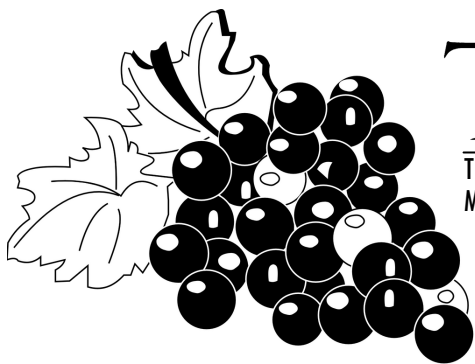


# THE GRAPEVINE

The Newsletter for Friends and Alumni of Prince of Peace Catholic School, Prince of Peace College Preparatory, Mater Dei High School, St. Mary's High School, Mt. St. Clare Academy, and Our Lady of Angels Academy



## Welcome!

Prince of Peace Catholic School is pleased to present this publication of *The Grapevine*.

This semiannual newsletter is sent to alumni and friends of Catholic education to update them on events happening at their school.

If you are a parent receiving this newsletter for a child who has moved, please pass along his or her address. This information can be mailed to the school or emailed to [nate.vanderbleek@prince.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto:nate.vanderbleek@prince.pvt.k12.ia.us)

We'd also love to hear your updates so we can publish them in our next issue!

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## Iowa Passes Historic School Choice Law



Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds receives "high-fives" from students after signing the Students First Act into law at the Iowa State Capitol on January 24, 2023. Photo courtesy Clinton Herald.

In January 2023, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds signed the "Students First Act" into law after passage in both legislative chambers. When fully implemented, every Iowa student in kindergarten through twelfth grade will be eligible for an "education savings account" to use for private school tuition if they choose to exit an assigned public school district.

"With this new law in place, most students will be able to attend Prince of Peace Catholic School for little to no cost to their family," says Nate Vander Bleek, Prince of Peace Advancement Director. "For generations, Catholic and private school has been an option for some but not

all, and was usually reserved for folks who can afford it. But now, all families will have a choice in their child's education, regardless of their income level."

The program's three-year roll-out begins in the 2023-2024

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Elementary, middle, and high school students from Prince of Peace Catholic School sing at Sunday Mass at Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace Church.

## McAndrews Makes \$100,000 Gift to Prince of Peace

The entire Prince of Peace Catholic School community is extremely grateful to Mr. & Mrs. Tom McAndrews for their \$100,000 gift to our school. Mr. McAndrews, a member of the St. Mary's High School Class of 1954 as well as the 1953 St. Mary's State Championship basketball team, wanted to contribute to his alma mater for a meaningful project. After reviewing the needs of the school with Mr. McAndrews, it was decided that the biggest need is to start an endowment for teacher salaries and retirement.

"Now, more than ever, finding and keeping good teachers is paramount to our school's mission," says Joseph E. Brown, Sr., Prince of Peace principal. "We are so grateful to Mr. and Mrs. McAndrews for their generosity and are very thankful that they also see the importance of this project."

*McAndrews, continued on page 5*

# Many and One

THE FUND FOR

PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*We are extremely grateful for the response to this year's Many & One Appeal. Together, alumni and friends of our school raised \$26,762, as well as receiving dozens of volunteers and prayer warriors for our students and faculty. God bless you!*

## Archangel \$5000+

Michelle (Sullivan) Bernard MSCA '80

## Apostle \$1000-\$1999

Bernard Mayer SMHS '44

Col. Joseph F. Shanahan SMHS '54

Mary Kay (Meyer) Brandt SMHS '59

Thomas Pollard SMHS '60

Bob Carmody SMHS '67

Michael Petersen SMHS '80

Sisters of St. Francis

## Prophet \$500-\$999

Kenneth Nielsen SMHS '53

Ronald Grams SMHS '63

Robert Paysen SMHS '64

Mark Trine SMHS '75

Greg & Christine (Judge) Lackermann SMHS '76

Mary (Witt) Connell SMHS '77

Bob & Joanne (Horst) Mulholland MDHS '82/'83

Sean Mulholland POPCP '10

Kevin & Nancy Mathena

Leon & Deborah Schmidt

Tom & Nancy Streveler

## Saint \$100-\$499

John DeWitt SMHS '50

Florence (Zimmer) Dingmon MSCA '50

Mary (Howes) Harrington SMHS '51

Jerry Springer SMHS '54

Carol (Dever) Bruland SMHS '55

Stephen Doyle SMHS '55

Ken Springer SMHS '55

Larry Morris SMHS '55

Dennis Dinneen SMHS '56

Donal "Rich" Clary SMHS '56

Mary (Minor) Pelegrin SMHS '56

## Saint \$100-\$499

(continued)

Jan (Schumacher) Abrams SMHS '57

David & Betty (Petrehn) Zimmer SMHS '57/'59

David Piper SMHS '58

John Buske SMHS '58

Paul Jackson SMHS '58

Robert McCarthy SMHS '59

William Lego SMHS '59

Sharon (Trine) Alm SMHS '60

Major Richard Spain SMHS '61

Mike & Gloria Clemence SMHS '61

Ann (Marcucci) VanVickle SMHS '62

Carol (Budde) Grimes SMHS '63

Wayne Higgins SMHS '63

J. Michael O'Donnell SMHS '65

Jim Horst SMHS '68

Jerry Frett SMHS '68

Thomas Forest SMHS '69

Thomas Yagley SMHS '69

Mike & Ellen (Vens) Dehner SMHS '70/'69

Marcia Wilkins SMHS '71

Kathleen (Frett) Cotton SMHS '71

Lori Pettiti SMHS '76

Nancy Mulholland SMHS '78

Beth (Cossman) Krentz SMHS '78

Paul Roling SMHS '78

David Schnier SMHS '79

Maureen (Frett) Vander Bleek SMHS '79

Dave Ugarpth SMHS '80

Andy & Tammy (Vicks) Isenhour SMHS '80

Ellyn (West) Andresen MDHS '90

Marlene McRell MDHS '97

Brenna Decker POPCP '05

Megan Mulholland POPCS '13

Nate Vander Bleek POPCS '14

Anonymous

Ricci & Barb Aquilani

Byron & Cindy Barnhart

Deja Vu Furniture & Accessories

Frank & Linda Edens

James & Susanne Foster

David & Barbara Frantz

Chuck & Jacque' Rutledge

## Disciple up to \$99

Marlene (Sinksen) Thoms SMHS '54

Jerry & Jean (Ryan) Jackson SMHS '56

Kathleen (McCarthy) Willard MSCA '58

Joann (Burton) Gleason SMHS '58

Thomas Keefe SMHS '62

Robert Eads SMHS '63

## Disciple up to \$99

(continued)

Ruthann (Burn) Notz MSCA '63

Mary Ann (Judge) Sullivan MSCA '64

Joseph O'Donnell SMHS '64

Col. Marie (O'Donnell) Oseguera MSCA '65

Maureen (Mooney) Rehwaldt SMHS '66

Jim & Teresa (Hopkins) Hogan SMHS '67/'68

Mary Ann (Frett) Rauter SMHS '69

James Emrick SMHS '71

Karen Witt SMHS '76

Anonymous (2)

Charles P Kinney

Bill Litchfield

Lea Pelegrin

## Honored & Remembered

*These memorial and honorary gifts were received for the 2022-2023 Many & One Appeal.*

Mary (Nelson) Emrick SMHS '41

Mary (Beecher) Juist SMHS '42

James Pelegrin SMHS '51

The Deceased Members of the SMHS

Class of '54

Bill Collins SMHS '55

John Lingle SMHS '56

The Deceased Members of the SMHS

Class of '57

The Deceased Members of the SMHS

Class of '59

Linda (Krogman) Higgins SMHS '64

Deb (Dingmon) Lind MSCA '70

Robert Clary

Deceased Parents and Siblings

Lydia Halbach

Sallyann McCarthy

Dr. & Mrs. Joseph E. O'Donnell

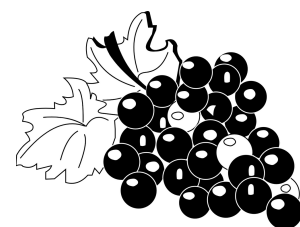
David Pottratz

The Ryan & Jackson Families

Nancy Springer

Benjamin Vander Bleek

*Thank you to everyone who donated and contributed this year! We are so grateful! ♣*



# Our Newest Alumni: Class of 2023

**O**n May 21, 2023, Prince of Peace Catholic School welcomed fifteen new members into our alumni family.

The class of 2023 valedictorian is Shannon Kenneavy and the salutatorian is Isabella Adams. Mrs. Stephanie Burke served as their class sponsor and Mrs. Christi Goldbeck delivered the commencement address.

## Front row (left to right):

**Brody Dehner:** son of Jerry (MDHS '94) and Heather Dehner plans to attend Clinton Community College and his major is undecided. He will also play soccer for Scott Community College.

**Lucille Hess:** daughter of Jason Hess and Wendy Watson plans to attend the University of Redlands, California and major in psychology.

**Susan Reed:** daughter of Scott and Lavina Reed plans to attend Clinton Community College and major in musical theater.

**Kiely DeBo:** daughter of Steven (MDHS '93) & Trischa DeBo plans to attend Kirkwood Community College and major in elementary education.

**Avery Dehner:** daughter of Josh (MDHS '94) & Maggie Dehner plans to attend Kirkwood Community College and enroll in the Occupational Therapy Assistant program.

**Nyah Thomas:** daughter of Lincoln and Nivia Thomas plans to attend Clinton Community College and major in psychology.

**Isabella Adams:** daughter of Steve and Erin Adams plans to attend Clinton Community College and major in film



production.

**Madison Zachert:** daughter of Daryl and Kelly Zachert plans to attend Clinton Community College and major in science and criminal justice.

## Back row (left to right):

**Kadia Espinoza:** daughter of Sharlyn Salazar and Lazaro Facio-Espinoza plans to attend Clinton Community College and major in biology.

**Sarah Moeller:** daughter of Dave and Karen Moeller plans to attend Mount Mercy University and major in computer science and data analytics.

**Brendan Dolan:** son of Timothy (MSCA '78) and Hallie Dolan plans to attend Clinton Community College and his major is undecided.

**Anabel Cunningham:** daughter of William and Sherri Cunningham plans to attend the University of Montana and major in

biology.

**Marcus Blount:** son of Nate (MDHS '93) and Lisa Blount plans to attend Black Hawk College and major in software engineering.

**Shannon Kenneavy:** daughter of Kevin and Stacie (Jensen, MDHS '94) Kenneavy plans to attend Black Hawk College and major in physical therapy.

**Elijah Patterson:** son of Ulysses Patterson, Sr., Samantha Hansen and the late Latrice Patterson plans to attend Midwest Technical Institute to continue his welding training.

The Clinton Catholic School Alumni Association congratulates you and welcomes you to our alumni family! 🍀

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and click on the "Alumni" tab!

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school year, beginning with new students and current students that meet income requirements. By the 2025-2026 school year, every student in the state will be eligible for an education savings account. Iowa will be the third state in the country to implement a universal school choice program.

While final enrollment numbers have yet to be determined, Prince of Peace Catholic School is seeing a marked uptick in interest from new students and families. Joseph E. Brown, Sr., principal at Prince of Peace, anticipates the school to grow in the next few years. "We are already seeing people come in to explore our school who may have never considered this to be an option because of the cost. We are very honored with the opportunity to bring new students into our school, regardless of their family's financial situation. We're also pleased to offer more options to our current families, most of whom currently need to make sacrifices to provide a Catholic education to their child."

While this new law means virtually endless opportunities

for our students and school community, it does not mean that the school will change its mission. Vander Bleek says, "Prince of Peace will never be a public school. We will always hold our Catholic identity in the highest regard, and the faith-formation of our children is in our utmost priority."

The Advancement Office has also received numerous questions about the future of fundraising and the Many & One Annual Fund. "We are not anticipating any changes to the way we raise funds for our school, at least in the interim," Vander Bleek says. "Stewardship is still a very important piece of running our school, and we are very grateful to everyone who helps, whether it be through their contribution of time, talent, or treasure."

Principal Brown says, "Taxpayer dollars should go to children. End of discussion. Prince of Peace is not going to be the best school choice for some, just as [the public school system] may not be the best for some. But this new law puts the choice in the hands of parents, not in the hands of the government." ♣



*A new Irish webstore has been launched! This is the ultimate place to design and purchase your very own Prince of Peace Irish apparel and merchandise, including alumni merchandise! It's fully customizable and can be shipped anywhere in the United States!*



# In Memoriam

## 1940s

Eleanor (Wagemester) Gerlock, 93, of Preston (SMHS '47) 12/5/22

Patricia (Dolan) Goettsch, 92, of Clinton (SMHS '49) 5/19/23

## 1950s

Loren Burken, 88, of Davenport (SMHS '51) 9/7/22

John Knoerschild, 88, of New York, NY (SMHS '51)

Joan Luce, 84, of Clinton (OLA '58) 5/15/23

Merle "Pat" Bice, 88, of Clinton (SMHS '52) 12/14/22

Helen (Mussman) Bice, 90, of Clinton (SMHS '52) 3/22/23

Shirley (Parilli) Forton, 87, of Traverse City, MI (OLA '53) 2/24/22

Richard "Dick" Lingle, 88, of Clinton (SMHS '53) 2/8/23

George McAndrews, 87, of Barrington, IL (SMHS '53) 4/7/23

Joan (Holle) Horner, 87, of Clinton (SMHS '53) 3/19/23

James Holle, of Palm Desert, CA (SMHS '56) 11/19/22

Mary Ellen (Kinney) Martin, 84, of Loyal, WI (SMHS '56) 11/1/22

Sister Kathleen Cleary, OSF, 80, of Clinton (MSCA '58) 4/24/22

Henry "Bob" Zachringer, 83, of Clinton (SMHS '58) 11/25/22

Ronald Krogman, 82, of Clinton (SMHS '58) 1/14/23

## 1960s

Billie Jean (Cooper) Worley, 80, of Clinton (SMHS '61) 1/1/23

David Malli, 80, of Clinton (SMHS '61) 4/25/23

Evelyn (Faur) Weis, 77, of Camanche (OLA '63) 1/21/23

Patrick Leonard, 75, of Clinton (SMHS '66) 11/15/22

Michael Bock, 73, of West Des Moines (SMHS '67) 1/4/23

Mary Cunningham, 72, of Muscatine (SMHS '68) 11/24/22

Jerome Tritz, 72, of Clinton (SMHS '68) 11/25/22

Patricia Trimble, 73, of Clinton (MSCA '68) 2/14/23

## 1970s

Paula Jo (Stresky) Peterson, 65, of Clinton (MSCA '75) 1/7/23

Kirsten Leslie, 66, of Clinton (SMHS '76) 2/7/23

## Faculty

Sister Joyce Zarnik, 81, of Clinton, 11/15/22

Maxine Wagner, 103, of Clinton (SMHS) 4/14/23

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face;

the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

The staff of *The Grapevine* makes our best effort to monitor and record the deaths of alumni and friends of our school community. We sincerely apologize if we missed your loved one in this list. Please feel free to contact us at 563-242-1663 and we will be sure to include them in our next issue.



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The school is still in the process of ironing out the details of setting up the endowment, but the goal is to have it ready to help our faculty and staff during the 2023-2024 school year. We cannot express enough gratitude to the McAndrews family for their generosity to our school community! ♣

## SMHS Class of 1973 to Mark Fifty Years

The St. Mary's High School Class of 1973 will hold their fiftieth class reunion on August 12th, 2023. They hope to see all of our classmates there. Please contact Doug Rempfer (SMHS '73) at 563-249-1041 or [rempf4@gmail.com](mailto:rempf4@gmail.com) for details. ♣

## "What's In a Name?"



The Grapevine staff found a book of facts and history about the Clinton Catholic schools. Included was some information about the origin of the "Fighting Irish" nickname. The first St. Mary's sporting event was a football game against St. Irenaeus in 1915. St. Mary's coach, Father Joseph H. O'Donnell, was a descendant of Red Hugh O'Donnell, a sixteenth-century leader of the Gaelic nobility in Ireland. Red Hugh fought Queen Elizabeth I of England during the Protestant Revolt, so Father O'Donnell named his squad "The Fighting Irish" to honor his ancestor. ♣

# Noecker Retires After Forty-One Years at Prince of Peace

Miss Jane Noecker has completed her final year of service to the children of Prince of Peace Catholic School. Miss Noecker has taught in Clinton's Catholic schools since 1982 first as a third grade teacher but has mostly worked as a fourth grade teacher.

Beginning at North Catholic, she moved to Trinity Elementary, which later became Prince of Peace. She has educated over 800 students during her teaching career.

When asked if she has plans for her retirement, she said, "I'm not completely sure yet.



It's a bittersweet feeling, but I'm excited for this next stage in life."

The students, faculty, staff, and alumni of Clinton

Catholic schools are extremely grateful to Miss Noecker for her years of service! We wish her the happiest of retirements! ♣

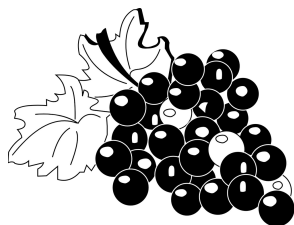
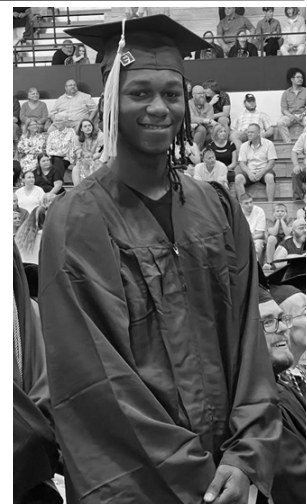


## "Buddies" Reconnect

In the final home game of the Irish basketball season, Travis Witt (POPCP 2012) came back to watch his "little buddy" Marcus Blount play in his final game at the Joe O'Donnell Sports Center. Travis and Marcus were paired up as big/little buddies when Travis was a senior and Marcus was in first grade at Prince of Peace.

## Prince of Peace Senior Has Two Graduations

Elijah Patterson, a senior at Prince of Peace, took part in two graduation ceremonies this spring. Elijah was dual-enrolled at CCC, attending classes at the Career and Technical Education Center in the morning and classes at Prince of Peace in the afternoon. He received his welding certificate while finishing his senior year at Prince of Peace.



# Time Capsule

A trip down memory lane is a trip that we all love to take. After flipping through some yearbooks, we found one photo from ten years ago, twenty years ago, and so on.



## 90 Years Ago

The St. Mary's High School band poses for their group picture.

*From The St. Mary's Blugold 1933*

## 70 Years Ago

Seniors at OLA perform their senior play, *These Golden Days*.

*From Our Lady of Angels Lest We Forget 1953*



## 60 Years Ago

A group of St. Mary's juniors review a diorama of the Battle of Gettysburg in their U.S. History class.

*From St. Mary's Prelude 1963*

## 50 Years Ago

The St. Mary's High School class of 1973 attends commencement at St. Mary's Church.

*From The St. Mary's Blugold 1973*



## 40 Years Ago

The underclassmen team celebrates at the 1982 Homecoming powderpuff football game.

*From The St. Mary's Shamrock 1983*



## 30 Years Ago

Students diligently study in the library at Mater Dei High School.

*From Mater Dei Irish Pride 1993*

## 20 Years Ago

The Prince of Peace Student Council celebrates a successful food drive!

*From The Sounds of Prince of Peace 2003*



## 10 Years Ago

High school students prepare for the annual "Olympics" during Homecoming week in 2013.

*From The Prince of Peace Yearbook 2013*



# New Scoreboard System Installed at Joe O'Donnell Sports Center



With the addition of a shot clock requirement for both girls' and boys' high school basketball in Iowa, it became time to replace the scoreboard system at the Joe O'Donnell Sports Center. The new system is a comprehensive scoreboard manufactured by Daktronics that replaced the old scoreboards installed in 1994.

Prince of Peace remains committed to

providing varsity sports opportunities for their high school students, and this is a huge step toward ensuring that generations of Irish can enjoy interscholastic competition.

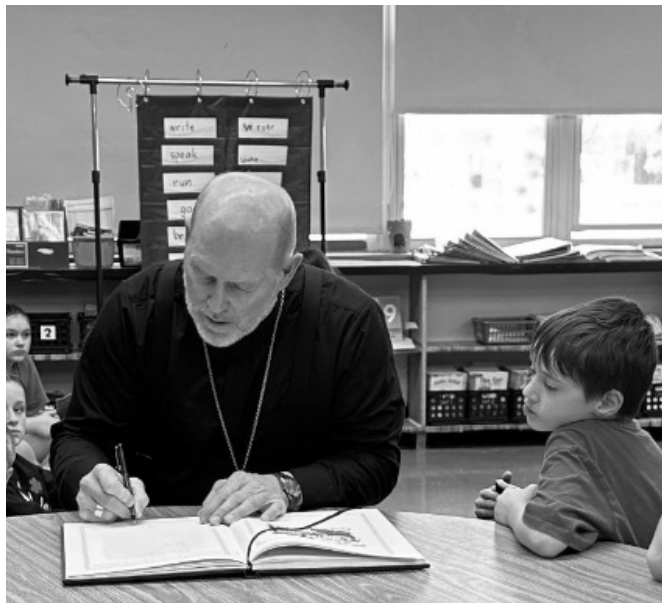
This project was funded in part by corporate sponsors but also through the generous donation and work of school families and alumni. We are extremely grateful for the generosity of everyone involved! 🍀

## Foundation Scholarships Awarded

The Prince of Peace School Foundation oversees and awards memorial and honorary scholarships each year for students to attend Prince of Peace Catholic School. The Foundation is proud to award the following scholarships for the 2023-2024 school year:

- Dorothy J. Benishek Pratt Memorial Scholarship
- John Dermody Memorial Scholarship
- Margaret Dillon Memorial Scholarship
- Lucille Jensen Memorial Scholarship
- John Lingle Memorial Scholarship
- Margaret Mahoney Memorial Scholarship
- Bernard "Bubs" Mayer Scholarship
- Thomas "Pinky" McDonnell Scholarship
- Harry J. Pratt Endowed Scholarship
- Harvey Suehl Memorial Scholarship
- Lyman & Ullainee Wareham Scholarship
- Vernon H. Witt Memorial Scholarship
- Paul & Christy Roth Service Scholarship
- Leon McDonnell Scholarship
- Edwin & Evelyn Michl Family Scholarship
- Mary Juist Memorial Scholarship
- George McAndrews Family Scholarship
- Thomas & Peggy McAndrews Family Scholarship
- 1953 Iowa State Boys Basketball Championship Team Scholarship
- Robert Shannon Memorial Scholarship
- Robert & Julia Ann Hackett Scholarship
- Deb Lind Scholarship
- Nancy L. Peart Scholarship
- James L. Hilgendorf Memorial Scholarship

The Prince of Peace School Foundation is always accepting new scholarships! If you are interested in establishing a scholarship for yourself or loved one, please contact the Advancement Office at 563-242-1663.

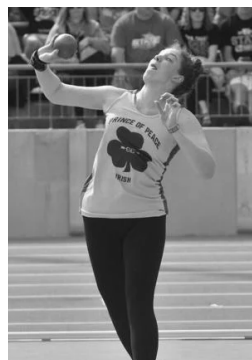


*Six elementary students entered the Church through baptism this Easter. Davenport Bishop Thomas Zinkula personally visited the students to sign their certificates.*

# Students Work With Visiting Artist



*In observance of Black History Month, Prince of Peace Art teacher Joann Winkler invited her long-time friend Kevin Cole, Atlanta-based artist, to work with students at our school. Cole has works in museums throughout the United States and has created commissioned work for the Coca-Cola building in Atlanta, a piece for the Hartsfield airport in Atlanta, a mural for the 1996 Olympic Games, and has a work in the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture. Cole said that he plans to visit next school year as well. Photo courtesy of Clinton Herald.*



*Irish senior Sarah Moeller finished with a pair of sixth-place finishes at the state track meet in both shot put and discus. Moeller received all-state honors.*

## Let's Catch Up!

We want to hear from you! Is there any interesting news or events that have happened recently in your life? Did you get a new job or promotion? Have you recently been married or added a new member to your family? Have you moved? We encourage you to share your news with us and your fellow alums!



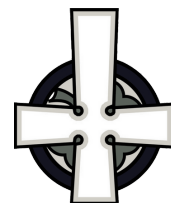
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