

CIRCLE OF MERCY MOMENTS

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Dear Alumnae,

As winter fades and we look for signs of spring in our gardens and in the forecast, I'm reminded of the gift of new beginnings. With the rich foundations of Mother of Mercy and McAuley, Mercy McAuley has bloomed vibrantly and students today continue to grow through the values of Mercy Education.

Whether your spring is filled with tending to blooming bulbs, deep cleaning your home, or enjoying longer and warmer days with those near to your heart, I hope it is filled with the joy of the new season!

In Mercy,


Maura Gettler Korn '08

Newsletter Highlights

CELEBRATE SPRING WITH US!
JOIN US FOR THE
WREATH WORKSHOP &
EASTER EGG HUNT

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE
ANNUAL BIG DAY OF GIVING

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR
ALUMNAE SPOTLIGHT,
VALERIE LUPP BOGGESS '70

HELLO!



We're excited to introduce Analisa Condon, Mercy McAuley's new Director of Advancement! As a fellow all-girls school graduate from Chicago, Analisa brings over a decade of professional fundraising experience to Mercy McAuley.

"I'm eager to share my passion for all-girls education and my experience in fundraising and engagement with Mercy McAuley. Alumnae support is vital to our legacy, and I'm grateful for the generosity of this community. I look forward to meeting you soon!"

ALUMNAE NEWS

Calling All Alumnae!

There's still time to be an ambassador to help spread the word about the upcoming Girls' Schools Unite campaign on social media!

Girls' Schools Unite is an annual competition amongst six local all-girls Catholic schools.

This annual campaign will occur May 5-7, 2025. Ambassadors are asked to help spread the word through social media during this 3-day campaign. If you are interested in being an Alumnae Ambassador for the campaign, please share your interest in the form below.



Ambassador Interest Form



THANK YOU!

Thank you for your support in making Moonlight Gala 2025 a success! Whether you showed support by attending the event, purchasing a gift, volunteering, or helping spread the word, we could not have done it without you and we are so appreciative!

With your support, \$29,500 and counting has been raised during the Mission Moment, which directly supports Mercy McAuley's mental health services for students. You can learn more and still make a donation online

HERE.

SAVE THE DATE

#MMHS **BIG** Day of Giving
3.17.25 🍀

Our BIG Day of Giving is coming up on March 17th!

Held on St. Patrick's Day in honor of Catherine McAuley's Irish heritage, this is your chance to make a meaningful impact on Mercy McAuley. Every dollar you give will be **MATCHED**, doubling your impact!

Join fellow supporters, including alumnae, in making a gift—and help us spread the word to make this our most successful BIG Day of Giving yet!

UPCOMING EVENTS

**DON'T MISS US IN
SOUTHWEST
FLORIDA**



Join us on **March 11, 2025**, as Mercy McAuley's President, Brigitte Foley '89, and Director of Leadership Giving, Rose Lusheck Eckhoff '78, will be traveling to Naples, Florida. We look forward to taking the spirit of Mercy McAuley on the road and visiting with you! Learn more and submit your RSVP **HERE**.

 **Alumnae & Friends
Spring Wreath
Workshop**



**REGISTER
HERE**

THURSDAY, MARCH 13 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Mercy McAuley High School
\$40 (includes FROND wreath-making instruction, drinks, and light bites)

 **EASTER EGG HUNT**



APRIL 5
1:00-2:30 PM
BRING YOUR LITTLE ONES, AGES 1-9,
FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FREE FUN!
CLICK TO RSVP



9^{to}5 **ALUMNAE
THEATRE SOCIAL**
the musical **APRIL 13, 12:30 PM**

Alumnae are invited to join us for an Alumnae Social prior to Mercy McAuley Theatre's production of *9 to 5 The Musical*. Join us on **Sunday, April 13, at 12:30 PM** for connection and fun prior to the 2:00 PM matinee performance! Attending alumnae receive a 25% ticket discount.

RSVP for the Alumnae Social **HERE!**

Matinee performance tickets will be available online after March 11.

ALUMNAE SPOTLIGHT



VALERIE LUPP BOGGESS',
McAULEY '70, story begins not in Cincinnati, Ohio, rather in the rolling hills of Dublin, Ireland. Though she has called Cincinnati home for 70 years, tales and lore of Ireland have always remained close to her heart. As a mother of two, Valerie would craft bedtime stories of the magical hills of her childhood, and it is those stories that became *The Adventures of Patee and Maree*. These bedtime stories began 30 years ago, and it

was due to a recent trip back to Ireland to visit with family and a subsequent surgery recovery that had Valerie encouraged to revisit Patee and Maree's adventures. Featuring two adventurous leprechauns, inspired by her children, *The Adventures of Patee and Maree* tells the tale of a magical search for their Ma and Da.

Valerie's journey to a published book included countless hours of self-editing, initial character drawings, connecting with potential publishers, and many prayers. Valerie's shared tales of Patee and Maree aren't done quite yet! More adventures will be told in upcoming books, published by Braughler Books. You can learn more about Valerie, Patee, and Maree on Facebook [here](#).

Each month, we will feature alumnae news and spotlights in the Circle of Mercy Moments. Keep us updated on your major announcements, weddings, births, new jobs, and achievements!

SHARE YOUR NEWS WITH US [HERE](#).

ALUMNAE UPDATES

FIND CATHERINE! Congratulations to the February Find Catherine winner, **SANDEE BRAUN PIERCE**, McAuley '78! Each month, Catherine will find a new hiding place on our website! As you explore alumnae news and updates, keep an eye out for her. Should you find her, take a moment to click her image and fill out the form for our monthly prize drawing!

Our Heartfelt Sympathy

Please remember the family and friends of the following alumnae in your prayers.



Margaret Bens Mills
McAuley 1977
January 24, 2025



Sylvia Gerth Dodd
Mother of Mercy 1951
February 4, 2025



Mary Lou Black Wagner
Mother of Mercy 1956
January 31, 2025



Candace Grow Fischer
McAuley 1970
February 12, 2025



Lynne Brockhaus Eschenbach
Mother of Mercy 1957
February 6, 2025



Ellen Rhein Schauer
Mother of Mercy 1956
February 12, 2025



Kimberly Dezarn Ceraul
Mother of Mercy 1975
January 16, 2025



Joan Summe Koch
Mother of Mercy 1952
February 26, 2025



Kathryn Fay Benetka
Mother of Mercy 1967
February 3, 2025



Paula Wiesenmaier
McAuley 1967
January 30, 2025

A list of alumnae who have passed this year can be found online [here](#).

CLASS REUNIONS

Can you believe now is the time to begin thinking about your upcoming reunion! Are your classmates already in conversation about celebrating? Be sure to share your reunion details with our Alumnae Engagement Office so we can help spread the word!

MCAULEY CLASS OF 1965, are you interested in joining the Reunion Planning Committee for your upcoming 60th reunion? Please contact Char Sievers-Fey by email [HERE](#) or phone (513-505-5701).

MCAULEY CLASS OF 1975, your classmates look forward to connecting in September 2025! Stay up to date on the new class Facebook page, "[McAuley Class of 1975](#)."

MOTHER OF MERCY CLASS OF 1975, the Reunion Planning Committee is hard at work preparing to celebrate your 50th reunion with you! Save the date for Saturday, September 13th, for an evening reunion celebration. Stay up to date on the class Facebook page, "[Mother of Mercy Class 1975](#)."



QUICK LINKS:

[Information Update](#)

[Alumnae Owned Businesses](#)

[Make a Gift](#)

---PENCIL IT IN...---

May 5-7

Girls' Schools Unite

May 13

All-School Mass &
May Crowning
8:15 AM

June - August

Summer Book Club



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