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Sister Saint Gerard
Mount St. Mary's College
12001 Chalon Road
Los Angeles, California 90049

Dear Sister Saint Gerard,

Our Foundation was created to help promote the game of chess. We have been promoting it for several years locally, nationally and internationally. We were particularly interested in reaching the young people. We taught in public schools, in underprivileged areas. We also taught in schools for physically handicapped children.

We noticed that chess develops concentration, self-discipline and stimulates thinking. It is overall beneficial to the young people of all levels of society.

From our experience we noticed that girls were interested in the game and enjoyed playing, but as they were outnumbered and outclassed by the boys they often gave up. This is also true with women. So we are attempting to promote Women's chess in an organized way. We have opened the first Women's Chess Club in an attempt to create a woman's field. We hope not only to increase the number of women playing active, competitive chess but also to improve the general level of performance. In order to succeed we feel that children should be exposed to this extraordinary ancient game as young as possible.

Soviet Russia completely dominates the field but with some effort and the cooperation of the Girls Schools we may even bring the Women's World Chess Championship Title to the United States some day!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jacqueline Piatigorsky