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A photograph of a football player in a blue and red uniform running with the ball. The player is wearing a blue helmet with a red face mask and red gloves. The uniform has "PRIORY" and "REYENS" visible. The player is in motion on a green field. Another player in a similar uniform is partially visible on the left side of the frame.

Athletics

Growing in Mind, Body, and Spirit

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Friends,

I'll never forget my first day of Priory athletics.

I arrived at cross country practice late, with the wrong shoes, big glasses, and no experience with running. The team was stretching quads, so I grabbed my right foot and balanced on my left one. The coach wandered up, gave me a look, and said, "Well, at least you've got balance."

Ten minutes later I was running up a hill, wondering where we were going, and pretty sure I shouldn't have had two servings of toasted ravioli. Over the next six years I ran cross country and track as my primary sports, and while I never became a varsity athlete, I developed something more important: the habit, skill, and enthusiasm for long-distance running. In the 19 years since graduation, I have benefited personally from that gift. It has kept me healthy, eased my stress, and provided a welcome relief from the daily grind of leading our school. Thank you, Coach Gleich and Coach Rebello!

All of our students receive this same benefit of athletic formation—if not as runners, then as trained competitors in at least one other sport. Just as importantly, all of our students are able to compete against local rivals, form deep bonds with their teammates, learn the lessons of hard work and perseverance, and savor the sweet taste of victory. When they aren't competing, they have the privilege of cheering their friends at games, pep rallies, and assemblies, while truly understanding what it means to be a competitor. It's undeniable - our student athletes and fans are the heart of our school's spirit.

In this issue of the *Priory Magazine*, you will hear from coaches and alumni about the many ways in which our athletic program supports the formation of our students as strong, confident, and compassionate young men. At Priory we may love to win, but even more we love to beat a stronger opponent, support our friends through losses, and treat our competitors with respect. If you haven't been to one of our games recently, I hope these pages will inspire you to come out to the pitch, field, or court. Our students are amazing, and you'll love cheering for them.

Go Ravens! *Laus Tibi Domine.*



Father Cuthbert Elliott, O.S.B., '02
Headmaster



Football, **Faith** and **Priory**

Former National Football League player Ben Noll '00 grew in athletics, academics, and faith as a student at Priory. He attended the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, and he says Priory gave him the skills he needed to realize his dreams.

Foundation Formed At Priory

"You don't realize the gift that Priory gives you until later in life," Noll says. "Priory gives you a foundation. If you look at the Order of Saint Benedict, you realize he was a bright guy. Look closer at the monks' lives. There are three parts to the day: pray, work, and rest."

Noll says it's a very intentional way to live your life. "There's a piece of me that appreciates the monks' guidance. It felt like I had 30 more dads. Each one brought a unique love or passion to the community and wanted to share it with us."

While he was a Form I and Form II student, Noll developed a steadfast relationship with God. "I spent intentional time each day and opened my heart."

To get to know his classmates, Noll joined the football team. "The coaches put everyone's name on the helmets. I came to practice to meet other students and learn their names," he says.



Once he moved up to the High School, Noll realized he needed to work harder. He began with a vision. "I realized I needed to utilize my mentors, and I developed a 'don't stop' attitude. My sophomore year, I wasn't a dominant player. Coach Marty Combs taught us that if we put in the work, we would be able to execute and win."

The coaches at Priory dedicate their lives to the success of countless students. "The impact is so big. They have created pathways for students to play at the next levels," Noll says. "Other schools don't have the 100-percent-participation-in-athletics requirement. You come together as a team no matter what your role is. Priory teaches you that. Learning how to be a part of a team will take you far. You learn to utilize your God-given talents. Your horizons are opened up because of Priory."

Making Dreams Come True

While playing football at Penn, Noll's best friend and teammate suggested they try out for the NFL. "He said we had the characteristics, but more importantly, the mental aspects to handle the rigor of it. So, I left Penn before my final semester to pursue the NFL."

Noll thought, "You're going to pay me money to work out with my idols - okay! Priory gave me the confidence. The individuals who coached me told me what to focus on. I stayed in the moment, and we were able to impress enough people to make it on an NFL roster."

< Ben Noll '00 senior photo

During his five years in the NFL, Noll played for the Dallas Cowboys, St. Louis Rams, and the Detroit Lions. He says his favorite part of being a part of the NFL was when he would visit hospitals, firehouses, and schools, and just truly giving back to the community.

"I stopped after five years when I realized my wife had become a greater priority than football," says Noll. "As you reach your dreams, you need to ask yourself: 'Are my daily activities glorifying the Lord?' It's important to keep your heart open to the Lord. It was time for me to focus on my wife and my family."

Long-Lasting Brotherhood And Community

Father Augustine Wetta, O.S.B. was the rugby coach when Noll was at Priory. "Ben came out for rugby his senior year, and I said to him, 'Ben, do you really want to jeopardize a college scholarship just to play a season of rugby?' He put his hand on my shoulder and said, 'Father, these kids can't hurt me.' They couldn't. I once watched him drag six opponents across the try line for a score. Incidentally, he was as intimidating on the chess board as on the rugby field."

"You don't realize the gift that Priory gives you until later in life. **Priory gives you a foundation.**"

– Ben Noll '00

Noll encourages Priory students to be open to new opportunities like when he joined the rugby team. "To this day, rugby is my favorite sport. I still play. Take advantage of the personalities and opportunities that you have at Priory. They will have an impact on you for the rest of your life."

Participating in sports at Priory led Noll to the opportunity to play in college and in the NFL. "Sports at Priory allows you to understand what it's like to be a part of a team. It challenges you to try new things. You gain new mentors, and they hold you accountable. If you incorporate all of this into your life, you will come out better. Be sure to incorporate the Rule of Saint Benedict into your daily life: pray, work, and rest. These daily habits will benefit you for the rest of your life."

< Noll's wife and children.



Priory Prepares Alum for Law School

Parker Ferguson '15 Credits Athletics and Mock Trial in Building Skills

"It's an integral part of the experience at Priory," Parker Ferguson '15 says of athletics. "From the very beginning, it's incredibly formative."

Being part of a team – whether in sports, in Mock Trial, or in the classroom – has played a large role in Ferguson's journey to Harvard Law. A member of Priory's football, hockey, and tennis teams, Ferguson matriculated to Middlebury College, where he continued his football career.

"I felt very prepared for college coming out of Priory," Ferguson says. "When you're involved in athletics and continuing your education, and you're having to deal with scheduling and time management, it's easy to go to one extreme or the other of being very laissez-faire or very disciplined. My time at Priory helped me strike a good balance."

One of his mentors at Priory was longtime faculty member and coach Tony Finan. "He played football at Harvard, and showed us you could be a serious athlete and a serious student," he says. "When I moved up to varsity football as a sophomore and became a starter, Coach Finan really became my guru from then on. He expected you to live up to your fullest potential on the field and in the classroom."

▼ #74 at Middlebury College, Parker Ferguson '15

"It was great to see someone bring that kind of passion and expect others to mirror it," says Ferguson.

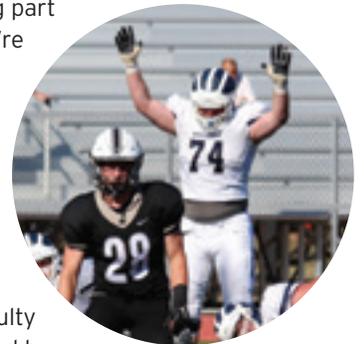
A co-captain of Priory's Mock Trial team, Ferguson continued that involvement in college as well. "The formative aspect of team activities isn't just limited to sports," he says. "It can be playing a role in a musical, or being part of a club. You're working hard, you're dividing the work and playing your role, and over time you're growing into leadership."

His senior thesis at Priory and Middlebury were both law-related, with his Priory thesis turning into a mock appellate argument in front of a panel of faculty "judges" asking questions submitted by alumni. His thesis adviser was former faculty member Joe MacDonald '06, who was the moderator of the Mock Trial program and one of his other biggest influences during his time at Priory.

Ferguson credits his thesis experience, along with his training in writing and his time in Mock Trial at Priory, as a big part of his preparation for college and law school.

"You write your sophomore research paper and your senior thesis," Ferguson says. "Having to write like that is important when you're eventually going to be in classes about legal research and writing or having to make any kind of argument."

Ferguson, who is preparing to kick off his first year at Harvard Law School, reiterated the value of teamwork over and over again. "Working together – it helps you develop so much emotional intelligence and skill at managing personalities," he says. "All those things that are so important in your professional life. I see it mirrored in colleagues all the time who did team-heavy activities as part of their education."



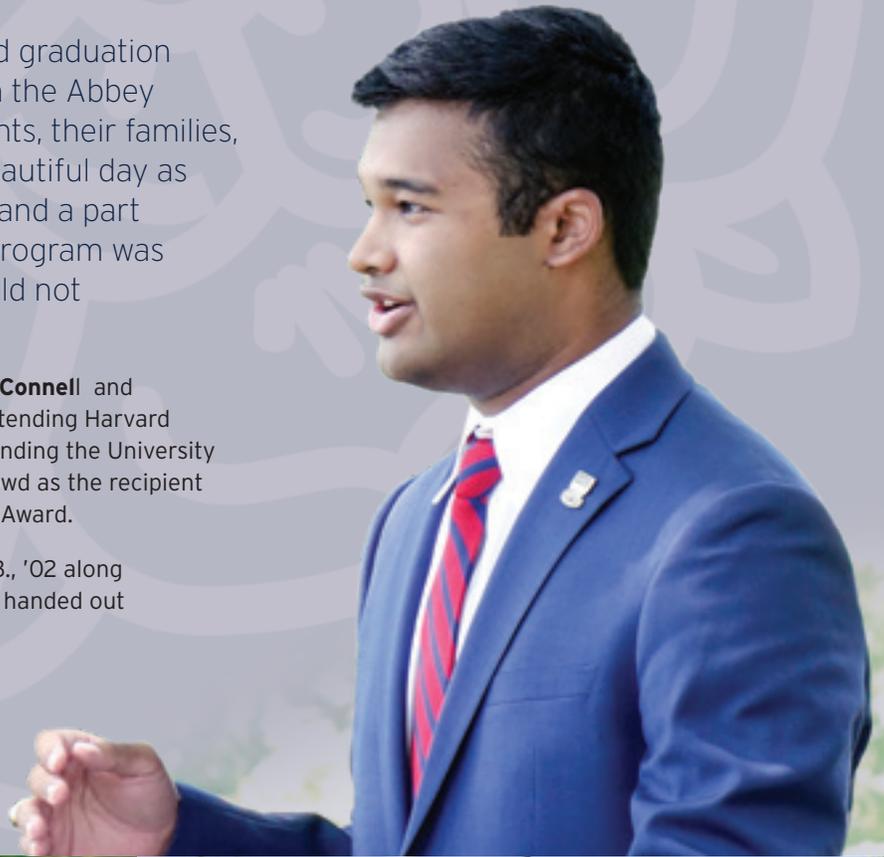
GRADUATION 2021

Priory's Class of 2021 celebrated graduation on May 23 on the lawn between the Abbey Church and High School. Students, their families, faculty and staff enjoyed the beautiful day as 74 students became graduates and a part of a robust alumni group. The program was livestreamed for those who could not attend in person.

Speakers included Class Mentor **Kevin O'Connell** and valedictorian **Devin Kancherla**, who is attending Harvard University. **Thomas Johnson**, who is attending the University of Southern California, addressed the crowd as the recipient of the Claude I. Bakewell Jr. '61 Memorial Award.

Headmaster Father Cuthbert Elliott, O.S.B., '02 along with Abbot Gregory Mohrman, O.S.B., '76 handed out diplomas to the graduates.

> Valedictorian speaker Devin Kancherla '21



Class mentor Kevin O'Connell



Thomas Johnson '21, Bakewell award recipient



Matriculation List

The 74 members of the class of 2021 are attending the following schools as freshmen for their 2021-22 school year:

Baylor University	Tufts University
Benedictine College	Tulane University
Drake University	United States Merchant Marine Academy
Drury University	University of Arkansas
Elon University	University of California- Los Angeles
Gonzaga University	University of Dayton
Grinnell College	University of Denver
Harvard University	University of Kansas
Illinois Wesleyan University	University of Missouri
Indiana University	University of Missouri- Kansas City (6-year Medical Program)
McPherson College	University of Notre Dame
Missouri University of Science and Technology	University of San Francisco
Northeastern University	University of Southern California
Norwich University	University of Tulsa
Ohio State University	Villanova University
Purdue University	Wake Forest University
Regis University	Washington University in St. Louis
Saint Louis University	Webster University
Santa Clara University	Yale University
Sewanee - The University of the South	
South Dakota School of Mines and Technology	
Spring Hill College	
Syracuse University	
Texas A & M University	
Texas Christian University	
The University of Alabama	

SENIOR FACULTY AWARDS



Jan Poth



Tyler Orf



Kevin O'Connell



Beth Collier



Nikki Hostnik



Robin Chestnas

Classroom Instructor - Presented to the faculty member who inspires students with a mastery of the subject matter and the ability to convey it to them.

Honoree: **Jan Poth**, mathematics teacher

Coach - Recognizes the outstanding instruction in athletics - instruction to all various levels of talent, helping students reach their potential and above all, making it fun.

Honoree: **Tyler Orf**, humanities department chair, history teacher and lacrosse coach

Mentor - Presented to the faculty member to whom students have been able to turn to when the going was rough, and whose opinion they admire and respect.

Honoree: **Kevin O'Connell**, Spanish teacher

Shield Dedication - Presented to the faculty member(s) who most contributed to the success and well-being of the Senior Class.

Honorees:

Beth Collier, former director of college counseling.

Nikki Hostnik, director of college counseling.

Robin Chestnas, front desk receptionist and assistant to the assistant head of school for intellectual formation.



SPORTS

BY THE NUMBERS

Priory Athletic Highlights

- **Bill Daake '69** - All-time leading scorer - more than 2,000 points in basketball
- **Charlie Ferrick** - More than 1,000 points in basketball
- **Harrison Wilmsen '21** - More than 1,000 points in basketball
- **Bill Daake '69** - Basketball All American 1969
- **Jimmy Holmes '06** - Soccer All American 2005
- **Carter Coleman '21** - Lacrosse All American 2020 and 2021

Most Individual State Championships

- 7** Tony Hilliard '81
- 3** Esan Simon '90
- 2** Dalton Bingman '20

Most Team State Titles

- 7** Soccer
- 3** Golf
- 2** Hockey
- 2** Cross Country

Academic All Americans

- 2015 **George Paletta** - Lacrosse
- 2015 **Jake Drysdale** - Cross Country
- 2016 **Andrew Mauzy** - Lacrosse
- 2016 **James Carey** - Lacrosse
- 2016 **William Hanley** - Soccer
- 2017 **James Carey** - Lacrosse

513

Total career wins for
Basketball Coach
Bobby McCormack

TOTAL COMBINED

14

Team State Championships

- 1973 - **Football Class 2A**
- 2004 - **Cross Country Class 2**
- 2004 - **Hockey - Wickenheiser Cup**
- 2005 - **Soccer Class 2**
- 2007 - **Golf Class 3**
- 2007 - **Hockey - Wickenheiser Cup**
- 2011 - **Soccer Class 2**
- 2015 - **Cross Country Class 3**
- 2016 - **Golf Class 2**
- 2016 - **Lacrosse**
- 2017 - **Soccer Class 2**
- 2018 - **Golf Class 3**
- 2019 - **Ultimate**
- 2021 - **Tennis**

411

Accumulated wins
at Priory for
Soccer Coach
John Mohrmann



ATHLETICS

AN INTEGRAL PART OF A PRIORY EDUCATION

The athletic program is an important component of the overall education and development of every student at Priory. With 100 percent participation, the program is designed to help each student discover and develop his God-given talents.



Athletics at Priory provide the opportunity for students to grow in mind, body, and spirit.

"Providing opportunities for coaches and players to come together and be a part of something that is bigger than themselves is what Priory athletics are all about," Athletic Director Harold Barker says. "Each of our sports is led by incredible men who dedicate much of their time and energy to helping our guys become the best versions of themselves."

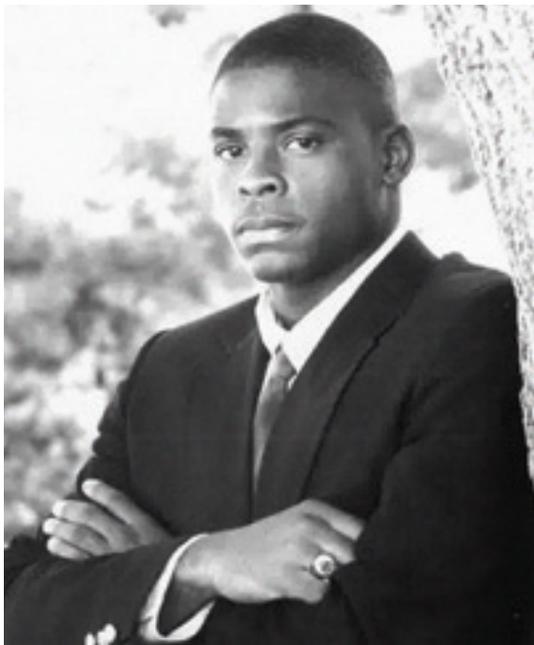
Some of the objectives of Priory athletics include providing athletic competition, exposing young athletes to a wide variety of sports, helping students reach their full physical and mental potential in sports, and fostering a continuing interest in athletic activity for physical well-being and enjoyment.

"We work every day to create organized platforms that can open doors for our student athletes to learn the life lessons you may not get in the classroom," Barker says.

Additionally, Priory athletics educate students in the elements of respect and good sportsmanship, encourage the development of the qualities of leadership, commitment, cooperation, and self-discipline, and provide the opportunity for the school, teams, and individuals to gain recognition.

An Opportunity To Come Together

Our athletic program is also integral to the strong sense of community at Priory, offering a means to bring together the students, faculty, parents, and alumni in an atmosphere that makes the Priory family stronger.



^ Ken Barry '94 helped unveil the new football uniforms at the school pep rally.

One such opportunity was the first football game of the 2021 season on August 28 where the new Raven uniforms were unveiled by football alum Ken Barry '94. His #9 jersey was used for the unveiling.

"Ken had a tremendous career at Priory and went on to play college football at Notre Dame," Barker says. Prior to the game, a pep rally was held for the students, faculty, and staff on the second day of school.

Another benefit for students is to make new friends in addition to staying active and healthy.

"Playing football and basketball lets me hang out with my friends and meet students from other grades. It is nice to get outside and have fun after a long day of learning," Junior Jalen Riad says. "All the coaches at Priory push us to excel in our sports. My favorite things about playing sports at Priory are the opportunity to be a part of a team and the friendships I have made on the field and on the court."

Building relationships is an important part of team sports and can last for many years. Head Soccer Coach John Mohrmann hosts pickup games in the summer for players of all ages.

"The camaraderie and joy of playing is awesome," Mohrmann says. "I'll text alums and players, and we make teams with whoever comes out. The competitive level is so high. Students are playing against men - it's a great mix of people. The younger guys absorb a lot."

< Ken Barry '94

“Sports are **great for getting the blood flowing** and for staying active **and building teamwork.**”

– Eighth grader Chuck Taylor

100% Participation

Athletics at Priory are part of the curriculum, and students participate in at least two of the three sports seasons, at least one of which is an interscholastic, competitive team.

“When sports are a part of the curriculum, it becomes no different than math, science, history, or English. In those classes, students have opportunities to learn and grow, and they have opportunities to master skills they can use in any profession in their life as they become adults,” Barker says. “In athletics, students have the chance to also learn and grow. They can master skills like time management, organization, dedication, and an array of other skills, which will help them to be the best professionals, husbands, fathers, brothers, and friends they can be.”

Students in athletics benefit from trying new things and making new friends as well as learning about teamwork, sportsmanship, and building their leadership skills.

“These skills put students in a position where they have to learn how to be accountable” Barker says. “Whether you’re the best player or the last guy on the bench or even the team manager, when you participate you begin to understand how each person has a role and how each person has to accept that role, maximize their time in that role, and grow within that role for the team to ultimately find success.”

Freshman Eddie Rothery, who moved to St. Louis from Sacramento and came to Priory as an eighth grader, says he’s met a lot of great people and friends at Priory and he believes they will be lifelong friends.

“One of my favorite things about Priory is sports,” Rothery says. “At almost every other school in St. Louis, they do not require you to play a sport. At Priory, they do. And this has opened me up to sports that I thought I would never play.”

7th & 8th Grade Athletics

Prior to Covid, athletics for Forms I and II were held in the middle of the day. The schedule returned to that format when school started in August. It was a welcome return.

“The biggest benefit is direct interaction with the high school head coaches,” Barker reflects. “This establishes a strong relationship early on with the coaches and allows more time for growth in and understanding of the system and philosophies for each program. Another benefit is this becomes a more efficient and equitable use of our facilities and allows us to end practices at a reasonable time for the high school athletes.”

Eighth grader Chuck Taylor says he enjoys the natural competitiveness in athletics at Priory. “Sports at Priory have been a great way that I have been able to socialize and have fun with friends while not being in the classroom. Sports are great for getting the blood flowing and for staying active and building teamwork.”

The Benefits Of Priory Athletics

“God gives every boy not just gifts, but also a vocation or calling to use his gifts for the Glory of God and the welfare of humanity,” Headmaster Father Cuthbert Elliott, O.S.B., '02 says. “Taking care of yourself is not just a right, but also a responsibility.”

Priory’s athletic program introduces students to sports they perhaps had never considered and allows them to grow athletically and physically as they try new things. Sports also help to build the Priory community.

“I’ve always believed this and metaphorically speaking, if the heart pumps the blood that carries the oxygen and nutrients the body needs for energy, athletics does the same for our community,” Barker says. “The games provide the opportunity for us to gather and support a team of young men who have put in the work to try and succeed. Win or lose, this provides our community the energy it needs to sustain the other endeavors presented to us.”

State Championship

PROGRAM SPANS DECADES

Enthusiastic. Knowledgeable. Observant. Patient. Focused. Goal-oriented. Successful coaches need a combination of these qualities and skills to build success on and off the field. Priory Head Soccer Coach John Mohrmann embodies not only these qualities, but also personifies loyalty and dedication.

Having taught high school for almost 40 years, Mohrmann has spent the last 30 years at Priory. He says one of the greatest joys of coaching is forming lifelong relationships. "There is a cherished camaraderie and brotherhood formed at Priory."

Mohrmann, who was recently named associate director of college counseling, says he considers Priory his home. "The emphasis on athletics, academics, and spirituality at Priory are a big part of my life."

State Champions

Mohrmann has led the Priory soccer team to three state championships. Like children, he said you love them all and have fond memories of each. "The first state win (2005) seems so unreal. We didn't lose a game that season. At the time, there had never been a team that won the state championship that had gone undefeated. There was a point I knew we had the best team, but the pressure was mounting."

Mohrmann's brother was his assistant coach at the time, and he said he was so relieved when it was over. "My brother was instrumental in the success that season. When we won, the entire team ran to each other, and I went and hugged my brother."

The 2011 team was flat out the best team he'd ever had, according to Mohrmann. "We dominated, and it was fun to watch. We played larger schools and won again without losing a game that season."

The 2017 state championship winning team was special too. Mohrmann's son was on the team, and there were only four seniors. "It was a great group of players. The road was tough, and we won a big game against John Burroughs," Mohrmann says.

The Early Years & Building A Strong Program

When Mohrmann arrived at Priory, the soccer program had a lot of room for growth.

"My older brothers were a part of the soccer program at Priory in the 1990s when Coach Mohrmann arrived," said Assistant Head of School for Human and Spiritual Formation, Mike Nikolai, '03. "It wasn't a strong program at the time. My own brothers were just looking for something that wasn't cross country or football."

Nikolai started attending the Priory summer soccer camps when he was in elementary school. "John brought a lot of energy and enthusiasm. He still does. I also now realize that his investment of time in those third and fourth grade camps helped to build the foundation of the program. As kids like me got older and came to Priory, we already knew the system."





△ Mohrmann hugging his brother after winning the 2005 State Championship.

According to Nickolai, by the time he got to high school, the program was improving and had some great players. However, the talent pool was still shallow compared to some of the other schools in the area.

“Our competitive advantage in those years was really in the coaching,” Nickolai says. “When I reflect on the teams that I was a part of, I appreciate John’s great ability to identify his players’ strengths and put them in a position to be successful. We did not have teams filled with ‘select’ players, but we could compete with those types of teams because John knew our strengths and maximized our potential.”

Ted Altepeter ’09 was a part of the varsity soccer team at a time when the team had not won districts since 2005.

“Going into that year, we had a wide range of skill levels, not to mention personalities,” says Altepeter. “It wasn’t exactly clear how we’d all mix together. As the season progressed, we got better and better, stringing together a couple of long winning streaks separated by just a few losses. The team was growing closer and continuously learning how to play to everyone’s strengths. By the end of the season, we were a well-oiled machine, ranked No. 1 heading into districts.”

Altepeter said Coach Mohrmann was instrumental in guiding the team. “We weren’t just playing for ourselves but playing for each other. I’d argue that a team that plays for each other is the most dangerous and difficult to beat, regardless of how talented another might be. Similarly, navigating life and progressing in a career is near impossible to do alone. But when we fully leverage the gifts and talents of others around us, there is no limit to what can be achieved. Little did we know that coach’s invisible, guiding hand was quietly orchestrating such a transferable and valuable life skill.”

Developing Players, Mentoring And Brotherhood

“I relish the challenge of trying to help every individual player reach his potential and of figuring out how to get each team to be the best it can be,” Mohrmann says. “It doesn’t always happen, but to witness a group of individuals begin to challenge and support and sacrifice for one another, and then develop into a true team—that’s success. To see them come together to play beautiful, flowing, skilled, organized, team soccer—that’s a special joy for me as a coach. Sometimes it leads to championships, but even when it doesn’t, it represents great success.”

Witnessing the formation of a true community of brotherhood with players of all backgrounds who are willing to support and care for each other is what Priory sports are all about, according to Mohrmann.

“The great challenge of coaching is to figure out how to help players grow to this point, how to help them learn to understand that true success isn’t defined by wins and losses but by their character—that is, by how they practice, how they compete, how they win or lose, and most importantly by how they treat others,” Mohrmann says.

Priory alumnus Ryan Farley ’20 reflected on what he would miss most as he finished his final season of soccer at Priory.

“The feeling of being in that family. Especially my senior year, I really felt the bond between all of us. It’s irreplaceable,” said Farley. “To the younger students - work hard every day. By the end of the season, you won’t regret it because you’ll notice the development in your skill, as well as in the relationships around you. Your teammates will notice your hard work. Also, take time to appreciate the group of guys around you. Sooner than you expect, it will all be over.”

A shared philosophy at Priory is an expectation of excellence in both academics and athletics. “It’s much more difficult to do both—but that’s what Priory student-athletes do,” Mohrmann says. “The two parts of a student’s life can also serve each other. I have witnessed how a young student-athlete who learns discipline, hard work, and sacrifice for his sport, often brings that same mindset to his academics and, later, to his life after school.”

Building And Fostering Life-Long Relationships

"Through coaching, I get to know many different student-athletes, young men with varied backgrounds and personalities," says Mohrmann. "A team spends a lot of time together; we endure the struggle and frustrations together, and sometimes even suffer devastating disappointment, but these shared experiences help to build community. I enjoy watching how my players grow and mature after their playing days at Priory."

Coach and faculty member Andrew Erker '11 says Coach Mohrmann has been a friend and mentor to him for many years. "I have learned as much from our conversations about what it means to be a person of good will and decency as I have from his example."

Nickolai said Mohrmann has made a big impact at Priory.

"It really is impressive to think about how John stays invested in his players even after they graduate," Nickolai says. "I played varsity soccer for John for three seasons, but he has been a part of my life for almost 30 years. What's more impressive is that my experience is not unique. Many other alum players feel that same connection to John. He has created more than a soccer program; he's created a culture and a family."

> Mohrmann with his son Will '19 after winning the 2017 State Championship.

"Our competitive advantage in those years was really in the coaching."

– Mike Nickolai, '03

Winning a state championship would naturally be on the top of the list of most students' memories. However, Erker says winning a championship pales in comparison to the positive impact Mohrmann has had on his life.

"Through his example, I have come to realize that championship victories are not just the result of a single game," says Erker. "Championships are won very slowly, over time. Team unity and the desire to see your teammates succeed are critical elements of state titles. This is the mentality John encourages his players to have and is one of the many reasons why he has had success in the past and why he will continue to have success in the future."



MARTY McCABE

Valued Member of Priory Community **for Almost 60 Years**

Teacher, coach, campus resident, administrator, mentor – very few members of our community have been involved in as many aspects of life at 500 South Mason as Marty McCabe.

McCabe grew up in north St. Louis near Sherman Park. His father was an ironworker, his mother built torpedoes during World War II and worked for Knight Drug Company and a doctor's office, and he had one older brother. He attended St. Mark's Grade School and McBride High School. "I thought I was going to play some college basketball, but I got hurt my senior year," he says. He volunteered for the draft, assuming the injury would disqualify him and then he could start looking for jobs. "Well, they drafted me, and so off I went!" He spent two years in the Army, including 18 months serving a deployment in Germany just outside of Nuremberg.

After the Army, he attended Saint Louis University. An avid amateur baseball and basketball player, he continued his baseball career for SLU, and graduated in 3.5 years. During his senior year, he married his wife Sue, and they eventually had a family of eight children.

A history and education major, his first job out of college was teaching civics and coaching basketball at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in North County. After a year on the faculty there, he had his first opportunity to come to Priory.

"I met Father Paul when I was refereeing basketball," McCabe says. "He asked me out to have dinner with the monks, and it was quite an experience because no one was talking, just one monk was reading."

It was another year before the job at Priory would pan out, so McCabe spent a year teaching at Belleville Cathedral High School, which was run by the Marianists.

He joined Priory's faculty in 1962 teaching 7th grade algebra and theology. "I enjoyed teaching the Old Testament because of all the stories. It was easy to get the kids excited about it and involved in it," he says.

George Halenkamp '71 says the example McCabe set as a father also made him a natural fit to teach in the Junior School. "He's probably the finest family man ever," he says. "I think that's part of why they had him teaching with the young guys – he was so good with kids that age because he always had one or two of his own!"

▽ Enjoying the Priory Golf Scramble:
Marty McCabe Jr. '80, Bob McCabe '88, Jerry McCabe '81,
Marty McCabe Sr., Bob Heitz '11, and Joe Heitz '09



After McCabe's first year at Priory, the monks acquired the last property that makes up the current campus, and the McCabes moved into the house that came with it. "My kids had the opportunity to live on the 150-plus acres of campus, and they knew every nook and cranny of this place," he says. "It was a great opportunity, and a short commute!"

Sue McCabe also worked nearby as an operating room nurse at Mercy Hospital and kept a large garden and a colony of bees near the house. They lived on campus for more than 30 years, and their three sons all attended Priory.

In addition to joining the teaching faculty, McCabe was brought on as a coach, and eventually took on the role of athletic director. "When you're the A.D., and you have a sport that's not covered, you usually end up with it," he laughs, noting he eventually coached seven sports at Priory. He was Priory's athletic director for 17 years, then took over the Admissions Office for several years before leaving the administration shortly before he retired in 2000.

In May of 1998, McCabe was made an Honorary Alumnus of Saint Louis Priory School. It should come as no surprise that the Alumni Board would bestow such an honor, even while he was still an active member of the faculty. "Marty McCabe is all about Priory," Halenkamp says. "Not just sports, but the institution, and the kids."



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– George Halenkamp '71

In 1999, shortly after his honorary alumnus induction and shortly before his retirement from Priory, he was inducted into the St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame. When Priory renovated the varsity baseball field a few years later, it was renamed McCabe Field in his honor.

He lives in Ballwin and stays as active as he can. He spends a lot of his time playing golf and joined a dart league at the VFW in Ballwin, though that's been on hold during Covid. Before the pandemic, he also spent time volunteering in the Priory library, where he says he enjoyed having the opportunity to be back around the boys and involved in the life of the school.

He lost Sue, "my best friend," to whom he was married for more than 50 years, about five years ago, but six of his eight kids live in St. Louis. He has 30 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. "I know all their names, but I need a calendar to keep track of all their birthdays," he jokes.

McCabe still makes a point of attending Priory sporting events throughout the year and stays in touch with many of the students he taught and coached. "Keeping that camaraderie over the years is really valuable. You come across guys who go into all kinds of professions and walks of life. I'm proud of all of them."



GIVING BACK

TO HONOR HIS BROTHER

Dr. Luis M. Tumialán '90, a Professor of Neurosurgery at the Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix, Arizona, honors the memory of his brother with a monthly gift to Priory. By remembering his brother in this way, he hopes it will have a ripple effect on the students who walk through the hallways at Priory.

Jorge Tumialán, a 1993 graduate of Priory and Dr. Tumialán's brother, passed away at the age of 26 after battling Bartter Syndrome.

"Jorge struggled his whole life with this terrible disease," Dr. Tumialán said. "He was vulnerable to even minor things like the flu. It was very difficult especially for my parents. I give to Priory in his honor. While I can call my sisters and my mom and dad and have a conversation or see them at a wedding or a baptism, I will never be able to see my brother again in this world. Priory was our special connection. My gift to Priory fills that void to some extent. The monthly gift is my connection to Jorge."

Jorge wore his brother's jersey to the Priory football games. "He wore No. 41, my jersey, and he would cheer for me. It's how I remember him. He's still looking out for me," reflects Dr. Tumialán.

√ Jorge Tumialán '93.



"I have four children and I have to be careful because I always want to treat them all the same. So, I tucked my brother's name as a middle name for one of my sons," he says. "My second son is named Andreas Jorge. My mother tucked her father's name in as my middle name. So, I reflected on that and wanted to honor my brother. It allowed me to commemorate him."

The Gifts Of Giving

Dr. Tumialán says you'll never know what the ripple effect could be when you give back to causes and organizations that are important to you. "Gifts compound," he says. "In all likelihood, you may never know how your gift affects others. But the snowball effect can reach critical masses."

"Luis' contributions to Priory over many years have been a blessing for many students in the school," Abbot Gregory Mohrman, O.S.B., '76 says. "His ongoing support is a testament to his devotion to his brother and to the school. The legacy established in his brother's memory will sustain Priory students for many years to come. We are so grateful to him and all the Tumialán family."

Education Foundation Formed At Priory

After graduating from Priory, Dr. Tumialán attended the University of Missouri, where he earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry. After Mizzou, he graduated from Georgetown University School of Medicine with the intention of being an orthopedic surgeon. However, during an internship at the Naval Medical Center in San Diego, he saw neurosurgery in depth for the first time and knew he wanted to change paths.



< Priory alum Dr. Esan Simon '90 visiting with Dr. Tumialán.

Having been commissioned in 1996 as a Naval officer, Dr. Tumialán entered the Navy Health Professions Scholarship Program. His plans were temporarily altered in the aftermath of the 9-11 attacks. After studying at the Naval submarine school in Groton, Connecticut and completing Navy Dive School in Panama City, Florida, he received orders to serve as the Diving Medical Officer (DMO) assigned to the Naval Special Warfare Unit One in Guam.

Dr. Tumialán spent the next two years supporting missions for various Navy SEAL platoons around Southeast Asia during the Global War on Terror. He received a Naval and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and a Navy Humanitarian Medal for the search and maritime rescue of a foreign national. "I always had the desire to serve my country," he says. He served in the Navy for 11 years.

Athletics At Priory

"Sports is a metaphor for life," Dr. Tumialán says. "When I was at Priory, there was a two-sport requirement. I played three sports a year. Team sports are so valuable. The power of a team far exceeds the power of any one individual."

Dr. Tumialán has fond memories of working out with his teammates. He recalls, "Mr. Tony Finan would open the gym for us in the middle of the summer when it was hot and humid so we could work out and get ready for football season. My friends Dr. Esan Simon and Al Hebron made me a better player."

While life takes people in different directions, the bonds formed at Priory can last a lifetime. Simon's path took him through Phoenix on several occasions, and the Priory alums got together to catch up and reminisce.

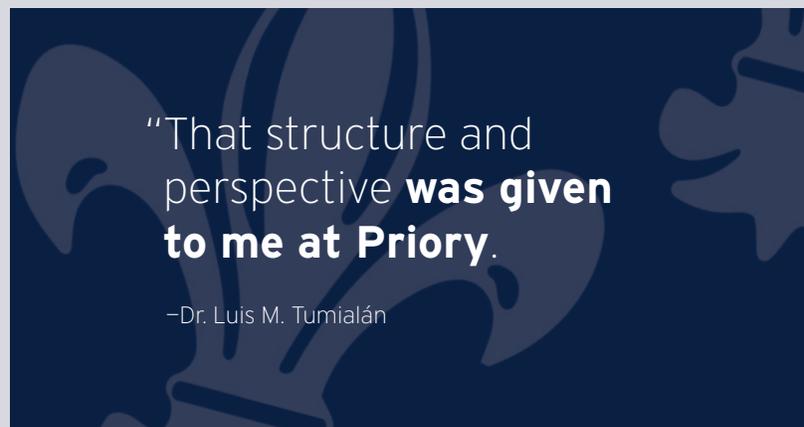
"Not only was it a privilege to work alongside Luis on the football field, but also in the wrestling room where he motivated me to become a better, stronger wrestler as I observed his work ethic and grit," Simon said.

Spirituality

Other aspects of a Priory education helped form Dr. Tumialán into the person he is today.

"I remember morning prayers and all-school Mass. When I attend Mass now and hear the song 'Lord of All Hopefulness,' it immediately reminds me of Priory," he says. "At the time, I didn't recognize how great it was. This is where structure and framework came from."

The monks at Priory also made a big impact. Dr. Tumialán says when he transitioned to Mizzou, the spirituality wasn't there.



"The absence of it was striking. Then when I got to Georgetown, it was there again. They had a daily Mass for medical students. I attended those services, and it was a great opportunity to clear my mind," Dr. Tumialán says. "I was drawn to that based on my experience at Priory. That structure and perspective was given to me at Priory. There was a framework within me because of Priory. It's what I want for myself and for my kids."

Dr. Tumialán lives in Phoenix with his wife and their four children. Prior to Covid, he spent 11 years coaching his kids in soccer. He was recently drawn out of retirement to coach again.



STUDENTS BENEFIT

from Robust College Counseling Program

When students and families think about College Counseling and how Covid has - and will - affect them, some of the things that come to mind include how do the changes affect us? What does test optional mean, is it real, and how does it affect the process? What opportunities are there for campus tours?

"Covid brought a lot of changes - none of which any of us saw coming," Director of College Counseling Nikki Hostnik says.

When it became clear that Covid was not going to be over in just a few weeks, many colleges and universities started to explore alternatives. Many chose to pivot to an ACT test optional program.

Test optional means if you have a score you're proud of, and it will enhance your application, you are welcome to submit it. If you have a score which you feel won't enhance your application, or you weren't able to retake or didn't have the opportunity to take the ACT, then you don't have to submit a score. Some schools were "test flexible", which means they did not require an ACT or SAT score but instead required AP scores or graded papers - not just the transcript.

"We had to help our students navigate a whole new set of rules," Hostnik says. "Luckily and purposefully, we get to know our students throughout their years at Priory. We already had a good line of communication in place."

The good news, according to Hostnik, is that almost all colleges and universities are doing a two- or three-year pilot for test optional or test flexible admissions. They will determine how it impacts their student bodies during and after the pilot.

David Hartenbach '21 said Covid presented a lot of challenges. Three of his scheduled ACT testing dates were cancelled. "Beyond that," he says,

"I was unable to visit any of my colleges before applying to them, which made it much more difficult to come up with a list."

By the spring of 2021, many students were able to tour the campuses where they had been accepted. Prior to that, Zoom meetings were set up with admissions representatives from the schools where Priory students were applying. "Although it wasn't as good as a tour or visit, we had over 75 of those available. It was very customized," Hostnik says.

A Wealth Of Experience

Hostnik was named the director of college counseling in the spring and is in her fifth year at Priory. She was recently elected as president-elect of the Missouri Association for College Admission Counseling, which serves professionals in both the high school and college levels of college admissions.

John Mohrmann, head soccer coach and English teacher, was named the new associate director of college counseling and will be working alongside Hostnik to serve students and families.

"We have some exciting changes happening and we plan to be even more collaborative," Hostnik says. "In the past, each senior was assigned one counselor. Students will still be assigned to one of us as a main point of contact, but every student will have both of us working with them. Every application and essay will have at least two reads. It's a human process. What stands out to one admissions person may not to another. So, the students will benefit with a review from two different counselors."



“We have some exciting changes happening in College Counseling.”

– Director of College Counseling, Nikki Hostnik

Nikki Hostnik working with a student.

“Mrs. Hostnik went above and beyond to give me direction, and **I feel truly lucky to have had those resources in such a confusing year.**”

– David Hartenbach '21

Hostnik is thrilled with the changes. “Mr. Mohrmann and I have different and complimentary skills. He understands our students, Priory, and our mission. Having been a teacher here for more than 30 years, he really understands what students go through in our classrooms.”

College Counseling Program And Process

Priory’s College Counseling philosophy focuses on defining the students’ best-fit options with the individual student’s interests and family context and values.

Priory students participate in a series of individual and group meetings from ninth through twelfth grades. These meetings include course selection while at Priory, the logistics of the actual college selection process, suggested schools and programs for each student to consider, and career and major exploration information.

“We appreciate that the college counselors work with a much smaller number of students than they would if they were working at a larger school,” says Carolyn Dolan, mother of Priory alums Sean '19 and Will '21. “As a result, they can give more time and attention to each of the Priory students they are counseling.”

Individualized Service For Each Student

Theresa Johnson, mother of Thomas '21 and Andrew '19, applauds the Priory College Counseling office for building relationships with the students and parents early on. “Mrs. Hostnik treated each boy as an individual and worked with his strengths and weaknesses. She advocated for them, and she was rooting for them almost as much as we were. By the time my boys were seniors, they knew where to apply and how to focus their time.”

Hartenbach agreed. “Mrs. Hostnik went above and beyond to give me direction, and I feel truly lucky to have had those resources in such a confusing year,” he says.

Valedictorian Devin Kancherla '21 says his experience with the College Counseling office was excellent. “Both counselors were always willing to meet at any time, even on Zoom if you were quarantining.”

Priory Seniors And Looking Forward

“It is easy to take for granted the amount of attention and care we receive in the college admissions process at Priory,” Ryan Lally '22 says. “The best part is not planned curriculum or formal meetings, but rather just the availability of my college counselor.”

Seniors at Priory participate in the “Senior Seminar” during their fall term. The small group classes are comprised of five to seven students, and they work on applications, essays, the common application, and determining the best fit colleges and universities.

Seniors want to know what colleges and universities are evaluating. Even prior to test optional and test flexible admissions, test scores were usually number four or five on the list of things admissions departments look at, according to Hostnik.

“Schools are looking at transcripts, academic rigor, extracurricular activities, athletics, leadership, legacies and testing,” Hostnik says. “It’s truly a holistic approach - they are looking at what interests them about the applicants. They want to determine, ‘How is this person going to make our school a better place?’ The academic piece is extremely important, but to set themselves apart, I tell the students to also ask themselves, ‘Why is Priory better because I was here?’”

SAINT LOUIS ABBEY JOURNAL



MY DEAR FRIENDS,

Greetings to you from the heart of sweltering St. Louis! It's hard to imagine at this time of the year that we will ever be cool again, but we know it will happen...eventually.

To reflect on this past year is to see a time of enormous challenges for the monastic community, the school, all the members of the Abbey Family, and for our world. In such times, it is all the more imperative that we place our hope in God and ask for His guidance and protection through every difficulty. All of us have been touched by Covid, some more deeply and personally than others. The monks have been in solidarity with all those amongst us who have suffered the severe illness and even the loss of loved ones. Prayer, indeed, has been our main apostolate in these times.

Thanks be to God, the monks have been spared much of this, and none of us have contracted Covid. It was a great blessing to be able to have on-campus learning for most of the year, and the graduation ceremonies in May were among the most joyous I have ever experienced.

In the monastery, we continue to observe the regular round of prayer and celebration of the Sacraments, and our community life remains much the same as always. Most of the community remains here on campus, though Father Ambrose continues his ministry in the Falkland Islands, and Brother Hugh has gone to Austria to begin his studies for the priesthood at a Cistercian monastery there (it will enable him to hone his skills in German). Father Michael, Brother Sixtus, and Father Edward remain at Portsmouth Abbey, and have petitioned to transfer their vows of stability there and become permanent members of Portsmouth Abbey. They will, of course, always have a "second home" here in St Louis!

So, I end by quoting Saint Paul's own words to his beloved in Ephesus (Ephesians 3:15-21):

This, then, is what I pray, kneeling before the Father, from whom every fatherhood, in heaven or on earth, takes its name. In the abundance of his glory may he, through his Spirit, enable you to grow firm in power with regard to your inner self, so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith, and then, planted in love and built on love, with all God's holy people you will have the strength to grasp the breadth and the length, the height and the depth; so that, knowing the love of God, which is beyond all knowledge, you may be filled with the utter fullness of God.

Glory be to Him whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine; glory be to Him from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus for every and every. Amen.

May God richly bless you all. Laus Tibi Domine!

Abbot Gregory Mohrman, O.S.B.

Abbot Gregory Mohrman, O.S.B., '76

SAINT ANSELM PARISH NEWS

Dear Abbey Friends,

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are settling into the beautiful season of Fall!

Despite the continued craziness over the past year, things have returned to some semblance of normal in the parish.

The highlight for the second half of the calendar year was the ability to celebrate the holy days of Easter in person. Parishioners were very excited we had wonderful participation in these liturgies.



Since Easter, thanks be to God, we have continued to see a rise in our Sunday Mass attendance. Attendance continued to grow with the lifting of the Sunday Mass dispensation by the Archdiocese in early July.

Many of our summer programs returned this year as well. We had the inaugural year of the Totus Tuus Program in July. The parish welcomed three young adult missionaries from the Archdiocese's Office of Youth Ministry. We welcomed 45 young people, ages kindergarten to eighth grade. The week included daily Mass, a program of study of the Ten Commandments and the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, and many other activities. The week ended with a Friday Fun Day of water sports, games, and sundaes.



Youth Ministry was able to participate in their regular summer events. In June, a group attended the Life Teen Leadership Conference at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas. Later in the summer, a group along with Father Francis, participated in the Steubenville Conference at Missouri State University. Both events were enjoyable and fruitful for all in attendance.

In addition to these events, we've continued to see many of our regular ministries and parish groups return to their regular in person meetings. Our Saint Vincent de Paul Conference has been very active in making home visits and helping neighbors in need throughout the Saint Louis area. We've also had the opportunity to be active in other outreach programs in the community. We began a community building project with our sister parish, Most Holy Trinity in the Hyde Park neighborhood.

We held a Parish Mission with guest preacher Father Ronald Hoyer, a Vincentian priest. He spoke to the parish on the topic of igniting your faith. Also in September, we welcomed Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski to the parish. He celebrated the 11 a.m. Mass and visited with parishioners.

Thank you for your continued generous support of the Abbey, Saint Louis Priory School, and Saint Anselm Parish.

May God continue to bless you and your families,

Father Aidan McDermott, O.S.B.

Father Aidan McDermott, O.S.B.

IN MEMORIAM

JANUARY 1 – JUNE 30, 2021

Carolyn Beimdiek, grandmother of Barrett Beimdiek '26

Wayne Beugg '66, Oblate, father of Alan Beugg '92 and Peter Beugg '94

Marietta Binz, grandmother of David Binz '01

Robert Busch, a member of the Class of 1995

Maria Teresa Castro, mother of faculty member Cristina Cazabonne

Nancy Geerlof, grandmother of Brecht Mulvihill '08 and Patrick Mulvihill '10

Robert and Holly Gillette, brother and sister-in-law of Brother Symeon

Marilyn Hein, mother of Rick Hein '88

Lois Hurley, grandmother of Gabe Kemna '21 and Nolan Kemna '17

Susan Kalhorn, Confrater, wife of Confrater Gene Kalhorn, mother of Dr. Chris Kalhorn '88, Dr. Steve Kalhorn '97, Tim Kalhorn '99, and mother-in-law of former faculty member Dr. Rebecca Kalhorn

Patricia Keating, mother of J. David Keating '69, Mike Keating '72, Rick Keating '74, and grandmother of Brendan Keating '06

Paul Kopsky, grandfather of Colin Kopsky '12

Maryanne Lottes, mother of Andy Lottes '99

Gordon Lowell, father of Vincent Lowell '84, John Lowell '95, and grandfather of Alex Telma '17

John Lutz, grandfather of Andrew Lutz '05

Thomas Philip McCormack, father of Bobby McCormack, assistant director of enrollment management and head basketball coach

Bob McKelvey, Parishioner

Muriel Miller, mother of Advisor Thomas Miller, grandmother of John Miller '14, Thomas Miller '18, and Theo Miller '25

Rosemary Mosher, Parishioner

Ken Newman, father of Ian Newman '19 and Ethan Newman '21

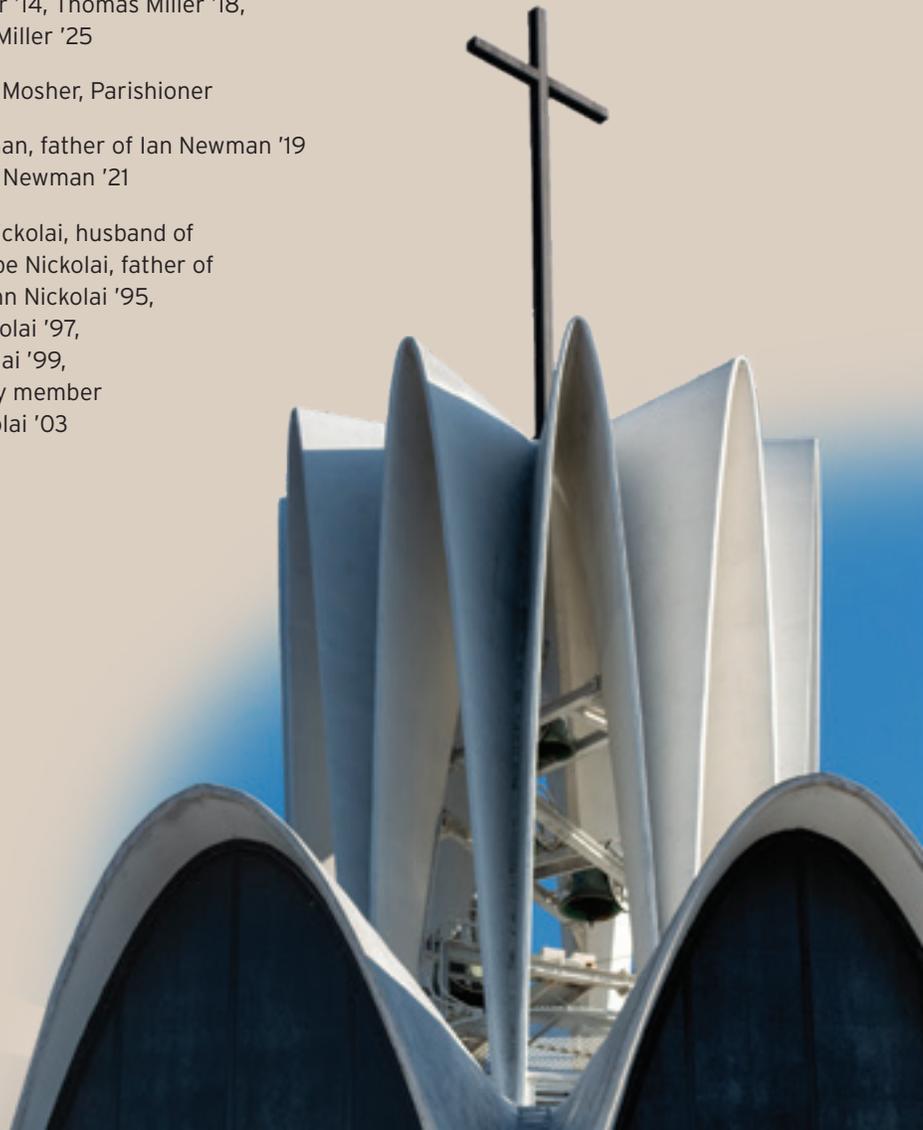
Thomas Nickolai, husband of Oblate Bebe Nickolai, father of Father John Nickolai '95, Kevin Nickolai '97, Dan Nickolai '99, and faculty member Mike Nickolai '03

Jim O'Donnell, a member of the Class of 1971, former Advisor, father of Patrick O'Donnell '07 and Charlie O'Donnell '09

June O'Meara, grandmother of Brendan O'Meara '22

Chris Paletta, a member of the Class of 2005, and son of Richard Paletta '74

Janice Petri, grandmother of Chance Petri '25



IN MEMORIAM

Lyn Pickel, mother of Matt '03

Barbara Racadio, mother
of Dave Racadio '81,
John Racadio '83,
and Matt Racadio '89

Blanche Rolwes, grandmother
of former faculty member
Steve Rolwes, faculty member
Becky Materniak, Gregory O'Brien '11,
Ed Houser '13, John Houser '13,
John O'Brien '14, Patrick Rolwes '15,
Greg Rolwes '18, Louis Rolwes '19,
Adam Rolwes '21, Eli Rolwes '25,
and great-grandmother of
Joe Cyr '21

Joseph Sander, grandfather
of Tom Sander '02 and
John Sander '04

Jerry Smith, father of B.J. Smith '97
and Peter Smith '07

Mary Walk, grandmother of
Nathan Walk '15

Christopher Wilson, parishioner

Eileen Wohlert, wife of Deacon Steve
Wohlert (deceased), parishioner



NEWS BRIEFS

Dolan '21 Selected In U.S. Presidential Scholars Program

Congratulations to **Will Dolan '21**, who was named one of only 4,500 candidates in the 2021 U.S. Presidential Scholars program. Candidates were selected from nearly 3.6 million students expected to graduate from United States high schools in 2021. Will also earned a perfect score of 36 on his ACT.

Kancherla '21 Finalist In Prudential Spirit Of Community Awards Program

Devin Kancherla '21 received a bronze medal as a Missouri distinguished finalist in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program. The program is the United States' largest youth recognition program based exclusively on volunteer community service. Devin's work included setting up health clinics for clients at local homeless shelters and 3D printing facemasks for healthcare workers during the pandemic.

Johnson '21 Named A Missouri Top 100 Scholar

Thomas Johnson '21 was named one of this year's Missouri Top 100 Scholars. This program, hosted by the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals, recognizes the 100 top academic students in the state for their exceptional scholarship, citizenship, and reliability.

National Merit Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to **Sami Haddad '21**, **Devin Kancherla '21**, and **Carter Coleman '21** for being selected as winners of National Merit Scholarships, underwritten by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation!

Ryan Mitchell '21 and **Michael Moen '21** were selected as National Merit Scholarship recipients at Texas A&M University and the University of Alabama.



Devin Kancherla



Thomas Johnson



Sami Haddad



Carter Coleman



Ryan Mitchell



Michael Moen

> Will Dolan '21



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Riley Carlin and Jalen Riad

Carlin And Riad Selected For Missouri Scholars' Academy

Juniors **Riley Carlin** and **Jalen Riad** were selected to attend the Missouri Scholars Academy this summer. Founded in 1985, the Missouri Scholars Academy is a three-week residential program for 330 of Missouri's academically gifted students who are ready to begin their junior year of high school. The Academy reflects Missouri's desire to strive for excellence in education at all levels. The program is based on the premise that Missouri's gifted youth must be provided with special opportunities for learning and personal development for them to realize their full potential. The Academy enables students to be part of a unique learning community.

Junior and Senior Retreats

Priory juniors and seniors had the opportunity to spend time off campus in the spring at the La Salle Center for their class retreats. They made time for prayer, reflection, relaxation, and planning.



Junior Retreat

Guest Speaker

In the spring, seniors had the privilege of hearing from Priory dad, retired Air Force Colonel and Leadership Coach, **Mr. Robert "Cujo" Teschner**. He spoke to them about his experiences, renewing a sense of purpose, and having hope in the face of setbacks and challenges.

Haskell Nominated For St. Louis Magazine Incredible Kids Contest

Dawson Haskell '22 has been advocating to eliminate malaria, a preventable and treatable disease with a profound global impact, for four years. Dawson joined the United Nations Foundation's Nothing But Nets campaign, a global grassroots effort dedicated to fighting malaria. Dawson was nominated for being someone who has made a difference in his community in the spring as one of the "St. Louis Incredible Kids" campaign by St. Louis Magazine.

▽ Dawson Haskell



Senior Retreat



Mohrmann Honored With 2021 Archbishop May Service Award

David Mohrmann '21 was selected as Priory's 2021 Archbishop May Service Award honoree. The Archbishop May Award recognizes outstanding leadership and community service by students in Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Awards were presented by Archbishop Rozanski at a special Mass at the Cathedral Basilica on May 12.

Scholar Bowl Finishes Districts In 2nd Place

Members of Priory's Scholar Bowl team wrapped up their season with a 2nd place finish in districts. Individually, **Drew Scheiner '21** took 3rd, **Cole Polley '22** took 5th, **Evan Hugge '23** took 6th, and **Will Dolan '21** took 8th.

"The Boys Next Door" Spring Play Is A Hit!

Priory's Spring play, "The Boys Next Door," took place in April. The play was about four disabled men who live in a group home and their social worker. **Dr. Doug Erwin**, theatre director and visual and performing arts department chair, said the play is also a comedy, and it shows how people with disabilities are the same as everyone else.

Priory Team Wins 1st Place In Missouri Junior Classical League Certamen Competition

Priory sent three teams to compete virtually in this year's Missouri Junior Classical League Certamen competition. According to the MOJCL website, "Certamen is a game of fast recall of facts about classical civilizations and its peoples, languages, and cultures. The matches are supposed to be fun, competitive, and informative." The intermediate team – **Riley Carlin '23, Graham Edmonson '24, Evan Hugge '23** and **David Hartenbach '21** took 1st place in their division.

▼ Priory Certamen Team with Coach Dennis Toscano



David Mohrmann



Members of Priory's Scholar Bowl team with Coach Andrew Davis



"The Boys Next Door"

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Yrwin Batan

J.P. Schuster



Andrew Wasinger and Max Herr.
Not pictured: Ryan Mitchell



Junior Ring Ceremony

Students Earn Perfect Score On Act

Yrwin Batan '24 scored a perfect score of 36 on his ACT - and he was only a freshman. **J.P. Schuster '22** ended his junior year on a high note with a perfect 36 on the ACT.

Priory Students Accepted To Missouri Boys State

Andrew Wasinger '22 and **Max Herr '22**, as well as **Ryan Mitchell '21** were accepted to Missouri Boys State. Sponsored by the American Legion, Boys State is an eight-day, hands-on learning opportunity, leadership development program, and immersive experience in the operation and fundamentals of government.

Class Of 2022 Celebrates With Junior Ring Ceremony

On a sunny day in May, 60 new Priory class rings came into circulation. By tradition, the Priory class ring is worn with the signet facing inward until graduation. While still a student at Priory, the ring bearer carries in his hand the coat of arms and motto signifying the Priory family to which he belongs and the values for which it stands. After graduation, the ring is rotated such that the signet faces outward. When the graduate leaves Priory and makes his way into the world, he pledges to remain loyal to that family and uphold its values.

Outdoor Classroom Helps Students Explore Ecosystems

Form I students helped clean up the gardens outside the Dining Hall in addition to learning about ecosystems in their outdoor classroom. Both projects were part of the integrated science courses, which explore Missouri's ecosystems, flora and fauna.

Incoming Form I Students Enjoy Two-Week Academic Camp

Priory's Form I students learned a lot and had fun during Priory's two-week Academic Camp. **Creve Coeur Police Officer Phil Lane** (husband of faculty member Mrs. Carrie Lane) and K-9 Officer Frizbi stopped by to visit. Frizbi is a 2-year-old German shorthaired Pointer who was trained at Shallow Creek Kennels in tracking lost and or missing persons as well in explosives detection. Students also studied forensic sciences including fingerprinting and DNA. They put their skills to the test to solve mock crimes.

They used a world map for a collaborative class taught by English and classics teachers, in which they charted various origins of common words we use today. Finally, they enjoyed outdoor activities including basketball and GaGa ball.

Raven Rock

The 2021 Raven Rock Battle of the Bands event was held at Red Flag STL, a venue next to Chaifetz Arena on May 31. The Scamps, Innocent Bystander and more entertained the crowd.

Priory Students Complete University Of Missouri-St. Louis Stars Program

Cedric Bruges '21 and **Ryan Lally '21** completed the University of Missouri-St. Louis STARS program. STARS pairs local high schoolers with university researchers to gain experience with scientific experiments and laboratory processes. Many Priory students have had the opportunity to work on exciting projects and meet great mentors by participating in the program, which UMSL has sponsored since 1989. This year, Cedric worked on projects related to treatment of liver disease, and Ryan worked on robotics and artificial intelligence.

Hostnik Elected To The Missouri Association Of College Admission Counseling As President-Elect



Director of College Counseling **Nikki Hostnik** was elected as president-elect of the Missouri Association of College Admission Counseling. Hostnik has worked on both sides of the desk in college admissions and as a high school college counselor. She says being a member of MOACAC has had such a positive impact on her professional development over the years. As a MOACAC member, she has served on the Executive Board, conference planning committee and been a conference co-chair.

NEW STAFF

Librarian



David A. Kates is Priory's new librarian. David has a Master of Science degree in Library & Information Science from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, a Master of Arts degree in Journalism from the University of Southern California, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in American Studies and Sociology from Dickinson College.

David has 12 years of experience as a librarian in the school setting and most recently served as director of library services at Milken Community Schools in California before relocating with his family to St. Louis. He has experience teaching creative writing and college essay writing, and he is passionate about poetry and sustainability initiatives.



Priory Students with 2-year-old Frizbi



Cedric Bruges



Ryan Lally



SPRING SPORTS 2021

Baseball

The 2021 Ravens baseball team finished with a 13-12 record, including the first district championship in 18 years and an appearance in the state quarterfinal.

The captains for the team were seniors **Sami Haddad**, **Sam Juenger**, **Dash King**, and **Ross Van Bree**. Among the team leaders in statistics were freshman **John Spivey** with 26 hits, 20 runs, and 13 stolen bases; Haddad with five doubles; freshman **Nolan Glaus** with 15 runs batted in; junior pitcher **Jimmy Temprano** with four wins and five complete games; and senior pitcher **Matthew Fook** with 33 strikeouts. Also of note were homeruns by Glaus, Haddad, Juenger and junior **Quentin Wilmes**.

Van Bree will continue his athletic career at Webster University as a member of the Gorloks' baseball program.

"Thank you to all student-athletes, parents, coaches, administrators, trainers, faculty, and staff that helped make this season a great success," **Steve Zaegel**, head coach, says. "As I reflect on all that we accomplished, I have great anticipation for the 2022 season and beyond."

Postseason honors

All-Metro

1st Team

- **John Spivey '24**
- **Jimmy Temprano '22**

2nd Team

- **Quinten Bauman '24**
- **Nolan Glaus '24**
- **Max Lipe '23**

Golf

The Priory golf team had a successful season this spring. The early season Metro League Tournament at Bellerive Country Club saw the Ravens place first, with junior **Nick Seifried** taking top honors and junior **Matthew Politte** taking second. The Ravens then rolled through their conference dual matches undefeated, with many golfers leading the way throughout the season finishing as medalists. With the new MSHSAA "success multiplier" in effect this season, the district tournament saw the Ravens in the highest classification and competing with many of the top teams in the area, including the eventual state champs. The Ravens competed well and saw two golfers qualify for state in Politte and senior **Grant Vineyard**, both of whom played very well at Sedalia Country Club to complete the season.

Postseason honors

All-Conference

1st Team

- Nick Seifried '22
- Matthew Politte '22

2nd Team

- Grant Vineyard '21

Lacrosse

Led by senior captains **Carter Coleman**, **Sam Chalfant** and **Murphy Reese**, and supported by a defense anchored by junior goalie **David Sadasivam**, which held opponents to under seven goals per game, the Ravens Lacrosse team put together an impressive season. The Ravens ended the regular season with a 9-6 record, including impressive wins over conference rivals John Burroughs and Westminster, as well as wins for the first time in program history against perennial powerhouses Chaminade and Eureka.

In the first round of the state championship tournament, the Ravens handily defeated a tough Ladue team, which boasted the two leading scorers in the state. Seven different Ravens scored in the 16-6 defeat of the Rams, catapulting the boys to their first-ever DI state quarterfinal appearance. Unfortunately, the Ravens were overpowered in the quarterfinal matchup against MICDS. Several Ravens lacrosse players received all-conference, all-state, and all-metro honors at the conclusion of the season.

Postseason honors

Academic All- American

Carter Coleman '21

All-State

2nd Team

- Murphy Reese '21
- Harrison Wilmsen '21
- Carter Coleman '21

All-Metro

3rd Team

- Carter Coleman '21

All-Conference

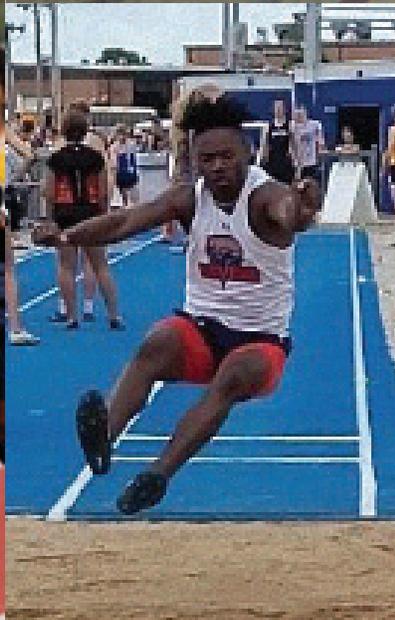
1st Team

- David Sadasivam '22
- Murphy Reese '21
- Harrison Wilmsen '21
- Miles Pim '22
- Sam Chalfant '21
- Carter Coleman '21

2nd Team

- TJ Soriano '22
- Gabe Kemna '21





Tennis

Priory's tennis team achieved a "triple crown" this spring, with state championships as a team, in doubles and in singles. The team title is the first in school history, after four previous second-place runs. The singles champion was **Preston Achter** and seniors **Sean Finnie** and **Christian Djavaherian** took the doubles title.

"Nobody was complacent," head coach **Kurt Miller** told the Post-Dispatch after the team tournament. "We've had a good solid process all year, and they were prepared and played well right out of the box. I think the key this year was having the true number one guy (Achter). The best teams have that number one guy who you can always count on. We had the top-level player along with some good depth."

Track and Field

The Priory Track and Field program showed significant growth both in the program's numbers and in the overall competitions. Throughout the season, nearly all of the runners, jumpers, and throwers made substantial gains on their personal bests measured and charted in the meet results. The program's energy and commitment to each other was refreshing, and we look forward to building on these successes in the future. Individual accolades were earned by junior **Jahaad Fort** who was the lone student to qualify to the state meet. He qualified in the long jump and finished 11th in the state.

Ultimate

After some uncertainty about Ultimate following the cancellation of the 2020 season, the Ultimate team headed back to the field under the leadership of senior captains **Seppo Hoijarvi**, **Michael Rashford**, and **Marc Chahoud**. The team finished with a regular season record of 7-1 and was the number two seed in the state tournament. After back-to-back 15-3 wins in the quarterfinals and semifinals, the team advanced to their third straight state championship game. Unfortunately, the team came up short, falling to DeSmet by a score of 14-9.

Over the course of the season, the team outscored their opponents 154-57. Juniors **Max Herr** and **Drew Steinhubl** were significant contributors throughout the season. Steinhubl registered 39 pass break ups on the season, and Herr completed an astonishing 96 percent of his passes and hauled in 31 goals.

The team graduated nine seniors who will surely be missed. During their tenure, the team compiled a 37-5 record, including two second place finishes in state and Priory's first state title in Ultimate in 2019. The team has firmly established itself as a top-tier program in the area.

Attention: Calling all Priory Ultimate alumni! We are working to track down former players to start an annual Ultimate Reunion Game. Please email head coach Tim Malecek at tmalecek@priory.org to get added to the list.

ON CAMPUS

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

Priory faculty and staff welcomed new students to campus on August 26th and were thrilled to see familiar faces of returning students. The first day of school included an all-school Mass, which was something we all missed last year due to Covid. Lunch is back to being served in the Dining Hall, and that was also a welcome return for all.



Students attend Mass on the first day of school.



Form II students Chris Teschner and Alex Bader head to school after the first day all-school Mass.



Father Cuthbert Elliott, O.S.B., '02 blesses the members of Priory's Student Council.



STUCO leaders welcomed students back to school on August 26.



Xanadu 2021 - Cirque Du Priory

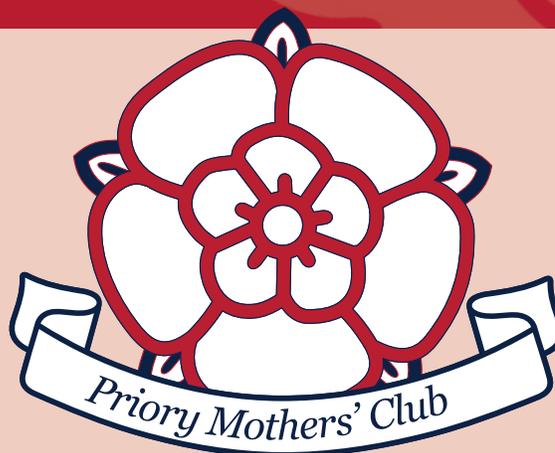
This year's Xanadu sure looked different than past years. It was the first-ever virtual live event. Families, alumni, and friends of Priory joined us and Oscar- and Tony-winning actor **Kevin Kline '65** for the Greatest Show on Earth, Cirque Du Priory. It was an evening to remember!

Also, the first-ever **Flat Abbot** was a huge success. Watch for your opportunity to get a Flat Abbot for the 2022 Xanadu event, which is scheduled for February 5, 2022.



^ Flat Abbot pictured with his brother Joe Mohrman '65

Sami Haddad '21, Assistant Head of School for Human and Spiritual Formation, **Mike Nickolai '03**, and **Thomas Johnson '21** were emcees for Cirque du Priory. A tremendous debt of gratitude goes out to Xanadu 2021 chairperson Theresa Johnson (Thomas '21 and Andrew '19) for chairing the event in such a difficult year.



SAVE THE DATE - Xanadu 2022 - Tropical Nights -

will be held in-person and available through livestream across the country on Saturday, February 5, 2022!

Xanadu 2022 auction chairs **Julie Margiotta** (Michael '21, Ryan, '23) and **Melanie Ramey** (Jack '22) will be at the helm as we sail off to a wonderful sun-drenched destination. More information will be posted throughout the fall at priory.org/xanadu.



Spring Luncheon

On April 21, over 120 moms and alumni moms gathered at Bellerive Country Club to attend the Mothers' Club luncheon. Students from **Mrs. Stephanie Allee's** vocal arts class sang and **Abbot Gregory Mohrman** was presented a check for over \$450,000, which was raised at Xanadu 2021.

Thank you to the 2021-21 Mothers' Club Executive Board Volunteer Coordinator, **Amy Glarner**, President **Kelli Mitchell**, Vice President **Lynn Finnie**, and President-Elect **Carine Azrak**. Missing from photo: Treasurer **Bridget Lally** and Secretary **Sara Clark**.



Kevin Kline '65



Students from Mrs. Stephanie Allee's vocal arts class sang at the Spring Luncheon



Xanadu 2022 auction chairs Julie Margiotta and Melanie Ramey



Xanadu Chair Theresa Johnson presents Abbot Gregory with the Xanadu check



2021-21 Mothers' Club Executive Board Amy Glarner, Kelli Mitchell, Lynn Finnie, and Carine Azrak

ADVANCEMENT



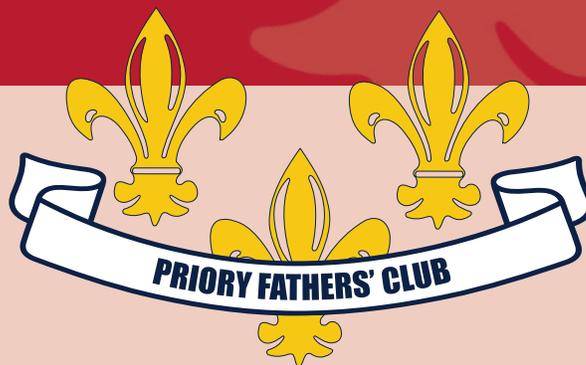
Andrew, Tommy, and Jason Frei



Brian and Cole Clinton



Alex and Dale Bader



The Priory Fathers' Club hosted a virtual Father and Son Brunch via Zoom. Fathers' Club President **Murphy Reese '85** opened the event, and guest speaker **Ben Noll '00** talked about his time at Priory, his NFL career, and working in technology sales with World Wide Technology. He shared about how his faith grew at Priory. To learn more about Ben's experience, read the Alumni Spotlight beginning on page 4.

Alex Bader '26 shared why he chose Priory, **Devin Kancherla '21** talked about his time at Priory, the brotherhood, and about looking forward to attending Harvard University. Fathers were encouraged to make brunch with their sons and send in photos of their culinary creations.

Photo contest winners were:

Best Priory Spirit: Jason Frei with Andrew (Form III) and Tommy (Form V)

Best Looking Breakfast: Brian Clinton with Cole (Form III)

Best Dressed Duo: Dale Bader with Alex (Form III)

Honorable Mentions: David Goldschmidt with Reuben (Form V); Tom Jung with Jack (Form III) & Sam (Form I); Bora Top with Alex (Form III) & Brendan (Form I)

Fathers' Club Bracketology

In the spring, the Fathers' Club hosted its first-ever Battle of the Brackets for NCAA March Madness. The top three winners received a share of 50 percent of the entry fees. The other 50 percent assisted the Athletic Department in purchasing custom padded chairs for the basketball and wrestling programs and for use in the multipurpose room. There were 91 registrants with a total pot of \$4,550. Thank you to all who participated!





Alumni mothers Mary Beth Kinsella, Mary Ann Switzer, and Ann Brannan

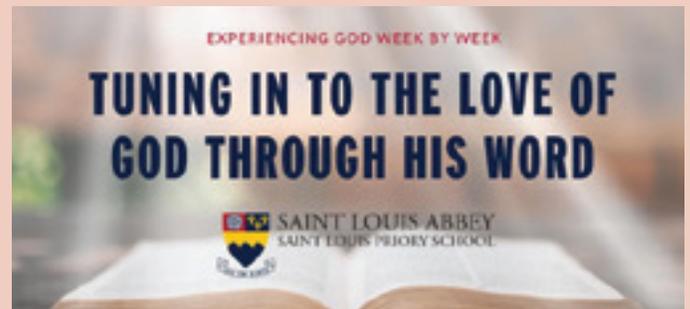
Margarita Party

The AMC celebrated with a festive Margarita Party on June 4 on the Switzer House Lawn. The Margarita Party has become the "induction ceremony" for the mothers of recent graduates and is enjoyed by all who partake in the festivities.

All alumni mothers are invited to join the AMC. The purpose of the AMC is to promote the goals of the Abbey and the school, strengthen the ties with the monastic community, build a deeper spiritual link with the Benedictine tradition as lived by the monks, and create a strong bond among alumni mothers.



Thank you AMC President Jill McNeive for your service. Pictured here with Father Laurence Kriegshauser, O.S.B., AMC Moderator



Lenten Series With Father Laurence

In the spring, Father Laurence Kriegshauser, O.S.B. began sharing verses with the Priory community for each person to have an encounter and dialogue with Jesus. Members of the AMC participated in the weekly devotions during Lent. If you would like to receive Father Laurence's weekly scriptures, you can sign up at:

priory.org/weeklydevotions



Alumni moms Theresa Johnson, Kelli Mitchell, and Jill McNeive

ALUMNI

My Fellow Alumni:

Greetings and welcome to a new school year! I hope you had a great summer with your family and friends with the ability to return to some sense of normalcy. We are hoping and planning to return to our regular schedule of alumni events this year as well. I encourage all of our alumni to return to campus and re-engage with the school during our homecoming and reunion celebrations on October 22nd and 23rd. Mark your calendars for the Alumni Holiday Social on November 27th at The Shack, which has become a great opportunity to reconnect with fellow alumni and the monks. Please try to get involved and give back to our Priory community in some meaningful way this year, such as mentoring students or offering internships, as any type of engagement will help us continue to build and strengthen our school community.

Best of luck to our students for a prosperous school year and I hope to see you all back on campus soon.

Go Ravens!

Ryan McDonald '99
Alumni Board President

Alumni Board 2021-22

Thank you to our Priory Alumni Board members who dedicate their time and talent to make Priory a better place and to foster relationships within our community.

Front row: Ryan Wehking '08, Jim Havel '09, Anthony Gennaoui '99, Ryan McDonald '99, Father Cuthbert '02, Rich Francisco '86, Gerard Mudd '75.

Back row: Dave Binz '01, Kevin McAtee '97, Teddy Altepeter '09, Mike Reedy '00, Nick Ahlering '04, Matt Wagner '90, Kevin Hoffman '93, Ondray Wells '85, Cartan Sumner '83, Charlie Garvin '76, Tom Byrne '85, Ted Horan '04, Patrick Thornton '02, Chris Kerckhoff '68.

Missing from photo: Abbot Gregory '76, Alex Borchert '02, Tom Cummings '89, Jim Ferrick '87, Dan Flynn '06, Jack O'Brien '14, Eric Stange '14, Phil Willman '71.

Pictured left to right: Past President Matt Wagner '90, President Ryan McDonald '99, Secretary Mike Reedy '00. Missing: Vice President Alex Borchert '02.



Ryan McDonald '99



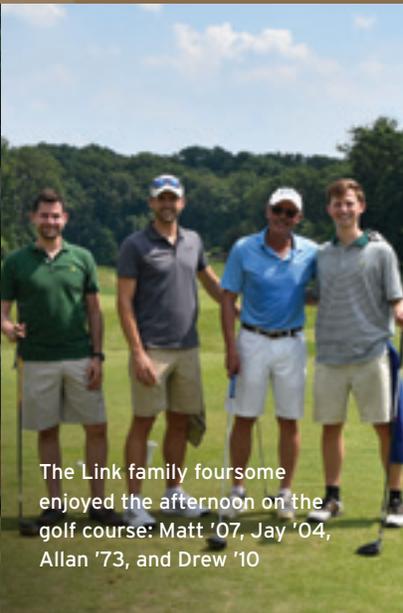
Alumni Board 2021-22



Pictured left to right:
Past President Matt Wagner '90,
President Ryan McDonald '99,
Secretary Mike Reedy '00.



Tim Ferrick '95, Pat Busch, father of Bob '87 (d), Kevin Heaney '95 and Matt Rockmann '95



The Link family foursome enjoyed the afternoon on the golf course: Matt '07, Jay '04, Allan '73, and Drew '10



Mike Nickolai awarded the Headmaster's Cup to Matt Merjavy '04, Jimmy Nowicke '04, Ryan McPhail '04, and Nick Ahlering '04, This was their third time to win the coveted cup and second time in a row!



PRIORY GOLF SCRAMBLE



The Alumni Golf Scramble

The Alumni Golf Scramble was held at Missouri Bluffs Golf Club on June 11. Another sell-out event raised more than \$16,000 for the Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund. Thank you to all who attended, sponsored, and donated for this fan-favorite event.

1st Place Headmaster's Cup

Matt Merjavy '04, Jimmy Nowicke '04, Ryan McPhail '04, and Nick Ahlering '04

1st Place Alumni Flight

Niall Caparon '11, Joe Heitz '11, Sal Revetta '11, Dominic Revetta '15

1st Place Father and Son

David Wasinger with Andrew '22 and Dan Wagner with Charlie '24

Closest to Pin: Eric Stange '14 and Tom Moran '99

Longest Drive: Matt Merjavy '04 and Dan Rothery

Please mark your calendar to join us next year on June 17 for this fantastic day of fun and games with fellow Priory friends.

SAVE THE DATE

Reunion parties for 5- and 6-year classes of 2015 and 2016 will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, December 23. Pizza and beer will be provided for the Class of 2015 at the Switzer House. You can RSVP at www.priory.org/2015reunion.

Pizza and beer will be provided for the Class of 2016 in the Dining Hall. You can RSVP at www.priory.org/2016reunion.

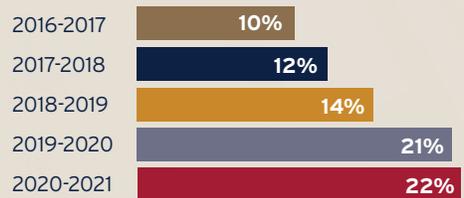
PRIORY ALUMNI

BY THE NUMBERS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES

2020-2021 Alumni Class Giving Percentages

1960	33%	1976	33%	1992	27%	2008	20%
1961	60%	1977	11%	1993	18%	2009	32%
1962	29%	1978	22%	1994	17%	2010	2%
1963	25%	1979	26%	1995	23%	2011	14%
1964	69%	1980	24%	1996	14%	2012	14%
1965	42%	1981	54%	1997	28%	2013	9%
1966	32%	1982	13%	1998	13%	2014	5%
1967	43%	1983	23%	1999	22%	2015	10%
1968	44%	1984	13%	2000	25%	2016	6%
1969	56%	1985	29%	2001	8%	2017	2%
1970	53%	1986	46%	2002	27%	2018	8%
1971	37%	1987	36%	2003	20%	2019	8%
1972	48%	1988	15%	2004	59%	2020	8%
1973	13%	1989	35%	2005	4%	2021	8%
1974	36%	1990	33%	2006	37%		
1975	52%	1991	9%	2007	10%		

Alumni Giving Statistics for the last 5 fiscal years.



Top Classes by Participation

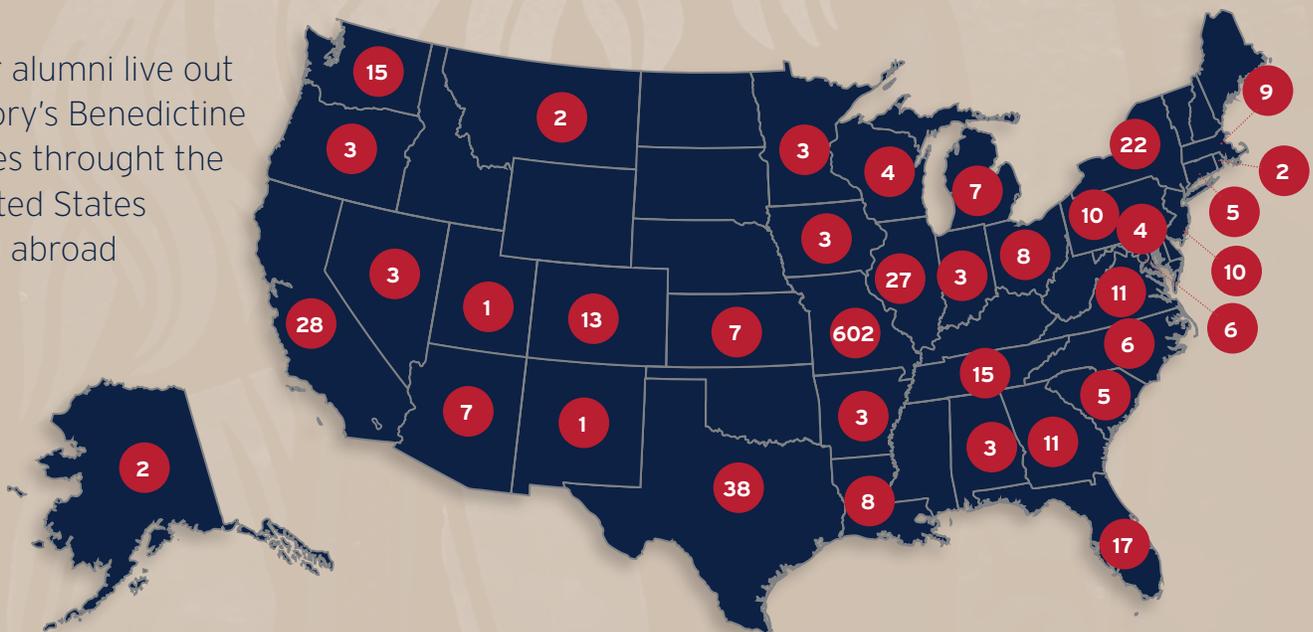
1964	69%	1969	56%	1975	52%	1968	44%
1961	60%	1981	54%	1972	48%		
2004	59%	1970	53%	1986	46%		

Summary of Alumni Giving

22% Participation

614 Donors

Our alumni live out Priory's Benedictine values through the United States and abroad



G I F T T A L K

If you want to make a lasting impact at Saint Louis Priory School, one of the easiest ways is to name us as a beneficiary of one of your assets, such as your retirement plan, life insurance policy, or donor advised fund.

When you do, don't forget to notify us of your decisions. Many charities aren't aware they have been named to receive a gift. Informing us helps preserve your intentions and ensures your beneficiaries can follow your wishes.

Protect The People And Charities You Love By Following These Simple Steps:

1. Review your beneficiary designations periodically, as circumstances change throughout your lifetime.
2. Alert your beneficiaries you have a life insurance policy or have named them as beneficiaries of a retirement plan.
3. Share the location and details of the policy or plan with your beneficiaries.

As you update your beneficiary designations, consider including Saint Louis Priory School so we can continue to advance our Catholic, Benedictine mission. Then let us know about your decision so we can carry out your wishes as intended and steward your generosity. You will also become a member of the Abbot Luke Rigby Society, which recognizes this tremendous gift.

We Want To Hear From You

If you have already named Saint Louis Priory School as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy or retirement plan assets, please contact Ann Bender, 314.434.3690, ext. 326 or abender@priory.org. If you are still creating your estate plan, we would be happy to answer any questions you may have about making this type of gift.

Please consult an attorney or tax advisor for what is best for you and your family.

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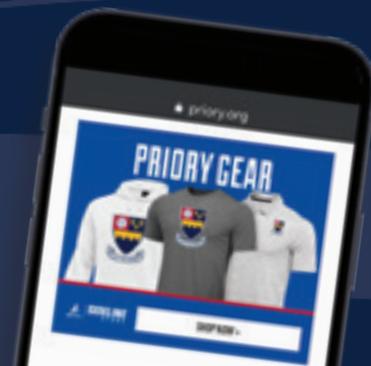


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CLASS NOTES



Kevin Callahan '70 and **Chris Paletta '70** last saw one another sometime in 1975 in Durham, North Carolina. All of that changed 46 years later on Saturday, June 12 in Alexandria, Virginia. Kevin contacted Chris and they met in Alexandria. Chris and his wife Blair were selling their family maple syrup at the Alexandria Farmers Market. Kevin reflected upon their meeting after so many years. "There was something about those Priory years that created bonds surviving long gaps."

New York-based Big 4 firm EY has selected **Jeff Hoelscher '89** to lead its St. Louis office.

Father Paul Rourke S.J. '90 professed final vows in the Society of Jesus on June 11 in the Egan Chapel of St. Ignatius Loyola at Fairfield University.

Class of 1994 alumni Jeff Galvin, Andrew Selkirk, and Tony Pandjiris caught up at Annie Gunn's after Jeff was in town from Tokyo for his daughter's baptism at Priory. Tony lives in the San Francisco Bay Area. Andrew lives in St. Louis where his son Patrick started 7th grade at Priory this year.

Father John Nickolai '95 has been appointed pastor of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne Parish in Florissant.

Dr. Bob Harper '95 lives in Folsom, California with his wife and twin girls. He is an orthopaedic surgeon at Stanford University Medical Center.

Patrick Thornton '02 and his wife Emily welcomed a baby boy into their family. William Patrick Thornton was born on April 12.



George Capps '03 married Mary Rose Dixon at the New Cathedral in St. Louis on June 26. They are pictured above with their families.

Ryan McNair '03 lives in Santiago, Chile, with his wife Ludamyla and their dogs, Canelito and Blanquito.

Bob Merenda '04 and his wife, Liz, had a baby boy in March.

Michael Croghan '06 was recently promoted to senior attorney at Clark Hill in Chicago.

Ryan Huber '06 started a new job with ClubCorp in Dallas where he is the vice president of Member Experience.

Mike Puettmann '10 recently returned to St. Louis and works for Nooter Erikson as a project manager.

Tony King '11 and his wife Amanda live in University City. Tony is a financial advisor with UBS Wealth Management.

Blake Anselm '15 graduated from Maryville University with a bachelor of science degree in Sports Business Management in May. Blake lives in Tucson, Arizona where he works as a corporate sponsorship coordinator for the FC Tucson.

John Klaesner '15 graduated from University of Kansas and earned a degree in petroleum engineering.

Alex Lowell '16 lives in St. Louis and works as a product manager with Accredo, an Express Scripts company.

Patrick Charles '16 lives in Nashville, where he works as a property and casualty broker for Brown & Brown Insurance.

Nick Monette '16 lives in Charlotte, where he is a consulting analyst with Accenture.

Ryan Boland '17 graduated in May with a bachelor of science degree in psychology from Bradley University.



Priory classmates circa 1970, Joe Fox and Chris Paletta, braved the pandemic and rode bikes from Chris' home in Alexandria, Virginia into Washington D.C.

Tate Callahan '17 graduated from Miami University in May with a bachelor of arts degree, majoring in strategic communications, energy.

Arron Zheng '18, a senior at Washington University, co-founded EDUrain. EDUrain is an app that simplifies college financials by bringing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), scholarships, and housing fees together in one place.

Noah Mollett '19 was recognized by Bradley's Slane College of Communications and Fine Arts. Noah, a theatre arts performance major, was awarded the Irene Ryan Nominee Award.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

WILL ENHANCE OUR CAMPUS AND ENRICH STUDENT LEARNING

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To learn more, contact Abbot Gregory Mohrman at abbotgregory@priory.org



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Father Cuthbert Elliott, O.S.B., '02
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October 22 & 23, 2021

Honoring the classes ending
in 'x5, 'x6, 'x0 and 'x1

Please join us for Mass at
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A reception will follow in the High
School. Check the website for
additional information or reach out
to Ann Bender at abender@priory.org
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The Class of 1970 will celebrate their
reunion on Oct. 8 and 9. Contact Ann
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