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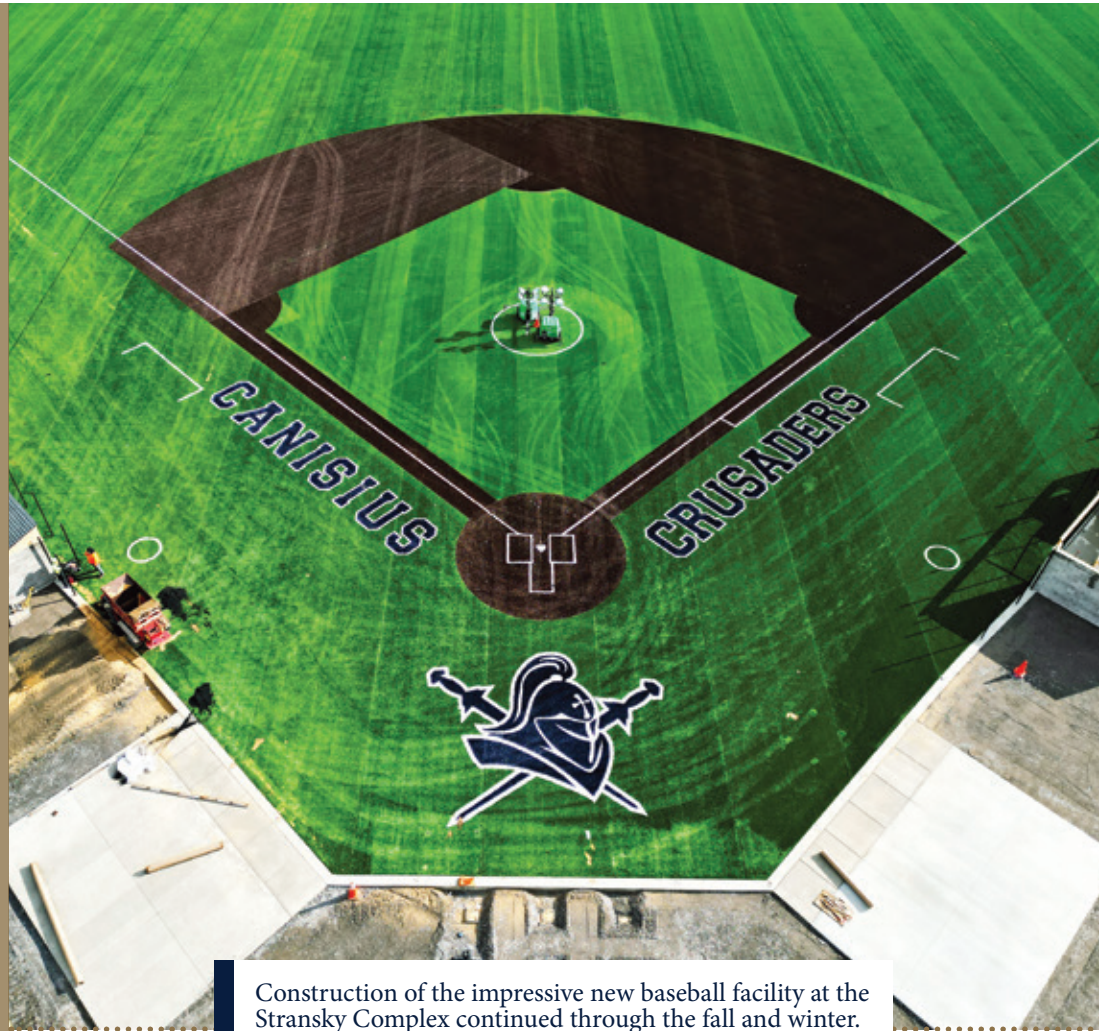
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On the cover: **Nathan Mascia '23** (crossbearer), **Evan Healy '23**, left, and **Evan Izatt '23** (candlebearers) share a moment prior to our Christmas Mass in Scaccia Auditorium; they also performed the same duties in our Immaculate Conception Mass (below) celebrated by Bishop Michael Fisher.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

In this issue of CHS Today, we spotlight alumni who have dedicated their lives in service to the Church. What an honor and a joy it is to have them share their stories with us, and with you.

We hear through their own voices how they were called upon their paths, what most fulfills them during their journey and about the important roles they play in their communities.

These stories – from different generations, carrying out service to God in different ways – are testaments to their own commitment, faith and talents, as well as good witness to what Canisius High School does. CHS helps to mold students into who they are today.

While theirs are seven separate models of faith expressed in service, listen to these stories and there are familiar refrains: How they cherish the gift of being present for people in their most trying – or joyful – moments; how God guided them to particular ministries where their talents are put to great use.

There are also familiar chords that echo from 1180 Delaware Avenue, including how the Jesuits at CHS were role models to many. **Fr. Michael Corcoran, S.J. '76**, drew inspiration from Jesuits in our hallways, and now he does the same for our students.

In addition to the four Jesuits on our staff, we continue to have Jesuits regularly join us as part of their formation: Novice Niko Lignore, n.S.J., will spend the rest of this school year with us in various capacities; Jesuit candidates Francois Venne and Mitchell Tu, who spent last year with us teaching and in other roles, are now first-year Jesuit novices who recently began their month-long journey through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

Also present in these stories is the brotherhood of CHS classmates or those who have experienced Jesuit formation together, as well as how meaningful and formative our service and retreat programs can be. In the first half of the school



year, CHS Campus Ministry held seven retreats; 75% of the juniors of different faith traditions have already experienced or registered for a Kairos retreat.

"I believe the retreats are the biggest advantage Canisius has over other schools," says **Griffin Regan '23**, one of 12 students we are proud to feature in this issue's Student Spotlight. "There truly aren't any words that can describe the feelings you get during and after the retreats. It's an experience I believe anyone and everyone needs to have."

It is our hope, our mission, to continue to sow seeds of service in our students today, seeds that will grow and swell in their own hearts.

As Fr. Van Dyke poignantly writes, "the only adequate response is gratitude." We offer ours to each of these alumni, not only for sharing their insights and experiences but for living out their stories of service each day.

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David Ciacimino, S.J.

Fr. David Ciacimino, S.J.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

In reflecting on the past few months of my first school year in this office, what stands out is the new lens that allows me to see what makes Canisius High School special.

While I have been around Canisius for many years and possess a great deal of institutional history about the inner workings of 1180 Delaware Ave., my new role has given me a fresh perspective.

In eight years as Dean of Students, I was often at a granular level of the day-to-day operations. As principal I am able to now have a perspective that is closer to 30,000 feet, which has allowed me to see students, faculty and staff in a different light. It has given me even more appreciation for all the good work that happens in this community that I sometimes missed in my previous role.

My transition from the Dean's Office has also allowed for a special working relationship that is such a benefit to our school community.

As you will read in this issue, Dean of Students **Peter Reiser '84** brings so much to Canisius. Peter returned to Canisius 16 years after he was my guidance counselor when I was a senior. After spending six months working so closely with him – because the dean and the principal work so closely together every day – I am so fortunate to have not only a colleague and a friend, but also in many ways a mentor. As someone who has spent 30 years in Jesuit education including 16 at Regis Jesuit in Colorado, Peter lends a helpful perspective from outside of the building.

In this issue we also highlight alumni who have dedicated their lives to serving the Church. I am inspired by their stories. I am so fortunate to have had my life shaped by the Jesuits, both as a student, and now with so many Jesuits who have been colleagues, companions and friends over my time here.

So much of what we do at Canisius is about support and care. I am learning that part of my new role is that of a caregiver – supporting students, supporting faculty and staff, trying to work to allow them to be the best versions of themselves in all that they do.

I am so grateful for my colleagues and what is the best faculty and staff in Western New York, and I am equally thankful for the continued help and support they have offered me throughout my transition to this office.

Gratefully,

Thomas Coppola '01

A man with grey hair, smiling, stands on a paved path. He is wearing a black clerical shirt with a white collar, a dark grey textured blazer, and dark trousers. His hands are in his pockets. In the background is a large brick building with white columns and a pediment, partially obscured by shadows. The scene is outdoors with green grass and some fallen leaves on the path.

CALLED TO SERVE

The CHS community includes many alumni who have dedicated their lives to service in the Church. Here, in their own words, several priests chronicle how they were called to service and share inspirational and fulfilling stories about their journey.

FR. JAMES VAN DYKE, S.J. '77

*President of Georgetown Preparatory School
in North Bethesda, Maryland*

What led you to pursue a life of service as a priest?

The more I think about this question, the more complicated it becomes to explain, even to myself. One important part of my discernment was the study of literature; great literature asks hard questions, and I found myself pondering them a lot in my third year at school. A second part of my story was a simultaneous move from thinking about what I wanted to do when I graduated to what sort of person I wanted to be. And thirdly, at the same time I began to think about people I admired.

Ironically, I had already come to two firm conclusions about my future: the first was that I would not be a priest; the second was that I would never be a teacher. An old saying goes: If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans.

Well, in the course of all this wondering about what sort of life I wanted to live, I realized that the people I most admired were my Dad – a teacher – and my teachers at Canisius, especially the ones who weren't scared of me, including the Jesuits. And I also realized that I had been loved and befriended by a lot of wonderful people along the way, and that I had never really earned that love. And it occurred to me that the only adequate response was gratitude.

Being a Jesuit seemed to offer a path to living gratefully. I wasn't really thinking about priesthood at that point; in fact I only realized how important service at the altar in the Eucharist is to me on Sunday, 10 January, 1993, at 9:34 in the morning – a mere six months before ordination. That moment, at St. Ignatius Church in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, came as an enormous affirmation of the choice I had made to apply to the Society of Jesus some dozen years earlier. And, of course, *eucharistein* is the Greek for "to give thanks." There's a joke about Jesuit formation being so long because we're slow learners. I can attest to that.

But for all that, I think about how I responded when my friend and classmate **Fr. James Miracky, S.J. '77** told me he was entering the Jesuits directly out of high school, or **Fr. Michael Tunney, S.J. '76** from the previous year, and I wonder if God wasn't already at work.

What fulfills you the most in this life of service?

My life as a Jesuit has literally taken me all over the world and gotten me involved in thousands of different things, most of which I have enjoyed. Teaching, coaching, moderating – they've all been enormously fun. But to be honest, the best thing is being there for people, whether it is saying Mass in the mud at a regatta or hearing confessions



"The best thing is being there for the people." – Fr. Van Dyke.

Photos courtesy of Georgetown Prep.

or visiting a cancer patient or talking to a student in the hall. Pope Francis speaks of encountering others as the call of the Christian. That's where I feel like I'm doing what I'm supposed to do, when I'm being who I am called to be.

Is there an impactful story or anecdote you would like to share from your life of service?

During the summer and fall of 2002, before I went to tertianship (the final stage of Jesuit formation), I helped out at Roswell Park. When I told people where I was working, their response was always that it must be very hard, and they were surprised when I told them that it really wasn't. I felt privileged to meet people at an important moment in their lives.

There was one particularly funny and moving moment when I was the chaplain on call and a Jewish lady checked in. I stopped to ask if there was anything I could do for her, like contacting her rabbi. She replied that her rabbi had already been in to visit, but that I could come in and pray with her too. I replied that I really didn't know any Jewish prayers, but she laughed and said, "You're Catholic right?" When I nodded, she said, "And you have your ritual book with you, right?" I said of course. So she laughed again and said, "Then c'mon in, Padre. You have the psalms, and those are our prayers too. And I love Psalm 23."

I visited her every time she was in after that. She taught me something very important about prayer – that it's not denominational; it's human. I knew that, but I hadn't really experienced it.

Is there anything else you would like people to know about your journey?

It's a custom when you're ordained to have a prayer card

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Fr. Tunney was a concelebrant for this fall's Mass of the Holy Spirit in Scaccia Auditorium.

FR. MICHAEL TUNNEY, S.J. '76

Provincial Assistant for Higher Education for the Jesuits East Province, New York City

What led me to a life of service as a priest was neither service nor priesthood! At least not at first and then only gradually, over years. I was first attracted to Jesuits from my experiences of them in the school and in the Jesuit community. I was amused and impressed by the variety of Jesuits I met at CHS. No two were anything alike, although they were all rich in their humanity and personalities. They each had varied talents. And yet, in the community I saw they could all come together praying and singing

and listening to whomever among them was presiding and preaching at Sunday Mass where we students were regularly invited to join them.

Once I entered, the novitiate experiences teaching CCD, serving meals and doing overnights at the local Catholic Worker-inspired soup kitchen, and working in a terminal cancer hospital, were my first tastes of service. Seeing and listening to people's stories, many of them on life and society's edges, and responding to their needs introduced me to a wider, more humane, and much more complicated world than I previously knew. It was all so much larger than my own small life.

A decade later, my diaconate ordination was an experience of joy from start to finish. I knew it was a gift and, though undeserved, it opened me to more grace and surprises ahead. In the years following as a priest, the service I offered was sacramental, pastoral, and largely focused on the ministries of the word as a classroom and studio art teacher.

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It is a large, rich life I am leading: Listening to people talk about their lives and faith experiences, sometimes where their lives and faith converge but more often where they are seemingly at odds with one another. Finding the graceful ways to preach on a set of readings that also respond to each of us and our world in its struggles, divisions, losses, and joys. Presiding at the Eucharist and giving the body of Christ into people's open hands at communion. Inviting students and colleagues in our colleges and universities to find God deep in their lives by looking at their human experiences where God is always at work within each of us. These are all the places where priesthood and service have intersected in my life.

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For years I offered Mass on Wednesdays with the St. Luke's Mission of Mercy faithful on Buffalo's East Side. On one occasion it was a funeral Mass for two anonymous people whose cremains were never identified or claimed by family members from the morgue. We knew nothing more than they were two fellow human beings. We gathered for Mass and commended them back to God with complete trust in God's mercy and confidence for these two souls' eternal happiness. Life doesn't get more mysterious and humbled and filled with hope than this. This is where a life of service as a Jesuit priest brings me from time to time.

Fr. Jack Mattimore, S.J. '76, a wise and good and longtime friend of mine and fellow CHS alum, frequently reminds me I have a very good life. I laugh and respond, "I do indeed!"



FR. MICHAEL CORCORAN, S.J. '76

Campus Minister and Teacher at Canisius HS

Inspired by the teachers I had in elementary school, I knew from an early age that I wanted to be a teacher of some kind. I loved the creative methods they used in their teaching that made learning both fun and rewarding. During my high school years at CHS, as my faith became a more important part of my life, I started to notice how the Jesuits who taught me lived out their own faith by their lives of selfless service. I wanted to follow their example and be like them.

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I love the variety of works that Jesuits get to do. Over the years, I've taught in middle school, high school, and even college. I've taught religious education to both young children and adults. I've served as a retreat director, hospital chaplain, parish priest, coach and Campus Minister. I've lived and worked in Buffalo, Syracuse, New York City, Massachusetts, Maryland, California and Micronesia. In all these various works and places, I've always received tremendous support and encouragement from my fellow Jesuits.

I also find it extremely rewarding to be with people and especially lead them in prayer during important moments of their lives. It's a privilege to preside at baptisms, weddings, and even funerals – sharing times of joy and grief – especially for family and friends. Celebrating Mass and hearing confessions, which I'm able to do on a regular basis, are also very rewarding and humbling.

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I love being able to use my own experience and my own gifts to help others. When I was sent to Micronesia with another Jesuit to start a high school, my teaching experience, my "handyman" background and interest in construction, my service on various boards, and my general organizational

Fr. Corcoran has taught students from middle school through college.

skills were all put to great use.

Five weeks after arriving on the small island of Yap, we had renovated two spaces for classrooms, formed a curriculum, ordered books, received a school charter, accepted our first two classes, and began our first school year. I was the principal, president, math and science teacher, maintenance man and treasurer. The various gifts and skills that God had given me and helped me develop during previous assignments came together to serve so many of the needs in the new school.

As I look back on my experience in Micronesia, I am so grateful for what God was able to accomplish through so many people who worked hard. And now it brings such joy to see former students on the faculty, to see how the school has grown, and to read about the success of so many of its graduates. One of my first students recently graduated from Canisius College in the Honors Program with a degree in Mathematics. Success stories like hers make all the time and hard work very worthwhile!

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It's really great that we have such an extensive service program at CHS. We challenge students to notice, reflect on, and respond to the needs of others. Not surprisingly, most students are energized by their service – how God is able to work through their generous giving of themselves. By the time they graduate, most are able to see their service as a way of living out their faith in God. We teach them, in very concrete ways, how to be men for and with others.



FR. THOMAS SLON, S.J. '75

*Superior of the Canisius Jesuit Community
in Buffalo*

As I was starting out, what attracted me was life as a Jesuit. Priesthood was always there because it's a way in which Jesuits do ministry, and it's a large part of our identity. But I think most of us would think of ourselves first as Jesuits, members of this religious order.

People say, "Well your formation is so long." It is, but on the other hand, you're a Jesuit when you've crossed the threshold. After two years of novitiate, you've taken your first vows and you can sign your name as "S.J." – so you're a Jesuit from very early on. While it took me 11 years to get to ordination, it wasn't because I was in seminary for 11 years. I taught high school for three of those years. I studied philosophy; I studied theology; I worked with Mother Teresa Sisters; I worked in a cancer hospital. You're doing all of this, even as you're studying. You're doing all kinds of ministry.

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I had many role models that led to me wanting to be a Jesuit. There were plenty of Jesuits that I knew from Canisius High School. I went from Canisius to Cornell, and Cornell is a very secular place. But I had met so many Jesuits and were friends with them, so I could come back to see them.

One of the things that really impressed us when we were students is we would be invited into the Jesuit residence for a Sunday Mass, especially if we were in the school for rehearsal or practice or workshop. We were part of that Mass with the community there. To see those Jesuits together, fraternal with each other, praying together, working together, that made a great impression on us.

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Part of what fulfills me is being a part of a bigger picture – being a part of the Society of Jesus, being a part of the

Fr. Slon spoke at this fall's inauguration ceremony of new Canisius College president Steve Stoute.

church, being a part of a community, being part of Buffalo and what we do here. It's not just Canisius High School and Canisius College, it's this whole endeavor.

As Superior, my job is first and foremost the care of the men in the community, but it's also to keep my eye on all of this – on the larger picture. I have a sense of a real collaboration going on here. As things are changing and evolving with the times, there's movement. Somehow the Spirit is working here. Buffalo and the Diocese are still sort of coming out of COVID, trying to pick themselves back up into this sort of resurgence.

I see something happening, and I see it in the collaboration with the laity. I see it in spades at Canisius High School. It's a really exciting prospect.

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One of the things I'm doing right now – which is relatively new for me because I was formerly an architect and then administrator for the Society of Jesus – is directing 19th Annotation Retreats. They are sometimes called an Ignatian Retreat in Daily Life and are versions of the Spiritual Exercises designed for people who cannot be away for 30 days to do the Exercises as they were practiced originally.

To see what this is doing for people from the Diocese and others, and how that's animating them through this project, is remarkable. It's not what I came to Buffalo to do, but it's a need that I saw and that I think the Society of Jesus can respond to.



Fr. Baker with President Fr. David Cincimino, S.J., at Baker's 2015 ordination ceremony.

FR. DENNIS BAKER, S.J. '98

Fr. Baker is currently completing his final stage of Jesuit formation, called tertianship, in South Africa with the Jesuit Conference of Africa and Madagascar

It's difficult to say exactly what led me to a life of service as a priest. I went to Catholic schools (Saint Peter's in Lewiston, CHS, Fordham, Niagara) all my life. I had terrific role models of Catholic education in each of those places. My family went to Mass every weekend when I was young, and I continued to do so in college and after graduation.

But I entered the Jesuits to be a Jesuit; it seemed as though priesthood was something that "came with the package" at first, especially because Jesuit formation is so long. (It took me 11 years to be ordained after I entered the novitiate.) Priesthood seemed far off when I entered.

Over those years, though, I found myself "daydreaming" about being a priest. I imagined myself celebrating Mass, hearing confessions, baptizing babies, marrying couples, and burying the dead. Teaching and working with young people along the way helped shape the kind of priest they wanted me to be: hardworking, honest, kind, and with a sense of humor squarely intact. These things were only reinforced by lay people with whom I worked.

At home, when I sat at the dinner table with Jesuits who were already priests, I grew increasingly aware that I felt

called to be among them, and that I belong in the Jesuits and the priesthood more than I belonged anywhere else.

So, there's not one exact moment in which I knew I wanted to be a priest. It's instead a series of moments and experiences taken in the aggregate that were just too compelling to ignore.

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There is so much fulfillment in this life. Firstly, it's so rewarding. People tend to look at all the things we have to "give up." But what they often miss is how interesting this life is.

I have been all over the world as a Jesuit; even now, I am in South Africa. And while I literally ran out of pages in my last passport, it's more than tourism. We work with people on the margins in most places, and these people have incredibly interesting stories of tragedy and hope that add a depth to my own life that is nearly indescribable. To bring those stories back to family, friends, work, and add them to homilies on Sundays is truly special.

Secondly, Jesuits never work alone. My closest friends are Jesuits: guys I entered with, or are a year ahead or behind me, or several others with whom I became close friends during studies. We're in touch almost every day. We are very close and share a tight bond over our work, which is an extension of our relationship with God. I think these are the kinds of bonds those original Jesuits felt, and that is something I hold very dear.

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No one else in my life has influenced my image of priesthood more than Fr. Cincimino, who was principal at Canisius when I was a student. Before that, I had never met a priest who could drive a snowplow. I had never seen one wear civilian clothes. I never met one so comfortable with both the sacred and the secular. He

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FR. DAVID RICHARDS '90

Pastor of the Diocese of Buffalo's Family of Parishes that includes Assumption, Holy Spirit, St. Margaret, St. Mark, St. Rose of Lima and All Saints

God called and I answered ... not right away, but I answered. My mom would take us to daily Mass when I was growing up, and she instilled in us the importance of going to Mass. I remember in high school we were invited to talk to a priest if we felt called to the priesthood. I did go and talk to a priest, but then I pushed the calling aside. In college, that discipline of frequenting the Sacraments stayed with me. I would go to daily Mass at Canisius College whenever possible and still made sure to go on weekends.

After several years, the call was still there, and one night, it was so clear to me that I had to leave everything behind in California and move back home to pursue the priesthood.

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What fulfills me the most in this life of service is being able to journey with people. The privilege of being with a family when a loved one is dying and offering them some

FR. LUKE UEBLER '08

Parochial Vicar, St. Mary's of Swormville in Amherst

Students have their favorite subjects in school, those subjects too in which they excel. Having always gone to Catholic School, the subject I did best in was religion class. My 6th grade teacher asked me, "How do you know all these things about our faith?" As I reflected on this, it was simply because we went to Mass every Sunday and the prayers, homilies, and experience there filled me. My peers recognized this at Canisius High School when we went on retreats.

I began to see in me what others did, and when exploring what I would do with my life, this possibility of the priesthood remained a fixture. I entered seminary to investigate further. It was then that the subject matter of faith descended from my head to my heart and I fell in love with everything the priesthood is about.

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Celebrating the Sacraments fills my life with great joy, as does sharing life together with God's people through all their ups and downs. Every once in a while, someone returns to share with me their experience of God's grace that I helped mediate: a funeral, a phrase from a homily, a presence at the hospital room, new life in marriage or a baptism, sharing a meal, the healing of reconciliation. My



comfort and consolation, the joy of watching a family grow by celebrating a Baptism or a wedding. I get to be with the community through it all.

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The peace of following God's will is incomparable. Even when the days are long or stressful, or I feel like I can't keep going, the supernatural graces of my ordination and the prayers of our community sustain me and remind me why I said yes.

I think it's important to share that we shouldn't be afraid of where God is calling us. We need to trust in God's plan for our lives, pray to know God's will, and seek good advice and counsel from those who can journey with us.



response to them is always: "Praise God!" That's what it's all about: praising God in the midst of life's moments.

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Fr. Pedro Arrupe's poetic advice about "Falling in Love" is so true: "Fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything." By the same token, I hope everyone can say for themselves: "I could love in no greater way than by ____." Fill in the blank for your life, whatever ministry you are called to respond to in the moment, or whatever vocation it is for the whole of life's service. That is your path to holiness and fulfillment that God has put before you.

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made, and you choose some prayer or quote or scriptural passage for the card. I remember wondering what I could possibly use, and after looking through thousands of prayers and verses, I happened upon one that I had never noticed before: “When I called, you answered me.

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was simultaneously normal and unique. Even as a young person, I knew he worked extremely hard – just as hard as my parents did. That is, he was not a priest who led a cushy, easy life. And yet, I saw him as happy and fulfilled; he enjoyed his work and being with us. There is no doubt that he’s tough, but he’s also honest, kind, and has a great sense of humor. He was an example and a model for me in my early years, especially when I was considering applying to the Jesuits.

As we’ve both gotten older, we’ve developed a close bond and a friendship which I cherish deeply. He keeps things

You built up strength within me. (Ps. 138:3)” That is the story of my life, but not generally in any weird out-of-this-world way. Grace and the love of God, for me, has been the people who have built me up along the way. Yes, I’ve been called to serve, but I am astonished and humbled by the people who have helped me along the way. The only adequate response is still gratitude.

close to the vest, so it’s a privilege when he asks me for advice or wants my opinion on something. He remains a model priest for me and for many other Jesuits.

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When I was president of Xavier High School in Micronesia, the pandemic began. We knew we had to end the school year for the safety of everyone, which was crushing. We needed to find a way to quickly get everyone from the boarding school to his or her respective home. It took a titanic effort by many people, but we were able to get nearly everyone out before they were stranded. I was grateful. I felt as though God had placed me there to be ready for that exact moment.



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THE DEAN TEAM

Returning alum, longtime coach and 'critical' veteran help set the right tone for our student body

PETER REISER '84

Dean of Students

Reiser is in his 30th year in education and 23rd in Jesuit education. He was the Director of College Placement at CHS in the early 2000s before working as an assistant principal and counselor at Regis Jesuit in Colorado for 16 years. He was named dean in May 2022 after former dean Tom Coppola '01 became principal.

I feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to stay in Jesuit education and to be at Canisius High School again. I'm just really blessed and thankful to be able to come home and to come back to a place I love, a place where good work is happening every day.

Our daughter graduated high school in 2021 and came here to Buffalo to go to Canisius College, which opened the door for my wife and I to consider coming back. When we decided for sure to move back from Colorado last spring, the first place I went was to the Canisius High School website and the Dean of Students job was there.

There have been a few times in my life when it seemed very clear to me that someone else was at work. I choose to think it was meant to be.

I think the Dean's Office is an extremely important place in a Jesuit high school. The Dean's Office is largely responsible for setting the tone among the student body for how we carry ourselves and how we conduct business. That's been my focus.

My goal is to be very present. I think the ministry of presence is important. I want students to see me and to kind of set an example of how we conduct ourselves and carry ourselves. That's not just my job, that's the job of all



Dean of Students **Peter Reiser '84**, center, with Assistant Dean John Cullinan and Dean's Office Manager Alicia Millanti.

the adults in this building, but I feel the Dean's Office has a special place.

When they do things teenagers do ... it's all about formation. It's a process, as we say to our students at the beginning of the year. Students that walk in our door as freshmen are not going to totally embrace or understand what this is about, and so we have to have some patience and understand that this takes time. It may not be until graduation – or sometimes even after – that students understand what our goals are for them here.

I'm also very blessed to be part of what I think is a great team. Alicia has been obviously super-important with helping John and me get up to speed. She's just critical to the day-to-day operation and she has a great rapport with students. John is a great partner. He has a great way about him in making not only the students but the adults feel comfortable. Obviously having Tom here as principal



after having been dean for the last eight years is also a great comfort. He's been a tremendous support, as has Father 'C.'

I know good work has been happening here because I've been able to spend a lot of time with our seniors, and it is clearly a quality group of young men. They're mature, and I think they are at the point we would have wanted them to be when they entered here four years ago. So it's clear to me that good work continues to happen at Canisius, and I just want to be part of that.

JOHN CULLINAN

Assistant Dean of Students

Cullinan, who has been part of the Crusaders' varsity basketball coaching staff for 14 years, is in his first year in the Dean's Office.

It's awesome to interact with the students every day. With basketball, you might have 40 kids – now it's all of the kids.

I'm trying to learn as many names as possible and make it as personal as I can. Every kid is different, right? It's learning about them so that you can help any way you can – knowing where they're from, what they're interested in, what they may be going through ... anything to make their experience here better.

Peter is great. In some ways it seems like he's never left here – there are so many of the familiar faces he sees who say welcome home. And he's able to work with them on any issues whatsoever. His experience has been invaluable to helping me personally. And clearly having Tom here who was in the office for eight years before also makes it a lot easier.

But I think the team that has been built has made the whole transition pretty seamless. I'm learning from Peter, learning from Alicia, and we're all learning together. That's one cohesive unit. I've enjoyed every second of it. It's just been so much fun. The key for me, and I think what's made it so much better, is the team that we have in place. I don't know how it would be if we didn't have the mix that we do.

ALICIA MILLANTI

Dean's Office Manager

Millanti has been the Dean's Office Manager for eight years; she has worked in Canisius' HAP summer program since 2006.

I really like working here because of the students. We have the best young men in Western New York and their kindness, dedication to service, and care for others really makes them stand out. I am also really proud to be a member of this community. I walk into this building every day so grateful to be part of it.

The best part of working in the Dean's Office is the opportunity to really get to know our students. Because this office houses so many different parts of student life, you get to interact with most of the student body at one point or another. You watch them enter the Blue Doors for the first time as boys and get to see their incredible transformation into becoming the young men we are so proud of. You get to celebrate their achievements and help them through their lows. You get to make an impact on their lives and that is really a special gift.

I couldn't be happier to be working with Peter. He is kind and compassionate and really has a way to connect with the students. His institutional knowledge made it a really smooth transition and he is really doing a great job. I am happy to be part of this team.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

ISAIAH ALJUWANI '25

"I would describe Canisius as a fantastic learning experience."

HOMETOWN: Buffalo (P.S. 156 Frederick Law Olmsted School)

ALUMNI FAMILY MEMBER: Richard DiGiulio '59 (uncle)

WHY CANISIUS: Because I heard many great things about the atmosphere and the academics; my mother also wanted me to go to the best school I could go to in the area. I would describe Canisius as a fantastic learning experience – not only academically, but in terms of learning important life skills as well. This is why Canisius produces academic scholars and well-rounded men.

ACADEMICS: I really enjoy chemistry. Everything is somewhat like a puzzle that can be fun to solve in a lab setting – Mr. (Brian) Spurlock is very understanding and a good teacher.

ATHLETICS: Becoming a member of the rowing team is one of the best decisions I've made. It keeps me fit and helps me make very

deep connections with my teammates, connections that I will keep for the rest of my life. Being on the rowing team is also a fantastic opportunity to try for Division I scholarships to top schools; that's what I intend to do with the help of my peers and coaches. Rowing coach **R.J. Rubino '09** has not only been very helpful in bettering myself for the sport, but also teaching good habits at home.

FUTURE PLANS: I plan to row at the Division I level and hopefully work in the healthcare industry.

HOW CANISIUS HAS CHANGED ME: Canisius has helped with many skills like time management, problem solving, effective communication, self-awareness and interpersonal relationships.

ADVICE TO FUTURE CRUSADERS: Make sure you stay on top of your work and get involved in the Canisius community!



DAVID CLOYD '25

"The best decision in my life has been to attend Canisius."

Ciancimino made my classmates and me aware of this during freshman orientation when he instilled the idea that everyone is cherished and is to be treated the same regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, economic status, etc.

ACADEMICS: All of my teachers have been extremely helpful and have helped me grow as a person. Mr. (**Dennis**) **Beecher '88** has made me realize how fortunate I am to be a part of Canisius. I believe he embodies the Canisius spirit and is a role model.

SERVICE: When I first went to St. Luke's Mission of Mercy with Mr. (**Ron**) **Ahrens '91** and Fr. (**Michael**) **Corcoran, S.J. '76**, my eyes were opened to how privileged I am and the real necessity to help others who are less fortunate.

MY HOUSE: Jogues. The House System is essential to the Canisius spirit. It provides a tighter-knit community.

FUTURE PLANS: I would like to go to law school.

HOW CANISIUS HAS CHANGED ME: Canisius has changed my entire outlook on school. I don't dread going to school. Instead, I enjoy every day and leave with a smile on my face knowing that I belong at Canisius.

HOMETOWN: West Seneca (Orchard Park Middle School)

WHY CANISIUS: The best decision in my life has been to attend Canisius. Canisius has empowered me to step out of my comfort zone and take risks that I know I wouldn't have taken before. Canisius has put me on the track of being a "Man for Others" and continuously prepares me for the adventures of life that lie ahead.

ONE CANISIUS: Regardless of the outside world, Canisius is a place where everyone is treated with respect and kindness. Fr.

AARON JONES '24

"Canisius has changed me in ways that I cannot put into words."

HOMETOWN: Amherst (Sweet Home)

WHY CANISIUS: I chose to attend Canisius because ever since I saw and felt the brotherhood that this school provided me from the HAP program, I knew this was the right place for me. I would describe my experience as life-changing. Canisius has taught me how to balance hard work and fun at the same time.

ACADEMICS: Mr. (Joe) Zera '01 has been particularly helpful to me throughout my Canisius experience. Mr. Zera is the first one to say "Good morning" to me every day. It is also easy to talk to him and easy to ask him for help since he is my mentor group teacher.

ATHLETICS: I am on the volleyball and baseball teams. Canisius athletics are important to me because I look forward to practices and games. After a long day of hard work at school I am ready to start playing the sports I love with the people I love.

RETREATS: I have only been on one retreat during my sophomore year, and it was something that I will not forget. It was a break from the real world for a while and a chance to connect with people and God.



MY HOUSE: Champion. The House System is a good way to bring the school together. My favorite part is the House Games.

FUTURE PLANS: My future plans are to play baseball in college. I would like to do anything with animals.

HOW CANISIUS HAS CHANGED ME: Canisius has changed me in ways that I cannot put into words. It has made me more of a hard worker in all aspects of life and has made me a better man.

ADVICE TO FUTURE CRUSADERS: You will hear Principal Mr. (Tom) Coppola '01 preach "jump in with two feet," which is the greatest part about this school. Getting involved in anything will make your overall Canisius experience better.



CONNOR LOW '25

"Canisius has helped me to think more openly."

was my favorite teacher last year. He was my English teacher but it wasn't like he just taught us English; he taught us how to be better in general – better people, better friends.

ATHLETICS: I play lacrosse during the spring and enjoy being with the team, having fun and working together.

MY HOUSE: Champion. It is fun to watch the House Games. The House Challenges are more fun in my opinion because the head-to-head matchups between houses makes it even more competitive.

FUTURE PLANS: I would like to go to college and hopefully travel a lot.

ADVICE TO FUTURE CRUSADERS: I would recommend that students join as many clubs as you can and get involved with the Canisius community. I have participated in the Climbing Club, the Ski Club and the Euchre Club. In the Climbing Club it has been great to go to the gym and be with your friends – I didn't know anyone going into it but I made friends.

HOW CANISIUS HAS CHANGED ME: Canisius has helped me to think more openly as well as form better habits – especially with studying.

HOMETOWN: Hamburg (Frontier Middle School)

WHY CANISIUS: I came because public schools weren't handling Covid very well with the hybrid approach, which made for a very difficult experience. Canisius has been great – I've had a lot of fun with the sports and clubs and made new friends.

ACADEMICS: I enjoy studying science the most because the labs are fun and I understand it most of the time. A teacher who has stood out in my experience has been Mr. (Andy) Deyell '91. He

ZACHARY HARRIS-STEPHENSON '24

"Enjoy your time at Canisius because it flies by."

HOMETOWN: Buffalo (Tapestry Charter School)

WHY CANISIUS: After investigating a few different schools, Canisius seemed to be the best fit for me and would help with college preparation. My Canisius experience has been very eventful – it has helped me become more aware and mature, a "Man for Others."

ONE CANISIUS: Since Canisius is very welcoming of different backgrounds and is very diverse, I have been able to make friends with many people of different cultures and backgrounds.

ACADEMICS: My favorite subject to study is science because I enjoy doing experiments and labs.

RETREATS: My sophomore year I went on the Emmaus retreat and it was a very good decision and experience. I interacted with a lot of new people. I was able to speak about religion and how it strengthens me and listen to how it affects others.

MY HOUSE: Gonzaga. The House System is a good addition to Canisius as everyone comes together to compete academically



and athletically to see who can become the House Champions. My favorite part is the House Games because you can participate or watch many entertaining activities.

FUTURE PLANS: I would like to attend college and later on become a dermatologist or a dentist.

ADVICE TO FUTURE CRUSADERS: Enjoy your time at Canisius because it flies by, and take advantage of all of the opportunities and experiences that it provides.

HOW CANISIUS HAS CHANGED ME: Canisius has helped me become more involved in helping my community through service opportunities and helped me mature and become more responsible.



DYLAN MCCARTHY '25

"All of the teachers and students are very kind and caring."

HOMETOWN: Lancaster (Lancaster Middle School)

ALUMNI FAMILY MEMBER: Michael L. McCarthy Jr. '85 (father)

WHY CANISIUS: I chose to attend Canisius because I wanted more opportunities to get into good colleges. My experience at Canisius has been excellent. There are so many extracurriculars that help form connections with others, and all of the teachers and students are very kind and caring.

ONE CANISIUS: Canisius is accepting to students of all

backgrounds and faiths, and I believe that's important because it helps you learn about different cultures and gives you the ability to have a conversation with anyone.

ACADEMICS: My mentor, Mrs. (Anne) Lipp-Read, has been very helpful. She is very supportive, wants you to do well, and has been very approachable to speak with since the first day of school.

ATHLETICS: I think athletics are extremely important at Canisius because it helps you make friends so easily, and if you are already friends it will strengthen your friendship very much. I played JV soccer in the fall season and will be running track in the spring, and my friends from those teams are some of my best friends.

MY HOUSE: Jogues. The House System makes people want to do well in school and helps you make friends outside of your grade.

FUTURE PLANS: I'm not entirely sure what I want to do in the future, but I think I want to do something in the engineering field.

ADVICE TO FUTURE CRUSADERS: My advice to future Crusaders is to get involved. It helps with making friends so much.

HOW CANISIUS HAS CHANGED ME: Canisius has helped me mature and has taught me how to manage my time well.

BENJAMIN MORSE '23

"The House System is a great way to connect upperclassmen and underclassmen."

HOMETOWN: Buffalo (St. Mark's School)

ALUMNI FAMILY MEMBER: James Farry '52 (grandfather).

WHY CANISIUS: I chose to attend Canisius because of the path I had seen older friends, family members and students take; what the school provided for them; and the community the school built around itself. Canisius has been a tremendous learning and growing experience for me. Canisius has provided me with great opportunities while being surrounded with great people to help me along the way and has provided a community that will be a part of me for the rest of my life.

ACADEMICS: My mentor group teacher, Mr. (Steven) Pecori, has been the most formative teacher during my time at Canisius. Mr. Pecori has made this impression on me because he is the type of person I strive to be as I get older.

MY HOUSE: Gonzaga. The House System is a great way to connect upperclassmen and underclassmen. When I was an underclassman at Canisius and I struggled with a class or a concept, there was



always an upperclassman who had already taken the class or knew what I was struggling with and was able to help me. This is one way the House System is able to create a stronger community.

ADVICE TO FUTURE CRUSADERS: Utilize the people and opportunities around you. Being new to any school isn't easy, but taking these opportunities helps you become a part of the community around you and makes your experience better early on.

HOW CANISIUS HAS CHANGED ME: Canisius has helped me grow to appreciate the people around me. Canisius provides you with many different people that are able to help you with many aspects in and out of school life. Many have experienced similar situations and are able to provide you with insight that helps you.



EDWARD QUINN '24

"Every time I visited Canisius, I felt the brotherhood and feeling of 'home.'"

HOMETOWN: Town of Tonawanda (St. John the Baptist)

WHY CANISIUS: It's always been hard to put the feeling into words, but every time I visited Canisius, I felt the brotherhood and feeling of "home" that I didn't experience at any other school. My Canisius experience has been fantastic! Adjusting from middle school will be tough for everyone and freshman year was hard for me, but once I started to immerse myself in the community, it was more than just an education.

ATHLETICS: I was nervous about athletics coming into Canisius,

but I found inclusive teams in bowling and tennis, where I have made several friends and found a sense of community.

SERVICE: Service at Canisius allows us to do projects that really mean something, where we can see the impact that it has on real people.

RETREATS: I've been on one retreat (Kairos), but I can now say that I regret not doing others. I doubted the "life-changing" experience people talk about up until the moment it ended, but it's true.

MY HOUSE: Xavier. The House System lets us give and receive help to and from fellow students. My favorite part is sharing a mentor group with classmates who are taking the same classes as you and upperclassmen who have already taken those classes.

ADVICE TO FUTURE CRUSADERS: Be involved in at least one team or club so that you make a connection with your peers that is deeper than just sharing a classroom. Go on as many retreats as you can, because even though it was definitely out of my comfort zone, I think it permanently changed me for the better.

HOW CANISIUS HAS CHANGED ME: Canisius taught me that school is more than learning facts – it is an experience that should develop all parts of us.

GRIFFIN REGAN '23

"There will always be people to help you persevere."

HOMETOWN: Elma (Queen of Heaven School)

ALUMNI FAMILY MEMBER: Owen Regan '16 (brother)

WHY CANISIUS: I chose Canisius for the culture and athletics. My experience overall has been very positive and fulfilling.

ONE CANISIUS: Everyone is welcome to be themselves here. I have grown to have many friends from various backgrounds.

ACADEMICS: Mr. (Ron) Ahrens '91 has been an essential part of my experience and a much-needed source of advice at Kairos.

ATHLETICS: Football and track. Athletics are important because they allow you to immerse yourself into something greater than yourself. It's an amazing feeling when all your hard work pays off.

SERVICE: This is an amazing way to give back. There's a special feeling you get after working a long day at St. Luke's to provide a family in need with food for the holidays.

RETREATS: I believe the retreats are the biggest advantage Canisius has over other schools. There truly aren't any words that can describe the feelings you get during and after the retreats. It's



an experience I believe anyone and everyone needs to have.

MY HOUSE: Arrupe. The House System is a fun and unique way to encourage friendly competition.

FUTURE PLANS: To study business in college and start my own business someday.

ADVICE TO FUTURE CRUSADERS: Trust the process. Times will get rough and you will struggle. You might want to quit and give in, but don't – push through it. There will always be people to help you persevere and you'll come out a better, stronger person.

HOW CANISIUS HAS CHANGED ME: I truly feel Canisius has helped me mature. I've grown to be more accountable, more understanding, and wiser from when I started here as a freshman.



HARRISON SCANLON '24

"I'm extremely grateful for all of my teachers and classmates who have helped me."

HOMETOWN: Orchard Park (Orchard Park Middle School)

WHY CANISIUS: I've loved my time here and I'm extremely grateful for all of my teachers and classmates who have helped me. The faculty and other students have been extremely supportive and accepting of everyone I've come in contact with.

ONE CANISIUS: From a middle school with little diversity, I had not understood the importance of understanding others' experiences. Interacting with those from a different area, lifestyle

and culture is not only beneficial but also slightly humbling.

ACADEMICS: A teacher that has been particularly influential is my mentor group teacher Mr. (Eric) Koessler '84. Countless times I have witnessed Mr. K go out of his way for students. He has left a lasting impression on me and I know many others feel similarly.

RETREATS: At Kairos, I found it extremely relieving to be able to understand many of my classmates whom I had rarely interacted with. It's often hard to remember that many of my classmates go through or are going through what I was or am going through.

MY HOUSE: Arrupe. The House System gives homeroom a different meaning and it also instills a competitiveness that often allows us to know each other better.

FUTURE PLANS: Studying science or possibly something that involves creative writing.

HOW CANISIUS HAS CHANGED ME: I think that meeting new people and having new experiences at Canisius has allowed me to become more responsible and possibly even more relaxed as a person. I feel that Canisius has effectively prepared me for any academic challenges I may face in college or in the future.

JOSEPH SKOUMPRIS '25

"I know now that work has to be done in order to grow."

HOMETOWN: Clarence (Clarence Middle School)

WHY CANISIUS: I chose to attend Canisius because I saw how great a school it was and the opportunities I would have. Canisius has been a warm welcome to me, especially going into a new school with nobody that I knew ninth grade year. The friendships that you build here are one of a kind. The teaching is stellar. Everyone at the school is down to earth and kind.

ACADEMICS: I enjoy studying math and chemistry, they are both challenging but fun subjects. All of the teachers that have taught me so far are amazing.

ARTS: I play the saxophone for the concert band. This is important to me because that is what brings people together. I have been playing the instrument since the fourth grade – it has become a part of me.

SERVICE: I think that what Canisius does at St. Luke's is amazing in helping people in our community.

MY HOUSE: Loyola. I like the fact that it brings people in the



same house together, like a small but tight community.

FUTURE PLANS: I want to become an engineer or a businessman.

ADVICE TO FUTURE CRUSADERS: I suggest that you do not hold back, be more social and open. There are many people here who can help you. Try your best and don't get discouraged.

HOW CANISIUS HAS CHANGED ME: Canisius has helped me become more formal in the way I dress and talk, it has made me more mature and I know now that work has to be done in order to grow.



THOMAS STOFER '23

"Canisius has done a great job preparing me for college and the rest of my life."

HOMETOWN: Lancaster (Lancaster Middle School)

WHY CANISIUS: The welcoming school community and wide range of extracurriculars. I describe my Canisius experience as a learning experience. I am always learning – whether it is in the classroom, with my classmates or during extracurricular activities.

ONE CANISIUS: Students' diverse backgrounds and faiths are important to me because it allows me to learn about my classmates' experiences, which helps build a stronger connection between us.

ACADEMICS: I enjoy studying math the most because I enjoy challenging myself with complex problems and learning new ways to solve problems. Mrs. (Anne) Lipp-Read has had a huge impact on my success at Canisius by preparing me for my future inside and outside the classroom, not only in math but in my personal life.

ATHLETICS: Lacrosse and hockey. I enjoy building a stronger bond with my classmates through sports.

RETREATS: Retreats are a great way to learn more about yourself and your classmates; they help build a connection with your classmates and with the teachers who lead the trip.

MY HOUSE: Xavier. The House System lets you get to know underclassmen and help them feel welcome.

FUTURE PLANS: I would like to be a business owner and proprietor.

HOW CANISIUS HAS CHANGED ME: Canisius has helped me grow through participation in service and sports. Canisius has done a great job preparing me for college and the rest of my life by challenging me to become the best I can be and by helping me learn from and overcome other challenges I might face.



Jogues House prefect **Evan Izatt '23** and other CHS House System leaders organized an electric House Induction Ceremony for the Class of 2026 during freshman orientation.

CANISIUS IN ACTION



The Crusaders Against Cancer club, collaborating with English teacher Julie Hogan and Science teacher Steve Wanzer, donated more than \$1,800 to the American Cancer Society as part of October's Real Men Wear Pink campaign.

Arcangelo Capozzolo '24 was awarded a Good Citizen Award from Chief Steven Pollard and the Harris Hill Volunteer Fire Company after Capozzolo helped put out a fire in a neighbor's garage. "At Canisius, we're told to be a 'Man for Others.' I take that to heart, and that was my way to help out somebody."





Seniors and faculty members traveled to the Adirondack Mountains for the annual Wilderness Retreat, a three-day, two-night experience that engages the participants in quiet time and reflection amidst the beauty of creation. Campus Ministry has also run four Kairos and two Emmaus retreats in the 2022 portion of this school year.



More than 70 students performed at Fall Fine Arts Night, including the string ensemble, guitar ensemble, chorus, handbell ensembles, jazz ensemble and concert band. Student artwork was projected behind the musicians and displayed in the Higgins Hall foyer.



The best rivalry in Western New York came together as Canisius and St. Joe's teamed up with Colvin Cleaners and **John Jenkins '17** of Remington Tavern and Seafood Exchange to collect hundreds of coats and winter gear during the annual Coats4Kids drive.



William Oh '23 was named a National Merit Scholarship semifinalist after his PSAT performance put him in the top 1% of U.S. high school seniors.



Coach Angelo Calabrese '00, left, and Vincent Cercone '23.

Cercone photo by Jack Etheridge '23

GO CRUSADERS!

Make it 23!

The Crusaders volleyball program continued its dominance of the Monsignor Martin Athletic Association as it swept St. Joe's to win the league championship for the 23rd straight year.

Koch Akuey '23 was named the MVP.

"This year was unique in that we faced adversity from a very good Joe's team," said **Angelo Calabrese '00**, in his first year coaching the varsity Crusaders. "We worked as hard as we could, and the result is because of the hard work."



The Crusaders and coach **Kraig Kurzanski '84** finished No. 4 in the WNY large school poll after a season that included two victories over St. Joe's. With 17 wins in the last 18 games, the Crusaders are within one win in the all-time rivalry series (47-48-3), which hasn't been tied since 1987.



Max Burget '24 became the first oarsman in school history to win the 1x (single scull) at a major regatta when he won the JV division at the Head of the Schuylkill in Philadelphia. Not only was Burget the fastest of 25 entries in JV, his time of 15:02 would have been good for second place in the varsity 1x event that included 78 entries at a regatta attended by many of the top schools and rowing clubs of the Eastern U.S.



Soccer claimed the Monsignor Martin regular season crown for the second straight season.
Photo by **Lucas Dembski '24**



The golf team was All-Catholic co-champions while **Halim Habib '26** won the individual title. "It was rewarding seeing the guys play great this season, but I'm also proud of how they grinded when they didn't have their 'A' games," said head coach Joe Mitchell, who was a part of the Class of 2012 before he left CHS to compete in junior hockey. From left to right: **Sam Atkinson '25**, Habib, **Casey LaForce '23**, **Brayden Sheehan '24**, **Connor Jackson '26**, **McNamara Quinn '24**, Mitchell.



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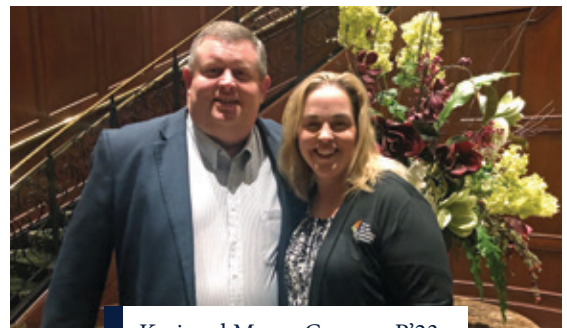
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AN AUDIENCE WITH THE POPE

Nicholas Sawicki '12: "To meet the first Jesuit Pope was an emotionally overwhelming experience."

Nicholas Sawicki '12 was received in audience by Pope Francis this fall. The meeting was a result of Sawicki being invited to be a delegate to the annual international conference of the Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice Fondazione in Rome.

A Lackawanna native and graduate of Fordham and Fordham Law, Sawicki lives in Houston, where he is the Associate Director of Development for the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

Here is the story behind the photo, in Sawicki's words:

I was invited to Rome to speak as a youth delegate at the Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice Fondazione's annual international conference. I am an American member of the Foundation, which was established by Pope St. John Paul II to promote and evangelize Catholic social teaching. The foundation is unique in that it is a lay-led organization and is a personal entity of the Pope.

Drawing on a wide array of experts, the conference focused on promoting inclusive growth that encouraged eradicating poverty and promoting sustainable development and peace.

As part of the conference, members of the foundation are received in audience by the Holy Father. In the audience, each year the Pope makes special remarks regarding the mission and focus of the foundation.

The first Jesuit I ever met was Fr. Fred Betti, S.J., on Tripi Field in May of 2008. Since that time, both my undergraduate and law degrees were obtained from a Jesuit university, and I spent five years working for the Society of Jesus at America magazine. For me, to meet the first Jesuit Pope was an emotionally overwhelming experience. I was quite literally without words.

You wake up, report bright and early to the Vatican, you're ushered through a number of checkpoints, and the next thing you know you are standing in a line in the 500-year-old Sala Clementina waiting to meet the Vicar of Christ. The line moves more quickly than you anticipate, and in a moment, you are face-to-face with the Pope. This man of hope and prayerful determination greeted me with a smile and I was left speechless. And then it was over. I received a rosary blessed by Pope Francis — to forever be treasured — and went back to my seat. It was all surreal, but a moment unlike any other.

The "Pope" is an easy thing to think about as a historical or cultural concept. But to be in direct contact with the 266th successor to St. Peter is really not a situation for which you can be prepared. It is a moment that will forever stay with me.



ALUMNI EVENTS



'76

On an early September weekend, just days after the Class of 2026 first entered the Blue Doors during Freshmen Orientation, the Class of 1976 celebrated its 50th anniversary of walking through the Blue Doors for the first time. The Class of 1976 group gathers monthly for dinner; for its September event they met at the Blue Doors with their custom-made banner before heading out.

'01



The Class of 2001 had a great gathering at a reunion happy hour in October. The event, hosted by **Sam Russo '01** and **Shawn Walsh '01** at LenderLogix in Buffalo's Larkinville neighborhood, was billed as the group's first anniversary of their 20th reunion.



Members of the Class of 1970 had a night of smiles and laughs during their annual Christmas Gala at the Dog Bar in West Falls.

ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

Share your news! Email details and photos via CHStoday@canisiushigh.org.

James P. Manak '53, author of the 1997 casebook *Criminal Law and its Administration*, continues writing a monthly column on criminal law for several law and education outlets.

James A. Selmensberger '53 retired at age 62 from the Erie County Highway Department. Jim and wife Mary Ellen, who have six children and 15 grandchildren, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Aug. 17.

Dr. John J. Bird '57 and wife Suzanne moved to Hilton Head, S.C., in July, where they celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary.

John J. Gangloff '60 welcomed two great grandchildren this year, John (Jack) Gangloff and Nora Patterson.

William A. Hamilton '60 and wife Marion celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on Oct. 14.

Glenn A. Lazarus '61 is expecting his fourth grandchild in the New Year.

Joseph P. Sammarco '63 welcomed his sixth grandchild, Noah. His first grandson, John Sammarco '26, began his time at Canisius in September.

Major Paul J. Bayer '64 retired from the Department of

State in 2019. Paul currently serves as a Docent at the Museum of the United States Army in Fort Belvoir, Va.



Russ Ferraro '66 and wife Samia celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary on Aug. 21.



Canisius was well represented at the Buffalo Broadcasters Hall of Fame Induction ceremony this fall. **Tom Fontana '69** (left) was inducted in the Arts in Broadcasting category for his vaunted career in writing and producing (*City on a Hill*, *Oz*, *Homicide: Life on the Streets*, *St. Elsewhere*) and **Steve Reszka '77** received the Volunteerism Award. Reszka owns Reszka & Associates, a national marketing communication and entertainment booking firm based in Buffalo.



Peter Kreher '70, Ed Posluszny '70 and Mike Eagen '70 hit the links in Michigan.



Tom Ruffino '70 met up with a classmate during a trip to Rome. "Look who gave us a personal tour of his territory in Rome: **Fr. Marty Moleski, S.J. '70**, the

same fellow who gave us the valedictorian speech at our graduation. He is enjoying retirement in the eternal city."



After a 34-year career in public education, **Michael Bednarek '73** is now in his ninth year as medical clown "Dr. Fun E. Bone, Chief of Stupidity," at Salem Health Hospital in Salem, Oregon. Bednarek was profiled by local newspaper, the Salem Reporter, in 2021. "This is probably not something Fr. Naumann or my classmates ever saw coming – I certainly didn't,"

said Bednarek, who has been clowning for 42 years. "What started as an avocation parallel to my public education career has become a calling. It's funny where life and God and God's gifts lead. "I'm looking forward to catching up with everyone at June's 50th year reunion." Bednarek and wife Sharon celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary with a wilderness hiking trip in Ireland this fall.

David Benz '74 retired in March from consulting with RSM US LLP after a career as a Data Architect and Data Analyst, mainly in the financial services and healthcare industries.



Joe Eder '78 completed a sixth and seventh home as a member of BASICS (Brothers and Sisters in Community Service), an organization that provides housing for homeless families in the poorest area of Tijuana, Mexico. This year Joe's daughter, Ceci, joined the effort.

Scott C. Thrun '82, Vice President of Development at the Moian Group, is overseeing the development, design and construction of high-rise apartment buildings in New York City.

WELCOME, DALE PODLAS '87



Dale Podlas '87 was named Development Gifts Officer at CHS in November after a distinguished career in marketing, sales and business development.

An accomplished athlete during his time at Canisius, Podlas has been part of the Crusaders' baseball coaching staff for the last nine years. His sons **Jacob '18** and **Drew '22** are Canisius graduates.

"Through his distinguished career in business development and his experience here as a student, parent and coach, Dale Podlas brings an excellent combination of skills and perspective to Canisius," said Vice President for Institutional Advancement **Andy Deyell '91**. "We're thrilled to have someone of his caliber join our advancement team."

Podlas, a Canisius College graduate, comes to CHS following a standout career over the last three decades with companies such as Procter & Gamble, Kaleida Health, ProScan Imaging and Ashfield Healthcare.



Kevin McGowan '92, who is the superintendent of Brighton Central Schools in the Rochester area, is one of four finalists for the 2023 National Superintendent of the Year, the AASA (School Superintendents Association) announced this past December. The AASA describes the distinction as honoring school system leaders throughout the country who are making a positive difference in the lives of the students they serve, in addition to ensuring the safety and wellness of their school communities. Finalists were judged on four criteria: leadership for learning, communication, professionalism, community involvement. The

winner will be announced during AASA's National Conference on Education on Feb. 16, 2023, in San Antonio, Texas.



Jason Young '92, coach of the Hamilton Southeastern High School girls volleyball team, led the Royals to the Indiana High School 4A State Championship. This is Young's 11th year as head coach of the school in Fishers, Indiana. He is pictured with his wife Jenny and two of his five children. The Royals were ranked fourth in the country by MaxPreps, while several of his former players have gone on to become coaches. Young, a fifth-grade Stem teacher, graduated with a "No Jug" certificate. "He uses the tools he learned at CHS to motivate and empower his athletes," said Jason's mom, Evana Young.



Marty Boryszak '96, South Buffalo native and current CHS trustee, was named president of Catholic Health's Mercy Hospital. Boryszak, who has worked for Catholic Health since 2009, is also its senior vice president of acute care services.

Brian P. Degnan '97 was named First Assistant County Attorney for the Wyoming County Attorney's Office in June, 2021

Scott J. Kwiatkowski '97 received the 2021-22 MAWPC Sports Information Director of the Year Award. This is his third time receiving this award while working at Fordham University.



Joe Hanna '98 was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by President Joseph Biden in September. For more than 13 years, Joe has volunteered his time and talents to help U.S. servicemen and women find recreation and rehabilitation from injuries through the game of golf via Bunkers in Baghdad, the nonprofit organization he established. Hanna also was elected to the Council of the American Bar Association's Section of Litigation, continuing his service on the ABA's governing body which he joined last year.



Michael E. Kwiatkowski '99 received the "Grand Island Citizen of the Year Award" for service to youth sports in the Grand Island Community in October. Michael served as the Canisius Higher Achievement Program director this summer and coaches the CHS bowling teams.

Martin LaFalce '99 joined the faculty of the St. John's University Law School as Assistant Professor of Clinical Legal Education. In addition to his role as professor, Martin serves as Director of the Defense and Advocacy Clinic at the law school as well. LaFalce earned his B.A. and J.D. from Georgetown University.



We regret to announce that Dr. **Andrew W. Barone '04**, DDS, MA, died in a tragic accident on Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022, while in California to attend a dental conference. Dr. Barone received a degree in Psychology from John Carroll University in 2008, a Master's Degree in Psychology from Medaille College in 2009, a second bachelor's degree in Biology, Magna Cum Laude, from D'Youville College in 2013, and a Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree, with Thesis Honors, from the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine in 2020. At UB, Dr. Barone co-authored several scientific papers and received the Omicron Kappa Upsilon Research Award. He completed a General Practice Residency at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center in 2021. He was working for a dental practice in Syracuse at the time of his death. At Canisius, Dr. Barone was proud to be a member of the wrestling team, on which he served as captain as a senior. He is survived by his parents, Ken and Mary Barone, and his sister, Elisabeth, of Lockport.

Brian Brunsing '07, who currently lives in Oregon, appeared on the television show "Shark Tank" this past fall to pitch his company's Banana Phone, a Bluetooth-enabled mobile headset shaped like a banana.

Richard C. Galbo '12 started a company called Wayy Health, billed as the world's first mental health convenience store.

40 UNDER 40

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Named to Buffalo Business First's 40 under 40 were two members of the Class of 2001:



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Brendan Tenney '12 has been named Assistant Director of Admission at Canisius High School after joining the CHS admissions office in May 2022. Tenney earned his undergraduate and Masters of Business Administration degrees at Xavier University.

TALLEY '07 SPEAKS TO STUDENTS



Mark Talley '07 spoke to Canisius freshmen in September, sharing his story, advice and inspirational messages. Talley, whose mother Geraldine was a victim in the May 14 mass shooting at the Tops on Jefferson Avenue, has channeled his grief into goodwill and community service.

"I wanted to turn all this negative energy into something positive ... I started volunteering and giving back," he said in the CHS Chapel of the Sacred Heart. "Because one of the main things I did when I was here, that has constantly been instilled in me, is being a Man for Others. I saw my community struggling, so I wanted to do the best I could."

Talley held a barbecue to benefit the Jefferson Avenue community this summer, with more than 600 receiving food at the event. He has started the nonprofit Agents for Advocacy, through which he organized a back-to-school drive that benefited close to 500 families.

"My organization is trying to combat injustice," Talley said. "We try to advocate for those in need, we try to combat systemic racism, structural racism, socio-economic conditions in which people are forced to live by the standards of their community, which is not necessarily what's right compared to other communities."

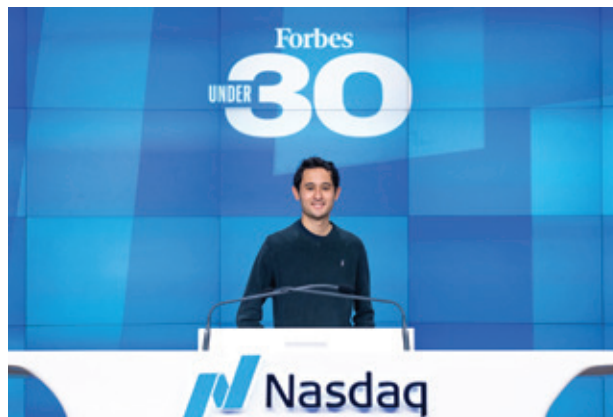
Talley asked the students if they were familiar with a Jay-Z lyric: "In one of his songs, he wrote, 'if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plan.'"

"You can't plan something that isn't promised. God's the ultimate decider of everything. ... Sometimes life isn't going to go as you planned. It's God's plan."



Ryan Hunter '13 added another championship ring with a Grey Cup title this fall as his Toronto Argonauts won the championship of the Canadian Football League. He was a Super Bowl champion earlier in his career with the Kansas City Chiefs. Hunter was an outstanding player for Canisius High School Football, sharing the 2012 Buffalo News Player of the Year award with teammate and current Dallas Cowboy **Qadree Ollison '14**.

Allan Collins '15 successfully defended his master's thesis on hemispheric asymmetry in the visual encoding process using a mathematical model and EEG neural correlates. Collins is moving onto his comprehensive finals and dissertation research in the coming months.



Gregg Mojica '16 was named to the Forbes Under 30. The Williamsville native and Sara Du are the co-founders of Alloy Automation, described by Forbes as "a mission control for e-commerce – a no-code interface to connect and automate sales-oriented tasks across hundreds of apps." Mojica and Du were featured by Forbes while Mojica was part of a Forbes Under 30 group which rang the NASDAQ closing bell.



Wade J. Brandon '18 is on his first US Navy deployment aboard the USS Harry S. Truman as an Air Traffic Controller. They have deployed to the US sixth fleet area of operations in support of naval operations to maintain maritime stability and security, and defend US, allied, and partner interests in Europe and Africa.

Jayce Johnson '18 was featured by the Albany Times-Union and the Schenectady Gazette ahead of this year's Siena College basketball season. "I'm just excited to show my capabilities, and show the ways that I can help our team win more games," Johnson told the Times-Union.



Derek Bartlo '19, a senior soccer player at Daemen College, was named to the Division II Academic All-America Team by College Sports Communications.

Jahare Hudson '20 was named the president of Canisius College's Undergraduate Student Association, a post he was elected to last year when he was a sophomore. Hudson spoke at this fall's induction ceremony for new Canisius College president Steve Stoute.



Zach Mecca '20 rowed the bow seat as Harvard University's Varsity Lightweight 8 with coxswain won gold at the Head of the Charles this fall.

Christian "CJ" Ozolins '20, a freshman linebacker for Erie Community College, was named a Division III first-team All American by the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Andrew Kerwin '21, a 6-foot-4, 280-pound sophomore offensive lineman from Clarence, was part of the University at Buffalo football team's Carnellia Bowl championship team.

BIRTHS

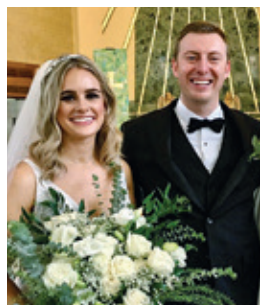
Mr. Michael A. Bielecki '06 welcomed daughter, Vera Rose Bielecki, to the world on June 6.

Daniel E. Sullivan '06 welcomed son Wyatt to their now family of five, joining daughter Elenor, 6, and our son Thomas, 3.

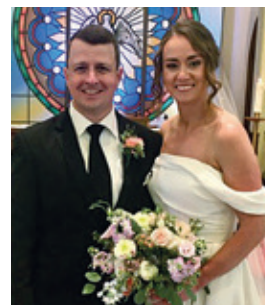


Brendan Stone '12 and wife Kelly welcomed twins Hannah Caroline (left) and Addison Elise on August 12.

WEDDINGS



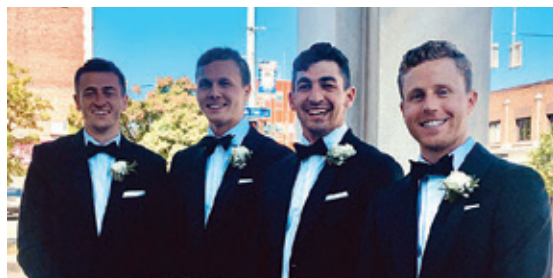
Kevin Casey '04 (left) married Sarah McCarthy on Aug. 5 at St. Michael's Church in Buffalo.



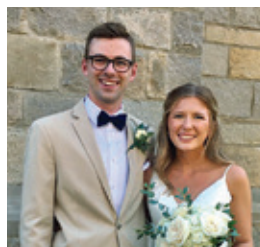
John Ricotta '05 (right) married Alison Scaringi on June 4 at Blessed Sacrament Church in Buffalo.



C.J. Montante '12 married Kelly Kaczor at the Our Lady of Victory Basilica in Lackawanna on Aug. 13. Fr. Fred Betti, S.J. presided.



Montante's wedding party included **Matt Hart '12**, **Max Montante '17**, **Andrew Edbauer '10**, **Jake Montante '14**.



Jack Lyons '13 married Patricia Andrews on Aug. 6 at the Canisius College Christ the King Chapel in Buffalo.



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