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FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Friends,

Fourteen years ago, I told Abbot Thomas that I wanted to become a monk. In response, he asked me a simple question: "Are you ready for trials?"

It wasn't the usual reaction. Friends in college suggested I was world-weary, friends from Priory wondered why it had taken me so long, and family weren't exactly sure what to say. In those few awkward moments after sharing a life-altering decision, no one had asked me if I was ready for trials.

Of course, Abbot Thomas knew what he was doing. St. Benedict writes in his Rule that there are three fundamental qualities of the monk: he must be eager for a life of prayer, he must be willing to practice obedience, and he must be zealous for a life of trials.

All of us are used to the sufferings that life can bring; the disruptions to our daily lives that come either from within our souls or from circumstances beyond our control. At a certain point, we become aware of the inevitable pain that age will bring, especially in response to the death of our friends, our family, and finally ourselves. These challenges, which should define our lives, we prefer to push from our consciousness. It's ironic but true: we tend to ignore the facts that give our lives meaning.

The current pandemic has offered us all an opportunity to live as a monk lives: not hiding from suffering but learning to find joy in the present moment by embracing it. Accepting the fragility of our lives allows us to become grateful for every gift that God gives us. Here at Priory, I have witnessed this change in our students. In the space of two months, I've heard a few complaints about food, I've received frustrations about sports, but I've not yet heard a single complaint about school itself. For the first time in my professional life, I have even had a student come into my office and thank me for bringing everyone back on campus. Nine months ago, the entire school cheered when I announced an early dismissal over the PA. Something amazing has happened for our students. They no longer take school for granted; they are grateful.

This edition of the *Priory* magazine is a love letter of gratitude—for you, our friends and family, for our boys, whom we serve, and especially for the faculty and staff who have made school possible this year. To all of them I owe my deepest gratitude; they are some of the hardest working professionals I know. I hope as you read this magazine that you will feel moved to support all of us with your prayers, with a donation, and even with a note of encouragement. While our students have become more Benedictine through their gratitude, our teachers have had to grow as "monks" by accepting incredible trials. We depend upon your support now more than ever.

May this magazine find you and your loved ones safe, healthy, and grateful.

In Christ,

Father Cuthbert Elliott, O.S.B., '02
Headmaster



Winning Lessons

FROM PRIORY'S OWN DREAM TEAM

In the fast-paced, sometimes ugly professional sports world, it can be challenging to follow the straight and narrow path. Yet sports attorney and agent Anthony (Tony) Hilliard, Class of 1981, says the foundation laid at Priory has allowed him to maintain his integrity and make a difference in hundreds of lives.

“My moral compass was forged at Priory and hasn’t moved,” Hilliard says. “My spirituality and integrity were solidified there and became a key part of me.”

Today, Hilliard lives in Boca Raton, Florida, where he is CEO of The Sterling Group, a comprehensive sports consulting agency he founded. But the Priory experience continues to guide him in life.

Setting the Bar High in Academics and Athletics

As a young student, Hilliard lived less than two miles from Priory. As an active young man, he frequently rode his bike to the school campus, played in the nearby woods, and talked with the monks when he encountered them strolling the grounds. He even popped into church to pray if it was open.

“When I started at Priory, I was on fire and looking forward to everything,” Hilliard says. “The buildings and campus represented both peace and excitement at the same time. I was so proud to go to Priory. We also were parishioners of Saint Anselm so Priory was a seven-day-a-week experience for me.”

Hilliard says Priory’s academics challenged him, yet he enjoyed the work. Hilliard’s father was a physician who hoped his son would follow in his footsteps. The academic bar was set high.

So was the athletic bar.

Hilliard comes from an extended family of top-level athletes that has included Olympic contenders, professional athletes and professional coaches.

His dad was even friends with baseball legends Lou Brock and Bob Gibson. “It wasn’t unusual to have ‘Uncle Lou’ and ‘Uncle Bob’ over to our house,” he says. “I was always surrounded by athletes.”

Hilliard witnessed the hard work and commitment demanded from professional athletes. Their world shaped his future.

Hilliard’s mom told him he ran (not walked) everywhere when he was little. At Priory, he harnessed that energy and channeled it into both academics and athletics.

He began running track in seventh grade and soon realized his speed was different from others.

His dedication and hard work paid off when he set three state track records and was the Missouri Class 2A State Champion for the 100 meters, 200 meters, and 400 meters in both 1980 and 1981.

He applied this same discipline and work ethic to academics and bonded with his classmates over Priory’s rigorous classes.

“It was difficult but effortless because we were all in it together and we knew it was making us better,” Hilliard says. “It gave us a sense of camaraderie and unity. The monks ensured we were disciplined and took pride in our work.”

> Hilliard holds seven state championships in track.

∨ Hilliard now lives and works in Boca Raton, Florida.



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Father Paul's Influence

Hilliard developed lasting relationships with the monks who taught him, especially with Father Paul Kidner who was the headmaster while Hilliard was at Priory.

“When I was in high school, Father Paul would take moments walking between buildings or in the hallway to talk with me when he knew I was trying to make big decisions,” Hilliard recalls. “He was so good at giving me space to make my own decision but posing questions to lead me in the right direction. It’s an art I try to use today with my daughters.”

After high school graduation, Hilliard talked with Father Paul a few times a year no matter where his career as a sports attorney took him. In Father Paul’s last months of life (he passed away in early 2020) the old friends talked more frequently.

“Father Paul was someone who counseled me throughout my life,” Hilliard says. “He pushed me to do the right thing and gave me the courage and confidence to stick with my decisions. All the monks taught me to aim big. But Father Paul would always bring a bit of reality to soften what could be a blow.”

A Point of Light

Hilliard’s state track records and academic record caught the eye of recruiters for schools all over the country, including UCLA, Louisiana State University and Notre Dame.

Yet Dartmouth’s East Coast location intrigued Hilliard the most. “I’m so happy I chose Dartmouth. It was a life-changing event.”

Although Hilliard started as a pre-med student, his interests soon shifted to political science and law, where he thrived.

“The workload, discipline and comprehensive liberal arts education I received at Priory prepared me well. I was not afraid of the challenge and work.”

After college graduation, he gained experience as a legal assistant in New York City at one of the largest law firms in the world, which solidified his path to becoming a lawyer.

While attending law school at Boston College, Hilliard met Professor Robert Berry, now considered the “grandfather of sports law.” He created the first sports law course in the country in 1972 and authored books still used in classrooms today.

“He became my mentor,” Hilliard says. “I fell into the sports business through him. I’ve been an athlete my whole life and now I work with athletes.”

From the beginning, Hilliard realized the professional sports world could be an ugly business.

Yet Berry echoed sentiments similar to the monks. “He told me maybe I could be a point of light in a very dark business,” Hilliard says. “That was the essence of my career. I’ve walked a narrow, straight line and I’ve refused to step away from it. I could have made more money but I wanted to do the right thing always. The reason I was different from many other agents is because of the ethical environment I was raised in by my parents and the monks. My whole experience at Priory set me up for where I am today.”

A Foundation of Strength

Priory is guided by its 12 Hallmarks of a Benedictine School. Hilliard says many of those hallmarks have driven his successful career.

It starts with the hallmark of *Prayer and Worship*.

“Priory created a spiritual foundation for me,” Hilliard says. “Prayer has always been part of the big decisions in my life and how I get through difficult moments. Prayer is the center point of my life. I also taught my children to give thanks in prayer. All this was instilled in me at Priory. I don’t know where I would be without prayer.”

Another Benedictine education hallmark that struck a chord with Hilliard is *Listening*.

“When you choose to be a servant leader, you’re stepping back and putting others first to empower them. And you can’t do that without listening. Listening is an art and a gift to connect with others. As a sports attorney, if you’re not listening to your clients, you can’t prepare their life’s path properly,” he says.

Ultimately, he says the Benedictine hallmark of *Work* sums up his life.

“As a student, I gave 100 percent and it paid off. I had goals and the only way to get there was by work. But I have had a determination in my work to give back. It’s a gift to work in the industry I’m in and help people.”

Hilliard has nearly 30 years of experience as a sports lawyer, consultant and sports business executive. He has guided careers and negotiated employment agreements and endorsements for world-class athletes and coaches in the U.S. and around the world.

Today, the core of his business is representing athletes globally as well as consulting for the industry.

In addition to being a sports attorney, Hilliard teaches sports law, sports management and sports business at universities and is a guest lecturer around the country.

His Priory experience influences him as a teacher. “I talk about servant leadership and ethics to my students,” he says. “The sports business is not a pretty business and can be cut-throat. I tell my students that their character and reputation are everything. In my own career, I refused to do anything that was not right. I walked away from it.”

His reputation for integrity brought him many high-profile clients. “They trusted me,” Hilliard says. “And the only way you gain trust is by doing things the right way. It goes back to the monks at Priory.”

> Hilliard was a multi-talented athlete scholar while at Priory.

He says the most meaningful success of his career has been serving athletes as a mentor, an educator, a trusted confidant and a life manager. “I’ve helped lots of young people navigate their career and move out of poverty into abundance—for now, for their families, and for generations to come. I’ve helped change lives. That’s the most satisfying part of my job.”

He’s most proud that his integrity is intact after 30 years in the sports business. “I’ve found a way to remain faithful to doing what’s right. I can sleep at night and I can look my children in the eyes.”

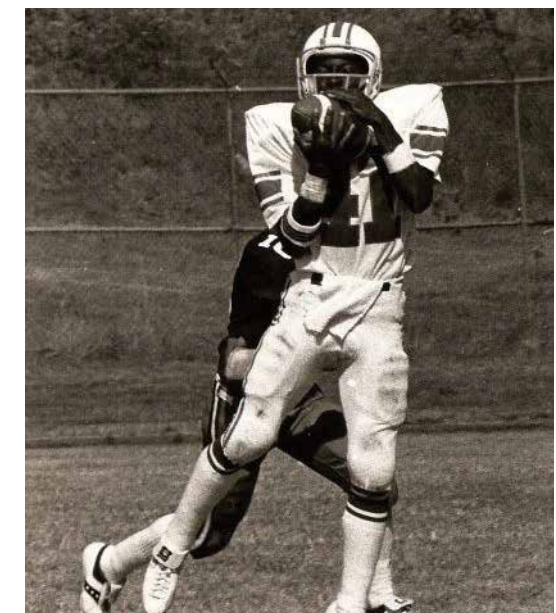
The Boldness to Dream

Hilliard recognizes the sacrifices his parents made so he could go to Priory, Dartmouth and law school. “I know it wasn’t easy for them. It was a different time socially and politically and the odds were against me. I stood on other’s shoulders to come close to fulfilling the expectations of my parents and all those who lifted me up, including the monks. I was blessed to have people who believed in me.”

In addition to his parents, he credits Father Finbarr Dowling, Father Paul Kidner, Father Timothy Horner, and others at Priory who guided him.

“I used the tools they gave me and made the most of the opportunities they provided me. I was motivated by all those who invested in me and took time to educate me about life and academics.”

He continues: “Priory instilled in me the boldness to dream. I don’t know where I would be without Priory.”



Thomas de Wolff '20 awaits his name to be called to receive his Priory diploma.

Setting the Right Example

In-Person Classes Resume with Safety as the Priority

In his homily at the 2020 Junior Ring Mass on September 2 - a Mass that had been postponed from last spring - Priory Headmaster Father Cuthbert Elliott, O.S.B., '02, told the newly minted seniors that the coronavirus pandemic, though a challenging burden, is calling them to leadership.

"In this year above all years, now is the time for you to be the men you know in your hearts you want to be," he said. "To set the right example when it comes to safety. To set the right example when it comes to helping one another through those tough moments when you're worried, or afraid, or upset. Help those [younger] boys become as wonderful as you have become. Be their support."

Setting the right example has been a priority for Priory's faculty and administration, which worked diligently over the summer months and the early weeks of the new school year too, as Father Cuthbert said in a late-July video message to school families, "make it possible for us to mitigate a lot of the risks associated with the current situation."

Because the safety of students, faculty and staff is so important, since the end of last school year Priory has invested more than \$200,000 in process and infrastructure changes and technology improvements to help ensure the continuing availability of a hybrid in-person education for Priory students.

Highlights of the changes include:

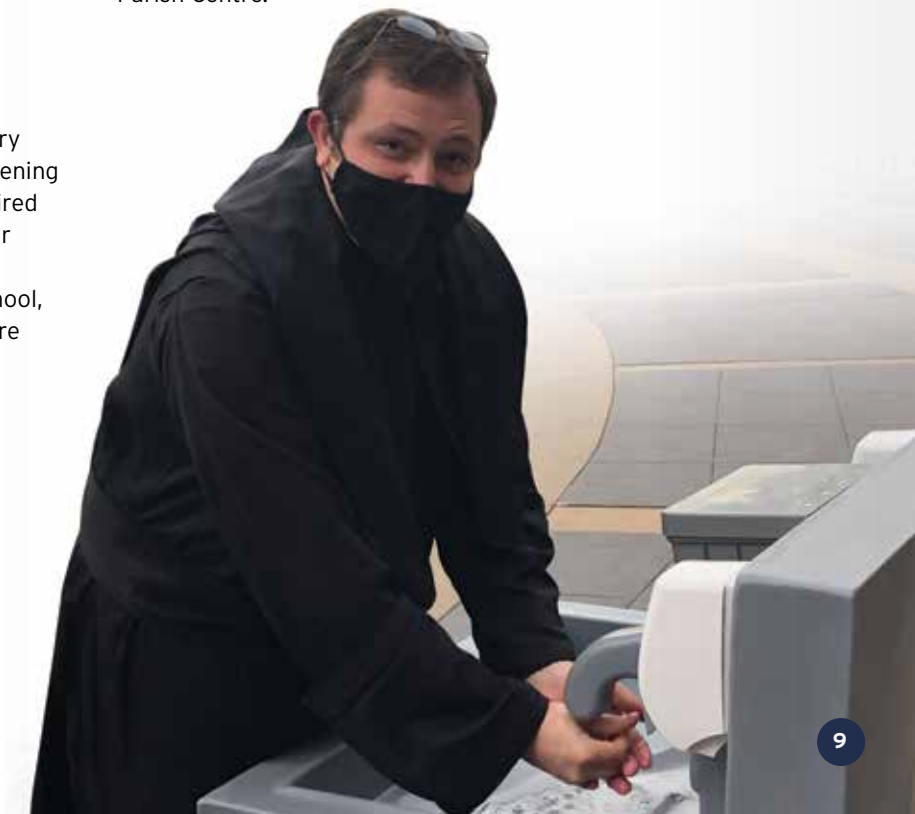
Safety and Cleanliness. Each morning, Priory parents complete an online coronavirus screening form for their student. Mask-wearing is required on campus, and students use handwashing or hand sanitizing stations located outside the entrances to the Junior School, the High School, the church, the gym and the dining hall before entering these buildings.

Classroom teachers, as part of a new protocol, spray their classrooms with an anti-viral cleaning solution between each class, and each classroom is deep-cleaned every evening. Marked pathways, one-way hallways and stairwells, and entry-only and exit-only doors help ensure students maintain appropriate distancing.

School Nurse. Priory has engaged St. Louis Children's Hospital to provide an on-site school nurse to assist with required coronavirus reporting and coordination and to work with any school families or staff that face a positive COVID-19 diagnosis.

Spreading Out. In a video message to parents, Father Cuthbert noted that Priory was uniquely positioned to offer in-person learning because "we have a big campus and room to spread out." As student desks in classrooms were placed six feet apart, some classes for older students had to be divided into two classrooms, so Zoom video conference technology was installed - including cameras, monitors and speakers in each classroom - to allow an instructor to teach students seated in an adjacent classroom, with the "remote access room" moderated by another faculty member.

Additional classroom space was created in the school's library, the dining hall, the athletic trainer's room in the gym, the High School and Junior School Commons, and the Saint Anselm Parish Centre.



Laptops and Wifi. Distance learning has necessitated that Priory evolve to be a one-to-one laptop school. Priory made laptops available to all incoming students and offered optional laptop leases to returning students. The school added staff to its IT support team and upgraded its campus-wide Wi-Fi network.

“Upon the announcement that the school would embrace a one-to-one laptop program, faculty immediately began to engage in professional development programs,” says Judy Mohan, Priory’s Assistant Head of School for Intellectual Formation.

“Most notably, our Humanities Chair, Tyler Orf, developed and implemented eight summer learning modules upon topics such as Padlet, EdPuzzle and Jamboard, to name a few. These modules were created and taught by our faculty members. It was a marvelous example of their willingness to assist their colleagues in their learning and technology proficiency.”

Distance Learning Option. At the beginning of the school year, about five percent of parents chose distance learning for their sons. Because of the school’s Zoom technology enhancements, as well as each teacher’s use of MyPriory and/or Google Classroom, these students can participate with their peers in all of their Priory classes.

Priory also has seen a few short-term distance learners, as students may be required to stay at home if a family member experiences potential coronavirus exposure, or if students simply are under the weather. Including these short-term distance learners, on any given day fewer than 10 percent of Priory’s student body is participating remotely.

Class Schedule Adjustments. Priory’s traditional class scheduling has changed to help ensure student safety and accommodate those who are distance learning. Using a rotating schedule, all students now have five class periods per day, and Junior School students now end their school day with athletics rather than having sports in the mid-afternoon. Students in Forms I-III tend to be scheduled in the same classroom for the day to enable easier contact tracing.

Lunch. Priory’s multipurpose gym offers the space required to serve as the school’s temporary dining hall. Students sit at either end of six-foot tables, and are served hot, pre-packaged meals transported from the dining hall’s kitchen in insulated carriers. Students have 20 minutes to eat, and then the dining staff take 10 minutes to sanitize the facility for the next lunch shift. Afternoon snacks also are offered to students.

Mass. Students still attend Mass in the Abbey Church every seven days. However, due to distancing requirements, no more than two Forms attend Mass at one time. The church is deep cleaned before and after each student Mass.

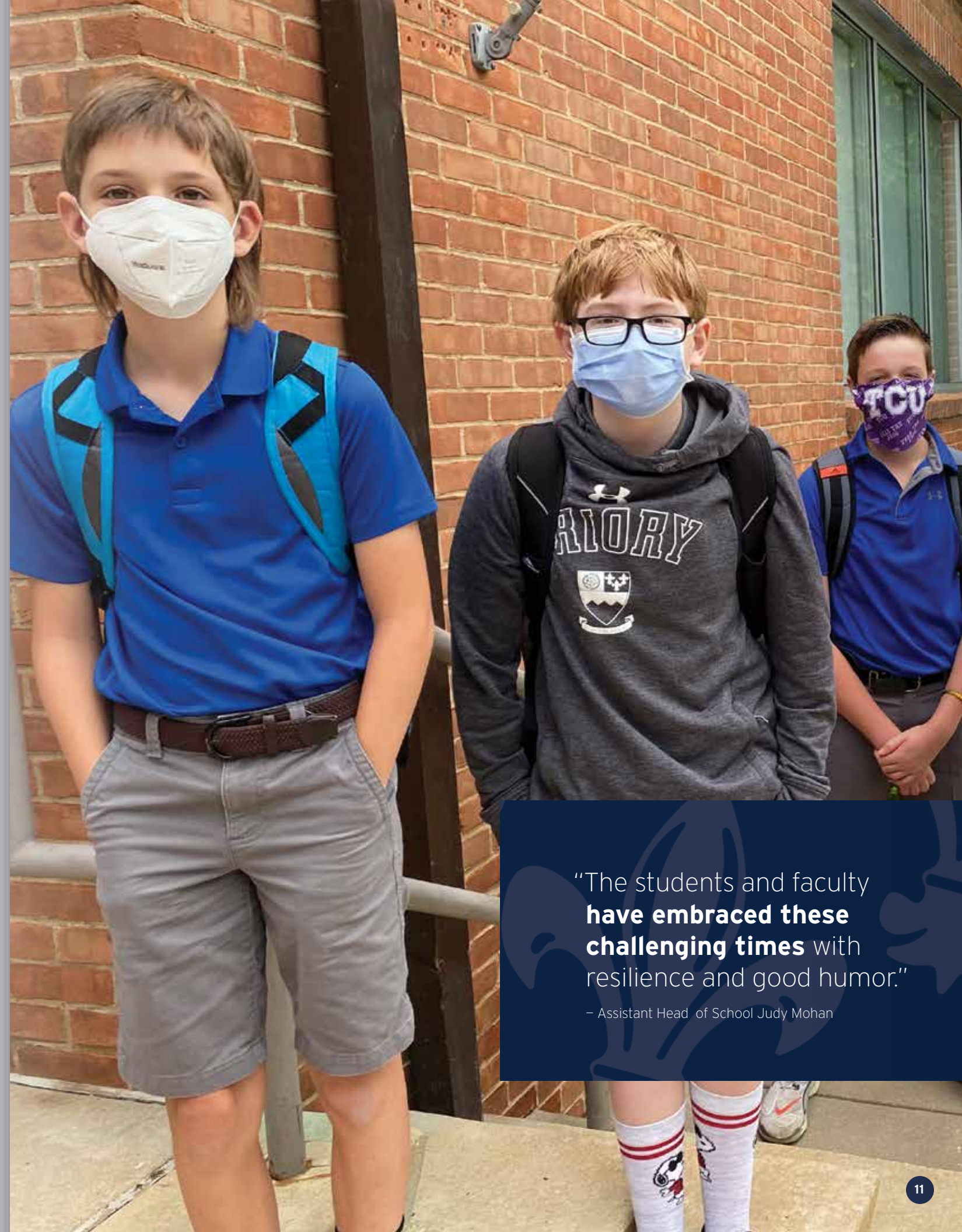
Athletics. While students continue to participate in the curricular aspect of athletics - with masks required except for during strenuous physical activity - Priory is following St. Louis County guidelines regarding games/events with other schools. Director of Athletics Harold Barker continues to monitor what is possible and, through his coaches, communicates with students and parents.

Advisories and Form Master Program. Unrelated to the pandemic, Priory has made a significant change to the school’s popular Advisories. “Priory is one community and ultimately one school. This year our Advisory program will be more in line with that idea,” wrote Mike Nickolai ‘03, Assistant Head of School for Human and Spiritual Formation, in a letter to school families. “Advisories now will be made up of students from all six Forms. This change will allow for students from different age groups to interact more often and make connections across all grades.”

Additionally, Priory has selected six faculty member “Form Masters,” one for each grade level, who have been charged with shaping and implementing ongoing human and spiritual formation for Priory’s students.

“The students and faculty have embraced these challenging times with resilience and good humor, and teaching and learning have continued to stand at the center of our daily activities,” Assistant Head of School Judy Mohan notes.

Nickolai summed up the school’s vibrancy and resiliency in his letter to parents: “Priory is a truly special place, and our Benedictine identity provides us with a framework for building a strong community that can endure all things, including a global pandemic.”



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– Assistant Head of School Judy Mohan

A Day in the Life

OF PRIORY DURING COVID-19



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1 > Safety measures were thoughtfully managed throughout the summer to ensure the safety of all students and faculty. There are hand washing stations in front of all the school buildings and the gym. Hand sanitizer and masks are available at each entrance as well.

2 > We have used every possible space in the High School, Junior School, dining hall, gym, Abbey Church and Parish Centre for learning spaces this year. All the desks/tables are 6 feet apart and each space is equipped with new digital learning equipment, which includes cameras, microphones and monitors for display.

3 > Spiritual life is at the center of all things at Saint Louis Priory School. Instead of an all-school Mass once a week, we are offering Mass with two Forms at a time to allow for social distancing in the Abbey Church. Each Form will attend Mass every 7th school day.

4 > The word for the year is FLEXIBILITY! Our famous Priory lunch is being served in the multi-purpose gym in three 30-minute shifts. Dining Hall staff members are doing a stellar job of accommodating the more than 400 people who eat lunch on campus daily.

5 > We continue to look for ways our students can connect with each other safely on campus. The Senior Lounge is still available in a slightly smaller scale.

6 > Priory has prided itself on including athletics as curricular and that still holds true. A small change this year is that ALL students will have sports/athletics at the end of the day. Football, soccer and cross country are in full swing on our 150-acre campus.

7 > The students and faculty are learning a new schedule this year with five classes a day in a seven-day rotation. This new format was needed to minimize the amount of moving around campus during the day.

2020-2021 CLASS SCHEDULE									
Day	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Class 7	Class 8	Class 9
Monday	Math	Science	History	English	Art	Physical Education	Music	Spanish	Religion
Tuesday	Math	Science	History	English	Art	Physical Education	Music	Spanish	Religion
Wednesday	Math	Science	History	English	Art	Physical Education	Music	Spanish	Religion
Thursday	Math	Science	History	English	Art	Physical Education	Music	Spanish	Religion
Friday	Math	Science	History	English	Art	Physical Education	Music	Spanish	Religion

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SERVICE

DURING COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic didn't put a hold on the need for serving others in our community – in many ways, it made the demand even higher. As the world changed around us, the Priory community remained committed to stepping up to help.

For the fifth year, the Fathers' Club held its annual Father and Son Day of Service in March, this year at the Ronald McDonald House in the Central West End. More than 40 fathers and sons attended the event, on one of the last Saturdays before the pandemic took hold. One group helped inside cleaning and painting the kitchen area and cabinets, while another group worked outside, cleaning up flower beds and trimming bushes. "The weather was great, the project was great, and the positive atmosphere made for an enjoyable day for all," reports event chair Jody O'Sullivan '78.

Around the same time, the Chaplaincy Team implemented a new approach to the annual sophomore class retreat, splitting it into a half day of reflection and a half day of service. Students worked with seven different organizations around the St. Louis area:

KidSmart – building boxes, organization and cleaning up the facility

Worth Industries – assisting adults with special needs as they completed orders

North Side Community School – library organization, yard work, reading to students

Society of St. Vincent dePaul – serving food, stocking pantry and a poverty walk

Missionaries of Charity – serving at and cleaning the soup kitchen

Helping Hand Me Downs – sorting and organizing donations

St. Louis County Parks – garden prep at Queeny Park barn

"The sophomores were learning about social justice and the importance of community service during their seminar in the spring trimester, and our goal for the retreat was to give them the opportunity to volunteer with their classmates in preparation for their 40 required hours over the next two years," says Courtney Rockamann, the school's retreat coordinator and member of the chaplaincy team.

In April, Mercy Hospital South (formerly St. Anthony's Hospital) recognized Devin Kancherla '21 for work he did providing the hospital with more than 60 re-usable, cleansable, medical-grade face shields. Devin, whose father Dr. Madhu Kancherla is a clinical cardiologist for Mercy in St. Louis, researched and developed a design for 3D printing, then partnered with Inventor Forge Maker Space and the EDC Business and Community Partners for materials, funding and production.

Devin also was featured earlier in the year in a story on Fox 2 News for his work with Mercy South launching a program to provide free health screenings to clients at local homeless shelters.

The Priory IT team also worked on a face shield initiative this spring, with the Washington University/BJC Maker Task Force. The Task Force enlisted the help of more than 100 local institutions with access to 3D printers to produce face shields for health care workers.

"Working together is important in stressful times, which can only be overcome by the combined will and goodwill of communities," Priory's Technology Director, Gabe Santa Cruz '92, says. "Small kindnesses added together make stay-at-home orders more bearable. St. Louisans have always been generous with their time and money, so it's no surprise that they're even more generous at a time like this. We're taking care of the people who take care of us."



▲ Devin Kancherla provided face shields for healthcare workers in April.



The school was able to print 30 to 40 face shields each week with the help of two students. The office also used its 3D printing capabilities to produce tension relief bands for the straps on face masks, reducing the discomfort for those who have to wear the masks for long stretches of time.

"A few of our young men were the heart and hand of Christ extended today in my neighborhood," Director of Equity and Inclusion Jon-Pierre Mitchom reported in July.

For several weeks this summer, groups of students and faculty joined Mitchom, in helping Appetite 4 Humanity, which works to overcome food insecurity in vulnerable populations.

"We had the chance to help those in the city of St. Louis who struggle to afford the simple necessities that are often taken for granted," Anthony Dixon '21 says. "We were tasked with unloading dozens of boxes, getting meal bags together, and carrying cartons of milk to people's cars. I am so glad that I volunteered because it allowed me to see that my actions can actually have a positive and powerful impact on my community."



A Gift of Gratitude

Recently retired after a 40-year career as an executive with agribusiness companies Cargill and Novus International that took him to six states and the South American country of Paraguay, George Halenkamp III '71 is happily resettled in St. Louis with his wife Ann.

The Halenkamps have five grown children - four boys and one girl. When the family returned to St. Louis from Paraguay in 1998, they enrolled their oldest son, George IV, as a Saint Louis Priory School freshman, following in his father's footsteps. The younger George graduated from Priory in 2001, followed by his brothers Chris (2004), Tim (2006) and Andrew (2010).

In 2019, George and Ann established the Halenkamp Family Scholarship Fund to benefit tuition assistance at Priory. They are funding the endowed scholarship through the donation of two life insurance policies.

"One of them was an insurance policy my dad got for me on my life when I was one year old," Halenkamp notes. He says his father purchased the policy in 1954 and paid its premium, which was just \$23.66 a year.

Over the years, the policies were paid up and added cash value. And now, they have been transferred to Priory.

"My dad was a huge supporter of Priory. He was a very philanthropic person."

"Priory Makes Every Child Better"

Halenkamp created the scholarship fund "to honor my father and mother, and to show the monks, really, the love and respect that my father and my mother had for Priory, and that my family also has for Priory," he says.

"My dad was a huge supporter of Priory," Halenkamp remembers. "He was a very philanthropic person. He set a great example of us - for me and also for his grandchildren."

Halenkamp's wife Ann was especially supportive of the financial gift, as she also has championed the merits of the Benedictine monks and the Priory education her sons received.

Recalling his days as a Priory student, Halenkamp cited several monks who made an impact on him. But he credits Marty McCabe as the teacher that "affected me the most, and still affects me the most."

McCabe, who Halenkamp says "continues to be a great role model," served as the young student-athlete's coach in baseball and basketball. "I wish I had his golf score," he jokes.

Like his father before him, Halenkamp is thankful for the education his sons received at Priory. "The education is world-class, for sure."

"When you have four boys and a daughter, you have a variety of personalities, a variety of abilities. I'm convinced Priory makes every child better in that child's own way," he says.

Family Fund Supports Tuition Assistance

The Halenkamps structured their Priory gift as a "family fund" to give their children an opportunity "to show their support over the years in any little or large amount" that they may choose.

"As they think about donating to Priory, this is one way that they can donate that'll have some sticking power," Halenkamp says. "It has that endowment characteristic, which builds the value of the fund over time."

Scholarship funds like the one created by the Halenkamps are invested in a long-term investment pool, says Priory's Assistant Head of School for Mission Advancement Janice Bailey.

"Priory's Finance Committee - which is composed of members of the Board of Advisors, monks and school alumni, along with professional investment consultants - oversees the investment of funds and monitors its performance," she says.

"Donated funds are invested both for income and growth," Bailey notes, "with spendable income generated annually and additional earnings reinvested to increase the fund's impact for the future."

Tuition assistance is increasingly critical for Saint Louis Priory School families. For the current school year, Priory awarded \$2.2 million in tuition assistance to more than 40 percent of the school's students.

"Priory is not an inexpensive school," Halenkamp recognizes. "There are students out there who can use support."

For his part, Halenkamp says the process of establishing the scholarship fund was simple. "I think I had to sign three papers," he recalls. "That was easy."

> George Halenkamp III '71

Looking to the Future

Reflecting on his own professional life, Halenkamp says he benefitted from his challenging six years of French and Latin and two years of Greek as a Saint Louis Priory School student.

"My language education at Priory served me directly in a positive way over my career," he says, noting that it made it easier for him to learn Spanish while working in Miami and later for two years as general manager and president of Cargill Paraguay in the country's capital city of Asunción.

Upon his return to St. Louis, he was pleased to find that language education remained a key part of Priory's curriculum for his sons.

"Especially today in a global economy, it's just a really critical thing to have."

George and Ann Halenkamp now are the loving grandparents of four young grandchildren - one girl and three boys, the oldest of whom is in kindergarten. Could there be a third-generation Priory Halenkamp?

"(Grandson) David already has his Priory shirt," Halenkamp says.



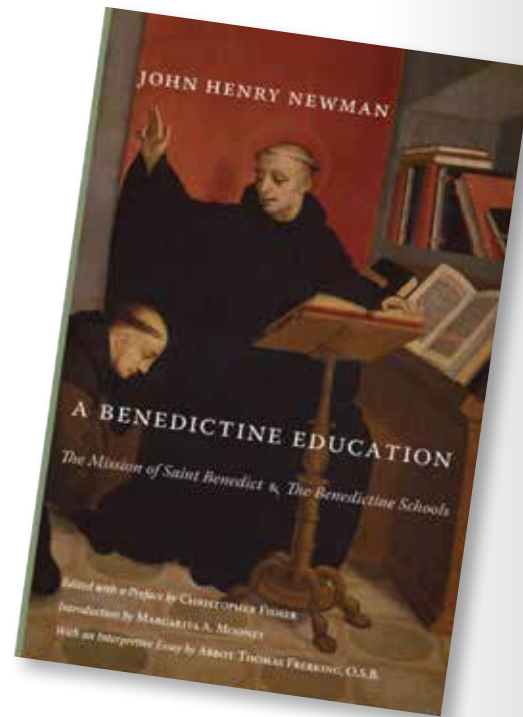
'A Benedictine Education'

The Portsmouth Institute is a joint work of the Saint Louis and Portsmouth Abbeys. As such, its primary purpose is to support and significantly expand the efforts of these two communities. In this effort the Institute focuses upon embracing and fostering the Benedictine charisms of prayer, hospitality, community, humility, and commitment to education.

'A Benedictine Education', published under the auspices of the Institute, will hopefully be of significant interest to the the Saint Louis Abbey Family, and anyone else interested in understanding what we are about; what it means to be Benedictine, what is the nature of a Benedictine education and what distinguishes a Benedictine School.

Concluding the volume is an Interpretive Essay by our own Abbot Thomas Frerking, O.S.B. The graceful and graced fruit of a life of contemplation, Abbot Thomas's words testify to the sublime truth at the heart of Christianity of which the Benedictine charism gives evidence: that the gift of wisdom comes not from literacy or learning, but from love.

If you are interested in ordering a copy please go to <https://clunymedia.com/product/a-benedictine-education/>.



ADMISSIONS PROFILE

"I already feel **the spirit of Priory.**
Can't wait to join!"

- Michael Assioun, 6th grader
at Christ Prince of Peace.

Saint Louis Priory School has an early decision process for 5th grade students. There are typically 15 to 20 families who make this decision for their son to join Priory. We welcome these families with open arms and are excited to have them as a part of the family.

To learn more about the Early Decision process, please call the admissions office at 314.434.3690 X101.

SAINT LOUIS ABBEY JOURNAL



DEAR MEMBERS OF THE ABBEY FAMILY,

Well, here we are! I expect we all hoped that we would be through the COVID-19 crisis by this time, but it is apparent that God has other ideas! Despite the prolonged confinement that so many have had to endure, there have been blessings.

In the monastery, all of the monks have remained COVID-19 free (at least as of this writing). The restrictions of maintaining a secure 'bubble' for us has meant far less contact with many of you, but that has resulted in a strengthening of our communal life. From having to do the ordinary chores of maintaining the monastery and the curtailing of most of us traveling, to spending more leisure time together, we monks have truly benefitted from a summer of a more cloistered life.

The opening of the school year has been an occasion of great expectation for us! With some anxiety and a lot of enthusiasm, it has been wonderful to welcome back to campus our students and faculty, and, though adapting to the "new normal" of social distancing and teaching with masks has been a bit of a learning curve, we are happy to meet the challenge!

Through all of this, our daily round of prayer, meditation, and lectio divina has continued. The spiritual life of a monk is his mainstay, and none of that has diminished with COVID-19. Having spent the summer cloistered (our Divine Office and Mass were not open to the public), we returned to the Abbey Church in August. Because of the restrictions on how many can attend a Mass in the Abbey Church, we have had to divide the students into three groups (Form I & II, Form III & IV and Form V & VI) who celebrate Mass with us. Though we would love to have everyone together for Mass, at least we can have the students and faculty with us on a regular basis.

As we continue to move forward in this COVID-19 age, know that all the monks hold all of you in their prayers. I am reminded of a passage from Saint Paul that seems to speak to us in these days:

I consider that the sufferings of the present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed in us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God; for the creation was subjected to futility not of its own will but by the will of him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in travail together until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. (Romans 8:18-24)

May God richly bless you, and keep you all safe!

Yours in the Lord,

Abbot Gregory Mohrman, O.S.B.

Abbot Gregory Mohrman, O.S.B., '76

Dear All,

As you all are aware from your own lives, life has been anything but boring over the last several months. The time has flown by. Despite the added anxiety, suffering, confusion and uncertainty over these last several months; the Lord has blessed Saint Anselm's Parish in many ways.

At the end of March, along with the rest of the world, public Masses and other events were cancelled. Like seemingly almost everything else in the world, the parish was more or less shut down. Despite the halt in regular parish life, the parish office came together to find creative ways to continue ministering to our parishioners.

Our first goal was to keep our parishioners as close to the sacraments as possible. We revamped our YouTube channel to provide daily Mass and Rosary to our parishioners in their homes. We also hosted Sunday "Drive Thru" events to help keep a sense of community for our parishioners. The events were sprinkled throughout the lockdown period, and consisted of parishioners coming to the church parking lot and receiving some kind of sacramental to take home. We also offered the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the open air. An outdoor Mass was instituted on Sunday afternoons, which continues to be helpful to both parishioners and non-parishioners alike. Along with the Mass, we continue to offer outdoor Adoration and Confessions on the first and third Thursdays of the month.

The announcement in late May that public Masses would be returning gave joy to very excited parishioners eager to receive the Eucharist again. The Archdiocese offered guidelines to help facilitate a safe and healthy return to public Masses. Each parish in turn was able to adapt these guidelines to fit its particular needs. While our numbers



continue to be about half of our regular Sunday attendance, the return to public Masses has been well received.

Last year the parish began construction of a Grotto to Our Lady of Grace. The beautiful grotto was completed in early spring. In late summer the new statue of Our Lady of Grace was placed in the Grotto. A blessing and dedication ceremony took place on October 7, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary for our new Grotto. You're most welcome to come by to make a visit anytime.

After much thought and reflection from our Coordinator of Religious Education, we began the parish school of religion on October 13. We have a little over 50 students enrolled in our program with half of the students choosing to do distance learning. We also welcomed 38 young people for our Confirmation formation program on October 13.

An announcement was made in May that Most Holy Trinity School in the Hyde Park neighborhood would be closing. Saint Anselm Parish has enjoyed a

longstanding relationship with Most Holy Trinity Parish and School, through the work of the Grand Endeavor Committee. Saint Anselm will continue to support Most Holy Trinity Parish as well as the students from Most Holy Trinity in their new archdiocesan schools. The Grand Endeavor Committee hopes to broaden its mission in the future.

Thank you for your continued generous support and prayers for the Abbey, Saint Louis Priory School, and Saint Anselm Parish.

May God continue to bless you and your families,

Father Aidan McDermott, O.S.B.

JANUARY 1 – JULY 31, 2020

Joseph Andrews III '77

Carolyn Arnold, grandmother of Will Stoneman '21

Patsy Potter Beck, mother of Brian Potter '86, Michael Potter '89 (deceased), Tim Potter '91, and grandmother of Michael Potter '17

Peter Benoist '66, husband of Confrater Carol Benoist, father of Peter Benoist '91, brother of Howard Benoist '60 (deceased) and Walter Benoist '64, Confrater and Abbey Society Board Member

Kevin Boles, father of Sean Boles '94

Marc Braeckel Sr., father of Paul Braeckel '87, grandfather of Colby Braeckel '11 (deceased), Mason Besencenez '17, and Chancellor Besencenez '22

Nancy Carroll, mother of faculty member Thomas Carroll

John Cichelero, father of Jacob Cichelero '18

Bert Condie, brother of Larry Condie '61 and son of Confrater Eleanor Condie (deceased)

Edith Cunnane, mother of James Cunnane '88

Dr. John Donovan, father of John Donovan '89, James Donovan '90 (deceased), Matthew Donovan '92, and Brian Donovan '98

Bob Fletcher '67, son of Confratres Paul and Margaret Fletcher (both deceased) and brother of Tom Fletcher '65 (deceased)

Anne Ford, grandmother of Eddie Schlafly '03 and Charlie Schlafly '06

LaVerne Francisco, grandmother of Kyle Griege '07

Mary Geekie, mother of Patrick Geekie '99

Marge Goldkamp, parishioner

Katherine Hereford, wife of former faculty member George Hereford (deceased)

Steve Higgins '64

Father John Jay Hughes, Confrater

August Hummert III, grandfather of Jack Seifried '22 and Nick Seifried '22

David Humphrey, stepson of Steve Hall '67

Ginger Kelly, grandmother of Will Kelly '21

Prior Paul Kidner, O.S.B.

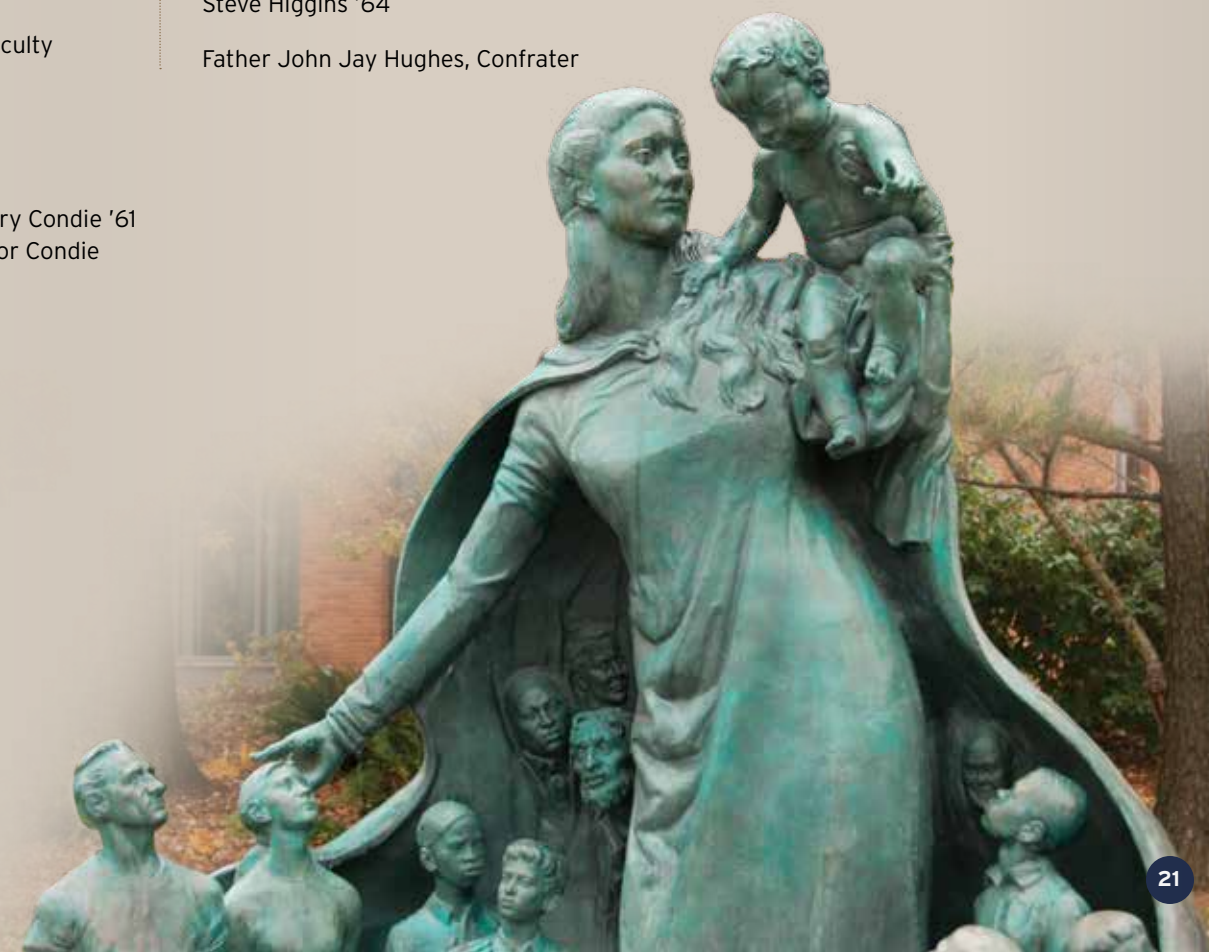
Bernard Kilcullen Sr., father of former faculty member Bernard Kilcullen Jr.

Caddy Kilker, parishioner

Walter Leonard, grandfather of Chris Leonard '04

Margaret Malawey, Grandmother of Louis Rolwes '19 and Adam Rolwes '21

Frank Metzger, grandfather of Daniel Gower '08 and Jonathan Gower '11



IN MEMORIAM

Lawrence Miller, grandfather of Zachary Behnen '12 and Connor Behnen '13

Dr. James Monteleone, father of Patrick Monteleone '82

Anita Phillips, mother of Eddie Phillips '83, John Phillips '85, grandmother of McLean Phillips '17, Colin Phillips '19, and Brendan Phillips '21

Donald Pollvogt, father of Mitch Pollvogt '76, Doug Pollvogt '83, and grandfather of Dalton Pollvogt '09

Philip Rachford, brother of Stephen Rachford '94

Madeline Rourke, former faculty member and mother of Edward Rourke '81, John Rourke '83, James Rourke '85, Rev. Paul Rourke, SJ '90, grandmother of John Rourke '13, and William Rourke '20

Dr. Daniel Santa Cruz, father of faculty member F. Gabriel Santa Cruz '92

Peter Schaefer, father of faculty member Ann Schaefer

Richard Sissen, parishioner

Siegfried Stange, grandfather of Eric Stange '14, Andrew Stange '17, and Peter Stange '20

Emel Sumer, grandmother of Nick Jendrisak '05 and Adam Jendrisak '07

Patrick Walsh, husband of Confrater Marie Walsh (deceased), Confrater and Oblate

Lawrence Weber Sr., grandfather of Antonio Petralia '14

Brent Williams, Confrater and former faculty member

Carolyn Woodruff, grandmother of Chase Woodruff '07

Josephine Woytus, mother of Oblate Jo Anne Neukum, grandmother of Timothy Neukum '99, David Neukum '02 (deceased), and William Neukum '09

ON CAMPUS



Michael O'Sullivan '20 with his father Jody O'Sullivan '78



Ben Glarner '20 with his father Bob Glarner '88



Matt Wagner '90 with his son Christian Wagner '20

GRADUATION 2020

The commencement ceremony for the Class of 2020 was different from those in the recent past, taking place on the lawn between the Abbey Church and High School, with a limited seating capacity and no Graduation Mass. Despite the change in setting and format, it was still a wonderful celebration of the 64 new alumni and their achievements during their six years as Priory students.

The ceremony was livestreamed, and is still available to watch at priory.org/graduation.

There were ten graduates in 2020 who were 2nd generation Priory students:

- Luke Bagwell '20 - Steve Bagwell '82
- John Cunningham '20 - Ed Cunningham '87
- Charlie Ferrick '20 - Jim Ferrick '87
- Ben Glarner '20 - Bob Glarner '88
- William Hattrich '20 - Stephen Hattrich '81
- Jack McEnery '20 - Jack McEnery '91
- Alexander Ojascastro '20 - Alejandro Ojascastro '79
- Michael O'Sullivan '20 - Jody O'Sullivan '78
- William Rourke '20 - John Rourke '83
- Christian Wagner '20 - Matt Wagner '90

▼ Charlie Ferrick '20 with his father Jim Ferrick '87



MATRICULATION LIST

The 64 members of the class submitted more than 470 applications to 156 different institutions, and will attend 38 different schools.

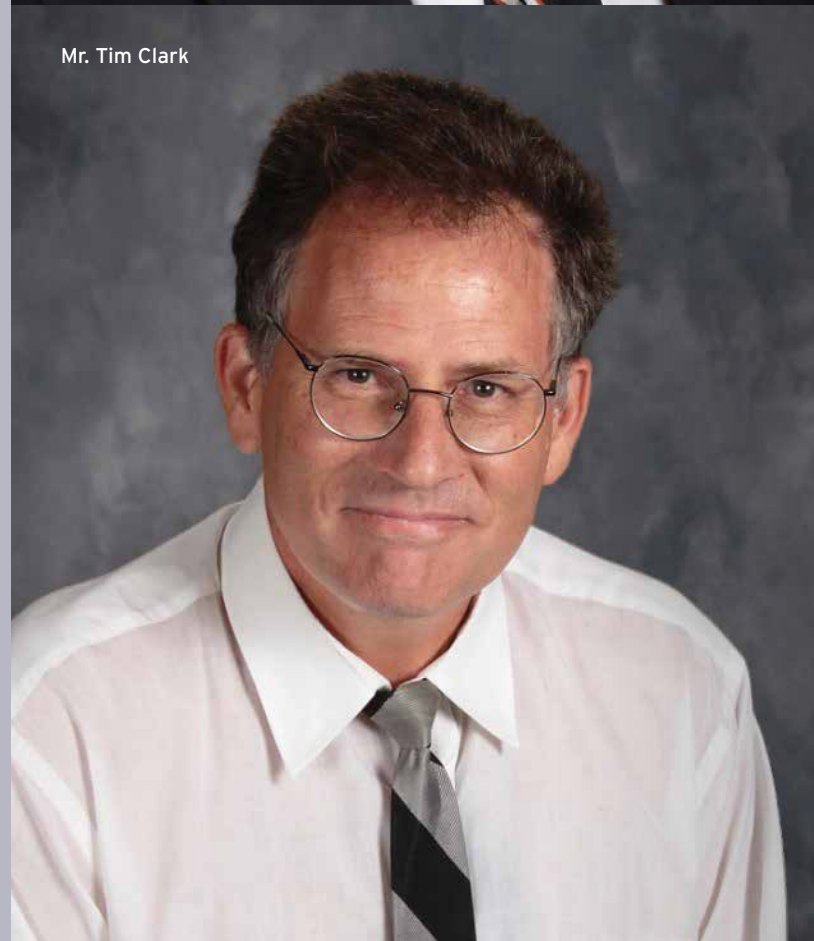
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 Kansas City Art Institute
 Loyola University Chicago (2)
 Loyola University New Orleans
 Miami University-Oxford
 New York University
 Northwestern University
 Oberlin College
 Purdue University (2)
 Saint Louis University (3)
 Spring Hill College
 St. Louis Community College
 The Ohio State University (2)
 Truman State University
 Tulane University
 United States Naval Academy
 University of Chicago (2)
 University of Cincinnati
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 University of Miami
 University of Michigan-Ann Arbor (2)
 University of Missouri-Columbia (2)
 University of Missouri-Kansas City
 University of Notre Dame (4)
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 University of Tulsa (3)
 University of Wisconsin-Madison
 Villanova University (3)
 Wake Forest University (2)
 Washington University in St Louis (5)
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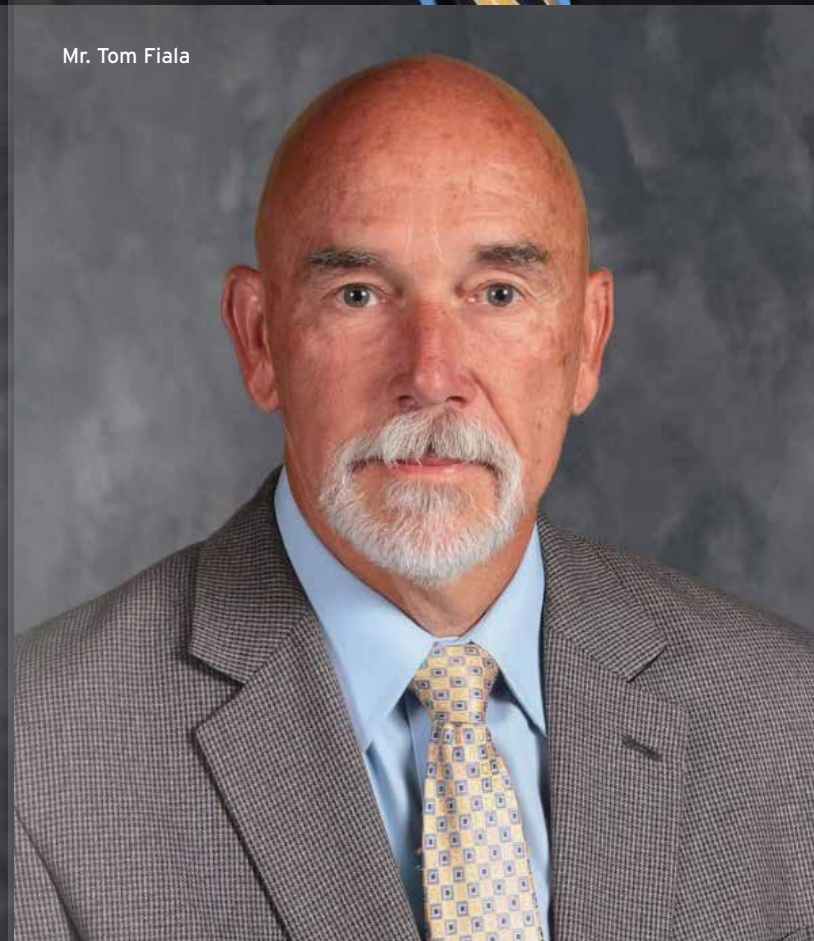
Mr. Tony Finan



Mr. Jake Parent



Mr. Tim Clark



Mr. Tom Fiala

SENIOR FACULTY AWARDS

The Class of 2020 announced its faculty recognitions with a video made by its Student Council representatives during the first week of May.

Classroom Teacher of the Year: Mr. Tony Finan
 Coach of the Year: Mr. Jake Parent
 Class Mentor: Mr. Tim Clark
 Yearbook Dedication: Mr. Tom Fiala

NEW FACULTY

Athletics

Our new High School Athletic Director is **Harold Barker**, who stepped into his role in June. Barker comes to us from DeSmet, where he served as Assistant Athletic Director since 2017; before that, he was a teacher and coach at Whitfield School. He jumped right in this summer, kicking off some appropriately social-distanced on-campus football and soccer outdoor workouts for our student-athletes. Barker is passionate about the mission of our school and has a clear vision for the integral role that athletics play in forming the whole person, addressing adolescent anxiety, and imparting the essential lessons of teamwork and mutual support.

Visual and Performing Arts

The Visual and Performing Arts Department gained two new faculty members this fall. **Mary Claire MacDonald's** name might already be familiar to you - her husband Joe is a 2006 Priory graduate who for several years led Priory's Aestas summer program, and Mary Claire led the "Sherlock Holmes" curriculum for elementary school students who participated in Aestas. MacDonald teaches seventh grade Latin as well as Medieval Arts, and she oversees the student-led Guild of Saint Columkille. She notes that Joe was a Guild member, and that she has long admired the program and hopes to carry on its tradition of forming skilled craftsmen who produce professional-level work.

MacDonald comes to Priory from Visitation Academy, where she taught Iconography as well as middle school and high school Latin. Before that, she taught English and Composition at the Academy of the Sacred Heart. She is a practicing iconographer who apprenticed under a master iconographer in Texas as well as an award-winning iconographer in Peru.



Harold Barker



Mary Claire MacDonald



Dr. Doug Erwin



Dr. Stacy Arnett

Dr. Doug Erwin takes over Priory's theatre and communications classes, directing all after-school productions, and serving as the school's Visual and Performing Arts department chair. He says he would like to establish a Thespian troupe and take students to state competitions and potentially on summer theatre trips.

Erwin comes to us from the Ferguson-Florissant School District, where he served since 2002 as a Theater, ACT Prep, English and Speech teacher at McCluer High School. From 2010 through his departure, he also had been the district's K-12 Fine Arts Coordinator, supervising 93 Fine Arts teachers in 24 buildings. His nearly 30-year educational career also includes middle school and high school Fine Arts teaching roles in the Parkway School District, at the Center for Contemporary Arts (COCA), at a summer program hosted by the Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, in the Riverview Gardens School District, at Washington (Mo.) High School, and in the Troy (Mo.) School District. He has directed more than 50 productions. He believes the Arts are essential to a well-rounded education.

Science, Technology and Math

Dr. Stacy Arnett joined the Science, Technology and Math department in August. Arnett received a B.S. in Chemistry with a Biology Minor from Truman State University and earned her Ph.D in Chemistry from the University of Kansas. Most recently, she has been working as a bioanalytical chemist in the pharmaceutical industry. Arnett teaches Biology, Environmental Science, and Form II Physical Science.

NEWS BRIEFS

Winter Musical: 1776

"We got to learn history, while staging a performance," **Thomas Johnson '21** says of the 2020 Winter Musical, 1776. The Visual and Performing Arts department and Humanities department teamed up to take advantage of that combination, offering a matinee performance of the musical for Junior School students. "It's one thing to read about the Revolution in a book, or to watch a movie, but seeing guys they actually know bring the historical figures to life really added a new dimension to the content," says eighth grade Government teacher **Steve Oslica '05**.

Rebel Rock 2020

Seven student bands – The Quills, Panic!, Pinkville, Crisscross De-Evolution, Butch and the Marines, The Scamps, Mint Queso – and The Proctors, Priory's faculty band, took the stage for our annual Battle of the Bands competition in late February.

Welcoming New St. Louisans

START (St. Louis Teens Aid Refugees Today), co-founded by **Luke Braby '20** and **Adam Saleh '20**, was featured on KSDK news in February. At the time, the organization had served more than 2,000 meals to persons who are homeless, helped nearly 40 families move into safe housing and raised more than \$110,000 for refugees in St. Louis. Because of their work with START, Luke and **Carson Brame '20** were featured panelists at the Archdiocese of St. Louis' Third annual Sr. Antona Ebo Social Justice Conference on Feb. 22 at St. Louis University High School.

▼ Thomas Johnson



1776



Rebel Rock 2020



Luke Braby (L) and Adam Saleh



Dalton Bingman (L) and Luke Parent



Charlie Ferrick



Myles Kee



Dalton Bingman

FALL AND WINTER SPORTS

All-State Football

The Missouri Football Coaches Association conference recognized two Priory players with 2nd team all-state recognition: **Dalton Bingman '20** at linebacker, and **Myles Kee '21** at receiver.

Scholar-Athletes

Dalton Bingman '20 and **Luke Parent '20** were named Scholar-Athlete Award winners by the St. Louis chapter of the National Football Foundation.

Career Milestone in Basketball

Charlie Ferrick '20 scored his 1,000th career point during the varsity basketball game against Lutheran South on Jan. 3. Head Basketball Coach **Bobby McCormack** and the Priory community took time before the next game to recognize him for the accomplishment.

Midstates Coach of the Year

After the hockey team's deep playoff run last winter, Head Hockey Coach **Jason Getz** was named the 2019-20 Midstates Coach of the Year. He was recognized between the championship games at the Enterprise Center in March.

Wrestling State Championship

Dalton Bingman '20 won his second state championship in a row in wrestling at the end of February. He competed in the 220-lb. weight class at the state tournament in Columbia. Bingman is attending Washington University in St. Louis, where he plans to play football.

> Jason Getz



While COVID-19 truly dealt us a doozy of a curveball, our Priory community rose to the occasion and devised ingenious ways to keep connected and informed. Happily, we were able to come together in person for Xanadu 2020, "Rhinestone Rodeo" in February before the new coronavirus restrictions went into effect.



51st Xanadu - Boot Stompin' Success!

During the virtual Mothers' Club Spring Luncheon, Xanadu Chair **Christine Look** presented Abbot Gregory with a check totaling **\$555,000** raised at Xanadu 2020.

Look introduced Theresa Johnson, who will chair Xanadu 2021. Please mark your calendars and join us on **April 17, 2021**, for our "Cirque du Priory."



∨ Max Look, Christine Look, Chris Look



Priory Seniors Andrew Luft, Nick Blessing, Alex Wasinger, Thommy Messmer, J.D. Blaylock, and Christian Drummond volunteer their time at the Rhinestone Rodeo!



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Priory Class of 2020



Kelli Mitchell



Theresa Johnson



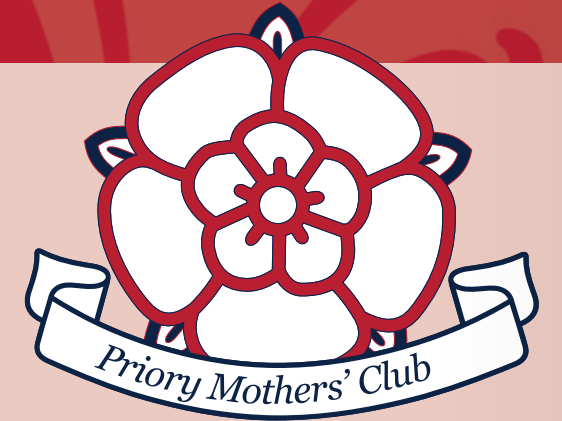
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Beth Blessing



Christine Look



The Mothers' Club under the leadership of **Beth Blessing**, hosted several events in late winter and spring.

Senior Mom Prom

In early March, seniors and their mothers gathered at the Frontenac Hilton for an evening of dancing and celebration. The dance floor was filled throughout the night.

1 > L - R: Ethan Hare, Thomas DeWolff, Luke Parent, Joe Brady, Christian Wagner, Tommy Mooney, J.D. Blaylock, Nick Blessing, Jake Dimitroff

2 > Lisa Mella and Lauren Drummond Littrell

Virtual Mothers' Club Spring Luncheon

In early May, the Mothers' Club "held" its Spring Luncheon virtually, complete with musical renditions from the junior music class and the presentation of the "big" Xanadu check to Abbot Gregory. Mothers' Club President **Beth Blessing** thanked her Executive Board and committee chairs for a splendid year and introduced the Board for the upcoming year - **Kelli Mitchell**, President; **Lynn Finnie**, Vice President; **Carine Azrak**, President-Elect; **Sara Clark**, Recording Secretary; **Amy Glarner**, Volunteer Coordinator and **Bridget Lally**, Treasurer. **Theresa Johnson** was introduced as the Xanadu 2021 Chair, and the auction theme was revealed, "Cirque du Priory." The luncheon had over 600 views - record attendance! While we could not be physically together, the warmth, strength and support of the Priory community was powerfully present and felt.

3 > Michael, Charles, and Joey '18 Mathis, Andrew, Thomas, and Robbie '18 Frei, Luke, Tyler and Jake '18 Buganski provided musical entertainment for the virtual luncheon.



Fathers' Club President Matt Wagner '90 and the Executive Board provided guidance for the Fathers' Club this year as they continued to increase participation and involvement.

Father & Son Virtual Brunch

Not to be thwarted by COVID-19, Fathers' Club President **Matt Wagner '90** indomitably forged ahead with a first-ever virtual Father & Son Brunch that led off with a live-streamed Mass celebrated by Abbot Gregory Mohrmann, O.S.B., '76. Head Football and Golf Coach **Jake Parent** gave an inspiring keynote address and two Priory students reflected on their Priory experience - **Thomas Rempe** shared thoughts on his time as a Form I student and Student Council president, **Ian Crossey '20** shared his perspective on Priory as a Form VI student. Fathers were encouraged to make brunch with their sons and send in photos of their culinary creations.



Matt and Christian Wagner



Bill and Will Puschel



Mike and Danny Palmer



Brian and Cole Clinton



Left to Right: Lisa Brnjac, Suzanne Cichelero, Jill McNeive, and Libby Wilkinson



Mardi Gras Party

The Alumni Mothers' Club hosted its second Mardi Gras Party at the end of February, which **Lisa Brnjac** and **Jill McNeive** organized. Guests enjoyed delectable goodies and fellowship before embarking on the asceticism of Lent.

Lenten Series

Barbara Donnelly organized a four-part virtual Lenten Series featuring reflections by **Father Laurence Kriegshauser, O.S.B.**

Calling all moms!

There are many Mothers' Club and Xanadu volunteer opportunities available throughout the coming year for every schedule. If you are interested in volunteering for Mothers' Club events and activities, please contact Amy Glarner, agg7492@hotmail.com. To get involved with Xanadu, please contact Theresa Johnson, thejohnsons15@att.net.

Dr. Chris Scheiner '88

Dr. Christopher Scheiner M.D., Ph.D., '88 is an Assistant Professor of Neurology and neuromuscular specialist at the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville Tennessee. Scheiner makes recurring monthly donations to the Abbey for monastic support and to the school through the Priory Fund.

"Saint Louis Priory School is a fundamental good, which inculcates those whom it serves, and those who serve it, with "chrestotes" - a Greek word with a mixed meaning of kindness, benevolence and an easy spirit. Qualities the world has in ever short supply. I give to the Priory Fund in the hopes of easing this deficit."

"I give to the Monastic Fund for no other reason than the monks at Priory were good to me. If I can throw them a few bucks to help pay for the AC, buy a Lay-Z-Boy or purchase a fifth of Kentucky bourbon to enjoy on occasion, I'm happy to do it. Small comforts are too often ignored and underrated."

FUN FACT: Chris' nephew Drew is a Priory Senior this year.

Matthew Ludwig '14

Matthew Ludwig '14 is in studies in Rome to become a priest for the Archdiocese of Washington D.C. Pope Francis welcomed the incoming class at the Pontifical North American College at a private audience. Ludwig considers it a great gift to have been able to meet him.

Ludwig anticipates being in Rome for five years, and will be studying at the Gregorian University for the next three years. Please pray for Matt as he continues to prepare for his vocation to the priesthood. And pray for all monks and priests that they may faithfully bring the light of Christ to people in need in our time.



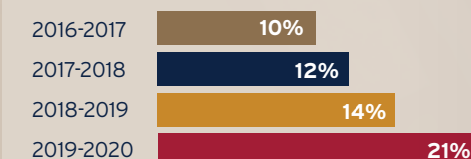
THANK YOU!

Thank you to the many alumni who made gifts to Saint Louis Abbey and Saint Louis Priory School - 21% of our alumni contributed during the 2019-2020 school year.

2019-2020 Alumni Class Giving Percentages

1960	44%	1980	16%	2000	19%
1961	56%	1981	13%	2001	9%
1962	20%	1982	15%	2002	25%
1963	30%	1983	15%	2003	27%
1964	57%	1984	9%	2004	40%
1965	39%	1985	28%	2005	2%
1966	42%	1986	52%	2006	8%
1967	42%	1987	26%	2007	7%
1968	30%	1988	13%	2008	18%
1969	76%	1989	33%	2009	23%
1970	47%	1990	33%	2010	12%
1971	37%	1991	19%	2011	6%
1972	44%	1992	30%	2012	16%
1973	23%	1993	24%	2013	17%
1974	41%	1994	14%	2014	8%
1975	30%	1995	16%	2015	9%
1976	34%	1996	10%	2016	14%
1977	15%	1997	20%	2017	11%
1978	20%	1998	10%	2018	6%
1979	27%	1999	19%	2019	10%

Alumni Giving Statistics for the last 4 fiscal years.



Summary of Alumni Giving

21% Participation
586 Donors

Top Classes by Participation

1969	76%	1970	47%	1967	42%
1964	57%	1960	44%	1974	41%
1961	56%	1972	44%	2004	40%
1986	52%	1966	42%	1965	39%

> Alumni Board Executive Committee -
Front Row: Ryan McDonald '99 Secretary and Tom Cummings '89, Past President.
Back Row: Alex Borchert '02, Vice President and Matt Wagner '90, President.



Dr. Chris Scheiner



Matthew Ludwig with Pope Francis

The Class of **1960** held a luncheon in June to celebrate the 60th anniversary of its graduation from Priory. Bob Dunn, Fran Oates, Jack Carleton, Mike Fox, Joe Pfeffer, Ted Kienstra, George Hellmuth and David Blanton were all in attendance.

Phil Willman '71 became the president of DRI - the Voice of the Defense Bar at the group's annual meeting in October 2019 in New Orleans.



Michael Keating '72 received the St. Louis Business Journal's 2019 Corporate Counsel Award-Litigation Leader.

Mark Barteau '73 is the Vice President for Research and the Halliburton Professor in Engineering at Texas A&M University, where he teaches Chemical Engineering.

Mike Barry '78 and his wife Amanda relocated to Kirkland, Washington, where he works as a patent judge.

Dr. Bob Sciortino '79 works as an orthopedic surgeon at St. Luke's Hospital in St. Louis.

Jimmy Williams Jr. '79 has joined the McDonald's board as the General Relations Chair. Jimmy and his family live in St. Louis.

Dudley Willis '79 is the Assistant Director of Project Management at Duke University and lives in Raleigh, North Carolina.

John Donovan '89 and his family have moved to Seattle where he is employed by Hines as a Senior Director - Account Management for Amazon.

Dr. Michael Robertson '94 and his wife Lauren have moved to Columbia, Missouri where he is working with the Columbia Orthopaedic Group.

Dr. Joe Henske '95 and his wife Lauren live in Little Rock with their five children. Joe works as an Associate Professor and Director for Diabetes at the University of Arkansas Medical Sciences.

Proud parents Hilary and **Chris Mika '99** are overjoyed to welcome Morgan Abigail Mika to the world. Born May 24, she weighed 7 pounds 7 ounces, and was 21 inches long. All are happy and healthy.

Shawna and **Justin Orlando '99** had a baby boy on July 9. Tristan is pictured below.



Dr. Kevin Burgdorf '99 met his wife Michele in Ohio at dental school and moved back to St. Louis to practice dentistry. He lives with his wife and two dogs, Oliver and Samantha.

Chris Convy '00 moved back to St. Louis for a year to do a morning radio show on 106.5 the Arch with his brother's, Tim Convy '98, former co-host Courtney Landrum.

Mathis Stitt '00 is the chef and owner of Veritas in Ellisville. Mathis spoke to Priory students during Career Day in February.

Jon Tottleben '02 works at Cook County Health and Hospitals in Chicago.

George Padilla '02 is the co-founder and general manager of Rule of Thirds, a Japanese-inspired restaurant in Brooklyn, New York.



Jay Link '04 and McKenzi Clausen were married with close family at their side on September 16. Father Dominic Lenk, O.S.B., officiated the wedding at St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans. Mac and Jay have planned a traditional reception for 2021. Pictured above are Drew Link '10, Matt Link '07, Father Dominic, Allan '73 and Jay '04.

Fred Beckley '05 and his wife Mary have a daughter Freddie and recently relocated from California to Colorado.

Colby and **Paul Dixon '06** live in Minneapolis and have a growing family with two daughters, Anne and Margaret.

Brent Sherman, PhD., '07 relocated from Austin, Texas, to New Orleans and is employed with Dow as a Senior Improvement Engineer.



Ben Slabaugh '07 is a Catholic worship leader and music minister based out of St. Louis. Ben has shared his gifts through music ministry, high school youth ministry, inspirational speaking, advocacy and education across the country and around the world. Ben is pictured here with his band at activities for the Pro-Life March in 2020.

Ryan Linkul '08 wed Catherine Chestnut in a small family Mass at the Abbey Church on July 3. The wedding was celebrated by Abbot Gregory and concelebrated by Father Benedict and Father Aidan.

Brecht Mulvihill '08 wed Ellyn Horan on May 16 at St. James the Greater Church. The Marriage was officiated by Father Aidan McDermott O.S.B. Ellyn is sister to Ted Horan '04 and daughter of David Horan '70. Brecht's best man was his brother Patrick Mulvihill '10, and his dad is Tom Mulvihill '80.



Bradley Taylor '08 lives in Leeds, United Kingdom, where he is the associate director of Villa Care Group.

J.D. Sabio '08 married Kirsten Campbell in St. Louis on March 26. Father Peter Fonseca '07 officiated the wedding.

Dan Sullivan '08 was previously stationed at Camp Pendleton (San Diego) flying the UH-1Y helicopter. He and his wife Caroline had their first baby there in September (his name is "Tee" short for Daniel Sullivan III). He was baptized in the Abbey Church by Father Aidan McDermott, O.S.B., in December. They moved to Pensacola in January, where he is a flight instructor for Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard helicopter pilots.



Baby makes three! Audrey and **Ted Lane '08** welcomed a baby girl Madeleine into their family in May (pictured above).

Natalie and **Mark Telthorst '09** were married in Trumbull, Connecticut, on August 8.

Dr. Andrew Thome '09 completed his residency and fellowship at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. Andrew is an Orthopaedic Surgeon with Brown Orthopaedics (pictured below).



Jon Van Breusegen '10 earned his Doctorate in Pharmacy from Creighton University and has relocated to Columbia, Missouri, where he works for MU Health.

Ray Bayer '11 is studying medicine at the Western Michigan School of Medicine in Kalamazoo.

Mary and **Colin Linkul '11** live in Washington, D.C., with their two daughters, Christina, age 3, and Teresa, age 1.



Ryan Token '13 wed Emma Diller on June 20, in a small, intimate ceremony at St. Alban Roe Church.

Steve Hanley '13 has relocated to Washington D.C. where he works as a business analyst with Capital One.

Chris Chivetta '14 lives in Seattle and is employed by Microsoft, where he is a program manager and works primarily in design and machine learning.

Zach Kuchan '15 is living in Atlanta and works for Triage Consulting Group.

Colin Croghan '16 earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Business, majoring in Finance from Miami University of Ohio in May.

Alexandre Amice '16 graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in May and will be working toward his doctorate in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at MIT.

Thomas DiMarco '16 earned his BA in Engineering at Loyola University in Maryland and is employed at Marsh and McLennan Agency as an account coordinator.



George Hamilton '16 graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and is currently stationed in Charleston, South Carolina, where he is attending Nuclear Power school at NNPTC (Naval Nuclear Power Training Command) for nine months.

Once he has completed his nuclear training, he will train as a submarine officer for three months before being assigned a submarine where he will serve for the next three years.

Cartan Sumner '16 graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business, majoring in Finance and Accounting from Miami University of Ohio in May. He is now enrolled in the Master's of Accounting program at the Kelley school of Business at Indiana University.

Kyle Flores '16 graduated from the University of Tulsa with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

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