, you've entered that year on the right note. If you can follow this by expressing sincere love and best wishes for those around you (the words and embraces that say 'Happy New Year'), well, that's all a human being can do to welcome a new year properly."

So, Happy New Year to all!

This edition of *The Royal View* highlights articles related to our Visual and Performing Arts specifically. It is very heartening to see how many of our alumnae have built on the foundation they received at Louisville as they pursue the arts. Their appreciation of all they received in high school is noteworthy and I am grateful to all those who so graciously responded to requests for articles. I imagine many of our alumnae will experience some nostalgia as you reminisce about the good times you had as you participated in musicals, concerts and drama productions. In future editions of *The Royal View*, we will try to capture experiences that other alumnae have had and we would like to give every alumna the opportunity to share an experience that sparked your enthusiasm to follow a particular dream. I realize we have so many women who are involved in wonderful work across the globe and we would love to hear from all of you. By showcasing your work we hope that our current students will be inspired to follow in your footsteps.

This past semester has been a very successful one for the Development Office. If you received the Annual Report, you read about all the physical improvements to the campus over the summer including the strides we have made in updating our technology. We were blessed by the generosity of foundations, current and past parents, alumnae and other friends of Louisville who helped us reach the goals we had set to fund those necessary projects. Our fundraisers, especially QUEST and the Golf Tournament, raised a large portion of these funds and we are very grateful to all those who worked so diligently to bring about such successful events. As we look toward the future, we do not anticipate any major building project. Instead we will focus on supporting our scholarship and financial aid program as well as our ongoing technology needs. I know all our readers will give generously to those crucial causes.

May God continue to bless all of you in this new year. You and your families are always in my prayers and in the prayers of the Sisters of St. Louis. Thank you for your continued support of Louisville.

Sincerely,

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