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Building Bridges – Strengthening Communities



FROM THE DESK OF

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Welcome to ASEC's 2026 Rays of Hope

***By Sr. Draru Mary Cecilia, LSMIG**, ASEC Executive Director*

ASEC's mission to educate Catholic women religious in Africa builds capacity that extends far beyond the individual sister, creating impact through her life, leadership, and ministry.

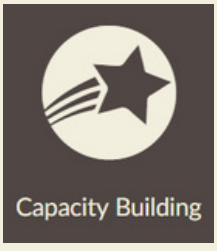
The story of ASEC is a story of mission and partnership—a mission that continues to unfold and partnerships that continue to grow. ASEC's Founding Mothers began with faith, hope, commitment, and an ambitious dream, but without the resources or a clear path to bring that dream to life. They would need others to share in their vision. Their journey reminds me of Mother Angelica's words: **"Unless you are willing to do the ridiculous, God will not do the miraculous … Your plans, your projects, your dreams have to always be bigger than you, so God has room to operate."**

ASEC's Founding Mothers dared to think beyond what seemed possible and, through partnership, their vision began to take shape: to bridge the gap in education for sisters so that they, in turn, could bridge gaps in health, education, development, social, and pastoral services in their communities.

What began as a partnership among ASEC's founding religious and educational institutions has grown to include religious communities, higher education institutions, foundations, donors, and partners in Africa and the United States. Together, these relationships provide the resources, opportunities, and shared commitment that allow ASEC's mission to take root and grow.

In Magnifica Humanitas, Pope Leo XIV reminds us to place the dignity of the human person at the heart of our efforts. This speaks deeply to ASEC's mission. Education provides a sister an opportunity for her God-given gifts, knowledge, and leadership to grow and flourish in service to society.

As you read this edition of *Rays of Hope*, I invite you to see these connections at work, get involved with ASEC, and become part of the multiplier effect that begins with investing in the education of a Catholic sister. The stories throughout these pages remind us that we share one common home and that the dignity of one person and one community are connected to the well-being of all. We build bridges because we need one another. Through faith, education, partnership, and service, we can continue strengthening communities and building a better future for our shared world.



Capacity Building

In this edition of *Rays of Hope*, we explore **capacity building**, one of ASEC's six core values.

ASEC is committed to expanding the capacity of women religious in Africa through training that increases their ability to build sustainable programs and organizations which address the social, human, and spiritual needs of their societies.

A Message from the ASEC Board of Directors

Capacity Building That Transforms Communities

By Mary L. Gautier, PhD, *ASEC Board of Directors, Chair*



I was honored to represent ASEC last June in our collaboration with Villanova University's Mother Cabrini Institute on Immigration at their Africa regional conference in Nairobi, Kenya. This was an important moment for ASEC and an opportunity for several ASEC alumni to shine professionally. I encourage you to read the article by **Sr. Joyce Nyakwama, SSND,** in these pages to learn more about it. I have another story to tell.

During my week in Kenya, I had the opportunity to talk with two ASEC alumni who exemplify ASEC's core value of Capacity Building. I want to share their stories with you here because they show clearly how ASEC is building bridges that strengthen communities.

The first is **Sr. Georgette Sawadogo, DDS,** who received her master's degree at Tangaza University in Kenya through ASEC's Higher Education for Sisters in Africa (HESA) program and recently completed her doctorate there through ASEC's Scholarship Program. Sr. Georgette fights youth unemployment by creating jobs and supporting young people, especially young mothers, through vocational training and social entrepreneurship. She is the director of St. Therese Vocational Training Centre and Roussel House in Nairobi, Kenya, a mission she began with a start-up grant of $50 more than 20 years ago. Roussel House, where I stayed during most of my visit, can now host up to 500 participants for conferences and training. The Training Centre now reaches approximately 1,500 students and creates 200 jobs each year for young adults. The Training Centre also recently contracted with the nearby Catholic University of Eastern Africa to operate and staff the student dining room there. In this way, Sr. Georgette's vision and leadership are transforming lives and expanding opportunities for thousands of young adults in Nairobi.

My second story is set on a farm in Nyeri, in the foothills approaching Mt. Kenya. There, at the formation house of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Tarbes, I met **Sr. Josephine Kwenga, SJT,** who has benefited from two ASEC programs: Sisters Leadership Development Initiative (SLDI, 2015) and HESA (2023 to present). She is currently the development director of her religious institute and has written more than 10 successful grant proposals. She says:

> ***"The empowerment I received through ASEC has also opened opportunities for wider service. I have been appointed to leadership roles in and out of my congregation, invited to serve on boards, participate in local and international conferences, and contribute as a panelist in various forums. The knowledge and confidence gained through ASEC have enabled me to obtain employment opportunities and allowed me to serve vulnerable populations while supporting my congregation. This gives me deep joy and fulfillment in my life and vocation as a sister, and I am grateful."***

I would like to tell you about the amazing farm operation she has set up at the formation house, but you will just have to go see it for yourself—it is truly a labor of love and an example for the surrounding community.







Clockwise from left:
Mary Gautier conducting a site visit with Sr. Josephine Kwenga, SJT, SLDI and HESA alum; posing with SLDI participants at Tumaini Centre; Mary and Sr. Georgette Sawadogo, DDS, HESA and Scholarship alum.

ASEC Programs


SLDI*


HESA*

Catholic sisters dedicate their lives to service. Their vital work improves the social, spiritual, physical, educational, environmental, and economic well-being of their communities. **Many sisters in Africa serve in professional roles but lack the higher education credentials, training, or resources they need to support the people they serve.** The African Sisters Education Collaborative, or ASEC, fills this gap by delivering programs that strengthen sisters' ministries and support the sustainability of their religious institutes.

ASEC offers high-quality programs designed to meet the specific needs of Catholic sisters serving across Africa.

Research Initiative **Page 5**
Promotes research on Catholic sisters in Africa, builds research capacity among African women religious, supports collaborative research, and serves as a central repository of data on Catholic sisters in Africa. Since 2010.

Sisters Leadership Development Initiative (SLDI)* **Page 6**
Provides sisters with technology, administration, and finance training through three one-month workshops over three years. Through SLDI, sisters gain the practical skills and confidence to build strong networks and assume leadership roles in their religious institutes and communities. Since 2007.

Higher Education for Sisters in Africa (HESA)* **Page 8**
Provides opportunities for sisters to pursue diploma, bachelor's, and master's degrees through partnerships with higher education institutions in Africa and online in the United States. Since 2013.

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The Scholarship Program **Page 11**
Bridges the gap to higher education for sisters by providing scholarships to complete secondary school or higher education credentials, including at the doctoral level, relevant to their ministries. Many scholarship recipients continue their education through the HESA program. Since 2012.

Service Learning **Page 12**
Engages students and sisters from ASEC corporate member institutions in annual service experiences in Africa. Accompanied by mentors, United States participants spend three weeks serving alongside African sisters and gaining a deeper understanding of their ministries and communities. Since 2008.

Alumni Programming* **Page 13**
Supports graduates of ASEC's programs by offering ongoing professional development, networking, and leadership opportunities. The alumni network keeps graduates connected while sharing resources and strengthening their impact across Africa. Since 2010.

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Research Initiative

From the Margins to the Global Stage



By Sr. Joyce Kwamboka Nyakwama, SSND, PhD, *ASEC Country Director, Kenya*

For two days, June 29-30, 2026, the conference hall and classrooms of Tangaza University in Nairobi, Kenya, became spaces of encounter. Scholars exchanged ideas, refugees shared personal stories, and educators, African Catholic sisters, and international partners reflected on new possibilities as they imagined just responses to migration, one of humanity's defining challenges in Africa. Inspired by Pope Francis' Global Compact on Education, the African Regional Conference on Issues of Education Relating to Migrants and Refugees in Africa, convened under the Our Common Home initiative led by Villanova University's Mother Cabrini Institute on Immigration, explored how higher education can respond through teaching, research, advocacy, and service.

Beyond the presentations and discussions, a story emerged that demonstrated the growing influence of African Catholic sisters in shaping the future of migration education. For years, ASEC has invested in educating, mentoring, and accompanying women religious through its leadership, capacity-building, and higher education programs. In Nairobi, those investments became visible through sisters who once entered classrooms as students and are now alumni, returning as researchers, presenters, collaborators, and thought leaders whose scholarship is contributing to conversations within Africa and beyond. ASEC alumni, Higher Education for Sisters in Africa (HESA) students, staff, and the Chair of ASEC's Board of Directors contributed as keynote speakers, presenters, interviewers, and collaborators. Their presentations examined migration through diverse yet interconnected lenses, including human trafficking, education, food insecurity, climate change, ecological hope, culture, peacebuilding, and the Gospel's call to accompany migrants and refugees grounded in Ubuntu and synodality. Together, they offered more than research findings; they offered an African vision rooted in human dignity, faith, and lived experience.

Perhaps the conference's most profound teachers, however, were the migrants and refugees themselves. They were not simply the focus of discussion. They spoke, questioned, challenged, and inspired. Their stories reminded participants that migration is ultimately about people, and that authentic education begins not with data but with listening, encounter, and the courage to see the world through another's eyes.

The impact of these encounters quickly reached beyond Nairobi. Following her presentation on community-based sustainable agriculture and food security, **Sr. Rose Ochier, CP**, an ASEC alum, received a sponsored invitation to present her research at the global Our Common Home gathering in Rome in October 2026. At the same time, **Sr. Joyce Nyakwama, SSND,** ASEC Country Director for Kenya, was invited to join an international team developing a Migration Curriculum for the Global Migration Academy to be implemented across universities in Africa. These invitations signal a growing reality: African Catholic sisters are emerging as influential contributors to international scholarship, policymaking, and educational innovation.





From top to bottom: Sr. Rose Ochier, CP, and other ASEC alumni review impact statistics; Sr. Joyce Kwamboka, SSND, PhD, presents; conference attendees; ASEC students and alumni at the conference.





Sisters Leadership Development Initiative (SLDI)

Small Acts Build Stronger Communities: Caring for Our Common Home

***By Sr. Veronica Nnaye Nkom, OLF,** SLDI Alum*



Building bridges is about creating connections—between people, communities, and generations. It is also about recognizing our shared responsibility for the world we inhabit together. For **Sr. Veronica Nnaye Nkom, OLF**, caring for our common home has become a way of strengthening these connections. Through simple acts of environmental stewardship, she brings people together, educates children, and inspires others to recognize their role in protecting creation.

Through her participation in ASEC's Sisters Leadership Development Initiative (SLDI), Sr. Veronica strengthened her leadership and administrative skills, which she continues to apply in service to her community. Her commitment to environmental stewardship reflects the servant leadership that SLDI seeks to cultivate—recognizing needs, inspiring others, and taking action to create positive change.

My Little Gesture to Care for the Earth

Caring for the Earth, our common home, is often imagined as something that requires large-scale actions or global initiatives. However, my personal journey has shown me that meaningful change can begin with small, consistent gestures. What I do may seem simple at times, but it is rooted in a deep sense of responsibility and commitment to protecting the environment.

My journey began with a quiet uneasiness as I noticed the growing amount of plastic waste around me—plastic bottles trapped in drainage gutters, nylon bags scattered along roadsides, and waste left behind after rainfall. These sights made me reflect on the impact of human actions on nature and ask myself: What part do I play in caring for the Earth? That question changed me.

I started with my own choices. I became more intentional about reducing waste, choosing reusable containers, and avoiding unnecessary single-use plastics whenever possible. I also began collecting plastic waste in my community and school, creating a simple system where plastics could be gathered, cleaned, and stored. This small action helped others recognize the amount of waste we create and the importance of responsible choices.

Over time, what began as an individual effort became an opportunity to involve others. I invite children and community members to join me in cleaning our surroundings and teach them the importance of caring for our common home. When I see people disposing of plastics carelessly, I encourage them to consider the consequences, including blocked waterways and flooding. Some people laugh at first, but others begin to understand and join in the effort.

Planting trees has also become an important part of my commitment to the Earth. Wherever I serve, I try to leave behind trees that will benefit future generations. I have planted fruit trees and other trees that provide shade, serve as windbreaks, and contribute to a healthier environment.

This work has not always been easy. Some trees have been damaged by animals, and water shortages during the dry season create challenges. Despite this, I continue to nurture seedlings and plant trees because I believe each one represents hope for the future.

As a school leader, I continue to encourage students, staff, and community members to recognize their responsibility to care for creation. Caring for the Earth is not only an environmental issue—it is a moral and social responsibility. Our actions today affect the lives of future generations. I have learned that caring for the Earth is not about perfection. It is about awareness, responsibility, and choosing to act. Every piece of waste properly disposed of, every person encouraged to care for the environment, and every tree planted contributes to a larger culture of care.

My little gesture is not just about picking up waste or planting trees. It is about building bridges between people and creation, between communities and their surroundings, and between today's choices and tomorrow's future. When we recognize that caring for our common home is a shared responsibility, even small actions can inspire others and create lasting change.

Sr. Veronica belongs to the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Fatima (OLF). She currently serves as Principal of John Reddington Memorial College Ampang West-Mangu in Plateau State, Nigeria, and completed SLDI's Administration Track in 2018.





Clockwise from top left: Sr. Veronica Nnaye Nkom, OLF, SLDI alum, with students; seedlings gathered for planting; children participate in a community recycling initiative.



SLDI: At a Glance

SLDI strengthens the leadership, administrative, financial, and technology competencies of Catholic sisters in Africa, equipping them with skills and knowledge to provide transformative services in their ministries and communities. As of March 31, 2026, SLDI has served 4,951 unique sisters representing 357 religious institutes across 10 African countries. Since 2007, the program has served 7,480 individuals through SLDI workshops, alumni activities, and other capacity-building initiatives.

SLDI's impact extends beyond the sisters who participate directly in the program. Eighty-seven percent of SLDI alumni report making at least one internal system improvement within their religious institutes. Alumni-initiated projects have created 6,217 jobs, while their ministries collectively serve an estimated 10.8 million individuals. By strengthening sisters' leadership and organizational skills, SLDI helps religious institutes improve their work and expand their contributions to the communities they serve.

The Ripple Effect of Higher Education in Tanzania

By Tara Lopatofsky, PhD, CCLS, *ASEC Senior Program Manager, Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E)*



In the Archdiocese of Arusha, Tanzania, Mama Kevina Centre is helping children from vulnerable backgrounds remain in school, grow in faith, and prepare for independent lives. **Sr. Magdalena Leo, LSOSF,** serves at the centre after completing a bachelor's degree in sociology through ASEC's Higher Education for Sisters in Africa (HESA) program at St. Augustine University of Tanzania, Mwanza.

Mama Kevina Centre provides food, education, spiritual formation, and opportunities for children to develop skills for their futures. Under Sr. Magdalena's guidance, children have continued their education, grown in confidence and faith, and developed practical skills. Since 2008, 15 students have completed college and begun independent lives, 10 are pursuing university degrees, 16 are preparing to enter diploma and certificate programs, 20 are enrolled in secondary school, and 50 attend primary school.

The centre also supports families through income-generating activities such as poultry farming, dairy cattle keeping, and vegetable gardening. Several mothers have received assistance to start small businesses and improve their families' livelihoods.

Reflecting on her HESA experience, Sr. Magdalena shares, "Because of this opportunity, I have gained the knowledge and skills that enable me to carry out my mission more effectively and serve vulnerable children and their families with greater competence and dedication."

For the children at Mama Kevina Centre, that dedication has made a lasting difference.

When Rahabu Haruna first came to the centre, her mother was unable to provide for her basic needs and sought help from Sr. Magdalena. "From the time I came I became a new person altogether," Rahabu recalls.

With Sr. Magdalena's guidance, Rahabu received sponsorship for her school fees and essential supplies through Form IV. She also learned practical skills, including making table mats, liquid soap, and rosaries, while developing greater self-confidence and personal responsibility. At the centre, she embraced the Catholic faith and received baptism and the sacraments. "I have a sense of belonging and I treat the centre as my second home."

After completing Form IV in 2025, Rahabu looks forward to continuing her education and pursuing her dreams.

Another young woman, Restituta Salilmu, joined Mama Kevina Centre while in primary school. In addition to receiving educational support, she was encouraged by Sr. Magdalena to believe in her abilities and pursue her education with determination. Sr. Magdalena also helped Restituta's mother receive support to transition from selling alcohol to owning a small shop, creating greater stability for the family.

"When I look at Sr. Magdalena [I see] a woman of integrity, focused and motivated. She brought a smile on my face and joy in my heart," Restituta says.

Having completed Form IV in 2025, Restituta plans to continue her education at the advanced level. Inspired by Sr. Magdalena's example, she hopes that one day she, too, will be able to support children in need.

The stories of Sr. Magdalena, Rahabu, and Restituta were shared during the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation's 2026 Catholic Sisters Initiative Africa Convening in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Their experiences illustrate how investing in the education of one Catholic sister can extend far beyond her own professional development—to strengthen a ministry and create opportunities for children, families, and communities.



Sr. Magdalena Leo, LSOSF, HESA alum, serves at Mama Kevina Centre in Tanzania.

52% *of HESA graduates receive an academic award or honor, including 343 who have earned First Class Honors and 404 Second Class Honors.*

98% *of those served by Catholic sisters feel HESA alumni are competent in their roles.*

HESA maintains a ***95%*** *retention rate, indicating that the nearly all sisters who enroll complete their studies.*











Clockwise from top left: Participants of Mama Kevina Centre; centre food distribution; Restituta Salilmu speaks; children play in yard with sisters; Sr. Magdalena Leo, LSOSF, with child.

HESA: At a Glance

HESA provides Catholic sisters in Africa with opportunities to pursue undergraduate and graduate education that strengthens their leadership capacity and prepares them to respond to the needs of their communities. As of June 30, 2026, HESA has served 2,498 unique sisters from 282 religious institutes across 10 countries in Africa. In Phase IV, Year 2 (July 2025–June 2026), 189 new sisters were recruited and enrolled in HESA, bringing the total number of program enrollments to 2,684. HESA has recorded 1,990 graduations to date. Education remains the most common field of study (45%), followed by economics and business administration (17%), and medical sciences (12%).

HESA's impact extends beyond the degrees sisters earn. Eighty-six percent of alumni report using the knowledge and skills gained through HESA to benefit their ministries, while 81% report serving with greater expertise, skill, and confidence after completing the program. By strengthening sisters' knowledge, skills, and confidence, HESA helps them contribute more effectively to their ministries and create opportunities for the people and communities they serve.

Staff Perspective

A Moment for Reflection

By Sarah Martin, PhD, *ASEC Program Coordinator, Programs*



Every year, participants in the Higher Education for Sisters in Africa (HESA) program partake in a Reflective Learning Workshop, so named for its focus on reflecting on the progress they have made and looking at ways to help them further their studies. Individual workshops are held in each country, with themes selected based on the sisters' needs or interests. In 2026, the topics chosen included research strategies, mental wellness, and maintaining a balance between work and religious life.

In addition to the workshops, sisters have the opportunity to meet with the ASEC United States staff during one of the open meetings held during the Reflective Learning season. At these meetings, participants are able to hear from sisters from across the continent, broadening their perspectives and allowing them to share in the common experience of being sister students.







Clockwise from top left: HESA 2026 Reflective Learning Workshops in Malawi, Tanzania, and Nigeria.

As each session included 100–200 sisters, volunteers representing each country in attendance were asked to speak about what they have learned both during the Reflective Learning sessions and as students enrolled in the HESA program. We will highlight just a few of their stories here.

Sr. Caroline Maoeng, HFB, a bachelor's student at the National University of Lesotho, spoke about being a lifelong learner. As she said, "I am learning for life. Not only to accumulate knowledge but also for mission." She went on to talk about how the knowledge she gains has a broader purpose of serving those in need in her community, people who are first and foremost human beings in need of help, regardless of their faith or background.

One of our students from Kenya, **Sr. Georgette Sawadogo, DDS**, expressed her gratitude for the support she has received, both from ASEC and from her fellow students: "This journey has been one of learning, transformation, and inspiration … It has reminded me that alone I cannot do much, but together we can grow."

Sr. Blessing Otache, MPV, a bachelor's student from Nigeria, brought up a concern that she has in relation to her studies, and in particular her worries about the way sisters might be viewed by other students or instructors. Several sisters and staff members offered encouraging words and shared their own stories, making this meeting a powerful forum to learn from others who are living the same experience. **Sr. Suzana Livinus Didam, SSL,** ASEC Programs Coordinator for Nigeria, contributed by stating, "We come in as mature beings, and … a sister is ordinarily trained to approach things very differently … keep being focused and hit the target."

For both the sisters studying in Africa and staff in the United States, these get-togethers give us a chance to know the people beyond the names on emails or records. We are able to make connections across the ocean and see how ASEC's mission is playing out across the continent. In this way, our shared focus on higher education breaks down geographic and cultural barriers and reminds us of the work we are doing to make a difference around the world.

Scholarship Program

More Than a Meal: The Ministry of Hospitality



By Tara Lopatofsky, PhD, CCLS, *ASEC Senior Program Manager, M&E*

Some of my favorite memories of traveling in Africa are not the landmarks or landscapes—they're the meals. They are the sisters who welcomed us with thoughtfully prepared food, refreshments, and a genuine spirit of hospitality that made us feel cared for from the moment we arrived.

Good hospitality is about far more than food. While safe drinking water and well-prepared meals are essential, true hospitality creates a sense of comfort, trust, and belonging. For Catholic sisters, hospitality is a ministry. It means welcoming retreat participants, feeding students in boarding schools, preparing meals for patients in hospitals, managing guesthouses that support religious institutions, ensuring food safety, and creating spaces where every visitor is received with dignity and care.

Through the ASEC Scholarship Program, four sisters in Ghana have pursued certificates and diplomas in catering and hospitality. Their studies range from Advanced Certificates in Catering to Higher National Diplomas in Hotel, Catering, and Institutional Management. Together, they represent an area of ministry that is often overlooked, yet one that quietly shapes the experiences of countless people served by their religious institutes.

For **Sr. Prisca Mary Ama Adraku, SIJ,** hospitality is part of caring for a school community of more than 1,000 students and 61 staff members at Infant Jesus Catholic Educational Complex in Twifo Praso, Ghana. As an assistant matron, she helps ensure that students receive balanced, well-planned meals. "It is my humble joy serving these students, putting joy, a smile, and love on their faces," she shared.

Sr. Sophia Colette Conduah, HDR, serves as a matron and catering staff member at Our Lady of Fatima School in Kpong, Ghana. She applies her training in food preparation, food safety, hygiene, meal planning, and proper food storage to her daily work, helping provide safe and nutritious meals for students, staff, and visitors. She has seen how this work contributes to the health and well-being of the school community and creates a positive environment for learning. For Sr. Sophia, the connection between her studies and her vocation is clear:

> "Catering is a ministry of love and service."

Preparing healthy meals and creating a welcoming environment are, for her, ways of caring for the whole person and living out Christ's call to serve others with compassion and dignity.

Every welcoming meal begins long before the first guest arrives. It begins with someone learning the skills to serve others with excellence, professionalism, and care. Through the ASEC Scholarship Program, that education becomes possible, equipping Catholic sisters with practical skills that strengthen their religious institutes and extend their hospitality ministries to everyone they serve.

If you ever travel to Africa, I hope you find yourself seated at one of their tables. If you do, you'll discover what I've learned—some of the most memorable journeys aren't defined by the places we visit, but by the people who welcome us.

Scholarship: At a Glance

The ASEC Scholarship Program is designed to fill educational gaps for Catholic women religious in Africa by supporting studies that might otherwise be out of reach. While many scholarships help sisters earn high school diplomas or college degrees, vocational education is equally important. Specialized certificates and diplomas equip sisters with practical skills that institutes of women religious need immediately—whether managing a guesthouse, preparing nutritious and safe meals, overseeing institutional kitchens, or generating income that helps sustain ministry. By responding to the unique educational needs of sisters and their religious institutes, the program strengthens ministries that serve communities every day.

Since 2012, the ASEC Scholarship Program has supported over 1,200 sisters, including 5 doctoral students, in 9 African countries—Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, South Sudan, Tanzania, Zambia, and Zimbabwe—helping them gain the education and specialized training needed to better serve their communities.

Service Learning Program

A Bridge Built by Many: Service Learning in Zambia



***By Isabelle Henry**, ASEC Program Manager, Programs*

Every meaningful bridge begins with a strong foundation. For ASEC's Service Learning Program, that foundation is built in the months before participants travel, through intentional preparation, collaboration, and relationship-building. Since 2008, the program has provided students, faculty mentors, and Catholic sisters from ASEC's corporate member institutions with opportunities to serve alongside sisters in African communities, fostering global leadership through cultural immersion, mutual learning, and spiritual growth.

In the summer of 2027, ASEC's Service Learning Program will travel to Zambia for the first time. While the three-week immersion is the visible expression of the program, the bridges that make this experience possible are built long before participants arrive. Over the past year, ASEC staff, faculty, mentors, and Catholic sisters across continents have worked together to develop an experience rooted in learning, service, and meaningful connection.

A central part of this preparation has been developing connections with the sisters and ministries of Kasisi Mission in Lusaka, Zambia, where participants will be hosted during their trip. ASEC staff in Zambia and the United States collaborated to identify service opportunities, accommodations, and cultural experiences that would allow participants to engage meaningfully with the local community. In January 2026, ASEC United States staff visited Kasisi Mission, which is run by the Little Servants of Mary Immaculate sisters, to learn about their ministries and better understand how participants could support the work already taking place. These conversations ensured that the Service Learning experience would reflect the needs and priorities of the local community.

Throughout the year, ASEC staff and mentors will continue meeting virtually to prepare for the experience. These conversations strengthen partnerships with Kasisi Mission and service site hosts, coordinate logistics, and ensure participants are supported throughout their journey. By working closely with the sisters who lead these ministries, ASEC is building a foundation of trust and collaboration before participants ever arrive in Zambia.

During their three-week stay, participants will serve alongside sisters in several ministries at Kasisi Mission, including an orphanage, girls' secondary school, novitiate, health clinic, and a home for the elderly. Many of these ministries are led by ASEC alumni, providing participants with the opportunity to witness the lasting impact of ASEC's investment in Catholic sisters while cultivating relationships with leaders who are transforming their communities. Among them is **Sr. Catherine S. Mutalanski, LSMI,** a Sisters Leadership Development Initiative (SLDI) alum, who now serves as head teacher of both the primary and secondary schools at Kasisi Mission.

Reflecting on her own Service Learning experience in 2025, **Sr. Sheila Kennedy, SSJ,** a psychologist at Chestnut Hill College, described the program as "a seamless blend of learning and service." Her words capture the heart of ASEC's Service Learning Program: preparing participants not only to serve, but also to listen, learn, and forge lasting alliances through shared experiences.

The journey to Zambia represents more than a three-week service experience; it reflects months of collaboration, trust, and shared commitment. Through the efforts of students, staff, mentors, and Catholic sisters, ASEC continues building bridges across cultures and continents. Long after participants return home, those bridges will continue to connect hearts, communities, and a shared commitment to serving others.







Clockwise from top left: Welcoming tree; garden at Kasisi Mission in Lusaka, Zambia; ASEC staff conduct site visit.

Alumni Programming

One ASEC, Always ASEC: ASEC Alumni Leadership



By Rosemary Shaver, EdD, *ASEC Senior Program Manager, Programs*

In January 2026, ASEC gathered representatives from its national alumni associations in 10 countries, along with staff from the United States and Africa, for an unprecedented workshop in Lusaka, Zambia. The Alumni Leaders & Staff Workshop focused on storytelling and networking, with the goals of enhancing sisters' capacity to share their stories and strengthening the broader ASEC alumni network.

Alumni leaders participated in a poster session to highlight the structure and activities of their ASEC Alumni Associations, which are growing in size and capacity. ASEC staff were in dialogue with alumni and shared their vision for future alumni engagement.

A major outcome of the workshop was the election of ASEC Alumni Association executives at the continental and regional levels, an initiative inspired by alumni leaders. With representatives from each national association present, alumni developed a continental leadership structure and elected executives.

Sr. Ann Kamene Musyoka, ASN, Kenya, President of the ASEC Africa Alumni Association, reflected on her new role:

> ***"Being elected as the president of the ASEC Africa Alumni Association is both a humbling honor and a reminder of our shared responsibility as women religious formed through ASEC. The role is not about one person; it is about bringing together the gifts, experiences, and leadership of alumni across Africa so that we continue to grow, support one another and expand our impact in the communities we serve … I believe we can build an enduring network that truly lives the shared spirit of One ASEC, Always ASEC."***

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Following the workshop in January, ASEC staff have continued engaging with newly elected alumni executives to coordinate the structure and activities of the Alumni Associations. ASEC Alumni Associations will be instrumental in collaborative research, news content, programmatic initiatives, and fundraising efforts in the years to come.

ASEC Africa Alumni Association

Continental Executives

- Sr. Ann Kamene Musyoka, ASN, Kenya—President, ASEC Africa Alumni Association
- Sr. Arether Mwila Ngoma, FMSA, Zambia—Vice President and Secretary, ASEC Africa Alumni Association
- Sr. Stella Nkechi Anyawu, SSND, Nigeria—Treasurer, ASEC Africa Alumni Association

For more ASEC Alumni Association information and a listing of executive committees elected for each region, visit our website at asec-sldi.org.







Clockwise from top left: Alumni leaders view posters; sharing stories during Alumni Leaders Workshop; full group in attendance at workshop in Zambia.

Building Towards the Future of ASEC





Build the Bridge. Be Part of the Connection.

When you invest in the education of a Catholic sister, your gift reaches far beyond one individual.

It reaches the students she teaches, the patients she cares for, the families she supports, the ministries she leads, and the communities she serves.

Through ASEC, sisters gain access to education, leadership development, technology, and opportunities to connect and learn from one another. They carry that knowledge into their ministries, where its impact extends to the lives of those they serve.

Your gift helps build that bridge.

By supporting ASEC, you help Catholic sisters across Africa gain the knowledge and skills to respond effectively to the changing needs of their communities.

Educate a sister. Strengthen a community. Transform the world.



A Letter from Mission Advancement



Sr. Virgilia Zamah, TSSF, SLDI alum, with skills training students in Cameroon.

Dear Friends of ASEC,

As we reflect on all that has been accomplished this year, I am deeply grateful for the donors, foundations, religious institutes, educational institutions, and other partners who make this work possible. Your support does more than provide an educational opportunity for one sister. It helps build the capacity of women religious whose knowledge, leadership, and service strengthen communities across Africa.

Throughout this edition of *Rays of Hope*, you have seen what your support can make possible. Sisters are educating young people, caring for patients, supporting families, responding to environmental challenges, strengthening their religious institutes, and bringing their knowledge and leadership to new spaces. Their work reminds us that an investment in education can continue bearing fruit long after a sister completes an ASEC program.

This is why sustainability is so important to ASEC's mission. Our goal is to make investments today that build lasting capacity, helping sisters and their religious institutes grow stronger and better equipped to respond to the needs of their communities well into the future. Doing so requires strong partnerships, diversified financial support, responsible stewardship, and a continued commitment to demonstrating the impact of our work.

ASEC was founded through partnership, and that spirit of collaboration continues to sustain our mission today. As we look ahead, we are working to deepen relationships with longtime supporters while welcoming new individuals and organizations into our mission. Each relationship strengthens ASEC's ability to expand educational opportunities for Catholic sisters and support the important work they carry out in their communities.

Thank you for being part of this shared mission. Your generosity helps build bridges between opportunity and service, education and impact, and sisters and the communities that depend on their leadership. Together, we are building capacity that can create lasting change for generations to come.

With sincere appreciation,

Sr. Nancy Kamau, LSOSF, MBA, MEd
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With your support, Catholic sisters in Africa can continue learning, leading, and strengthening the communities they serve. *Will you be a **Ray of Hope** in their journey?*
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SERVICE ACROSS AFRICA



NIGERIA Giant of Africa
Sr. Grace Akunna John-Emezi, HHCJ, HESA alum, speaks on human trafficking.



GHANA Gateway to Africa
Sr. Irene Mildred Onyekachi Anaeke, DMMM, SLDI alum, celebrates career day.



CAMEROON Africa in Miniature
Sr. Virgilia Zamah, TSSF, SLDI alum, harvests bitter leaves with students.



ZAMBIA One People, One Nation
Sr. Clare Machisa, LSMI, SLDI alum, provides tour of potential ASEC Service Learning Site.



ZIMBABWE Breadbasket of Africa
Sr. Nokuthula Ncube, CPS, Scholarship alum, engages in resource mobilization.

SHARED SERVICE

Across Africa, sisters serve their communities through diverse ministries that touch nearly every aspect of life. These images reflect the breadth of their work and a shared commitment to using their knowledge, skills, and leadership in service to others.



UGANDA Pearl of Africa
Sr. Annet Kahunde, DST, HESA alum, teaches nursery school.

SOUTH SUDAN
Land of Great Abundance
SLDI Basic Technology Workshop participants collaborate.

KENYA Pride of Africa
Sr. Charity Nyawira Gathungu, MSHR, HESA alum, feeds those in need.

TANZANIA
Umoja ni Nguvu "Unity is Strength"
Sr. Sophia France Mbilinyi, OSV, SLDI alum, gardens at orphanage.

LESOTHO Kingdom in the Sky
ICB Congregational Leaders Workshop participants engage in team building.



MALAWI Warm Heart of Africa
Sr. Veronica Ng'omba, SCO, SLDI alum, cleans Lilongwe town with secondary school students.

COUNTRY PRIDE

Each photo is identified by a country's familiar nickname—a phrase that reflects something distinctive about its history, landscape, culture, or identity. Together, they celebrate the diversity of the countries ASEC serves and the communities sisters call home.

Sisters' Leadership and Expertise on Display During Pope's Visit



By Jake Danna Stevens, *ASEC Media & Communications Manager, Mission Advancement*

During Pope Leo XIV's visit to Cameroon in April 2026, Catholic sisters served in a variety of roles, many of them outside the spotlight, from preparing the altar to providing medical care and sharing their perspectives with the public. The visit held particular significance in Bamenda, where Pope Leo participated in a Meeting for Peace amid the region's ongoing conflict and calls for reconciliation. Several of these sisters are alumni of ASEC's Sisters Leadership Development Initiative (SLDI), bringing their leadership and professional expertise to these unique roles.

Among them was **Sr. Ernestine Mbu, SSA,** an SLDI alum and Executive Secretary of the Association of Religious in the Ecclesiastical Province of Bamenda (AREPB). She also served as sacristan for the Pope's Mass, working behind the scenes to help prepare for the celebration.

Sr. Kum Shallotte Bi, SUSC, an SLDI alum, served on the medical team during the Pope's visit. An anesthetist by profession and the matron of Saint Monica Medical Center, Sr. Shallotte brought her medical expertise to a role that required her to remain watchful and prepared. While others gathered to hear the Pope's message, she was prepared to respond to those who needed medical attention.

Sr. Agnes Njume, SST, Chairperson of AREPB, stood alongside Pope Leo XIV to release doves following the Meeting for Peace. Sr. Agnes is also involved in ASEC's Institutional Capacity Building (ICB) intensive formation with AREPB. Launched in June 2025 through SLDI, the 18-month ICB intensive formation is designed to strengthen the organization's effectiveness.

Sr. Bertha Ngwashi, FMSC, also an SLDI alum, shared her perspective on the Pope's visit during a televised program. As regional superior of the Franciscan Mission Sisters of the Sacred Heart, she reflected on the significance of the visit for the religious community.

For communities in Cameroon carrying the weight of years of conflict and uncertainty, the Pope's visit offered a sign of hope and a reminder that their experiences have not been forgotten. Reflecting on the visit, **Sr. Carine Tarla, ICM,** an SLDI alum, wrote, "What we hope for is something simpler, and perhaps more difficult: to be seen, to be heard, to be reminded that our suffering is not forgotten."

The sisters' contributions during Pope Leo XIV's visit offer a glimpse of the many ways Catholic women religious use their education, professional expertise, and leadership to serve their communities. Through its programs, ASEC supports sisters in Africa as they strengthen their leadership capacity and prepare to address local and global challenges.







Clockwise from top left: Sr. Bertha Ngwashi, FMSC, SLDI alum, on a news program; Sr. Kum Shallotte Bi, SUSC, SLDI alum, serves on the medical team; Sr. Agnes Njume, SST, meets Pope; ASEC alumni prepare for visit.



Featured Article

Celebrating the Historical Milestone

America 250

From America's Legacy to Africa's Future



By Rosemary Shaver, EdD, *ASEC Senior Program Manager, Programs*

In 2026, the United States of America is celebrating 250 years. Catholic women religious have been part of the American story from the beginning, and it is important to shine a light on their contributions in the context of the semiquincentennial.

The first communities of women religious in what is now the United States arrived as early as the 1720s. In the 19th century, courageous men and women founded some of the first religious institutes in the country. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first American-born saint, led the way, founding the Sisters of Charity in Maryland in 1809.

ASEC's founding institutes—the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia (SSJ) and Chestnut Hill College, the Congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) and Marywood University, the Sisters of Saint Francis of Philadelphia (OSF) and Neumann University, and the Society of the Holy Child Jesus (SHCJ) and Rosemont College—are integral to the history of Catholic women religious in the United States. Their journeys reflect the diverse history of the country itself.

> **"We wanted to educate women religious in Africa, so that they could do for the children of Africa what women religious did in the United States in the 20th century … We knew it would change society the same way it did here."**
>
> *Sr. Carol Jean Vale, one of ASEC's Founding Mothers*

Catholic women religious significantly shaped American culture and society. They established schools, hospitals, and social service centers, and served vulnerable and marginalized people. ASEC was established by these women, inspired by the legacy of their founders, with the purpose of facilitating educational opportunities for women religious in Africa and building their capacity to serve God's people on another continent.

More than 25 years later, this vision is bearing fruit. More than 12,000 individuals, including sisters and lay people, have been directly served through ASEC programming, while the efforts of ASEC alumni have benefited more than 11.2 million people. This is the ripple effect of ASEC—an investment in one sister extends far beyond her, strengthening communities and improving lives for generations to come.

History of ASEC's Founding Institutions

- The **Sisters of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia** (SSJ) arrived in the United States from France in 1836, first settling in St. Louis, Missouri. They established a community in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1847, led by Mother Saint John Fournier, who was among the original group of six sisters to settle in America. The SSJ founded **Chestnut Hill College** in 1924.
- The **Congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary** (IHM) was founded in Michigan in 1845 by Louis Florent Gillet, CSsR, and Mother Theresa Maxis Duchemin, the first American-born African American Catholic sister. The IHM sisters arrived in Scranton, Pennsylvania, in 1858. They established an independent institute in 1871, which founded **Marywood University** in 1915.
- The **Sisters of Saint Francis of Philadelphia** (OSF) were founded in 1855 by three women including Mother Francis Bachmann, a widowed German immigrant who became their first Superior General. The OSF founded **Neumann University** in 1965.
- The **Society of the Holy Child Jesus** (SHCJ) arrived in the United States from England in 1862, when Philadelphia-born founder Cornelia Connelly missioned six sisters to establish the Society's first American foundation in Towanda, Pennsylvania. The SHCJ founded **Rosemont College** in 1921. Rosemont is undergoing a merger with Villanova University, founded in 1842, and the alma mater of Pope Leo XIV, the first American-born pope.

Strengthening Connections: Advancing ASEC's Mission



By Megan P. Wescott, BBA, *ASEC Digital & Social Media Specialist, Mission Advancement*

ASEC's mission continues to grow through the sisters, programs, and partnerships that connect communities across Africa, the United States, and beyond. Throughout 2026, ASEC brought people together across countries and continents to celebrate accomplishments, share knowledge, strengthen programs, and highlight how investing in Catholic sisters strengthens the communities they serve.

In January, ASEC brought staff and alumni together for the first Alumni Leaders & Staff Workshop. Members of ASEC's staff and external facilitators helped lead sessions where sisters learned how to tell compelling stories to better promote ASEC's mission. The following month, the United States office participated in staff training and team-building. The first day was themed around "the speed of trust" and facilitated by FranklinCovey. The following day, staff participated in team-building activities with a painting session hosted by Spirited Art, followed by volunteering at the Weinberg Food Bank. These activities provided opportunities for staff to strengthen their professional and personal relationships.



Clockwise from top left: ASEC staff meet newly appointed Apostolic Nuncio to the United States; ASEC staff at ICC; ASEC staff at Alumni Leaders & Staff Workshop.

In March, ASEC staff presented at the 10th International Conference on the Development and Assessment of Intercultural Competence (ICC) at the University of Arizona in Tucson. Their presentation shared insights from the 2025 Service Learning trip to Nairobi, Kenya.

April was a busy month for ASEC, with celebrations taking place on both sides of the Atlantic. In the United States, the ASEC office hosted its annual Night of Storytelling, where speakers shared stories of building bridges and strengthening communities. In Zambia, a fundraising gala brought the ASEC community together to celebrate the work of sisters and raise support for the education of Catholic sisters across Africa.

In August, ASEC representatives attended the 70th Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) Assembly in Orlando, Florida. While in Orlando, ASEC also hosted a special dinner with over 70 attendees, where two ASEC alumni shared stories about how ASEC programs have strengthened their ability to serve their communities and ministries.

As ASEC looks to the future, we anticipate more opportunities to strengthen the bridges we have built and to build new ones. We invite you to continue supporting sisters whose work is bringing hope to communities across Africa.





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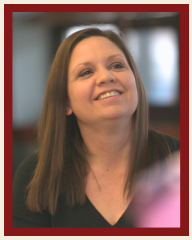




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Mollel Jeremia Joseph

Tanzania—ASEC Alumni Beneficiary

June 5, 2000–May 6, 2025

Jeremia shared his story with ASEC during the 2024 SLDI Partners Workshop. Born in the village of Sanya Station, in Maasai land, Jeremia, the son of his father's first wife, was disadvantaged because preference was given to the children of his father's second wife. Sr. Cresensia Romani Tarimo, FCSM, an SLDI alum, identified Jeremia as a young boy and brought him to study at the O'Brien School for the Maasai. At the time of his untimely passing, Jeremia was in his third year of university study at the National Institute of Transport. The O'Brien Foundation supported Jeremia throughout his educational journey.



Abraham Chunu

Nigeria—Facilitator, SLDI Administration & Basic Technology Tracks, HESA Workshops, ASEC Alumni Workshops

June 1, 1956–June 15, 2025

Abraham facilitated ASEC workshops, primarily SLDI Administration, for more than 400 women religious over the course of 18 years. He regularly co-facilitated workshops with his wife Helen, who is continuing his legacy as an SLDI facilitator to this day. ASEC Nigeria staff described him as a "gifted educator" who "journeyed faithfully with us, forming hearts, shaping minds, and empowering numerous Catholic sisters with knowledge, skills, and confidence."



Sr. Mary Lilly Driciru, MSMMC

Uganda—Facilitator, SLDI Basic Technology Track, ASEC Alum

September 14, 1963–November 8, 2025

Sr. Mary Lilly graduated from SLDI, following the Administration Track, in 2021; however, she began her journey with ASEC as a facilitator in 2016. Collaborating with co-facilitator Sr. Prossy Naturinda, Sr. Mary trained 98 sisters in four SLDI Basic Technology Workshops between 2016 and 2022. Sr. Mary was an active participant in ASEC's Alumni Programming in Uganda. ASEC alumni postponed a scheduled Alumni Workshop in November 2025 to honor Sr. Mary Lilly.

With gratitude, we pause to remember those who have recently passed away. Their service, leadership, and commitment strengthened ASEC and remain part of its enduring legacy. We hold in our hearts all those who came before us and carry their influence forward together.



Donald R. McCrabb, DMin

United States—ASEC Board Vice Chair

July 20, 1954–December 10, 2025

Donald served on ASEC's Board of Directors from 2023–2025, most recently as Vice Chair and Academic Committee Chair. Before joining ASEC, Don had a distinguished career in Catholic ministry and education. He was a devoted husband to Barbara, father, and grandfather. At an ASEC event in Washington, DC last year, Don reflected, "sisters have been a powerful and positive impact on my life, sisters helped me, the Church in Africa deserves the same."



Sr. Marie du Rosaire Francina Mpola Makoae, FCSCJ

Lesotho—Former ASEC Program Coordinator, Lesotho

October 22, 1950–February 28, 2026

Sr. Francina was ASEC Program Coordinator, Lesotho between 2020 and 2023. During her time with ASEC, 157 sisters were educated—119 through SLDI, 9 through HESA, and 29 through the Scholarship Program, which was introduced to Lesotho in 2021 during Sr. Francina's tenure. Sr. Francina shepherded these sisters and laid the foundation of the Scholarship Program in Lesotho. She served as provincial superior for her religious institute between 2002–2008.



Ambassador Professor Costa Ricky Mahalu

Tanzania—Vice Chancellor, Saint Augustine University of Tanzania (SAUT), Mwanza (HESA Partner)

July 9, 1948–March 9, 2026

Ambassador Professor Costa was appointed Vice Chancellor of SAUT in 2019 and served until his death earlier this year. During his tenure, ASEC sponsored more than 90 women religious to study at SAUT through the HESA and Scholarship Programs. Additionally, at least 6 ASEC HESA alumni were hired to work at SAUT, including as Assistant Lecturers.

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We are grateful to Sr. Kathryn Clauss, IHM, PhD, outgoing ASEC Board Chair, for her dedicated leadership and service.

On the Cover:

SLDI alum **Sr. Virgilia Zamah, TSSF,** of Cameroon, joins students at St. Francis Home for Skills Training as they cultivate crops for food and self-reliance. Their work combines practical skills, community care, and opportunities for students to build more sustainable livelihoods.









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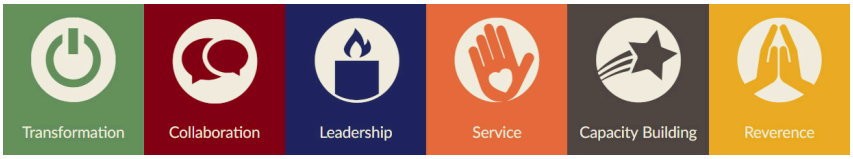
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