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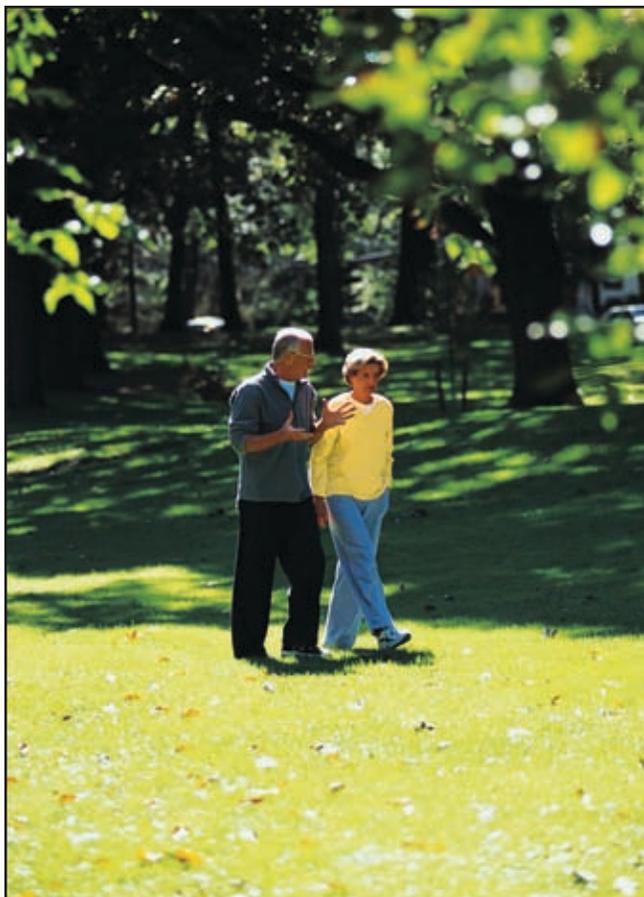
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A WORD FROM YOUR ALUMNI DIRECTOR



We are in a year of grand celebration at Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy. This momentous 2013/2014 school year commemorates a rich history of Catholic education and Marist tradition that represents an integral part of our alumni experience and continues to drive our school's mission to form "good Christian persons, upright citizens and academic scholars"—hopefully for many years to come.

This year we honor 150 years of the Marist Fathers' Apostolate in the United States, along with the simultaneous birth anniversaries of Notre Dame High School (60 years), Pontiac/Oakland Catholic High School (45 years), Notre Dame Preparatory School (20 years), and Notre Dame Marist Academy - Lower Division (10 years). The overwhelming feeling on campus and among our alumni is "thanksgiving." And, no, I don't mean the kind with gravy-laden mashed potatoes and stuffing (though how we love those things!). We celebrate these milestones with feelings of thankfulness, and of pride and gratitude for the blessing to be part of the Notre Dame family and its important alumni heritage.

Throughout this grand anniversary year, we remember in thanksgiving all that shaped our high-school experience: the guidance from our dedicated teachers, the sacrifice and hard work of our parents, the friendships we began, the faith we nourished, the life lessons learned and the doors that were opened to us through the gift of our Catholic education. What we may not remember, because likely we didn't know or think about it as teenagers, are the people who paved the way, making our experience possible—those who contributed to the

building and opening our original campuses in 1954 in Harper Woods, and 1967 in Pontiac, and those who've generously given their time, talent and treasure through the years to maintain and improve the quality of education provided to our students.

In this issue of IRISH you'll read about our alumni who are doing great things. Graduating decades apart from one another, each is making his or her mark in this world in remarkable ways—through science, horticulture, media, theatre, art and charity. What relates these alumni is how graciously they attribute part of their life success to the foundation established by their alma mater.

Notre Dame hopes you will celebrate with us! We invite all alumni and guests to campus for Homecoming on September 27, and our Grand Anniversary Celebration Weekend on October 19 and 20. Details for both events are on page 5. What wonderful opportunities for you to visit our school, to see the progress made, to experience the living mission at work, and to celebrate our extraordinary history. For all of this, we are indeed thankful.

Irish blessings,

Rachel (Alexander) Miller '00 (NDP)
Director of Alumni Relations

A MESSAGE FROM A MEMBER OF NOTRE DAME'S ADMINISTRATION



Dear alumni,

The 2013/2014 school year is well underway and we are off to a terrific start. Enrollment is at an all-time high with 1,128 students in our lower, middle and upper divisions, and total fundraising last year was in excess of \$1.2 million.

School administration, in partnership with our Board of Trustees, completed the \$3.4 million move of our lower division campus from Waterford to Pontiac, a move that will ensure a strong feeder system to our middle and upper divisions and provide more families with access to Catholic education.

It is with great sadness that we lost Harold Rice to eternal rest this year. For those of you who had Mr. Rice as a teacher either at Notre Dame High School or Notre Dame Prep, you know how truly unique and special a servant he was to the mission of Catholic education overall and the Marist Fathers and Brothers in particular. It was great to see the wonderful turnout from alumni at his wake and funeral.

As we continue to build Notre Dame Prep and Marist Academy into the best school that we can, it is important that you know how important the role of alumni is to our efforts. Please take a moment to read the article on "The Power of Numbers" (page 15) in this issue of IRISH, along with the many other fine articles put together by our advancement and editorial staff.

As always, please know that all alumni from St. Michael, St. Frederick, Pontiac Catholic, Oakland Catholic, Notre Dame High School and Notre Dame Prep are always welcome to visit and learn how they can help support the mission of Catholic education.

Sincerely,
Andy Guest '84 (NDHS)
Vice President for Advancement

HOMECOMING 2013!



Friday, September 27, 2013

Alumni tent celebration begins at 6:30 p.m.

BBQ buffet served at 7 p.m.

Varsity football game vs. Detroit Loyola at 7:30 p.m.

William Kozyra Alumni Field

Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy

FREE ADMISSION FOR ALL ALUMNI

This year's homecoming commemorates the 60-year anniversary of Notre Dame High School, the 45-year anniversary of Pontiac/Oakland Catholic and the 20-year anniversary of Notre Dame Preparatory School, with a special welcome for graduates of St. Frederick and St. Michael. All alumni and guests are invited to join in this important event, as we celebrate our rich history of Catholic education. ■

It's a Grand Anniversary!

Join Notre Dame for its "Grand Anniversary Celebration," commemorating five important milestones in the history of Notre Dame:

150-year anniversary of the Marist Fathers' Apostolate in the United States

60-year anniversary of Notre Dame High School

45-year anniversary of Pontiac/Oakland Catholic High School

20-year anniversary of Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy

10-year anniversary of Notre Dame Marist Academy - Lower Division

Saturday, October 19, 2013

All Alumni Reception

6:30 p.m. – 10 p.m. Dinner served at 7 p.m.

Alumni and guests are invited to a special reception in the cafeteria.

Pasta dinner, beer, wine and live music by Detroit band, The Real Deal, featuring Gerry Mattei '73 (NDHS) and Gary Ferro '76 (NDHS).

Cost is free. 18+ welcome. Must show ID to be served.

Space is limited to the first 300 who RSVP.

Sunday, October 20, 2013

Family Mass and Pig Roast Lunch

10 a.m. Mass in gymnasium

11:15 a.m. Blessing of the new lower division

Noon–3 p.m. Pig roast and open house, entire school

Musical entertainment and activities for kids. Cost is free. All ages welcome.

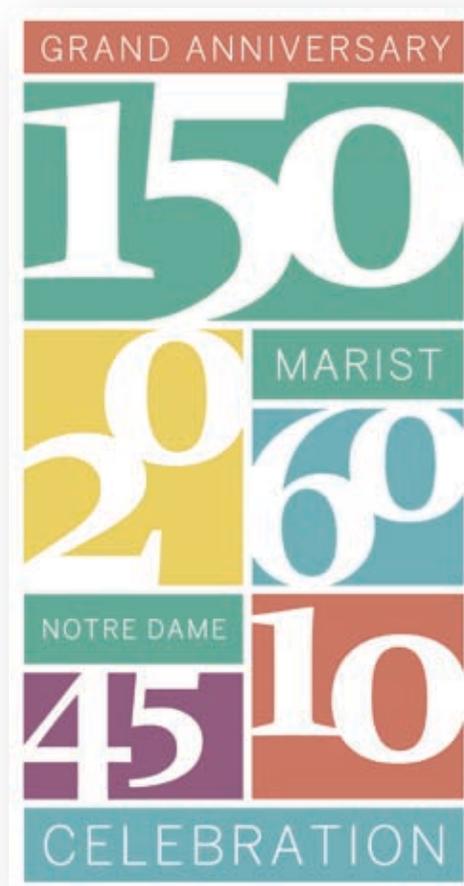
Space is limited to the first 1,000 who RSVP.

RSVP online by October 1

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Call 248-373-5300 with questions.

See more upcoming events on page 17.



Notre Dame's elementary students move to new building



This fall, Notre Dame's lower division students from junior-kindergarten through fifth grade moved to just down the street from the main campus at Giddings and Walton in Pontiac. The move will make it easier for teachers to work together

in creating a smooth transition for the demanding IB curriculum through all grades, officials said.

The relocation of the lower division from St. Benedict School's building in Waterford Township to the new school already has increased enrollment by 40 students to 167, Fr. Leon Olszowski, s.m., '65 (NDHS), president, said. (See page 26.)

Notre Dame volleyball earns team academic award

The 2012 edition of Notre Dame Prep's volleyball team was awarded a Team Academic Award by the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA). The Irish, which finished last season at 52-10-4 and made it to the state quarterfinals, earned the AVCA honor by maintaining a 3.815 grade-point average. AVCA requires a 3.30 minimum GPA on a 4.00 scale during the school year.



The 2012 NDP volleyball team after winning a tournament in October.

Coached by Betty Wrubel, NDP was one of only 13 high schools and one of two Catholic schools in the state of Michigan to be honored with the national award.



Latest data show NDP grads averaged \$88,000+ in scholarships

On May 19, 2013, members of Notre Dame Prep's Class of 2013 received their diplomas, marking the completion of their high school careers.

According to data compiled by Notre Dame's counseling office, more than

\$16.85 million in college/university academic scholarships and grants were offered to the graduating Class of 2013, which numbered 189 students. This is once again a record amount in total for the school, and the \$88,000+ per-student average exceeds the per-student average of 18 previous NDP graduating classes.

This class also tied the record ACT average of 27 earned by last year's graduating class, which is even more impressive given that there are 30 more students in this year's class.

In addition, this year's graduating class logged more than 15,000 hours in community service—once again proving that besides turning out academic scholars, Notre Dame continues to graduate "Christian people and upright citizens."

Middle schoolers get lesson on five habits of the heart

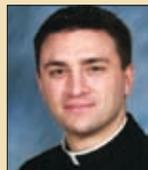
As part of a continuing effort by the Marist Fathers and Brothers to make sure every student, staff, administrator, board member, alum

and parent walks away from their Notre Dame/Marist experience living the three-part mission of the school, pastoral minister and religion teacher Fr. Jim Strasz, s.m., '70 (NDHS) brought the Marist charism to life this week to middle-school students of Notre Dame by introducing five habits of the heart: humility, listening, caring, mercy and forgiveness.

"We would like to invite people to follow the Marist way," says Strasz. "That is, the way of Mary, especially as she was present in the early Church. And in today's world, we would like our colleagues and students to learn to think as Mary, judge as Mary, and act as Mary in all things."

Strasz says that Fr. Jean-Claude Colin, the founder of the Marists, believed the best way to form people as Christian people, upright citizens, and academic scholars was to form them in habits of the heart, or virtues, that they would employ again and again in their lives until they became second nature.

Notre Dame grad named associate pastor at St. Hugo



Fr. Eric Fedewa, a 2000 NDP graduate, has been named associate pastor at St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

Fedewa, who previously was an associate at St. Anastasia in Troy, was ordained to the priesthood by the Archdiocese of Detroit in June 2011.

Alum headlines at local jazz club

Walt Szymanski, a 1972 graduate of Notre Dame, played a four-day gig in July at the Dirty Dog Jazz Café in Grosse Pointe Farms. Currently a professor of jazz studies at a branch of the University of San Francisco in Ecuador, Szymanski has played with many jazz luminaries in his career, including the late, great band leader and drummer J.C. Heard. The spring 2012 issue of IRISH magazine, a publication from the Notre Dame Alumni Association, featured a cover story on Szymanski.



Szymanski played a Miles Davis tribute show in 2011 at the Diva Nicotina club in Guayaquil, Ecuador.

Notre Dame has 30 valedictorians, all with 4.35 GPA or higher

For the 2013 graduating class, NDP named 30 young men and women out of a total of 189 graduates to represent its 2013 valedictorian class, far more than any previous year at NDP.

At Notre Dame, traditional courses are weighted on a 4.000 basis, honors courses on a 4.500 basis, and Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses on a 5.0 basis. A student must have at least a 4.350 GPA to be considered a member of the Valedictory Court.



NDHS alum Fr. Jim Strasz ('70) washes the feet of Notre Dame middle schoolers to help demonstrate humility.

ND alum moderates Q&A with cast of new cable drama

Notre Dame High School alum Mark Binelli (1988) recently moderated a question-and-answer session in Ann Arbor in July with the



Mark Binelli '88 (NDHS) at a recent book signing.

producer and cast members of the filmed-and-set-in-Detroit cable drama "Low Winter Sun," which premiered in August on AMC.

Binelli is author of "Detroit City is the Place to Be," his second book, published last year. He was featured in the spring 2013 edition of IRISH magazine.

The Q&A followed an advanced screening of the premiere episode at the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor. It was simulcast to more than 20 other theaters across the country.

"Low Winter Sun" executive producer Chris Mundy and cast members Mark Strong ("Zero

Dark Thirty," "Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy") and Lennie James ("The Walking Dead") were on hand to answer questions from Binelli and audience members. Proceeds from the event went to Big Brothers Big Sisters of America.

NDP students achieve 100% IB success

Notre Dame announced this past summer that 100% of its upper-division students who were enrolled in the International Baccalaureate curriculum successfully earned an IB Diploma, a first for the school and well above the worldwide average of 78%. (The U.S. average is 70%.) Twenty-eight students at NDP were in the IB Diploma Programme at the beginning of the school year, and all 28 successfully passed the International Baccalaureate final examinations taken in May 2013. This year, more than 120,000 students from 130 countries participated in the examination session, which is known for its extremely high academic rigor. The marks are internationally moderated so that the same standards apply throughout the world. "One-hundred percent is a great reward for all the hard work of our students and staff," Notre Dame head of school Fr. Leon Olszowski, s.m., said. "It also provides a benchmark for us going forward."

For the upcoming school year, 22 incoming seniors and 45 incoming juniors will be in the IB Diploma Programme. Notre Dame offers the International Baccalaureate course of study to students from junior kindergarten through 12th grade. It is the only Catholic school in Michigan with the prestigious curriculum.

NDP hires NDHS alum as hockey coach

Notre Dame Prep announced in July that Brian Barker has joined the Fighting Irish athletics staff as head coach of varsity hockey. Barker replaces Bob Rosbury, who resigned at the end of last season.



A 1992 graduate of Harper Woods Notre Dame High School, Barker comes to NDP after serving in a number of coaching positions, most recently as head junior varsity hockey coach at War-



ren De La Salle High School. He also coached hockey at Orchard Lake St. Mary's Preparatory School and Dearborn Divine Child High School.

"We are fortunate to get a coach like Brian for our hockey program," said Betty Wroubel, NDP's athletic director. "He has competed and coached at many levels and shows a real passion for not only the game of hockey, but most importantly for the mission of our school. We look forward to continuing the growth and stature of Irish hockey under Brian's leadership."

Notre Dame Marists join celebration of 150 years

Father Robert Champagne, s.m., and Brother Leonard Haley, s.m., who were key figures in the early years of Notre Dame in Harper Woods, Mich., joined many other Marists at Our Lady of Victories church in Boston this past spring for Mass and a celebration of 150 years of Marist ministry in the United States.

The Marist Fathers and Brothers of the United States commemorated the 150th anniversary of the Marists arrival in the U.S., and the U.S. province's 130th year of service to the people of Boston at Our Lady of Victories. Boston Cardinal Sean O'Malley and Fr. Ted Keating, s.m., Marist provincial, concelebrated the Mass on Sunday, May 19.

The Marists first visited the U.S. during the Civil War, established a presence in Louisiana, and then expanded westward and toward the upper Midwest and New England.

Graduate part of Spanish exam record set by Notre Dame students

Joseph Soisson, who graduated from Notre Dame Prep last spring, earned national recognition for excellent performance on the 2013



Joseph Soisson '13 (NDP) and Kimberly Anderson, chair of NDP's modern language department, show off Soisson's NSE plaque.

National Spanish Examinations (NSE). The National Spanish Examinations are the most widely used tests of Spanish in the United States. In the spring of 2012, a total of 143,641 students participated in the exam, which is recognized by many administrative and teaching associations and organizations at the local, state and national levels. The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed this program on the NASSP National Advisory List of Contests and Activities for 2011-2012.

Soisson, who is attending the University of Notre Dame, tested



Father Robert Champagne, s.m., center, and Brother Leonard Haley, s.m., right, join others on a bus ride to Mass in Boston.

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97 years and

Annemarie Gagel-Weers, a 1973 graduate of Pontiac Catholic High School, contacted the alumni office earlier this year about her mother, Helen (Cosgrove) Gagel, who graduated from St. Frederick in 1933 and will be 98 years old in November. Gagel is doing well, according to her daughter, and has lived what she calls a "very purpose-filled life," which Gagel-Weers helped recount for IRISH magazine, beginning right after high school. To read a more extensive, "first-hand" account of Helen Gagel's life thus far, go to the alumni section of Notre Dame's website at www.ndpma.org.

After graduating from Pontiac St. Frederick, Helen (Cosgrove) Gagel '33 (SF), according to daughter Annemarie Gagel-Weers, entered St. Joseph Nursing School in Pontiac, where she became a registered nurse. She enjoyed working at St. Joseph Hospital, her daughter says, but she wanted to do something more. "So she joined the army! I'm not sure if her parents were too pleased, but they supported her and off she went.

"She was stationed at Camp Polk, La., where she took care of sick soldiers. That's where she met my dad, who was one of her patients. They quickly became engaged, but wedding plans had to wait as World War II was breaking out."

Helen Cosgrove was promoted to lieutenant and then sent overseas, where she and a group of nurses were in the Battle of Manila (Philippines) and many times came under fire. She was one of the first to render aid to U.S. soldiers who had been just freed from an internment camp. She recalls these soldiers as being in rough shape.



This 1945 news clipping provided by Helen (Cosgrove) Gagel '33 (SF) shows crowded facilities of the 49th General Hospital in Manila, Philippines, where she was stationed during the war.



Photos above, clockwise from top left: Helen Cosgrove on her St. Frederick graduation day (May 1933); she is center-right on brick wall at St. Joseph Hospital (1935); in uniform; at home earlier this year; with husband, Bob Gagel, on their honeymoon in Chicago; outside of a GI hospital in Manila.

counting



"After the American soldiers finally secured the area from the Japanese, we were the first to see the American and Philippine prisoners," Helen Gagel recalls. "The GIs were walking skeletons. The Filipino men and women were just as bad. But it was the little children who just broke your heart."

She still finds it difficult to discuss what the enemy soldiers did to those little children. "It was barbaric," Gagel says. "From time to time, I still think of those little girls and what those soldiers did to them. But I don't think I could have gotten through those months in the Philippines had it not been for my Catholic faith. Usually we were able to go to Mass every day, but since it was war time, some days you just had to rely on your own prayers and your rosary, which went with me everywhere."

For her bravery under enemy fire and her dedication to aid the sick and wounded GIs, Gagel later received the Bronze Star.

After the war was over, Helen Cosgrove married Bob Gagel in Pontiac, and had four children. When her husband retired from Pontiac Motors in 1973, they moved to Florida, where Helen became a very active volunteer for the American Cancer Society.

"I wanted to do something useful with my time and I found out from our church that the American Cancer Society was looking for volunteers, so I signed up right away," she says. "I made prosthetic bras for women who had had mastectomies. I found the work very fulfilling and humbling."

But in 2001 she reluctantly had to stop volunteering after being diagnosed with macular degeneration. "I knew I was losing my sight and eventually would no longer be able to see well enough to do the work there." The American Cancer Society later honored all of her work and dedication by giving her a 25-year gold pin. "It meant so much to me," she says.

In 2005, Helen and Bob Gagel moved back to Michigan to be closer to family. "My mother lost all of her sight, but that doesn't stop her," her daughter says. "She now makes rosary beads almost every day and sends them to different missionaries in Central and South America where they desperately want and need them." Helen and Bob pay for the rosary-making materials and even the postage to send them. Her daughter says she never misses Mass, and even plays bingo once a week.

"My mom has one favorite bingo card. Even though she can't see the numbers, she has the card memorized."

At age 97, Helen is still sharp, happy, and always maintains her Irish sense of humor, according to daughter Annemarie. "She doesn't like too much attention, but I feel she is a wonderful role model. To think that she accomplished all that coming from a small Catholic School like St. Fred's. She is my hero."

"There is an old Irish phrase that describes my mother to a tee: 'Ba mhaith liom chun freastal ar dhaoine eile,' which means 'I want to serve others.' That's my mom." ■



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Notre Dame alum

Wins national honor, gives commencement address at Michigan State University

When Lauren Tuski graduated from Notre Dame Prep in 2009 and headed to MSU, she had in her back pocket a strong Catholic and Marist education that included 42 Advanced Placement credits. But like most of her contemporaries, what she didn't have was a firm idea of what her future career would be.

Yes, she grew up on a farm, and yes, she was a pretty good flute player, having taken lessons since the eighth grade. And yes, she was a phenomenal student. But it turns out that her flute instructor was the connection to Tuski's career choice. And it wasn't music.

"When I started taking music lessons, I really didn't think it was going to be a good experience," Tuski says. "But when the woman who was giving me flute lessons said she needed help in her garden, I said sure—and I liked it! I really liked getting my hands dirty, even weeding. Funny as it sounds, my music teacher taught me a lot about gardening."

Now, Tuski has in her pocket an intern-of-the-year honor from a national gardening organization, a speech she gave at her college commencement, and a degree in horticulture from MSU as she does, indeed, still get her hands dirty working in production management and plant propagation at Wojo's Garden Center in Ortonville, Mich.

Last summer, a double major in horticulture and professional writing led then-MSU senior Tuski to an internship at C. Raker and Sons Inc., located in Litchfield, Mich. She was able to combine her newfound love of things that grow with strong writing skills to help the greenhouse wholesaler better market its products to customers. She was responsible for the company's social media and its website blog and developed a comprehensive marketing strategy. She also kept her hands dirty at Raker by installing plants in the company's trial gardens.

In an interview with GPN (Greenhouse Product News) magazine after earning its 2013 GPN/Nexus Intern of the Year award, Tuski recalls her time at Raker. "It was a challenge, trying to figure out how to appeal to the retailers, which was our main audience, and then also apply that to the end audience. If we can bring in the end consumers [to the strategy], then that helps in the long run. It becomes a

cycle of communication."

Her ability to communicate along with a big push by a mentor at MSU led Tuski as a college senior to apply for the commencement address nomination in the school's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Her story about being just a "small-town country girl" and how this "small fish in a big sea found a wealth of opportunities at MSU" must have resonated with college officials because she eventually won and gave the address at her commencement.



Notre Dame Prep alum Lauren Tuski ('09) gives the commencement address at MSU's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

"It was the most humbling experience for me," she says. "I didn't think I'd have a chance at all when I saw who I was up against."

In the speech she wrote, she simply spoke from the heart. "I talked about the fact that as farmers, we have to take the opportunity to actually do more than what's right in front of us. Yes, you're working the land in front of you, but if you see your neighbor off to the side who's stuck in the ditch, you stop and help, and then get right back to what you were doing. We want to fall asleep at night after a hard day's work knowing that we did our best, not only for ourselves, but for our neighbors."

She also added God into her address. "Even if they told me to take it out, I would have found a way to keep Him in it," Tuski says. "My faith was such a big part of my college experience, there was no way I could leave it out of my speech."

Faith also was a big part of what she got out of her high school experience. Besides the academic advantage that Notre Dame Prep gave her—"The transition to college

academically wasn't an issue at all for me."—Tuski believes that NDP's faith-based environment also was a huge plus for her when she got to East Lansing.

"NDP, of course, prepared me academically very well for college." But more importantly, she says, Notre Dame prepared her spiritually. "When you go to college, especially a non-religious college, you are faced with a lot of challenging circumstances and moral questions. And knowing that I could look at them squarely and not have to run away from them, it made it much easier to face them head-on. Teachers at NDP pushed me to always do my best and beyond, but also stressed that I am truly a child of God and that that comes with real responsibilities."

During her time at Notre Dame, Tuski lived far from school, and she and her sister, Carolyn '10 (NDP), were dropped off very early by their dad. [A brother, Joseph (9th), and another sister, Mary Claire (10th), currently attend NDP!] "We were some of the first ones on campus and the last ones to leave," she recalls. "Because of that, it felt like a second home to my sister and me. I was always really comfortable here."

Back at Wojo's, Tuski is extremely busy, especially this time of year. "I really haven't had much time for marketing projects other than with the company's Facebook presence." But she hopes to soon work on other things, such as the company's main website and other projects targeted at helping the company grow.

Tuski does manage to carve out enough time to be a co-chair of Lapeer Immaculate Conception's farmers market, which helps raise money for the parish, and also is helping the OFA, the Association of Horticulture Professionals, better communicate with members nationwide. She and her fellow club officers work on strategies to better connect with future consumers, especially younger people. In August, Tuski was elected to the Notre Dame Alumni Association as treasurer.

Tuski is glad to be in a career that is also her passion—it's not for the money, she says. "You can make money in this business, but there's something else with this. To me what I'm doing is really a holistic involvement with life, not only with plant life but in dealing with people. I really trust that it must be part of God's plan for me." ■

growing a career



Lauren Tuski '09 (NDP), shown at right working in the teaching greenhouses at Michigan State University, was featured on the cover of GPN (Greenhouse Product News) magazine after earning a national Intern of the Year award.

More Marist than the Marists



Notre Dame's head of school, Fr. Leon Olszamowski, s.m. '65 (NDHS), remembers his friend and beloved member of the Notre Dame family.

By Rev Leon Olszamowski, s.m.

Let's sit back and get comfortable and dreamy. Let's talk Hal Rice. No, let's not talk about his history, even though his historicity helped make him who he was (or shall I say is, in the kingdom of God). No, let's not rehearse his birthplace, school, places he taught or where he passed into the Lord's company. Let's talk Harold P. Rice. I mean the core of that man, which so peacefully moved him into heaven. I mean the image of the man that all of us should emulate on our own life's journey. I mean the soul of Hal Rice—the genuine article.

I met Hal Rice when both of us were far younger men—I, a sophomore at Notre Dame High School some 15 years old, and Hal, already a seasoned, master teacher at 30 years. Wow! That was 50 years ago to the year.

The immediate impression caught by a young man half Hal's age was that this man had something very special, very wholesome, yes, unflinching about him right down to the core. He loved us; you could tell that immediately, and probably was the reason why so many flocked to him with their problems and peccadillos. He was a great confidant, a sensitive steward of personal problems—be they academic or family—a mentor and magnet for so many of us. Yes, I like that word, “magnet.” Now, 66 years of age, I see the world as much more complicated than back in the 60s, but no matter, Harold Rice focused easily on our simple problems and magically helped remove the obstacles of adolescence. Yes, Harold Rice was one of those mysteriously attractive people who fit like an old shoe. He was comfortable, and I loved that about him.

After Notre Dame, I ventured out to New England, and Hal stayed behind at Notre Dame High School. A very religious man by nature—he would have made a great Marist priest—he continued to do grace-filled ministry year after year, a ministry to and for young people, supported by “Em,” his lifelong friend and spouse. He seemed to draw so much strength from Emily and his family, strength and courage to master his shepherding skills among the men of Notre Dame. He grew with them in age and grace and loved them all.

Ten years later, I returned to NDHS a newly ordained Marist Father and teaching peer. I immediately reconnected with Harold and was delighted to find that the old shoe still fit. Harold was still Harold, kind and caring, not worn out but mellowed—respectful as hell because I was a Marist priest, but still open, gracious, jovial—he had a very hearty laugh—and concerned for my success as a priest and teacher. It was like I never left his company. I said to myself then something I have repeated many times since: “This man is more Marist than the Marists.”

Harold was not only a master teacher, but an effervescent and doting parent as well. He loved his kids dearly and said so often. I had the good fortune to teach his 12th-grade son, David. To me, David didn't look like Harold at all, but the wholesome, concerned core was

immediately visible—genes go deep and abiding, I guess. David was a fine young man, and I knew that Harold and Emily helped to make him so.

I taught, became assistant principal and ultimately became principal at Notre Dame High School. My seven-year term as principal was a joy—despite the economic and demographic downturn of the east side—because we had great kids and a great staff. You remember the likes of Harold Rice, Bill Raymond, Conrad Vachon, Tom Kelly, Bob Kelly, Hal Schram, Norm Kotarski, Dick Wagner, Kim Rose, Dennis Lynch, Chuck Stys, a host of my brother Marist priests, and Brother Louis, and so many others—thoughtful educators and great people.

Most people would not know this, but I thought I would share this deep, dark secret about Harold and his friend, Norm Kotarski. As we Marists eventually would close NDHS for lack of money and a dwindling population, Harold and Norm told me privately that, de-



Notre Dame's Harold (Hal) Rice, left, shares a laugh with friend and fellow ND teacher Norm Kotarski in a photo taken at Notre Dame Prep in 2008.

spite their desire eventually to go to Notre Dame Prep, they wanted to stay behind at NDHS for an additional two years to help the school through the transition of administration and to work hard to support the staff, the kids and their families at Notre Dame. These men bypassed a raise in salary and the excitement of working in a new school to nurture NDHS. Like clockwork, two years later, Harold and Norm came to Notre Dame Prep and worked more magic for the students there. Fast friends to the end, both served as nonpareil teachers for whom two major school awards are named.

Hal finally retired a few years ago, after teaching 50 years at Marist Fathers and Brothers' schools. I saw Hal time and again at NDP after his retirement, faithfully helping out, proctoring senior exams and preparing diplomas and graduation certificates. Harold always wanted to help and be a part of the action—even at 80 years of age.

Hal's beloved Emily died of cancer shortly after his full retirement. Clearly, he was shaken to the core, but his reaction was typical. He did not withdraw but quickly deepened his relationships with family and friends. The consummate teacher, he gave more and more

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Notre Dame alum is the original 'Kenny from South Park'

PHOTO BY MIKE KELLY '73 (NDHS)

When someone mentions Kenny from South Park, usually images of an animated character with a hooded orange parka and more lives than twenty cats come immediately to mind.

But what most outside of Eastpointe, Mich., don't know is that the proprietor of "Ken's South Park Service," located on Gratiot Ave., is in fact the original Kenny from South Park. Or so he says. Notre Dame High School 1970 graduate Ken Moir has operated "Ken's," an automotive repair shop at the end of South Park Ave., since 1982, well before the popular television animated series "South Park" debuted in 1997.

Moir is big fan of oldies music and popular media, and yes, he even liked who he calls the "second Kenny," from TV's South Park cartoon. He's also a big fan of Notre Dame's DJ priest, Fr. Bryson, and has fond memories of him. Like when he pitched in to help Bryson at the big Friday night dances where he introduced many of the bands that played in ND's cafeteria, including Bob Seger and Savage Grace. He

still enjoys music from the 60s and 70s (a big Beatles fan) and has a huge collection of vintage records and audio equipment in his basement.

After graduating from Notre Dame in 1970, Moir planned on a career in radio after college. But Uncle Sam had other plans. He was drafted into the U.S. Army and was stationed at Fort Carson in Colorado. When they discovered his aptitude for fixing vehicles, the Army brass decided not to send him to Vietnam.

"When they found out I was from Detroit, they just assumed I could fix cars," he says. Turns out, they were right in his case. Moir soon found himself in charge of the entire motor pool at Fort Carson, which ultimately would lead him to a "civilian" career as an auto technician and then to his successful repair business on South Park and Gratiot (near 9 Mile Rd.).

Moir, who's son Eric also graduated from NDHS (in 1990), says running a business isn't always smooth sailing. But for fellow alums contemplating owning their own business, he says, "Find something you love—and go for it!" ■

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time to teaching at his parish, Ss. Cyril and Methodius, sharing his brand of faith, hope and love as he went along. He enjoyed what he was doing and told Norm Kotarski and myself about it often. At our last breakfast, we even had a long discussion about the International Baccalaureate program and the many misconceptions people had about it. He told Norm and me that he defended the IB vigorously and at one point invited me to come to his parish to speak about it, as he was about to start another round of teaching at St. Cyril's. For the record, Hal was in high demand and many went through his classes.

Then, one day, it all came crashing down for those he knew and loved. Harold was to meet David for breakfast. Thinking dad had forgotten about breakfast, David called him. When no answer came, he went to his dad's house. He found him fast asleep but, curiously, in Emily's chair. Approaching, David found a very peaceful and serene expression on his face. Hal had died, and now was with his beloved Emily. A peaceful ending for a peace-filled man. I imagine him in heaven, teaching people about how they got there.

I knew Harold P. Rice for 50 years. He was a man of deep wonder with an extraordinary ability to catch the question behind the question when people could not verbalize their real question. He was "Marist" through and through, living in love with God and mirroring Our Lady to others. We Marists have a saying that we are to be hidden and unknown in the world, supporting the work of Jesus as Mary did. We learn to think, act and feel as Mary did. To my way of think-

ing, no one picked up the "Marist Way" better or more consistently than Harold P. Rice.

I conclude this comfortable dreaming about Hal Rice by quoting some thoughts from Norman Kotarski, Hal's good friend:

"Harold was a kind, generous and dedicated man. As retirees who shared over thirty years of similar experiences at Notre Dame, Hal and I would find nice places to have lunch just about every Thursday. You could find us at the Royal Park Hotel, Pegasus in Greektown, Bravo, or any number of "white hair" cafes where we fit right in. (Always lemon pie for dessert.) Most conversations focused on the positive Notre Dame experiences. Any negatives were long forgotten; that's one of the things I liked about Hal.

"Once a teacher always a teacher, so after retiring he began teaching church history at his parish. He loved sharing his knowledge with the adults in his classes.

"But most of all, Hal was devoted to his children and especially his grandchildren. He talked of their academic progress in school and their extra-curricular activities. When Notre Dame Prep played football against Divine Child, the loyal Notre Dame booster for over forty years sat on the Divine Child side because his grandson played on their team.

"Yes, I'll miss the lunches, but most of all I'll miss my pal, Hal."

Harold, good friend and mentor, rest in the love of the Lord! ■

into the 95th percentile nationally and was eligible for a scholarship through the NSE. He also received a cash award. This year, students from NDP earned a record 16 gold, silver and bronze medals along with 25 honorable mentions on the examinations.

Alumna graduates from U-M after heart transplant



Andrea Bierema, right, on her graduation day with Sarah Henning, one of the ICU nurses in U-M hospital's cardiovascular center. Photo courtesy of Cris Rea.

Andrea Bierema '08 (NDP) of Oakland Township became a college graduate. Three years ago, she wasn't sure she was going to live. Bierema, a University of Michigan psychology major, suffered a massive heart attack her sophomore year of college and needed a heart transplant when she was only 19 years old.

She was one of the many students excited to graduate college this spring, but this 22-year-old woman has a success story that extended well beyond the classroom. The Oakland Press featured Bierema in a June 8 article shortly after her U-M graduation. (Source: Oakland Press.)

Weddings

Catherine Kraus '00 (NDP) and David Nay were married on September 29, 2012, at Sweetest Heart of Mary Church in Detroit. Fellow NDP alums in attendance included her sister and matron of honor Cyndi (Kraus) Morrill '03 (NDP), bridesmaids Katie Scarpelli '00 (NDP), Melissa (Gerst) Ford '00 (NDP) and Emily (Kesek) Hindelang '00 (NDP), along with her husband Matthew Hindelang '00 (NDHS). Also in town for the nuptials were Christy Maraone '00 (NDP) and Dave Levine '00 (NDP). Catherine is a Senior Dietitian and Certified Health Education Specialist in the University of Michigan Health System. Her husband is a patent attorney. The happy couple resides in Livonia.

Elissa Myers '00 (NDP) and Bryan Valentine were married on June 7, 2013, at Wellers in Saline, Mich.

Amanda Buszek '06 (NDP) and **Joe Fazi '02 (NDHS)** were married on April 6, 2013, at St. Joan of Arc Church in St. Clair Shores, Mich. Fathers of the bride and groom are Maynard Buszek '72 (NDHS) and Frank Fazi '73 (NDHS). Brothers of the bride and groom and members of the bridal party are Matthew Buszek '02 (NDHS), Mark Fazi '05 (NDHS) and Anthony Fazi '06 (NDP). Other bridal party and ushers included Jonathan Banaszak '02 (NDHS) and Alex Page (attended NDHS through 2005). Deacon Tom Strasz '68 (NDHS) and Fr. Joe Hindelang '68 (NDHS) were the celebrants. Glenn Page '72 (NDHS) and former alumni director Ken Parent were readers at Mass.

Births

Cameron Walker Burton, son born April 26, 2013 to proud parents Brad Burton '99 (NDP) and Julie Burton.

Liam Gregory Hindelang, son born May 1, 2013 to proud parents Emily (Kesek) Hindelang '00 (NDP) and Matthew Hindelang '00 (NDHS). Big brother David is 1.5 years old. Proud grandfather is Robert Hindelang '64 (NDHS). Proud uncle is Mark Hindelang '01 (NDHS). Proud great-uncles are NDPMA principal Fr. Joseph Hindelang, s.m. '68 (NDHS), Michael Hindelang '63 (NDHS), Ronald Hindelang '59 (NDHS), and the late Thomas Hindelang '61 (NDHS).

Faith Anne Hoban, daughter born May 3, 2013 to proud parents Dan Hoban '00 (NDP) and Annie Hoban.

Preston Ayanna Parker, daughter born June 4, 2013, to proud parents Kala (Thomas) Parker '00 (NDP) and Stephen Parker. Joins big brother Steven II.

Ryker Elliott Rutkowski, son born July 26, 2013, to proud parents Emily (Komer) Rutkowski '00 (NDP) and Dustin Rutkowski '00 (NDP). Proud uncle is Dean Rutkowski '05 (NDP).

Elizabeth Lee Thiry, daughter born July 14, 2013, to proud parents Trent Thiry '00 (NDP) and Kristen Thiry. Proud aunt is Megan (Thiry) Knight '99 (NDP).

Wesley Montague Baker, son born June 24, 2013, to proud parents Sarah K. Brown '01 (NDP) and Kevin Baker.

Emma Marie Moseley, daughter born July 24, 2013, to proud parents J. Scott Moseley '02 (NDP) and Danielle (Kidder) Moseley '04 (NDP). Proud grandfather is Jim Moseley '68 (NDHS). Proud uncles are David Moseley '06 (NDP) and Christopher Moseley '03 (NDP).

Avery Kathleen DeWulf, daughter born May 19, 2013, to proud parents Stephanie (Brinker) DeWulf '04 (NDP) and David DeWulf. Big sister Morgan is two years old. Proud aunts are Ashley Brinker '06 (NDP) and Amanda Brinker '12 (NDP)

Alumni/staff/faculty rest in peace

Patrick C. Nagel '88 (NDHS). 9-2-13

Harold "Hal" Rice, father of David Rice '81 (NDHS). Mr. Rice taught for 51 years with the Marists at Notre Dame High School and Notre Dame Preparatory School. A beloved teacher and friend to many. He will be dearly missed. 7-14-13. See page 12 for more on Hal Rice.

Margaret (Sheridan) LaForge '40 (SF), sister of Patricia (Sheridan) Blust '43 (SF). Widow of Donald LaForge '43 (SM). 7-12-13

Jerry Steinhelper '56 (SM), husband of Mary "Pat" (Hayden) Steinhelper '56 (SM). Brother of Judy (Steinhelper) Montiegel '54 (SM), Charles Steinhelper '59 (SM), Richard Steinhelper '64 (SM), and Lynn Steinhelper '65 (SM). 6-29-13

Frank Recchia '73 (NDHS), father of Jacqueline Recchia '05 (NDP) and Michael Recchia '08 (NDP). 6-17-13

Regina (Luzod) Rose '53 (SF), sister of Lawrence Luzod '49 (SF). 6-13-13

Fr. Donald Kuntz, honorary St. Frederick alumnus. Served as assistant pastor of Pontiac's St. Vincent de Paul from 1946-50. 6-13-13

Timothy Haney '74 (NDHS), brother of Christopher Haney '77 (NDHS). 6-7-13

Joseph Mitchell '03 (NDP). 6-4-13

Jim Mandl '66 (NDHS), father of Jim Mandl '90 (NDHS). Dedicated volunteer who, along with his son, gave years of service to the alumni of Notre Dame High School. Passed away in the comfort of his home due to complications from cancer surgery. 6-2-13

Donald Mountain '60 (SM), brother of the late Robert Mountain '50 (SM) and the late John Mountain '57 (SM). 5-21-13

Marguerite (Landry) Gregory '67 (SF), sister of the late Therese (Landry) Leone '58 (SF), Louise (Landry) Lyons '60 (SF), Roger Landry '62 (SF), Rene Landry '66 (SF), and Marc Landry '72 (PC). Sister-in-law of Rose (Tenuta) Landry '58 (SM). 5-14-13

Michael Boren '80 (NDHS). 5-5-13

Catherine (Wroblewski) Giroux '71 (PC), sister of Karen (Wroblewski) Russell '72 (PC). 5-3-13

Norman Durfee, former NDHS maintenance staff member. 4-28-13

Anthony Kaiser '72 (NDHS). 4-24-13

Donald McCracken '43 (SF), husband of the late Sara (Palopoli) McCracken '43 (SF). Brother of the late James McCracken '37 (SF). 4-19-13

Michael Sobczak '60 (NDHS). 4-19-13

Joseph Lambertz '63 (NDHS). 4-14-13

Richard Robar '47 (SM). 4-10-13

Betty (Beckwith) Mooney '42 (SM), sister of Fred Beckwith '54 (SM) and the late Glenn Beckwith '62 (SM). Sister-in-law of Jane (Thornberry) Beckwith '54 (SM). 4-9-13

Gerald Keesling '56 (SM), brother of the late John Keesling '49 (SM), Daniel Keesling '52 (SM), and Michael Keesling '61 (SM). Brother-in-law of Barbara (Burch) Keesling '51 (SM) and Shirley (Carroll) Keesling '53 (SM). Uncle of Stephen Keesling '71 (PC) and Kenneth Keesling '73 (PC). 4-1-13

Harold Fitzgerald '49 (SM). 3-23-13

Mary E. Cosgrove '73 (PC), daughter of Marilyn Cosgrove '49 (SM), niece of Helen Cosgrove Gagel '32 (SF) and cousin of Annemarie Gagel-Weers '73 (PC). 3-19-13

Carlton Witkowski '59 (NDHS) 3-19-13

Paul Bucci '83 (NDHS). 3-18-13

Marguerite (LaFave) Miller '41 (SF). 3-5-13

David Ritchie '78 (NDHS). 2-26-13

Charles Hurtubise '47 (SM). 2-13-13

Michael Fabick '62 (NDHS). 2-1-13

Gary Dederichs '63 (NDHS). April 2012

NOTE: For a complete list, see ndpma.org/prayers.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

THE POWER OF NUMBERS

By Andy Guest '84 (NDHS) Vice President for Advancement, NDPMA

At a recent meeting with faculty and staff, we shared some of the fundraising results for the school. During the 2012/2013 school year, the Notre Dame Annual Fund achieved a record \$431,000 in contributions from just under 1,000 individual donors.

While this is a meaningful number for the school, we talked a bit about the power of numbers. For example, we currently have approximately 15,000 constituents in our database. This includes: current parents (850); alum parents (2,000); grandparents (350); faculty (75); staff (25); retired faculty (50); friends (200); and alumni from St. Michael (900); St. Frederick (700); Pontiac Catholic (200); Oakland Catholic (12); Notre Dame High School (7,000); and Notre Dame Prep (2,500).

With a database of constituents this large, you can have a lot of fun looking at the power of numbers. For example, if every single person connected with the Marist Fathers or ND Prep in some way, shape or form was to donate \$100 per year to the Notre Dame Annual Fund, that would equate to \$1,500,000 annually, or \$7,500,000 over the course of five years.

Likewise, if every single constituent were to donate \$500 per year to a capital campaign, that would equate to \$7,500,000 annually or \$37,500,000 over the course of five years.

While it is unlikely that the school ever would achieve close to a 100% participation rate, it is not hard to imagine what could be done for the mission of Catholic education if we could achieve even half of these results.

The simple fact of the matter is that participation, at every level, is important. Successful fundraising is the result of regular people giving regular gifts on a regular basis at a level that they can afford. Compounded over time, this is the power of numbers.

If you would like to support Notre Dame and its efforts in forming good Christian people, upright citizens and academic scholars, please take a moment to fill out the enclosed envelope in this issue of IRISH or call the advancement office anytime at (248) 373-2171.



NDAA 2013-14 board members at their September meeting included, from left, Scott Lockhart '98 (NDP), Lauren Tuski '09 (NDP), Daniel Terzano '10 (NDP), Victoria Sidor '01 (NDP), Grant Golasa '10 (NDP), Jane Dika '02 (NDP) and John McCabe '63 (NDHS)

PHOTO BY RACHEL (ALEXANDER) MILLER '00 (NDP)

NOTRE DAME ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE 2013-2014 YEAR:

Victoria Sidor '01 (NDP) – President

Keaton Curran '10 (NDP) – Vice President

Lauren Tuski '09 (NDP) – Treasurer*

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Sarah Fredin '09 (NDP) – Member

Grant Golasa '10 (NDP) – Member

Daniel Terzano '10 (NDP) – Member

Daniel Marchese '02 (NDHS) – Ex Officio

Jim Gammicchia '99 (NDP) – Ex Officio

*elected at Alumni Annual Meeting in August 2013

ALUMNI SURVEY – COMING FALL 2013. WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Alumni Association will be conducting an electronic survey among all alumni in the fall of 2013. Please consider participating when you receive the invitation and survey link via e-mail in the coming weeks. Update your e-mail address to ensure you receive the invitation to participate– www.ndpma.org/update.

Alum can't keep feet on the ground

Jon Robb '00 (NDHS) works on wind turbines during the week, flies his airplane on the weekend



The American wind energy industry had its best year ever in 2012, with more than 13,000 megawatts (MW) of energy installed. In the fourth quarter alone, more than 8,000 MW were deployed—an all-time record for the industry and twice as much wind as the previous record set in the fourth quarter 2009. Thanks to this growth, the wind industry was able to reach another milestone in 2012: achieving 60 gigawatts (GW) of cumulative wind capacity in the United States. To put it another way, the United States today has more than 45,000 wind turbines that provide enough electricity to power 14.7 million homes, roughly equivalent to the number of homes in Colorado, Iowa, Maryland, Michigan, Nevada, and Ohio combined.

Across the country, American wind power now supplies more than 10 percent of the electricity needs in nine states and more than 20 percent in Iowa and South Dakota.

Wind advocates say that the more energy we get from wind, the less carbon pollution that contributes to climate change goes into the air. They say that with 60 GW installed, it's like taking 17.5 million cars off the road. In addition, as a result of the push into wind technology, according to the U.S. Energy Department, wind companies all across the country—from Iowa and Colorado, to Ohio and Illinois—are retaining and hiring workers to help facilitate the continued growth. At the beginning of 2012, there were more than 80,000 full-time U.S. workers employed in wind energy, says the Energy Dept.

One of those full-time employees benefiting from wind energy is 2000 NDHS graduate Jon Robb. Now in his fourth year as a field technician, Robb currently is working in Illinois for General Electric, doing everything from troubleshooting and repairing to retrofitting and general maintenance on the giant wind turbines that usually are seen in bunches in rural areas of the country.

Getting to top the easy part

Robb has been working on the turbines, which typically soar 270 feet or more into the sky, since completing a rigorous education and training regimen that included a lot of field work. "I was a little nervous the first time I had to go up on a turbine," he says, "but at the top we are tied up securely with harnesses that prevent us from falling too far."

Robb says the way up is the easy part. "I get to the top by climbing

a ladder inside the turbine," he says. "We are actually tied to a cable in the center of the ladder, and some turbines even have a climb-assist system that helps us by taking off about 40 pounds, making it much easier to climb."

Once at the top, though, where the actual business end of the turbine is located, Robb and his fellow wind techs actually crawl outside on the hub housing. "It might surprise some people, but we are outside more than inside," he says. "In order to fix things like pitch-system issues with the turbine blades, we have to crawl way out onto the hub."

Not on the ground for long

Robb's family lives in St. Louis, Mich., about 20 miles south of Mt. Pleasant. But he currently is stationed at the Fowler Ridge Wind Farm in Fowler, Ill., around an hour and a half south of Chicago on the Illinois-Indiana border. He says typical wind farms have between 70 to 90 turbines. "The farm I'm stationed at now has 133, and I've worked at wind farms with more than 200 to 300 turbines, and I've seen some with as few as 40." He says that one turbine alone produces about 1.6 MW of electricity per hour, or "enough to provide electricity for 600 homes."

After a tough week on the turbines, Robb, who wanted to make sure we noted that his Notre Dame experience "was great," usually heads home to Michigan to spend the weekend with his wife, Jennifer, and son, nearly 2-year-old William.

One would think spending 40 hours-plus at the top of giant 300-foot turbines might be enough time for most to be far off the ground. But armed with a pilot's license and a 1947 Cessna 120, he flies as often as he can when he's home and the weather permits. "And sometimes my son comes along for the ride as well. He loves it!" ■



Above: Jon Robb '00 (NDHS) with his wife, Jennifer, and son, William, on a recent flight in his Cessna. Top, left: Robb at work on a wind turbine in Illinois.



Robb with his 1947 Cessna 120 airplane.



PHOTO PROVIDED BY BRIAN KELLY '77 (NDHS)

1977 GRADS GATHER FOR GOLF OUTING AT GARLAND LODGE & RESORT

Members of Notre Dame High School's Class of 1977 got together for a golf outing in July at Garland Lodge and Resort in Lewiston, Mich. Pictured in the back row (L to R): Dennis Lesnau, Brian Kelly, Bob Perry, Dave Bologna, Joe Ciolino, Ron Schypinski, Jim Saylor, Tony Locricchio, and Brian Gijsbers. Front row (L to R): Bill Cirocco, Dave Dufour, Kevin Popis, Tom Keenan, John Fiedler, Gerard Housey, Dave Coulier, Pat Adams, Mark Cendrowski, and Leo Studzinski.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION UPCOMING EVENTS

OKTOBERFEST

Saturday, October 5, 2013

6 p.m. at NDPMA, Pontiac. \$50,000 Super Raffle drawing to be held at 9 p.m. Tickets \$30 per person. Includes barbeque dinner, beer, wine, live music, dancing and entry to door prizes. Adults 21+ only. RSVP by September 24. Call Joan Kopytek in the Advancement Office at (248) 373-2171 ext. 2.

ALUMNI NIGHT AT THE THEATRE: THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Saturday, November 16, 2013

Calling all alumni, especially those who were actors, chorus members, musicians, stage crew, designers and student directors for their high school performances! Notre Dame Prep Players will present their fall musical, "The Sound of Music," running Thursday, November 14 to Sunday, November 17, at Avondale High School in Auburn Hills, Mich.

Alumni night is Saturday, November 16, and the performance is at 7 p.m. Come out and see your fellow ND thespians. For all show times, visit www.ndpma.org. Tickets are available at the door and are \$12.

ALUMNI ART SHOW

Opening Night Reception on Thursday, January 30, 2014

Show runs January 30 – February 6, 2014

The 2014 Alumni Art Show will run January 30 to February 6 (weekdays, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.) in the main lobby of Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy. An opening night reception will be held on Thursday, January 30 from 7 to 9 p.m. Wine, punch and appetizers will be served. Cost is free. RSVP by January 27, e-mail alumni@ndpma.org. Please indicate your name, class year, and number of guests. All ages welcome.

Calling all alumni artists: painters, illustrators, sculptors, potters, photographers and graphic designers! To display and/or sell your artwork in the 2014 Alumni Art Show, send in or drop off your artwork along with submission form(s) before January 17. Alums away at college or out-of-towners, bring your artwork home with you over the Christmas holiday and drop it off at the school. Download the printable form at www.ndpma.org/alumniart. To arrange a time for drop-off, call the advancement office at 248-373-2171 ext. 3. There is no fee to participate in the art show.

TRAVELING IRISH: UPCOMING STOPS IN COLLEGE TOWNS NEAR YOU

The tradition of Traveling Irish events in midwest college towns continues, as the Notre Dame Alumni Association enjoys visiting its young alums for pizza parties, bar nights and the like! The alumni association board of directors is scheduling Traveling Irish stops for Winter 2013 and Spring 2014. On its tour will be Ann Arbor, East Lansing and Mount Pleasant. Watch the Alumni E-Newsletter for more information and dates.

ND Prep alum crazy about his radio job

When Phil Kukawinski was asked by the high-school yearbook staff before his graduation where he wanted to be in 10 years, he said, "Somewhere that's not as weather-crazy as Michigan."

Well, it's not yet been 10 years since he left Notre Dame—actually only five—but 2008 NDP grad Kukawinski is still living in Michigan, and while the weather in the state he was raised in continues to surprise and sometimes shock its residents, the real "craziness" comes from Kukawinski's way-cool job at radio station 89X (88.7 FM).

Kukawinski—his on-air nom de plume is "PK"—hosts his own show on the popular Windsor, Canada-based station Saturday and Sunday mornings from midnight to 8 a.m., and Sunday nights from 10 to 11 p.m. He says he's always crazy busy at the station, and not only when he's on the air.

"Actually, the glory of my job is that my work is my fun," he says. "I'm able to go to concerts and meet many different bands and artists because of my work. I have met some amazing people in the industry, and I'm fortunate enough to attend musical events like Rock on the Range in Columbus, Ohio, and travel across the U.S. for a lot of different reasons, whether it's to check out new music or attend conferences."

Kukawinski says the radio biz hasn't always been fun and games. "When I graduated high school, I was unsure of what I wanted to do, so [at Grand Valley State University], I began taking all of the general education classes," he says. "I started doing a radio show at the college radio station there as a way to just escape from the dorms and have a couple of hours to myself." But during the summer after his freshman year he was invited into the studio at 89X, and it wasn't long before he scored an internship there. And then the radio bug bit him big-time.

"I finished another semester at GVSU and then transferred to Oakland University, where I could continue interning in the studio," Kukawinski says. He changed his major to communications and graduated from OU in 2011.

Like most interns, Kukawinski's goal eventually was to secure a paid position. And like most interns can tell you, it's not an easy process. "My first 'real' radio gig came after three long years of interning," he says. "I started off working in a real job as a music director for AOL Radio." But 89X was going through a lot of staff changes, and Kukawinski was able to jump on board again there and move up the ladder relatively fast. He was hired in as a programming assistant and then an on-air DJ, doing the overnight shift on weekends.

The nickname "PK," he says, came about in a funny sort of way.

"The higher-ups at the station decided that 'Phil' was a little too boring. All my life I had no idea," he says with a laugh. "And I couldn't go by 'Phil the Intern' since I technically wasn't an intern anymore. So after some brainstorming with friends and family, I settled on using my initials. Nice and simple, and pretty hard to forget!"

Also hard to forget, Kukawinski says, is his time at Notre Dame Prep.

At NDP, "I always enjoyed seeing how long I could let my facial hair go before I would get in trouble," he recalls. "Thankfully, Father Strasz was fairly lenient with some of the rules!" And he really misses his teachers. "I had a lot of classes where even if I didn't necessarily enjoy the subject, I enjoyed being in the class because the teachers made it fun to learn."

Many Notre Dame teachers come to mind, he says. "Mr. McCaskey, Mrs. Kochenderfer-Preiss, and although I never had her for a class, Mrs. Kotzan was always awesome."

They all must have been doing something right, according to Kukawinski. "Even though NDP didn't really push me into radio, the goal of high school is to help create a well-rounded individual, and I feel as though the teachers did just that for me. There were plenty of classes at Prep that taught me different skills that I'm able to use every day," he says. "I am still able to apply those skills in my daily life."

It's a fair bet he'll be applying them well into his next five, 10, or many more years of his life—whether he's living in crazy weather or not. ■



Above: Phil Kukawinski '08 (NDHS). **Top:** Kukawinski, second from right, with members of the Florida-based band Amberlin.

Statues of history

NDHS alum Mike Petrucci is helping to preserve Michigan's automotive history

The sun is shining outside on this spring day, but Mike Petrucci '62 (NDHS) is inside his shop just down the street from the DTE Energy Music Theatre working on making the late Walter P. Chrysler come back to life.

No, he's not some latter-day Dr. Frankenstein. He runs a company called Fine Arts Sculpture Centre, and one of his big projects currently is called "Back to the Bricks," which involves creating life-sized bronze statues of historic automotive-industry pioneers (like Chrysler) to be located all over the city of Flint.

The project, according to the Genesee County committee heading it up, is meant to "inspire the next generation of leadership while educating the public on the legacy of the automotive industry, especially in Genesee County and Flint." Besides Walter Chrysler, other statues on Petrucci's to-do list are those of David Buick, Charles Nash, C.S. Mott, Walter Reuther, Albert Champion and Charles F. Kettering. As they are completed, the sculptures will be installed at various locations in the city.

Even though he didn't take art at Notre Dame or in college, Petrucci's work looks to be just as artistic and relevant as those coming from casting foundries used by the great sculptors Alberto Giacometti, Marshall Fredericks and many others in the early 20th century who relied on the kind of skilled craftsmen like Petrucci and his employees.

"My uncle, Fred Petrucci, started the company in 1962, the year I graduated from Notre Dame, after he trained in Italy with Bruno Bearzi," Petrucci says. "Bearzi was the internationally regarded director of the Fonderia Artistica Fiorentina." Petrucci notes that his company is one of only a handful in the state that utilize the old-world-like lost-wax, shell-casting process and that also provides complete turn-key operations, including repair and restoration, patina application and even statue installation.

Petrucci works with sculptors locally and worldwide to create the artwork. The Flint statues are being created by Clio, Mich., sculptor Joe Rundell. Other Petrucci-cast statues, which can be seen throughout southeast

Michigan, include Joe Louis, widely seen inside the lobby of Cobo Center in downtown Detroit, Thomas Edison in Port Huron, and the Vietnam War Memorial in Mt. Pleasant.

He says over the years he's met some really interesting people. "On the Joe Louis project for the city of Detroit, for example, I was able to meet Mayor Coleman Young. That was fun!



Mike Petrucci '62 (NDHS) with a mold used to cast a bronze statue of auto pioneer Walter P. Chrysler.

"We've come a long way," Petrucci says, "A long way from the small barn my Uncle Fred used when he first opened FASC on this plot of land in Clarkston."

Most of his operation today looks modern and almost completely brand new. Petrucci says that's because it is. "We had a fire in 2002 and lost a lot of the building, which was pretty old and constructed mostly of wood," he says. "I got a call at home that day from a landscaper who rents some of my property. He says 'Mike, your building is on fire.' By the time I got here most of the building was already on the ground." He says they never determined how the fire

started, but he quickly rebuilt to keep moving on the business, most of which comes from clients in Michigan, with a smattering from Chicago or New York.

Work has been a bit tepid over the past few years, Petrucci says, but lately there seems to be an uptick. "One of the problems we've been having is that many of the artists or patrons I've been dealing with over the years are getting old and are—or will be—retiring."

As such, he's planning to step up his marketing activity. As for competition, Petrucci says there really aren't too many companies in Michigan that do what Fine Arts does, other than possibly one other foundry about the same size in Kalamazoo. "And there are the colleges, of course, like Wayne State and CCS downtown, that will take in casting work, but for the most part, there aren't too many like us." Outside of Michigan, however, there are large concentrations of companies like his in New York, Colorado and the west coast.

But Petrucci is content to stay in Michigan where his kids, grandkids and friends are. In fact he still regularly gets together with a few members of his 1962 Notre Dame class, including Terry Foley, Tom Lueck and Judson Noe. In September of last year, Petrucci and fellow members of his NDHS football team were honored at a Notre Dame Prep football game in Pontiac.

Being recognized at a Prep football game was a great honor, Petrucci says, but he holds a special place for a memorable event back when he was a member of Notre Dame's varsity baseball team.

"The biggest sports highlight for me at Notre Dame was when we played baseball at Tiger Stadium against St. Thomas in what was then called the city championship. On the bus ride to the game, Coach Tom Kelly says to me, 'Do you think you can handle Kaline's corner?' I was a junior and not a regular starter, but of course I said yes. So he started me over a senior in right field. I had the game of my life!" ■

Mike Petrucci's Fine Arts Sculpture Center is located at 4975 Waldon Rd., Clarkston, MI 48348. Email: mpetrucci@fineartsonline.net. Phone: (248) 391-3010.

Irish for life



“I think it’s important to support Notre Dame because Notre Dame supported me.”

Robin Weaver '11 (NDP)
on her high school
alma mater

English and communications major says Notre Dame was a blessing, wants to help those who follow



Notre Dame Prep grad Robin Weaver ('11) is studying English and communications at John Carroll University in University Heights, Ohio. She says her time at Notre Dame was invaluable to her becoming the person she is today and who she hopes to become in the future. Read on . . .

IRISH: Tell us about your experience so far at John Carroll University.

ROBIN WEAVER: I started looking at John Carroll because my cousin (who also attended NDP) went to Carroll and suggested I look there. John Carroll had the academics I desired, a very strong communications program, and the opportunity to participate in a variety of extracurricular activities. One of the deciding factors for me was the feeling on campus. Even when I was touring, everyone was very kind, and campus felt like home.

As far as my majors, I knew going into my freshman year that I wanted to major in communications because the program at Carroll encompasses both theater and advertising, two areas of study in which I am interested. I became interested in pursuing English in college after AP Composition with Mr. Butorac and AP Literature with Mrs. Bembas, but I had not chosen which path of study I wanted to pursue. (John Carroll offers both a literature-based major and a writing-based major.) I decided to major in writing after several wonderful English classes my freshman and sophomore years.

IRISH: What has sparked your interest in pursuing a career in stage management?

WEAVER: I started getting involved with theater at NDP. I was in the chorus for "Anything Goes" my freshman year and I was hooked. I was part of every show after that at NDP, be it on stage or backstage. After co-student directing "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," I realized that I really loved the stage management aspect of theater. At John Carroll, I have worked both the main stage shows and the one acts, which are directed by students in the directing classes (which I hope to take next year). I have been a member of running crew and stage managed "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940," our main stage show last fall. This fall I will be stage-managing "Legally Blonde."

Ultimately, I would love to stage manage in either Cleveland or New York. There is a wonderfully vibrant theater community in Cleveland, and I have been lucky enough to work with some key members of that community. Of course, Broadway is the dream job of just about everyone in the theater world!

IRISH: You also have interest in a career in

advertising. If you go this route, do you hope to use your English and writing skills?

WEAVER: I do! I waffled between majoring and minoring in English for a long time, but my interest in advertising pushed me to major in the subject. Writing is a skill that I can utilize in any career path, but it will be especially beneficial in marketing- and advertising-based jobs.

IRISH: You've also continued to play the flute, correct? Are you in the band at JCU?

WEAVER: Yes! I started playing the flute in sixth grade; my choices were to join the band, orchestra or choir. I wanted to play the trombone, but my mom suggested that I play the flute because it would fit into my locker (and because my arms weren't long enough to reach all of the slide positions for the trombone). I have never looked back!

The reasons I'm still in band are the reasons why band was so important to me at NDP: I love the music and I love the people.

Playing music always has been really relaxing for me, so being able to go to rehearsal and play is great stress relief at John Carroll, especially around finals. The sense of community that accompanies band is amazing as well. At John Carroll, the band moves in early and has a full-day rehearsal before the freshmen move-in for orientation. As a freshman, getting to move in early and meeting more than 20 upperclassmen was a great experience. Before classes even started I knew people around campus, which was fantastic. Currently, I am the promotions officer for the John Carroll University Pep Band.

IRISH: Tell us about any other extracurricular activities in college.

WEAVER: I am a member of the Little Theater Society at JCU and work for the theater department as work-study. I also participate in campus-ministry events. My main leadership roles are in theater and band as the stage manager and promotions officer, respectively. I am the student-at-large representative for the Student Activity Fee Allocation Committee, which reviews the activity fee budget and makes recommendations as to how the money should be allocated. We work closely with both the Student Union and the faculty to provide the best recommendations for students.

IRISH: Have you completed any internships, study-abroad programs, or work-study programs?

WEAVER: I participate in work-study through the theater on campus, which has been a great experience. In the evenings when I'm working on the shows, I focus mainly on calling the shows and what the actors/crew are doing. While I'm at work, I get to build sets and props, which gives me a holistic

view of theater. As far as study abroad, I am planning on taking a class senior year that will go to London over spring break, which works really well for me. I can continue to work on campus and stay involved in the activities in Ohio, but I can have the study-abroad experience to some degree as well.

IRISH: Did your English classes at Notre Dame prepare you for college-level studies?

WEAVER: My English classes at NDP absolutely prepared me for college English courses! I tested out of all freshmen English classes, so I got to start taking courses geared toward my major right away. I took two 300-level writing workshops last year and was nervous at the beginning of each course. But because of my background in English at Prep, I was a strong student in each course. The English courses at Carroll feel like a natural progression from the English courses at Prep—the two complement each other nicely. The foundation in English that Notre Dame gave me has helped me get my work published, as well. I had two pieces—a short story and a poem—published in John Carroll's literary magazine, *The Carroll Review*.

Mr. Butorac was one of the major reasons I decided to pursue English in college. He pushed me to improve my writing skills and encouraged me to branch out. Working with him on the Creative Writing Club was another factor that cemented my desire to continue with English.

IRISH: Do you feel that Notre Dame prepared you for life after high school?

WEAVER: NDP did a great job preparing me for life after high school. I was not only prepared academically, but socially as well. I learned how to lead groups effectively at Notre Dame, which has been invaluable. I also gained a lot of self-confidence at NDP because of the environment, and that has led me to be a lot more outgoing now.

IRISH: As an alumna, why do you feel it's important to support your high school alma mater?

WEAVER: I think it's important to support Notre Dame because Notre Dame supported me. During my four years there I grew and changed so much because of the programs offered to students. These programs would not have been possible without the support of the alumni. Now it's my turn to help give others the opportunity to have the same experience I had. Being able to attend Notre Dame Prep was such a blessing for me. My time at Notre Dame is the reason that I am the person I am today. I cannot say thank you enough to everyone who participated in my education, from my parents to my teachers to my friends. I'm proud to be Irish for life! " ■



community. Until now.

Notre Dame Prep graduate Jeremy Winkler '02, along with a team of fellow scientists, recently completed research that goes a long way in explaining this phenomenon. It's research, he says, on which he spent pretty much the last quarter of his still-young life.

"I spent more than half of my 20s trying to make this molecule," Winkler says. "It wasn't easy, but it's finally finished!"

Inflammation in the body is a complex process, according to Winkler. He says until fairly recently it was thought to be a passive process that would slowly taper off over time. "However, a new class of compounds was discovered in inflammatory exudates that promote resolution and resolve inflammation," he says. "They are derived from omega-3 fatty acids such as DHA. One of these classes of compounds, termed "resolvins," are extremely potent in reducing inflammation in the body.

"What my work synthesizing this metabolite means is that in conjunction with our collaborators at Harvard we were able to confirm these compounds in the body and determine what they are targeting in order to fight chronic inflammation."

Doctorate from USC

Winkler, who finished his undergrad in 2006, double majored in chemistry and environmental studies with a minor in Spanish at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. He decided to further pursue his interests in science by getting his doctorate in medicinal chemistry at the University of Southern California. He published 10 papers during his PhD studies and to date has presented his work at a number of con-

spirin and a diet rich in omega-3 fatty acids (fish oil) have long been prescribed by doctors as a way to reduce inflammation in the body, inflammation that also can exacerbate heart disease, lung and kidney disease, as well as arthritis, cancer, and other ailments. But exactly why aspirin and fish oil do this has been a big mystery in the medical and scientific com-

ferences across the country, including one at Harvard University in May.

An article about his research published by the University of Southern California earlier this year said that by studying inflammation, the team determined that aspirin triggers the production of a new form of molecules called resolvins, which are naturally made by the body to shut off inflammation. In particular, the researchers found that one type of resolvin—resolvin D3—lingers at the site of inflammation, suggesting that it plays a particular role in helping to "conclude this immune process."

Treatment of arthritis

Winkler's ground-breaking research on resolvins also included fellow scientists Jasim Uddin, Charles N. Serhan and Nicos A. Petasis, who produced by chemical synthesis resolvin D3 from omega-3 fatty acids and aspirin-triggered resolvin D3 molecules in pure form, both of which were highly effective in reducing inflammation that can cause heart disease and arthritis.

Basically, what they discovered was that when aspirin and fish oil are combined into one treatment, they are better able to control some of the overactive immune responses patients sometimes get with long-term illnesses. The treatment of arthritis, in particular, will benefit from these findings, according to Winkler, who was pleasantly surprised by this result.

"I had no idea this would have such huge implications for arthritis," he commented at the conclusion of the research.

Winkler defended his thesis this past month and received an offer to do his post-doctoral research at Harvard. "I'm currently trying to decide if I want to go the academic route or try to get involved in the business side of things through consulting," he says.

At Notre Dame Prep

Looking back at his time at Notre Dame Prep, Winkler says the school had huge implications for him and for his career. "NDP was a great experience, and science teacher Susan Toczyłowski stood out as a person who really got me excited about science," he says. "Her AP biology class was fantastic, and I remember working closely with her to establish NDP's first recycling program and environmental club. It definitely set a high standard for what I expected in college and how I found myself becoming a chemist." ■

Mad about science

NDP grad helps clear up age-old scientific mystery



Jeremy Winkler '02 (NDP), right, in the lab at the Loker Hydrocarbon Research Institute after a recent university symposium. Winkler received his doctorate from the University of Southern California.

Marist on a mission



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Father John Bolduc, s.m., who taught at Notre Dame High School in the '60s and '70s, has been serving as a missionary around the world in countries ranging from Jamaica to Senegal.

Currently stationed at Marist School in Atlanta, Ga., Bolduc looks back fondly on his tenure at NDHS. "I have wonderful memories of my years at Notre Dame in Harper Woods," he says.

When Marist provincial Fr. Ted Keating, s.m., asked Bolduc to write about his missionary work, he was still recovering from major heart surgery. "But I did so right away after he asked me. I think I was still under medication from heart surgery. I guess that means it was coming from the heart!"

Along with helping out at Marist School, Bolduc spends a lot of time working with the Latino community at his parish in Atlanta. His missionary memories follow.

The U.S. Province, An International Communion

A Memoir by Fr. John Bolduc, s.m.

Only with an attitude of adventure and openness to surprises can we leave everything we know, and dare to venture to a land somewhere unknown. That attitude to mission is grace—to see the whole world as a gift, a surprise—and that grace can be experienced walking down the corridor in a school in Pontiac, Mich., entering an assisted-living facility in New Orleans, La., or harmonizing the activities between the Hispanic and Haitian community in Brooklyn, N.Y. Grace is the surprise we do not deserve.

When I was professed in 1963, the furthest thought from my mind was to go to the missions. I found missionary slide shows (God forgive me) boring. I was assured that I would never be assigned to the missions, as one had to volunteer and then might be called. Then Fr. DiIanni, my Provincial at the time, asked if I would be interested in going to Suva, Fiji. I asked, "Where is Suva?"

Leaving a wonderful experience of campus ministry in Alfred, Maine, Fr. Jim McEnrue

missionaries really love the people they are with?" Jim said, "Of course!" (How'd he know?) I landed in Fiji and was knocked off my feet. In the peoples' presence I was already in community—drinking yaqona [a local drink made from the roots of kava, a shrub found in Polynesia] with the same rites they shared with their ancestors. I gave a gift of a shirt to "Peceli," and the next morning his cousin was wearing it. What belonged to one was for everyone. Life was bigger than the individual. There was a union and a bonding with society, with Jesus Christ. They really believed in Jesus.

Later, as a formation director in Africa, I told Society of Mary candidates to prepare themselves to serve anywhere in the Marist world, since a ministry in their own homeland was not guaranteed. I felt badly for them because they so loved their home countries. But a missionary can find a new homeland where called to serve. When I returned to the U.S. after Dakar, Senegal, I was in a dark place. And deeply homesick. Fr. DiIanni said my time in Fiji was expired, but he was looking into Senegal next for me. If I had returned to Fiji—my fervent prayer at the time—the whole next chapter of my life would be missing.

Who deserves to live with such beautiful people as the Senegalese? Their dress, their ethnic background, their language, their extended families, their food, their music, their faith touched me so. In a country that is more than 90 percent Muslim, Catholics still had a church, as Islam is a religion of peace. Muslims would come for ashes on Ash Wednesday and in the Senegalese language of Wolof say "jamm rekk," which means "peace."

It is humbling to be invited by people to share the sacredness of their lives with them. Who deserves this? Surely, teaching in the seminary was a wonderfully broadening experience in Suva with bright young minds interested in wondering. Only young minds can dare to wander and learn to wonder.

I returned from Africa for a seven-year pastorate of St. Francis/St. Blaise in Brooklyn, a rich, beautiful, warm community of Hai-

tians, Dominicans, Latinos—now the majority in a long-standing Anglo community made up of two previous Irish and Italian parishes; in a way that demonstrates how our nation and its culture is so rooted internationally. I was home in the U.S., but still in other parts of the world.

Of my next experience of seven years in Jamaica—what can I say? I felt truly like a missionary in that beautiful land of wonderful, passionate, enthusiastic people. The parish church had been abandoned, and many folks saw little value in the Eucharist and no value in Mary. Yet, after three years with them, it was after a funeral in Donnington, late one Saturday afternoon, I suggested that we might skip Mass for that Sunday. They said, "No, Father, we want our Mass!" I knew something had happened!

Every time we experience the otherness of other cultures, we are enriched beyond anything we deserve. The love of other as other opens the window to The Other, the Holy in friendship, in society, in enriched ways of doing prayer. It



Above: Fr. Bolduc performs a baptism in Donnington, Jamaica. Top: Bolduc, at right, with two seminarians, Farasico and Ganiuci, in Fiji.

is only in reverence and respect for the other can we all grow. This is what permits the oak tree to grow alongside the other

stately trees. I have learned that cultural assimilation is a form of genocide; our diversity is what makes the world alive and exciting. An x-ray technician came from behind the screen to look at me in person after I returned to the states. "It says here you are 70 years old. That is impossible!" Yes, I am 70, and would not give up any of those years for anything! Thank God for a life of adventures in grace around the globe. I am back in the Marist U.S. Province, but have had the grace of living its internationality. Now I minister to people from Guatemala—in Atlanta! I hope they, too, are adventurous! ■

Alumni Notes & Info

Notre Dame Prep: **(NDP)**; Notre Dame High School: **(NDHS)**; Pontiac Catholic: **(PC)**; Oakland Catholic: **(OC)**; St. Frederick: **(SF)**; St. Michael: **(SM)**

NOTRE DAME PREP ALUMNI

Kathryn (Basch) Brown '99 (NDP) had the pleasure of being an on-air judge on "The Chew" television show in April.

Thomas Durkin '00 (NDP) was issued his 5th U.S. Patent. Tom is a total validation engineer for General Motors Global Powertrain.

Sarah Brown '01 (NDP) and her husband, Kevin Baker, welcomed son Wesley Montague Baker on June 24, 2013. He was 7 lbs. 2 oz. and 20 inches. Sarah continues to reside in Charleston, West Virginia and practices law at Mountain State Justice, a non-profit focused on consumer law.

Jim Wilde '01 (NDP) recently opened his third GO CYCLE studio—this one in the Village of Rochester Hills, Mich. He previously opened GO CYCLE locations in Royal Oak and Detroit, Mich.

Kaelyn (Sullivan) Bullock '02 (NDP) and her husband, Dennis, live in Seattle. Kaelyn is a teacher.

Meredith Gifford '02 (NDP) moved to Boston to attend Emerson College, where she is pursuing a masters in theatre education. Meredith recently was nominated for two Michigan-based actor awards: Best Supporting Actress by the Rogue's Gallery Awards, and Best Featured Actress in a Variety Show by the Detroit Actors Theatre Company. Since 2012, Meredith has served as secretary on the Notre Dame Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Charles Ouellette '02 (NDP) returned to the U.S. after being deployed overseas at a forward operating base serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Ouellette is a deputy brigade engineer assigned to the 4th Airborne Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. He has served in the military for seven years. While deployed, Ouellette received a Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart. He earned a bachelor's degree in 2006 from Michigan State University, and a master's degree in 2011 from Missouri University of Science and Technology, Rolla, Mo. Charles and his wife, Dana, live on-base in Alaska. (Source: The Lansing State Journal)

Sean Stringer '03 (NDP) is Active Duty United States Air Force working as a general dentist at Nellis and Creech Air Force Bases in Nevada. He is pursuing a four-year Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery residency beginning summer of 2015. Sean and his wife, Chelsea, live in Las Vegas and have a one-year-old son, Hudson.

Emma (Mizusawa) Boley '04 (NDP) and husband, Rob, live in Chicago. Emma is a graduate of the University of Michigan and is a pre-K teacher with North Park Elementary School.

Brian Connolly '04 (NDP) graduated from University of Michigan Law School in December 2012, and moved to Denver, Colorado to begin work as an associate with a land use and real estate law firm.

Ryan Corcoran '05 (NDP) is a graduate of Grand Valley State University and works as a data quality analyst for Target Corporation. He and his wife, Stephanie, live in Minneapolis, MN.

Ryan Schraffenberger '05 (NDP) is a graduate of Saginaw Valley State University, works in advertising and owns and operates a DJ business on the side. Ryan recently became one of the youngest members of the Florida Keys Key

Colony Beach City Commission.

Daniel Brickley '06 (NDP) is a graduate student at Michigan State University, earning his PhD in the Department of Plant Biology.

Eoghan McGreevy '06 (NDP) completed his first year at Wayne State University School of Medicine and is a class representative for the class of 2016. He spent time earlier this year in Haiti, where he attended to the needs of locals. For his service, Eoghan was selected as a Dean's Distinguished Leadership Award recipient. The award is given by the university to students who continuously place others' needs in front of their own and demonstrate genuine care for the betterment of patients.

Dennis Strach '06 (NDP) completed his first year of studies in the M.Div. program at the University of Notre Dame, and his first year in temporary vows with the Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province of Priests and Brothers. After spending some time with the Holy Cross community in Monterrey, Mexico, Strach spent the summer in Canto Grande, Peru, where he renewed his vows. He will continue studies at Notre Dame as he works toward priesthood.

Sarah Burns '07 (NDP) was promoted to first lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. She currently serves as the base public affairs officer at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, NC.

Benjamin Derico '07 (NDP) works for Bixby Apps in San Francisco, Calif. In May, Steve bicycled over 300 miles in three days from Detroit to Chicago, as part of the second-annual Bikes 4 Books fundraiser to benefit Pangea Educational Development, helping schools in Uganda.

Andrea Bierema '08 (NDP) graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in psychology - a true accomplishment after receiving a heart transplant in 2009. Andrea's success story was published in the Oakland Press in June. Over the summer, Andrea worked with a U-M campus group called Beyond Bounds, a student development program designed to help college students discover and pursue their post-graduate goals. Andrea now looks forward to pursuing her own career goals and hopes to make a difference in the world.

Thomas Dulapa '08 (NDP) graduated with his Master's Degree from Michigan State University in May 2013. He passed his CPA exams and began employment with KPMG's Detroit office in August.

Desiree Messina '08 (NDP) attends Oakland University where she is a midfielder on OU's Division II lacrosse team. Last year Desiree had 77 goals and 33 assists, for which she was named Lacrosse Magazine's WCLA Division II Preseason Player of the Year.

Nina Whitted '08 (NDP) is a paramedic with Universal Ambulance. She lives in Warren.

Brendan Cervone '09 (NDP) is the director of media and marketing for Lozier Music Studio in Rochester Hills, Mich.

Sarah Dulapa '09 (NDP) is a senior at Michigan State University majoring in English and currently serving as a sports journalism intern for HerGameLife.

Elizabeth Elias '09 (NDP) was honored to be selected as a semi-finalist for the Challenge Detroit fellowship, whose mission is to help businesses grow in Michigan through a variety of programs and particularly to help Michigan businesses find the talent they need to prosper here. Liz currently works as a behavior tutor for children and teenagers with autism spectrum disorders.

Evelyn Everhart '09 (NDP) is a jazz/folk singer-songwriter in Kalamazoo, Mich. She has 2 covers and many original songs, all sung and performed on the baritone ukulele.

Jacob Gronowski '09 (NDP) continues to run his lawn business while double majoring in Accounting & Finance at Oakland University. Jacob recently competed in his first Tough Mudder this past June.

Kacie Steinbrecher '09 (NDP) graduated in May from Vanderbilt University and will begin medical school this fall.

Jaclyn Wilson '09 (NDP) graduated from Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama on May 5, 2013. Jaclyn earned a bachelor of science in marine biology, with a minor in Spanish. Jaclyn plans to attend graduate school in the fall. Recently Jaclyn spent time tagging sharks in the Gulf and shipwreck diving in the Florida Keys.

Andrew Lyng '10 (NDP) was recognized at the University of Michigan Honors Convocation on March 17, 2013. He was named an Angell Scholar for his four consecutive semesters of all 'A's in the College of Literature, Science and the Arts, and was invited to shake the hand of university president Mary Sue Coleman.

Abigail Lyng '11 (NDP) was selected to represent the University of Michigan as a campus tour guide this past spring and summer in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Samantha Meltzer '11 (NDP) wrote, "I am currently studying at Northwestern University and am majoring in journalism and political science, with a certificate in marketing communications."

Alexander Rink '11 (NDP) is a member of the University of Michigan Men's Glee Club.

Nicklas Bonello '12 (NDP) attends Western Michigan University, where he completed his first year, majoring in flight science and minoring in Chinese. With aspirations to be a commercial pilot, Nick is gaining experience working for American Eagle Airlines as a gate agent, doing on-the-ground work such as baggage handling. Future goals include one-day working for Air China, where he can put his knowledge of Chinese to use.

Mary Eicher '12 (NDP) attends University of Detroit Mercy, where she is majoring in business with minors in museum studies and Spanish.

Ruairi McGreevy '12 (NDP) is a Cadet in the United States Air Force Academy, and was accepted into USAFA Jump School. In March, Ruairi was invited to have his photo taken with U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, who was instrumental in the nominating process last year that earned McGreevy his appointment.

Jacob Romeo '12 (NDP) earned his first collegiate varsity letter in football at the University of Chicago, where he made the travel team and played in all games. A few of his NDP friends even came out to watch him play. Jake also runs track at the university.

Alexander Smith '12 (NDP) completed his first year at University of Michigan. In May, Al visited campus as a guest speaker at the NDP senior barbeque.

Audrey Tatum '12 (NDP) completed her first year at the University of Notre Dame. In May, Audrey visited campus as a guest speaker at the NDP senior barbeque.

Mary Grace Calvaneso '13 (NDP) is an intern for the Bottomless Toy Chest, a non-profit organization that brings toys and games to children in hospitals undergoing cancer treatment.

Over the summer, she facilitated an EcoPhones cell phone drive to raise funds for the program. Gracie will begin her freshman year at Oakland University this fall.

Elizabeth Ridge '13 (NDP) was accepted during her senior year at NDP to MedStart, a program that ensures a spot at Wayne State University's Medical School after completing four years at Northern Michigan University. She is one of only two students in the country who earn this NMU/WSU honor. Elizabeth hopes to pursue a career as an orthopedic surgeon. "I like the idea of helping to put people back together and improve the quality of their lives."

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI

John McCabe '63 (NDHS) helped organize the 2013 Alumni Detroit Tigers Outing on July 30, 2013. He arranged group tickets and reserved a section for the group within Comerica Park's exclusive Tiger Club. John works for the United States Postal Service and he and wife, Rita, live in Clinton Township. The couple attends nearly all Tigers' home games as season ticket holders. John recently was elected to the Notre Dame Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Hon. James Chylinski '66 (NDHS) is a Wayne County Circuit Court Judge. He and his wife, Patricia, live in Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan. They have two children, Randi and Jaclyn.

Paul Trybus '67 (NDHS) wrote the alumni office upon the passing of Mr. Hal Rice, "Sad news indeed. He was our History teacher our junior year at NDHS and we always enjoyed his class."

John Melnik '68 (NDHS) retired from AT&T in May 2012. He and wife, Sandra, live in Waterford, Michigan, and have three daughters, Jessica, Kaitlyn and Amanda.

James Moseley '68 (NDHS) works for International Trading Solutions. He and his wife, Diana, live in Troy. Jim's three sons graduated from Notre Dame Prep: Scott '02, Christopher '03 and David '06.

Rick Brown '69 (NDHS) is an MBA graduate of the University of Michigan and became a CPA and CMA. For the past several years Rick has served as the CFO of an automotive parts supplier in Rochester Hills.

Dennis Gornick '69 (NDHS) was diagnosed with early-stage cancer, and underwent surgery and began treatment in early August. Prayers are appreciated for Dennis' full and speedy healing and recovery.

David Cerrini '70 (NDHS) wrote the alumni office upon the passing of Mr. Hal Rice, "This news saddens me. Mr. Rice was my favorite teacher while I attended school at Notre Dame, during my four years of high school. I am sure his family knows what a wonderful person he is."

Gary "Will" DeBouver '71 (NDHS) is living in Simpsonville, South Carolina, with his wife, Marie, and is President of Fraud Investigative Services, LLC, a forensic accounting firm that specializes in investigative accounting and fraud examination. He has a 24-year-old daughter and a granddaughter with another granddaughter on the way! When not working long hours, Gary likes to spend time on his road bicycle as well as playing the drums and the guitar in various bands in the Upstate SC.

Kurt Ladensack '73 (NDHS) wrote, "My wife and I have retired and moved to Nevada in April 2013 after 30+ years living in the SF Bay area. We are building a house in Henderson (20 minutes from LV strip) that's due to be complete in October 2013. Our daughter Paige stayed in CA to work and continue college courses."

Jim Denys '74 (NDHS) wrote the alumni office upon the passing of Mr. Hal Rice, "I can remember

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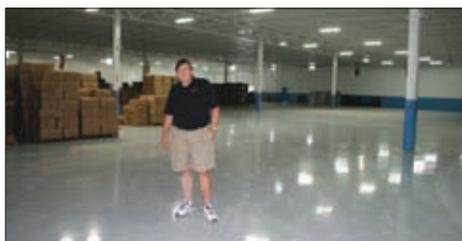
We'd love to hear from you!

Send a note to let us know what you're up to: e-mail Rachel (Alexander) Miller '00 (NDP) at rmiller@ndpma.org, or visit ndpma.org/update.

From cola to cruisin'

NDHS grad took his business from a small garage to a new 80,000-square-foot facility

It's another busy spring day at EA Graphics in Sterling Heights, Mich. Owner Bob Artymovich, a 1970 graduate of Notre Dame High School, is preparing for one of his company's signature events, the Woodward Dream Cruise, for which EAG is the exclusive merchandise supplier. A huge order for Ohio State University also seems to be everywhere in the production area, and on top of trying to fulfill another year of making three to four million t-shirts, he's planning to move into a much bigger 80,000 square-foot building.



Bob Artymovich '70 (NDHS) stands in what will be his new production facility in Sterling Heights, Mich.

Artymovich's office is stacked high with as much paper as his warehouse is stacked with boxes of apparel awaiting shipment to worldwide destinations. It's a long way from the company's origins in his garage.

EA Graphics, which is his newer name for the original company, Ethnic Artwork, started out in higher volumes making shirts for the ethnic festivals that used to be held at Detroit's Hart Plaza in the 70s and 80s. But before that, Artymovich was working a regular job and making t-shirts by hand in his backyard.

A trip to Dallas to a screen-printer trade show, however, opened his eyes to a much bigger world. He saw an automatic screen-printing machine and was flabbergasted that a machine could print 350 to 400 shirts an hour. "I called my wife and said, 'Wait till you see this thing!' She said, 'What the heck would you do with it? We don't print 350 shirts a month!'"

Even though his wife thought he was out of his mind, Artymovich went ahead and bought the machine, along with a dryer. "So now I have this cool machine but didn't have building to put it in. My garage was obviously too small," he says.

"So we got a building in Saint Clair Shores, put this big machine in and we're ready to go.

But guess what. We didn't have any orders for business."

Then Artymovich did what any self-respecting new business owner would do. He went "big."

"I went downtown to Coca-Cola's regional office in Detroit and said I'd like to print some t-shirts for them." But Coke already had a supplier. Undeterred, he suggested to them a spin-off on their tagline at the time, "Coke adds life," for t-shirts.

"How about 'Coke adds life to Saint Clair Shores' and 'Coke adds life to Lansing,' and 'Coke adds life to Warren,' etc., and I'll make you the t-shirts," he told them. "But they still wouldn't budge." Only after offering a 4,000 shirt order that included a provision to buy back any unsold shirts did Coke finally bite. "Long story short, Coke ended up buying 25,000 shirts with 28 different cities represented," he says.

The Coke work ended up leading to more work, and six months later, Artymovich was the exclusive shirt supplier to Ford Motor Co., and their "Built Ford Tough" advertising campaign to the tune of 125,000 t-shirts.

Artymovich quickly expanded his business even more, purchased other companies, and in 1981 moved into bigger digs in Fraser, where he operated for another eight years.

More growth led EA Graphics, now one of the largest custom screenprinting and embroidery companies in the eastern U.S., to its current location in Sterling Heights, where Artymovich built a 30,000 square foot facility in 1989. Now he plans in October to move to a new plant a quarter mile away. It used to be Noonan Pontiac on Van Dyke near 19 Mile Rd. "Hoping for sometime in September, but

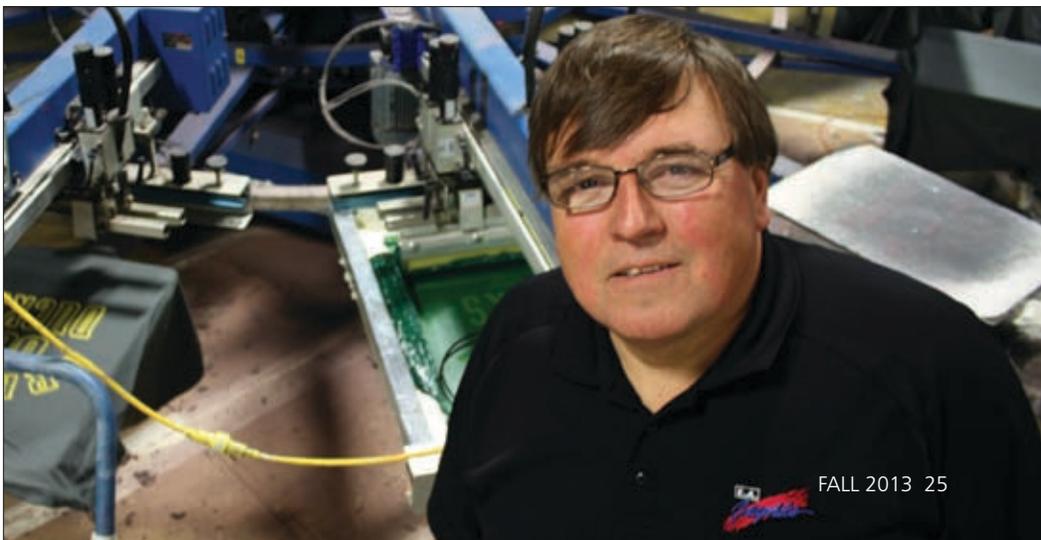
we'll see," he says.

He had a lot on his plate at the time of this interview, especially with the Dream Cruise around the corner and his new factory soon to open. He ships t-shirts all over the country and has an exclusive contract with the MHSAA to provide championship sportswear throughout the state. But Artymovich still finds time for one of his other loves: golf. In fact, he plays regularly in a league with some fellow ND alums, including Mike Peltz '70 (NDHS). He also coaches varsity golf at Regina High School—"20 years and counting"—and was inducted into the CHSL coaches hall of fame two years ago.

Artymovich says he loves to coach the kids at Regina, which is where his daughter Josephine, who helps him run the business, graduated. His son, Richard, is general manager of EAG, his daughter, Genevieve, is a teacher, and another daughter, Katherine, is a bio-scientist.

Looking back at his own high school career, Artymovich says he spent his freshman year at Austin High School because of a waiting list at Notre Dame. But he finished up at NDHS, has fond memories of the school, and holds dear the class time he spent with many of the teachers and staff there, including Hal Rice, (former Marist Br.) Frank Fournier, Bill Schram, Ken Parent, Roy Johnson and Conrad Vachon.

Artymovich recalls especially an encounter with Vachon on his graduation day. "I went up to Mr. Vachon after the ceremony and said that I'm sure happy to see this diploma because I wasn't sure I was going to make it. He said 'Until last night, you weren't.' I didn't know if he was joking or not!" ■



PHOTOS BY MIKE KELLY '73 (NDHS)

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Mr. Rice on the football field timing 100-yard dashes for the track team and in the classroom, he was a fine man. I have lived in Houston since 1980 and once ran into his niece at a corporate function in Chicago. It was truly a fond moment. Please pass along my condolences to my family. He and his family will be in our prayers."

J. Michael LaCombe '74 (NDHS) wrote the alumni office upon the passing of Mr. Hal Rice, "Thank you for passing along the word of Mr. Rice's death. I graduated in 1974, after my brother Charles '70 (NDHS). I found Mr. Rice to be thoroughly charming in manner. His relaxed approach and general aura of ease made learning both easier and more enjoyable. I felt Mr. Rice to be one of the main pillars of the Notre Dame High community, so my impressions of him-- all 100% positive & warm-- fed directly into my impressions of the school. I am certain that I was not alone, in that."

Stephen Dueweke '76 (NDHS) is a performance writer in the Detroit area. In early September, Stephen gave a performance at Detroit's Center Galleries as part of an opening reception for a John Cage exhibit that runs through October.

Ronald Yanik '78 (NDHS) recently became the owner and operator of Duckett's Sports Pub in Pontiac, Mich. Ron's wife, Sheri, works in the counseling office at Notre Dame Prep. Their sons, Ryan and Tyler, graduated from Notre Dame Prep in 2010 and 2012, respectively. Their daughter, Mary, is a student at Notre Dame Marist Academy.

Michael Dzialo '82 (NDHS) is president and chief investment officer of Managed Asset Portfolios in Rochester, Mich.

Mark Gaynor '83 (NDHS) is leading the plans for the NDHS Class of 1983's 30-year reunion event. His daughter, Heather, began her freshman year at Notre Dame Preparatory School this fall.

Patrick Green '83 (NDHS) wrote, "I am looking forward to a reunion of the class of 1983. I'm in my second term as Vice President of the

Warren City Council. I just added four more to the Green House. On June 8, 2013, I married Pilar Ferry. She and her three children - Miguel, Nathalie and Rebecca - will be joining my three children - Patrick Jr., Bailey and Emily. Never a dull moment."

Leonard Jenaway '83 (NDHS) wrote the advancement office, "I attended Notre Dame from 1979 to 1983 where the ND faculty supplied me with a fantastic education and prepared me for university and life in general. I am excited for my daughter, Julia (freshman at Notre Dame Prep), as she embarks on this stage of her life and how different she will be four short years from now as she is molded both academically and spiritually by the Notre Dame experience. After ND, I attended The University of Michigan completing a degree in Aerospace Engineering in 1987. I have worked in the automotive industry since 1988 at various suppliers and OEMs mainly in the field of Mechanical Engineering with a focus on structural dynamics. In 2005 I completed a Master's in Mechanical Engineering from Kettering (GM) and currently work at Meritor in Troy. At Meritor, I have held various engineering positions over the past 12 years and continued to expand the level of responsibility into management where I am currently the Chief Engineer for Testing and Product Validation. I do contribute both my personal and professional success to the life lessons learned while at Notre Dame."

Michael Housey '84 (NDHS) with abundant joy reports that his wife, Mame, is now cancer-free after undergoing surgery and treatment for a stage 3+ anaplastic oligodendroglioma brain tumor, which has no known cure. Mike and Mame attribute her miraculous healing to prayer and to Mame's brave commitment to holistically nourishing her mind, body and soul. Mame follows an aggressive organic juicing routine, follows a vegan diet 99% of the time and regularly combines positively and negatively charged foods based on the research of Johanna Budwig, a German doctor from the 1920's. Mame is dedicated to helping others learn about

what has worked so well for her and her efforts have already provided hope for others. Mike wrote, "we are overwhelmed with peace and incredibly grateful for all of the amazing support, love, kindness and devoted prayers that God has answered!" The family lives in White Lake, Mich. and their three children, Emily, Katherine and Michael, began their first year as students at Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy (all three Divisions!) this fall.

Dean Niforos '85 (NDHS) is the director of human resources for Grosse Pointe Public Schools. He and his wife, Angie, have three children, Alexandra, Theodore and Georgianne.

Jeffry Konal '89 (NDHS) is thrilled to share that his young son, Eyan, is cancer-free after being diagnosed at the age of five. He wrote, "Thank you so very much for all the continued prayers and support! God bless you and the entire ND family from the Konal family!"

Douglas Weight '89 (NDHS) was elected to the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame. Weight spent 19 seasons in the NHL after playing two years at Lake Superior State University. He played for the New York Rangers, the Edmonton Oilers as captain, and the 2006 Stanley Cup champion Carolina Hurricanes. He also played on the winning U.S. team in the 1996 World Cup.

Kyle Lobes '94 (NDHS) and his wife, Georgia, have a two-year old son and an infant daughter. The family lives in Rochester Hills and attended the Alumni Detroit Tigers Outing in July.

Christopher Havnilla '97 (NDHS) underwent an emergency donor cornea transplant for a work-related accident in the Coast Guard. Chris received treatment at the University of Michigan Kellogg Eye Center. Prayers for Chris are appreciated by his family.

Fr. Francisco DeAngelis '02 (NDHS) was ordained to priesthood on June 29, 2013, at Assumption Grotto Catholic Church in Detroit. Fr. Francisco celebrated his First Holy Mass of Thanksgiving on June 30, 2013, at Ss. Cyril & Methodius in Sterling Heights. After graduation

from Notre Dame High School, he entered the Order of Canons Regular of the Holy Cross in Grosse Pointe, MI. In February of 2003 he began his postulancy in Belem Monastery in Brazil and one year later his canonical novitiate in Anapolis, Brazil, which he concluded with first vows on February 6, 2005. Subsequently, he was sent to the Order's institute for philosophical and theological studies in preparation for his ordination to the priesthood. On February 18 of 2011, Brother Francisco made his solemn perpetual profession in the Order. On August 19, 2012, he was ordained deacon by the imposition of hands of the Most Reverend Athanasius Schneider, ORC, in Anapolis, Brazil.

PONTIAC CATHOLIC ALUMNI

Ann Marie Guzman '79 (PC) visited campus in June to walk through the halls and reminisce, and was especially pleased to see that the Chapel was just the same as she had remembered it, recalling the many class masses held there.

Patrick Donohue '88 (PC) Patrick is a middle school principal with Lake Shore Public Schools. He and his wife, Karyn, have two children - Mackenzie and Trevor. The family lives in Waterford.

ST. MICHAEL ALUMNI

Gary Kraft '63 (SM) wrote last spring, "I recently received an IRISH magazine and enjoyed reading it. The magazine contained news of interest... It is nice to know the alumni of St. Mike's and St. Fred's belong to a family and community of friends." Gary is planning the 50-year reunion celebration for the St. Michael Class of 1963.

Patricia Greenlees '65 (SM) wrote last spring, "I received my first issue of your grand magazine. I am a 1965 proud graduate of Saint Michael High School, along with my brother, Tom Duross '51 (SM) and two sisters, Eleanore Duross White '62 (SM) and Kathleen Duross Sill '63 (SM). My father, Dennis P. Duross, was instrumental in founding Pontiac Catholic High School. Two of my children, David Greenlees '88 (PC) and Marilyn Greenlees Drake '93 (OC) graduated from there." ■

The magic in the hat

Head of school says the real magic in the new lower-division building is in its students' minds

By Rev Leon Olszamowski, s.m.

“Ohs” and “aahs” have been the general reaction to the new lower division campus at 1425 Giddings Road, just a stone’s throw down the street from the 1300 Giddings Road main campus. We are delighted that our LD community is enjoying this latest jewel in the crown of NDPMA-style education. We firmly believe that educational environment is a sine qua non prerequisite to healthy learning.

Beautiful as it is on the outside, the real magic happens in those busy and bright classrooms that fill young minds with wonder. Among the many objects and words in those



Mary Jo Ervin teaches Spanish to students in Notre Dame's new lower-division building.

classrooms, you will find the most important words we treasure in our school beyond the familiar words in our mission: Christian People, Upright Citizens and Academic Scholars. I am talking about the words, or shall I say, the keys, to success articulated in the IB Learner Profile. Who would not want their youngsters to be Inquirers, Knowledgeable, Thinkers, Communicators, Principled, Open-Minded, Caring, Risk-Takers, Balanced and Reflective? These concepts are the stuff of educational success and, indeed, everyday living.

Having attended nearly 15 IB workshops over the past seven years, having taught the Theory of Knowledge class to Diploma Programme students for five years, and having researched the pedagogical roots of the IB, I am convinced that the Primary Years Programme (PYP) may be the most important component of IB because it catches students at the beginning of their educational years,

when their minds are like sponges. Each year, as more and more students pass from the Primary Years to the Middle Years to the Diploma programs, I have seen the critical-thinking ability, ethical acumen and capacity to argue “on their feet” of our students deepen—often profoundly so. As an example, I was astounded the other day when a student in my senior religion class, a TOK student last year, argued accurately and persuasively Aristotle’s position contra Plato’s overly dogmatic theory of Forms. Yes, the pupil was broadening the mind of the teacher and fellow students. Wow! I was absolutely blown away; you would have been too! That student came up through our IB Middle Years Programme. I cannot wait to be a learning partner with our IB students who have begun the IB Primary Years Programme as junior-kindergarteners.

The new lower division campus is beau-

tiful, yes! But more beautiful is the quality of teaching going on at 1425 Giddings, and what is taking place in the minds of those young ones and the minds of their teachers. Our senior administrators and teachers agree that the introduction of the IB programs to NDPMA has raised the educational level of the entire school community—no matter what kinds of courses the students are taking. The seeding of IB program ideas has hit every dimension of our school. And it all starts with the IB learner profile, which drives our students to higher levels of learning and living

It is a treat to attend an IB exhibition at the lower division—there are several each year. I strongly encourage you to visit the lower division and take in the breadth of education there. What a great start on life for our young ones, and NDPMA is the only Catholic School in Michigan able to offer it to students. ■

CLASS REUNIONS

NOTRE DAME PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Class of 1999, 15-year. Volunteers from your class are needed to help plan a 2014 reunion. Please contact the alumni office at alumni@ndpma.org if you are interested.

Class of 2003, 10-year. Friday, Nov. 29, 2013, from 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. at Star Lanes / Imagine Theatre, located at 200 North Main Street, Royal Oak, Mich. More information to follow on Facebook and invitation to be sent to all classmates. Reunion contacts: John Putnam, jmputnam07@gmail.com; Bridget Maher, bridget.leigh.maher@gmail.com; Aaron Bozicevich, abozevich@gmail.com; Erin (O'Brien) Garcia, Emobrien8525@gmail.com; Cindy (Kraus) Morrill, c.e.kraus@gmail.com; Kristin Lewandowski, kristi.lewandowski@gmail.com; Nick Giacona, nickgiacona@hotmail.com.

Class of 2004, 10-year. Volunteers from your class are needed to help plan a 2014 reunion. Please contact the alumni office at alumni@ndpma.org if you are interested.

Class of 2008, 5-year. Reunion tentatively scheduled for Oct. 2013. Check for updates at www.facebook.com/NDPClass08. Reunion contacts: Shannon Bartlett, SBartlett@pulse220.com; Katie Berlin, katherine.l.berlin@wmich.edu.

Class of 2009, 5-Year Reunion will be planned for 2014. Class Captain contacts: Alayna Lekosiotis, lekosiot@msu.edu or alaylay47@comcast.net; Victoria Thompson, vthomp90@gmail.com. If you are interested in helping plan the event, please contact one of your class captains or alumni@ndpma.org.

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 1959, 55-year. Volunteers from your class are needed to help plan a 2014 reunion. Please contact the alumni office at alumni@ndpma.org if you are interested.

Class of 1963, 50-year. Reunion weekend Sept. 13-15, 2013. 50-year football players honored at NDP varsity football home game on Friday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. Class reunion banquet at Sterling Inn, Sterling Heights, Mich. on Saturday, Sept. 14 at 6 p.m. Mass in Latin honoring Class of '63 at Old St. Mary's Church, downtown Detroit on Sunday, Sept. 15 at 10 a.m., followed by a 1 p.m. Detroit Tigers game. Reunion Committee: John McCabe (586) 822-5153, mjenwmu@aol.com; Don Herman (586) 781-0220, donaldr.herman@yahoo.com.

Class of 1964, 50-year. Volunteers from your class are needed to help plan a 2014 reunion. Please contact the alumni office at alumni@ndpma.org if you are interested.

Class of 1965, 50-year. Reunion being planned for 2015. The committee is looking to update e-mail addresses and contact information. Submit your updated information at www.ndpma.org/update. Reunion Committee: Dennis Berger, dennisaberger@aol.com, (909) 223-4483; Fr. Leon Olszamowski, s.m., lolszamowski@ndpma.org.

Class of 1969, 45-year. Volunteers from your class are needed to help plan a 2014 reunion. Please contact the alumni office at alumni@ndpma.org if you are interested.

Class of 1974, 40-year. Volunteers from your class are needed to help plan a 2014 reunion. Please contact the alumni office at alumni@ndpma.org if you are interested.

Class of 1978, 35-year. Reunion to be planned for fall/winter 2013. Class volunteers needed to help on the planning committee. If you are able to help, please contact Ron Yanik at ronald0812@aol.com.

Class of 1979, 35-year. Volunteers from your class are needed to help plan a 2014 reunion. Please contact the alumni office at alumni@ndpma.org if you are interested.

Class of 1983, 30-year. Reunion scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013 at the Rochester Mills Beer Co., downtown Rochester, Mich. at 6 p.m. Contact Mark Gaynor at mgaynordds@comcast.net.

Class of 1984, 30-year. Volunteers from your class are needed to help plan a 2014 reunion. Please contact the alumni office at alumni@ndpma.org if you are interested.

Class of 1986, 30-year. Reunion will be planned for 2016. Reunion Committee: John Kaminski jkaminski1700@yahoo.com H: (612) 822-4759 C: (952) 261-5546; Dan O'Brien (248) 840-8391 dobrien734@comcast.net; Paul Arnone paul.c.arnone@gm.com; Stephen Schultz stephen2000_fl@yahoo.com; Jonathan Zaidan jkzmc@sbcbglobal.net.

Class of 1989, 25-year. Reunion plans in progress for a TBA date in 2014. If you would like to join the planning committee, contact Gregory Simon at gsimon@ndpma.org, or Frank Castronova at fcastronova@ndpma.org.

Class of 1994, 20-year. Volunteers from your class are needed to help plan a 2014 reunion. Please contact the alumni office at alumni@ndpma.org if you are interested.

Class of 1999, 15-year. Volunteers from your class are needed to help plan a 2014 reunion. Please contact the alumni office at alumni@ndpma.org if you are interested.

Class of 2004, 10-year. Volunteers from your class are needed to help plan a 2014 reunion. Please contact the alumni office at alumni@ndpma.org if you are interested.

PONTIAC CATHOLIC

Class of 1973, 40-year. Reunion on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013, at The Shark Club, located at 6665 Highland Rd., Waterford, MI. 7 p.m. For more information, contact Nancy Mazza '73 (PC) at nancylmazza@yahoo.com.

Class of 1988, 25-year. Plans are underway for a fall/winter 2013 reunion, and committee is trying to locate all classmates. Please contact Michelle Harkins at michelle_harkins@yahoo.com.

ST. FREDERICK

33rd-Annual All Class Reunion was held on Sunday, Sept. 8, 2013. St. Frederick school building was open for touring. Mass held at St. Vincent de Paul, Pontiac. Luncheon followed at Santia Hall, Keego Harbor. For more information, contact st_freds_alumni@yahoo.com.

ST. MICHAEL

24th-Annual All School Reunion will be held on Sunday, Sept. 22, 2013, at Scott Lake Banquet Center in Waterford, Mich. For more information, contact John Martin '51 (SM) at martinjd@wowway.com.

Class of 1963, 50-year. Reunion to be held on Sept. 28, 2013 at It's a Matter of Taste Restaurant, located at 2323 Union Lake Rd., Commerce, Mich. Contact Gary Kraft at gkraft@att.net.

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