

*Michael Hanrahan on **The Question of Life***

Finally, life is what you make of it. You'll never have any control over the boundless joys and sorrows that life deals you. What you do have control over is what you make of it all. When you're out on the ocean of life and the typhoon sets in, and that gale begins to rock you to your soul and your teeth chatter, you won't have control over that wind — but you do have control over the sail. And if you're lucky, you'll be out there with a friend. If you're even luckier, you learned how to sail here at Pasquaney. I never got to come here as a boy, but how I wish I had. Why? Because here at Pasquaney, you build the foundation for your life that can take you through anything. You learn the value of friendship and that friendship means caring about someone through thick and thin, and having them do the same for you. You learn how to be your best, and how to lead others to do the same. You learn how to be honest, and how to face life with honesty and courage. If you have these values as your foundation to build upon, and hold them to your heart with rings of iron, then no matter how hard you are battered during the storm of life, your house will still be standing at the end of the day. Life is an open question. Answer it everyday, answer it every second with Love and Courage. Answer it holding your friend's hand, even if that person is thousands of miles away. Go now and become who you are. Become who you are.