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St. Nicolas of Tolentine

Good Morning Malvern! Today is September 10, 2021. Sept. 10 is the feast day of Saint Nicolas of Tolentino, or as many of you know St. Tolentine. We all know that there is a building here on campus, but why is the building named after him?

- In his memory:
 - Building at Malvern Prep
 - Building at Villanova University
 - St. Nicolas of Tolentine School, Philadelphia; K-8

Nicolas is the first member of the Augustinian order to be canonized. Being the first, he had to set the precedent and raise the bar high as it pertains to being a true and committed Augustinian. Nicolas was born in the year 1245 in Sant' Angelo in Pontano, Italy. Many of his early years were dedicated to preaching in local houses within the Friars. After that, he spent the last 30 years of his life being a benefactor and servant of the poor, as well as playing an active role in ministry regarding the sick. Nicolas was prominent for being a man filled with compassion, love, and service to all. He embodied what it means to be a true brother, and a servant of Christ. Nicolas' life, filled with service, earned him the recognition of being the Patron Saint of the Souls in Purgatory. Nicolas died on September 10, 1305 and his body is venerated in his Basilica in Tolentino. Nicolas was officially canonized a Saint by Pope Eugene IV in 1446.

Nicolas exemplified this year's message, "To lead is to serve, to serve is to love." He put others before himself, and truly was the hands and feet of God. Nicolas is a perfect example of how we should all live, and strive to follow in the footsteps of each and every day during this school year.

With all the tough things we've dealt with over the last year, think about these 2 things:

- How can we make our brothers' lives easier this year?
- How can we be in service to others, no matter wealthy or poor, healthy or sick?