



Thanksgiving 2025



Dear Acra Members

As I sit down to write this Thanksgiving message, the sweet aroma of pumpkin pie is wafting from the kitchen. At the same time, the window in my office is wide open to let in the warm breeze from outside. In my mind, these are contradictory sensory messages: the delicious smell of pumpkin pie tells me it's Thanksgiving, yet the warm weather tells me that summer is still making its presence felt. Regardless of the confusion, I am thankful for both!

In the world at large, there is much to be thankful for: the cease fire agreement between Hamas and Israel and the promise of the release of the remaining hostages. On a personal note, I am thankful for being able to celebrate 40 years of marriage to my wonderful husband, Joe, and the life and children/grandchildren that our union has produced.

I hope that this Thanksgiving weekend, you can all find something that you are grateful for. Whether you are feasting on turkey dinner with family and friends or sitting in front of the TV with a microwaved meal, I hope you know that you are not alone. Your friends and colleagues at ACRA are thinking of you and wishing you good health and comfort. We also want you to know that we are introducing a new series of emails entitled "From the Archives". Jerry Dunne describes this initiative as follows:

"It was back around 2007 when Joe Jaroslawski, tired of sending out ACRA emails, suggested that a website might ease his burden. One element of that endeavor was to collect information and stories from members about their schools and educational experiences. Members responded well, and some of that collection can still be found deep in our website, but much was misplaced when hosting services failed or sites crashed, and the like. Fortunately, much has been recovered, and ACRA management has deemed it advantageous to share some of the 'old' information and stories and, before long, solicit new recollections from ACRA veterans.

Jerry Dunn, for now, has agreed to collect any correspondence from members.

Hopefully a story every week or two will be published and an avenue developed to share reactions and any new stories, long or short, or information on schools and experiences that members might wish to add to the collection. Attached is a first entry from 2009 about a Goose Village school."

As the weeks go by, I hope you will enjoy walking down memory lane as you read these delightful stories. Please don't forget to check out our website www.acrancan.org.

Wishing you a very happy Thanksgiving and continued blessings.

Deborah Angelus