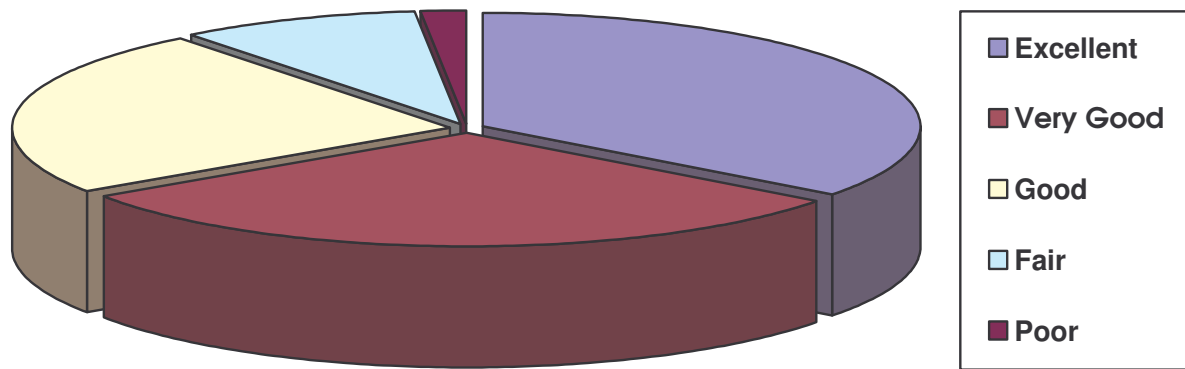


EVALUATION - SUMMARY
Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary
RSHM Schools Network
Implementation Committees
June 24-28, 2006

A total of 52 evaluations were received following the IC Conference. On the whole, the conference was perceived in a positive light and criticisms, when given, were constructive. Following, is a detailed statistical and qualitative analysis of the responses provided.

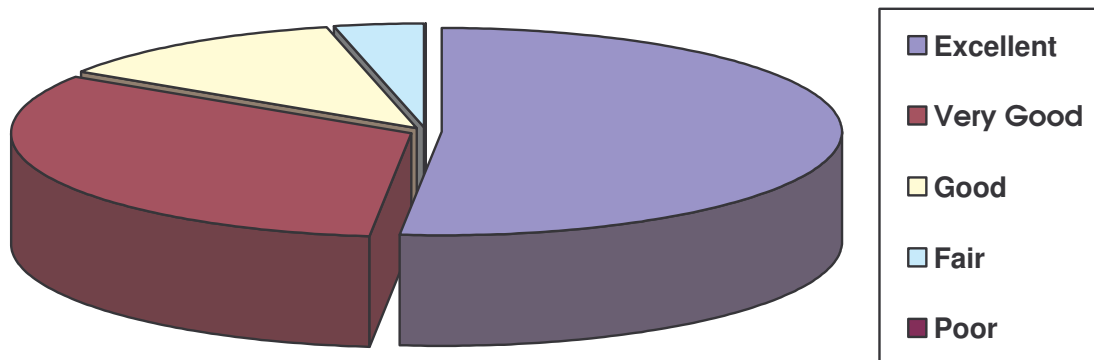
CONFERENCE ENVIRONMENT	# of Total Responses	Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor
Environmental setting	52	71%	23%	4%	2%	
Exchange with one's own school	50	52%	36%	4%	8%	
Exchange with mixed schools grouping	49	20%	33%	27%	12%	8%
Exchange within the group	50	30%	44%	16%	8%	2%
AVE.	50.25	43.25%	34%	12.75%	7.5%	2.5%



Participants appreciated the pleasant setting of the school, often commenting on the beautiful grounds and buildings. The main conference room, however, was cited as lacking cool, fresh air and some respondents (5) suggested the use of more fans to keep air flowing.

A large portion of the evaluations (23) also had hoped to do more mixing with conference attendees from other schools. A full schedule was considered as the predominant hindrance to an ideal amount of intermixing amongst the groups. Nearly a quarter of the respondents (12) were receptive to the idea of assigning mixed groups for work introduced by the panel discussions and other objectives that were defined during the conference.

CONFERENCE CONTENT	# of Total Responses	Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor
Early Monasticism to the 8th Century	46	43%	37%	15%	4%	
Foundations of Religious Congregations from 8th – 17th Centuries	47	45%	34%	17%	4%	
Contemporary Religious Life 18th – 20th Centuries	45	42%	40%	16%	2%	
Panel 1 <i>Addressing the Challenges of Globalization</i>	48	42%	48%	10%		
Panel 2 <i>Sustaining the RSHM Mission</i>	51	51%	33%	16%		
Panel 3 <i>Catholic identity in a multi faith community</i>	51	43%	37%	14%	6%	
Panel 4 <i>Challenges facing the IC Committee in 2006</i>	52	46%	33%	15%	6%	
Patrick Bassett <i>Globally Sustainable Schools for the 21st C.</i>	50	82%	8%	10%		
J.F. Rischard <i>High Noon – 20 Global Problems</i>	51	63%	27%	6%	4%	
Fr. Tom Michel S.J. <i>Islamic Faith in the 21st Century</i>	35 ¹	86%	14%			
Lene Buchert <i>UNESCO & Education for All</i>	50	34%	38%	18%	10%	
School Group Planning Sessions	36	44%	39%	11%	6%	
AVE.	46.83	51.75%	32.33%	12.33%	3.5%	



¹ The original evaluation omitted Father Tom's presentation. Participants were verbally invited to evaluate his contribution to the conference.

The presentations on religious history were appreciated for their contextualization of the Congregation as a part of the school network. One respondent claimed that this helped s/him “understand where the RSHM fit...[and] understand more about the sisters.” Two participants did not see as great a need for such content, however, stating that they would have rather taken more time to learn about *current* RSHM missions and projects. This opinion was further supported when respondents suggested content for future conferences.

The subjects for the panels generated a good level of enthusiasm in the respondents; however, several (8) mentioned that the content of each panel was not respected. Citations mentioned that this was predominantly the case for Panels 3 and 4 where presenters were said to have shared positive experiences from their respective schools, while not addressing the specific concerns of the panel topic at hand. Several (5) also stated that the moderators should take an active role in managing the panel speakers, notably in ensuring that each speaker respects the established time limits. Overall, more feedback and interaction were sought in relation to the topics raised by the panels.

The group benefited from hearing the various presentations given by the external speakers and enjoyed the fact that each of them had a relatively high profile in their respective professions. Mr. Bassett was appreciated for his dynamic and pertinent presentation in comparison to the educators work. Several respondents would have appreciated more time talking about the interreligious issues introduced by Fr. Tom and some (6) went on to suggest that he expand his topic to talk about current issues related to terrorism or other religions, such as Buddhism. A handful of respondents found the use of PowerPoint by the speakers superfluous (3) or difficult to read and/or understand. This was especially the case for Ms. Buchert’s presentation, whose use of statistics, color and shading was stated as being illegible at times.

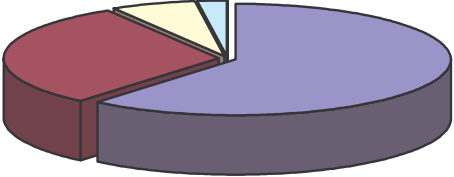
CONFERENCE MANAGEMENT	# of Total Responses	Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor
Communication in preparation for the meeting	51	49%	27%	20%	4%	
The overall quality of the meeting	52	67%	27%	6%		
The overall facilitation of the meeting	50	58%	34%	8%		
AVE.	51	58%	29.33%	11.33%	1.33%	

Rating	Percentage
Excellent	67%
Very Good	27%
Good	6%
Fair	0%
Poor	0%

The management of the conference was greatly appreciated for its smooth running and good balance between conferences and working groups. The web site was also seen as a positive and modern evolution of the conference. Nevertheless, more development was sought by the participants in regards to advanced preparation for the conference.

The non-English speakers could have benefited from having *all* of the documents for the planned talks and presentations in advance. A few participants noted that this pre-circulation of presentation content changed the nature of some of the presentations though, stating that at times some presenters simply read to, rather than engaged, the audience. If this practice should continue, requests for papers would be appreciated further in advance and at a less busy time in the school year.

LOGISTICS	# of Total Responses	Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor
The overall accommodations:	44	57%	36%	7%		
Receptions and Meals:	46	85%	15%			
Trip to Chartres:	42	79%	19%	2%		
Liturgies	42	60%	33%	5%	2%	
The prayer rituals:	42	60%	29%	7%	5%	
Written material and handouts:	48	54%	38%	8%		
The overall schedule and pacing of the meeting agenda:	47	32%	43%	15%	9%	1%
AVE.	44.43	61%	30.3%	6.3%	2.3%	0.14%



■ Excellent ■ Very Good

■ Good ■ Fair

■ Poor

Overall, those who stayed at the Concorde Lafayette described their experience at the hotel as enjoyable. Four respondents mentioned that the added services, such as refreshments and internet connection, were too expensive. The trip to Chartres was appreciated by all. However, one respondent would have liked more time in the cathedral and four suggested – while recognizing the importance of such social events – that the day excursion be replaced with a shorter, evening activity.

Fr. Tom and Sr. André’s liturgies and the prayer service given by Sr. Bernadette were appreciated across the board. It was suggested by one participant to have more prayer services rather than several masses. Nevertheless, one respondent’s comment, “If Father Tom would have been our school chaplain, I would have emerged a better Christian,” adequately summarizes how most participants felt about Fr. Tom’s contribution to the entire conference. Nearly a quarter of the respondents (12) expressed their wish to personalize the liturgy with the active participation of each school, thus promoting another instance to share amongst the different groups present.

The pace of the conference was cited by nearly a third of the respondents (16) as being too dense, therefore not allowing for enough time to reflect (personally or in small groups) on the information that was being shared in the panels and presentations. Several respondents (6) would have liked to move around a bit more, thus refreshing their minds during the busy days that were organized for them. The balance between the four days of the conference was also criticized on occasion with statements that the first two days were too light in content, whereas the last two were too heavy.

What was the most beneficial part of the meeting?

27	Presentations on global awareness
22	Networking, benchmarking activities and tapping into ideas associated with other schools
12	Masses, Liturgies and Prayer service
8	Revitalized by the RSHM group spirit / Reaffirmed mission identity
4	Quality of Panel Topics / Discussion of IC Challenges
3	Having the opportunity to work with one's own colleagues
3	Meeting new members of the Network

What was the least beneficial part of the meeting?

16	Conference Format
9	Passive listening to presentations lacked pause for reflection, interaction or rotation
4	Panels did not respect the 7-min standard / Descriptive rather than engaging
1	Liturgy not participative
1	Preparation and planning needs to be shared by schools
1	Sharing with own school
7	Content redundancies / Unnecessary detail in relation to audience background
4	UNESCO Talk – Too statistical
2	Talks on history of Monasticism – deemed repetitive
1	Patrick Bassett's content – already applied in European Schools

When and where should next years 2007 conference be?

40	New York
7	Portugal
4	Ireland
2	Rome
1	Béziers

* Late June was cited (13) as an ideal time for the conference, however some (5) mentioned that it was difficult, due to the fact that their school years had either just finished or were still in exams. Tarrytown, NY was widely supported. However, some (4) had reservations about the cost implications associated with such a decision, especially for those new members of the Network.

What are your ideas for the content, including specific issues to discuss, for future conferences?

21	Sustain a Catholic Identity and Values	
	7	Effectiveness + Implementation of RSHM Values + Religious Curriculum
	4	More discussions with other schools regarding RSHM Objectives that worked
	3	Identity Challenges of Secularization to Catholic Schools
	2	Leadership + Spirituality
	1	Dealing with staff less committed to our mission
	1	Mother Butler – Marymount Founding Vision of the Founders
	1	Panel of religious leaders
	1	Same universal goal for all schools
	1	Value of honesty – Academic, Business, Relationships etc.
9	Curriculum Development	
	5	Continue global issues + Sustainability + How to educate world citizens
	3	Interfaith aspects and continued discussion of Islam
	1	Focus on Water – Use UN decade for water as a basis for discussion
	1	Impact of Immigration, AIDS, the Church, Iraq on each school
	1	Leadership training
	1	Preparing schools for eCurriculum (See Tom Friedman’s, The World is Flat)
	1	Women in Spirituality and Education
9	School Management	
	2	Involvement of Parents in Education
	2	Pedagogy, curriculum, evaluation of students, quality systems / Accountability
	1	Diversity issues – especially economic differences amongst students
	1	Ideas for other student exchange beyond just sports
	1	Increased networking and teacher/student projects
	1	Productive Staff Structure – HR
	1	Schools Accreditation
7	RSHM Network	
	3	Ideas on how to incorporate African communities into the Network
	3	RSHM projects in other ministries around the world
	1	Report from extended family in each province
3	Planning committee + debriefing from the annual meeting	
1	Personal Renewal / Retreat	
1	Add some sort of student event	

What are your ideas for improving the structure, planning and logistics for future conferences? For instance, are there other forms that this conference could take?

6	Work on Group-Building Dynamics (ice breakers, spa session, etc.)
5	More discussion groups to reflect on talks / Small group interactions on assigned topics that are then reported back to the whole group
5	Structure of this conference was great / Enriching + inspirational experience
4	Set up different committee to share responsibility of the conference as network grows
4	Time issue was improved allowing reflection / Continue to develop more
3	Address Social Programs of Sisters / Current + Future Context of RSHM Work
3	Meet by responsibility areas (heads, spiritual life, curriculum, related studies, etc.)
2	Change date (to slightly later) after school year completely finished
2	Displays from schools + more time to view / in prominent place
2	Review Governance + Define Clear focus of the Annual Conference
1	Allocate resources to something other than this conference
1	Define terms of office on IC Committee
1	Help for non-English speakers – Receive talks ahead of time
1	Individual faith testimonies or spiritual journeys
1	Introduce all participants and schools
1	Leadership training
1	More involvement with the speaker about subjects
1	Opening day (Saturday, following last day of school) was too heavy
1	Possible ways of raising funds for group travel
1	Share at the extended family
1	Try to send all information at once and as soon as possible

Additional comments:

2	Important time for schools to interact and share new ideas
2	School groups need encouragement to interact
1	Accurate history of all schools present
1	Béziers should be present – not doing all the liturgies
1	Fr. Tom's approach to Islamic faith
1	Conference was innovative and modern – encouraged to address important issues
1	More focus on extended family
1	See a representative from Western American Province here – Sr. Pat Connor or someone else?
1	The addition of more schools to the network was very positive