



Sister Hilda Carey

Faculty Profile: Hilda Carey, RSCJ

English Teacher, Newton Country Day School

Hilda Carey, RSCJ, has enjoyed a long teaching career that has touched the lives of many Sacred Heart alumnae and friends around the world. She brings to Newton Country Day School a great love of the English language and literature, a dedication to teaching, tremendous energy and enthusiasm for the education of young women, and the drive to keep challenging herself to grow and learn in her field.

Born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Sr. Carey attended Shady Hill and Winsor schools. She went on to graduate from Newton College and study Liturgical Music at Manhattanville College. She entered the Society of the Sacred Heart at Kenwood, and following her probationary period in Rome took her final vows and began a life dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in education. She taught at Rochester and 91st Street before going to the International School in Tokyo. When she returned from Japan, Sr. Carey taught at Greenwich, Noroton, Grosse Pointe, and Glen Oak School in Cleveland. She then spent seven

years teaching English in Korea, during which time she continued to develop her love for literature and her dedication to single-sex education.

Her return to the United States took her to Stuart Country Day School where she became involved with the Model United Nations program. She accompanied students to Georgetown University to participate in mock U.N. sessions and was most interested in the ability of the students from single-sex schools to caucus, get themselves and their groups organized, and present their ideas. This was in contrast to the way in which the girls from co-ed schools always deferred to the male students and hesitated to participate in discussions. Observing this pattern over several years has made her a strong advocate of girls' schools.

Sr. Carey is also a well-known fan of the New York Mets. She began her devotion to baseball as a child and was a great fan of the Boston Braves. When she returned from Rome she found that the Braves had left Boston so she

"adopted the new cellar-dwellers" and has followed the Mets faithfully ever since. She confesses that the Red Sox are her second choice, though, and tries to attend two or three games every summer.

Sr. Carey teaches AP English at Newton Country Day and freshman English at Boston College. She leads a book discussion group at Newton with parents of students, faculty, and friends. She does extensive preparation believing that "in order to be really free, a discussion needs to be carefully prepared." This is clearly a belief that applies to her life as well.