IN GRATITUDE FOR YOUR GIVING TO NOTRE DAME

2012 Stewardship Report
DURING FISCAL YEAR 2012
(ENDING JUNE 30, 2012):

More than 8,000 Sorin Society members made unrestricted gifts totaling $19.55 million.

- $5.78 million of Sorin Society funds were allocated to undergraduate and graduate financial aid.
- $5.07 million of Sorin Society funds were allocated to recruiting, hiring, and supporting faculty members and an academy of excellence.
- The remaining $8.7 million of Sorin Society funds were directed to areas of greatest need including: enhanced support of Rectorships and Residential Life, hiring of an Assistant Director in the Career Center to assist students in Arts and Letters, increased support for graduate student health insurance and services, library acquisitions, support for the 2012-13 Notre Dame Forum events exploring the future of American democracy, and many other areas of impact too numerous to list.
Dear Friends,

This Christmas season, as the Notre Dame community reflects on our many blessings, we are humbled by your continued love and support of Our Lady’s University. Your annual gifts make a remarkable impact on the academic, spiritual, and personal development of our students, faculty, and staff.

Thanks to the generosity of Edward Frederick Sorin Society members, Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., is able to address many of Notre Dame’s greatest needs. In 2012, unrestricted funds provided financial aid for deserving students, enhanced student opportunities for personal and moral development, furthered our global service efforts, supported innovative research, and allowed the University to sustain and improve its operations.

Every contribution to the Sorin Society makes a positive difference in the life of the University. As you consider the meaningful ways in which your kindness affects the lives of so many here at Notre Dame, please know we are profoundly grateful for your loyal commitment.

May you and your family be blessed with the gifts of faith, hope, and love this Christmas.

In Notre Dame,

Brian P. Couch ’85, ’88
Senior Director, Annual Giving Programs
The Sorin Society reflects the spirit and vision of one of the great leaders in our University’s history, Rev. Edward Frederick Sorin, C.S.C., the young Catholic priest who founded the University of Notre Dame du Lac in November 1842.

From the moment Father Sorin began the work of building our great University, he put his faith in Our Lady. Father Sorin once said, “If all men fail me, there is one treasury that is always full, and from which, when all is exhausted, I can draw. That is the treasury of Our Most Holy Lady. That afternoon, when we first set foot on this land, we went on our knees in the snow and placed our confidence in her. In the darkest hours of our need, in the moments of deepest discouragement, I have called on her for help. Never once has she failed.”

She never has failed Notre Dame. She has had your help along the way.

For the past 36 years, Notre Dame has benefited from the continuous generosity of Sorin Society members. The collective impact of your annual gifts has made and continues to make a remarkable difference for Notre Dame.

THANK YOU
YOUR SORIN SOCIETY GIFTS

FOSTER THE PERSONAL AND MORAL DEVELOPMENT OF STUDENTS

Rev. Ralph L. Haag, C.S.C., graduated from Creighton University and he loves being a Holy Cross priest at Notre Dame. “There’s something special about this place that captivates you. I found a community and a sense of belonging here like none other. You want to help perpetuate it.” Father Ralph is now in his seventh year as rector of St. Edward’s Hall, a venerable building so cherished by Notre Dame’s founder Father Sorin that he designed and built it right next to his equally-beloved Golden Dome in 1882.

As rector of the “home away from home” for 170 young men from as close by as South Bend and as far away as southern Africa and China, Father Ralph knows these students will have transformative experiences over their four years at Notre Dame and will turn into men right before his eyes. “As a rector, I have a wonderful opportunity to challenge them, to help them change their minds and hearts, to see and view things differently. The greatest gift is that I get to see them mature year after year, and become fine young men.”

“Sometimes, there are students that might need help getting home when a parent is sick,” Father Ralph shared, “or maybe can’t afford a uniform for interhall football, which is so much a part of the Notre Dame tradition. Having discretionary funds available to support students is so important, and so appreciated.”

Your gifts to the Sorin Society help Father Ralph, the Congregation of Holy Cross, and others advance the Catholic mission and character of Notre Dame among students.
Funding from the Sorin Society has created wonderful opportunities to attract outstanding students and scholars to the University. A key factor in Notre Dame attracting two exceptional scholars to the Sacred Music program was the enhancement of library holdings in sacred music, made possible by funding from the Sorin Society.

Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves notes, “We were very interested in strengthening our Sacred Music program. Because of unrestricted contributions, we were able to make significant improvements to our library holdings in sacred music, helping Notre Dame recruit two of the world’s most renowned scholars of sacred music and liturgy to our campus.” Margot Fassler, who had previously served as director of the Yale Institute of Sacred Music, came to Notre Dame from the Center of Theological Inquiry in Princeton. Her colleague and husband, Peter Jeffery, who had served as a faculty fellow in the humanities at Harvard, came from the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton. At Notre Dame, they are working on using liturgical music to help reengage people, particularly youths, in Mass.

“We want to always be able to recruit and support particularly promising or outstanding scholars,” Affleck-Graves said. Thanks to the annual commitment of Sorin Society members, Notre Dame is able to hire great scholars this year and plan for future hires in coming years.

“The flexibility afforded us through unrestricted gifts allows us to be nimble and quick and take advantage of opportunities that arise on the faculty side—such as the opportunity to recruit Margo and Peter.”

—John Affleck-Graves
YOUR SORIN SOCIETY GIFTS
ENABLE ACCESS TO EDUCATION

Shanice Cox is a sophomore from Lauderdale Lakes, Florida, and a Notre Dame scholarship recipient. As a Floridian, Notre Dame has given her a wonderful opportunity to see snow for the very first time, but perhaps most importantly, Notre Dame has given her a very special opportunity to see another side of the world. Last summer, Shanice traveled to Israel to participate in a program at Notre Dame’s Tantur Ecumenical Institute. Her time in the Middle East allowed her to see many of the best-known places in the Holy Land—including Bethlehem, Nazareth, and Jerusalem—and deepen her faith. “I feel like I’ve learned more and my faith is so much stronger,” Shanice said, “I appreciate that there are Crucifixes in my classroom, and that I can go to the Grotto and pray.”

Currently enrolled as a pre-professional student in the College of Arts and Letters, Shanice’s goal is to become a doctor, and her experiences at Notre Dame have already shaped her. She is thinking of majoring in theology, with minors in poverty studies and gender studies.

As asked how she would thank Sorin Society members, Shanice says, “Thank you so much. I am eternally grateful that you are giving me the chance to stay here, to continue to grow, and to continue in my academic programs.”

Your participation in the Sorin Society provides the University with annual discretionary resources to enhance financial aid packages for exemplary students like Shanice. Because of your generosity, access to a Notre Dame education is made attainable for many students and their families.
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