The accomplishments of the Class of 2010 underscore the continued academic and athletic excellence of St. Charles students year after year. In the Student News section (pages 9 - 20) you will read about the numerous distinctions earned by those who graduated in June, a second consecutive National Championship for the Engineering team, seven National Merit Semifinalists for the ’10-’11 school year and outstanding athletic accomplishments.

“Excellence” isn’t something limited to a Carolian’s school days – it extends throughout their entire lives. In the Alumni News and Notes Sections we share alumni updates and stories ranging from college experiences and professional careers to leadership roles in community and religious life. You’ll read about two especially “distinguished” alumni (page 4) who were recognized last November as well as updates on the lives of numerous reunion alumni (pages 27-40).

Throughout this issue you will find pages devoted to school and alumni events that brought the St. Charles community together. They included the St. Charles Alumni Association’s Spaghetti Dinner (page 23) and Father and Son Mass & Breakfasts (pages 24-25), the annual Silent Auction (page 22), and the 2010 Combined Class Reunion Celebration (pages 6-7).

A photo montage from May’s Cardinal Society gathering at Muirfield Village is just one of the items found in the magazine’s Development Section (pages 48-57). We recognize several alumni, family members and friends who have initiated new endowments and generously helped to provide scholarship aid to needy students. Through their efforts they have helped the school in its effort to provide every qualified boy the opportunity to earn a St. Charles diploma despite their economic means.
Accept the Challenge

Each year St. Charles Preparatory School welcomes young men who are willing and able to undertake a basic, but very rigorous, set of college preparatory core of courses. The fact that the school insists that each student accepts the responsibility to work diligently to meet the minimum academic standards means that St. Charles is not for everyone.

In my 38 years here as a teacher and principal I have learned that the intangible factor in a student’s success centers on his devotion to the quest for an outstanding education. This devotion relies on a belief in the value of hard work and the importance of personal responsibility. It engenders a mental discipline that is useful for logical, ordered, thinking and it allows the student to move to higher levels of reasoning such as research, questioning, and critical thinking. Thus the theme Accept the Challenge!!

Given the challenge it is important to dispel two myths. The first is that St. Charles is a school only for “smart” students. The school is steadfast and unwavering in its belief that accomplishment in a particular activity is often more dependent upon hard work and self-discipline than on innate ability. It understands that many highly successful individuals have above-average but not extraordinary intelligence. Therefore the faculty has set the bar high, but well within the grasp of all students of at least average ability.

The second myth is that St. Charles a school for the rich. The tuition, which remains one of the best bargains in the central Ohio, is still out of reach for many prospective students. To meet this need, the administration and Advisory Board have worked tirelessly to fulfill the charge set by the school’s founder Bishop James J. Hartley, in 1923 that “no boy should ever be denied access to a St. Charles education based on lack of economic means.”

This year, thanks to the vision and the generosity of so many, St. Charles is able to provide nearly $1.2 million in financial aid to roughly one-third of the student body.

On the Cover--
The phases in the life of St. Charles Carolian begins with the transition freshman year to the academic rigors of a college prep curriculum, including lots of homework and Latin I. (Top Photo) Here entering the Main Building are Immaculate Conception alum: Front row, from left -- Joe Styborski, Luke Andracki, Finn Cleary, Casey Horan and Angelo Rivera; Middle, from left -- Jacob Stinnett and Franz Kabelka; Back, from left -- Carl Mahler, Mason Fisher and Henry McGinn.Sadly missing from their group are their friend and classmate, Seth Jenkins, who passed away last February as he eagerly anticipated becoming a Cardinal (see Spirit, pages 46-47).

Next, with their hard-earned diplomas in hand, the alumni set off for university life and limitless opportunities to make their marks on the world. (Middle Photo) Elated 2010 graduates (from left) John Mackessy, Cameron Heightland, Justin Hayes, Bobby Horner, Matt Harbrecht and Seth Harnett exit the Robert C. Walter Student Commons with their hard-earned diplomas in hand. (Bottom Photo) These type of “community” events highlight the enduring nature of the camaraderie and friendships forged in school which often span lifetimes. Enjoying themselves after this year’s outing are (clockwise, starting from the bottom left) Butch DeMatteis ’57, Dr. Louis Martin ’57, Bob Dusterberg ’57, Packy Sheeran ’57, Chuck Tonti (Aquinas ’56) and Bob Irwin (Aquinas ’61), Dave Nardone ’60, Keith Helfer ’57 and Terry Welsh ’57.

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and academic aid to its students. Read in the Development Section (pages 48-57) the examples of those whose generosity is helping to insure those young men who wish to earn a St. Charles diploma. While this is an impressive effort, the difficult economic situation facing so many has continued to increase the amount of aid required to meet the requests made each year. The continued support of the St. Charles alumni, parents and friends is critical and much appreciated. This August 655 young men -- an all-time high figure -- began 2010-2011 school year.

The standing that St. Charles alumni have achieved in a wide variety of fields and interests is well documented. Nate Samuelson '01 (page 29) teaches English in Madrid, Spain. He earned two degrees (international business, Spanish) at The Ohio State University and has also worked abroad in Quito, Ecuador and Granada, Spain on humanitarian projects. Nate is a great example of how our alumni and students reflect this duality of achieving success through hard work while serving as men for God and others by giving their time talents and treasure others.

“I remember watching others around me struggle with the temptations and challenges of university life,” he said, “and I couldn’t help but think about how indebted I am to the people responsible for getting me to that point so far superior to that of my peers. Thanks to a very strict, well-organized curriculum, I was ready for any academic challenge that confronted me at the college level.”

He added “I owe God, my parents, and the brotherhood of St. Charles an enormous thank you for everything from S.A.T. scores to the intangibles that one gains from an invaluable St. Charles education. The values of service and giving back to the community are life long values that were instilled in me during my time at St. Charles.” Inside you’ll also read about St. Charles Advisory Board members Monsignor David V. Sorohan (College ’59) and Hugh Dorrian ’53 who were honored for lives devoted to serving the Catholic and Columbus community, especially on behalf of the diocesan school system.

Page after page, especially in the Class Reunion Alumni Notes section you’ll find examples of those who have gone about leading normal, everyday lives working hard to raise their families making essential contributions to society as leaders and participants in education, business, medicine and their parishes.

1960 graduate John Clark, who attended his class’ Golden Reunion in August, looks back and reflects on What does it means to me to be a Cardinal? “Goals are set high and a Cardinal does what it takes to meet those goals. I have been proud all of my life to be a Cardinal and hope that when all is done I will have earned the honor to still be one.”

Yours in Christ,
Dominic J. Cavello ’64

Class Reunions 2010

An All-Classes Mass was held on Saturday afternoon of reunion weekend before several classes headed off to their respective dinner destinations. Celebrant Fr. Homer Blubaugh ’60, pastor of St. Agnes Church, was assisted by Deacon Don Poirier (’70), who serves St. Brigid of Kildare parish. Others who helped make the liturgy special were cantor Chris McGath ’70, lectors John Medert’60 and Vince Fabro’85, organist James Yurkovich ’09 and faculty member, Sr. Margaret Hoffman.

Reunion Weekend Excursion
(From left) Jordan Hohmann, Becky Hohmann, Tamara Evans, David Hohmann ’84 and Dave Nardone were bicyclists who took part in the reunion weekend’s bicycle excursion.

Class of 1950
Members of the Class of 1950 met in late August for a tour of the campus and dinner at Scioto Country Club. Those who made the tour were from left) Jim Brehm, Ray Kreber, Kevin McGovern, Larry J. Doyle, Bill Fields and Loran Stutz.

The Distinctive Leader in Catholic Education
St. Charles Preparatory School

Two Grads presented school’s Distinguished Alumnus Award

Michael L. Bradley, St. Charles Preparatory School Class of 1962, recognized for his distinguished 30-year career in the banking industry and as an entrepreneur. In addition, he was recognized for his decade-long involvement with the creation, leadership and ongoing success of the “Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow,” the first K-12 electronic/distance learning schools in Ohio. It’s one of the first of its kind in the nation.

(Mike, who was suffering the ill affects of cancer treatments, was unable to attend the celebration. His award was accepted by his son, Mark ’88. Mike has since passed away. Please see the accompanying In Memoriam story.)

John “Jack” O’Reilly, St. Charles Preparatory School Class of 1952, was recognized for his four-decade career as a professional and entrepreneur in the fields of engineering and data processing. He also was recognized for his life-long commitment to Catholic education in the Diocese’s high schools and parish programs through volunteer work on school boards, parish councils, and fund-raising events as well as for the generosity and friendship he has continued to share with St. Charles Preparatory School, its students, and his former classmates.

In Memoriam: Mike Bradley ’62

While Mike Bradley was disappointed that he was too sick to personally accept his 2009 Distinguished Alumnus Award in November, he was very proud to receive the honor. He passed away in June. Brother-in-law and fellow Distinguished awardee, John J. “Jack” O’Reilly ’52, said that Mike was well-admired for his tremendous courage battling, for years, the ravages of multiple sclerosis and finally, cancer.

Mike’s son, Mark ’88, was the one to accept his father’s award. He said that “Dad truly loved St. Charles and the time he spent there during high school. He always felt that his St. Charles education gave him the well roundedness and Catholic grounding a person needs to succeed in life. I believe what he loved even more about St. Charles was watching me get a fantastic education that has served me well in life.”

“He was very proud of our Carolian education, especially mine. Dad was yet even more excited about the possibility of my son, Cormac (class of 2024), getting his education there as well. Dad, to the very end, looked up several words in his American Heritage Dictionary, because of Vocab Mastery!”

O’Reilly shared a few personal remembrances about Mike: He was a member of the international gastronomic society, La Chaine des Rotisseurs; one of his favorite subjects was the Civil War, which he studied in depth; and Mike had an incredible in-depth knowledge of Sir Conan Doyle’s character Sherlock Holmes and could recite dialogue from those tales word for word.

“Though we know he is now experiencing the peace and joy of seeing his God in Heaven and is free of the pain and suffering of the past we still miss him,” Jack said.
I. We believe that parents are their children’s first and most influential teachers. What parents do to help their children learn is more important to academic success than any other factor.

II. We believe that many highly successful individuals have above-average rather than extraordinary intelligence. Achievement in a particular activity depends more often upon hard work and self-discipline than on innate ability.

III. We believe that teachers, who set and communicate high expectations to their students, obtain greater academic performance than teachers who set low expectations.

IV. We believe that how much time students are actively devote to learning contributes to their achievement. Student achievement rises significantly when teachers regularly assign homework and students conscientiously do it.

V. We believe in strong instructional leadership, both administrative and teaching, coupled with a safe and orderly school climate.

Academia, however, is not the only place where young men learn to grow during their high school years. Students who complement their academic studies with extracurricular activities gain experience that contributes to their success in college. Besides the 15 varsity sports we offer, students are able to participate in an array of interesting activities. Two-thirds of our students get involved in some sport, student activity or organization. Involvement helps growth; growth leads to success.

Frequently asked questions by parents and students at the Open House

---When does the application process begin? The answer is now. Each eighth grader who attended the St. Charles Open House last November filled out a registration card and received a Thank You note for taking time to visit us and a courtesy application. When eighth grade first quarter grades have been received, preliminary application may be made. The student’s most recent standardized testing scores (6th or 7th grade) should be submitted along with the application and grade card. Students who apply during the month of January should send in their 8th grade standardized test scores. Interviews with prospective students and their parents are also part of this process but will be arranged after we have received your application.

---How much does it cost to attend St. Charles? Our tuition for this 2010-2011 school year is $7990 for Catholics registered in a parish and $8290 for non-registered students. If you have financial need, both the diocese and St. Charles sponsor significant grant programs. This year alone St. Charles provided nearly $1.3 million in scholarships, grants, and work-study aid to those who need help. Our scholarship exam this year will be given at St. Charles on Saturday, January 29, in two sessions, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Eighth grade boys will receive notification for registration after Christmas.

---Is St. Charles too far away? Transportation should not be a major problem. Public school buses provide transportation from almost every district in Central Ohio. Our school is centrally located for easy access by COTA bus. Our office is willing to provide information for setting up car pools by letting you know who lives in your end of town and is attending St. Charles.

If you would like to have an application mailed to your home, receive information as part of our 8th grade E-mail list, or wish to receive any other general information (a copy of the school profile, student handbook or alumni magazine), you are invited to contact our school secretary, Laurie Berndt at 614-252-9288.

The weekend’s Main Event took place on Friday night. The All-Classes Stag “Beer-n-Brats” campus gathering in the Robert C. Walter Student Commons drew nearly 200 alumni. Class photos were taken, Principal Dominic J. Cavello ’64 gave a “State of the School” update and campus tours were provided. On Saturday afternoon, there was a morning bike ride offered along the Alum Creek Bike Trail and an All-Classes Mass was held in Mother of Mercy Chapel at 4:30 p.m. for alumni and guests. Several of the classes organized dinners afterward. This year the St. Charles-Aquinas Golf Challenge was held on August 12 for the benefit of those in the 1960 and 1965 classes. Alumni director Louis J. Fabro ’83 (lfabro@stcharlesprep.org) recently sent out reunion surveys to those celebrating in 2011. Those who did not receive a copy should contact Louis for more information.
Class of 1980
First row, from left -- Tom Bogan, Joe Couden, John Meier and Brett Navin;
Second row, from left -- Terry Rankin and Jim Mackessy; Third row, from left
-- Terry Kearns, Dave Lawler, Bill Worley, Bob Thompson and Ron Westhoff;
Top row, from left -- Thomas Fougere, Tim Holleran, Jon Ryan and Mark Lotte.

Class of 1985
First row, from left -- Mike Kletzly, Erick Lauber, Mike Murphy and Bob Moss;
Second row, from left -- Paul Arnold, Rick Thomas, Kevin Kranz, Butch Rohner and Vince Fabro; Third row, from left -- Mike Adams, Hal Epler, Dave Winters, Mark Arnold and Steve Jones; Top row, from left -- Tony Austing, Jim Heller, Dave Hayes and, Tim Heppner.

Class of 1990
First row, from left -- Mark Mess, Brad Mullenix, Chris B. Jones, Tom Jordan
and Fran Garabis; Second row, from left -- Matt Tonti, Mike Stevenson, Scott Lyons and Jim Thompson; back row, from left -- Phil Worley, Mike Spires, Chris I. Jones and Jason Blum.

Class of 1995
First row, from left -- Dan Clark and Marty Meyer.

Class of 2000
First row, from left -- Dominic DeMatte, Matt Saraniti, Don Whisler, Matt Byrum
and Andrew Kebe; Second row, from left -- Zach Pavol, Sean Whitlatch, Charles Plummer, Brian Vance and Andrew Chelton; Third row, from left -- Justin Mannon, Brian Barnhart, Dan Federer, Chad Bradley and Brad Johnson.

Class of 2005
First row, from left -- Matt Favazzo, Ryan Ballantyne, Chris Moore and Steve Stein; Second row, from left -- Paul Kuppich, Mitchell Sherman, Corey Rose and James Dodaro.

The Distinctive Leader in Catholic Education
The fourth installment of the Aquinas College High School & St. Charles Preparatory School Golf Challenge was held at Riviera C.C. in Dublin on August 12 with 52 players taking part. The format consisted of foursomes of two-man teams playing a best-ball “Ryder Cup” style format. St. Charles came out victorious in the very hot competition and the course was in fantastic shape.

This year the event was scheduled to take place a day before the St. Charles classes of 1960 and 1965 participated in their All-Classes Reunion Weekend. Lunch afterward allowed for warm friendship between the players from both schools. Also in attendance were several alumni who were not able to golf but were invited to share in the camaraderie afterward.

The event brings together former students and alumni of both schools who graduated before 1965 (the year Aquinas closed its doors). St. Charles alumni director Louis J. Fabro hosted this year’s event with much appreciated assists from 1957 graduate Butch DeMatteis who secured the location and helped recruit players along with John “Santa Claus” Mullin ’54. Special thanks to Aquinas Alumni Association president Lou Nobile ’57 and Frank Roberts ’58 who coordinated the Terriers team. We hope to see everyone again next year when Aquinas serves as tournament host!
Repeat National Championships for Engineering Team; SC teams also take 2nd and 5th

St. Charles Preparatory School has repeated as Division III National Champions in the prestigious Jets Test of Engineering and Aptitude, Mathematics plus Science (TEAMS) competition. Another one of its teams finished as National Runners-Up and a third finished Fifth.

The Cardinals, after seven previous years of outstanding performances in the event, broke through to the top of its division in 2008-2009. For the 2009-2010 school year the St. Charles Engineering Teams have maintained - even raised - their elite national status.

In 2008-2009 a then-record three varsity engineering teams from the school placed in the top 10 in the state of Ohio and qualified for the national competition. The varsity “A” team ended up placing 1st in its division, the varsity “B” team was 32nd, the varsity “C” team was 18th and the junior varsity team placed 5th nationally in its division.

In 2009-2010, not only did the varsity “A” team repeat its 1st place performance in Division III, but the other Cardinal teams significantly improved their performances. The varsity “B” team earned National Runner-Up status, the varsity “C” team 5th and the JV improved to 3rd.

In 2009 - 2010 the Cardinals entered seven teams in the competition with four finishing in the top five in their divisions. They were one of two schools to place teams in the top 5 nationally of their division. Last year St. Charles was the only school in Ohio and one of only two nationally to qualify four teams for national competition by compiling scores placing them in the top three in regional competitions.

Some 10,000 ninth- to 12th-graders (around 1,200 teams) gathered for one-day over a four-week period from February 15 through March 16 at more than 100 host sites in 42 states, including 79 colleges and universities, and more than 30 high schools (listing at www.JETS.org).

Through TEAM+S students learn to make a real-world connection between math and science to engineering by solving actual engineering scenarios. For 30 minutes in the morning, teams of eight students are presented original scenarios. They are given problems (with 10 sub-questions for a total of 80 multiple-choice points) to solve from various fields of engineering. The teams return for another 1½ hours in the afternoon when they are given a set of four open-ended problems as extensions to the morning problems and write subjective solutions. The afternoon session counts for 420 points. Taken together the two scores count toward regional and state standings as well as determining what teams qualify for national-level competition. Teams scoring in the top 10% of the nation based on the morning scores advance to the national competition when both scores are considered.

Here are winners of 2010 senior awards presented last spring:

Samuel L. Binnig, son of Bruce and Elisabeth Binnig of Westerville -- Principal’s Award for Outstanding Service to School and Community, presented for leadership by example, attitude, disposition, and courage.

Paul K. Weisenbach, son of Dan and Katrina Weisenbach of St. Catharine parish -- Bishop Herrmann Service Award and Scholarship, presented to one senior in each diocesan high school who has, by his exceptional service to the community, continued the work of Bishop Herrmann in the Columbus diocese.

Paul was recognized for his extensive volunteer service as a Shepherd’s Corner Junior Leader, Eucharistic Minister, Alumni Spaghetti Dinner Server, and volunteered for Campus Cleanup, Alum Creek Cleanup, Special Olympics, Nellie’s Catwalk 4 Kids, St. Agatha Youth Group Leadership Team, St. Patrick Youth Group, Environmental Service and Activities Club, Interact Service Club.

Coleman R. Mahler, son of Chris ’78 and Elizabeth Mahler of Immaculate Conception parish -- Bishop Fulcher Memorial Award, presented to recognize a senior who has achieved excellence in creative writing, in drama, in the visual arts, in journalism, or in music. Coleman was also earned the John Philip Sousa Award, given annually by St. Charles music teacher, Rick Brunetto, to St. Charles’ most outstanding bandsman.
study of Latin.

Coccia and Jordan A. Feyko, son of James and Lori Feko of St. Agatha Parish, tied for the distinction of Highest Accum for Four Years; Both earned a four-year grade point accum of 4.24.

David J. Kenney, son of Brian and Teresa Kenney of St. Brigid of Kildare parish -- Father Charles Jackson Leadership Medal, presented to the senior Student Council president for service to the school and the student body throughout the school year.

Casey Morris, son of Tom and Erin Morris of St. Patrick Parish, London, OH, was selected as St. Charles representative on the 2010 All-Diocesan Academic Honor Team. He earned Summa Cum Laude on the National Latin Examination and was an Advanced Placement Scholar and a member of the JETS Engineering National Championship Team. He was a member of the varsity football and baseball teams and served in his parish’s Youth Group, as a Liturgical Minister and food pantry volunteer.

Jordan Feyko was selected as one of approximately 560 semifinalists out of more than 3,000 candidates in the 2010 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. The semifinalists were selected by the Commission on U.S. Presidential Scholars, a group of eminent citizens appointed by President Barack Obama.

The 560 semifinalists in the program’s academic component initially were selected as candidates for their exceptional performance on either the College Board SAT or the ACT Assessment. For the arts component, 60 additional semifinalists were nominated by the National Foundation for Advancement of the Arts, which annually conducts a competitive national talent search of more than 6,500 young artists in a wide range of disciplines.

Feyko, of Columbus St. Agatha Church, scored a perfect 1600 on the SAT last March and was a National Merit Scholarship semifinalist. He was a member of the National Honor Society, the school’s engineering team, and the Columbus Youth Commission. In the summer of 2009, he took part in a six-week science program in Socorro, N.M., studying celestial mechanics. He now attends Harvard University where he is studying engineering and plans to attend graduate school in law and/or business.

Larkin ’10 recognized for “Achievement”

Matthew J. C. Larkin, son of John and Medina Larkin of St. Catharine Parish in Bexley, earned the distinction of being named a National Merit Achievement Finalist recognizing him as one of the most outstanding Black American high school students. Only 1,600 of the more than 160,000 students who request consideration for the program were recognized as Semifinalists and advanced in the competition for National Achievement Scholarships.

Matthew, who attends the University of Alabama, went to St. Catharine Grade School. He was a member of the Borromean Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Feyko ’10 named semi-finalist in U.S. Presidential Scholars Program

Theater Productions

The St. Charles Preparatory School Drama Department’s spring musical production this year was Children of Eden. Written by Stephen Schwartz (Godspell and Wicked) and John Caird (Les Miserables), it featured senior Adam Kellogg (Adam/Noah), Bishop Hartley senior Bella Cockerell (Eve/Mama Noah) and senior Connor Simpson (Father). Many of you may remember that St. Charles presented the Central Ohio premiere of Children of Eden in 2000. In addition to Children of Eden, the drama department’s fall offering was the Central Ohio of Naomi Iizuka’s Anon(ymous). The winter production was the Central Ohio premiere of The Government Inspector by Jeffrey Hatcher.

Drama Director Doug Montgomery was also pleased to announce the 2009-2010 dramatic achievement awards. Best Actor awards were presented to Andrew Kellogg, Coleman Mahler, Connor Simpson and Danny Turek. Chase Meacham, Adam O’Connor, and Peter Vilardi received Best Character Actor awards, and Alex Brown, Dan Otterson and Michael Zaino received Best Supporting Actor recognition. Most Outstanding Contribution awards went to Sam Binnig, Thomas Sinard, and Chris Steiner. Four-year drama awards were presented to Andrew Kellogg, Connor Simpson, Bella Cockerell (Bishop Hartley) and Emi Sigrist (Upper Arlington). Sarah Dutton (CSG) received a fifth-year award.
Coccia ’10 Earns Joyce Scholarship to ND; Leaves lasting mark at SC

St. Charles graduating senior Alexander F. Coccia ’10, son of Peter Coccia and Nena Couch of Immaculate Conception parish, was awarded the prestigious Glenna R. Joyce Scholarship to attend the University of Notre Dame last spring.

Established in 1961, this scholarship can be applied to either The Ohio State University or the University of Notre Dame. Winners of the award are chosen based on their “anticipated superior academic performance, contribution to the University, high character, and financial need.” To be considered for the scholarship a student must reside in one of seven central Ohio counties and generally be expected to hold a minimum 3.5 GPA, score a 30 or higher on the ACT or a 1340 on the SAT (Critical Reading and Math).

Coccia will fence and major in political science with a supplementary major in peace studies in the Kroc Institute at Notre Dame. He then plans to attend Law School to study International Human Rights Law.

Coccia has certainly reflected a mantra that is emphasized at the school by the St. Charles faculty and staff that “we are our brother’s keeper.”

Coccia, a National Merit Finalist who has held a 4.0+ GPA in his time at St. Charles, was awarded the school’s Monsignor O’Dea award for earning the highest GPA for four years of Latin study. He served as the treasurer of National Honor Society and participated in the “Stand and Deliver” program, in which senior student-athletes speak to grade school students about leadership, defeat, and passion on and off the athletic field. Headed by Larry Larson, this program aims to provide a positive influence for grade school students as they move into high school.

Coccia also served as the editor-in-chief of the school’s student newspaper, The Carolian, and headed up a social justice organization he helped found two years ago that focuses on raising awareness about and planning service projects related to any affronts to human dignity at all stages of life. Cardinals for Life, Dignity and Justice was originally part of his National Honor Society project, but grew to be an independent organization at St. Charles which over its two-year existence has raised close to $7,000 which was directed through Catholic Relief Services toward Darfur, Sudan and Haiti.

“My firm passion is devoted to human rights and social justice, and, in my view, efforts to secure the human dignity of each individual can be done through political endeavors,” Coccia said. “My hope is that Cardinals for Life will continue as a vehicle for students to examine their views on issues that concern the individual.”

Out of his efforts came the establishment of the Consistent Ethic Lecture at St. Charles. This past November was its first installment and brought Colman McCarthy to the St. Charles campus to speak to the school about a message of peace and standing for a consistent platform of peace (i.e. anti-abortion and anti-capital punishment).

As if his schedule were not full enough, Coccia also participated in athletics all four years - albeit on a larger stage than the OHSSA. During high school he fenced internationally year round as a member of the Fencing Alliance of Ohio under the instruction of Terrence Lasker and Vladimir Nazlymov, head coach of The Ohio State University fencing team. He is ranked 15th in Junior Men’s Sabre and 33rd in Senior Men’s Sabre and hopes to compete for the Junior National Team this coming season.

As a sophomore he participated in a world cup in Poland as a member of the Cadet National team, placing 23rd out of 145 fencers. As a senior, he fenced in Germany as a member of the Junior National Team as well as in the Senior World Cup in Dallas last summer.

Since sophomore year Coccia was involved in the After School All Stars program at Blackburn Recreation Center teaching fencing as the volunteer assistant coach every Wednesday. The program is focused on providing an outlet for at-risk youth and provides an alternative to the risky behavior in which kids can be involved after school.

“St. Charles has been a wonderful place for me to explore my passions and allow them to grow,” he said.

National Merit Semifinalists

This year’s semifinalists are (from left) seniors Jonathan G. Fillman, Alexi M. Tallan, Mason R. Beverly, Michael T. Venesy, Timothy D. Hackett, John H. Flis and Brian R. Willi.

8 named National Merit Semifinalists

Eight St. Charles seniors qualified as National Merit Semifinalists for the 2009-2010 School year. They earned this prestigious distinction based on their scores on the Pre-Scholastic Aptitude/National Merit Qualifying Test they took in their junior year at St. Charles.

Only 16,000 of 1.5 million students who took the test qualified. The qualifiers, including those from St. Charles, are in the running for scholarships that total more than $35 million. The St. Charles semifinalists are:

- Dominic Bertolini, son of Lawrence and Eileen Bertolini of Columbus. He is a member of St. Timothy parish and attended St. Timothy Grade School;
- Jordan Feyko, son of James and Lori Feyko of Columbus. He is a member of St. Agatha parish and attended St. Agatha Grade School;
- Cameron Houk, son of Allen and Christine Houk of Grove City. He is a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish and attended Our Lady of Perpetual Help Grade School;
- David Kenney, son of Dr. Brian and Teresa Kenney of Dublin. He is a member of St. Brigid of Kildare parish and attended St. Brigid of Kildare Grade School;
- Andrew Krieger, son of Steven and Peggy Krieger of Lewis Center. He is a member of St. Paul parish and attended St. Paul Grade School;
- Brian Merkle, son of Daniel and Diane Merkle of Columbus. He is a member of St. Andrew parish and attended St. Andrew Grade school;
- Mark Stechschulte, son of Drs. Mark and Beth Stechschulte of Dublin. He is a member of St. Brendan parish and attended St. Brendan Grade School;
- Christopher Steiner, son of Yaromir and Pat Steiner of New Albany. He is a member of Church of the Resurrection parish and attended New Albany Middle School.
**National Honor Society ~ 2010 Borromean Chapter Inductees**

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**Record Number attending ND**

Thirteen graduating seniors from Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School’s Class of 2010 — an all-time school record number for one class — are attending the University of Notre Dame for college. Overall 16 seniors had their applications accepted. They posed for a photo with St. Charles Class of 1965 alumnus Richard C. Notebaert, who stopped by the school while in Columbus in May. Notebaert is the retired chairman and chief executive officer of Qwest Communications International and serves as the Chairman of the University of Notre Dame’s Board of Trustees. From left (the student’s parish is listed in parentheses) -- Connor Reider (St. Andrew), Jack Toscano (St. Paul), Matt Harbrecht (St. Peter), Steven Miller (St. Andrew), Cameron Houk (Our Lady of Perpetual Help), *Adam Coccia (Immaculate Conception), Richard C. Notebaert ’65, Mark Stechschulte (St. Brendan), David Kenney (St. Brigid of Kildare), Jordan Stumph (St. Paul), Casey Morris (St. Patrick, London), Jacob Burger (St. Brigid of Kildare), Kevin Colvin (St. Brendan) and Chris Steiner (Church of the Resurrection). *Coccia was one of three students offered a 2009-2010 Joyce Scholarship. A second St. Charles senior, Jordan Feyko, was also awarded a Joyce Scholarship but made the difficult decision, instead, to pursue a degree at Harvard University.
Sixteen (16) young men were designated as “AP Scholars with Honor” for averaging at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken and grades of 3.0 or higher on four or more of those exams. Nine of these are 2010 alumni (with their current schools noted) and the others will graduate this June. They are: Brandon Bowman '10 (Clemson University), Jacob Burger '10 (University of Notre Dame), Robert DeJaco '10 (University of Kentucky), Matthew Harbrecht '10 (University of Notre Dame), David Kenney '10 (University of Notre Dame), Patrick McAllister '10 (The Ohio State University), Alexander McCorkle '10 (Miami University, Ohio), Timothy Meacham '10 (Georgetown University), Andrew Steffensmeier '10 (University of Dayton), Alexander McComb '10 (University of Cincinnati), Michael Cianflona '10 (The Ohio State University), Seth Harnett '10 (The Ohio State University), Taylor Kern '10 (Kettering University), Matthew Larkin '10 (University of Alabama), Daniel Latz '10 (University of Cincinnati), Connor Lenhart '10 (The Ohio State University), Michael Marino '10 (University of Cincinnati), Christopher Meleca '10 (The Ohio State University), James Parker '10 (Miami University, Ohio), Benjamin Price '10 (University of Dayton), Connor Simpson '10 (Kent State University), Joseph Sweeney '10 (Fordham University), Coleman Hesseler '11, Andrew Hof '11, Seth Keller '11, Weston Niermeyer '11, Samuel Powell '11, Joseph Spahr '11, Osaze Udeagbala '11, and Daniel Weigandt '11.

The College Board notes that the AP program provides more than 30 different college-level courses and exams. These provide willing and academically prepared students with the opportunity to earn college credit or advanced placement and stand out in the college admission process. Each exam is developed by a committee of college and university faculty and AP teachers, ensuring that AP exams are aligned with the same high standards expected by college faculty at some of the nation’s leading liberal arts and research institutions.

More than 3,800 colleges and universities annually receive AP scores.

Most four-year colleges in the United States provide credit and/or advanced placement for qualifying exam scores. Research consistently shows that AP students who score a 3 or higher on AP exams (based on a scale from 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest) typically experience greater academic success in college and have higher college graduation rates than students who do not participate in AP.

Sixty-two current and former St. Charles students were recognized by the College Board for outstanding achievements on their 2010 Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams. Four of these young men received the highest honor for their exceptional results.

This international program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school, and to receive credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP exams—at most U.S. colleges and universities. Only about 18 percent of the 1.8 million high school students who participated performed at a sufficiently high level to merit the recognition in the AP Scholar program.

The four (4) students, now alumni, who performed at the very highest level were named “National AP Scholars.” They earned an average score of at least 4 or higher on eight or more exams. Their names and the schools they now attend are: Alexander Coccia '10 (University of Notre Dame), Jordan Feyko '10 (Harvard University), Christopher Steiner '10 (University of Notre Dame) and Charles Taylor '10 (University of Michigan).

Nineteen (19) former St. Charles students qualified at the next-highest level, “AP Scholar with Distinction,” by scoring an average of 3.5 or higher on all AP exams taken and a grade of 3.0 or higher on five or more of those exams. Their names and the schools they now attend are: Robert Cannell '10 (Vanderbilt University), Kevin Colvin '10 (University of Notre Dame), Patrick Feeney '10 (The Ohio State University), Cameron Houk '10 (University of Notre Dame), Christian Jeric '10 (University of Toledo), Andrew Kellogg '10 (Ohio University), Andrew Krieger '10 (Rose Hulman Institute of Technology), Jacob LaFleur '10 (Case Western Reserve), Brian Lewis '10 (University of Dayton), John Mackessy '10 (Williams College), Brian Merkle '10 (Northwestern University), Casey Morris '10 (University of Notre Dame), Joseph Musto '10 (Purdue University), Connor Reider '10 (University of Notre Dame), Vincent Spahr '10 (University of Dayton), Mark Stechschulte '10 (University of Notre Dame), Jordan Stumph '10 (University of Notre Dame), Nicholas Summers '10 (Holy Cross College) and Jack Toscano '10 (University of Notre Dame).

Fifteen St. Charles seniors were named National Merit commended scholars for 2010-2011. They placed among the top 5% of the more than 1.5 million students who took the PSAT/NMSQT in October 2009. While they don’t continue in competition for National Merit scholarships, some are eligible for special scholarships sponsored by corporations and businesses. They include:

- Evan Doney, son of Tim and Kristine Doney of Westerville. He is a member of St. Paul Parish and attended St. Paul School; Ted Fields, son of Bob and Ingrid Fields of Dublin. He is a member of St. Brigid of Kildare Parish and attended St. Brigid of Kildare School; Sam Fogle, son of Thomas and Denise Fogle of Grove City. He is a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish and attended Our Lady of Perpetual Help School;
- Andrew Hof, son of Tom and Gretchen Hof of Gahanna. He is a member of St. Matthew Parish and attended Gahanna Middle School East; Dane McLoughlin is the son of Bill and Dawn McLoughlin of Westerville. He is a member of St. Paul Parish and attended St. Paul School; Kyle Nazario, son of Jorge and Loretta Nazario of Westerville. He is a member of St. Paul Parish and attended St. Paul School;
- Eric Niemeyer, son of Randy and Shannon Niemeyer of Hilliard. He is a member of St. Brendan Parish and attended St. Brendan School; Weston Niermeyer, son of Kurt and Joan Niermeyer of Columbus. He is a member of St. Agatha Parish and attended St. Agatha School; John parent, son of Rick and Arlene parent of Westerville. He is a member of St. Paul Parish and attended St. Paul School; Thomas Phillips, son of Tom and Maria Phillips. He is a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish and attended St. Joseph Montessori School; Christopher Quinn, son of Kevin and Marie Quinn of Hilliard. He is a member of St. Brendan Parish and attended St. Brendan School; Chad Rankin, son of Rob and Jeri Rankin of Westerville.

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From left -- Dick ’75 and Steven ’10 Miller with Steven’s grandfather, John Duffy ’44.

From left -- Trent ’10 and Robert ’79 Gardner.

From left -- Phillip Greco ’10 and his grandfather, Al Bell, Sr. ’48.

From left -- John ’78 and John ’10 Mackessy.

From left -- Nick ’10 and Mark ’74 Pirik.

From left -- Dick ’75 and Steven ’10 Miller with Steven’s grandfather, John Duffy ’44.

From left -- Nathan ’10 and Tim ’86 Shremshock.

From left -- Connor ’10 Reider (right) with brother, Carson ’08 and grandmother Sue Dell Thoman, wife of the late Harry Thoman ’47.

From left -- Michael ’10 and Jay ’76 Ryan. Michael’s brother, Jason ’03 is a faculty member at St. Charles and his late grandfather and Jay’s father, Thomas J. Ryan, Jr., a member of the Class of 1944.

From left -- Jack Bruce ’10 and his grandfather, Joe Ridgeway ’57.

From left -- Bobby Horner ’10 with his father, Bob ’79, then-chairman of the St. Charles Advisory Board.
From left -- Jared '10 and Mark '76 Bobulski.

From left-- Chase '10 and Jeff '84 Meacham.

Colleges Chosen By 2009 Seniors

Adrian College; University of Alabama; Allegheny College; Bowling Green State University; Case Western Reserve University; Christendom College; College of Charleston; University of Cincinnati; Clemson University; Columbus College of Art & Design; Columbus State Community College; University of Dayton; Denison University; Eastern Michigan University; Elon University; University of Evansville; Florida International University; Franciscan University of Steubenville; Gannon University; Georgetown University; Harvard College; Heidelberg University; University of Iowa; John Carroll University; Kent State University; University of Kentucky; Kettering University; Marietta College; Marquette University; Miami University; University of Missouri; University of Notre Dame; The Ohio State University; Ohio University; Ohio Northern University; Purdue University; Rose Hulman Institute of Technology; Sierra Nevada College; St. Louis University; University of Toledo; University of Michigan; University of Minnesota; University of Montana; Northwestern University; Vanderbilt University; Washington and Jefferson College; Williams College; Wittenberg University; College of Wooster; Xavier University and the U.S. Military.

Student News nuggets

Did you know that seven members of the Class of 2010 are Eagle Scouts? They are Will Parker, Brian Lewis, Ian Ballantyne, David Fruhling, Dan Otterson, Rob Fields and Jared Bobulski.
Success at the track

Sophomore Stevyn Spees '13 finished seventh at the State Indoor Track Meet in the 800-meter run, earning a place on the All-Ohio athlete list. He helped the Cardinal outdoor track and field team repeat as CCL champions by winning the 400-meter event. Other CCL notable achievements included: 1st and 2nd place finishes in the shot put by senior captains Breen Cullivan '10 and Jordan Stumph '10; victories by Colin Merrill '11 in the long jump and by the 4x800 meter relay team (Brady Wilson '14, Mitch Montgomery '13, Chris Quinn '11 and Merrill); Terrence Harrell '11 was 2nd in the high jump. On the second day of the meet Quinn won the 1600 meter run followed by a 1st and 3rd place finish by Spees and Wilson in the 400 meter run. Quinn finished 1st in the 3200 meter run to seal the Cards Championship for good.

St. Charles recognized as top “Academic All-Ohio Football Team”

St. Charles Preparatory School was honored at the 13th Annual High School Football Coaches Association Clinic Banquet on February 5, 2010 as the top “Academic All-Ohio Team” based on the outstanding academic performance of its team members.

Cardinal’s head coach, Jeff Pharion, is a 1996 graduate of the school where he is also an English teacher. He just completed his first season as head coach with the Division II Cardinals finishing with a 5-5 record.

The school he has been presented a plaque in recognition of the honor which indicates that the Cardinals scored a 3.736 GPA.

Whitaker ’10 off to swim at Minnesota

All-American swimmer Sandy Whitaker ’10 signed a Letter of Intent to swim at the University of Minnesota where he will pursue a degree in Civil Engineering. He is the son of Bob and Holly Whitaker of Westerville. As a junior he won state titles in the 100-yard backstroke and 100 butterfly events and was a member of the 400 free relay team that finished 4th in the 2009 Division I swimming and diving tournament. He achieved All-American status, and he was selected as the 2008-2009 Jack Ryan Most Valuable Student-Athlete Award.

Steffensmeier ’10 to golf at UD

Andrew Steffensmeier ’10 signed a Letter of Intent with the University of Dayton where he is now a member of the school’s golf team and pursuing a pre-med curriculum with the goal of becoming an orthopedic surgeon. The son of Michael and Janet Steffensmeier, Andrew, attended St. Andrew grade school and is a member of St. Andrew parish. Andrew carried a 4.17 GPA and was a member of St. Charles’ Borromean Chapter of the National Honor Society. Steffensmeier was a member of this year’s varsity golf team which won the fall’s Division I boys state golf tournament (he shot a 79 in the rain-shortened event). Earlier in the 2009 campaign St. Charles earned a perfect 10-0 record in the Central Catholic League and went on to win the Division I district and sectional tournaments.

Stumph ’10 to play football at Miami

At 6-foot-5, 275 pounds, Justin Stumph ’10 was a man among young men last fall on the football field. But with skills to back up his size, the offensive lineman earned recognition as a second-team all-state player in Division II. He was also voted as the Cardinal's team MVP.

Justin is the son of Jim and Shellie Stumph of St. Paul Parish and attended St. Paul Grade School. Stumph also was first-team all-district, all-league and the team’s offensive MVP. He had 47 pancakes and he graded 90 percent or better in all of his games.

In the winter he signed to play at Miami University where he will also put his considerable academic skills to work. Justin carried a 4.0 GPA and scored a 33 of possible 36 on his ACT. His plans are to take a pre-med regimen at Miami and has already completed summer classes and workouts.
Historic Championship

The Cardinal wrestling team made history in the 2009-2010 season by winning its first ever Central Catholic League championship. The Cards used a strong final round to pass runner up Bishop Ready. Leading the team to victory were Kevin Colvin ’10, Robert DeJaco’10, Daniel Latz ’10 and Christopher Suozzi’11 of whom all captured individual CCL titles. The Cardinals also benefitted from individual runner-up performances from Francis Essien ’10, John Mackessy ’10, Ryan Sanders ’11 and Adam Suhr ’11.

The team also advanced an impressive seven wrestlers to the district wrestling meet. DeJaco and Mackessy advanced by winning their respective weight classes at the sectional meet. Colvin, Latz, Suhr and Sanders qualified for districts, and Kevin Cook ’10 qualified through the sectional meet.

Volleyball team State Runner’s Up

At the start of volleyball season it might have seemed a bit unrealistic to expect a return trip to defend its Division II state title. But despite graduating its core players in 2009, this year’s Cardinal volleyball team beat expectations. It successfully fought its way back to the Division II state finals before losing to Akron Hoban.

In 2009, the Cardinals defeated then top-ranked and defending state champion Akron Hoban 25-16, 25-20, 25-19 to win the state title. After losing five senior starters-- three of whom were three-year players -- Coach Shane Farrell ’97 said he had to adjust his expectations for 2009-2010. The team focused the start of their season on volleyball basics, spent two weeks on passing and watched a half-hour of old games every day after school to look for ways to improve.

Middle-hitter Andy Sellan ’11 earned East Region Player of the Year honors while setter Patrick Feeaney ’10 and outside-hitter Evan Doney ’11 were voted to the second-team. Middle hitter Brian Merkle ’10 received honorable mention. Sellan was the only starter to return from last year’s squad. In an article in the Bexley News he said he and his teammates met at the same table in the Robert C. Walter Student Commons every day for lunch. There, they took out scouting reports and made notes.

The Cardinals defeated Dublin Jerome 25-16, 25-12, 25-17 in an East regional semifinal and Bishop Watterson 25-22, 26-24 in the finals. They earned another finals matchup with Hoban by defeating Kettering Alter to make the finals.

St. Charles split with Watterson during the regular season as the teams shared the COVL.

"It’s amazing to see how far we have come since the beginning of the season," Sellan said. "Everyone worked hard in practice and began to trust each other on the court and that makes a big difference."
Swim team finishes season fourth

The St. Charles swim team won its fifth-consecutive Division I district championship on its way to a fourth-place finish in the Division I state swimming and diving championship in Canton last February. In the previous three years, the swimming program had won a state title and finished second the other two years. The Cardinals were led by Sandy Whitaker ’10 (see his related “Minnesota” story, page 16) who was state runner-up in the 100-yard butterfly and third in the 100 backstroke. Cincinnati St. Xavier which scored 228 points, won its 20th state title. They were followed by Toledo St. Francis (218) Upper Arlington (187) and St. Charles (164).

“We were projected to finish fifth going into the meet, so we were able to move up into fourth place,” first-year coach Geoff Gear said. “We were pretty happy with that. We had some really good swims in the finals.”

Sam Kocher ’10 was third in the 200 freestyle and sixth in the 100 free; Jay Schuh ’10 was eighth in the 100 back; Corey Taylor and Mark Stechschulte ’10 was fifth; and the 400 free relay of Kocher, Whitaker and junior Brian Willi was third (1:34.97); The 200 free relay of Kocher, Orion Swanson ’11 Taylor and Mark Stechschulte’10 was fifth; and the 400 free relay of Kocher, Swanson, Whitaker and Taylor was sixth.

Student excels at robotic challenge

St. Charles student Philip Sing ’13 and Joey Diamond ‘14 are members of a special group of current or former Clintonville Academy students with a special interest in robotics. They spend up to 10 or 12 hours a week creating and preparing robot vehicles to compete in First Lego League (FLL) and other assorted competitions.

The team, nicknamed the “Cougars” represented Ohio well at the 2010 FLL World Festival earning the 3rd Place Champion’s Award. The event was held in the Georgia World Dome and World Congress Centers in Atlanta in April. More than 85 teams and 30 countries were represented. Joe Blundo, columnist for The Columbus Dispatch, featured the team in his column this spring.

Besides designing robots, Blundo noted that the team had also designed a bike light that flashes the color green because that is a part of the light spectrum easily detected by a motorist’s peripheral vision. The team has taken steps to patent the idea which they think would help reduce accidents between bicycles and cars.

Diamond’s father, Jamie, is the “adviser” of the team which often works out of his garage, dubbed the “Bot-Cave.” (He is a computer programmer at Nationwide.) The creations are built from Lego Mindstorms, a high tech, programmable relative of the traditional plastic blocks. Students build and program a robot that can navigate a predetermined course, picking up rings, knocking over pylons and avoiding obstacles in a test of maneuverability.

The FLL was created to inspire young people’s interest and participation in science and technology. It is a collaboration between the LEGO Company and FIRST, a non-profit organization that combines engineering, computer programming, problem-solving, researching, presenting and teamwork. The intense eight-week period involves teams of 3 to 10 children, ages 9 - 14, who work to build and program a robot to complete 18 tasks on a competition table in the 2.5 minute robot rounds.

Teams also meet with Robot Design Judges, who evaluate their robot design, programming and problem-solving strategies; Project Judges, who look at their research project, which is tied to the Climate Connections theme and Teamwork Judges, who evaluate how well the group functioned as a team. In 2009 the team won championships of First Lego League tournaments at Wright State University, The Ohio State Championship, and 2nd place at the FLL Champion's Awards.

In June Alex Franco ’10 and Michael Ryan ’10 represented St. Charles at the Cap City Central District All-Star Football Game made up of outstanding seniors from the Columbus area. Both players are continuing their football careers as walk-ons this fall, with Ryan at The Ohio State University and Franco at Miami (OH) University.

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World Festival.
At the start of school in August the team was working on another robotics problem. In the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship made famous by the X Prize Foundation, the Cougar’s team has been working to build and program a robot that can navigate obstacles and complete tasks on the simulated lunar Lego game board.

Lego, and Google have partnered to develop a youth educational challenge called “MoonBots” which was created to fuel an increased connection to space innovation for a new generation of future explorers. It was inspired by Google’s $30 million Lunar X Prize to safely land a robot on the surface of the moon, travel 500 meters across the lunar surface, and send images and data back to the Earth.

During the initial design phase of the competition, teams were required to submit a digital Robot Design Proposal created using either LDRAW, LEGO Digital Designer, or Google SketchUp. During the build process, teams were required to document their work through a series of writing, blogs, photos, and video essays discussing the design, concept, and importance of moon exploration.

During the month-long open application process, 212 teams submitted proposals for Lego lunar robots, and of those 212, 20 teams were selected to move on to the Mission Round: one attempt at a three-minute Live Mission Webcast to complete the necessary tasks on the game board.

You can learn more about the contest and see photos of the team robots at http://news.cnet.com/2300-11386_3-10004618.html?tag=mncol (the Cougars are the last page and photo of the article). We’ll keep you appraised of their successes in the next issue of the Cardinal!

Student Council:
Serving God and Others

In keeping with St. Charles’ motto, “In service to God, and others,” the school’s Student Council once again provided outstanding leadership in several annual community service and outreach projects within the Central Ohio community this past year.

When he assumed the role of Student Council moderator in 1988, John O’Neill says he wanted to affirm the service and outreach the Council had previously done and if possible to expand on it. His belief was that often acts of service result from compassion and an inner sense of calling, combined with a reassuring example to follow. “I want our students to be that example, for one another, and for others beyond our walls. In keeping with our school philosophy, I want outreach to become as reflexive and as involuntary to our students as breathing,” O’Neil says.

Such concern for the needs of the less fortunate were shown through the annual Viriditas Advent project when Christmas gifts were sponsored by each of the school’s homeroom families for the parish boundaries of Saint Dominic’s Church. In addition, weekly monetary collections totaled more than $4,300 in support of the work of St. John’s Community Kitchen and the needs of the homeless. Donations to a “Mitten Tree” provided pairs of gloves and mittens, hats, and scarves to be distributed to homeless citizens.

In January, in a concerted effort, the St. Charles community was able to raise over $11,000 in response to the crisis resulting from the earthquake in Haiti. Friday Lenten collections were also forwarded to the relief effort in Haiti. And in the spring the Student Council undertook the most ambitious of its yearly efforts: working with each student to solicit pledges and contributions from neighbors, friends, and community businesses, for the annual scholarship walk, The Cardinal Walk.

Making Christmas Brighter for Others
Jordan Stumph ‘10, Joe O’Brien ’11, Matthew Hadad ’12, Justin Stumph ’10 and Cameron Houk ’10 help load Christmas gifts destined for needy families collected through the Student Council’s Viriditas program.

Champs again!
On Tuesday, February 23, the St. Charles In-The-Know Team claimed its second consecutive championship in the WOSU-TV quiz-show tournament by defeating Worthington-Kibbourne in the semi-final round and Delaware Hayes in the final. It was the school’s seventh overall tournament championship. For its victory, the school received a $7,000 academic grant from the show’s sponsor, Westfield Insurance, and four-$2,000 scholarships to The Ohio State University.

In The Know team members (with their grade schools listed in parentheses) are, from left to right -- Lexi Tallan ’11 (Lakeview Jr. High), team moderator and St. Charles faculty member, Dr. Sarah Vandermeer, a representative from Westfield Insurance, Matthew Sova ’11 (St. Cecilia), school mascot “Charlie Cardinal,” show host Bill Schiffman, assistant team moderator Alex Connor ’03, Connor Simpson ’10 (St. Patrick-London), Steven Barnell ’11 (St. Mary-Lancaster) and Greg Lindsey ’11 (Trinity Middle School).
The Cardinal Walk is a voluntary effort staged on the morning of Circus Day (this year on May 21) and is five miles in length. One hundred percent of the collected funds go to support the school’s general scholarship fund. It is by way of this funding that qualified young men, whose only barrier to the halls of St. Charles is a financial one, may receive the opportunity of a St. Charles education.

After numerous years collecting over $25,000 annually, students have been able to raise the bar by raising more than $30,000 in each of the past three years (2010 included) - in the face of great economic hardships in recent years.

“Clearly, the greater the number of young men who may be assisted by this effort, the greater the enrichment of the school community, in terms of academics, athletics, arts, and spirituality,” O’Neil says. “I firmly believe that the difference this drive makes is increasingly more evident as each year passes.”

O’Neil holds that the volatility of the current economic environment underscores the need for St. Charles to continue to attract and support young men of potential. Thanks, in good part to the ongoing example and leadership of the St. Charles Student Council, the school’s graduates continue to go forth doing their best and working for the betterment of their communities at large.

**Undeterred**
With just a few days until their graduation, rain did little to deter the eagerness and spirit of this group of seniors as they ready to embark on the 2010 Cardinal Walk in late May. The annual 5-mile trek by the students raised more than $30,000 to benefit tuition assistance for their fellow classmates. From left are Mark Stechschulte, Bob Cannell, Jake LaFleur, Will Parker, Breen Cullivan, Will Ryan and Brian O’Neill.

**Double the Trouble!!**
Charlie (right) and “Chauncey” (Charlie Cardinal’s little brother) encouraged participants during this year’s Cardinal Walk. From left are David Morales ’12, Ryan Paolini ’13 Chauncy Cardinal (Evan Hively ’13), Charlie Cardinal (Anderson Speed ’12), Adam Suhrg ’12 and Justin Latz ’13.

**St. Charles students live out pledge to be “our brother’s keeper”**
Mark Stechschulte ’10 (left) and Cameron Houk ’10 (right), members of the school’s Blood Drive Committee and donors themselves, flank Dominic DeBelli’s ’10 while he donates “the gift of life” at St. Charles’ 22nd Annual Red Cross Blood Drive on April 29 in the school’s Multi-Purpose Room.
St. Charles nurse Midge Cull and alumni parent Bill Nye helped coordinate the volunteer effort which produced 185 productive units of whole blood - the second highest number donated by any Central Ohio school in the last five years according to the Red Cross. Donations were collected from students, staff, alumni and parents and this year marked the first time that 16 year-olds could give after receiving a parent’s permission.

**Student-Athletes at SC**
Varsity football coach Jeff Pharion ’86 accepts a plaque in recognition of the team’s academic successes in 2009. He was presented the award by Ohio State University’s football coach, Jim Tressel and the Air National Guard’s Major General Harry “A.J.” W. Feucht Jr.

**Charlie Cardinal to get update**
After several years of intermittent hibernation, Charlie Cardinal has been popping up all over the St. Charles landscape. Through the efforts of Tyler Mears ’09, Jack Toscano ’10, and a host of other St. Charles students and alumni, the “Mascot Entourage” is a group dedicated to ensuring Charlie’s appearance at a wide variety of school events, including the Cardinal Walk, Silent Auction, In-the-Know, and countless varsity sporting events. Due to the high demand for Charlie’s presence, the spirit group has incorporated the use of an older costume which it has renamed “Chauncey” and represents Charlie’s “little brother.” Together they make an entertaining team, says faculty member and club moderator, Joe Moyer.

In the 2009-2010 school year it was decided that Charlie’s design needed an overhaul. The current costume, donated by Kathleen and Bart Mahoney, is over 10 years old and has seen better days. Ian Ballantyne ’10 designed a new, more intimidating version of Charlie and his sketches were sent to Promo Costumes in Marion for production. Funds for the costume were secured through the generosity of Dr. Robert Steensen, father of Luke ’09, and the doctors of Cardinal orthopaedic. Look for the new version of Charlie to appear sometime in the fall of 2010!

Calling all former Charlie Cardinals!!!
Over the last three decades Charlie Cardinal has seen numerous ‘reincarnations.’ To date, there are five known costumes that have been used to represent the school’s mascot. We are putting out a special request for any alumni who may have performed as Charlie over the years to share stories and/or photos of their experiences in the costume. We know that the anonymity provided by the costume tends to breed a special boldness in actions of those high school students wearing it---so we look forward to hearing some very interesting stories!!

Send your memories of Charlie to alumni director Louis J. Fabro ’83 (A former Charlie Cardinal performer himself!!) at lfabro@cdeucation.org. We will share a retrospective view of Charlie Cardinal through the years in the spring edition of the Cardinal, complete with Charlie’s latest make over.

**Calling ‘A.J.’ W. Feucht Jr.**

*St. Charles Preparatory School*
Hummer, Haas retire

As part of the school’s annual Academic Awards Assembly, assistant principal and master-of-ceremonies, Scott Pharion, ended the occasion by recognizing two special members of the St. Charles faculty and staff who were retiring: Linda Haas and Ted Hummer ’60. Here are those comments:

“One final matter deserves some attention. St. Charles Preparatory boasts a durable, long lasting and dedicated faculty. However, we find that this year we are saying goodbye to two of our steadfast educators. Both have served in the military, both have taught in a number of places and in various capacities. Both have provided admirable service to St. Charles and we wish to acknowledge that today. Mrs. Haas and Mr. Hummer please come to the stage at this time.

Mrs. Linda K. Haas served in the U.S. Air Force before completing her teaching preparation and receiving undergraduate and graduate degrees in education. She further pursued and earned certification and advanced degree work in religious education. She has taught in many communities in and around Columbus, including parish schools in Marion, Bucyrus, Sunbury as well as a brief stint in Columbus Public; and an eleven year career at St. Mathias School.

At the same time Mrs. Haas became heavily involved in the Franciscan Earth Literacy Center in Tiffin, Ohio, in several administrative and educational roles. Her acknowledgements, affiliations and recognitions are numerous. She joined the staff of St. Charles in 2000. Her ten years here have been productive and noteworthy. She has worked diligently to provide a peaceful witness of the pathway to Our Lord. Her gentle manner will be missed and her heartfelt laughter remembered.

On behalf of the St. Charles community we say thank you, and we wish to bestow upon her this keepsake as well as our love and best wishes.

Mr. Ted Hummer would say that he first walked the halls of “good ‘ol St. Chuck’s” in the fall of 1956. A life long member of Immaculate Conception parish, Mr. Hummer, attended St. Charles and graduated in 1960. It would seem that his life has been devoted to his wife, children and family; the Marine Corps; and St. Charles. Ted Hummer answered the call of his country and served as a Marine officer in Viet Nam.

His experiences in that country created an empathy for its inhabitants and in recent years he returned to the country, and along with his military comrades, helped to build a school to support the Vietnamese people whose lives had and have been impacted so severely over the years. After this military career, his focus became education. He too pursued college study in the field of education: teaching, administration and counseling. He has taught at East High School, he was principal at St. Mary School in German Village, and he came back to St. Charles in 1985, first as the freshman guidance counselor.

Ted Hummer has been a coach at many levels, an athletic official in many sports, a drug and alcohol counselor and a mentor to many a young person both here and elsewhere. He might be considered the father of St. Charles Lacrosse, contributing to its origins in the 1990s.

He has given countless hours to St. Charles. I can remember the days when he would deliver his papers, go to Mass and arrive at St. Charles well before anyone else. He is often here in the evenings and on weekends sifting through paperwork in support of the college dreams of students and graduates of St. Charles, his truck parked alone in the otherwise empty lot.

I could go on...forever. But, the long and the short of it is, I do not think Mr. Hummer ever met a student he did not like, especially here at St. Charles; and never one he would not have been willing to help – professionally and personally. He has helped them all...for twenty-five years here at “good ‘ol St. Chuck’s.” He is the guru of counselors; and we will miss his positive energy and his annoying, antagonistic nature. The unease you might feel from Ted was usually your conscience asking if you had done your best for the students today.

We will miss his loyalty. Mr. Hummer has been studying to prepare himself for a return to Viet Nam where he wants to teach English in the school he helped create. His dedication is obvious and it is appreciated; we thank him and pay tribute to him in his own words: Semper Fi, Ted!”

New faculty

Two new members have been added to this year’s faculty and a veteran staff member has taken a promotion as the new school year gets underway.

2006 alumnus William T. Gruber is the new Health and Phys. Ed. teacher, replacing Pat Dimmick. He graduated cum laude from The Ohio State University in 2010 with a B.S. in education and has specialization in Health Education. William will also coach freshman basketball. Will is the son of Matt ’68 and brother of Ben ’99, Joe ’04 and Ned ’09.

Adam Smith has joined the Religion Department and will teach Senior Religion, handle senior retreats and help with campus ministry activities. He graduated cum laude from Ohio Dominican University where he majored in philosophy and theology. He is currently in the final stages of completing his master’s degree in moral theology from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Adam lives in Clintonville with his wife, Meredith, who teaches at Bishop Watterson. They have a three year-old daughter, Lillya, and attend Our Lady of Peace Church.

Current staff member Beth DeVine replaces Ted Hummer ’60 as senior guidance counselor. She has served as part-time sophomore guidance counselor since 2004. She had retired from high school counseling after working more than 30 years at Marion-Franklin, West, and Brookhaven High Schools. DeVine earned a degree in education and a master’s in school counseling from The Ohio State University.

Beth and her husband, Ray, have two sons who are St. Charles alumni: Raymond ’04 and Ryan ’06. They are members of Our Lady of Peace Parish in Clintonville.

New roles

Adam Smith, Will Gruber ’06 and Beth DeVine
2010 Silent Auction

From left -- Margaret Crabtree and Mairead Fyda.

From left -- Bill and Dawn McLoughlin and Mary Kay and Kevin Fenlon.

From left -- Event Chairwomen Mary Schroeder and Tammy Gaser.

From left -- Sue Dell Thoman, Tierney and Carson Reid and Joe '81 and Trisha Wag; Back, from left -- Colleen and Joe Hull.

From left -- Jeff Meacham '84 (left) with his son, Chase '10 and Fr. Bill Arnold. '70.

From left -- The Schmitt Families: Kristen and J.T. '89, Grace and Steve '84 and Lisa and Mark '82.

From left -- Mike and Sheila Gottron, Dick '54 and Libby Stedman and Jack Gibbons, Sr.

From left -- Tom and Lori Caldwell, Anne Ridgeway; Back, from left -- Marie Bruce and Joe Ridgeway '57.

From left -- Bob '69 and Mary Ginn Ryan with John '78 and Linda Mackessy.

From left -- Dan Tarpy and Mike '63 Baumann.
A record crowd packed the Robert C. Walter Student Commons for the Mothers Club’s annual Cardinal Christmas in December. Guests enjoyed the cocktail reception, dinner, and live and silent auctions and helped raise more than $55,000 on behalf of the school.

The success of the holiday dinner and auction could not have been achieved without the kindness, generosity, and hard work of our many parents, friends, and benefactors, especially chairwomen Tammy Gaser, Mary Schroeder and Jo Hernon.

Special thanks goes out to several people for their tireless efforts. They include: Development office secretary Cherri Taynor, who with Tricia Yurkovich helped the Mothers Club coordinate the many event-related mailings and receive, organize, record, and acknowledge all auction gift items; Key participants included: Master-of-Ceremonies (& faculty member) Doug Montgomery; auctioneer Michael Julian; West Camp Press and Paper Occasions for donating printing costs for the invitations. Those heading up other activities included: Kathy LeFleur (reservations), Laurie Luft (donor calls), Patty and Tim King (check-out and red-liners).

Our thanks also goes to: Rick Brunetto and the St. Charles Jazz Band, Gary Allwein for crafting the Nutcracker ice sculpture; Dan and Chris Tarpy, Sam Binnig ’10, CVS Pharmacy in Bexley; and to the numerous Mothers Club volunteers and “Auction Angels” who worked on decorations, mailings, invitations, note cards, and set-ups. We’d like to especially recognize Mike Bryant ’93 for decorating the entire interior and front exterior of the Walter Student Commons with colorful Christmas lighting. We apologize to anyone we may have failed to mention here for your work!

The 2010 St. Charles Spaghetti Dinner was a huge success, drawing more than 1,000 members of the Cardinal community from all over Central Ohio. Guests dined in the Robert C. Walter Student Commons. The annual February gathering is sponsored by the St. Charles Alumni Association with the generous volunteer support from 135 parents, alumni, students, and friends who served the food and beverages and attended the tables. Warm camaraderie was shared by all as the St. Charles Band provided a “Big Band Swing” and the Berwick Party House and the Susi family expertly handled the on-site cooking.

The Distinctive Leader in Catholic Education
On March 20 more than 85 St. Charles "men" celebrated their ties to St. Charles at the Father-Son Mass and Breakfast sponsored by the School’s Alumni Association. Established three years ago, this event has seen a dramatic growth in its popularity, drawing three generations of past, present and future Carolians to the event.

A new generation enjoyed an introduction (or another visit!) to St. Charles and alumni fathers and grandfathers had another chance to reminisce about student days of yesteryear and view the many campus changes having taken place over those years.

The morning began with a community Mass in Mother of Mercy Chapel celebrated by Fr. Michael Lumpe '78, pastor of St. Catharine parish in Mother of Mercy Chapel. That was followed by a complimentary buffet breakfast in the Robert C. Walter Student Commons and a tour of the St. Charles facilities.

The group warmly welcomed guest speaker and faculty member, Dr. Sarah Vandermeer. The school's physics teacher, she also moderates the award-winning In The Know team and nationally-renowned Engineering Teams.

At the event, family and classmates of Gerard Tracy, who died of cancer the year before, celebrated his life. A special plaque in Gerard’s honor was hung at the entrance of the Chapel alongside those of several other deceased graduates.

Father-Son Breakfast Comments by Dr. Sarah S. Vandermeer

Guest speaker, Dr. Sarah Vandermeer, began her presentation to the assembled group by stating how proud she was to be the mother of a St. Charles grad (Christopher Widell ’97) who went on to earn two bronze stars for valor after attending West Point and serving two tours in Iraq as an Airborne Ranger and an Army Captain.

She went on to say: “He’s a civilian now; a Petroleum Engineer in Houston, Texas.” “More importantly, he is a good father, a loving husband, and a strong church leader. I am proud of him, and so very grateful to St. Charles and especially Father Bennett for the spiritual balance, moral backbone and ethical strength he’s gained since he came here so long ago.”

She spoke on the importance, influence, and positive benefits strong male role models and fathers have on young men. She talked about the great qualities she sees in St. Charles students such as generosity, honor and friendship.

“Our boys know how to behave. They comfort each other in times of loss, encourage each other in times of trouble, cheer for each other in times of victory, and harass each other always with a sense of brotherhood and unity. They’ve learned this from you!”

“They learn this from their parents and their families but I want you to know that it is confirmed and strengthened each morning as Mr. Cavello lists prayer requests and concerns and then leads us in a morning prayer. Hidden in our formal curriculum are lessons in etiquette, decency, honor and faith. Father Bennett used to say, ‘Send us your boys and we’ll send them back as men.’ He was right. The work is hard but the rewards are without measure. The men of St. Charles are strengthened daily in their brotherhood, their fellowship and their service to God. Amid the clamor and chaos; long hours and hard work, the carelessness and silliness and rough and tumble of teenage boys, the lessons they learn and the friendships they make here are forever.

“St. Charles has a long and powerful legacy of men who have gone on to live lives that make a difference in this world. Doctors and lawyers and teachers and soldiers and firemen and policemen and businessmen and priests and deacons; professors and CEO’s and pilots and plumbers and contractors and engineers; salesmen and bankers and politicians and principals; good fathers, loving husbands and strong community and church leaders.

“Sons, you have some big shoes to fill, but you have a strong and loyal brotherhood to help you fill them. Watch them carefully; watch them here, and watch them at home. Pay attention to the men of St. Charles. Honor and respect them, comfort, encourage, cheer and harass them. They love you and are doing their best to teach you to become men of courage, men of honor, men of faith, men of God; good fathers, loving husbands, and strong community and church leaders. The strength of our Church, and the future of our nation.

“I am honored to be here, and I thank you.”
The Distinctive Leader in Catholic Education
During their winter break in January, several ’09 graduates stopped by the school to visit with former classmates, faculty, and staff members. From left (with their school and field of study in parentheses) -- Michael Fulcher (Ohio Dominican University, sociology), Steven Roby (Case Western Reserve, accounting), Brad Marchese (John Carroll University, pre-med), Kenny Golonka (Miami University, business) and Spencer Powell (Miami University, business).

Richard “Trey” Gieseck III ’08 at work in the lab.

2008
Trey Gieseck is entering his junior year at Purdue University where he is majoring in biomedical engineering with a minor in mathematics. This past year he has been a researcher with The Albenne Ivenisevic Group. Trey has had two technical articles published, entitled Mechanism of Relaxation of Enzyme Manipulated, Multicomponent Nanoparticle Chains and Characterizing Proton Relaxations for Metallic and Magnetic Layer-by-Layer Coated, DNA Templated Nanoparticle Chain. He’s a member of Tau Beta Pi -- the engineering honor society and Delta Chi Fraternity.

Ian Jentgen, a sophomore at Salve Regina, was recognized by the Commonwealth Coast Conference as a 2nd team all-conference soccer player for the 2009 season. He also was on the school’s Dean’s List.

Tony Opperman is described as the ultimate role model for the college student-athlete. The junior is studying engineering at Case Western Reserve University where he is vice president of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. An outstanding football player, he received numerous Division III accolades for his offensive line play at guard. His citations included honorable mention, first team all-region and first team all-conference.

Anthony Opperman ’08

Back for a visit this spring were (from left) -- Ben Luft, Allan Joseph, Matt Schirizetter, ‘09, Brian Scurria ‘08, Brad Hoffman ’09 and Michael O’Horo’08. Allan and Matt attend the University of Notre Dame and Ben, Brian, Brad and Michael attend Miami (OH) University.

“It’s a great honor for Tony, who is one of our hardest working and intense players and also the rest of our offensive line,” head coach Greg Debeljak explained. “The line operates as a unit, so recognition for one person can be viewed as recognition for all.” Opperman played in all 11 games as the Spartans finished 10-0 (10-1 overall) last season for the third consecutive year and earned its third straight NCAA post-season appearance. Opperman was an integral part of an offense that finished fourth in NCAA Division III in scoring and seventh in total offense.

Opperman was first team all-University Athletic Association (UAA) selection and an all-Academic award winner as a sophomore and a second team All-UAA honoree as a freshman. Case Western Reserve won the past three UAA titles.

Dan Wodarcyk is starting his third year at the University of Cincinnati, majoring in industrial design in the university’s College of Design, Architecture, Art & Planning. He’s curious to find out ...are there any other St. Charles grads involved in industrial design, and design/architecture in general? This summer he has been in Boston for a summer on co-op at The First Years, a baby products company. He’d like to find other Carolians who share the same passion and have established themselves in the design world.

Dan found that St. Charles is very well represented at UC. He’s found four other Carolians there -- Chris Morbitzer’08 (urban planning), Cody Stonerock ’05 (industrial design), Michael Tynick ’05 (architecture), and Tom Gernstzke ’04 (industrial design, transportation).

Dan says the field requires a passion for this line of work, which is the driving factor behind the long studio hours and the search for excellence and ongoing advancement in the field. He says it reminds him of the standards pursued at St. Charles. “The work ethic I pride myself in was established back in high school, and I feel adequately prepared to handle the very intense workload in UC-DAAP because I was pushed into the work-hard-or-fail-behind mentality at SC.” While there is constant stress to make project deadlines, he feels that he is prepared to handle the workload.

“As an ID student, I am developing drawing skills, using computer programs and 3D software, using my hands in the shop to build sketch models and full-scale final models, and am learning to help people. This will continue in my career, and I cannot wait. It is my opinion that many young people would find this major and career field appealing, yet most people today are not familiar with it.”

2007
Jacob Billiar has enrolled at Colby College, Waterville, MA and will be playing NCAA Div. III ice hockey for the Colby Mules. Following graduation from SC Jacob played junior hockey for two years in Albany, NY and Tulsa, OK.

2006
Chris Doman completed his swimming career at Northwestern as its team captain and graduated in June with a degree in economics. He joined the asset management division of J.P. Morgan in Chicago in July as a banking analyst.

In April he sent the following message to Principal Dominic J. Cavello ’84 and other members of the school’s administration: “I am writing both to update you on my life since leaving St. Charles in 2006, but mostly to thank you for the many opportunities that both you and St. Charles have provided me. As you may remember, I swam at St. Charles, and was part of a state championship relay in 2006. During the past four years, I have remained on the Northwestern swim team, and was its captain this year. Leading an NCAA team is quite the experience, and I loved every minute of it. Being in Chicago and at a top-tier institution has also provided me with the opportunity to intern every summer in college. I spent two summers at Merrill Lynch, and this past summer at a small trading firm in Chicago. This summer I will begin full-time in Chicago in the Asset Management division at J.P. Morgan, and I am very excited for this opportunity because it is exactly where I wanted to be.

The swim season has ended and I have had a lot of time to reflect on the people who have helped me at this point. I am very fortunate to have had these opportunities, and I simply wanted to reach out to thank you. Northwestern is a great institution and I truly feel that I would not have gotten here without the dedication of the faculty at St. Charles. Even though I have loved my time here, it simply cannot compare to what I experienced during those four years on Broad Street.

Editor’s Mistake
Due to an error by Cardinal magazine editor Louis J. Fabro ’83, Casey Wilson ’08 was mistakenly identified as attending Miami (OH) University and having a tattoo honoring the late Monsignor Thomas M. Bennett on his leg. In fact, Wilson attends Tulane University and the artwork (see photo) belongs to alumnus Dylan LeCorgne ’08, who attends Miami.

Casey wrote back that he would like to “clear my good name” in the next edition of the magazine. Consider it cleared with Louis’ sincere apologies.
You helped create a tremendous institution that has afforded many young men like me extraordinary opportunities, and I know they would join me in thanking you. Just so you know, I am sending similar letters to Mr. Lower and Mr. Pharion. I hope in the future I can give back as much as I received from St. Charles."

Zach Swartz is a graduate student at the University of Arkansas where he is scheduled to receive a master’s degree in recreation and sport management in 2012. He graduated from the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio University in June. As a graduate assistant in Arkansas’ New Media Department, Zach is in charge of content on ArkansasRazorbacks.com, the Razorbacks’ Spanish blog "en Español," social media tools and live game coverage. In the past, Zach has spent time as a reporting intern on the sports desk of The Columbus Dispatch in Columbus, Ohio, and on the online content staff for the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa., as well as various media outlets in Athens, Ohio.

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2005

Noaman Ali is currently in Royal Oak, MI at William Beaumont Hospital in his fourth year of general surgery residency. He earned a degree in natural science in 2002 from the University of Akron and his MD from Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine in 2006. He and wife, Raafia, were married in October 2008. His brother, Syed ‘04, completed his Ph.D. and teaches forensic psychology at The Ohio State University. Another brother, Salman ‘96, is completing his internal medicine/pediatrics residency at Louisiana State University in New Orleans. His third (of four) brothers, Aman, attended SC his freshman year. Of his time in school, Ali says he will “always remember the time when Brian Cush and I skipped class and drove into a telephone pole, knocking out power to half of Bexley. It will always remind me that any bad action has a consequence and is something I try to impart to all my younger family members. I also will always remember Mr. Montgomery. His passion for drama and for students has always had an effect on me.”

Kyle J. Curtin is stationed in Camp Humphreys in South Korea working as an avionics mechanic for UH-60s (Black Hawks).

John H. “Jay” Heller received a B.S. (2009) and master’s degrees (2010) in accounting from Miami University. He has moved back home where he is studying for the CPA exam. He says he’ll be working full time in Columbus this fall as an auditor for Crowe Horwath. “Sorry I missed seeing you guys at the reunion, hope you are doing well. I look forward to seeing people around Columbus and if not hopefully at the 10-year reunion.”

Adam J. Daley graduated with a B.A. from the University of Arizona in May 2009. He’s living in New York City and working for a healthcare public relations firm called Chandler Chicco Agency. “I’d love to stay more connected than I have since my graduation, and am just now beginning to realize how well SC prepared me for the professional world. Best Regards!”

John Hanson of Cambridge, MA graduated from The Ohio State University last June with B.S. degrees in mechanical engineering and economics and is now pursuing a Ph.D. in nuclear science and engineering at MIT. One of his best memories of St. Charles was from his senior year, “playing volleyball with my best friends and beating Watterson in game 5 on senior night. I also will never forget AP English, and I will likely never work that hard again either.”

Will Janota is a 2nd lieutenant in the U.S. Army armor branch. He was deployed to Afghanistan on his birthday in August from Ft. Campbell, KY where he was serving with the 101st Airborne Division. Will graduated from The Citadel in May 2009 with a degree in political science. “I am sorry to miss the class reunion and wish the Class of 2009 the very best.”

Our prayers and best wishes for a safe return to you, Will!!

2009 Alumni-Varsity Hockey Game

This year’s annual St. Charles Alumni Hockey Game pitted the 2009-2010 varsity team against alumni hockey players in a spirited game of “no-checking” hockey during the Christmas break: From left front – Art Roehrenbeek ’98, Isaac Oyer ’10, Connor Organ ’11, Connor Lenhart ’10, Steve Underhill ’74, Chris Taza ’04, Nick Knudson ’09, Matt Gerbich ’07, James Bush ’07, Brad D’Antonio ’06, Don Whisler ’00, Bart Logan ’07, Back, from left – Richard Griffin ’13, Alex Bowman ’11, Charles Lacasse ’10, Matt Kinkopf ’10, Vince D’Antonio ’10, Eric Cooke ’12, Julian Lacasse ’12, Joe Sweeney ’10, Corey Rose ’05, Brian Lewis ’10, Andrew Archarbeau ’09, Quinn Robinson ’09, Tom Dury ’04, Elyhan Gregory ’09, Cameron Somers ’08, Darryl Mason ’08, Nick Musto ’07, Charlie Zeehandelar ’02, Jeff Voytko ’00, Paul Sheldon ’07, Mike Govern ’07, and Garret Huber ’08. Played at the Dispatch Ice Haus, the game was officiated by Craig Roehrenbeek ’95. Following the game, the group enjoyed pizza, Christmas cookies and catching up with teammates in the rink lobby. Photo by Rick Lenhart.

Greg Ochab is a registered representative with Nationwide Financial Services. He earned a degree in political science from the University of Dayton. He fondly remembers wrestling in the state wrestling tournament and a great 1-9 football season.

Michael Tyznik lives in New York.
After 20 months working in Southern Sudan with the Catholic Church, Chris O'Keefe ’05 has returned to the U.S. Naval Academy after a leave of absence to pursue religious mission work in Africa, specifically in Kenya and Sudan. He is now working to complete the final two years of his studies before beginning a career as a naval officer.

He first went to Sudan with the Salesians of Don Bosco, as a lay missioner, and spent a year in this capacity working in the education and medical fields. After meeting Bishop Mazzolari, mccj, in December of 2008 and assisting him with the First Annual Diocese of Rumbek Youth Congress, he went to work directly for the bishop in April of the next year. O’Keefe has continued working with and for the bishop ever since, helping his diocese in communication, development, and logistics. O’Keefe does this while balancing the requirements at the Naval Academy.

“We have since developed a very close friendship, and I have pledged to continue helping him for years into the future,” O’Keefe said. Chris also works very closely with several other Comboni Missionaries (sisters, brothers, and fathers), and is also helping Bishop Mazzolari in various capacities with a small non-government organization he started in Italy, known as Cesar ONLUS, which assists the diocese with various development projects and endeavors. You can read more about their work at www.cesarsudan.org.

Bishop Mazzolari approached Chris with a plea to help him in November of 2009. With many funding sources drying up due to the severe recession, the bishop felt he had nowhere else to turn. The minor seminary of the Diocese of Rumbek has almost forty seminarians. However, they live in the poorest of conditions. With the rainy season rapidly approaching, the mud and thatched huts (their ‘dormitories’) were disintegrating, leaving the seminarians with no shelter from the torrential rains and accompanying insects.

“Bishop Mazzolari asked if I would be able to do anything to assist him with raising funds. After thinking it over, we were able to come up with the plan for me to hike the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine to raise funds for the seminary.

O’Keefe said it soon became apparent that this endeavor could be used to help not only the diocese of Rumbek, but Sudan as a whole, by helping to promote advocacy for the Sudanese people and to help raise awareness of the ongoing hardships and crises faced by the Sudanese people on a daily basis. The final result called for a walk that would not only raise funds for four important initiatives (the seminary, an all girls high school, a teachers’ training college, and a rural hospital) but also to serve as an awareness campaign. Along the way, O’Keefe was invited to give talks to churches, youth organizations, schools, and other groups, and says he is always looking for new opportunities to speak and teach about what is going on in Sudan.

Chris’ hike began on February 8th, 2009, and for almost one and a half months, he struggled through some very deep snow and cold temperatures. He carried a cell phone with him that also had E-mail capability to return communications within three days of receiving them.

“At times, I definitely had my doubts on whether or not I would be able to complete the hike. At times, I spent fourteen hours to go barely five miles, and was absolutely exhausted at the end of the day. I was also still recovering from a severe bout of malaria that I contracted in December of 2009 during my last days in Sudan.

Although he was forced to take time off to let an injured leg heal and to attend summer school at the Naval Academy, he did complete the trail (2178 miles), finishing his hike on August 12 on the top of Mt. Katahdin in Maine. (To read more about his walk, and the projects and works it supported visit www.hikeforsudan.org.)

His efforts help raise over $20,000 and donations continue to come in. Chris now is looking at growing the “Hike for Sudan” into a full-fledged non-profit organization with tax exempt status. He says it will help to “continue to educate people about Sudan, and to encourage more dialogue and learning between the people of the United States and Sudan.” Preparations are underway for the next hike, possibly by a group of high school students, in the spring of next year.

Now, having returned to Annapolis, Chris must balance his demanding Naval commitments with his ongoing missionary work. At the Academy Chris is an active member of the Brigade of Midshipmen, maintains a heavy class load, and is a touring member of the Naval Academy Men’s Glee Club which performed at St. Charles his freshman year in 2001, and will be returning to Columbus again in 2012.

Meanwhile he continues to be active with groups such as the Catholic Diocese of Rumbek, CESAR Onlus, and Catholic Relief Services. He is working with CESAR to bring a speaker to the U.S. this fall or winter to discuss the teachers training college, one of the projects that was supported by his Appalachian hike. He also supports Catholic Relief Services in an unofficial capacity by promoting its projects and work in Sudan. Add in his efforts to grow the future of the “Hike for Sudan.”
Terry Conlisk, III '01, D.D.S.

City where he works at Pompei A.D., a retail design firm, doing both architectural and branding work. He graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 2009 with a degree in architecture, and interned at WDG Architecture in Washington D.C. and Kohl Pedersen Fox and Pompei A.D. in New York.

2004
St. Charles track coach Mark Jordan shared the following details: 2009 Kent State Golden Flash Gala in early December kicked off the sports' collegiate indoor track season. Kent State senior Tony Connor '04 and Ohio State red shirt freshman Billy Gehring '08 completed in the 35-lb weight throw which included two - time Olympian A.G. Kruger who won the event at 22.85 (74-11.75) and Connor finished 9th with a toss of 17.86m (58-5.75) and Connor finished 9th with a toss of 17.86m (58-5.75).

In 2009, Tony earned 2nd team All-MAC accolades with a 64 ft. (59-5.75) and Connor finished at 22.85 (74-11.75). Gehring joined the A.G. Kruger who won the event in New York.

2003
Lt. Junior Grade Alex Lewis was winged as a naval aviator last October in Milton, FL and has been serving at HSL-51 Atsugi, Japan, where he flies the SH-60B.

2002
Jason Mangone is a platoon commander with the U.S. Marine Corps in the New York City area.

2001
Terry Conlisk III graduated in May with a DDS degree from The Ohio State University. Terry has been serving at Detroit Medical Center in Detroit, MI. At UD he won the Pierre Fouchard Academy Award for dental work on disabled patients in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. He is currently working at the VA Medical Center in Detroit, as an internship resident in oral surgery. At St. Charles he was a member of the National Honor society, senior captain of the football team and a two-time district qualifier in wrestling.

Nicolas Gruesen joined the U.S. Navy as part of the JAG Corps in 2009. He now is a lieutenant junior grade and stationed at Pearl Harbor as a prosecutor. He is presently on loan to the Department of Justice as a special assistant attorney in Honolulu. Samuelson '01 teaching in Madrid

Nate Samuelson '01 has spent the past year working in Madrid. Spain at a bilingual primary school teaching English to children ages five to ten. “The English language is extremely important internationally, and Spain has taken the initiative to begin to educate their youth through bilingual programs such as this one,” Samuelson said. “The gift of the English language,” he says, “is a gift that I have always overlooked but that I am now committed to share with anyone who wants to learn.” Of his time at St. Charles, Samuelson says that “after two years of eating, sleeping, and fearing Caesar, his Latin struggles led to a distinct interest in the Spanish language that carried on to college. Still resounding in my mind are the words from Señor Peña: ‘If you want to have a party move to the back of the room.’ Apparently, in between fiestas, I was engaged by the material, as my interest in Spanish continued...” Thanks to a very strict, well-organized curriculum, he says St. Charles prepared him to tackle any academic challenge that confronted him at the college level.

Samuelson said one of the hardest things facing a St. Charles graduate is figuring out exactly what the next great challenges are. For the next six years he’s centered on completing work on two degrees (international business, Spanish) at The Ohio State University.

At OSU Samuelson played club sports, recruited for the university, joined a fraternity and studied abroad twice. He logged over 200 hours of service, a portion of those coming while abroad. In 2003, in Quito, Ecuador, his group helped teach children English and cleaned up litter on a highway. His second stint abroad was in Granada, Spain, in 2005, where we helped out at a local physical therapy clinic.

“The values of service and giving back to the community are life-long values that were instilled in me during my time at St. Charles,” Samuelson said. “I remember watching others around me struggle with the temptations and challenges of university life, and I couldn’t help but think about how indebted I am to the people responsible for getting me to that point so far superior to that of my peers. I owe God, my parents, and the brotherhood of St. Charles an enormous thank you for everything from S.A.T. T. scores to the intangibles that one gains from an invaluable St. Charles education.”

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2000
Brian Barnhart has been working as a senior consultant in the strategy and operations practice of Deloitte Consulting since earning his MBA in 2009 from Carnegie Mellon University. He earned an undergraduate degree from The Ohio State University in 2005.

While at Ohio State he worked as a co-op at Honda of America Manufacturing and after graduating he worked as an engineer at a steel plant (Union Electric Steel) in Pittsburgh.

Brian married his junior-senior year St. Charles prom date, Cindy. He’s an avid outdoorsman with his biggest endeavors being on hiking trails. (He was featured in the Fall 2003 edition of the Cardinal magazine, pages 30-31, after he successfully completed a solo walk of the Appalachian Trail in October 2002. He hiked 2,168 miles over 122 days between Maine and Georgia.)

Lessons he took from his time at SC include: “The teachers who had the biggest impact worked four and those I value the most were also the ones whose classes I could never get an A in. They were demanding, but fair. In particular, (Dominic) Cavello ’64, (John) Salyer ’85, (Penny) Bostic, and (Jim) Pena provided the most challenging and most rewarding experience at SC. This has taught me that it is the challenge that I enjoy and thrive not necessarily the overall result (“though an A in chemistry would have been nice”).”

Ryan P. Bonaventura -- While earning a degree from Franklin University (2005) he worked for, and then ran, the Edward R. Jones office in Cincinnati before becoming an independent financial adviser (2009).

And he his wife, Veronica, have been married for four years.

As I look back I will never forget the friends and long-term relationships I developed during my four years at St. Charles,” he said.

Andrew Chelton lives in Nashville, TN works for Streamline Technologies, which provides athletic websites and ticketing solutions for college athletic programs and professional sports teams. He’s responsible for client acquisition, account management and marketing strategies. He earlier worked four years for the Nashville Sounds (AAA affiliate of the Milwaukee Brewers). He earned a degree in marketing (with an emphasis on sports) from Clemson University in 2004.

St. Charles was well-represented at the 2010 St. Patrick’s Day Parade in downtown Columbus. After walking together in the parade members of the Ryan family members attended the annual “Irish Family Reunion” bash that followed at Veteran’s Memorial downtown. Columbus’ patriarch Robert Ryan ’69 with four of his eight sons (all SC graduates!) (from left) Patrick ’02, Brogan ’04, (Bob), Brendan ’04 and Kevin ’95.

Robert N. “Nate” Samuelson

Chelton says there are too many St. Charles memories to share in this space, but a few special ones that come to mind: “Father Bennett’s way of pronouncing the number “9” (NIYUNNN) and his daily preview of the lunch menu, Senor Pena’s class and all his trophies, and lastly, our 2000 baseball tournament run to the state semifinals where the student body cheered us on at the Clippers old home, Cooper Stadium. We lost in extra innings to a pitcher that eventually became a Cleveland Indian.”

Dan Federer moved to Southern California three years ago and now works as a bartender at Four Seasons Hotel in Westlake Village. He lives just 10 miles from Malibu where he enjoys spending time at the beach.

In college he worked part time at The Westin Great Southern Hotel and as a personal training/ sales associate at World Gym in Hilliard. He earned a B.A. in theatre at The Ohio State University in 2004.

He has numerous fond memories of his time at SC. He especially remembers time spent with Msgr. Bennett. “I remember being scolded during my freshman year for calling him “Sir,” which instilled a fear in me until I had him as a teacher as a junior. He was such a great man, teacher, and funny guy. He knew he was loved and he loved us in return. I was deeply saddened to hear of his passing. The lessons learned

Terry Conlisk, Ill ’01, D.D.S.

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Alex Lewis ‘03

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From him have stayed with me to this day and will for the rest of my life. I remember him telling me that I have great potential to do great things in life - just remembering that moment brings a smile to my face.”

Brian Vance lives in Fairborn and from August 2004 to present has served as a contract negotiator with the U.S. Air Force. He earned a degree in business finance and global economics from Cedarville University and is eight credit hours away from earning an MBA from Wright State University. He and his wife, Jamie, were married in 2005 and they have a son.

Jeffrey Voytko lives in Dublin, OH and has spent a year in medical billing and four in public accounting. He earned a degree in accounting from The Ohio State University in 2005 and became a CPA in 2007. He remembers how St. Charles taught him a life-preparing lesson about doing “lots of studying!”

1999

Benjamin Gruber began a two-year appointment as a presidential management fellow with the U.S. Dept. of the Interior in July, 2009. He currently is a budget analyst at the department’s bureau of land management in Washington, D.C.

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1995

Matthew J. Baehr lives in Bristow, VA, and has worked in human resources, most recently in association management, for several years before attending grad school. He has taught undergrad business classes and coached college soccer for a few years.

He earned a degree in business from Catholic University of America (1999) and an MBA (2002) and master’s degree in sports administration (2003) from Ohio University. He and wife, Mary, were married in 2003 and have two daughters. He still plays soccer weekly and runs his own web design business, Windridge Web Design, on the side.

“I remember a lot about St. Charles. I had my daughter, Madeline, baptized in the chapel. It was great to have Sister Margaret there for that. St. Charles prepared me for college, as well as life. I still say high school was harder than my undergrad program.”

Daniel J. Clark is an attorney with Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP in Columbus. He earned a degree from Wittenberg University in political science and has his J.D from The Ohio State University College of Law. He and wife, Erica, have a four-year-old son and a newborn daughter.

Kevin Filitraut lives in Bay Village, OH. He has been an assistant prosecuting attorney for Cuyahoga County for more than seven years. He earned an undergraduate degree from John Carroll University in 1999 and his JD from The Ohio State University School of Law in 2002. He and wife, Kimberly, have a 1½ year-old son.

Bradford Giavan lives in Seattle, WA where he is a pulmonary and critical care physician and senior fellow at the University of Washington’s Harbormview Medical Center. He divides his time between taking care of patients in the intensive care unit and doing research.

He earned a degree in biology from Villanova University (1999) and his MD from the University of Pennsylvania in 2003. He and wife, Catherine recently celebrated their 7th anniversary and have a daughter (4) and son (1).

“I will always remember Msgr. Gallen (“Monz”), always humble and unwavering in his dedication and service to the St. Charles family. His principled approach to life continues to guide me to this day.”

Marty M. Meyer lives in Dublin where he is a staff gastroenterologist on faculty at The Ohio State University Medical Center- a place he’s spent the last 11 years including all of his medical training. He earned an undergraduate degree at the University of Notre Dame (1999) and his MD from OSU in 2003.

He and wife, Lisa, have been married eight years and have two daughters, ages 5 and 21/2. About high school he says: “St. Charles treats you like a mature man before you leave. The faculty certainly expects you to carry that forward once you move on. You can take that respect for granted until you enter the “real world” without parents. St. Charles is an esteemed institution with an excellent reputation for producing intelligent, loving, and mature men that are ready for anything the world throws at them, academic or otherwise. People frequently redirect a conversation once they hear I am an SC grad. My faculty mentors, too numerous to name in full, but certainly including Monsignors Gallen and Bennett, helped shape all of that for me and will be fondly remembered forever.”

1997 graduate Marvin Payne with senior guidance counselor Ted Hummer ’60.

Neale J. Rath has been back in the U.S. for a couple years working in Chicago at Deloitte Consulting, where he is a member of the Global Expansion Optimization team, advising companies on global expansion strategy and site selection. “Having lived in Beijing, Shanghai, and the Hebei province in China over five years, it is nice to be living and working back in the Midwest; however, I certainly wish I could make it back to Columbus more often.”

Jon Skovron of Greenbelt, MD graduated from Carnegie Mellon school of drama in 1999 and moved to New York City, where he worked for a Broadway theater company in its sales office. He then moved to Seattle and worked as a technical writer for an internet security company. Now he lives just outside Washington D.C. and works as a technical writer and web developer for a public school system.

In November of 2009 he had his first novel, Struts & Frets, published, (http://www.abrambooks.com/Books/Struts_and_Frets-9780810941748.html)

His second, titled Misfit, is about a demon girl in Catholic School and it will be published in the fall of 2011. When not writing or having fun with his two sons, ages 6 and 4, he plays guitar (although not in a band) and goes to as many music concerts as possible.

“It’s rather amazing how many teachers I had at St. Charles who continue to influence me: Doug Montgomery and his fiery passion for the creative arts, Dr. Paul Jurkowitz and his expansive view of world religions, Scott Pharion and his dry wit and appreciation for existentialist literature, John Hoek and his reckless joy for the wonders of physics, John O’Neil and his endless patience for my poor Latin, and Mike Arends and his generous kindness towards those who don’t quite fit in. These men played an enormous role in shaping me into the man I am today, and I will always be grateful to them. The values of scholarly and academic discipline that I learned at St. Charles continue to serve me well.”

1992

William E. “Bill” Cain III was honored in June as the Ohio High School Sports Association’s Ohio Football Official of the Year for 2009 at the 22nd Hall of Fame Enshrinement Banquet at Huntington Park. This year Bill had been enticed with several important assignments, including the 2010 Girls Basketball Division II Semifinals, 2009 Football Division VI State Final and the 2009 Boys Basketball Division III Final. Bill is the all-time leading scorer in St. Charles basketball history and helped lead the Cardinals to the state basketball finals his senior year.

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1990

Tom Graham of Noblesville, IN works at EnerDel, Inc. as

Jeff Mahoney ‘96 on a winter visit to St. Charles.

St. Charles Preparatory School
Fr. Daniel Moloney '90 ordained in May

After earning his diploma from St. Charles in 1990, (then) Daniel Moloney set off to pursue his college degree, post graduate studies, and career, settling for a number of years in Boston. It was there that he responded to God’s call to the priesthood, and on May 22 he was ordained in the Archdiocese of Boston by Cardinal Sean O’Malley, OFM. Fr. Moloney, who grew up in St. Catharine parish, promptly returned to Columbus and joined with friends and family to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving with Father Mike Lumpe ’78, pastor at St. Catharine.

After living in five states and two countries in the 20 years since he graduated from St. Charles, Moloney decided that he was called to be a diocesan priest rather than to a religious order as he had first thought. After praying he felt a call to the Boston Diocese. “I was influenced by having met Cardinal O’Malley, a saintly bishop with a difficult job. I really felt in talking with him that I was talking to my spiritual father. I’ve never been anything but at peace with this move, a sign I take to mean that this really is what God wants for me.”

Before entering the seminary, Fr. Moloney was well into another professional career as a senior policy analyst at the DeVos Center for Religion and Civil Society at The Heritage Foundation, a place where he had studied policy issues affecting family, religion, marriage and civil society. In 2008, while at the Foundation, he was one of the main analysts working on the re-authorization of the President’s Emergency Plan For AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). Major features of the $48 billion program to fight HIV/AIDS in Africa and elsewhere are in place in part because of Moloney’s research.

Moloney holds degrees from Yale, the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome, and Notre Dame, where he earned his doctorate in philosophy in 2004. He has taught politics and philosophy at Princeton and Notre Dame. Father Moloney has published numerous articles and book reviews in publications such as The Wall Street Journal, First Things, National Review, Crisis and in the New York-based journal First Things, of which he was associate editor from 1998-2001.

Father Moloney is now the associate pastor at St. Columbikille Parish, in Brighton, which is down the hill from Boston College. He says it is a medium-sized parish, traditionally Irish with a sizable Italian population (and now Hispanic, too). “They’ve all been very excited to have a new priest assigned here, and have welcomed me enthusiastically!” He said that when he graduated from St. Charles, he would not have expected to be a priest in Boston 20 years later. “Looking back I think that God used my time in high school to help prepare me to remain a Catholic in college,” he said.

“I wouldn’t have thought of myself as especially pious when I graduated, but the religious education I received at St. Charles, starting with teacher Jim Pacioretti my freshman year, was just enough, that when I arrived at Yale I found I was equipped to handle the challenges to my faith that the environment there presented. I think God used my time at St. Charles to start me on my current path.”

If you would like to see a video of Father’s ordination, you are invited to visit: http://www.cardinalseansblog.org/2010/05/28/our-presbyteral-ordinations/ and http://www.catholictv.com/Priesthood-Ordination-2010.aspx
1989 alum Joe Dorrian and his wife, Po'Yee, welcomed the birth of their son Joseph Peter Jr. in November. The family, which includes daughter, Catherine Claire, age 4, lives in Shanghai, China.

Management Partners after eight years with Ernst and Young, LLP. He has a degree in finance from The Ohio State University. He and wife, Katie, have two sons (ages 8, 5) and a daughter (age 3). He remembers push-ups to decide how to sign our names in common. I was proud to have my son Justin '10 become an accounting alumnus this year. I am happy to you can always find something instant respect and friendship. "My feelings about St. Charles," Dorrian said, "are friends I still have 25 years later. The camaraderie of anyone who is a graduate is very similar to that of the Navy. You may not have served together but you have an instant and friendship. Conversation comes easily and you can always find something in common. I was proud to have my son Justin '10 become an alumnus this year. I am happy to have monks Monsignor Gallen and Father Bennett."

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Erick Lauber has been a government employee since 1992. He has an undergraduate degree from Indiana University and a J.D. from The Ohio State University School of Law. He and his wife, Lisa, have been married 10 years and have three children — Colin (8%), Thomas (7%), and Kaitlyn (5 1/2%). Of St. Charles he thinks back on Father Bennett’s inspiration, the football and baseball teams and the many wonderful friends I made over the years.

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St. Charles Preparatory School

1987 Chris Hanrahan and his wife, Susie, live in Carroll with their two daughters, ages 13 and 7. He coaches baseball at Bloom Carroll High School and started Bulldog Lawn Services in 2005. In 1988 and 1989 he attended Ohio Wesleyan where he played baseball and made all-conference in 1989. In 1991 and 1992 he attended Coastal Carolina and was all-conference each year, helping lead the school to its first regional appearance. He reports that he coached high school baseball in Myrtle Beach and previously worked for Airborne Express and FedEx for many years.

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Michael Adams worked for Volvo Parts North America in Lewis Center and Gotterberg, Sweden for ten years before going to work for DaiFuku America Corporation in Reynoldsburg. He earned a degree in Japanese from The Ohio State University in 1993. He and his wife, Mie, were married in 2007. "I can still hear coach Mike Arndts saying to me, ‘Stand up, I see you when I run, and I do.’"

Brian Davis has been the executive director of the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless in Cleveland for the last 16 years. NEOCH is an advocacy and public education non-profit working to end homelessness in Cleveland. He earned a bachelor of arts degree from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. He and his wife, Tanya, have been married for the last 17 years and have two children ages 14 and 16. "My most vivid memories of St. Charles are working for Dave Lawley. The summerers cleaning up the gym locker rooms, waxing the floors in the science labs, and doing lawn work in the hot sun in order to pay my tuition. I learned how to respect putting in hard days and hard work in order to obtain something of value."

Tim Dunn of Pataskala recently changed careers and is now in nursing. He has three sons ages 7 through 6 months.

G. Alan Guummer worked in the restaurant business for 20 years before going to work for the family business six years ago. He now oversees Human Resources and customer service while helping with IT and purchasing at Guummer Wholesale Inc. in Heath.

He and his wife, Rachel, were married five years ago and they have a son (2 ½). He earned a degree in business administration from The Ohio State University in 1990. "I remember my junior year when Monsignor Gallen told me to decide how to sign our names for the rest of our lives."

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St. Charles Preparatory School
He and wife, Debby, have been married 11 years. He has three wonderful daughters – ages 17 (from his first marriage), 8 and 5. “Like so many graduates of St. Charles, my fondest memories are of Father Bennett. As I get older, I realize that some of the best lessons Father taught us had nothing to do with English literature (although I still remember that the name of the sword given to Beowulf is ‘Hunting’ – don’t ask me why) or history. Although the push-ups and his ‘assistance’ with our top shirt buttons and cravats were all funny at the time, I believe Father Bennett was trying to instill in us a sense of pride and duty, not only to ourselves and to each other, but also as members of a larger Christian community. The fact that I am still learning from Father Bennett is indicative of the impact he had on many of our lives.” Rick Thomas worked at his father’s company, Rona Homes, for 15 years after college. He has also purchased rental properties over the years and manages them himself. He and his wife, Anne Marie, were married in 1994 and have three children: Matt (13), Megan (11) and Josh (7). They all attend St. Charles. In addition to property management, Tim Thomas has ran for Congress three years worth of credit at St. Charles, made my freshman year of college a lot more fun, because I was prepared for the work load and could handle it.”

1982
Endre A. Gayer is a Lt. Colonel in the Army Reserve Management Support Office. He reports that his military career recently took him from South Korea to Alabama for a month before heading off to Hawaii for his next assignment with the Army's Corps of Engineers’ Honolulu District Programs Management Branch.

Gregory Woodruff was named the New Jersey Council for the Humanities 2009 Teacher of the Year. He teaches Montclair High School. Information can be found at the NCHJ web site. After graduating from Georgetown in the 80s, he taught at St. Charles for a brief time.

Steve Buttress of Kearney, NE, who created Olive Tree Press as his “humble response to the non-responsiveness of major publishers to my literary offerings,” has announced the additions to “The Compleat Works of Steve Buttress.”

Chief Mary Blankets O’Brien tells of Edmund O’Brien’s flight from English persecution; his railroad building skills that drew him cross country to Nebraska; the family’s friendship with the Pawnee Indian tribe who inhabited the area, and with the Mormon pioneers who passed by the O’Brien’s ‘soddly’ door front that was feet from the Mormon Trail. He has also released “Merry Crittermas,” the “true” story of that first Christmas, told from the perspective of the critters who attended the birth in the stable in Bethlehem. “It’s a great read for Gramma or Grampa to the little ones in their lives,” he says. Both are available now at www.stevbuttress.com

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1980
Tom Bogen of South Euclid has spent the last 22 years as a high school science teacher (mostly biology and A.P. biology) and has taught at St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland since 1998. He has a degree in biology from the University of Notre Dame (1984) and his master’s in science education from The Ohio State University (1991). He and wife, Paula Fitzgerald, have been married for 15 years and have two daughters, ages 8 and 6. He has run in five marathons (Columbus twice’s and in Boston three times). He remembers English with Mrs. Cobler and Dr. Gilligan, calculus and music with Monsignor Gallen, history with Father Bennett and Mr. Teeters, Latin with Mr. Cavello, chemistry and physics with Mr. Madden and government/econ with Fr. Arnold to name a few. “I am a better teacher because of their influence,” he said.

Timothy J. Holleran has served for 29 years on active duty and in the reserves for the Air Force. Currently he works for a scanning company which deals with litigation support for law firms. He has an associates degree at Monroe Community College. He has two children, ages 24 and 19.

Terry P. Rankin lives in Indianapolis where he has been in real estate sales since 1996, all with a company bought out by Century 21 Scheetz. He graduated from The Ohio State University in 1985 with a degree in food service and nutrition. “I loved it so much I went into real estate” he said.

He and his wife, Mary, have been married for 19 years and have two children. In his free time he is deeply involved with rugby with refereeing, administrating, coaching, ref evaluations – just about anything that needs done. “It is tough to say I would be where I am without rugby, which I started playing while at St. Charles. I also love golf, am the founder and chair of the parish (St. Thomas Aquinas) Men’s Club. He’s been involved with the Knights of Columbus and is a 3rd Degree Knight.

“The best memory of St. Charles still lives with me in the traditions it has instilled in my life. The lessons of humility, selflessness, hard work and charity are also character traits I learned at St. Charles.”

Bob Thompson lives in Carmel, IN where he is vice president of business development with the Catalyst Technology Group. He is a CPA with audit, security, and technology experience through KPMG and Verizon. Bob graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1984 with a B.B.A. He married in 1986 and has a son. Special school memories: “Where do I start? Great friends, too many great times, and amazing support from the entire St. Charles community when I was critically injured at the end of freshman year.”

Ronald L. Westhoff of Pataksaka has been in route sales for Con’s Potato Chips for the past 17 years. The previous 10 years he worked for Midwest Distributing as a supervisor for route sales. Ron began his professional career as a grocery stock person before moving on to a small grocery business once he graduated from high school then on to route sales business. He and his wife, Paula, have been married for 27 years and have a grown daughter and son and grandchild.

1976
Timothy Bleil of Bradon, FL reports that he retired after 24 years with the Florida Department of Corrections and is now in private employment.

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1975
Mark P. Brown’s work experience since leaving St. Charles has included industries involved in office administration, logistics, warehousing, freight and hospitality. From 1981-1987 he served with the 237th Support Battalion of the Ohio National Guard and briefly with FEMA in the early 90s on hurricane relief operations. Since 1993 he has worked with Resource International, Inc. as a certified engineering technician. Over the years he has put together three years worth of credit at Columbus State Community College but says he’s been primarily self-educated by attending and participating in seminars and forums and being very active in community affairs. He notes that he has run for Congress against John Kasich (1988) and Debra Pryce (2002 & 2004). Mark says the two years he spent at SC provided a good experience but I missed the girls of U.A.T.

He says Fathers Bennett, Dunn, and Gallen were influential - as was Ed Hoffman—in providing him a holistic understanding of our culture. The college-level resources in Mrs. Cody’s library helped stoke his curiosity in learning.

Timothy “Murt” Byrne lives in Santa Fe where he has been a practicing veterinarian since 1988. For the last 17 years he has owned a four-doctor practice in the city. He earned an undergraduate degree from the University of New Mexico in 1984 and his DVM from Colorado State in 1988.

Daniel J. Heimiller has been a pediatrician for 25 years and started his own practice, Gahanna Pediatrics, LLC., in July of 1991. He earned an undergraduate degree in pre-professional studies from the University of Notre Dame (1979) and his MD from The Ohio State University College of Medicine (1982).

He and wife, Kathy, have three sons and two stepsons. His special memories of St. Charles include: third year Latin with Mr. Cavello (memorizing Cataline’s speech to the Roman Senate); Monsignor Gallen’s “Greetings” at beginning of music and math classes; Monsignor Bennett’s history class (memorizing the presidents); the 1975 Baseball Team playing Mr. Don James ’61 that was state runner-up.

N. Gregory Kontras has worked primarily in investment real estate and financial services and also serves as an adjunct instructor of business administration.

Andy Schneider ’82, former cross-country athlete at SC, ran in the annual St. Charles cross country Alumni race in August with his sons Andrew ’10 and Anthony ’14.
Kevin Smith '74 starred in a TV commercial for the Macy’s Design Group. The company is owned by another St. Charles graduate, Greg Krivicich ’75. The commercial can be seen at: http://j.mp/9LwjoW.

He graduated from The Ohio State University in 1982 with a BSBA and also earned an MBA from the University of Chicago in 1984. He has held memberships with the (ICSC) International Council of Shopping Centers as well as other relevant realtor associations. He and his wife, Paula Brooks, have been married for 26 years and have two children and live in Upper Arlington. Greg remembers the business experience he gained by providing and servicing Football tables in the recreation area.

Gregory Krivicich is president of the Macy’s Design Group in Columbus, a marketing and website development company that he founded in 1988. He graduated from Kent State University in 1979 earning a BFA degree. Greg and his wife, Gail have been married for 23 years, have three children and live in Bexley. He son, Joseph, is a senior at St. Charles.

Along with coaching basketball for the past 12 years at St. Catharine Parish, Greg has been active in helping St. Charles in its marketing efforts. He helped to redesign the current website and design the Cardinal magazine. In 2008, he earned the Principal’s Award for Leadership and Service from St. Charles.

“When I attended St. Charles, I felt that we were being taught by ‘Hall of Fame’ teachers such as: Monsignor Gallen, Monsignor Bennett, Dominic Cavello and Ed Hoffman.”

Mike Speidel joined the Brown University investment office as a managing director from Morgan Stanley three years ago. He oversees the university’s endowment fund’s investments in domestic and international real estate, energy, commodities and other natural resources. He also supports Brown’s private equity portfolio and advises the university on its operating cash investments. He earned a degree in economics from the University of Massachusetts in 1978 and a C.P.A. from Harvard University in 1980. He and his wife, Connie, have two sons and celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary in September.

He serves on the investment advisory committee of the Diocese of Providence and the executive committee of Anchor of Hope, the diocesan inner-city scholarship program.

“I have dozens of fond memories of Saint Charles and benefited so much from the guidance of the wonderful faculty members who served the student body during the 1970s. To mention just one such faculty member, which is quite unfair, I’d have to acknowledge Coach Pat Flynn, an excellent Catholic school teacher and capable, great coach, and a thoroughly kind and decent man. I’ve always thought that our losing Coach Flynn, presumably to a more remunerative career outside parochial school education, was a sad day for Saint Charles.”

Tim Van Echo is the executive vice president of BBC&M Engineering, Inc., a civil engineering firm in Columbus. He’s worked with the company’s clients for 30 years and is currently helping design a 9.2-billion gallon reservoir for the city. He received a civil engineering degree in 1979, and his master’s in 1981, both from The Ohio State University. He says he truly enjoyed his high school years when he met some life-long friends and was well-prepared for college.

Compiled as part of the 40-year Class Reunion 1970

Father Bill Arnold celebrated the 20th anniversary of his ordination as a priest in the Diocese of Columbus on May 17. He has served as pastor of Holy Spirit Parish since May 2009. Previously he was pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Dover (1996-2009).


Father Arnold has an undergraduate degree from Xavier (OH) University (1974), a master’s of theology from the University of Innsbruck, Austria (1978) and a master’s of education from Xavier (1986). He writes that he can “never forget Msgr. Paul J. O’Dea; will never forget Fr. Charles Jackson; and Msgr. William Dunn and Dominic J. Cavello ‘64 whom remain good friends to this day.”

Steve Carroll lives in California and is a financial consultant since 1984. Currently he is with RBC Wealth Management. He has been a controller with Polaris Aircraft Leasing (1980-1984), and a CPA with Arthur Anderson (1974-1978). He earned a degree in accounting from the University of Notre Dame (1974) and an MBA in finance from the University of California, Berkeley (1979). He and his wife, Jessica, have a son.

John Guldig has spent 35 years with Ashland, Inc. and currently serves as the general auditor for the company. He served as an adjunct professor at Franklin University from 1989-2000. He earned a business degree from The Ohio State University in 1981 and MBA from the University of Dayton (1982) and is a CPA. He and his wife, Janet, live in Westerville and have two daughters and a six month-old granddaughter.

Rick Dinovo has served as the president of the National Committee for Strategic Technology Consultants (1995-2000) and as managing director of Fiserv Strategic Technology Consultants (2000-2005). He earned a B.B.A degree from Xavier University (OH) in 1974. He has two sons.

Charles Grimm of Carmel, IN works with automotive controls software for vehicles around the planet and currently is working on hybrid vehicles. He lived in London and married with his family on one assignment.

Grimm earned an undergraduate degree in zoology (1975) and psychology (1976) from Ohio State University and a degree in biopsychology from the University of Chicago, in 1981. He and his wife, Connie, have five children and reports that he is a world class juggler, sings in the church choir, plays basketball three days a week and recently started working with the world’s water problems.

He said the class of 1970 graduated 19 students, which “meant we were all called upon to do all the things we could do, and some things we couldn’t. “Unlike today’s high schools,” he said, “where 12 young men are chosen from thousands to devote their whole lives to basketball, (with only Christmas day off), we all had to participate in sports and theater and academic challenges -- and glee club was required. I know of no school today which requires students to develop so many skills. I hope St. Charles continues in the tradition of producing well rounded men,” he concluded.

Joseph M. Groom of Columbus has spent the past 14 years serving as director of technical services at CareWorks Consultants Inc. (formerly CompensatioConsultants Inc). Earlier he was director of the National Data Evaluation Center for the College of Education, University of Cincinnati. He was the Ohio State University, and project manager for the Pre-school mainstreaming project at the Nisonger Center, also at OSU.

He earned his undergraduate degree from Ohio Dominican College in 1974 and a master’s from the University of Dayton in 1978. Joe was married for 34 years to Susan Waid Groom, who passed away in June 2012. They were married in the St. Charles chapel by Father Charlie Jackson and have two daughters, a son, Michael, from the SC Class of 2005 and two grandsons.

Christopher McGath of Silver Spring, MD has worked since 1987 as an agricultural economist with the Economic Research Service, USDA. From 1974-75 he was a systems analyst for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and from 1977-81 he was a research assistant for the National Committee for a Human Life Amendment.

He earned a B.S.B.A. in economics, Summa Cum Laude, from The Ohio State University in 1974. He was in graduate school (philosophy) at Catholic University, from 1976-77 and took private vocal lessons from 1974-81. He and his wife, Karen, were married in 1981 and have two children: Meghan (27) and Thomas (22).

His St. Charles memories include: qualifying as a National Merit Scholar; graduating second in class; playing a lead role in The Royal Hunt of the Sun in 1969; roles in other plays; member of In The Know team (1970-79); Glee Club (1966-70); earning seven letters in football, basketball, and golf; and serving as the football team’s co-captain in 1969.

Donald Poirier of Powell was ordained a deacon in 2005 and has served at St. Brigid of Kildare Parish since. He has been principal since 2002 at Columbus Consultinf, LLC and president for Strategic Technology Integrators, Inc. since 1995.

From 1984 to 1988 he was a director for Limited Brands; was a general manager for Micro Center, Inc. (1988-1989); and served in 2008 as finance director for the Diocese of Columbus.

Poirier earned a business degree from The Ohio State University (1973) and attended Ohio Dominican University (theological studies from 2001-2002) and the Pontifical College Josephinum (Diocesan School of Theology from 2002 - 2005).

Poirier and his wife, Julie, were married in 1973 by former St. Charles principal Father Charles Jackson at Immaculate Conception Church, “the parish where he grew up, and where I hitch hiked to and from St. Charles on many days. We were Jackson’s first wedding as a priest.” Poirier and Julie have two children and two grandchildren. “After much reflection and consideration, I believe I fairly earned my conduct grade.”

Albert W. Koenig lives in Grove City. Since 1995 he’s been a train engineer with Norfolk-Southern R.R. He served active duty in the army for 13 years and with the Air National Guard for another 10. He earned a degree in marketing from the University of Texas (1988) and one in accounting from Franklin University (1992).

He and his wife, Mary, were married in Mother of Mercy Chapel in 1981 by classmate, Fr. Bill Arnold. They have two daughters. Koenig remembers Fr. John Wolfe and Fr. John Geiger and PJQ and Msgr. Gallen, as well as his freshman algebra teacher, Fr. Lenhart.

James F. Riley lives in Ashville and his career has centered on engineering. He received a BSME degree from The Ohio State University in 1974. He was in graduate school (philosophy) at Catholic University, from 1976-77 and took private vocal lessons from 1974-81. He and his wife, Bobbie, were married in 1981 and have two children: Meghan (27) and Thomas (22).

St. Charles Preparatory School
As part of the St. Charles Alumni Association’s 2010 Service Day on May 13, volunteers partnered with LifeCare Alliance’s Meals on Wheels program to deliver 100 meals to homebound seniors. The groups included board members, spouses, parents, friends and even a future Carolian (thank you, Vincent!). From left front -- Richelle Cliftord, board president Andy Piccolantionio '97, Andy's son, Vincent, Becky Whalen, Gerard Barrow '72 and Mike Protst '89; back -- Damon Cliftord '95, Jim Wholen '74 and Rhonda Selhorst and Phil Catlo '72. Photo by Sean Whalen '99. LifeCare is run by 1974 graduate and SC Advisory Board member, Chuck Gehring. The organization and assists and supports the independence of the elderly and chronically ill homebound residents of Central Ohio.

is set to run in his 81st marathon on Oct. 2 in St. George, UT. The race starts at 5,240 feet elevation & finishes at 2,680 feet.

In 1961, while a新鲜 watching TV he saw a Lex Mayers Chevy commercial with a 60 second gospel song from Don Stinnettwith. “Dow to my great surprise utters a Zen-like gem at the end of it...WHEN IN DOUBT, FIRST CLUB OUT OF THE BAG! That has become my family's mission statement.”

Paul R. Bettinger lives in Galloway where he is an adjunct professor for Columbus State Community College and Franklin University. He earned a degree in history from The Ohio State University in 1969 and a master’s in education from the University of Phoenix in 2005. He and his wife, Candy, have been married for 41 years and have two sons and three grandchildren. In his free time he likes to run and read. He says he cherishes the memory of running on the same 880-yard relay team with Tom O’Leary and winning the CCL.

Thomas E. Boyle is a partner/attorney with Wiles, Boyle, Burkholder and Bringardiner in Columbus. He earned his undergraduate degree from The Ohio State University in 1969 and a master’s in education from the University of Phoenix in 2005. He and his wife, Candy, have been married for 41 years and have two sons and three grandchildren. In his free time he likes to run and read. He says he cherishes the memory of running on the same 880-yard relay team with Tom O’Leary and winning the CCL.

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He is also a deputy sheriff for Madison County and has his Ohio Peace Officer’s training council certification since 1974. He and his first wife, Joyce, were together over 38 years and had 11 children. They lost a daughter in 1985 and he lost Joyce in 2003 to cancer. He remarried and is with his new wife, Lu, who had lost her previous husband to cancer.

James T. Coffman retired three years ago after almost 26 years with the enforcement division of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The following year he retired from amateur racing Porsches. He and his wife, Mary, still live in the D.C. suburb of Bethesda. Since retiring from the government, he’s been consulting on financial regulatory issues, primarily in developing regulatory techniques. Recently he traveled to Doha, Qatar to put on a program for the Gulf States and to India for similar presentations.

Our goal (the Coffmans’) is to move to the Southwest (Santa Fe or Scottsdale) in the next few years. My hobbies now include fly-fishing, cooking, wine, and reading/blogging on issues involving the political economy and financial regulation.

Joseph L. DiCesare of Dublin earned a degree from the University of Dayton in 1969. He and his wife, Sukey, have three children and seven grandchildren. His career has revolved around contracting.

Rick Fisher lives in Glencoe, IL and has been with Champion and Cutler LLP for 38 years. He is a partner in his company’s corporate finance group. He’ll be retiring at the end of the year and is looking forward to “figuring out what comes next.” Fisher earned degrees at The Ohio State University (economics, 1968) and Northwestern University (J.D., 1971). He and his wife, Wezie, have been married for 35 years and have three grown children.

He has “a lot of great St. Charles memories of a great bunch of guys... and faculty that tried to bring out the best in all of us despite our frequent efforts to thwart them. I think it’s only in retrospect that we can appreciate what a special group we had and what a unique opportunity St. Charles afforded us to develop and grow.”

Thomas L. Horvath is an attorney who has spent 37 years in private practice. He works on estate planning, trusts, administration of estates and guardianships. He has a degree from The Ohio State University (1970) and his J.D. from the school’s College of Law (1973). He served as a magistrate in probate court (1973-1976) and part-time magistrate for the State of Ohio Department of Aging, on mental health and commitment. He and his wife, Marcia, have been married for 40 years and have a daughter and two sons (alumni Eric ’92 and Jeff ’99) and five grandchildren. Horvath serves on the St. Charles Advisory Board.

Mike Lannan is retired and lives in Buffalo, N.Y. After graduating from college he was commissioned as an officer (Army) via ROTC and entered three months of training. “1971 was not a good year for engineering jobs,” so after returning from active duty he took a job with Ohio Power Co. in Steubenville, OH as a plant engineer. Two years later he landed a job with Union Caribde in Tonawanda NY. He worked for the Linde Division, which later spun off as Praxair, Inc., working several assignments over the next 30 years. He has since been called back for some short-term consulting jobs.

Mike earned an engineering degree at The Ohio State University (1971) and has been married for 42 years. He has four daughters and seven grandchildren. “I cherish most my years at St. Charles: A Faith-based education which I have been able to share with my family and friends.”

Thomas M. Murnane is a retired partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers and currently a principal with ARC Business Advisors, and the director of Pacific Sunwear and The Pantry. He has a business degree and an M.B.A. from The Ohio State University.

He and his wife, Kandy, have four children. He remembers St. Charles for its great education, activities, and friendships.

Michael Oddi lives in Akron Ohio. He has been in private group practice as a vascular surgeon since 1982. From 1972-1983 served activitly with the army and from 1998-2000 with the Army Reserve serving two tours in Iraq (2004 and 2008). He earned a degree in psychology (1969) and his MD (1972) from The Ohio State University.

Michael has special memories of his time at St. Charles, especially his lifelong friendship with classmate Tom Murnane. He remembers coach and history teacher Jack Ryan for his lessons, wit, common sense, sportsmanship and the life-lessons he shared. He says there are many stories and “the stories ‘from MoGr. O’Dea on down’ were honest, sincere, witty and had a strong faith.

Merrill D. Phelan is the authority manager for information systems at Metropolitan Washington Airports. He has B.S. I. and M.S. E. (1970) degrees from The Ohio State University. He has three children and two grandchildren and lives in Burke, Va.

He says that each of the priests and faculty members at St. Charles left a wealth of life-shaping values and memories.

Michael F. Rafferty lives in St. Johns, FL where since last year he’s served with Jacobs Consulting where his primary work is in the area of electric utility operations effectiveness, reliability, workforce adequacy, and management audits. He joined American Electric Power following his graduation from The Ohio State University with a BSEE degree in 1974.

He worked in system planning for four years and moved on to Stone & Webster Management Consultants and worked there 20 years. During that time he spent five years in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, managing a $3 billion capital loan program for utilities. He left Stone & Webster in 1994 to join a software company in Florida and three years later returned to Stone & Webster. He left in 2000 for PA Consulting Group and from 2003-2010 joined a small consultancy.

He and wife, Jane, have been married 25 years this year and have three kids and two grandchildren. He is active in Knights of Columbus (4th Degree), singing in church choir, Boy/Cub Scout leader, men’s club, teaches CCD (last 7 years), member of I.E.E.E. and active in its reliability working group.

The primary St. Charles memory that sticks with him was the focus on academic excellence.

“Not that I performed well, but I see every day the value the education gave me in pursing personal and professional interests.”

Press C Southworth III is a retired partner of PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP (1975-2001) who has served as the executive director of Opera Columbus since 2006. The work is in the area of accounting and earned a business administration degree, cum laude, from The Ohio State University in 1975.

He and his wife, Joan, have been married for 41 years and have a daughter, Press IV ‘88 and Jonathan ‘82. Southworth serves on the St. Charles Advisory Board and numerous not-for-profit boards.
Richard J. Weisgerber of Janesville, WI is a senior vice president and COO at Gilson, Inc, which manufactures laboratory testing equipment for pharmaceutical and medical industries.

He worked at Western Electric in Columbus for five years as a quality engineer and in 1978 went to work for The Parker Pen Company in Janesville, where he served in various quality and management positions. In 1998 he was given an opportunity to move to Boston, MA, with the Gillette Stationary Products Division as a program manager.

Richard has a civil engineering degree from the University of Dayton. He and his wife, Marie, were married in 1970 and have two children and two grandchildren.

“I appreciate the solid education and values that I received from St. Charles,” he noted.

Thomas A. “Andy” Young lives in Galloway and has been with the Columbus-based law firm of Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur (since 1975) where he is an attorney and partner. From 1974-1975 he served as a law clerk to Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice C. William O’Neil. He earned a business degree from The Ohio State University in 1969 and his J.D. from Capital Law School in 1973.

He and Nancy, have been married for 29 years and have two sons. He notes that “John Recenwald, my physics and chemistry teacher, taught me everything there was to know about sodium, gun powder and Slinkys. He was a wonderful man and teacher.”

1962
Geno Persichetti is semi-retired in Euclid doing consulting work in education and criminal justice.

1960
The biographical updates and ‘remembrances’ from the members of the Class of 1960 were assembled by classmates Dave Nardone as part of the class’ 50-year reunion. The appear here with minimal editing.

Jerry Balkenhol earned a degree in chemical engineering from The Ohio State University in 1966. He joined Procter & Gamble in its product development organization in Cincinnati. “I met Sharon Clough from Cleveland and we were married in 1967 and by the grace of God and her incredible patience we are still together. I moved through a number of different assignments and responsibilities while with P&G. I also had an incredible opportunity to travel around the world with those assignments although Cincinnati has always been home. I retired in 2001 and have kept busy working on our 120-acre farm taking care of the horses and dogs Sharon has accumulated over the years. We haven’t had any children but the dogs and horses have filled that void. The only problem is that kids tend to grow up and leave home, hopefully, but animals grow up and stay expecting to be taken care of every day.”

Charles E. “Chuck” Baumann graduated from The Ohio State University with bachelor Chemical Engineering (1965) and Master of Science Chemical Engineering (1967) degrees. He was a teaching assistant in the department in 1966. He spent 40 years as a chemical engineer and retired from Ashland Incorporated as an Engineer in Charge (2007). He had the opportunity to travel visiting over 20 countries. His favorite places were Spain, China, and London.

July 3, 1971, was the most important day of his life – the day he married Mary Brauner (Watterson ’59 and OSU ’63). They have been together since. They have three children, including John, SC Class of 1993. They have two granddaughters.

Stephen H. Bickham left St. Charles College after a year and enrolled at Dayton University graduating with degrees in English (major), philosophy, and theology. He did graduate work at Southern Illinois University – English (M.A.) and philosophy (Ph.D.). While at SIU, he married his college sweetheart, Nancy. Steve taught at Mansfield (PA) University and retired as department chairperson after 33 years. He is a current and a past member of several boards and committees, including two national philosophy organizations. Nancy and Steve have lived in Wellsboro, PA for forty years and have two children and two grandchildren.

Special SC memory: “Father Wolf Frightens Freshmen.” This incident took place when we were sophomores and was relayed to me immediately after (wide eyed) by one of the students involved.

“The freshmen classrooms were 301, 302, and 303. Just after classes were let out for lunch, there was a daily stampede of 90 freshmen down the corridor to the main stairway down to the lunchroom. The idea was to try to beat downstairs the sophomores (us) and seniors who were entering the stairway on the second floor.

“This could make a big difference as to how long you had to stand in line for lunch. At the end of the freshman corridor they had to make a jog of a dozen feet or so to the left before they thundered down the steps to their right. The corridor they had to jog onto for just a few feet was one on which the priests who staffed St. Charles lived. One of these priests was Father Wolf, who was annoyed by the daily cacality. One day he shut the corridors down and by the steps screaming at the freshmen to stop as they rounded the corner causing something of a pileup.”

“Father Wolf’s nickname was Iron John. He was the funniest teacher I ever had, but when he was serious, he was intensely so. His hobby was guns. I think he gave them two warnings.

“On the day in question, 90 starving freshmen hurried, as usual, down the corridor, made the 90-degree turn to get to the stairs, and there stood Father Wolf waiting for them in a firing position with a seemingly ‘loaded’ gun. The first students couldn’t stop, of course, even though they wanted very badly, because of the human avalanche behind them. Then Father Wolf “opened fire.” The first freshmen were now convinced they were being murdered by a homicidal priest maniac, but more and more kept being pushed into the line of fire. There were bodies diving everywhere; the floor was by now very slippery. Father Wolf emptied the clip and went back into his room.

He was shooting blanks, of course, and I don’t know how long even this stopped the thundering herd, but I never saw such a shocked, thunder-struck blaze of fourteen year olds as these guys when they got down to the cafeteria and began telling us about the slaughter on
the third floor. St. Charles was not a dull place.

Rev. Homer D. Blubaugh joined the senior class as a ‘boarder,’ graduated from St. Charles and then entered St. Mary’s after Borromeo College (1964), continued theological studies at Mt. St. Mary West Seminary, Cincinnati, and ordained in 1969. He served as high school religion teacher, hospital chaplain, and pastor in and outside Franklin County. Shortly after being assigned to St. Agnes, near Cooper Stadium, the stadium closed. The future gambling casino will open nearby in 2012. One of ten children, Homer has 72 living nieces and nephews, plus thousands of cousins. Genealogy research has taken him across country, including Alaska, where he was the first to re-connect with John Harvath. From 1984-88 Homer flew a single engine Cessna, a life-long dream. He formed many hundreds of pages of family history. Now cousins from Virginia to California are listed in his dozen plus histories. Homer looks forward to hearing stories from classmates at our 50th reunion.

Special SC Memory: Fr. Haluska asked me to help shape a large piece of cut circular glass by careful polishing, which later might become an oval telescopic lens for an outgrowth of our physics class. I remember that Charles McCrery was one of his star students. We all tried to excel in our physics class project diagrams and charts, all carefully done on graph paper.

From 2002-05 Father Haluska lived in my Coshocton County parish. I would visit him several times in his very rural ‘St. Francis of Assisi’ abode. He had very friendly little mice running around because he refused to put any traps. When his nephews moved him to a Cleveland ‘Home for Assisted Living,’ Father Geiger could never connect with him by phone “because he was gone from his room most of the time having fun with the residents.”

Michael T. Brown married, graduated OSU and, thanks to their help. It turned out that Fr. Huntzinger was assigned to be the Prefect for the live-in students and his room was just next to our dormitory. I forget how many we had that first year but it was like 17 who lived together. We got up at six going to Mass, then breakfast and then a study hall before school, then having a break after school, another study hall, supper, a break, then another study hall for two hours, then bed at 10:00. Then it started all over again the next day. It sounds so dreary to write it down but it was so much fun and so worth it. It was like having a huge family and everyone looked after everyone else. I’m sure there was an argument now and then but not many. We got along famously.

You may not remember Peter Van Wunnick but he was there a year. His dad was in the foreign service, I believe, and he spoke five languages and, of course, had a Dutch accent. We had it down but it was so much fun and so worth it. It was like having a huge family and everyone looked after everyone else. I’m sure there was an argument now and then but not many. We got along famously.

“Mr. Ryan told me one day how he got the name Cardinals. We used to be Carolians and some still are, but one year, quite a few before our time, the St Louis Cardinals came to town to play the Columbus Red Birds (then the Cardinals’ farm team). The Cardinals needed a place to practice and we had the only grass infield in town so they came to St. Charles. After they were finished, they left their uniforms as ours were in bad shape as usual and that is how we became the Cardinals. We were still wearing those same uniforms many years later and we got new ones while we were there.

“My job on the baseball team (I ran track), was to sit alongside third base and yap at the opposing pitcher. I was so good at it that another coach complained once and I had to stop. I remember Jack Stern running the bases one time and he couldn’t get the signals right. Mr. Ryan finally called time out and walked half way out to the mound and yelled “JACK, STEAL, STEAL.” Jack stole second on the next pitch and made it. We had good teams all the way through high school and lost only one game in football our senior year to Upper Arlington, those bums.

My best friend was Jim Lihwaits, from Coldwater Mich. I feel so bad that I haven’t been able to communicate with him since school. He was such an athlete, All Ohio in baseball, kick-picked a field goal against Lima Central Catholic to win the game our senior year. I remember a grounds keeper telling me after the game that he hadn’t seen a drop kick in 20 years. And what a basketball player he was. We were ice skating on Alumni Creek one day by Broad St. and he fell through the ice right next to me. I started laughing so hard I couldn’t help him crawl out and by the time he made it back to school his pants were frozen, I last saw him at Jim Lothamer’s ordination.

“I remember Msgr. Glenn was the head of the school when we got there. He had a photographic memory and when he asked one class to close his eyes and quote a book for 30 minutes or more. I remember Mr. Ryan telling the story about a boy he caught...
“Blessed the peacemakers...”

“Where I find nothing done by me, much may have been done in me. (Francis Thompson in The Hound of Heaven.) I wish you each well."

Richard J. Hanf – I graduated from The Ohio State University in 1965 with a degree in finance. Upon graduation, I immediately went on active duty in the Army and served for three years. My military service included tours in Korea and Vietnam. My last assignment was as an instructor at the Army's finance school, where my wife to be, Sandi and I were married in July 1969. In October 1970, I was sworn in as a special FBI agent. During my career in the FBI, I was assigned to offices in Fort Smith, Ark. Los Angeles, and Chicago. After retiring in 1997, I reentered the Bureau in January 1997. Shortly thereafter, I began a second career as a Chapter 7 bankruptcy trustee, from which I hope to retire someday. Sandi and I have two children and three grandchildren, who are the other members of our universe. We have lived in Napa, Calif. for 29 years.

John A. Harvath, Jr. – I drove to Alaska on graduating from St. Charles. Fr. Custer married Sandi and me at St. Anthony's (Seward) --- 50-years this fall. We “enjoyed” raising a boy and two girls and now equally enjoy seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. We live on acreage (horses included) near Anchorage. In 1962, I began working for Alaska State Highway Construction from which I retired in 1993 as project engineer. I acquired my name's certificate and bought a Cessna --- the great way to see Alaska and beyond. In 1972, my mother started my son and me in commercial salmon fishing at Bristol Bay. I have savored several sailing adventures (Seward-Sea of Cortez and Seattle-Seward). If it were not for Father (Homer) Blubaugh, I probably would still be out there in “no mans land”, We really enjoyed his visits and talks with all of you --- many of you who would like to see some beautiful country.
whom are doing well in life. We have two delightful grandchildren as well. We are currently living in Florida where we sail a lot, kayak, and swim.

Earl “Ted” Hummer Jr. – Ted entered Maryknoll Mission Society in 1960, graduated from The Ohio State University in 1967, married Lari (elementary teacher), attended Marine Corps officer’s training, and was ordered to Vietnam, as a young lieutenant, during the 1968 TET offensive. Ted remained in the reserves until 1986, received his master’s degree from Xavier University, taught middle and high school, and became director of guidance at St. Charles in 1985. He and Lari have five children and nine grandchildren. Ted’s life-long affection for the Vietnamese led him to join PeaceTrees and the East Meets West Foundation. EMWF, comprised of Ted’s fellow marines, raises money for construction of an elementary school in Quang Tri Province. Ted retired (again) from St. Charles in June 2010 and plans to teach English, preferably in Vietnam. His claims to fame are keeping up with his daughter on a cycle-Ohio ride and (occasionally) beating Don Henne ‘81 in golf.

Roger D. Knott Jr. – “Roger graduated from The Ohio State University, paying tuition thanks to Egan/Ryan, Kiddie Korner, Toy Store and Navy ROTC. The St. Mary’s girls may have dumped him, but fortunately their fathers kept Roger employed. After OSU, Roger was married and commissioned as a Navy ensign, spending two years mostly aboard the carrier USS Shangri-La. After the Navy, Roger’s family grew to three great-children. He divorced (1979) but several years later married Carol. They owned restaurants in California and South Carolina and coin laundries in Florida. They entered retirement only to be called back to full-time work with the 2000 stock market crash. Seven years later, they earned their second retirement and are shuttling between Sin City, Nev. and Mission Beach, Calif. The family continues to grow with the addition of an outstanding daughter-in-law and two super grand kids.”

Michael J. Linder – “A year after each at Holy Cross and The Ohio State University, I joined Ohio National Bank and the Ohio National Guard. I participated in automating the bank, officially becoming a geek. Professionally I moved to Nationwide Insurance, and later to St. Ann’s Hospital (VP/CIO) and finally joined Blue Cross Blue Shield Arizona (VP/CIO), retiring in 2007. I was activated during the Pueblo Crisis, serving as crash firefighter (Eglin AFB Florida), and was discharged as staff sergeant. I married a Grandview High graduate, and had two daughters. Unfortunately my wife succumbed to Huntington’s Disease after an extended illness.

“My second wife, Jackie (Lindem McKinley) was also a single parent with a son and daughter. We established our own brand of the “Brady Bunch.” Three of our four kids, four of six grand children and our great grandchild all live in the Phoenix area. We love retirement, traveling the Southwest, and spoiling the grandkids.”

James M. Litwaitis – “I attended St. Charles Borromeo College, Michigan State University, the University of Notre Dame, and finally Western Michigan University. Baseball was an avocation, and in 1963 Dean-Kerr (Coldwater, MI) won the national American Amateur Baseball Congress championship. A bat inscribed with our names rests in the baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. I married Judith Russell (1964) and during our 41 years together, until her death, God blessed us with four sons and a daughter. Each has expanded our family --- ten grandchildren (eight girls and two boys). I worked in the fishing tackle industry for well over 40-years, retiring after 30-years from the St. Croix Rod Company. I enjoy golfing, providing free tax assistance, participating in religious education and the parish finance council.

SC Memory: “My formative years at St. Charles Prep were most enjoyable and significantly meaningful in the events of my life to this very day. Thanks for the memory of the football game (in John J. Clark’s ‘memory section’). I recall that we had scored a touchdown just before to go ahead, but it was called back for a penalty and there was just time for one final attempt. Mr. Ryan called timeout, called me over to his side, and said, “You can do it, Jim. Go in there and drop-kick a field goal for us.” I ran onto the field, entered in the huddle, and said “drop kick on two.” I remember Tom Hackett saying immediately, “...has Ryan lost his mind?

“One of the officials offered his congratulations after the game saying he had been officiating for over 25 years and had never even seen a drop-kick attempt. Actually Mr. Ryan permitted me to do a few extra-points that way earlier in the season. I remember one such incident against Chillicothe Central Catholic. You also may or may not remember that we utilized the lonesome end offense in a few games and I played that position too. There was a sports writer for the Columbus Dispatch by the name of Tom Keyes (SC Class of 1934!) who wrote an article about this game in Lima and referred to me as “golden toe”

“Lima, Ohio brings back another memory for me. It was in baseball. We played there on a Friday afternoon against Lima Public in the tournaments and had a 5-0 lead when a torrential rainstorm washed out the game. We stayed overnight at a motel in the area. We started a new game the next day and ended up losing 3-2 which ended our bid to advance further in the tournaments.

Rev. James W. Lothamer, S.S. – “I left St. Charles College (1964), studied at St. John’s Provincial Seminary (Detroit), and was ordained (1968). I joined the Sulpicians in 1974 as a theology doctorate (Saint Michael’s College Toronto). In Baltimore, I taught at St. Mary’s Seminary & University (1975-1990), became vice-president of recruitment/development, and worked at the Sulpician Provincial House. I became pastor (1994) for the Lansing, MI Diocese, later moving to California to serve as director of the national priest sabbatical program.

“I am "semi-retired" (2010), living temporarily in France. My Mother is doing well at age 92 with 14 children, 45 grandchildren and 59 great-grandchildren. We’ve long passed family boundaries and now are at tribal proportions. I have had great ministerial opportunities in the U.S., South America and Europe. The priesthood and ministry have been very rich and rewarding. My time at St. Charles was a great foundation.

Theodore “Ted” Mazza – Ted graduated from The Ohio State University (1966) and continued his career, started while in high school, with The Kroger Co. After two years in store management he moved into the advertising department. Post-college he also spent six years as a member of the U.S. Army Reserve in a communications crypto unit. His Kroger career took him to Cleveland in 1976 as advertising manager, St. Louis as drug general merchandise manager/discount manager, and returned to Houston TX., back in advertising. He retired from Kroger after 45 years, and after a short time decided he was not ready to slow down. Ted went back to work for Tristar WebGraphics, internet company that specializes in grocery ads and weekly publications. Ted and his wife (of 30 years) Kathy, have a daughter Caroline, who will be a college freshman at BYU this fall.

SC Memories: “The wire across the aisle.” Freshman year Latin class, one of the class members (can’t recall for sure but the name John sticks in my mind) asked to be excused and left the room. When he returned someone had put a stretched out spiral notebook wire across the aisle, He saw it and stepped over it. Monsignor O’Dea, seeing this, asked, "Who did it." When no one would own up to it or tell on a classmate, the entire class was held in after school detention for a couple of weeks.

“Spaghetti lunches on St. Patrick’s Day.” Fr. Lucchi was in charge of the cafeteria and each year would arrange for spaghetti to be on the menu each St. Patrick’s Day, much to Fr. Cooney’s dismay.

“Green Hair” On another St. Patrick’s Day, Jim Litwaitis asked to be excused during Fr. Lucchi’s class. After a short time he returned with green hair.

Charles F. “Chuck” McCrory – Chuck graduated from the University of Dayton in 1961 in electrical engineering. After one year with AT&T and one with General Telephone of Indiana, he joined IBM’s systems design team in Poughkeepsie, NY. He stayed with IBM for 39 years, most of it in San Jose, CA. He retired in 2005 and is enjoying sleeping in, doing things at a slower pace, and having fewer demands on his time. Chuck was married in 1984 to Pat. They have three daughters. Chuck spent seven years in management with four of his sons and his wife, Pat, and doing projects around the house. Reading mysteries is a recent pastime, too. Chuck and Pat live in the Santa Cruz mountains with a lovely view of the coastal range of hills, between Santa Cruz and Los Gatos, California.

John A. Medert – “I stayed in academics for eight years earning B.A. degrees from St. Charles Seminary and Ohio Dominican Colleges, and completed graduate work at Kent State in vocational rehabilitation counseling. I married Anne Scanlan (1968), St. Joseph Academy 1960. We have two children and two grandchildren. I completed a master’s degree from DePaul University in rehabilitation services management, ran managed several vocational rehabilitation offices located along the Ohio River until I retired after 35 years AND got my first name changed by my peers to “Bubba.”

“I remember with great relief when Vermillion’s boxing matches were called off --- I was pitted against big Tom
Alumni Notes

Hackett! Have fond memories of Youth in Government Day where our Federalist Party lost but was inculcating civic-mindedness as a head for a day of Columbus Sewers & Drainage. Did anyone else memorize the “Henle Latin Grammar” as instructed by Father O’Dea?

David A. Nardone, Jr. – Dave graduated from Notre Dame (1964) and Georgetown (1968), trained in internal medicine in Oregon and Georgia, separated by service in the U.S. Navy (Vietnam and Quantico), and settled in Oregon where his wife, Ellen (retired librarian) and Dave have three daughters. Dave spent his professional career with the Portland VA and Oregon Health & Sciences University, retiring in 2002 as the clinical director primary care and professor emeritus. Dave volunteers for seniors, disabled, veterans and attends VA primary care clinic weekly. He enjoys time with his wife, daughters, two sons-in-law, medical writing, hiking, cycling, and snowshoeing as well as day-trips to the Cascade Mountains and Oregon coast.

SC Memories: “The Cheating Card Player Look Alike.” Fr. Wolf had this distorted sense of humor (and temper). No kidding! I remember his improvised slide show of the two gamblers (both Fr. Wolf with sleazy armands and visors, when one (Fr. Wolf) caught the other (Fr. Wolf) cheating. Of course, there was some sort of physical violence as a form of so-called justice. No matter how many times we saw it, we howled with laughter. “Gaboon Fetchers.” Fr. Cooney would frequently remind us of our bad habits (manners) by calling us “gaboon-fetchers.” By definition (I looked it up), gaboon is a hard wood (perhaps he meant we were hard heads). My recollection is that “gaboon” was another name in his vocabulary for a spittoon. I simply envisioned my life as a derelict in search of somewhere to spit.

“Stealing Second.” Our steadfast “Charles” was one of the most vocal baseball supporter in St. Charles history. He was a bright boisterous man with cerebral palsy who attended virtually every one of our games. He religiously sat by Coach Ryan. In one particular tight playoff game, we had a runner on first and “Charles” was in a frenzy of boisterous cheering. It got so bad, Coach Ryan inadvertently put index finger to his nose to dampen the noise. On the next pitch, our base runner (thinking he was given the steal sign) tried to steal second and was thrown out. Poor “Charles” was distraught. I doubt no one else really cared considering all of his contributions to our successes over the years.

“A Hearty Thanks.” I feel privileged to be a St. Charles graduate. The mentoring and role-modeling has meant so much to me in my personal growth and development. I have fond memories of Monsignor O’Dea, Monsignor Gallen, Father O’Brien, Father Murphy, Father Wolf, Father Cooney, Father Duffy, Father Lucchi, Coach Ryan, Father Sabrey, Father Geiger, Coach Bosetti, Coach Ravel, John Rectenwald, Father Haluska, Coach Vermillion, Monk Clifford, “Charley,” on and on.

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Richard J. “Dick” Terrill – Dick graduated from The Ohio State University in 1964 with a B.A. in international studies. He entered the U.S. Air Force as a 2nd Lieutenant and spent the next 12 years operating, supporting and maintaining Titan II and Minuteman ICBMs. After leaving the Air Force, Dick spent seven years as a fleet maintenance engineer with PPG Industries in Pittsburgh. Dick then moved to California to work in aerospace, and currently works for Boeing in Long Beach. In his spare time Dick is writing a book on Rock and Roll from 1955-1975. The book is nearly finished. Dick has been married to the former Mary Padberg for 46 years and they have two children and three grandchildren.

SC Memories: “The Spymaster.” Dick says he was captured one afternoon when the Eyebrow Fr. Wolf and forced to go to his room and look at the telephoto lens he had just gotten for his camera. Dick remembers Fr. Wolf saying that with it he could see a fly on the nose of someone walking down Broad St.

“Broken Shaver.” Dick also mentioned that one day in Fr. Geiger’s geometry class somebody was outside cutting wood with a power saw and obviously hit a knot in the wood. It made a terrible noise and somebody (probably Mike Linder) commented that OB (Fr. O’Brien) had ruined another shaver. The class tried to keep from breaking up, but everyone eventually lost it, including Fr. Geiger, who was laughing so hard he couldn’t continue.

Paul J. White, Jr. – He retired Columbus as a firefighter and was led to his personal savior, Jesus, by the example of firefighters. Later he received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, with spiritual gifts and fruits, during a charismatic prayer meeting at Christ the King Church, then becoming enabled by God’s spirit, to understand and love God’s, holy words. Married to Shirley at Saint Leo Church, they raised three sons and have four grandchildren. Paul died of cancer in 2003. He wrote a book of poems about her, and still misses her!

Thomas J. Wiles – “After high school I enrolled at The Ohio State University and also took up flying, soloing in 1961. I was hooked on aviation and left school in 1963 to fly airplanes full time. 1966 found me back in college at the University of Toledo where I graduated in 1968. In 1972 I bought National Flight Services, Inc., and am still the president today. We employ 130 people at five locations in the U.S. and Canada and mostly repair turbine engines. We live in Toledo. Because we have a 19-year-old I won’t be retiring any time soon.

SC Memories: “Drop Kick Winner.” About 10 years ago I was in Annapolis, MD on business and discovered that the new commander at the Naval Academy was Tom Lynch. I called his office and left a message that said: Do you remember someone “drop-kicking” a field goal to beat you in high school? I got a call back in about 10 minutes! He played right tackle for Lima Central Catholic who I played against in that game. He still doesn’t believe it. We had a nice conversation.

“Always Late.” I will always remember Fr. Haluska’s famous greeting “How are you this morning, besides late?”

“Pilot Licenses.” The paper airplanes, set on fire, which sailed out of the third floor library hall, which sailed into “Square John’s” chemistry lab, were somewhat of a sensation.

“Sex Education.” Fr. Murphy’s explanation of why prostitutes did not get pregnant—because they worked up a resistance to it—was a high water mark in my preparation to go out into the world. I’ve never seen anyone so nervous in my life. Sending him to teach sex education to this bunch of the “unwashed”.

Jerry Thompson of Beverly Hills, FL reports that he is retired with four children and seven grandchildren. He lost his wife, Kathleen, in 2008.

Frank E. Murphy, chairman of Mansfield-based University Housing Solutions (UHŚ), received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree during Tiffin University’s commencement ceremony in May. Under Murphy’s leadership, UHS, a full-service firm offering construction services and financing options to schools and universities, recently built two residence halls for Tiffin University. Among other projects, Murphy presently has two additional residence halls under construction at the university.

Murphy is also the founder of Elixir Development Corporation of Wadsworth and Opus Corporation, providing design, construction, financing and leasing of specialized healthcare facilities. These corporations currently own more than 400 facilities. Murphy has more than 43 years of experience in his field. He began VOCA Corporation in Columbus, developing, financing and constructing more than 250 specialized healthcare facilities in six states and the District of Columbia.

Murphy earned a degree in education from Otterbein College in 1963 and a master’s of science in supervision and administration of public instruction from Wittenberg University in 1969.
Two grads recognized for support of diocesan education

A St. Charles campus venue appropriately served as the location for a special Catholic Diocese of Columbus event to recognize two special Carolin graduates whose lives of service and support of Catholic Education has proven exemplary.

The 2nd annual Celebrating Catholic School Virtues Gala was held on November 10 in the Robert C. Walter Student Commons. The elegant awards banquet serves as the major fundraiser for the diocesan tuition assistance program which provides scholarships to needy students to attend a Catholic school in the Diocese of Columbus.

Recognized for their long-time contributions and service to Catholic schools in the Diocese of Columbus were 1953 Preparatory School grad and Columbus City Auditor, Hugh J. Dorrian; Monsignor David V. Sorohan, a 1959 St. Charles Borromeo College alumnus and former pastor of St. Catharine Church and past Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Columbus; as well as retired businessman and philanthropist, Edward “Ebby” Glockner of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Both Msgr. Sorohan and Dorrian were featured in stories by Tim Puet in the Catholic Times in conjunction with the gala event.

Monsignor Sorohan, a member of the St. Charles Advisory Board, was ordained a priest on December 20, 1959, by Archbishop Martin O’Connor, then rector of the North American College in Rome. He celebrates 50 years as a priest, his Golden Jubilee, this year. Born in Perry County, he was one of six children. He graduated from St. Aloysius Academy in New Lexington in 1952 and, despite several offers of basketball scholarships from area colleges, he began studies for the priesthood at the former Columbus St. Charles Seminary.

Upon graduation from seminary, he studied the next four years at the Pontifical Gregorian University. Msgr. Sorohan’s first assignment was as associate pastor at Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia, in 1960. From 1963 to 1965, he served at the original St. Peter Church, Columbus, during which time he began his long association with Catholic schools.

During the course of the next seven years, he taught at DeSales High School; served as the assistant diocesan school superintendent; returned to DeSales as the assistant principal and vocation coordinator; completed a Master’s in Educational Administration at The Ohio State University before serving as principal at Marion Catholic High School; and spent two years at Columbus University where he was awarded his doctorate in school administration.

Msgr. Sorohan was appointed Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese in 1971 and later Episcopal Vicar for Education which extended his authority to additional areas such as religious education for public school students and youth ministries. He considered this position as “an umbrella covering all phases of Catholic education from birth throughout life.”

He remained Vicar until 1993 having completed five three-year terms. During his years as Superintendent, he forged a relationship with the Catholic Conference of Ohio (CCO) that resulted in non-public schools receiving state aid for busing, textbooks and special education services. Although the challenges were significant, he banded together with other Ohio diocesan superintendents, the CCO, and Westerville attorney David Young to successfully fight their case in the United States Supreme Court. In 1977 when Columbus schools were forced to close because of energy shortages, Msgr. Sorohan was instrumental in working with public school authorities to implement “School Without Schools” utilizing the media and other community resources to continue serving students.

He returned to parish ministry as pastor of St. Peter Church, Columbus, in 1978, and later as pastor of St. Catharine in 1988. A model for life-long learning, Msgr. participated in a Spanish immersion program so he might better serve the increasing Hispanic population of St. Catharine.

Although retired, he lives just minutes away from St. Catharine and maintains a familiar presence in the parish celebrating Sunday liturgies – particularly the weekly Mass in Spanish.

In Dorrian’s ’53 story, Bishop Campbell is quoted as saying “Even though he has lived most of his life in the public eye, Hugh Dorrian is a modest and humble man who exemplifies the meaning of his name: heart, mind, or spirit. He is a man who is appreciated by his family, his friends, his colleagues, and even his rivals for his scrupulous honesty, impartiality, and ability to get the job done.”

Dorrian is an emeritus member of the St. Charles Advisory Board and serves as an active member of its Finance Committee. He was featured in the Fall 2002 edition of the Cardinal magazine as that year’s recipient of the school’s highest honor, The Borromean Medal for Distinguished Achievement. The magazine highlighted his more than four decades of public service.

He earned a B.S. in business administration, with a major in accounting from The Ohio State University in 1959. He was appointed Columbus city auditor in 1969 and has served in that role to the present. From 1973 to 2000, Dorrian received 17 awards of achievement for financial reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

From 1973 to 1992 he served on the board of trustees of the Police and Firemen’s Disability and Pension Fund of Ohio and as a member of its investment committee. In 1995 Dorrian was honored as a finalist for the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Outstanding CPA in Government Award and in 1996 received the “Ethics in Government Award” from the Ohio Government Finance Officers Association.

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Past-President’s Column

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Once again we successfully presented our annual series of activities and events which continue to be enthusiastically embraced by the St. Charles community. My thanks to the school’s faculty and staff, especially Dominic J. Cavello ’64-Principal; Jim Lower-Assistant Principal; Michael Duffy-Development Director; and Louis J. Fabro ’83, Alumni Director; and Louis J. Fabro ’83, Alumni Association President’s Column

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In August SC alumnus dad Tom Caldwell donated a very special family item to the St. Charles Museum — his father, Tom’s, 1954 Aquinas letter sweater.

Museum Gifts Gratefully Accepted

Some of the most recent graduates to mail in or personally deliver various items of St. Charles “history” to alumni director Louis J. Fabro ’83 include:

Brian Burdette ’88 in November delivered a box of memorabilia items for the school Archives and Museum. A former soccer player and assistant coach for the Cardinals, Brian has been collecting SC soccer history items that covered spans from 1976-2002. He was a player from 1984-1987 and was an assistant coach from 1988-1990 and then again from 1996-2000. “I acquired some of the memorabilia either through alumni games or just staying close to the program over the years,” he said. “Hope this helps,” he added.

Dave Nardone ’60 donated several items, including a plaque awarded to his father for volunteer service to the school (see photo); and Jerry Curran ’76 added to the trove of items he had donated the last two years. This haul included numerous items related to the “In The Know” program.

SC mom Margaret (nee Prunte) Simmons, sister of the late John J. Prunte ’72 (see In Memoriam, page …), came by St. Charles in late August to donate John’s gym class uniform for the school’s Museum. Her family has deep alumni ties to the school which include brothers Thomas ’75 and Dominic ’77 Prunte as well as Tom’s sons, Tom ’03 and John ’08. Margaret’s sons are 2009 graduate, Michael, and John, a 7th grader (and future Carolian?) at St. Andrew Grade School.

The wife of Thomas C. Caldwell (Aquinas Class of 1954), Lynn, contacted St. Charles alumni director Louis J. Fabro ’83 following the death of her husband in July. She wanted to know if the school would want Thomas’ Aquinas letter sweater for its museum or one of the other memorabilia display areas throughout the campus.

Louis gratefully accepted the “unique” offer after discussing the significance of the Caldwell family connection to St. Charles with her and son, Tom (Ready ’79), the SC father of recent graduate Thomas B. Caldwell ’10.

Tom said that his father was especially proud to be able to attend his grandson’s graduation in May in the Robert C. Walter Student Commons as he fought a long illness. The occasion became all the more precious when Thomas C. died just a few weeks later.

Tom brought the sweater to St. Charles and Louis will hang it in the Museum near a section of items recognizing the fellow all-boys and “rival” Aquinas. Tom said that it felt right having the sweater there. He said his father felt a special affinity with St. Charles through his grandson and because the way it has sought to foster an ongoing relationship with Aquinas grads. He also appreciated that the Cardinal campus offered them a special place to keep alive the memory of their school which closed in 1965 and was demolished some years ago.
Msgr. Charles Joseph Foeller (1924-2010)

Msgr. Charles Joseph Foeller, died on January 19, 2010 at Mother Angeline McCrory Manor at the age of 85. He was ordained to the priesthood March 18, 1950, at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, by Bishop Michael Ready. In 1992, he was named a monsignor by Pope John Paul II, who bestowed upon him the title prelate of honor.

The son of Charles and Lilian (Gallen) Foeller, Monsignor Foeller was born in Columbus on May 9, 1924. He attended St. Francis School and St. Charles Preparatory School (Class of 1942) and St. Charles Borromeo College Seminary in Columbus, earning a B.A. in philosophy in 1946. He studied theology at Mount St. Mary of the West Seminary in Norwood, from which he graduated in 1950 with a master's degree in divinity.

Monsignor Foeller served as associate pastor at St. Joseph Cathedral (1950); Lancaster St. Mary Church (1950-55); Columbus St. Aloysius Church (1955-58); New Lexington St. Rose Church (1958-60); and Coshocton Sacred Heart Church (1960-63). He was pastor of Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes Church (1963-67), founding pastor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church (1967-1980); and pastor at Cardington Sacred Hearts Church (1980-2004).

Following his retirement in 2004, he continued to live in rural Morrow County, near his former church in Cardington. He served that church and several others as celebrant for weekend Masses. He also continued to serve as diocesan director of the Legion of Mary, a position he held for 55 years, and coordinator of the diocesan Family Rosary Day, which began in 1970. He served as chaplain and spiritual moderator for many organizations and institutions.

Monsignor’s body was laid to rest at Mount Calvary Cemetery after his funeral Mass, which was celebrated at the Church of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. Bishop Frederick F. Campbell served as the principal celebrant and homilist and Bishop James A. Griffin served as a concelebrant along with many priests of the Diocese of Columbus.
Reverend Joseph Edward Stanton

Reverend Joseph Edward Stanton died March 4, 2010 at Mother Angeline McCrory Manor at the age of 86. The son of Thomas and Loretta (Butts) Stanton, he was born in Columbus, May 9, 1924.

Father Stanton attended St. Joseph Cathedral School, St. Charles Preparatory School (Class of 1942) and St. Charles Borromeo College where he earned a B.A. in Philosophy in 1946. He subsequently studied theology at Mount St. Mary of the West Seminary, Norwood, Ohio, and earned a master’s degree in divinity.

Father Stanton was ordained to the priesthood March 10, 1951, by the Most Reverend Michael J. Ready. He served as associate pastor at St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark (1951-54); St. Mary Church, Delaware (1954-59) while also serving as chaplain to the 166th Regimental Combat Unit, Ohio National Guard (1955-58); Corpus Christi Church, Columbus (1959-61); and St. Peter Church, Chillicothe while also serving as Chaplain at the Chillicothe Federal Reformatory (1961-66); Pastor at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Wellston (1966-70); St. Timothy Church, Columbus while also serving as chaplain at Riverside Methodist Hospital (1970-72); St. Francis Assisi Church, Columbus while also serving as chaplain at Doctors North Hospital (1972-80); Director of the Shrine for Renewal (1980-81).

He served as chaplain at Grant Hospital, Columbus with residence at St. Joseph Cathedral (1981-82); Administrator, St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark (1982); Associate Pastor, St. Mary Church, Delaware (1983); Administrator, St. Patrick Church, London (1983) while serving as Chaplain at London Correction Institute (1983-84); Associate Pastor, Holy Spirit Church, Columbus (1984-85); Pastor, St. Aloysius Church, Columbus (1985-94). Following his retirement in 1994, he lived in residence at St. Leo Church, Columbus (1994-99), Our Lady of Perpetual Help (1999), St. Mary Church, Columbus (1999-2004); he also served as Administrator Pro-Tem of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in 2000 and 2001.

Father Stanton’s body was received at St. Joseph Cathedral where his funeral Mass was held and at which Bishop Frederick F. Campbell was the principal celebrant. He was laid to rest at Resurrection Cemetery.

Dedicated ’58 Alumni, Iannarino and Sauter Lost

St. Charles Preparatory School lost two devoted alumni last fall when cancer took the lives of 1958 classmates Leonard J. Iannarino, Jr. and John K. Sauter. Len was an active emeritus member after serving the board for a quarter of a century and John, a former St. Charles Development Director (1998-2002), was serving his fifth year on the Advisory Board.

For their many ongoing contributions to St. Charles and its alumni, both received one of the school’s highest honors, the Principal’s Award for Leadership and Service. Len received his recognition in 2002, and John was honored in 2009 several weeks before his passing.

Both played extremely important roles in the dramatic growth of the St. Charles endowments and in improving the way they were managed. They were also essential in helping the school manage extensive capital improvements and the building of new facilities – the Jack Ryan Physical Fitness Center, the multipurpose building, the Rose and Dedger Jones Natatorium, and the Robert C. Walter Student Commons and Student Services & Fine Arts Center. They also were a part of the ambitious and successful $10-million Campaign for St. Charles and the establishment in 1987 of the first St. Charles Preparatory School Endowment Fund.

Leonard J. Iannarino Jr. ’58

Iannarino graduated from Capital University in business management and spent nine years as a manufacturing cost analyst with Western Electric Company. He worked for the State of Ohio for 22 years in the Ohio Department of Liquor Control and Department of Administrative Services from which he retired in 2001.

Len also volunteered with the school’s drama department for 10 years under Doug Montgomery. In 2000, Bishop James A. Griffin invested Iannarino as a Knight in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. Len is the older brother of the late Charles, Richard ’60, Jean and Dianne Iannarino. He was a lifelong member of St. Catharine Church, where he served two terms on parish council and was a member of the liturgy committee. Len also represented St. Charles for eight years on the Diocesan Secondary School Board and was on its student grievance committee for several years.

At Len’s funeral Mass, Monsignor Charles Reuf eulogized his good friend. “Lennie spent his life serving God in his service to others.” He said, “Whether it was digging in his flowerbeds, preparing this worship space for a solemnity or special celebration, doing many things at St. Charles, sitting in a committee meeting, supporting the suffering Christians in the Holy Land as a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre, singing in or directing the parish choir, subbing as an organist, or spending a night in solemn Eucharistic Adoration with his fellow Serrans, or spending a day with family or friends of that extraordinary Class of 1958, Len recognized the greatness of God and he used the gifts he was given to praise and glorify God.”

John L. Sauter ’58

Sauter was an attorney in private practice in Westerville. His life epitomized what his alma mater has long-sought to instill in all its graduates: that they are called to be “Men for God and others,” through service to his parish, the Columbus community, and St. Charles Preparatory School.

John and wife, Connie, were married for 43 years and were very active members of St. Paul the Apostle parish in Westerville. For over 30 years they were foster parents to more than 60 children, most of whom were newborns—all while raising their five children: Cathy, Teresa, Elizabeth, and Laura (graduates of St. Francis DeSales) and their son, Chris (a 1996 St. Charles alumnus.). In 1995 the Sauters were honored by the Diocese’s Catholic Social Services for their tremendous and unselfish service. “It’s not been easy,” John said in an article in the Catholic Times. “But we’ve gotten much more out of it than we ever gave.”

John earned a degree in business administration from The Ohio State University and received his J. D. from Capital University in 1968. He was an adjunct professor at Capital University
Connie taught their children everything Jesus had commanded.”

John represented “what it means to be forgiving and not judgmental, what it means to be truthful and ethical and to uphold Christian values, what it means to put family and parish and community first. John learned from an early age to selflessly care for others,” Father Klinger said.

Seth’s ’14 spirit will live on

In March of 2010, the communities of Immaculate Conception Parish and Grade School and St. Charles suffered a heart-breaking loss in the death of eighth grader Seth Jenkins.

He was enrolled as an incoming freshman at St. Charles - a school he had looked forward to attending with great eagerness for some time. Seth is survived by his parents, Todd and Wendi; his younger sisters, Claire, Grace and Maren.

“I am going to St. Charles,” he told his parents, who said he was vocally excited about the “challenge” that would be ahead.

Seth’s memory and spirit will live on in several ways at St. Charles. His friends and classmates will carry him with them in their hearts each day they walk the halls here at school. The school wished to memorialize his special life because Seth had been so excited about coming to St. Charles. It was felt to be very important that there be a special place for him on the campus. A specially-engraved brick was placed in the school’s Walk of Honor beneath the colonnade that fronts the Robert C. Walter Student Commons.

1984 alumnus, Tim Hamburger, who established the Tim Hamburger Volunteerism Award at St. Charles in 2000 was also moved by Seth’s life. Over the past 12 years Hamburger has helped raise nearly $90,000 for cancer research and patient aid by participating in a variety of endurance events including marathons, ultra marathons, and century bike rides.

Hamburger presents his award each spring at St. Charles’ Academic Awards Assembly to a graduating senior who best exemplifies community service and volunteerism.

This year Tim re-named the award in Seth’s honor and invited Seth’s father, Todd, to stand alongside him on the stage in the Robert C. Walter Student Commons for the ‘inaugural’ presentation.

At the ceremony Tim said that that it was through the Central Ohio Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society “that I learned about a very special young man who planned to attend St. Charles this coming fall. … While (Seth) will never be able to physically attend St. Charles as a student, I wanted Seth to be forever linked to my Alma Mater… While some people may say that Seth lost his battle with cancer, I believe that Seth fought the good fight, he finished the race and kept the faith and, in the process, he inspired me and thousands of others to make a difference in the world.”

For a life cut so short by cancer, Seth’s history of service exemplified the motto espoused at SC: “We are our brother’s keeper.” Tim told the audience of St. Charles students that Seth had volunteered a lot of his time at the public library, Vacation Bible School, the church nursery, as an altar server and with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society “to name just a few of his volunteer efforts. Wendi and Todd Jenkins firmly believe in service and encourage it with their children. They advise, “Share the gifts you have been given….time, talent, and treasure….all are needed to make the world a better place.”

In the words of Seth’s mother Wendi: ‘Seth was a remarkable kid…not perfect….but definitely a fighter.’ Seth was originally diagnosed with Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia in February 2004 at the age of seven. He battled the disease for six years and was in active chemo/radiation for all but six months of that time. In January Seth relapsed after his immune system was erased in a treatment preparing for a marrow transplant. An Ecoli blood infection caused septic shock as his marrow was unable to regenerate itself. After three weeks in the hospital he never regained consciousness and passed away on March 6, 2010.

At Immaculate Conception School, the annual talent show was renamed The Seth Jenkins Musical Showcase in Seth’s honor since music was a huge part of who he was. Also, through the generosity of many in the school and parish community, Seth’s dream to have a “bigger, better gym floor” in the school’s gymnasium was realized. It was blessed on August 31 just before the start of the parish festival and includes Seth’s personal signature in “Immaculate Conception Ram” blue.

Throughout his courageous battle, Seth was intent on living the ‘normal’ life of a young man. In January he was playing basketball, had tried out for the school musical/play and was working on all the
In late February Seth received the Sacrament of Confirmation at a bedside ceremony at Children’s Hospital. On hand were the pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Monsignor Stephan Moloney, alumnus Ty Tomson ’03 (a seminarian assisting in the parish), Seth’s sponsor Chris Lewandowski ’06 and Chris’s father, George.

Seth loved baseball and played on the Immaculate Conception School baseball team when his health allowed. In April that baseball team, which was ironically placed in the Cardinal division of the 5th grade diocesan baseball league, played a double header at St Charles --on Seth’s birthday. “Seth wanted so badly to play Cardinal baseball in high school,” Wendi said.

In mid-June the family buried Seth’s ashes in the Isle St. George Cemetery on North Bass Island (Lake Erie) where his maternal grandparents and great grandparents are buried. The Island’ as their family calls it, “was Seth’s favorite place in the whole world so it was an easy decision to make for us,” Wendi said. A beautiful cardinal wind chime was hung in the tree next to his grave, and a cardinal wind spinner was placed next to his headstone.

Wendi Jenkins wrote on the Caring Bridge website of her sincere appreciation “to all of those who have shared their love and support. So many of you have shown us that Seth’s life was significant thru your cards, calls, gestures, donations, memorials, tributes, etc....!! From the LLS TNT Tahoe bike team that calls Seth their hero, to the brick in the walk at St Charles school, to the new gym floor, it is obvious that Seth’s life, and death, affected many. Seth’s ‘significance’ had been established.”

“Seth’s greatest legacy though is the saying he used as his signature at the end of cell phone texts,” his mom said. The saying ‘Courage is not the Absence of Fear’ has become a mantra around our home, our school, and our community of Clintonville.

“I have no doubt in my mind that Seth was afraid at times, especially after his second relapse, but he judged living life to its’ fullest and having fun to be more important than his fear. He learned early that every day is a gift from God and you must cherish it. Use your talents. Take risks. LIVESTRONG.”

Steinbrenner; Former Aquinas Coach and Supporter of “Aquinas Room” in Student Services Center.

By Anthony J. Lisska, Aquinas Class of 1958

In July of this year, long time New York Yankee owner and fearless organizer of major league baseball in the Big Apple passed away. While New York and Florida were known as his dwelling areas, nonetheless for most of his eighty years, George Steinbrenner had close connections with the central Ohio area.

Graduating from Williams College following his secondary school preparation at Culver Military Academy, this young man, a native of the west side of Cleveland, came to central Ohio and served as the basketball and baseball coach at the then Lockbourne Air Force Base. While coaching airmen during the last stages of the Korean Conflict, Steinbrenner’s hoopsters played several games in the gymnasium of Aquinas College High School on Mt. Vernon Avenue. Thus began a connection with this boys high school, a long time rival of the St. Charles Cardinals. Earlier Steinbrenner was connected with the Woody Hayes-coached Buckeyes as a graduate assistant. His wife to be was an OSU student.

In December 1954, the revered Aquinas coach and 1943 alumnus, Bob McQuade, resigned in order to pursue a business career. With this vacancy, the Dominican Fathers under the leadership of Athletic Director, Father Francis McKenna, pursued the young coach at nearby Lockbourne Air Force Base. Steinbrenner later remarked that at that time he had two offers of high school coaching positions in Columbus, the one tendered by Father McKenna and another to become the head coach at the then newly opened Bishop Watterson High School, the first of the diocesan secondary schools being developed in central Ohio.

Steinbrenner chose to become associated with the Terriers of Aquinas, an institution with a stronger athletic tradition than the fledgling Watterson teams with only freshmen and sophomores for the upcoming 1955-56 school year. Over Christmas break, Steinbrenner assumed the reins of Aquinas basketball coach, taking the helm of a team that had not yet won a game that season.

Basketball players of that season remember vividly a hard-working and hard-driving coach who pushed them in ways that they had not expected. To make the players’ accommodations more pleasing, Steinbrenner took from his own pocket the necessary funds to paint the lockers and dressing room for the athletes on his basketball team. The team had a modicum of success in the second half of the year, winning two games and seeing junior Tom Goble become the leading scorer in the City League.

In an early 1955 scrimmage game in the St. Charles gym, Steinbrenner brought his charges against the young
team coached by the legendary Cardinal coaching mentor, Jack Ryan. This was one of the few times that the Cardinals and the Terriers faced one another on the athletic fields or fields. Over the years, Aquinas teams garnered four state athletic championships.

Steinbrenner was also scheduled to become the Terrier head football coach the following autumn. The talented young coach caught the eyes of college search committees and Northwestern University came calling with an offer to become a Wildcat assistant football coach. Steinbrenner accepted this offer and moved to Evanston for the 1955 football season. However, fate was not kind to the Northwestern Griddvers as they suffered a devastating losing season, after which the entire coaching staff was dismissed. Purdue University came up with an offer similar to the Northwestern position, which George accepted. Soon after, however, he was back in Cleveland working for the family-owned shipbuilding company along with an early venture into the nascent American Basketball League prior to embarking on his lasting fame with the New York Yankee organization. This earlier Columbus connection accounts for the long time minor league relationship between the Columbus teams with the Yankees.

In 2005 a fund drive was undertaken at St. Charles to name a new counselor’s office “The Aquinas Room” in the newly-constructed Student Services & Fine Arts Center. Steinbrenner, who had been kept apprised of the project by Aquinas Alumni Association officer Dick Schneider ’57, wrote Schneider a letter offering to match each and every Aquinas alumni gift made toward the room’s naming. In the letter he expressed that “some of my fondest memories are of the time I spent at Aquinas College High School.”

That framed letter now hangs outside the Aquinas Room for all the young men at St. Charles to see and take note. It’s a lesson in goodwill and generosity from a sports legend, coach, and philanthropist, who clearly made an indelible mark on Columbus.

Anthony J. Lisska ’58 remembers watching the Cardinal-Terrier scrimmage game; he is the Maria Theresa Barney Professor of Philosophy at Denison University and the historian of the Aquinas Alumni Association.

In Memorium

Director’s Column
The View from My Window

Mike Duffy

Suite” offers a beautiful view of the Robert C. Walter Student Commons and a unique “window on the St. Charles world.” From this vantage point I witness alumni as they stroll through the Walter Student Commons after being many years removed from campus. They view firsthand the significant physical changes that have occurred since they graduated. They also search out their names on the engraved glass panels secured to the nine cherry wood covered columns in the Commons which symbolize our alumni “holding up St. Charles.” I feel very privileged to have this unique perspective. I also witness daily spiritual, nurturing and enriching experiences of all types during the school year. I see them during the solemnity of an all-school Mass, in tutoring between students and upperclassman or faculty, in the richness of a Borromean Lecture, or simply the daily excitement of lunch and the everyday conversations that occur between friends.

You can add the graduation exercises to that list of life-shaping days. In May as I witnessed my second St. Charles Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement Ceremony, I was struck by the transformation from student to graduate that takes place upon the conferral of diplomas. Marking the completion of a student’s St. Charles journey, the focus then shifts from preparing for college/university success to actually pursuing that goal. From this moment on, nothing stands between our alumni and their opportunity to succeed in the classroom and contribute to the betterment of society.

The Class of 2010 scored in the top 5% on the ACT and the top 10% on the SAT nationwide and boosted the average ACT composite score from the 28.0 for the Class of 2009 to 28.8. It was also members of this class that were awarded two of the three Glenna Joyce Scholarships offered in Central Ohio.

Abounding with pride after the graduation of 144 students in May, the largest class in our history, the St. Charles community collectively found itself looking forward to August and the ushering in of 194 young (fresh)men, the second largest incoming class we have ever welcomed. It was also a class that, when all was said and done could have been about twenty students larger, had we the space to accommodate them. On a recent Sunday afternoon, just before the start of the school year, the Class of 2014 gathered in the Walter Student Commons for a tradition that spans over a decade in length – the National Honor Society Freshman Picnic. With their parents and siblings in the background, our new students found themselves immersed for the first time among teachers, classmates, and school administrators. That experience was built upon when, just two days into their St. Charles education, they gathered with the entire school community for the first all-school Mass of the year.

Along with the tradition of the event itself, the NHS always designs a shirt that is offered to the St. Charles Community with a unique design on the front and a meaningful theme on the reverse side. This year “Numquam Soli Vadete” or “Never Walk Alone” is their motto. I was profoundly struck by that motto having just attended Reunion Weekend activities the two evenings prior.

These gatherings highlighted men from class years that ended in either a “5” or a “0.” The closeness of these classes now and the countless reminiscences that I heard throughout the weekend demonstrating the closeness back in their days as Carolians was heartening. This, combined with what I have seen my sophomore son, Jim, enjoying, has vividly allowed me to see that both as a student and as an alumnus, at St. Charles, our men never walk alone. What a gift that has been through the years to all who have walked these halls!

As administrators and teachers, we have many opportunities to inspire our students. But make no mistake: our students also inspire us. They will inspire you, too, if you seek out opportunities to engage them. As we prepare for another academic year, I invite you to consider how you can engage with St. Charles. Whether you are an alumnus, parent, community partner, business leader or financial supporter, you have something to contribute. You have our assurance that you will get so much more in return.
I am very excited about having the opportunity to serve as the first Director of the Annual Fund in advancing alumni and public relations along with fund raising activities here at St. Charles. As a member of the Class of 1977, along with my brother, Marquis, I have fond memories of my years as a student, athlete, and class officer.

I am a local product of St. Thomas parish and elementary school and returned to Columbus in 2007 after spending nearly 20 years in Atlanta pursuing a career in professional sales in the commercial office furniture business. I served as sales manager for the Ivan Allen Co., president of Synergy Office Products, vice president of sales for new business development for Herman Miller Workplace Resources and most recently as a sales consultant for Continental Office here in Columbus.

I have a real passion for working with young people in my community. I have been involved with a number of organizations as a mentor and volunteer throughout my professional career. These have included the Gwinnet County School Board Discipline Task Force, Meadowcreek High School PTSA president, as loaned executive for United Way of Central Ohio, on the African-American Advisory Council of Big Brother and Big Sisters of Central Ohio, as a board member and marketing and fundraising co-chair for the Mentoring Center of Central Ohio and as program director for JOSIAH’s Mentoring and Leadership program at New Birth Christian Ministries.

I have three children: Delon Jones (27) lives in Columbus and his siblings, Jordon (22) and Jazmin (19) Miller both live in Lawrenceville, GA. As a student and athlete at St. Charles I had the opportunity to develop and grow personally and academically. The challenges that this unique learning environment provided made a life long impression on me and helped build a base for discipline and character. I am blessed to have the opportunity to share my story and the extreme value of the highest-quality Catholic education in the state of Ohio. I’m excited to share the importance of what St. Charles offers and why it is important for us to continue to be able to offer the exceptional educational learning environment to other potential students with the help of our alumni and friends of St. Charles.

The legacy that has been created here at St. Charles can only be continued with the support of thoughtful alumni and friends of St. Charles to insure that we will be the premiere affordable educational value with the highest academic standards in a Christian environment in Central Ohio.

Anonymous Scholarship Endowment Fund

“We have experienced first hand how St. Charles’ college preparatory education; built upon a disciplined work ethic and within a Catholic community of dedicated teachers, coaches, and parents can send a young man to college and into society with a great advantage. We feel blessed to be able to help financially support this journey through St. Charles to attain such an advantage.”

The quote above summarizes the feelings articulated by one of our most recent endowed scholarship donors. Established in 2009 by an anonymous family with strong and close ties to St. Charles, this need-based award will provide tuition assistance annually, throughout all four years of his education, to a qualified St. Charles incoming freshman student.

The Philip ‘47 and JoAnn Hall Endowed Scholarship Fund

Established in 2010 by Phil (Class of 1947) and JoAnn Hall, this need-based scholarship will be awarded to young men who are attending or planning to attend St. Charles and exhibit exceptional academic merit and community involvement.

When asked about what motivated Phil and JoAnn to demonstrate their confidence in our mission, Phil stated, “My intention for giving to the St. Charles Endowment Fund was to give to a young man, who might not be able to attend St. Charles, an opportunity to gain an education that could not be attained anywhere else. My support is the least I could do in appreciation for the superior education I received at St. Charles.”

The Linda A. and Michael P. Stickney Endowed Scholarship Fund

This endowment was established in 2010 by Linda and Michael Stickney, new friends of St. Charles, to benefit sophomore, junior, or senior students who demonstrate financial need and are active members of the school’s swim team.

Mike said, “It is very important to both Linda and me to lead by our best example in all our personal, business and charitable endeavors. We feel blessed and fortunate to support such a fine institution as St. Charles. St. Charles prepares and mentors these young boys into men with strength of character, fortitude, and principled leadership. The supreme aim of any private educational institution, simply stated, is to teach it’s students how to live.”

He added: “I believe that the dedicated teachers and staff at St. Charles instill a strong work ethic to their students in addition to inspiring more individuals as life long learners than any other organization. Through many of my friends and acquaintances that have been directly affiliated with St. Charles, I have noticed the proof of this organization’s positive influence. With our endowment we hope to support and continue the good work of St. Charles.”
Carole’s memory could be perpetuated through the establishment of an endowed scholarship at St. Charles.

Lynna, Shelli and Michael Knapp reflected that “The time our father, Herman Knapp, Class of 1958, spent at St. Charles Preparatory School were dear to his heart. He made most of his life-long friends here!”

They said he cherished playing on the Cardinal’s football, basketball, and baseball teams, and savored his memories of winning seasons. In 1956 and 1957 the football team’s records were 8-1. “He was the basketball team’s “take charge guy” and was voted as honorary team captain.” In 1958 the Cardinals were co-champions of the Central Catholic League and beat Bexley 52-50. It was Herman’s two free throws shots with 20 seconds left in the game that accounted for the win.

“Along with his love for sports, and being part of these teams, he fell in love with our mother, Carole Iannarino (Saint Mary’s Class of 1958),” the family said. “She too made wonderful friends and embraced her Catholic school years. It seemed fitting to honor both of their memories by creating the Herman and Carole Knapp 1958 Endowment Scholarship Fund for a St. Charles student-athlete.”

The Msgr. Lawrence J. Corcoran ’35 Memorial Endowed Scholarship

On August 31, 2009, the St. Charles family and the Diocese of Columbus lost a dear and dedicated member of both communities – Reverend Monsignor Lawrence Corcoran. Ordained to the priesthood in 1943, Msgr. Corcoran was a graduate of the College Seminary, receiving his degree in 1935. Through his over 66 years as a priest, Msgr. Corcoran served five parishes and held numerous Diocesan administrative positions. In November 2005 he was honored at the Feast Day Mass with the school’s highest honor, The Borromeo Medal for Distinguished Achievement.

Msgr. Corcoran had made a provision in his will for St. Charles to receive a portion of his estate and, when received in 2010, that gift was used to honor his memory by the establishment of an endowed scholarship. “The purpose of this fund will be to provide tuition assistance annually to qualified St. Charles students. Should you have an interest in making a gift to this fund, please call Mike Duffy, Director of Development, at 614-252-9288 ext. 20.

Your Annual Fund support needed more than ever

To all alumni, parents and friends of St. Charles,

As we kick off this year’s annual fund, your support is more critical than ever. The recent economic downturn has impacted all of us, including our St. Charles family. The St. Charles Endowment, which has not been immune from the economic crisis in the investment markets, has provided much-needed tuition assistance that supports the St. Charles mission that “No qualified young man should be deterred from – or denied the opportunity of – a St. Charles education due to lack of family financial resources.”

Currently, one in three students receives tuition assistance. The reduced proceeds from the endowment will reduce the school’s ability to provide assistance. Your help to maintain our tradition of economic assistance is needed now more than ever. This year’s annual fund goal is to raise $1.1 million to help provide scholarships for needy students, support the faculty with recruitment and retention, and support the school’s daily operating expense.

Our hope is that you recall the gifts given to us from St. Charles and help continue the school’s mission.

If you have contributed to the Annual Fund, you have our sincere gratitude. Your support is deeply appreciated. If you have not contributed, we ask that you consider the young men whose lives will be changed by your contribution.

Thank you and God bless you,
Paul Heller ’82, Alumni Annual Fund Chairman
Joe and Lori Hamrock, Parents Fund Annual Co-Chairs
The Ballantyne family has been recognized for their generosity to St. Charles with a namesake bronze plate affixed to one of the inside brick archways of the colonnade fronting the Robert C. Walter Student Commons. Here with their mother, Mary Ann, are sons (right) Ian ’10 and Ryan ’05. (Family patriarch, Wayne, was unable to attend.)

SUPPORT ST. CHARLES FACILITIES

As part of our ongoing tribute to St. Charles alumni and parents the school is offering a series of naming opportunities located inside and outside the new Robert C. Walter Student Commons and the Saint Charles Student Services & Fine Arts Center. These tributes are available on a first-available basis.

To participate in one of the opportunities listed below or for additional information, please call the Development & Alumni Office at (614) 252-9288 or e-mail us at: givetosc@stcharlesprep.org

Engrave A Brick in Sean P. Reed Plaza

One-hundred and twenty bricks in all, divided into four sections, make up this highly visible area located just inside the entryway to Walt Plank Field. For a charitable contribution of $500, Saint Charles alumni, parents, and friends can also pay tribute to their favorite Cardinal on one of these 8”x8” bricks.

Each brick allows up 4 lines of copy, with up 12 characters per line including spaces.

This is an ideal way to recognize those who have been associated with Cardinal athletics, especially those involved with our baseball, football, lacrosse, and soccer programs.

This contribution is fully tax-deductible as provided by law. All proceeds benefit the school’s Turf Field and Stadium.

Name a Column in Our New “West Colonnades”

Thirteen of the original 16 brick and limestone columns remain available. They support the walkway which extends from the Walter Student Commons to the Gymnasium lobby and covers the school’s “Walk of Honor.”

For a gift of $10,000 you can also name one of the colonnades. An engraved bronze plate will be dedicated in any manner you wish. This tax deductible gift can be paid over a three-year period. For more information, please call (614) 252-9288 or e-mail givetosc@stcharlesprep.org

Engrave a campus limestone bench

For a gift of $5,000 you can dedicate one of the limestone benches located outside the Robert C. Walter Student Commons; outside the Campus Theatre Building; or inside the Msgr. Thomas M. Bennett Courtyard. The benches can be engraved in any manner you wish. This is a tax-deductible gift. For more information, please call (614) 252-9288 or e-mail givetosc@stcharlesprep.org

SUPPORT A ST. CHARLES STUDENT IN NEED

St. Charles Adopt-A-Student – $1,000 to $7,990 (tuition assistance).

Description: You can support one of our students in need by sponsoring one or more students. All gifts are tax deductible as provided by law. Pledges of $1,000 or more can be paid over a 9-month period.

The Cardinal Society – $1,250 and above for St. Charles Scholarships

Description: Gifts of $1,250 or more to our Parents Annual Fund or the Alumni Annual Fund qualify for an invitation to our Cardinal Society. All members will receive an invitation to a yearend celebration.

St. Charles General Scholarship Fund – $1 to 1,000

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Helpful Tips on Making Tax-wise Donations

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Cardinal Society members recognized

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From left -- Dan ’57 and John ’63 Connor with Joe Sabino ’63.

From left -- SC Advisory Board member Tom Mackessy ’77, Brad and Colleen Spees, Shirley McAllister and Marie Quinn.

From left -- Jim McAllister, Ed and Ann Evans and St. Charles faculty member, Andy DeJaco.

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Workers complete the first of two new electronic scoreboards installed in the school’s gymnasium during the winter break. The scoreboards will be used for basketball, volleyball, and wrestling and the revenues generated from advertisements they display will help support those programs. The $30,000 project was funded through a private, anonymous donation. In addition to the new score boards, the 83-year-old facility was treated to a fresh coat of white paint and new CCL, state championship and runners-up banners on the west wall.

Note: We hope to see you at the upcoming Cardinal Christmas Silent Auction on December 4, when we will offer you the first opportunity to order your own print of the Father Bennett work in various sizes, matting and framing options. See you there!!!
These gifts and pledges were contributions to Saint Charles Prep’s 2009-2010 Annual Fund as well as the school’s Class Reunions, memorial-gift program, and St. Charles’ many extracurricular programs. These gifts and pledges were made during the period of October 1, 2009 to August 27, 2010.

All subsequent pledges and contributions to Saint Charles Prep will be recognized in the Spring 2010 Issue of the Cardinal. The students, faculty, and staff at St. Charles thank you for your kindness, your prayers, and all of your support during the past year. If you find an error in your entry or your name does not appear on this giving roster, please contact us at: "mailto:givetoasc@stcharlesprep.org" or call us at (614) 252-9288.

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Award from the City of Columbus.

In 1992, he received from Pope John Paul II the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice ("For the Church and the Pope") medal, the highest medal that can be awarded to a member of the laity by the Pope. Dorrian and his wife, Janice, have been married for nearly 50 years and are long-time members of St. Timothy Parish. They have four children: Franklin County Municipal Court Judge Julia Dorrian, Margaret Lombardo, Mary Jeffries, and Joe ’89, who all attended St. Timothy Grade School and graduated from Bishop Watterson and St. Charles.
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2010 Platinum Reunion

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The day’s events included a special morning reunion Mass in Mother of Mercy Chapel followed by a complimentary luncheon in the Robert C. Walter Student Commons. The school was honored to have Fr. Jim Walter ’54 and Monsignor Carl Clagett ’47 serve as concelebrants for the Mass.

Bottom row, seated, from left -- Barbara Dusterberg, Mary Ann Murphy, Brenda Devine, Mary Ehret (widow of Bill Ehret ’44), Mary Ann Heise (widow of Page ’46), Jan Walter (widow of Leroy Walter ’53) and Father Jim Walter ’54; Second row, from left -- Carol Cassidy, Joyce and Jack O’Reilly ’52, Dan Cassidy ’52, Anne Ridgeway, Barbara Murphy, Peggy Miller and Karen Lawler; Third row, from left -- Bob Dusterberg ’57, Joe Ridgeway ’57, Richard O’Brien ’48, Al Bell ’48, (partially hidden) Jim Schmidt ’41, Jim Klunk ’56, Guy Lawler ’54 and Ed Schneider ’38; Fourth row, from left -- Dick ’51 and Fran Ryan, Joe’51 and Sue Murray and Suzanne and Jack Coughlin ’51; Fifth row, standing, from left -- Bill Geiszler, Sr ’40, Monsignor Carl Clagett ’47, Don Schornak ’46 and Louis V. Fabro ’49; Sixth row, from left -- Hugh Miller ’49, Mike Sullivan ’58, Bill Barrow ’46 and Dick Brehm ’46; Seventh row, from left -- Tom Devine ’47, John Ryan ’56 and Tom Ryan ’52; Top of the stairs, from left -- Jim Lehman ’56, Denny Hayes ’58, Jim Devine ’58, Jim Murphy ’58, Homer Beard ’46, John Mullin ’54 and Jack Murphy ’57.