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# Our Cornelia

FOR THOSE WHO KNOW AND LOVE CORNELIA

## ✧ Cornelia Connelly Promoters' Committee ✧

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Dear Reader,

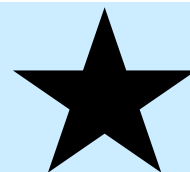
Happy Easter and the CCPC hope you enjoy this shorter format newsletter. Please do send feedback and any news to any member of the committee.

It is inspiring to read of the many different ways people are promoting the life of Cornelia Connelly and bringing her name to different audiences. In June in the North London Synagogue there will be two readings with music of the play, "Waltz with me" by Diane Samuels, which draws on the pioneering work of Cornelia Connelly to create a moving and magical experience.

With best wishes,

Sophie Rudge  
Associate, Cornelia Connelly Promoters' Committee

Associates' International meeting  
12-18 November 2023 in Santiago, Chile



## *A Promotion of Cornelia Connelly in the African Province*

The African Province is committed to the promotion of Cornelia Connelly. In August, 2022, the road where Cornelia Connelly Hospital, Gidan Mangoro – Abuja is located was named after Cornelia Connelly, bearing **Cornelia Connelly Avenue** as indicated in the photograph at right.



Sister Teresa Okure has recently rediscovered an interesting article, by Leonard A. Whatmore which she has recommended to everyone.

['Cornelia Connelly: Gold in the Fire' Click here to read.](#)

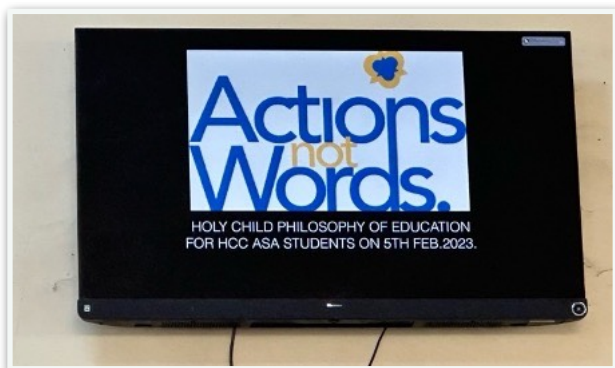
### CC'S PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION RESOUNDS IN HOLY CHILD COLLEGE

Our beloved Students in Holy Child College Asa participated in a special Workshop/Seminar on Cornelia Connelly's Philosophy of Education on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February 2023.

This workshop was specifically organized with the sole aim of exposing and introducing the new learners (first year students) as well as other learners to our Rich Heritage and Tradition and as a way of promoting and creating awareness about Cornelia among students in our School. The workshop was facilitated by the School Administrator, Geneviève Ibedu, SHCJ.



In addition, the Goals of Holy Child Education were explained in details with practical examples to the students, who participated actively and were very eager to learn and explore practical ways of living out these goals. They were equally encouraged to join the 'THE YOUNG CORNELIANS' whose membership consists of over 50 students and to pray for CC's Canonization. The learners were very excited, they were enriched and promised to strive harder to become better Holy Child Students beginning from their classrooms, to the hostels, at home, among their friends and to be students of 'ACTIONS NOT JUST WORDS'.



BLESSED BE THE HOLY CHILD JESUS, BOTH NOW AND FOREVERMORE. AMEN!

## *News from the European Province Network of Schools*

Headteachers and other senior leaders from the Holy Child Schools Network met from March 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> in the Cherwell Centre in Oxford. The focus of the Conference was Cornelian Leadership and we explored how good listening and communication, joy, humility and freedom were so much part of the legacy which Cornelia Connelly has bequeathed to her schools.



Time was also spent working together on what Identity and Mission mean in our schools and a first draft of a booklet was agreed, which will be produced to ensure that Cornelia's wisdom and vision for education is not lost. It was very exciting and encouraging to look together at Cornelian spirituality and Cornelian values and to pool together the experiences of what the characteristics of a Cornelian Student are as seen in daily school life.



There was also some time to socialise together with SHCJ sisters and valuable links with each other have been established, as well as plans for further work in individual schools and future gatherings for school staff, so that all that work in our schools can come to know Cornelia better and understand her rich educational heritage.



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### NEWS FROM MAYFIELD SCHOOL

The students have done lots of things this year as it's the 150 anniversary of the school; some more serious than others. (The catering department made an amazing gingerbread copy of the Chapel and Old Palace out of gingerbread and each of the girls/staff decorated a gingerbread Mayfield girl!)

Mayfield have planted lots of trees and will continue with this. (One for each member of the School Community)

They are having the 'pilgrimage' in May for Old Cornelians (hopefully it will also be the memorial for Sr Anne Murphy.) They are also looking forward to welcoming a group of pilgrims from America later in the year.

Plans are advanced in turning Paradise (the outside area between the Chapel and the cloisters where Cornelia was buried) into a memorial prayer garden.



## HOPSA UK

The Holy Child Ghana Past Students Association, who support Holy Child Schools in Ghana, celebrated their 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the UK with a wonderful Mass and celebration on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023 in the Sacred Heart Church, Wimbledon.

Associate Celia Capstick gave a speech as the European Province Associates wanted to contribute as part of the 175 celebrations which were so affected by the pandemic. [Click here to read Celia's address.](#)



[Click here to watch a video of the procession.](#)

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## WALK THE SACRED PATHS OF VENERABLE CORNELIA CONNELLY

On April 19, 2023, thirty people participated in the first of three separate pilgrimages planned by the American Province “to walk the sacred paths of Venerable Cornelia Connelly.” During Cornelia’s Philadelphia tour, participants learned about Cornelia’s early years as they visited St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, Christ Church, and Elfreth’s Alley. The day ended with Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul and a visit to the Memorial to Venerable Cornelia Connelly and Shrine of the Holy Child.

This fall, our travels continue! The Province has planned a ten-day (October 9 – 18, 2023) pilgrimage to England, where Cornelia founded the Society of the Holy Child Jesus in 1846. On this trip, participants will gain a better understanding of Cornelia’s life and experiences. Pilgrims will also enjoy places reflecting England’s rich history and culture.

For more information on the pilgrimage to England, visit <https://www.shcj.org/american/news-events/walk-the-sacred-path-of-venerable-cornelia-connelly>.

The third pilgrimage will be a five-day tour (April 7 – 12, 2024) to the states of Louisiana and Mississippi in the United States. To request a brochure on this pilgrimage, contact Sandra Lovascio at [slovascio@shcj.org](mailto:slovascio@shcj.org) or 610-626-1400, x1301.



*“I have always imagined Cornelia’s young life in Philadelphia as one of comfortable privilege. The Pilgrimage (to Philadelphia) gave me a completely new (and realistic) perspective on the experiences that shaped the life of service that she chose by cooperating with the grace of God.”* – Margaret Dalesandro, Alumna, Holy Child Academy, Sharon Hill, PA