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*"We will not promise you happiness. We will not wish you security. For we remember that 'security is mortal's chiefest enemy.' And we know that you can be secure only when you can stand everything that can happen to you. If your school has prepared you for this, it has been a good school." – Sister M. Madeleva Wolff, CSC*

This quote from Sister Madeleva comes to mind when it seems like there is so much darkness in our world. Natural disasters on the coasts have cost people of everything, their homes and their belongings. Fires and hurricanes have destroyed towns and taken lives. The Catholic Church is facing a crisis of its own with the release of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury report in August and reports of clergy sexual abuse surfacing. With the allegations, questions of what it means to be Catholic pervades media and our own interior lives. These crises have me wondering, what is next?

Facing the unknown is never easy. We've seen this firsthand on our campus with Former President Jan Cervelli's resignation and our leadership transition in October. It caused concern and fear among those who know and love Saint Mary's. But in the months since Nancy Nekvasil has assumed the interim presidency, our community has come together in ways unforeseen.

Students have organized town hall sessions with administration to discuss their concerns. Faculty and administrators have re-envisioned and implemented a new academic services structure to better serve our students. True to our mission, we are responding to the needs of the time.

I am reminded that God calls us into community and it is in His presence, in communion with others, that we find strength. I am inspired by the legacy of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, whose only certainty was their faith as they journeyed from France 175 years ago. They listened to the needs of their community and began teaching and caring for orphans in Bertrand, Michigan.

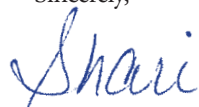
Community is at the core of who we are. Although things may sometimes seem dark, we move forward in solidarity with others facing tragedy and loss. We are never alone. This issue of *Courier* highlights the ways we, rooted in faith and community, respond to the needs of our world.

We have hope in the Class of 2022. Four hundred and three Belles joined our family in 2018 and, we see in them the same promise we saw in each of you. But we know that we are not strengthened when we stay in our bubble, which is why we continue to bring speakers to campus to broaden our world perspective. For example, Tracy K. Smith, poet laureate, visited campus in September and shared her message of speaking at lower decibels in a climate that seems to want to shout instead of listen.

As we begin this new year, I am reminded that Christ is our light in the darkness. That light guides our community forward. Though we are not comfortable with the unknown, Sister Madeleva reminds us it is not in comfort that we grow.

2019 marks a year of celebration for our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and we look to our history for inspiration. We will soon begin a year-long celebration of the founding of the College, the incredible Saint Mary's women, faculty, staff, and the accomplishments of a lasting legacy.

Sincerely,



Shari Rodriguez  
Vice President of College Relations





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Founded in 1844 by the Sisters of the Holy Cross, Saint Mary's College is rooted in its mission to prepare women to make a difference in the world. A pioneer in the education of women, Saint Mary's is a four-year, Catholic, residential, liberal arts college in Notre Dame, Ind. The College is an academic community offering bachelor's degrees in more than 30 major areas of study, including business, nursing, education, biology, social work, and English. Saint Mary's also offers co-educational master's degrees in data science, speech language pathology, and autism studies, and a Doctorate of Nursing Practice.



Joanna Collins '19 welcomes the class of 2022.



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# Leading by *Example*


By Dorothy M. Feigl

Many years ago, I unexpectedly stepped into the role of vice president and dean of faculty, a position charged with building and maintaining a strong faculty. One of my first acts was to secure Nancy Nekvasil for our faculty. That one act established my *bona fides* as an administrator.

In Nancy we recognized a woman who had the spirit, tenacity, and skills that characterized the sister-founders of this College, qualities that are as essential in the present day as they were at our founding. Saint Mary's major asset is a faculty who understand and are truly committed to the task of enabling young women to apply their talents and special gifts to the benefit of a world in sore need of them. For over three decades, Nancy has been an exemplar of that commitment.

Nekvasil is trained as a physiologist, and she has taught this demanding subject that bridges biology and chemistry to science majors; nursing, pre-health, and premed students; and to medical students. The high regard in which these students have always held her attests to both her expertise as a scientist and her exceptional skill as a teacher. She was the recipient of the Sister Maria Pieta award (named after one of the College's legendary teachers) just a few years after her full-time appointment to the faculty. Her early scholarship was centered in physiology, but she ultimately switched her focus to science pedagogy. Before earning her PhD, she had been certified to teach in middle and high schools, and she was very concerned with improving pre-college instruction in the sciences. That concern centered in two areas: the experience of students for whom laboratory facilities were not available, in particular, homeschooled students, and support for teachers, especially those whose teaching responsibilities include science but whose formal training in that area was limited.





*I've always wished I could claim Nancy as a graduate of the College because she epitomizes the virtues we hope to inculcate in our students.* — Professor Dorothy M. Feigl

One of my favorite memories of working with Nancy relates to her support of students who were being homeschooled. She came to me with a plan for providing laboratory experiences for these students using Saint Mary's facilities. We thought a proposal to the Lilly Endowment, known for its support of innovative educational projects, would be worth undertaking. Nancy's elaboration of that project brought her and the colleagues she recruited a literal million-dollar grant. The grant brought homeschooled students to our laboratories where they got hands-on experience and the opportunity to work with an expanded group of peers, which helped facilitate their transition to college. That grant also allowed Saint Mary's faculty to work with local teachers trying to upgrade their skills and administrators interested in upgrading their systems. It was the kind of outreach that leveraged our considerable resources and expertise to the advantage of our broader community and at the same time,

introduced potential students and their teachers to our campus. This was one of those rare win-win-win situations where students, local schools, and Saint Mary's all benefited.

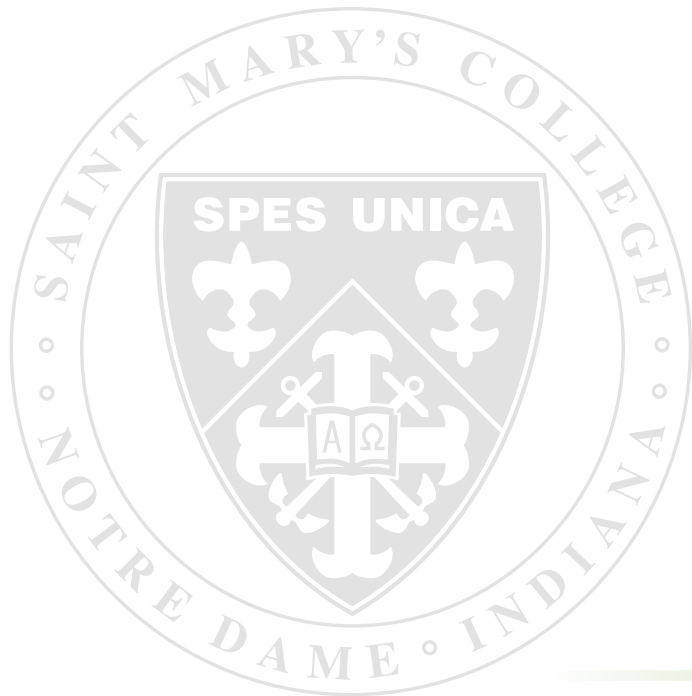
My most vivid memory of working with Nancy in my capacity as vice president was under more stressful circumstances and reinforced my view that she was exceptionally committed to her students. She came to my office and explained she would have to kneel. As I recall, she was suffering from a slipped disk and could not comfortably sit while I was sitting on a comfortable couch. If you can visualize this interaction you will understand my discombobulation. I felt I was about to hear a confession (not as remote a possibility as one might think in the office of a dean). But no, it was not a confession but a plan for how to cover her classes in the absence required to address her medical condition. She explained that she had prepared videos for the classes she would miss. This was more than twenty years ago, when all the technology that now is routinely in use in higher education for online coursework or interactive classrooms was not so routine. Innovative responses to challenging situations turned out to be another of Professor Nekvasil's hallmarks, a valuable attribute that's served the College well in her myriad of roles.

I think Nancy may hold the record for the variety of positions she has occupied here. For two years she served as assistant dean of academic affairs, dipping her toes in the administrative world beyond her department. For many years, she has been the premed/pre-health science adviser, a role critical to the success of our med school candidates. She pursued the needed outreach to medical school personnel that, along with the performance of Saint Mary's graduates at those schools, provided a path for many future Saint Mary's graduates.



"Dr. N" as students call her is pictured back in the day with biology students JoJo Smith '12 and Catherine Batz '12.






Nancy has always regarded the role of adviser to require a genuine concern for her advisee along with an informed assessment of the student's ambitions and abilities. Students could count on her to give them a realistic evaluation of their goals and invaluable support in preparing to achieve the desired outcome. As an adviser she never established artificial barriers to overcome, but she did clearly convey relevant and realistic expectations to meet. Nancy's individualized approach in these interactions reflects the particular strength of Saint Mary's. Ask a dozen graduates who worked with her, and you will hear a dozen versions of unique experiences that made a positive difference in their careers and lives.

Nancy chaired the biology department for three terms. The chair's position is, in my view, the most difficult College role in practice and the most indicative of potential success in administration. A chair lives day to day with departmental colleagues who expect her or him to represent them and their perceived needs effectively (and successfully) in conversation with the "administration." And the administration expects this departmental "administrator" to effectively (and successfully) convey their policy and decisions to the faculty. More often than not, the two expectations do not precisely coincide. Nekvasil managed

this balancing act with grace and Solomonic judgment. The biology program flourished under her leadership, and she impressed her administration colleagues enough to be considered for and encouraged to step into the role of provost. After successfully navigating that role, it was clear that she was the ideal person to serve as interim president.

I've always wished I could claim Nancy as a graduate of the College because she epitomizes the virtues we hope to inculcate in our students. She is an intelligent, caring, thoughtful person who recognizes that natural talents can be amplified by education and experience. She recognizes that those honed skills are then meant to be employed in the best interest of others to — as we say at Saint Mary's — make a difference in the world. If not a graduate, she is, I think, fairly described as formed in significant part by Saint Mary's. She has been a major contributor here for over three decades, throughout that time influencing and being influenced by her students, her colleagues, and the Holy Cross philosophy of education. I have never believed that what we offer students is a role model. I think what Saint Mary's offers its students and community are examples of a hundred ways to be a good person, a leader, a contributing human being. But were I asked to provide one example of what I mean, I'd pick Nancy Nekvasil. 



# *A New Class, Same Saint Mary's Tradition*

By Kaitlin Emmett '20






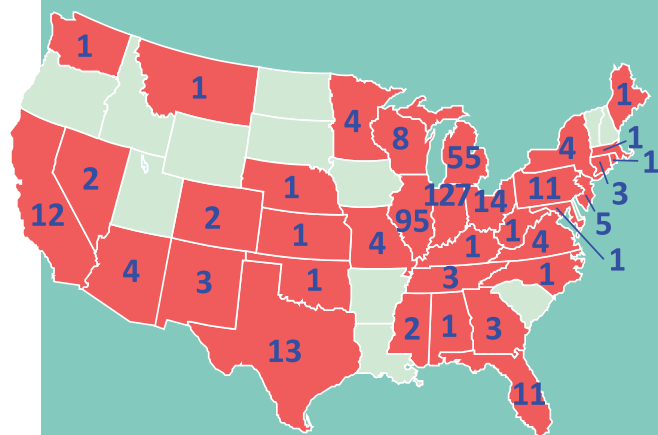
Do you remember first arriving on campus with your belongings packed so tight that the only place to look was forward while you drove through the 100-year-old sycamore trees that perfectly line the Avenue? Do you remember your first meal at the dining hall after saying your final goodbyes to your parents? Do you remember cramming for your first college exam, and learning better study tactics by the time Finals rolled around . . . or not? Do you remember attending your first Notre Dame Football game or experiencing your first South Bend snowfall? Thousands of students share similar experiences from their first semester at Saint Mary's College, and this year, 403 young women experienced their first firsts.

## Who is the Class of 2022?

While all Saint Mary's women can relish these shared experiences from their first semester, there is a lot that separates the Class of 2022 from previous generations of Saint Mary's women. Everything from the advances in technology, to the US President in office, to the current cultural moment — they all contribute to the experiences and mindsets that make the Class of 2022 the unique women they are. For example, these young women rarely visit the bank or speak to a teller; instead they deposit checks and transfer funds on their smartphones. These students study and learn differently, as they have always had the ability to pull up a Wikipedia page when in need of a speedy reference. And safety is not a given for this cohort. This generation has grown up with the constant underlying fear of a school shooting, more than likely participating in active shooter drills in the classroom.

There of course exists experiences that all Saint Mary's women share — taking in the beauty of Le Mans Tower, strolling around Lake Marian, and learning about the College's history rooted in the Sisters of the Holy Cross. Through both the shared and distinct experiences, the intent of a Saint Mary's education remains the same — to educate women holistically in the Holy Cross tradition. Being aware of new perspectives each class brings to campus only better prepares the College to do just this.

We're excited for this dynamic group of young women who have so many more Saint Mary's experiences to explore. We can't wait to see all they accomplish over the next four years here and beyond. 



**403** enrolled **first-year students** from 35 states and 2 countries

**35** are accomplished members of **robotics teams and clubs**

**112** are members of **National Honor Societies**

**147** have held **leadership positions** in clubs and organizations

**68%** of the class were **student athletes**

**87** were **captains** of their high school athletic teams

**101** are **musicians**

**4** have volunteered in **political campaigns**

**17%** of enrolled first-year students are **legacies**



Through the **Closing the Circle** ceremony, more than 400 strangers became sisters, true Saint Mary's women, bound by a common purpose.





# A Beacon of Light Amidst the Dark

By Gina Twardosz '20

**Tracy K. Smith** is a poet with brilliance. She is unassuming, soft-spoken, yet unfazed, navigating the roiling waters of a dark American past with a tender dedication.

Smith, the current Poet Laureate of the United States or PLOTUS, spoke with the community at large on September 5 as part of the Christian Culture Lecture series. The PLOTUS is selected by the Librarian of Congress and serves an important role in raising the national consciousness to a greater appreciation of the reading and writing of poetry.





Humanistic Studies students had the opportunity to participate in a poetry workshop with Tracy K. Smith.

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While at Saint Mary’s, Smith was also able to connect with students, faculty, staff, and other community members through workshops and Q&A sessions.

I sat front row at the lecture amidst the sea of Belles, soaking in the soft roar of excited chatter. I had met with Smith before the lecture, and remembered her powerfully soft voice, harboring an intensity that was not jarring but justified, necessary, as she spoke of her experiences as a mother and woman of color.

In one moment at her evening talk, she was an observer sharing in the love of an entire group of performers who are alive with the passion of their ancestors. In the next moment, she was a conflicted daughter attempting to discover her spirituality. In reading her poetry, she became our spiritual guide, leading us through a world full of pain, yet, a world of full of faith and hope.

“Life is messy and erratic and I had to find a way of allowing that energy into my poems if they were going to help me wrestle with life,” she said.

Smith, one of six female poets to ever have been selected as US Poet Laureate, said she finds inspiration in Emily Dickinson, a poet who used poetry to participate in a dialogue with the community outside her walls at a time when women weren’t necessarily invited into those conversations.

“I really feel that there’s something that characterizes work by women that is different from men,” she said. “I love the way that there is a willingness to listen and to be beholden to the environment, to the voices of others, to a sense of place that could move and shape a female speaker.”

Smith’s newest collection of works, *Wade in the Water*, features the title poem that speaks to the love we think we deserve. The poem centers around a simple phrase, ‘I love you,’ spoken from one stranger to another, which creates a transcending sentiment akin to the kind of everlasting sisterhood Saint Mary’s women share.



# Holy Cross Pilgrimage to Le Mans, France

October 18-26



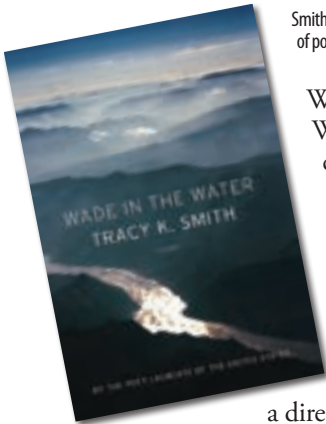
## Journey to our Holy Cross roots

Join us as we celebrate our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a pilgrimage to Le Mans, France



Celebrate our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Le Mans, France. Our pilgrimage will take a contemplative pace as we visit incredible sites including the Shrine of Blessed Basil Moreau, Holy Cross Cemetery, Notre Dame Cathedral, Sacré Coeur, and so much more.

See more info online at [saintmarys.edu/LeMans](http://saintmarys.edu/LeMans)



Smith's latest collection of poetry, *WADE IN THE WATER*.

When Smith read "Wade in the Water" at her lecture, I cried, tears coming in waves with each new stanza. It was something in the words she used, this kind of rapturous pain that accompanies the past, the kind that we feel only when we look at the past through the lens of the present. A painful history of slavery and

a dire journey to freedom contrasted with today, a time where freedom is relative and the journey towards equality seems, at times, just as perilous as a silent journey through a dank river on a cold night.


But, out of this hopelessness arises fearlessness, the fearlessness to love and to share this love with strangers, with those who are different from us, with those we feel are outside our circles.

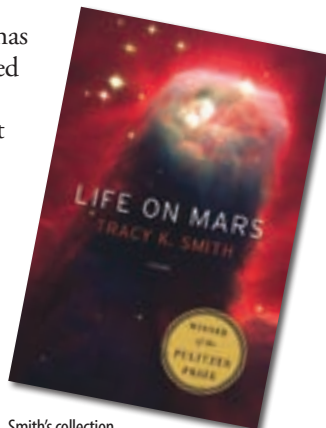
"I love that the women poets that have meant something to me have been fearless in engaging both of those parts of the self, poems that seem to be really an act of listening and learning which is what I like to believe my poems help me to do," she said.

This fearlessness is something I, and my fellow Saint Mary's Belles, strive for. How do we make our mark, unite, and overcome the boundaries society puts in place for women, women with disabilities, women of color, women in the LGBT community?

Smith is gracious and bold, empathetic in the way she guides us in discussing this injustice. Her writings are like a torch lifted high above her head, helping to illuminate our path.

"There's a really wonderful tradition of speaking to the quiet rage that is a part of being a woman, of finding an amazing balance between a really active mind and a raging heart and spirit," she said.

Tracy K. Smith is a woman who has found this balance and exemplified it. You can feel this quiet rage in her poetry, yet, her poems are not angry. Rather, this rage is like a beating heart, throbbing along with the likes of other themes such as love, faith, hope. This rage becomes a soft undercurrent in her poetry, proving that Smith is a poet who knows the complexity of human understanding and the depths of the water in which we wade. 



Smith's collection of poetry, *LIFE ON MARS*, won the Pulitzer Prize in 2011.



# Dare to

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# Dream

By Traci Foster

There's no question that art enriches everyday life. Our favorite cities, restaurants, hotels, and hangouts are often influenced by architecture, furniture, and artwork. Works of art not only capture your attention, but evoke emotion, and even allow you to draw new meaning from your surroundings. Because art in society functions as expression when it is carefully selected and placed to be enjoyed. It helps to make people think, to spark conversation, or even to interpret historical significance.

Although work by architects and interior designers is more commonly recognized, it's often an art advisor who adds the perfect finishing touch that truly stands out. Professional art advisors like Andrea Hazen '90 add the punctuation mark that transforms a common space into a favorite destination.

Through her work, Hazen serves a variety of clients, both private and corporate, to help enhance their environment. Her approach and process involves educating, guiding, and exposing clients to specific works and artists based on their interests, goals, context, and purpose for the collection. Like any professional, Hazen spends the bulk of her time researching her field. Constant travel and involvement in numerous art fairs and exhibitions is crucial to the success of her business that dynamically has her living between New York and Paris.

## Create your legacy

The Waterview Tower in Chicago was an incomplete shell of a skyscraper for many years that caused spectators to question what went wrong. Now complete and named OneEleven, it stands as a pillar of urban sophistication on 111 West Wacker, with a chic lobby and refined amenities, inviting residents to call it home. Carefully curated by Hazen, the luxury high rise features a standout work by Diana Thater, who is known for her poetic video art. The piece includes several monitors that collectively display a large bouquet of flowers, which is viewable from the sidewalk. "It's very exciting to me to be working on placing important works in public spaces in Chicago that will endure," Hazen shared. "It's my way of leaving my little mark in a city rich with architecture and art history."

Hazen is currently working on a second prominent residential development in Chicago called One Bennett Park, where she is curating world-renowned, museum-quality works to enhance all public spaces in the 70-story luxury tower.

## Do what you love

Although parents want to see their children chase their dreams, concerns about what's realistic and thoughts about immediate employment and financial security tend to become the priority. This fear often causes college students to set aside their creative interests to pursue a more marketable major, one their family will likely support. Despite all this, and with the support of her parents, Hazen faithfully decided to major in studio art at Saint Mary's College. "They knew I'd excel if I was doing what made me happy," Hazen explained. "I had an excellent overall education, which has served me well in my career. The Saint Mary's BFA program was outstanding. It was very disciplined and the biyearly studio critiques helped me to hone my critical eye."

Upon graduation in 1990, Hazen moved to Chicago and entered the workforce during a major recession. Interested in architecture and struggling to find work, she landed a job as a




*Nick Cave – Apartment Lobby: The 6-foot diameter, mixed-media "Tondo" (2018) by Chicago-based artist Nick Cave is the showcase piece for the One Bennett Park lobby.*



receptionist for a boutique real estate developer. Unfortunately, one year later she was laid off but the developer's daughter told her about a friend working in the art world who was looking for help. As it turned out, this friend was Partti Gilford, one of the few art advisors rooted in Chicago and embedded in the architecture world in the early 90s. "That was the moment that changed everything," Hazen exclaimed. "I found the dream job!"

After nine years working alongside Gilford, Hazen decided to move to New York City to start her own business. "I left everything behind to start anew without any of my contacts and clients," Hazen explained. "It was a whole new unknown world, but I was able to build my business and client base quickly."

Since that time, Hazen has continued to make a path of her own working with clients and enhancing environments, large and small. No matter the challenges she faced, she always followed her heart. From a family supporting her decision to major in art, a strong education from Saint Mary's, and a fortunate happenstance, she was empowered to dream even bigger than she would have ever imagined. The encouragement she received as a student grew into self-confidence, and she never lost momentum and motivation in her path toward success. Today, she lives out her dreams in a world of art and shares her passion in her work. 



Richard Serra placed with private client in Sagaponack, New York (above).  
Video installation by Diana Thater for the lobby of One Eleven (below).





# God-winks and Getting Up

By Haleigh Ehmsen '16

“Amidst the noise and tension in our society is the Truth that God is calling us all to be the body of Christ, to be in communion with our brothers and sisters.”





American novelist and Pulitzer Prize winning author Marilynne Robinson spoke at Notre Dame in late September. I was struck by her commentary on writing and her Catholic faith.

She posed the question, “How many people who could write about their religious faith, who would want to, who would create a beautiful religious art out of the fact of their faith, who are stymied and silenced because they are afraid that someone might say ‘I don’t really believe any of that’? There is no reason in my experience to keep people from being absolutely candid about what they believe.” I was moved because I often feel this way — that I can’t write about my faith in a way that is accessible to all readers, in a way that makes a difference.

So when my best friend and fellow Belle sent me a text out of nowhere that read “If you didn’t have to explain yourself to anyone, what would you write?” it was what we call a God-wink, a moment when God provides a small sign of clarity. At the time she sent the text, I was wading through tons of commentary and reporting on the sexual abuse scandal and trying to understand what I think and how I feel called to action as a young Catholic woman. I was praying for the victims and survivors of abuse and their families, for the pain and hurt they continue to experience, as well as clarity in my own understanding and identity as a Catholic, and asking God to provide us all with some peace.

It can be hard to harness the energy to create “beautiful religious art” when our culture is increasingly hostile to opposing views. I often allow secular norms to silence the good news of my faith in the Lord. I’m nervous that others will disregard my opinion or perspective as a blind believer, rather than as someone trying to navigate the nuances and acknowledging the chasm that exists in the Church today. But I have to wonder, what would I write if I didn’t have to explain myself?

Last week, perhaps another God-wink, I heard a homily that challenged my fear and activated my faith. As the priest paced the front couple of pews, he discussed the reality that many faithful Catholics don’t share our faith with others. We neglect to share the good news of being forgiven and loved by God. We share our worldly successes with family and friends on social media, but fall short when sharing the


joys of our faith. Whether we don’t share because we think others don’t care or that it will make them uncomfortable, we are called to live and proclaim the Gospel in our lives.

It’s not that simple though. John Gehring, author of *The Francis Effect* and contributor to *National Catholic Reporter*, wrote in a recent column, “My faith is more naturally compared to the complicated bonds of family and tribe, a place where you feel most at home even when the people in your own living room sometimes drive you mad.” This is real and resonates for me. In my writing, in my relationships, and in my faith, there is tension. These areas of my life are all complicated, just as it is hard to sort out my thoughts on how we can heal our Church.

The thing that I’ve reflected on as of late, is that much of what we are called to do as Christians is countercultural — to love all people, to forgive, to put others before ourselves. Our culture today tells us to take care of ourselves, to put ourselves and our families first, and ultimately, that we are the most important. It’s why we don’t post on Facebook

“If you didn’t  
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to anyone,  
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you write?”






about Sunday's homily, but about our personal and professional achievements. Amidst the noise and tension in our society is the Truth that God is calling us all to be the body of Christ, to be in communion with our brothers and sisters.

There is no denying there is a wound on the Church. Many Catholics question the Church they put their faith in, and yet the greatest wound is still on the survivors who endured the abuse. How can we continue to heal as a Church? How do we make sure no one is ever abused by a member of the clergy again? And what is a young woman's role in a church where she has no place in the hierarchical structure? These are questions that I pose to myself and to God, in my prayer and in this reflection.

I'm not sure there are any definitive answers to these questions, but making certain no abuse ever happens again starts with being honest about what has happened and exploring how and why it happened. As I listen to the stories of those impacted by sexual abuse and those who feel isolated from the Church, I am reminded that we are called to be in solidarity with those in pain, with those on the margins.

In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus heals a paralyzed man in Capernaum. He tells the man he is forgiven as he sits on a mat in the middle of a crowd. Some men shout and question Jesus's ability to heal, but he turns the question to them asking, "Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat, and walk?'" When Jesus told the man to get up, take his mat, and go home, it was a miracle. The man got up and walked out of the crowd.

So what will it take during this current climate to respond to the call? For me, I know I need to continue to seek new perspectives, to move into a deeper understanding of how I'm called to get up and respond. I step out knowing that I am not alone in seeking answers and change, that I must be present and continue to acknowledge the ways that we are transformed every time we go to the Eucharist and to be witness of Christ's love for people who are hurting. 



## IN MEMORIAM

## MARGARET "PEGGY" HILL



**Margaret "Peggy" Hill '61** passed away on September 27, 2018 peacefully at her home in New York City.

Hill received her bachelor of arts from Saint Mary's College in 1961. Upon graduation, she pursued a law degree at Fordham Law School and graduated *summa cum laude* in 1964. She went on to receive a master of law degree from New York University Law School, and served as a law clerk for Kenneth B. Keating, making her only the second woman to serve as a law clerk in New York's highest court.

Hill also had a distinguished career as a theatre producer. In 1994, the Broadway producer graciously endowed the Margaret Hill Chair in Theatre at Saint Mary's College.

"Saint Mary's is forever grateful to Peggy Hill for her gift to the College, which allows us to, year after year, host artists who coach and instruct our students. The students receive advice about how to make their way in the professional theatre world. They also have the opportunity to ask the artists various questions about their technique, particular roles or scripts or shows, how to balance career and personal life, and how to take the first steps after college," Katie Sullivan, professor of theatre noted.

Professional success did not compete with her continued philanthropy. Hill co-founded Angela House, a transitional residence for young teenage mothers, served on several boards in New York, and cherished her Irish heritage by serving on the Executive Council of the Irish American Historical Society.

For her contributions to the arts, philanthropy, and to the College, Hill was awarded an Honorary Degree in 2004, the Alumnae Association Distinguished Alumna Award in 2001, and the Shannon Executive Scholar in 1995.

*Because of Saint Mary's, I have a real feeling of confidence, the most important thing a producer needs — to be sure of your own vision.*

— Margaret "Peggy" Hill '61

## SISTER PATRICIA MULVANEY, CSC



**Sister Patricia Mulvaney '55** (formerly Sister M. Peter James), CSC passed away in Ventura, California on August 13, 2018 at the age of 89. Her introduction to the Holy Cross congregation was through her aunt, Sister Richardine, CSC, and her grandfather, Richard Seidel, a music professor at Saint Mary's College from 1890 through the 1930s. Entering the Sisters of the Holy Cross from Wyoming in July 1948, Sister Patricia professed her perpetual vows on August 15, 1951. She completed her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the College in 1955.

In 1987, Sister Patricia was elected as General Councilor for Retirement until 1994. After a sabbatical, she served as the superior at Saint Mary's Convent at the motherhouse for five years. Sister Patricia also served on the Saint Mary's College Board of Trustees from 1990 to 2001. She brought insight, wisdom, and discernment to board deliberations and decisions and always remained deeply interested in the College, its mission, and activities.

## ALUMNAE DEATHS

1938	Esther Lemons Wright	August 17, 2018
1940	Fay Rosenstein Liss Ruben	December 22, 2017
1941	Mary Mix McDonald	December 12, 2017
1942	Phyllis Marie Schroeder Lutwack	February 9, 2018
1947	Jeanne R. Demling Mary Kurtz Mitchell June Dennis Rupp	June 14, 2018 June 23, 2018 August 11, 2018
1948	Sallie Junkin Ballard	April 18, 2017
1951	Patricia McDermott Kammerer Therese Despres Randall	June 16, 2018 June 21, 2018
1952	Astri Knudsen Hagenes	October 11, 2017
1953	Patricia Dean Huddleston Donna Schiappacasse Joyce Joan Swan	July 27, 2018 June 24, 2018 February 21, 2015
1955	Sister Patricia Mulvaney, CSC Pat J. Tuohy	August 13, 2018 June 25, 2018
1958	Suzanne Henninger Fitzgerald	July 11, 2018
1959	Sharon McGee Sitton Bradshaw Michelle Bassell Musler Sister Mary E. Penrose, OSB	June 23, 2018 June 28, 2018 June 22, 2018
1960	Mary Ann Prejean Antrobus Anne Suber Hatcher	November 10, 2016 October 4, 2016
1961	Margaret "Peggy" Hill	September 27, 2018
1966	Linda Jerzykowski Visceglia	July 18, 2018
1969	Marci Henkhaus Stock Price	February 11, 2018
1971	Bernadette Volpe Mitsch	August 25, 2018
1972	Frances Spinks Caver Susan Compernelle Mary Kay Skoglund O'Neil	August 11, 2018 June 15, 2018 May 10, 2014
1973	Dorothy Hutcheson Hogan	July 9, 2018
1975	Mary Catherine Dean Mahoney	July 23, 2018
1976	Mary Voll Fisher	June 17, 2018
1979	Beth Menke Redwine	June 18, 2018
1981	Theresa Louise Albright	June 15, 2018
1985	Ann Goldkamp Lamb	July 10, 2018
1986	Susan Karas Horstman	June 26, 2018
1988	Diane Gambacorta Brendza	August 18, 2018
2005	Martha Irene Hottenstein	July 16, 2018
2012	Alma C. Bravo	June 25, 2018



## FAMILY DEATHS

Joseph Adler, father of Teddy Adler Finney '77, brother-in-law of Mary K. Biddle Aisthorpe '61, uncle of Mary Aisthorpe Ebinger '84 and Kelly Aisthorpe Waller '87, June 9, 2018.

Joseph Ahearn, father of Stacia Ahearn Andrews '87, July 11, 2018.

David Althouse, father of Lindsay Althouse Cruz '04, June 15, 2018.

Benjamin Anigbo, father of Azunne Ijeamashi Anigbo '14, July 25, 2017.

Louise Berezny, mother of Louise Berezny Juckniess '86, February 7, 2018.

Charles Bevington, son of Paula Lawton Bevington '58, July 5, 2018.

Timothy Breen, father of Ashley Breen DiGiannantonio '10, brother-in-law of Seanne Patrick Buckwalter '95 and Colleen M. Patrick-Lenart '99, August 18, 2018.

William Brennan, husband of Helen Kuhn Brennan '54, October 21, 2017.

Richard Browne, husband of Nancy Wills Browne '51 and father of Mary Browne Donaldson '79, June 24, 2018.

James Buckley, father-in-law of Beth Caponigro Buckley '92, August 4, 2018.

Noel Burtenshaw, husband of Marilynn Prendergast Burtenshaw '64, July 17, 2018.

Neil Butler, father of Ariann Butler Redmond '01, August 18, 2018.

Christine Canter, mother of Stacy Canter Ryan '00, October 9, 2017.

Franklin Capitanini, father of Gina M. Capitanini '80, April 28, 2018.

Rosalie Carlston, mother of Deborah Carlston '73, August 2, 2018.

Thomas Chambers, husband of Margaret Rockey Chambers '77, July 6, 2018.

John Clemens, father of Emily Clemens Niehaus '78 and uncle of Jennifer Burke Harris '89, July 31, 2018.

Katherine Kalafut Cody, daughter of Alice Quinn Kalafut '57, July 10, 2018.

Harry Corcoran, father of Michaela Marie Corcoran '96, April 5, 2018.

James Cronin, father of Monica Cronin Carstens '84 and Donna Cronin Piemonte '87, July 26, 2018.

Jimmie Davis, father-in-law of Kathleen A. Davis '92, August 7, 2018.

Antoinette DeLong, grandmother of Lynne DeLong Stokke '01, April 22, 2018.

Fred DeLong, father of Lynne DeLong Stokke '01, March 4, 2018.

Inez DesJardins, grandmother of Jeanne Sabin Barry '91, August 14, 2018.

Arthur Desmarais, father of Jocelyne Desmarais Adkins '90, August 27, 2017.

Edward DiMaggio, husband of Betty Kapsar DiMaggio '58, October 28, 2017.

William Dwyer, father of Elizabeth Dwyer '74, Joan Dwyer Aspan '76, and Dorothy Ann Dwyer '77, February 23, 2018.

Zachary Endress, father of Virginia Endress Sampson '64, March 25, 2018.

William Fair, father of Kathleen Ellen Fair '11, August 11, 2017.

Lawrence Ferrari, father of Mary Ferrari '74, April 20, 2018.

Mary Foley, mother of Sheila A. Foley Murphy '83, November 28, 2017.

Joseph Gallagher, brother of Anne J. Connors '85, July 29, 2018.

John Glunz, father of Jennifer Glunz Faulk '88, April 28, 2018.

William Hearden, husband of Patricia Kerwin Hearden '66, January 8, 2018.

Bruce Hecklinski, father of Kathryn Marie Hecklinski '18, July 19, 2018.

John Herbstritt Jr., father of Jennifer Herbstritt Rowland '88 and Tiffany Herbstritt Hanson '91, November 22, 2017.

Robert Herendeen, husband of Theresa Steinhoffer Herendeen '54, August 5, 2018.

Cynthia Horvath, mother of Sharron Horvath Temple '92, June 6, 2018.

Sharon Jasper, mother of Rebecca Jasper Seibert '89, June 20, 2018.

Frank Kelly, father of Mary Kelly Caruso '72, July 17, 2018.

James F. King, father of Kathleen M. King '82, June 18, 2018.

Leo Klemm, father of Mary Klemm Sigrist '72, January 10, 2018.

Helen Kovacs, mother of Maria Babura McHugh '77, January 11, 2018.

Patricia Leyes, sister of Virginia Leyes Kortenkamp '64, July 4, 2018.

Primo Lusardi, father of Christine Lusardi-Stoner '78, October 16, 2017.

Reno Masini, father of Laura Masini Berrafato '80, July 17, 2018.

Florence McBrien, mother of Victoria Mary McBrien '84, June 25, 2018.

Lawrence McCabe, father of Megan McCabe Cantella '89, Heather K. Wurzer '93, and Erin Kathleen McCabe '00, July 1, 2018.

Jim McCorkle, husband of Pamela Schmitt McCorkle '75, October 25, 2017.

Raymond McCormick, father of Suzanne McCormick Kelleher '78 and Kathryn McCormick Gresh '82, April 16, 2018.

Catherine McGuire, mother of Margaret Constance Balind '90, Anne McGuire Capone '91, Eileen McGuire Schwartz '93, Sarah McGuire Fenn '98, and Denise Joyce McGuire '02, January 27, 2018.

William McIntyre, father of Anne Marie McIntyre Treglia '91, November 6, 2017.

Charles McNamee, father of Kathleen E. McNamee '83, June 17, 2018.

Donald Milosch, father of Julie Milosch Perenich '91, April 12, 2018.

Arthur Moher, father of Melissa Moher Meckes '81 and Hilary Moher Ramirez '81, December 13, 2017.

Timothy Murphy, father of Maureen Murphy Quill '85, grandfather of Lauren Marie Murphy '14, Maiti McKenna Quill '17, and Alaina Christine Murphy '18, uncle of Angela Leahy Esteve '88 and Stephanie Ann Leahy Trujillo '91, June 14, 2018.

Robert Patterson, father of Anne Patterson Rothgeb '82, December 25, 2017.

Lillian Caroline Piatek, mother of Carol Piatek Knish '75, grandmother of Annie Knish Mitchell '02 and Jeannie Knish Hobbins '04, August 10, 2018.

Sarah LaFollette Poyser, mother of Karen Poyser Gerbasich '80, July 8, 2018.

James Prendergast, father of Susan Prendergast Schoelwer '75, December 14, 2017.

Joseph Przybylski III, brother of Katelyn Suzanne Przybylski '16, August 22, 2018.

Nicholas Rauseo, father of Diane M. Rauseo '79, April 7, 2018.

Patricia Reimann, mother of Kathleen Reimann Karsnia '77 and Elaine Reimann '80, August 20, 2018.

Victor Riley, grandfather of Courtney Riley Gooper '05, July 21, 2018.

Feno Joseph Rinna, father of Jessica J. Rinna Beling '70, July 29, 2017.

William Rupp, husband of June Dennis Rupp '47, January 23, 2018.

Clayton Ryder, father of Jennifer Ryder Raabe '77, December 15, 2017.

Albert Schoendienst, father of Mary Cathleen Schoendienst Reifsteck '74, June 6, 2018.

George Schramm, father-in-law of Sandra Courtis Schramm '78, grandfather of Amanda Nicole Schramm '06 and Jaclyn Anne Schramm '17, August 25, 2018.

Frederick Seil, father of Amy Seil Ruff '87, June 26, 2018.

Marilyn Shier, mother of Sarah Elizabeth Shier '05, July 27, 2017.

William Slattery, son of Joan Marskey Slattery '65, cousin of Ann Purcell Perini '63, and Nora Duncan O'Brien '94, April 21, 2018.

John Sparks, father of Catherine Sparks Seiler '97, September 25, 2017.

Joseph Sturm, husband of Allison Zern Sturm '84, brother-in-law of Caroline Zern Lee '87, October 5, 2017.

William Sullivan, father of Kerry Sullivan Radochia '92, June 26, 2018.

Elizabeth Szewczyk, mother of Maribeth Szewczyk Nelson '79, September 19, 2017.

Stephen Szwak, father of Phyllis Szwak Pisch '81, July 2, 2018.

Richard Trdan, father of Allison Marie Trdan '00, April 6, 2018.

Clara Trimarchi, mother of Julia Trimarchi Cuccaro '82, March 18, 2018.

Mary Jo Uebelhor, mother of Laura Ann Uebelhor Roggenkamp '86, February 17, 2018.

Brian Uetz, husband of Clara Renee Lagowski Uetz '95, August 7, 2018.

Mark Ulliman, husband of Julie Melvin Ulliman '82, father of Mary Elizabeth Ulliman '10 and Anna Marie Ulliman '15, July 4, 2018.

Jane Wachter, mother of Sarah Jane Wachter '77 and Jennifer J. Wachter '87, August 6, 2018.

John Wagner, father of Julie Wagner Feasel '89, grandfather of Meghan Kathryn Feasel '13 and Brigid Colleen Feasel '17, August 5, 2018.

William Wheeler, father of Mollie Carroll Wheeler '94, brother-in-law of Jeanne M. Broussard '72, July 1, 2018.

Ronald Wyles, husband of Regina Ryan Wyles '61, March 19, 2018.

Robert Zacharias, father of Lisa Zacharias Fennessy '99, April 28, 2018.

For births and weddings, please visit  
Baby Belles and Wedding Belles  
at [alumnae.saintmarys.edu](http://alumnae.saintmarys.edu)



# *Saying* **Yes!** *for 175 years*

A woman's life in the 1800s was generally contained to the home with little opportunity to leave other than to marry and rear her family. Four sisters who set out from the port of Le Havre, France on their way to the Americas in 1843 faced uncertainty with a deep sense of faith.







Artwork donated to Saint Mary's depicts Sisters of the Holy Cross working as nurses on US naval hospital ship "Red Rover."





# Yes!


Although assigned to the domestic needs of the mission at Notre Dame du Lac, where Father Sorin and the brothers had settled in Indiana, they sought a life of service with the belief that their faith in Christ would guide them.

It took incredible courage and conviction to venture away in such unknown conditions. The 40 days spent on the violent waters of the Atlantic Ocean were unbelievably rough and only outweighed by the thoughts of likely never seeing their families again.

Despite all of this, the four sisters stepped out in faith, trusting that God had a role for them in America. They said “yes!” to the challenges that awaited them as they ventured out to find ways to serve their community. They said “yes!” to the request of Father Moreau who instructed all Holy Cross religious to build schools and faith communities in order to improve life in the aftermath of a revolution. And they said “yes!” to a life of service as religious, not quite knowing what that might look like — nor what awaited them in a country where they did not speak the predominant language.

The sisters continued to say “yes!” to the needs as they arose and within a year started a school in Bertrand, Michigan in response to the request of parents who wanted an education for their children and to orphans left parentless from the prevalence of disease. This school evolved as Saint Mary’s Academy and later Saint Mary’s College.

Our students, then as now, also all said “yes!” to the call to learn, grow, and serve. Leaving their homes to seek education and often refuge, students have been stepping into the unknown and broadening the path for women for 175 years. As a Saint Mary’s alumna, you said “yes!” to the call and continue to respond to the needs now, and of the future. Your voice, vision, and compassion transcends the College’s history and reach into the world.

As we celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Saint Mary’s we call on you to help tell our story. We ask that you reflect how you and your classmates, professors, staff, and the Sisters of the Holy Cross all have said “yes!” to the needs of the time and thereby furthered the mission of this incredible institution. In 2019, we will share these *Portraits of Saint Mary’s* with you via email and online. Please submit your thoughts and stories at [saintmarys.edu/Portraits](http://saintmarys.edu/Portraits) and help honor the incredible people who make us the community we are. 

**Help tell our stories online at [saintmarys.edu/Portraits](http://saintmarys.edu/Portraits)**



## Portraits of Saint Mary's

Stories of the First 175 Years

Visit [saintmarys.edu/Portraits](http://saintmarys.edu/Portraits) to read the entire stories of these incredible people who helped make Saint Mary’s what it is today.



**Mother Angela**

The first directress of Saint Mary’s Academy which later became the College.



**Mary White '55**

Worked in the White House for both President Kennedy and President Johnson.



**Joe Bonadies**

Hired by Sister Madeleva to realize her vision for the campus landscape. Served from 1954–91.



**To celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Saint Mary's College, we are hosting special events to unite our community. Whether you sign up for a trip to Le Mans or attend a special lecture on campus, we hope you will join us in celebrating a lasting legacy.**

## Kick Off Celebration

**JAN  
20**

Join us as we kick off the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary in day of events that celebrate the central aspects of a Saint Mary's education, all on the feast day of Blessed Basil Moreau. Participate in a community-wide service project, attend a special liturgy, then join us for a traditional Moreau dinner.

### Belles Take the Big Apple: NYC Alumnae Trip

**MAR  
14**

When the Sisters came over to the United States, they arrived in New York. Gather your fellow Saint Mary's women to reconnect during a celebratory weekend in the Big Apple. The weekend includes a tour of NBC studios led by a fellow alumna, a Broadway play, and culminates with a Women's Choir performance at Carnegie Hall.

### Women's Choir Performance at Carnegie Hall

**MAR  
17**

Join us for a special celebratory concert as the Saint Mary's Women's Choir performs at Carnegie Hall. The event will include alumnae-led choirs and music with a special devotion to Mary, our mother and namesake.

### Celebrate the Legacy of the School of Sacred Theology

**MAR  
25**

The School of Sacred Theology at Saint Mary's College was the first program in the United States to provide graduate education in theology to women. Responding to the needs of the times to lift up women's voices in the field of theology, the College empowered some of the first female theologians. Theologian Sandra Yocum with a speciality in Catholic studies will offer this memorable lecture at 7 p.m. in Rice Commons.

### Madeleva Lecture

**APR  
25**

The Madeleva Lecture is a longstanding tradition, named for the College's third president Sister M. Madeleva Wolff, CSC. For more than three decades, the lecture series has given voice to women scholars in the discipline of theology. Nancy Pineda-Madrid, a widely recognized and well-respected speaker, will deliver the lecture, which explores the intersection of systematic theology and practical theology.

### Marian Hymn Festival

**SEP  
8**

To commemorate our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, a festival of hymns celebrating Mary, Bearer of the Eternal Word, will be held in Church of Our Lady of Loretto.

### Christian Culture Lecture – Alice McDermott

**SEP  
19**

Saint Mary's will welcome award-winning novelist and Johns Hopkins University's writer-in-residence Alice McDermott for the annual Christian Culture Lecture. McDermott's novel, *The Ninth Hour*, has been selected as the One Book, One Saint Mary's for 2018. Join us to hear a prolific writer share her experience, as she explores faith and its impact on daily life.

### Pilgrimage to Le Mans, France

**NOV  
18**

Expand your faith through prayerful reflection as you journey with us to Le Mans, France where the Congregation of Holy Cross first began. We invite all alumnae, friends, and families to journey with us on nine-day pilgrimage, where you'll explore meaningful sites with prayerful contemplation following our pastorally-trained guide from Verso Ministries. This unique pilgrimage will allow you to take a trip back to our roots and develop a deeper understanding of Holy Cross spirituality.

### Closing Celebration

**DEC  
8**

Join us for a closing celebration of our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary, honoring the feast of the Immaculate Conception, as we reflect on where we've been and look toward the future.



## Cincinnati

The Saint Mary's Alumnae Club of Cincinnati has been on a roll with our year of service. In June, club members held a potluck dinner and game night with the women from the Off the Streets shelter house. The residents voluntarily join the program to transition from a life of prostitution and human trafficking to a healthy lifestyle. All the alumnae were very impacted by the personal stories of the residents. We are planning our third potluck dinner for the OTS program on Thursday, October 18.

To further support the Off the Streets program, the Cincy Club formed its first run/walk team for the Queen Bee half marathon on Saturday, October 13. A portion of the race entrance fees and money collected from sponsors will go to support the program. A big thank you goes to **Julie Taylor Critser '05** and our president, **Carrie Orr Chambers '06**, who organized our running team and practice runs. The alumnae running team also participated in two "Lap the Lanes" training runs on August 26 and September 24. Julie borrowed this idea from the Boston Club and the alumnae were able to collect donations of a couple hundred dollars as well as the emails of other SMC alumnae who happened to be walking by and saw our booth.



Another big thank you for **Andrea Dominello Remke '98**, who graciously hosted our first-year student send-off on August 12 in her beautiful home in Northern Kentucky. It was a lovely afternoon and the alumnae did not have to do any running, but were able to lay back and enjoy Kentucky bourbon slushies!



Our other big social gathering that we are looking forward to is our Epiphany party to be held Sunday, January 13, 2019. An Evite invitation with more details will be sent out a few weeks prior to the event. If you are in the Cincinnati area and are not receiving our Evites and want to be more involved, please contact **Carrie Orr Chamber '06** at [orr.carrie@gmail.com](mailto:orr.carrie@gmail.com).

## Cleveland

The Cleveland Akron Club had a busy summer season. We hosted a wine and paint event at Pinot's Palette in Olmsted Falls, OH. The attendants showed their hidden talents while painting a nature scene. Wine, laughs, and good times were shared. We were pleasantly surprised by the results. Who knew we had so many artists in the group?



We also hosted our annual student send-off event. A special thank you to **Maureen Karnatz Smith '85** for hosting. We gathered as alumnae to celebrate the Belles leaving for another successful year. Many sweet moments and memories were exchanged.

We are looking forward to several events in the coming months including the building of student care packages, Founders' Day, and a cookies and cocktails event. If you are new to the Cleveland/Akron area or live in the area and would like to participate, please contact club President **Miranda Oltmanns '16** at [moltma01@saintmarys.edu](mailto:moltma01@saintmarys.edu).

## Columbus

Greetings from the Columbus, OH Alumnae Club! We have some regular activities interspersed with special ones to talk about.

Every six weeks or so our Dinner plus Reading Group gets together. **Julie Radca Vieta '95**, **Amy O'Brien Mundt '88**, **Marilyn Murphy Messick '69**, and **Debbie Valentino Leach '78** are the usual suspects. **Sarah Hussey Ryan '89** joined us when we tried out The Bakery for dinner. Alumnae and family are always welcome. Picking a new restaurant and one that may match the locale or theme of the book we are reading are our objectives. We chat about everything under the sun. Julie, Amy, and Marilyn always read the book, sometimes I even read the books we pick, LOL! We met last on August 7 at Gallo's Kitchen and Bar. Great place. We read *The Alchemist* and *The Ninth Hour*. **Kay Moore Gibbons '62** and **Shelia Gibbons '88** joined us and we had an enjoyable evening! Our next book is *The Priest Barracks-Dachau*.

We held our Annual Spring Luncheon on Sunday, May 6 at The Worthington Inn, chaired by **Annie Sofranko '11** and **Colleen Lowry '11**. We had a wonderful turnout, and **Andrea Firth Plaskett '10** was our guest speaker. A few of the alumnae that donated items for our silent auction are: **Kay Moore Gibbons '62**, **Kathleen Gibbons '89**, **Shelia Gibbons '88**, **Annie Sofranko '11**, **Ave and Joel Sofranko** (parents of Annie), **Katie Vincer Sears '03**, **Jennifer Paluszak Hadden '96**, and

The Worthington Inn. We raised \$540 for our Erin Gibbons '86 Memorial Scholarship Fund.

We have another fundraiser for our scholarship fund called the 614 Challenge (our area code, held on June 14 every year). This year we raised \$1,995 from 23 donors. Since we hit our goal of more than 15 donors participating, we received an additional \$500 from local alumnae, adding a grand total of \$2,495 to the fund.

**Julie Wagner Feasel '89** and **Laura Reed Fattaleh '84** are planning upcoming events for both winter and spring to send goody bags to our Columbus Saint Mary's women to help relieve stress during their finals.

The Columbus Club wants to welcome any alumnae who have recently moved to the Columbus area, so please get in touch with us at our Facebook page, "Saint Mary's College Alumnae Club of Columbus"!

## Des Moines

The Des Moines Club hosted a Founders' Day event in October at the home of **Aimee Beckmann-Collier '75**. The club's tradition is to feature a presentation on a topic of special interest to club members. This year's session was given by Dr. Rachel Paine Caufield, associate professor of political science at Drake University. Rachel is an expert on American political institutions including Congress and the legislative process, judicial politics, and the American presidency. She has extensively studied the relationship between Congress and the Supreme Court, which made her an ideal speaker as alumnae sought to understand the forces at work in our three branches of government as we approach the mid-term elections and the seating of a new justice.

The club plans to engage in a service project in the spring. For further information about this and other club activities, contact Aimee at [aimee.beckmann-collier@drake.edu](mailto:aimee.beckmann-collier@drake.edu).

## Dallas

On August 11, the club hosted a send-off for the 10 (!) incoming and five returning students at the home of club President **Carole Dziminski Klautt '83**.





Look for the Membership Drive this fall and put our annual December 8 Mass and Dinner on your calendars now. Updates for the Football Watch Party with the ND Club, our book club, and possible wine tasting along with young alumnae events are forthcoming. Interested in getting more involved or new to the area, contact [c.klaudt@yahoo.com](mailto:c.klaudt@yahoo.com).

Belles Forever!

## Eastern North Carolina

The SMC Alumnae Club of Eastern North Carolina hosted its annual student send-off on Sunday, July 29 at the home of **Rose Gill Kenyon '76**. Although we have four current students from our area, only **Samantha Geaslen '19** was able to attend. Samantha was joined by alumnae from throughout the decades: **Sister Judy Hallock '65, CSC, Cathy Gibbons Morrissey '83, Sister Mary Margaret Weber '67, CSC, Marty Thompson Coe '64, Ellen Crowley '86, Rose Gill Kenyon '76, Mardi Hack '62, Judy Trippie Geaslen '84, Nancy Schwoyer McElroy '96, Kathy Hurley '74,** and **Megan Aldrup-MacDonald '11**, along with Megan's new baby boy, Archie. Congratulations, Megan!



Our book club remains active with a dedicated core group. All Belles are welcome!

## Grand Rapids

The Grand Rapids Alumnae Club held our annual student send-off on August 7 at the home of **Julie Geisler Burns '94. Nicole Dugan May '92** also helped host the evening event. There will be eight first-year students joining the class of 2022 from the Grand Rapids area. It was a fun and informational night for everyone in attendance. Local alumnae shared food and stories of their SMC days, and current students were there to provide friendship and up-to-date information to the students.

Our book group is still going strong. If you would like to join us or find out more information on our alumnae club, please contact our club president, **Tara Melichar Millar '90**, at [tmillar@comcast.net](mailto:tmillar@comcast.net).

## Long Island

Long Island Saint Mary's Alumnae Club has had a couple very successful recent events. Our spring event took place on Sunday, June 3 at a winery on the North Fork of Long Island. We had six alumnae, one current student, our incoming first-year, and various family and friends there. On July 25 we

celebrated our annual student send-off at the Murphy home. We had three (out of four) of our students there, five alumnae, and again family and friends as well.



We aim to continue with these quarterly events with a Founders' Day mass and brunch in the fall and a Christmas party in the winter.



Are you on Long Island and interested in being involved with our alumnae club? We would love to have you. Feel free to contact **Laura Halland Murphy '84** at [wplus5@aol.com](mailto:wplus5@aol.com) for more information about involvement and upcoming events.

## Los Angeles

The LA Club has been hosting gatherings in Orange County to invite greater participation from OC members. The gatherings have alumnae from LA and OC.

We held our annual send-off for new first-year students, always an inspiring gathering of alumnae and current students who share their passion for SMC with the new students.

Our 2018 Holy Cross ornament is really lovely. The 2019 ornament will be available at the Shaheen Bookstore in May 2019 and online from our club at the same time. Go to [saintmaryslacub.com](http://saintmaryslacub.com) to order your ornaments.

## Nashville

The Nashville Alumnae Club would like to organize a leadership team to assist with social outings, a book club, local service work, community outreach, and student support. If you wish to volunteer your skills and expertise, please email **Monica Cannon Meeker '03** at [cannon.monica@gmail.com](mailto:cannon.monica@gmail.com).

## Pittsburgh

We are always looking to gather new members and expand our contacts. Please email [pghmsclub@gmail.com](mailto:pghmsclub@gmail.com) to provide your updated contact information or to join. By doing so, you will be sure to receive news about upcoming programs.

## South Bend

The South Bend Club started the year by celebrating the Class of 2022 at its annual first-year send-off! We extend our many thanks to **Angeline Johnson Daley '07** and her husband, Dave Daley (ND '06), for hosting this lovely event at their home. Club members have also already made their way onto campus to welcome first years and partner with Saint Mary's Office for Civic and Social Engagement. Alumnae spent an afternoon assisting first-year students complete small projects for a variety of nonprofits around the South Bend area. These projects were fun for all involved and also allowed students to get a glimpse of the volunteer opportunities available to them during their time on campus.



Prior to the summer break our annual picnic was hosted at Potawatomi Park in South Bend. This picnic also served as the club's Annual Meeting. Members were updated on club news, membership, and finances. Officers elected in 2017 for a two-year term remain in their positions for the 2018–2019 club year and are as follows: President, **JudeAnne Wilson Hastings '96**; President-Elect, **Lauren Magnifico Melancon '06**; Treasurer, **Jessica Stuijbergen Piser '99**; and Recording Secretary, **Jo Ann MacKenzie '69**. All other club chairs have also decided to remain on the board with the exception of the Fundraising Chair; the club is actively looking to fill this role.

The club is looking forward to an exciting 2018–19, full of new activities targeting specific alumnae interests such as a book club, educational opportunities, and service projects. The club calendar will be updated in early to mid fall with the rollout of a new club website!

Our ongoing fundraiser continues to be a success! The South Bend Club has partnered with ADesign & Sons, owned by **Anne Hesslerau Dondanville '82**, to offer alumnae the original French Cross jewelry, including necklaces, earrings, and bracelets. These beautiful pieces are the perfect gift for a fellow Belle or even yourself! The best part: 40 percent of each purchase goes to the South Bend Alumnae Club Scholarship Fund that awards annual scholarships to current Belles from the St. Joseph region. Jewelry can be viewed and purchased on our website [smcsclub.com](http://smcsclub.com).

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Yearly dues are \$30 and new alumnae are free for the first year. Dues are not required to attend events but are encouraged to help defray event costs and build our scholarship fund. Dues-paying members will also see additional incentives at events throughout the year. Dues can be paid online at [smcsclub.com](mailto:smcsclub@gmail.com) or by mailing a check to **Regina Mauck '14** at 1321 Enchanted Forest Street, South Bend, IN 46637.

If you are new to the South Bend area or live here and want to join the fun, please contact the club at [smcsclub@gmail.com](mailto:smcsclub@gmail.com), visit [smcsclub.com](http://smcsclub.com), and Like us on Facebook at "Saint Mary's College South Bend Alumnae Club" for upcoming events and club news.

## Southwest Florida



Notre Dame Club of Naples hosted the first SWFL Saint Mary's Club Send-off joined by members and officers of the Naples and Fort Myers Notre Dame Club. The students and their families were **Natalie Frye '22**, **Hannah Sullivan '22**, **Teresa Niehaus '20**, and **Bernadette Niehaus '22**. It was a great day and wonderful event!

Interested in getting involved and engaging with other Saint Mary's women in Southwest Florida? We are working on developing events for you to do just that. Contact **Tricia Pavlik Duray '77** at [tricia@triciaduray.realtor](mailto:tricia@triciaduray.realtor) for more information.

## Washington, DC

In April the Washington, DC Club hosted President Cervelli for a lovely event and reception at the Dumbarton House. It was a beautiful event where alumnae enjoyed their time together and heard about all the wonderful things happening on campus! New to the DC area? Looking for more DC Club information? Email us at [smc.dc.club@gmail.com](mailto:smc.dc.club@gmail.com) and follow us on Facebook (SMC Washington, DC Alumnae Club).



**Thank you for sharing your news with us and for participating in our dynamic alumnae community. As a rule we do not censor Class News. This section is intended to be an avenue for self-reporting of life occurrences. The content or positions of these submissions do not necessarily reflect the views of the College, the Office of Alumnae Relations, or the Courier staff.**

## 1952

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**Joanne Bryan MacDonald** wrote: "2018 has been a year of staying home, managing my simple life, and recovering from a lung virus I caught last January. I was in the hospital for a short time but had a nine-week recovery period and still am not back to normal days. I'm working on patience.

"My life's pace has slowed a lot but I make an effort to continue to learn and so I enjoy *The Great Courses*, *Smithsonian*, and *National Geographic* magazines and an occasional book or two. My vision continues to be a challenge but I'm still living a fairly normal life. My family has spread out and now live in the northeast, the south, the Midwest, Mexico, and the Pacific Northwest. I always thought that at least one would stay in Indiana!

"I was sorry to have missed our last Saint Mary's Reunion but I enjoyed the photos sent to my computer and looked at them many times. The campus is beautiful and so are my cherished memories. I wish all of you, my classmates, good health and happy days."

**Barbara Callahan Johnson** wrote: "So glad to see that you are compiling the class news. It's been a busy summer for me and my family. In June we celebrated my son, Monsignor Tom's, 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the priesthood in the archdiocese of Detroit. Afterwards several of our families spent a week on the beautiful Leelanau Peninsula up north. I am planning to see **Mary Berners Kishler** and **Julie Skelly Fries** for lunch within the next few weeks to catch up on all the news. I will be returning to Sun Valley, ID in September and cheering on the Irish with my grandsons each Saturday. Wishing all my classmates good health and happiness this fall. Go Irish."

From **Mary Dvilaitis Blanford**: "No news is good news. I'm still standing and mobile. A cruise at the end of February, Baltimore over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and Oceanside the end of August. Hope we can get together as always for lunch. And that **Mary Jean Wallace Paxton** and **Mary Musante Kraemer** are able to also join us (another classmate for just the freshman year)."

From **Loretta Jo Brazaitis Ebert**: "Unfortunately, I haven't been traveling. Had a couple of falls that slowed me down, ending up with a fractured pelvis and a program of rehabilitation. I have someone staying with me until I get more agile. My son Christopher has had family problems with a wife with cancer and a son on crutches from two knee surgeries due to basketball injuries. But as always, God has managed to keep us going. My daughter

**Betsy Ebert Ballek '85** sends her love and a belated Happy Birthday. Peace.

From **Antoinette DiSalle Watkins**: "Thanks for stepping up, Lynn. Had a very good visit from all of my children and two grandchildren, Max, a policeman in Germany, and his sister Sarah, a freshman at Occidental College. Think of you often with affection. True joy. Health continues to hold. Love and prayers to all classmates."

From **Mary Jean Wallace Paxton**: "When public school classes begin this fall, I will be assisting as a volunteer tutor in the AVID program at Oceanside High School. I usually work with students who wish to discuss problems they are having in biology or chemistry. One of our current alumnae who lives in Oceanside has been in AVID. Her sister is either still in it or recently graduated. Got a phone call from the family of the late **Patrician Dean Huddleston**. She and I were kindergarten classmates, so we go way back. She entered the nursing program at Saint Mary's, so her graduation was a year after ours."

From **Dorothy Murnane McMahon**: Talked a bit with Dor and she informed me that she's still helping those in need in Naples, FL where she's lived for many years. She continues teaching French and Spanish off and on. She's trying to avoid falling since her recovery is quite slow.

Our classmate **Mary Cash Straub** died on April 2 after a very long battle with Alzheimer's. She met her husband Joe as a Notre Dame student and they were married in our senior year — each coming back every five years for their respective reunions. They have a large family and Mary was not only the family organizer but also faithfully active in church and service activities.

**Mary Berners Kishler** called already thinking ahead in coming back to Saint Mary's for our 70<sup>th</sup> Reunion, and encouraging all who can to do so. Never too early to start preparing. She said her family had their 51<sup>st</sup> reunion in Door County, WI early summer with two sons sailing and powerboating their way there rather than the usual highways.

I've been blessed with a six-month golden doodle puppy and named her Grace. Her 11-year-old therapy dog tutor and big brother, Caleb, is exceptional in teaching her and an immense help to me. I'm trying to help with our Saint Mary's club activities, primarily our book group, and Christmas tea and cookie exchange. It's good to hear from many of you. Please continue keeping in touch so I can spread the news to all our classmates.

## 1954

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**Joan Rossi's** grandniece Darby Evans, who has an MA from Notre Dame's Ace Program, has been teaching at St. Charles Borromeo in Harlem, NY and has accepted a job at Notre Dame. Maybe we'll see something of Joan in South Bend now?





**Mary (Midge) Myler Russo** drove from Aurora to meet Joan's family in Yorktown on Father's Day. Midge and Joan drove back to Joan's and Midge stayed the night. During their visit, they took in a program at the Cernan Center Museum at Triton College, spectacular in more ways than one, and since they were the only ones in attendance, the scientist presenting the program gave them her undivided attention, happy to answer all questions. (If you are ever interested, let Joan know!)

**Jane Flynn Carroll** says she doesn't hear from anyone but that's because she hasn't called anyone. (Anyone else have the same problem and problem/answer?)

In May, Jane visited with her three sons, two of whom live in Huntinghead Beach, and with Chuck, who drove over from Phoenix.

Jane says she's really missed her house and the quiet and privacy. She plans to move in October to a duplex in Dundee that a friend owns and who lives there. The townhouse she's living in was a temporary choice because she couldn't find anything to buy or rent!

She was asked to help parishioners at St. Catherine's plan their funeral liturgies when a loved one dies. "I've found it very rewarding," she says. "At first I really didn't want to commit because there is no set schedule!"

**Mary Ann Kramer Campbell** writes that **Mary Beth Adler Wilhelmi's** brother Joe was killed in a July auto accident.

**Rose Marie Murphy Foley** writes, "So good to talk to you, Ann, and we didn't even mention any ailments! As I told you, we are going to Michigan City for the annual family get-together. There will be 18 of us not including visitors who stop in for a drink and a meal. After 210 years, we are getting a little better in organizing. We think a lot about ordering out!

"I am again on the parish council and we have now had to make some adjustments on our Mass times since we are sharing a priest with a neighboring town. I think that's happening throughout the diocese.

"No travel plans ... grandson getting married in Peoria in September ... not exactly one of those travel destination weddings, but it feels like it.

"None of this is worth repeating but I really like hearing about everyone else! P.S. It is 20 years we've been getting together at the beach ... not 210 ... it only feels like it!"

**Patricia Gannon Scully** reminds us, just in case she didn't, she lost both her dogs, Anna and Elle, six weeks apart this year. She finds herself looking for them when she comes home and still hates coming home to a dogless house and misses their company. Those with dogs will empathize with her. Maybe she'll look for a puppy or young one in the fall.

On a happy note, four of Patricia's children are now back in the valley, within hugging distance. Patricia says one can never have too many hugs. She's been busy traveling and visiting with family: "Went camping with youngest son, Bill, and his wife over the Fourth of July, up to the North Rim, and a day trip to Bryce Canyon. Had a great week. Loved showing them the sights as neither of them

had been there before. Great weather, awesome scenery, and some limited hiking. Flying up to Colorado mid-August for a grandson's wedding. Went to Montana to another grandson's college graduation this middle of May. Wonderful visit with oldest son, Bud, and his family who live there. Saw a variety of wildlife both there and at The Rim."

Patricia is reading Carl Zimmer's *She Has Her Mother's Laugh*. She says it is fascinating nonfiction about heredity. It's not a quick read, but very well documented. She says she's well and still playing with clay and having some fun experimenting with making jewelry.

How about this final thought from Jane Austen and **Patricia Gannon Scully**: "When a book is well written, it's often too short:"

## 1955

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**Pat Berta Bowers** is living in a retirement community of people over 55 at which there are several widows. She owns her own home yet not the land. There are many people with whom to interact. Walking can be a challenge as she has had problems with both hips and knees. However, she gets out to see the sights as much as she can and encourages us all to do the same. She has two sons, one in California and one in North Carolina with two grandchildren ages 12 and 15.

**Joan Peters Brehaney** regretted she was not in a position to talk much. However, she wanted to be remembered by all and would be grateful for any prayers sent her way.

**Bernadette Tracy Crowe** is in good health and retired many years ago and still lives in her own home. She downsized after her husband, whom she described as a marvelous man, died; however, she is happy to have nice young people in the neighborhood. Three of her four children live in the East, one being in California, and has eight grandchildren. She is busy with many volunteer programs for the poor and needy and is now interested in what people's stance is on the gun issue. Could be a very lively discussion among classmates, I imagine!

**Pauline Donovan** fell a while ago and fractured her knee. She is happy that it has healed on its own without surgery and hospitalization. Next month she is going to Philadelphia to visit her brother and to Minnesota in October to celebrate her birthday. She has lived in a retirement community called University Village for about 11 years. She currently enjoys independent living; however, will be able to move to assisted living if need be. She is happy she made this move already, as she has learned from her father, "Better too soon than too late." She plays bridge and mahjong as well as attends a computer class once a week. She loves her iPad and is always learning something new. I need to heed her example and take some computer classes myself.

**Wilma Burke Epstein** is certainly a role model for all of us. She is so vivacious and filled with spirit. She

was entertaining her cousin and wife when I called and yet took time to visit with me. She will celebrate her birthday on August 8, and on August 9 she and her husband Milton will celebrate their wedding anniversary. To honor these occasions they are flying to Copenhagen and will cruise to six countries. They will end up in an hermitage in Saint Petersburg. Lucky you, Wilma, wish we could all join you. Hope it is fun! Wilma is still working and recently did a commercial for an Italian lingerie company. She has appeared on the Today Show with Al Roker as well as worked with Sarah Jessica Parker. She and Milton have been in a film in which Steve Young won "Best Director" award. Wilma has a great attitude and is grateful to God for all her blessings and reminds herself each morning that "Today is the Best Day of My Life!" Good example for all of us to follow, as well as to follow her example of praying for others who are less fortunate. She sends her love to all her classmates.

## 1957

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One common thread for many is grandchildren graduating and getting married and those activities have kept many of us busy. This summer **Irene O'Leary Van Beckum** was occupied with weddings of two grandsons, one in Boulder, CO and the second in Holland, MI. In March she enjoyed several visits with Larry and **Mary Ann O'Loughlin Szydlowski** when all were vacationing in Marco Island, FL. As Mary Ann said, "You feel like 18 again as you share breakfast or whatever with a good friend."

Recently **Judy Hanks Maus** came through Chicago after a family vacation in Michigan and **Josie Murphy Vorda** and I met her for lunch. Judy reported five grandchildren's graduations celebrated this May. We were happy to visit also with Judy's daughters, **Catherine Maus '81** and Susan Maus Pratto (ND '82), and Lisa Twesme, daughter of the late **Mary Kay Hanks Hogan '56**.

In June the annual reunion of our Trinity High School (River Forest, IL) class was at **Peggy Kearin Carey's** Long Beach, IN home. Among the lucky attendees were **Janet O'Connell McCue**, **Katie Adele Perry**, **Dee Kiley LeFevour**, and I. Dee and Peggy both had grandchildren graduate this May from the University of Dayton. Sam and **Rosemary Knope Trippe** went to California for a grandson's wedding in January. Then in February their Florida plans were cut short by Rosemary's unexpected need for heart surgery. By the time I heard and spoke to her, she was well on the way to recovery and anxious to resume driving.

**Mary O'Connor** has been kept busy helping others in their educational paths. She has been tutoring students at the local (Palo Alto, CA) community college who need to pass an English proficiency class before working on an AA degree. Mary is also tutoring fifth-grade math at her local Catholic school. Still the student, Mary spent eight days in Washington, DC on a Road Scholar program, "Inside American Diplomacy with the Foreign

Service." While there, Mary had dinner with the late **Sheilamae Shannon O'Hara's** oldest grandson, who is an electrical engineer working for the patent department.

This June brought news of the death of **Ruth Keefe Herman's** 93-year-old brother, Jack Keefe. Jack was the father of three including Tom, who is married to **Kathleen Ann Kennedy '01**. The funeral was near me in River Forest so I was able to attend, as did **Peggy Kearin Carey**. We did visit briefly with Ruth and had the opportunity to meet two of her sons, Bill and Tom. Following the funeral, Ruth was visited in Washington, DC by Bill's son Greg from Ft. Collins, CO, where he is finishing up his PhD in atmospheric science. In August Greg will be in China to play bridge as a member of the US bridge team.

At this point in preparing the column, I had used up all my information. My email appeal for news brought an awesome response. God bless you! It seems that many are still gadding about! John and **Jacqueline Buckley Hobbs** recently visited NYC for the first time since they were on their way to Bermuda on their honeymoon. They did all the typical tourist things: a Broadway show, buggy ride in Central Park, and great restaurants and loved it all. One of their granddaughters, an ND grad, is a principal of a school in California and is teaching a summer school class at ND. **Ann Schultheis Massey** and **Rosemary Shonk Brandt** both attended the 65<sup>th</sup> reunion of their class at Logan (OH) High School. Ann told me that in the middle of the invitation letter was one paragraph with only one sentence: "This will probably be our last planned reunion." She said it was amazing to learn how that one sentence prompted many to attend. Talk about an attention-getter! In August Rosemary and her daughter are taking a cruise to Key West and Cuba.

**Bobbi Frederick Black** did get to her son Lee's youngest daughter's high school graduation in California, before spending the summer in Mancos, CO. Her next trips will be the United Airlines Clipped Wings Convention in New Jersey in September and an October visit with high school classmates in South Carolina.

**Jeannine Timko Lechner's** granddaughter and her husband are living with Jeannine for a year while the newlyweds save up their own nest egg. Jeannine describes them as "easy to live with and a great help with computer issues." (I doubt that she has many she can't solve!) She is traveling in August to Indiana to visit her sister, near Indianapolis, where she hopes it will be green. As she said, "Summer is not the season for green in California."



**Mary Baker Culhane** really blew my mind with the wonderful news of a mini reunion in South Bend last May of nine of our classmates who weren't able

to attend our 60<sup>th</sup>. In addition to Mary, the following were there: **Margaret Brown Anderson, Mary Jo Cleary Maddux, Charlotte Lepetit Jacobs, Elizabeth (Bane) Eichelberger McCormick, Kate O'Toole, Jan Feldpausch Cavanaugh, Mary Camblin Crean, and Julie Dittoe Schmidlin.**

**Barbara Geary** is resurrecting and presenting her "Gottschalk Gala," a narrated piano concert about Louis Moreau Gottschalk, an American composer-pianist who was celebrated on three continents during the time of Abraham Lincoln. Barbara has been an environmental activist for decades and is focused now on the public health effects of the proliferation of wireless. **Nancy Frank** continues to enjoy life in Arizona. After she retired from 35 years of teaching fourth graders, she continued tutoring in her former school for another 25 years. This year a knee problem forced her to retire. I loved her comment, "Teaching was the perfect career for me." What a gift for Nancy and for all the students she impacted. **Julie Bohan Allen** reported that she was awaiting news of the arrival of her second great-grandchild. Congratulations, Julie, on another milestone honor that an increasing number are sharing. I asked for reading suggestions in my email and Julie replied with *Flat Broke with Two Goats*, by Jennifer McGaha, which she described as "different and enjoyable."

**Pat Bauervic Leonard** is another proud grandmother on the wedding circuit. Grandson Peter was married in Dallas in April. Pat has enjoyed many family visits at their Traverse City, MI summer home. Life is much quieter in winter at their farm in Suttons Bay. This does provide Pat with time to continue her study of homeopathic medicine, which has been her great interest for over 40 years as well as keeping up with classmates such as **Janet O'Connell McCue** and **Theresa Binkley Byrne**. Theresa also emailed in a summary of life: "My fun days at Saint Mary's are always with me. Still enjoy fun — with lots of tennis, biking, boogie boarding on nearby ocean, and working at Trader Joe's. Sneak in daily Mass and contact with seven kids, eight grand and three great." Wow, Theresa, we should all be as lucky (and positive). I think that is a perfect way to end our class column.



Standing: Sisters Anne White Maysak and Mary White '55.  
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1959

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*After print and delivery of the Summer Courier, it was brought to our attention that we inadvertently omitted the bulk of the 1959 Class News. The Courier staff would like to extend its sincerest apology for the error. We have included the missing content at the beginning of this column.*

The first of the year brought sad news from South Bend. In an email dated February 15, 2018, **Rosemary Zirille Spalding** wrote, "I am writing to let you know that David died Tuesday evening (two days before) from his terrible lung disease. He died peacefully in the hospital with wonderful nurses providing comfort care and surrounded by all our large family." David practiced family medicine for 34 years in the Mishawaka area and leaves five children and 19 grandchildren. David and Rosie were high school sweethearts and married June 6, 1959. We are sorry for your loss, Rosie.

**Jackie Baumer Berg** and Tom took a cruise in March that docked in Cuba for a day. She writes that Cuba is a poor country — wages are about \$50 a month, but the people love their music and celebrations. Their tour bus was careful to let them see only what the government wanted them to see. Jackie keeps in touch with **Alice Broucek**, who lives in The Villages in Florida, but she is looking to move closer to family because of a debilitating arthritis problem. **Mary Hughes Enright** and Bud have moved into a new home attached to their daughter's in West Newbury, MA. "And just in time since he broke his back twice last year, and the dementia is a struggle."

**Rosalie Riegle** writes, "A few of us were able to meet for a December luncheon at Terza Piano, the lovely restaurant in the Chicago Art Institute. **Betsy Finneran Kennedy** came from Michigan City, **Peg Broughton McGrath** from Ottawa, and **Mary Scuderi Loughran** from Oak Park. **Gerry Dunn Leinenweber** and I drove in from Evanston, and **Carol Podesta Foley** joined us for a while, taking time from a busy day at the office. **Barb Morrissey Kelly** had planned on coming but the date somehow went on her calendar incorrectly." Rosalie's broken vertebrae have healed well, so 2017 was a year of travel for her, which included time in Michigan to visit with **Annette Saylor** and a trip of a lifetime to Thailand.

**Jeanne Pflaum Gnuse** sent fliers of her singing career: Cabaret on Tour at the New Canaan Inn and Sing Your Heart Out at the Unity Center in Norwalk, CT. She and Tom travel quite a bit and are giving thought to retirement from the investment business they started 25 years ago. **Mary Moran Smith** visited with **Connie Roller Curtin**, who lives nearby. "She's doing as best she can with her oxygen tanks. Her son lives with her now, which is good." Mary traveled with a Notre Dame-sponsored cruise to England in June and has rented a beach condo here in Dana Point, CA, in hopes she can get her family together in July.



**Marge Liebrich O'Connor** spent her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in the hospital with A-fib, etc., which necessitated an ablation. A week later she suffered a mild stroke that affected her right arm. It is better but, as she writes, "Life for me is not the same." Husband Bob is 91 and doing well in spite of some dementia. Her 55-year-old daughter was operated on for a brain tumor in August, which was successfully removed. **Carol Cruise** stays busy with craft shows. Her Spirit Dolls are very popular because she uses discontinued decorator fabric destined for the landfill. Her goal is to get these dolls into high-end craft galleries. She writes, "I'm still teaching all the time at the sewing machine dealer in San Jose, CA, and while the idea was not original with me, groups all over the country are using one of my bear patterns to make Memory Bears from the clothing of a person who has passed on. I have no plans to retire. I love what I do! Just let me sit at my sewing machine and create and I'm happy."

**Mary K. Moran Gaudet** is busy building a new home. It is smaller than her present home and closer to several children. She plays a lot of tennis and some golf and continues to volunteer with Assistance League in Denver. Her year has been filled with travel and visits with friends and family. It also included a mini-reunion in October with **Mary Sheets Klinkose**, **Peg Stratton Burleigh**, and **Mary (Meg) Stone Longtine** to celebrate their 80<sup>th</sup> birthdays for four days in Charleston, SC. In her Christmas card Peg writes, "We toured historical homes and gardens for two afternoons down in the Battery. Ate at some great restaurants and just talked about everything. We all feel so fortunate to be in the good health we are and able to do these things." Amen to that!

**Sally Marie Brown** is enjoying her new CCRC (continuing care retirement community) and serves on two committees: the Drama Club, learning the light board, and co-host for an hour-long in-house TV program called *This Week*. "Learning to read off a teleprompter is an adventure, looking relaxed at the same time." She will be meeting **Liz Mahler Keenan** soon to celebrate their 81<sup>st</sup> birthdays.

**Marty Gillis Esrig** is enjoying her first great-grandchild. "We try to keep in touch with our grandchildren, but everything must be in texting. No one answers a phone anymore." Cruising and bridge keep Marty and Aaron busy.

Bob and **Katie Hall Kilcullen** have moved from Texas to Colorado and into a transitional living apartment in a retirement community in Denver to be closer to children and family. "Bob is holding his own, still working with his art, and I am able to participate in more activities." **Pat Wilson Fastiggi** was feted with a surprise 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in South Texas, where she winters. She was presented with a replica of a charm bracelet that she lost many years ago. It included a Saint Mary's charm so I was in on the secret and I steered her daughters to the bookstore on campus to find a replacement. Pat has put her mostly unused condo on Lake Champlain up for rent. She is looking forward to a little more income and fewer places to keep clean.

We offer our prayers and express our sympathy to the families of four departed classmates. **Anne Marie O'Donnell** passed away on December 15, 2017. **Marilyn Manion Thies** on November 7, 2017, and **Sharon McGee Sitton Bradshaw** on

June 23, 2018. Sharon was suffering from a brain disease called Alexia (she was blind and confined to a wheelchair) and her death was precipitated by a bad fall. She leaves behind her husband, four children, 12 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Following graduation she moved with her first husband to Southern California and we became fast friends throughout the years — raising our children together, playing bridge, and spending summers at the beach. I will miss her. I just got word that **Michelle (Mickey) Bassell Musler** passed away on June 28, 2018 from cancer. Mickey, from Connecticut, only spent freshman year with us. She roomed with **Mary Schaeffer Conroy**, **Rose Marie Mudd Nickodemus**, and **Sandra Forbes Olson**. Her obituary appeared in the New York Times with the headline "Michelle Musler, Courtside Perennial in the Garden, Is Dead at 81." Her four-decade devotion to the New York Knicks made her one of the most recognizable mainstays at Madison Square Garden. In addition to working at Xerox and running her own consulting company, she worked for Chase Manhattan Bank, Warner Communications, and PepsiCo. She is survived by three daughters, two sons, and three grandchildren.

In addition, there are two family deaths to report. **Geraldine Ference Wroblewski** lost her husband James November 18, 2017, and **Colleen Taffee Goldkamp Harmon** lost her oldest daughter **Ann Goldkamp Lamb '85** very unexpectedly this month, July 10, 2018. Please remember them in your prayers.

**Sue Brown Bapst** writes that she is very happy in Bent Tree, GA, where she has lived for 21 years, and will probably stay as long as she is healthy and can drive the mountains and winding roads. On the other hand, **Gerry Dunn Leinenweber** has moved to a new assisted-living home in Chicago called Norwood Crossing. **Carol Podesta Foley** writes, "Still have nine grandchildren in college (two at SMC and one at ND). Still working but some of next generation have joined Podesta and Company. I talk to **Betsy Finneran Kennedy** often and talked to **Carol Lucas Dunne** a few weeks ago. Also had brunch with **Katie Hall Kilcullen** and her brother in Chicago a few months ago."

**Betsy Finneran Kennedy** wintered in Bonita Springs, FL again this year. Her family visited in shifts and she enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren in small groups. I mentioned to Betsy that my daughter Bettina, who lives in Naples, works at the Bay Colony Beach Club and she in turn said that **Kathleen Burke Welsh** was a seasonal member there. Then I heard from Kathleen and she promises to look Bettina up when she and Bob return in the fall. I heard from **Laura Hartigan Kennedy '85** with the exciting news that her mom, **Pat Whealan Hartigan**, was celebrated recently for her 25 years of service to the Community Assistance Center in Atlanta, GA. The CAC provides assistance to people experiencing financial hardship. To quote the words of the CEO, "Pat started volunteering and was soon involved in every facet of the organization. Pat exemplifies the true spirit of giving; she is generous in every way humans can be generous with time, treasure, and talent. I don't ever recall Pat saying no to a request for extra help, additional time, new jobs, and what is more important I don't ever recall Pat not being kind and having a good sense of humor. When Pat is at CAC all you can see

is her kindness." Congratulations, Pat! Laura says she and Pat went to visit Paris last year and she hopes to drag her to the ND-Navy game in San Diego in October.

**Mary Schaeffer Conroy**, who kindly sent me Mickey's obit, writes that she is in touch with both **Rose Marie Mudd Nickodemus** and **Sandra Forbes Olson**, a renowned Chicago neurologist, by phone. She and her husband Tom maintain a home in Cherry Hills, CO, but have lived in Zurich, Switzerland, for the last 4½ years because of Tom's affiliation with a life insurance company he helped found there. Mary became emeritus from her position as full professor of Russian history at the U. of Colorado in 2005, but keeps busy publishing books and articles on the political sector and the pharmaceutical industry in Imperial and Soviet Russia. She also continues to teach courses on Russian history to lifelong learners in the Denver area and serves on the Opera Colorado Board. She and Tom will be spending time in Bermuda next year as his company has been fully domiciled there. They have a daughter in Brookfield, IL and another in Delaware and four grandchildren.

I am enjoying **Rose Marie Mudd Nickodemus's** tour of Spain on Facebook. She is traveling there with her son and family, taking lots of great photos. Had a fun visit with **Mary Moran Smith** two days ago. She and her entire family traveled from Arizona and rented a beach house for a week about five miles from my house. She's planning a trip to Italy and then scheduling knee replacement surgery when she returns. Spoke with my sister **Betty Benford Belfiore** yesterday. Her husband has been in and out of the hospital/rehab since a fall on July 3. This column will appear in the Fall/Winter issue—let's hope he is better by then. Time to give some thought to Reunion 2019 — 60 years!

## 1961

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I received a very interesting email from **Julia Armstrong Zwart** that outlined her serving as a member of the Santa Cruz County Civil Grand Jury that functions as a citizen watchdog group to ensure that elected officials and public agencies in the county are operating effectively and efficiently. Serving on the jury took a lot of hours each week but seeing the positive effects of their efforts made all the hard work worthwhile.

On a lighter note, Julia and **Susan Fitzgerald Rice** try to get together for lunch whenever Julia is in the LA area or Susan is in Monterey. It's always a pleasure catching up.

**Cathy Bliley Wright** wrote that since her retirement as a medical technologist, her life has been involved with caring for her mother and her husband Bruce. Cathy still sings in the choir at church, which has been her salvation since Bruce died. She hopes her voice lasts for many years to come. Most of them have been singing together for 18 years.

**Mary K. Biddle Aisthorpe** didn't have much news but wanted to spread the word about the Stephen

Ministry. It concentrates on people who need some TLC, and its primary purpose is to be a caregiver in a Christian manner to someone who is burdened, not to lift the burden but to be a listener. It does require 50 hours of class training plus time spent in preparation for the class, but she has learned so much. Maybe some classmates are looking for a way to give back.

**Karen Crotty** had a great trip to Ireland for an Irish study conference at University College Cork, followed by a glorious week on Achill Island, County Mayo.

While in Key Largo, escaping the Chicago chill of winter, **Bette Jo Sitzberger Gorman** and her husband enjoyed a visit from **Marylee Zahner Foley** and Howard. Marylee gave them lots of good tips for the garden that had taken a beating from the hurricane season. It was quality time with kindred spirits.

Visit [www.judyenright.com](http://www.judyenright.com) to see **Judy Halter Enright's** painting featured on the cover of the Poetry Society.

**Sue Eyerly Pichler** wanted to share three great authors and their books that she discovered in 2018:

1. *The House of Angels*, *The Hummingbird's Daughter*, and *Into the Beautiful North* by Luis Alberto Urrea;
2. *Cloudstreet* and *The Shepherd's Hut* by Tim Winton;
3. *The Land Breakers* by John Ehle.

**Colleen (Connie) Sheridan McCabe** wrote from Montana that she was looking forward to mid-August when **Mary Maley Burgess** and **Barb Burke Dunn** would arrive to see the sights in Great Falls and the Waterton Lakes National Park in Canada. A visit to Glacier National Park and Connie's cabin on Lindbergh Lake in Swan Valley was also planned.

While visiting Saint Mary's and Notre Dame with her husband and dining at Legends, **Mary Altenburg Leroux** saw a familiar face across the room — the face belonged to **Sister Mary Ellen Vaughan, CSC**.

Thank you to all who answered my request for news. Please keep me updated on any changes in your email address or other contact information.

## 1962

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I woke up on June 6 not feeling my usual self. Told my husband Jean how I felt: tired and mild pain in upper chest. He took me to our primary doctor, who took my blood pressure, examined me, and told us to go to the local Elmbrook Hospital emergency room. I ended up staying in the hospital two days/

nights — I had a "mild HEART ATTACK!" I am now learning how to live as a cardiac patient! Taking a handful of meds, will go to cardiac rehab in mid-August. (Couldn't get in their schedule until then.) I am healing and I am walking indoors around the house and outdoors to the mailbox and around the neighborhood. Following doctor's orders.

Classmates, PLEASE send me or Saint Mary's College/Courier editor YOUR news. If NO NEWS, we will have no column.

## 1963

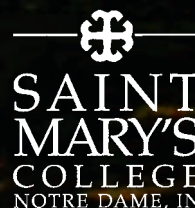
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Participating in the 24<sup>th</sup> Sun Valley Writers Conference last July was **Joan Dorgan**, who had prioritized this event on her bucket list for several years. Getting a spot was no easy feat and Joanie had kept an online vigil for the opening of registration. That was a wise move for, once opened, the online registration process was declared "sold out" in under four minutes! The programming lived up to Joanie's dreams. I attended up to six lectures a day, hearing Ken Auletta of *New Yorker* fame speak of how the ad business has been disrupted by technology and changes that are sweeping the worldwide media industry; Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer discuss the ways in

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which international legal norms can impact judicial decision making here; and Thomas Friedman describe how the accelerating forces of technology, worldwide markets, and climate change are sweeping the world." Joanie was moved as Jeffrey Brown of National Public Radio and the PBS *News Hour* interviewed Edwidge Danticat about growing up in Haiti, while Deborah and James Fallows shared hopeful anecdotes and insights from their journeys to small towns across America, where they were able to skirt around current political tensions and focus on the creative solutions and breakthroughs townspeople were making on the local level. Space constrains me from listing more of the speakers Joanie heard, but it was a wonderful transformative event for her: "a stunning experience of mingling with memoirists, journalists, historians, poets, novelists, Pulitzer Prize winners, and just regular folks like me who love to read and value imagination, curiosity, and humanity."

On other fronts, the Reunion surveys yielded news from folks not heard from in a while. **Susan Nelis Moylan** retired recently from her position as director of business and industry training at Elgin Community College in Illinois. Mother of four daughters (one an SMC graduate — **Martha Ann Moylan '98**), Sue also has the distinction of having won five local elections in Elgin, two for the City Council, where she served from 1985–93, and three to serve as trustee of the Gail Borden Public Library, a post she has held since 2009 to the present day. That's an impressive investment in civic life, Sue!

**Nancy Nees Carr**, who served as our campus nurse for a year way back when, wrote that she regretted not being able to attend the June Reunion. Nancy still feels enriched by her year of study at SMC. Now widowed and living in Indianapolis, Nancy counts raising her eight children as a singular personal triumph. Nancy, classmates hope you'll come for our 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion!

**Dona Duncan Hotopp** is playing a rewarding role for the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre as chair of the Education and Community Engagement Committee. The committee is breaking new ground in the ballet's programming for folks — young and old — who have special needs, whether autism, Parkinson's, or Alzheimer's. There are special activities and dance classes tailored for groups with a particular specialized need; there is thoughtful planning behind special performances. Dona gave me an especially striking example of a performance tailored for those on the autism spectrum: "We were the first ballet to offer a full-length Sensory Friendly Ballet Performance and we do it every year." When I asked her to elaborate, she said that for these children and adults, the performance features lower music and the lights are turned up, promoting less intense reactions aurally and visually. Costumes are modified a bit; for example, the Rat King in *Nutcracker* has regular rather than glowing eyes. Talking or moving around is not frowned upon; there is a low murmur in the audience as the kids react or ask their parents questions. So often, parents of special needs children feel their families must stay away from such events. It's no wonder that Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre is becoming a model for other cultural institutions across the country.

On yet another performance front, **Pat Greeley Lechman's** daughter and her husband, plus their three children, all appeared in The Nutcracker last Christmas. The San Pedro (CA) Ballet Company is where Misty Copeland — now the premiere ballerina of the New York City Ballet — got her start. We'll wait to hear if any of Pat's grandchildren develop a sustained passion for dance.

On the Reunion survey forms, **Dolores Cox Blohm** noted that she and her husband moved to Renton, WA to be nearer to their son and his family. Despite the arduousness of the decision making and the move, their new life is rich and rewarding as they watch their grandchildren grow and develop, and they attend the children's soccer games, school events, and birthday parties.

Finally, I wanted to note that over the past few years when I've requested news for *Courier*, several classmates have written me of enormous challenges they are facing in their lives but asked me not to share the information in our class column. I am sobered by what life is asking of them and ask you to pray for the continuing strength and resilience of all in our community of friends.

## 1964

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Dear Ladies,

**Marianne Elliott Morin** has become a GREAT GRANDMOTHER for the first time. Is there anyone else with that distinction?

**Bonnie Burns Elbersen** and her husband Terry (ND '59) have supported ND for 55 years in all weather and are now moving permanently to the Bonita Springs, FL area. **Barbara Koch Dumit** has a new knee just in time to enjoy 14 of her family arriving to Whidbey Island. If you are going that way, let her know.

**Kay Christenson Janiszewski** reported that some of her children and grandchildren climbed the Pyrenees between France and Spain to memorialize her father's climb in the winter of 1944 to escape occupied France after landing his disabled plane there. Kay also had the pleasure of **Janet Walton Gisleson** visiting with her two granddaughters: one working in Washington, DC and the other at MICA (the art school in Baltimore). Kay spent an R&R week on an island just south of Acadia National Park in Maine, admiring the glorious trees, water, and huge rocks.

**Auralea Sharrar Carroll** picked a small mountain town, FairPlay, CO, for a catch-up lunch with **Sally Diggles Muller** and **Kathy Pace Hiron**. The topic of their discussion was next June's 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion; they would like to attend. Begin thinking about it!

**Martha Thompson Coe** and her husband Charlie came to Chicago for a Marriage Encounter Conference and stayed with Kent and me for three days. I had a dinner party for them and invited: **Margaret (Sis) Reynolds McBride**, **Ellen Brown McBride**, **Roberta Limarzi Weinsheimer** and Bill, **Karen Mortimer Williams** and Dave, plus **Colleen Pierce Garard-Dahlem**. When **Nancy**

**Drew Sheehan** arrived in Chicago, Karen, Colleen, and I took her to the Art Institute to see the John Singer Sargent exhibit and had lunch. It is so special to have a rendezvous with the SMC ladies! **Karen Mortimer Williams** had an art exhibition in Evanston in July.

If you have seen a classmate or have crossed something special off your bucket list, let me know so we can all live vicariously! ENJOY each day! Love, love, MA. (Also if you have moved, changed your cell or regular telephone number or email, please tell me.)

## 1965

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**Terry Miltich Murphy** sends news: "Jack and I had a memorable trip to Croatia and Normandy last September. Such beautiful places! I am still playing piano at a retirement home and taking part in a piano camp at Peabody every July. Philadelphia daughter Tina hosted a party for my birthday last November, featuring a performance by Jennifer Campbell, a fabulous pianist, composer, and my Peabody teacher. **Pam White Ficarella** lives nearby and joined us for the festivities. What a treat to celebrate with her! I see neighbor **Maureen O'Brien Doyle '67** regularly and enjoy reminiscing about our experiences at Saint Mary's. Life is good in Williamsburg!"

"Despite our best efforts to be leisurely, neither Dave nor I were totally retired until this year," writes **Janine Renaud Burns**. "In January I completed a year-long consulting assignment with the board of an arts organization, and Dave helped the board of a multi-county care clinic hire an executive director. In retirement we planned extended exploration in Canada, using Toronto as a base; time with scattered family; and visits with friends. In August we're looking forward to a weekend with **Sue Sheridan Joyce** and Joe before they head to Montreal, then on to a cruise. The family's fine. Of course, life's also 'normal.' Dave fell a few weeks ago and is nursing two broken ribs. The first of September he'll begin nine weeks of radiation for prostate cancer. But we're happy, grateful for all we have, and looking forward to a time when respectful communication among those with difference perspectives is once again valued."

Another adventure for **Sheila Flynn Boone** and husband Michael: "We had an exciting drive back to South Bend in the spring, when Michael had a senior alumni meeting at ND. About an hour from home we got stranded in an unexpected, blinding snowstorm. Fortunately we were rescued by Julesburg, CO firemen and spent two nights on cots (along with 300 other folks) in their firehouse. The townsfolk were wonderful and took good care of us! When I-80 opened again, we set out for ND, where I met up with **Terry Failla Raymond**. Her husband is on the ND board, too. **Valerie Maracz Perrone** and I met **Elise Meyer** in Denver for lunch last week. **Kathleen McAnaney Campbell** was going to join us, but had to cancel at the last minute. We'll all get together again soon. We need to allow lots of time, because we get going and talk and laugh for hours!"

Michael and I are planning a trip to Cuba in October. Will let you know if it's 'Bucket List' worthy."

From **Barb Leahy Sutton**: "On a beautiful weekend in June, **Darlene Maria Currier**, **Joan Marskey Slattery**, and **Barbara Leahy Sutton** traveled to New York to visit **Nancy Wagner LaValle**. The weekend was filled with museums, theater, and a birthday celebration in honor of Nancy and her good friend Judy Norton at the New York Athletic Club. As always, the best part of being together was the conversation, the chance to reinforce the bond that we nurtured at Saint Mary's all those years ago."

"About to head out to Australia and New Zealand on a special 'Nana and Papa' trip with our two youngest grandsons (10 and 14)," writes **Judy Gerhart Lynch**. "Our oldest granddaughter chose London for her special trip when she was 16, and our older grandson chose Japan. We decided to take these boys at a younger age, realizing we may be much less mobile (and fun) when they are 16! We are so grateful for every day, and we dearly love retirement."

News from **Theresa Lyons Brosnan**: "I spent a month this past February with my niece in California because she had breast cancer. She had a double mastectomy and some lymph node involvement but not high enough, so she didn't have to have chemo or radiation. Prayers do work. My niece's goal was to go to Ireland with all of us, and we all just returned from a two-week self-guided tour that she devised! My sons went with me and my niece's family. There were nine of us altogether, and we had a fantastic time starting in Dublin seeing the Book of Kells, going south toward Waterford and Cork. This was my fifth time in Ireland, and I finally toured the Waterford factory. We had one laugh after another and were able to visit my cousins on my father's side and my husband's cousins in Kerry and my mother's side in Leitrim. We also saw Skellig Michael where *Star Wars* was filmed. I, however, did not climb the 600 steps! The trip itself was initiated because instead of a birthday party for my 75<sup>th</sup> birthday, we decided to go to Ireland. I continue to do my prison ministry and hope that someday I will be able to open the house for men on Cape Cod."

Some news from me, your trusty reporter! I had a great visit here at my home in Dixon, IL, with **Elise Meyer**. We spent some very enjoyable days, then Elise was off to visit **Karin Vanek Headley** in Indiana. In September Elise, myself, and **Judy Piers Locher** are taking an ND trip to Amalfi, Italy for 12 days. We can't wait! Recently I visited with **Judy Piers Locher** in Oregon. She and Bob have an absolutely beautiful place on top of a mountain and they are wonderful hosts. And, I had a great breakfast get-together with **Anne Harvey Lewis** a few weeks ago. It's always a delight to be with Anne. Her wit is as sharp as ever.

I was saddened to see a *Courier* office notice in our last issue that **Patricia Barcza Scharpf** passed away. It was only a couple of years ago that Patricia requested to be added to Lil's wonderful birthday email list. She also sent me some news. I do not know any details, but I will remember her as a gentle, sweet gal.

Here's a little mini-Reunion news from **Barb Kurien Wolfe**: "**Lyn Swetish Froning**, **Cindy Brown**

**Scott**, and I try to get together every year. This year we're meeting at Lyn's house in Birmingham, AL on October 21. Cindy lives in Seattle, me in Sarasota, FL, so we take turns traveling to each other's homes or sometimes Las Vegas."

My news from Brooklyn is a spectrum of blessings. From **Eileen Byrne Brennan**: "**Mary Jo Kircher Huck '64** and **Maureen O'Hara Pesta '64** visited during this past year and our home is now graced with two brilliant paintings. Mary Jo's watercolor hangs in our kitchen and Maureen's pastel is in our entrance hall. During my past academic years, segments of my analytic practice enriched my graduate and undergraduate curriculums. A few years ago one of my longitudinal case studies, 'Encountering Autism: Learning to Listen to the Fear,' was published as a chapter in *The Use of Psychoanalysis in Working with Children's Emotional Lives*. This text is still used as a primary reading in a nearby university in graduate and undergraduate courses in psychology and education. That seemed like 'old history' until today when academia contacted me to say that my study is now a 'highly referenced paper' currently cited in over 113 research papers. My academia ended about six years ago, while my psychoanalytic practice continues with about eight long-term patients. One full day, filled with grandparenting responsibilities, is the highlight of each week. Two of our three sons have given us three granddaughters to love and thoroughly enjoy. By invitation, I am currently working with a team of pastors to create a spectrum of K-12 curriculums that present 'Religion: Relevant After Graduation.' All of the above is rooted in, and driven by, total gratitude for all that Saint Mary's brought to my life."

Our Class of 1965 Memorial Scholarship is something to be very proud of, ladies. We now have a market value of over one million dollars. Thanks to all of you and your wonderful generosity.

## 1966

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It is always good to start a column with the news of a birth of a baby. **Carol Senda Damaso** recently became a first-time grandmother with the birth of granddaughter, Gia Damaso. Carol is already talking about Gia being a member of the Saint Mary's class of 2040.

**Anne Sheehan Garbarino's** granddaughter Danielle is spending the summer with **Maureen Rodgers Budetti** in Washington, DC. Danielle spent two years at Saint Mary's. At present, Danielle is interning with a law firm in the DC area. At a recent Washington, DC book group, Maureen saw **Carol Smither Mansfield**.

The other two SMCers, **Kate O'Hara Aubert** and **Anne Liess Hoover**, were traveling at the time.

Speaking of traveling, **Shirley Yancey Kloefer** planned a trip to Spain to take the Pilgrimage El Camino de Santiago de Compostela from St. Jean Pied De Port. In her note, Shirley said that she was preparing herself physically, mentally, and spiritually.

She travelled with a fellow Peace Corp friend. Shirley received her doctorate in Spanish from Indiana University. At present, she is program director at La Casa Amigo in Madison, IN.

**Sue Armel Haley**, who spends her winters in Naples, FL, shared news that **Melinda Rohrmann Lorenzen** recently moved to Sarasota, FL. **Carol Flaherty Angelotti** also lives in Sarasota. Sue said that each year **Kathy Bayer Harnisch** and Jim (ND '64) visit Florida for a time in the winter. This year Sue was looking forward to a mini Notre Dame '65 reunion in Hilton Head, SC. Several of Sue's roommates married fellows from the class of 1965.

**Sharon Priester Lewert** sent an email saying that she visited her sister **Sheila Priester Hughes '62** for five beautiful days in Westport, MA. Sharon also enjoyed the shores of Lake Michigan at her place in Pentwater, MI. On August 23, Sharon will leave for Italy, visiting key cities of Milan, Lake Como, Portofino, Florence, Sorrento, and Vietri.

**Sharon Bode** wrote on our Facebook page that August 1 was her birthday. Cheers! Sharon mentioned her deep memories of our times in the Rec as we discussed our lives and our futures. Unfortunately, Sharon recently fell twice on her same knee, which called for therapy, trips to the emergency room, and home health care. With those problems behind her, Sharon is looking forward to a visit to Chicago museums, Thanksgiving, and *Hamilton*.

**Maureen Ward O'Brien** graduated *summa cum laude* in April of this year with a BS in alternative medicine from the Everglades University. Maureen lives in Del Ray Beach, FL. She works taking care of the elderly and the dying. She has two daughters, a son, and seven grandchildren.

**Maureen Rodgers Budetti** was this Maureen's freshman roommate. Maureen would like to locate her other roommates, **Carroll Brunner Crosslin** and **Mary Jo Postorino Kennedy**.

**Pat Hilger Zeigler** contacted me in April to say that her youngest grandson, Gabe, had undergone spinal surgery for a tethered spinal cord. Gabe was 18 months at the time. This early surgery avoids problems for certain children when they reach 10 years and older. Pat was in Omaha, NE to help with the care of Gabe. His parents are Aileen Ziegler and Major Hunter Horste, USAF. They are based in Omaha. Pat lives at The Villages in Florida.

## 1968

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I was disappointed to have missed Reunion weekend but had up and down health issues in April and May. I am blessed to have been able to spend more time on campus for ND and SMC events over the past 50 years, including living near campus for my sabbatical in 2005-06. I had missed our 45<sup>th</sup> because of health issues of my mother, but had been looking forward to this landmark event. If anyone is out for the FSU game, please let me know so we might arrange another mini-reunion. I enjoyed reading all of the letters submitted for



*Courier* and already have marked my calendar for our 55<sup>th</sup>.

**Sally Blackley Clemmer** was the first to send news of Reunion, and I hope to have a mini-reunion with her and Dale for the upcoming ND-FSU game. She piqued my interest in writing about a "hoot" of a trivia contest on Friday night of the Reunion. She offers her appreciation to all who participated in the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion trivia contest. She hopes the questions brought back fond memories of our four years at SMC, with four very competitive teams — honk, bingo, m&m's, and ding — working hard to be the trivia champions; it was a close contest.

Sally thanks **Sherrill Knight Ferree** for doing a good job keeping score, and **Donna de Manbey Boynton**, whose 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion trivia contest inspired Sally to create a trivia contest for our 50<sup>th</sup>. How good that made her feel — for your competitiveness, caring, and camaraderie. A very fun, although at times unruly (ha, ha), behavior is not deterring her from working on a new set of questions for our "alive at 55" Reunion. Get those honks, bingos, m&m's, and dings ready. Way to go, Class of '68! She would greatly appreciate any pictures from the Reunion, although she did not indicate a preferred means of communication. Of course, anyone can post on our Belles68 FB page and can inquire if the Alumnae Office is offering any space at the SMC website for '68 photos.

**Francie Russell** also writes that our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion was a wonderful weekend, full of love and joy. Her only regret is that she was unable to reconnect with everyone who came. As a resident of northwest Arkansas, she highly recommends a visit to Crystal Bridges in Bentonville, AR, the home of the incredible American Art Museum created in 2011 by Alice Walton. According to *Smithsonian Magazine*, it's just one hour away from Eureka Springs, also one of the top 25 places to visit in the US. Francie lives outside Eureka Springs so asks that any Belles who come that way please contact her. And she will see us all at our 55<sup>th</sup>.

**Gwynne Morgan** writes that 2018 has been a busy year for her and her family. In January they returned from a month-long, trip-of-a-lifetime to Vietnam and Cambodia, locales which captured so much of our attention in the '60s and '70s. In February, as classmates heard at our fabulous 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion, she underwent brain surgery to address the "essential" tremor that has impeded her keyboarding and eating for the past decade. In June she moved to her hometown of Pittsburgh, where her husband Bill Golden founded a company 17 years ago. However, they will maintain their Boston home.

Her grandchildren made special beach memories, but our June 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion is the highlight of her year. She is especially grateful to Harriett and Kathy for their work with regular emails to connect committee members from the start and also to have reconnected with classmates in person and on the phone to promote donations for our class gift.

**Mary Kathleen Jones Roberts** writes that since her retirement from the South Bend school system in 2009, she traveled in Europe and has taken a number of cruises. And until 2018, she was also the treasurer for the Tawny Lake Homeowner's Association in South Bend. **Anne Vander Vennet Belden** wrote that our Reunion was better than

she even dreamed it could be. Everyone got along so well; it was beyond her expectations. She offers thanks to everyone for all the fun and craziness of the weekend and her love to the Class of '68. At the time of the message, Anne was doing well with her hip replacement surgery, behaving because she doesn't want to go through the operation again.

From **Kathy Huisiking Sullivan**: "I think my '68 classmates would agree that our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion was a resounding success. **Harriett Hillebrand Cronin** and I were proud to be your Reunion chairmen.

"Our 1968 class exceeded our goals. We raised \$175,000 for the 1968 Endowed Scholarship, plus an additional \$600 from the sale of bracelets donated by **Karen O'Donnell Thorpe**; 53 percent of our classmates donated to our fund, and 121 of us returned for the Reunion. These are all records for a 50-year Reunion.

"A special thanks to **Dee Cote, Maureen Claire Hunter-Bone, Anne Iversen Seddon, and Mary Bartlett Wolf** for their excellent panel discussion.

"Our class year, 1968, was deemed 'The Year that Shaped a Generation' by *Time* magazine, and we were the first 'Boomer' class to graduate from Saint Mary's. Since we are such an impressive class, we wanted our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion to be very meaningful and we think it was.

"Thanks to the Class of 1968 for a job well done!"

## 1969

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Hello dear classmates,

I am starting this column with a sneak preview of NEXT issue's news because I want **Sheila Dwyer Robusto** to tell in her own words about her glamping trip to Africa with her husband Dan (ND '70) for photography and migration tales. She is currently there now!

**Mary Alice Herod Lajoie** went up to Columbus from Cincinnati to see **Margaret Roberts Richards** to celebrate their joint July birthdays over a lunch. They remembered how yours truly treated them to their first legal drink in Georgetown, DC back at age 21 during a summer there!

I need a prize closet! If I had one, I'd pull out a big, fancy one for **Janet M. Krueger**, who provided a wealth of updates for our class: "So far 2018 has been a mini-SMC reunion year, hopefully getting ready for the big event next year! In the early spring, Bruce and I journeyed to Florida and visited **Sheila Dwyer Robusto** and husband Dan in Fernandina Beach. Driving from Florida to NYC to visit two of our kids, we stopped in Wilmington, NC and visited with **Joyce O'Donnell Bussewitz** and husband Roy where we met their delightful friend Linda. In June, **Nan M. Raaf** and I spent a day together at SMC. As we gabbed, we walked around our beautiful campus and explored the new athletic facility. A couple days later, Bruce and I had a brief overnight visit from **Lynn Champion Schmitt** and husband Charlie. It was so good to reconnect with Lynn, my roommate sophomore and junior years. I have plans

in the works to see **Betsy Mueller Heil** and **Rosy Naphin** in Chicago and **Kathy O'Donnell Effler** here in her home state of Michigan in the near future. Hope to see everyone at our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion next spring!"

Many thanks for all of the contributions you have sent, dear friends. God bless! Joyce

## 1972

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Can it be that another summer is coming to an end? Hope yours has been good. I have a few final Reunion surveys to finish up, and a couple of new emails to share.

One of the more moving emails I received was from **Sue Weidenbach's** brother, Tom, who thanked me for mentioning Sue along with our other deceased classmates. Sue died very young, February of 1982, from ovarian cancer. Tom noted an article in that same *Courier* about research being done at Saint Mary's on ovarian cancer. He also mentioned the announcement of the Bruno Schlesinger Chair in Humanistic Studies and that the program, and man, were very important to Sue during her time on campus. He further said that "our continuing connections to Saint Mary's, a place that meant so much to her, helps keep her memory more joyfully in our hearts."

A May email from **Carole McRedmond Nadler** also mentioned Schlesinger. Carole and her husband took a Globus tour to Prague, Berlin, Budapest, Slovakia, Czech Republic, and Vienna. Schlesinger lived and did training as a banker in Vienna. Carol said she enjoyed the delicious pastries and wondered what was his favorite! She also enjoyed a regional specialty, double asparagus soup made from half green asparagus and half from white. On the same tour, she met SMC alum **Louise Norris Drapek '60**. Carole said she used to make fun of the tour buses with "old people" and here she was taking one! Carole lives in Nashville and says she does a lot of "Grandma" stuff.

I called my dear friend, **Heather Tripucka Carr**, for an update after seeing her Reunion survey. Heather, a very talented and tireless educator, retired from her job as a grade school principal in a low-income school. She then worked as an interim educational administrator for local public schools until last April. Her son Merritt, a retired policeman, is buying and rehabbing homes. Never one to relax, Heather is currently helping to design six bathrooms in one of his sold homes. She just returned from a family trip to Disney World (which is very HOT in July) with her four granddaughters — one is 7 and three are 4!

I know many of you have attended your 50<sup>th</sup> (ugly word!) high school reunions. I went to Our Lady of the Elms in Akron, OH, a small Catholic girls' school, and went back last May for our reunion. We only had 68 in the class and over half were there. **Marilyn Mohrman-Gillis** and **Maureen Walsh Fender** were in my class and came back for the weekend. It was so fun to see them a year after our SMC Reunion! Marilyn and Maureen are very smart and

were accepted early decision. My principal warned me that my chances of acceptance were slim since two from a small class were already in. I applied and was placed on the waiting list. Sister Raphaelita, the admissions director, sent me a handwritten note every week updating me on my place on the list. Can you imagine how much time this took her? I hope I have one of those notes tucked away. I finally received the acceptance letter — what a joyful day!

I am on Facebook with **Maureen Callan Fischer** and enjoy seeing pictures of her on many travels, and her two very handsome sons, age 25 and 28 — and, as she says, “still unmarried.” Maureen has her own marketing and website content company, Maureen Ink, and lives in Eden Prairie, MN.

Our friend and classmate, **Frances Spinks Caver**, died Saturday, August 11, 2018. Earlier in the year, Frances was diagnosed with brain cancer. Frances was a true Southerner, never losing her accent and always talking a mile a minute! She was valedictorian of her high school class and graduated with honors from Saint Mary's with an education degree. As close friend and former roommate, **Claire Mignelli Hughes** said, “Frances is in heaven putting everything in order.”

Sending my love to all of you...

## 1973

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Patti Perkovich McCormick with her horse.

### Patti Perkovich McCormick

writes: “I’m working at the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Los Angeles as a human resources specialist. Over 30 years, I have worked in a few different agencies. I also worked as the Women’s Ministries director at my church, which I absolutely loved! I am eagerly looking forward to retiring at the end of 2019 and spending more time with family and friends. I live in a relatively rural area in LA (an oxymoron, for sure!), where I have finally been able to fulfill my love of animals. I have a horse, a dog who is almost as big as a horse, and a few cats! I have rekindled my love of horses and riding and get out on my horse as often as I can, making retirement that much more desirable.”

**Peggy Dues Harrier** writes that her SMC and ND friends (a group of 30+) have a reunion weekend every fall for a football game and tailgate. They’ve been going strong for all these years!

From **Catherine Orso Abreu**: “Our son Nick is a fifth-year resident at Children’s Hospital, Boston, in pediatric neurology. He was married to a fellow doctor, Michelle Lightfoot, on May 27, 2018.”

From **Brigid Garvey Edmonds**: “My husband Ed retired and is now an emeritus faculty member at the Notre Dame Law School. He continues to teach one class, sports law, in the fall semester. We have enjoyed traveling to visit our children and seven grandchildren who live in Texas, Idaho, and Minnesota.”

**Mary Lu Schleck Donnelly** and her husband EJ (ND ’71) live in Pittsburgh and recently moved to a new townhouse — life simplified! Mary Lu is a retired historian and author. She published *Buildings of Pennsylvania: Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania* in 2010. “Retirement is great.”

I also heard from **Carolyn Lambka Reimers**: “I am in my second year of my term as president of the League of Women Voters of Connecticut. This position keeps me busy most of the year but especially when the Connecticut General Assembly is in session. I am also active with the Killingworth, CT Inland Wetlands Commission and the Killingworth Lions. Most of all I enjoy time with my granddaughters Emmalyn and Abigail and am eagerly awaiting another granddaughter in October. I was sorry to miss the 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion and catch up with the class.”

**Claudia M. Traudt** continues her long-time career teaching art/humanities at the University of Chicago

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Basic Program. She is also busy preparing for a one-woman show, "Claudia Traudt: Pursuing," at the Pioneer Cooperative Commons Room in Hyde Park. The show/sale is scheduled for November 16-18 and will include paintings, writings, drawings, and photographs.

**Marilyn Smith Hasty** is a retired nursing educator/ RN in Trafalgar, IN. She specialized in labor and delivery and "practiced what she preached" by raising six children! One son broke her maternity unit's record by weighing in at 13 pounds! Marilyn is now the proud grandmother of eight.

**Mary Ellen Hayes Schaefer** retired from the Coca-Cola Company as a senior paralegal. She now has time to be a grandmother. Her first grandchild, McKenna Rose, arrived this past June 13. Mary Ellen has seen several classmates. She got together in October 2017 with **Nan Arkwright, Sue Froman Ramsour, Ruthie Kudnowski Richardson, and Pat Haffey Clemency** in Portland, OR for a long weekend. While there, they called **Jan Rewers McMillan**, who was unable to join them. This past June, she had lunch with **Judy Fong Clavin** while she was in the Baltimore area visiting her son and granddaughter. In addition, Mary Ellen keeps in touch with **Nancy O'Donnell Guhman, Cassie Baranko Jablonski, Beth Lewis Rompf, Brigid Garvey Edmonds, and Kate Mallard**, as well as **Molly McArdle Larsen** and **Mary Nokes**. Occasionally she hears from or sees **Mary Catherine Scherbinski Mathews, Catherine Orso Abreu, and Kathleen Ries Merikangas**.

**Anne Rogers Roche** raised five children in River Forest, IL and is excited about the birth of her beautiful little granddaughter Leigh in April. She reports that she is still running, although a bit more slowly.

**Therese Conway Moltz** earned her physician assistant certification at Northeastern University in Boston. For the past 40 years she has worked as a PA at St. Vincent Charity Medical Center, a faith-based hospital in Cleveland, OH. Somehow, she found time to raise two children and today is the grandmother of three.

**Geri Duffy Glibowski** of Holbrook, NY works as an elementary school teacher. She has raised four children and those children have given her 11 grandchildren — and one more on the way! Her eldest grandson passed away and, in his memory, Geri and her husband Michael established Matthew's Giving Tree Foundation. A recent highlight was taking her three daughters to Ireland. She was able to catch up with SMC friends last year at the ND-Army game in San Antonio, TX.

I was happy to hear from **Peggy Klaybor Weber**. She had this to report: "I retired at the end of 2017 from the University of Notre Dame after 28 years as the associate director of Notre Dame International. Among my duties was coordinating study abroad programs at the ND Global Gateway in Dublin, Ireland. ND sends students to study at Trinity College Dublin, University College Dublin, and will soon send to Dublin City University. I also administered programs at St. Andrews, Scotland; Heythrop and St. Mary's, London; and Norwich, UK. I thoroughly enjoyed working with college-age students as they prepared to study abroad. My husband George (ND '74) is also retired and our two

children are ND graduates: Greg '02 and Carol '05. I am looking forward to spending more time with grandchildren Christopher and Nicholas ... and finding new projects."

**Susan De Ponio Boyer** has retired as a facilities manager with General Electric Plastics and as a teacher with the Birmingham, MI public schools. She is the mother of three. Her son Stephen travels extensively repping Buick/GM. Her daughter Katie is a general manager for J.C. Penney and is married with two children. Her daughter Jenny (ND '10) is an oncology nurse at the University of Chicago Hospital and is completing her nurse practitioner degree in December from Loyola University. Susan and her husband Tom (ND '72 and ND Law '75) have been married for almost 45 years.

From **Carol Wangberg Haines**: "I continue working for the Concord Museum in historic Concord, MA, where I have been employed for almost 30 years, currently as manager of exhibitions and design. If any of our classmates are visiting the area, do come to Concord, which is — like Saint Mary's — a very special place."

At our 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion in June, **Karen Bush Schneider** was awarded the Distinguished Alumna Award. This award honors an alumna who exemplifies the standards, ideals, and mission of the college. Congratulations, Karen! We are proud of you. Karen earned both her BA in modern languages and her law degree from Notre Dame. Dedicated to justice and advocacy for others, Karen's 42-year law career has focused on employment, labor, and disability issues. In 2011, she received the Leo G. Farhat Distinguished Attorney Award from the Bar Association. Karen also taught a variety of employment-related courses for over 30 years at the Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School, where she was the recipient of the Griffiths Distinguished Faculty Award. Her connection with Saint Mary's has been characterized by service, generosity, and commitment. For the last seven years, Karen has served on the college's Madeleva Society Steering Committee and is the committee's immediate past chair. Karen is married and is the mother of **Emily Schneider Mrosz '10**. Karen and her husband Dave live in East Lansing, MI.

**Carolyn Mosier Pohlmeier** is a retired school psychologist, living in Redding, CA. She has three grown sons along with five grandchildren. Two sons and their families live in Redding and one son lives in Half Moon Bay. Carolyn had this to say: "I am going on the Danube River Waltz Cruise in September with my stepmom with an extra week in Prague. Also, we are going together with 30 friends and family on the Best of France River Cruise (21 days) next March for the anniversary of D-Day to honor my dad, who passed away last year. As a beginning freshman at Notre Dame, he was drafted and sent to France during the war. He later graduated in the ND class of '48 and went on to complete medical school at Johns Hopkins, where I was born. The fire here in Redding has turned our lives upside down. Nearly 1,100 homes were destroyed in our town. My sister's, brother's, and son's families all had to evacuate. We were lucky as our homes were spared and we are now dealing with contamination-environmental-bronchial smoke issues.

## EXCELSIOR

### JEANNE GALLAGHER '73

joined the Xavier Society for the Blind's Advisory Group to help select content for publications in braille and audio and to advise on the best use of technology and on potential new initiatives. The Xavier Society for the Blind provides, free of charge, inspirational, spiritual, and religious reading materials in braille, audio, and large print to the blind and visually impaired community of faithful.

# 1974

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As you read this, we are all getting excited about FOOTBALL again! But, back to springtime... my birthday weekend in New Orleans with dear SMC/ ND friends was great fun. We partied in the Quarter, ate a wonderful lunch at Antoine's, spread out boiled crabs, and smacked them all with hammers! Talked into the morning in this amazing Garden District rental, headed upriver for touring, and had an all-around great time. Those who joined me included **Jan Gabler Cranfield, Jackie Schimizzi Ehlert, Bobbie Kuhn Riconosciuto, Judie Moore Green, Carol Longo Kaupp, Dolores (Dede) Lohle, Mary Ellen Raphael, Julie Griffin Murphy, and Natalie Dwyer-Haller**.



Front L-R: Jan Gabler Cranfield, Jackie Schimizzi Ehlert, Bobbie Kuhn Riconosciuto. Middle L-R: Judie Moore Green and Jill Fahey Birkett; and Back L-R: Carol Longo Kaupp, Dolores (Dede) Lohle, Mary Ellen Raphael, Julie Griffin Murphy, and Natalie Dwyer-Haller.

Send your photos and stories about your mini-reunions.

I've been following our classmate **Mary Clare Molitor's** trip across Amsterdam, Greece, and France this summer. She really took the time to experience it well and takes beautiful photos. From the Acropolis to Sainte Chappelle and all the beauties in between, including a great cheese town, Edam! I'm sufficiently jealous.

I know there are a couple of big weddings coming up later in the summer and autumn from friends'

children, but we are supposed to stay "mum is the word" until events happen. If YOU have a son's or daughter's wedding, we'd love to hear about the happy occasion.

Who's retiring? Where are you living in retirement? We just bought a place in Punta Gorda, FL; it's near Sarasota and Ft. Myers if you are wondering where that is. Once we settle in, we'd love to have visitors but, for now, we are still in Connecticut.

## EXCELSIOR

### KATHRYN SCHWILLE '74

published her novel, *What Luck, This Life*, which is set in East Texas around the time of the Columbia shuttle disaster. Booklist calls it "a deeply thought-provoking novel."



**CHRISTINE PETTI '76** and her innovative medical day spa, Spa Bella, have been honored for the fifth year in a row by the *Daily Breeze* Readers Choice Awards. According to *Daily Breeze* readers, Dr. Petti is the "South Bay's Best Cosmetic Surgeon."

## 1976

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Since my last class news contribution, I have kept up with my first-year roommates, **Mary (Patti) Organ Dunn** and **Mary Angyus McLaughlin**, along with **Rose Gill Kenyon** and **Sandy VanGilder**, through Facebook posts, and it seems all is well with everyone. Patti, Mary Gail, and Sandy are enjoying grandmotherhood a lot. Also enjoying that special role is **Ann Vandemotter Voll**, who I visited in South Bend when I was on campus for the new Angela Hall dedication in March. A great surprise during that visit was spending time with Maggie Waltman Smith (ND '76), whose late mom was **Maxine Trompeter Waltman '40** and in whose honor Maggie and her sister donate to the College. We had a short visit with **Eileen Klee Sweeney** during the festivities, too, and both are well: Maggie enjoying retirement and Eileen still working.

I am also in touch with **Cely Marie Michel**, who is OK but missing her husband Rick Villalta who lost his battle with cancer about a year ago. Their boys are doing well, though: Matt in Ann Arbor and Will settling in at Marquette in Milwaukee. I keep up with **Marianne McCabe Brehl** directly and through Facebook sharing and liking with Steve Brehl (ND '76) and their three wonderful daughters, Becky, Gen, and **Julia Marie Brehl '15**. The day before these notes were due, I was happy to hear from **Debra Keen Mellinger**, who sent an email to say that she and her husband Ed will be in Bangkok in mid-November when we will catch up — after more than 20 years since we last saw each other in Chicago when we had dinner with **Chris Burton** (of whom I have lost track).

As for me, I am fine and have just signed on for two more years as Asia regional director for Church World Service (cws-asia.org) — so, join Ann, Patti, Marianne, and Debbie — and come visit!

## 1977

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I have lived near Raleigh for 15 years. I retired from banking three years ago, started my own dog sitting business, and became a dog trainer.

I am happy that Notre Dame joined the Atlantic Coast Conference; I have seen the ND women play basketball, soccer, and softball down here at Duke, University of North Carolina, and North Carolina State. Two years ago I went to the ND-NCSU football game during Hurricane Matthew. Last year I met up with **Mary Beth Conlon Winter** at the ND-UNC football game in Chapel Hill. Mary Beth retired from teaching but continues to direct a church choir where she lives in Fayetteville, NC. She is in regular contact with former roommate **Maureen Breen Barunas** and also saw **Anne Franco Licare** and husband Ron last summer as they travelled from New York to Florida.

In July I attended the wedding of **Patsy Jones Mullin's** son Ryan in Leesburg, VA. On the way there, I stopped in Richmond and had lunch with **Nora Eileen Riley**. We were two of just 10 freshmen who lived on the fourth floor west annex in Le Mans. We had not seen each other since graduation. Nora recently retired after teaching high school AP science classes for the past 10-plus years. Prior to teaching, Nora worked in the genetics research field in Virginia, California, and Germany. Nora recently enjoyed a week on Cape Cod with her siblings and their families. She still enjoys all things science: museums, Shenandoah National Park, etc. She tries to get some golf in, too. We will try to get together again soon.

Also attending the wedding was Patsy's sister-in-law and our classmate, **Maryann Hughes Mullin**. We had a great time discussing the good times we had at Saint Mary's as well stories of what we've done since then.

**Ellen Shalvoy Davis** wrote: "After graduating from Saint Mary's with a major in French and Italian and a minor in business, I headed to NYC to pursue my career in international business. My first position was with Marine Midland Bank on the Middle Eastern Desk of their correspondent banking department. That position all but disappeared when the hostages were taken at the American Embassy in Teheran in 1979. So, I pivoted and moved on to Cannon Mills where I ran their international operations department, overseeing the distribution of textiles all over the world from Belize to Zambia. It was at this point that I met and soon married Dean Davis, an architect from Virginia who was renovating lofts in SoHo. In 1982 we decided to move his practice to Bronxville, NY and I pivoted once again. With the help of the newly released Apple Lisa PC, no computer skills, and a lot of grit, I learned to incorporate the banking/business knowledge I'd acquired in NYC and together we grew his architectural practice, building and renovating residences in Westchester County, NY and eventually up and down the eastern seaboard.

"We have four wonderful children. Our oldest son, John, is also an architect who, after receiving his PhD, is now teaching architecture at Texas Tech. He is also busy with his 1-year-old twin daughters, whom I visit as often as possible. Charlie, also trained as an architect, lives in NYC but changed careers and is now a principal at BCG. He will marry Megan next summer on Block Island where they met while our families spent summers together on the beach. Laura is a graphic designer in NYC with her own practice specializing in web design, brand identity, and package design. She is training us to eat more healthily and read labels more carefully. Helen is a personal trainer, yoga instructor, and nutritionist in the NY metropolitan area. She is building a diverse clientele, which includes a lot of us aging baby boomers. Having our own practice has allowed us the flexibility to help them grow into the successful, artistic people they have become.

"I like to spend my free time in my vegetable garden, swimming my laps, practicing yoga, knitting for my granddaughters, and listening to all those books I've wanted to read while I walk the dog. I look forward to the almost annual reunion with my buddies from the Rome Program, **Patricia Jones Mullin**, **Mary Jo Koenigs Bench**, **Mary Anne Brown Schuster**, **Laura Costanzo Davies**, and **Maureen Tomshack**, when we recharge ourselves with hours of laughing, sharing, and reconnecting. It's a testament to the closeness of our long-lasting friendships.

"Life has been good to me and hugely fulfilling. If I were to offer a piece of advice it would be to remain flexible, positive, and ready to pivot."

**Marilyn Krambhl Dunbar** shared: "After graduating from Saint Mary's I worked in Chicago for two years as an RN. I then moved back to NJ, working in NYC as a pharmaceutical sales representative. My husband and I retired and love travelling, mostly in Europe. We are currently living in Tampa and have two children, both boys (men!).

"In February of this year, we met with my roommate for four years at SMC, **Renee Quinn Kennedy**, and her husband in Sarasota. We all enjoyed a wonderful day visiting Armand's Circle and the beach.

"Renee worked in business for 20 years in NJ before retiring. She currently lives in Blairstown, NJ with her husband; they have two children, both girls (women!)."





Marilyn Krambuhl Dunbar and Renee Quinn Kennedy.

## 1978

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Reunion 2018 was as wonderful as expected! Great weather for a change, too. Never enough time to chat with everyone. It is funny because at Mass on Sunday the sermon was about "staying in the moment" and that was the most difficult thing about Reunion. We needed to focus on the person we were enjoying a conversation with but inevitably someone would walk by and change the conversation midstream. That is certainly something to think about.

I spent most of Reunion with **Suzy Plavac Heidkamp, Jo Ann Baggiano Hunter, Kathleen Groskopf, Lisa Maglio Brown, Sherry Anne Antonini, and Sheila Matthew Wales**. The Rome group that Lisa and I were a part of had a wonderful

reunion thanks to our "mom" **Janet Israel Borst**. **Maureen Sajbel Wallenfang** and Janet put together the most fantastic slide show highlighting our year abroad. John Street, Tim Martin, Kevin Hosey, and Michael Busk all from ND were with us in Rome and joined the Reunion fun. Ah, memories.... Bella Rome.



McCandless girls on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor holding the elevator as we always screamed running to the lift. We had a blast at Reunion reliving memories to last a lifetime. L-R: Sheila Matthew Wales, Kathleen Groskopf, Lisa Maglio Brown, Sue Plavac Heidkamp, Sue Lechleider Halloran, Jo Ann Baggiano Hunter, and Susan Margiotta Salem in the center.

This past weekend **Suzy Plavac Heidkamp** honored her mother with a celebration of life service in Mentor, OH. It was a beautiful day of the family sharing the memories of their beloved mother. **Jo Ann Baggiano Hunter** and husband John came in from the Pittsburgh area to participate and support. George and I live in Cleveland so we had a nice day together and hope to visit again soon. It is wonderful to know that we are always there for each other.

**Elizabeth Hassert** and **Sandra Cipriano McAndrew** had a great time catching up on the past few years during their drive from Chicago to South Bend on Friday morning to Reunion. Sandra takes art classes at RISD and enjoys learning about the art world. Sandra splits her time between Barrington, RI and Jupiter, FL. Sandra and her husband Mark try to visit their children in Boston, Kansas City, and San Francisco as their time allows. They have two grandsons, 8 and 6 years old, Kelly's children in Kansas City. Beth is a key client manager at Maersk Line, a leading ocean container steamship line in Oak Brook, IL. She negotiates global transportation contracts with six key customers in the Midwest. Last year, she received an All Star award from Target Corporation for her efforts in the US and Hong Kong. Despite traveling for her work, she still considers exploring new destinations fun. Beth continues to cross-country ski and stitch needlepoint whenever possible.

Our class should be very proud of our efforts to support Saint Mary's. The Class of 1978 raised \$430,620 in gifts and pledges, including \$129,080 for the Annual Fund and reached 35 percent participation. In addition, because of our generosity, our class took home two of the five awards during Reunion weekend including the Highest Gift to the Annual Fund Award and the Highest Gift to the College Award. We are all proud to support our alma mater going forward into the future.



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1979



1981

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Hello, Class of 1981! It is with a sad heart that I let you know that our classmate **Terri Louise Albright** died on June 15. Terri was part of the Rome program and lived in Holy Cross and Le Mans when she returned. Most recently Terri had been living in Madison, WI and is survived by her son and her brother. She was buried in the town she grew up in, Parkersburg, WV.

On a happier note, two of our classmates celebrated weddings recently. **Barb O'Connell Hoyt's** son Matthew married Elizabeth McCann in Chicago on June 9. **Cathy Hackman Blaha's** son was married in July.

**Beth McPherson** writes: "I enjoy seeing many of you on Facebook and my friends and activities with the Los Angeles Alumnae Club. We are promoting our 2018 Holy Cross ornament, which is really lovely.

The 2019 ornament will be available at the Shaheen Bookstore in May 2019 and online from our club at the same time. Go to [www.saintmarysclub.com](http://www.saintmarysclub.com)."

It seems that lately much of our news is sad. Please take a moment to share happy milestones such as weddings, graduations, births of grandchildren, retirements(!), or just let us all know what's keeping you busy these days. Our class also has a Facebook page; however, I know that not everyone is on FB or feels comfortable sharing that way, so feel free to send me an email and I'll submit your news.



EXCELSIOR

**MARY EMMIE LOPEZ GARDNER '82** has been chosen as CEO of Holy Cross Ministries.

1983

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I hope that everyone who attended our 35<sup>th</sup> Reunion had a fantastic time catching up with old friends and maybe even making new friends! Here's some news from our classmates.

**Lucy Hanahan DaGiau** lives in Manhattan Beach, CA. Lucy's daughter Hannah graduated from Marquette University in May.

**Kathleen Ryan Greely** lives in Martinez, GA. She writes that in 2005 "my body let me know I was doing too much. I was swimming every morning, teaching middle school full-time, and coaching swimming every night — along with doing another workout if there was time. I now teach high school math at Evans Christian Academy, a small private school, just three days a week. My biggest class has seven students and smallest is one student. It is so rewarding to have such an impact on these students. I also still coach swimming every night. This is my 20<sup>th</sup> year with this team and several years both my children also coached with me. I work with the youngest swimmers and keep up with them as they move to the higher groups. For fun I still compete in swim meets and triathlons. I feel it was God's plan to slow me down to make me enjoy life more. My dad always told me to 'make sure I stop and take time to smell the roses.'"

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**Sharon Xavier Guess** has four children ranging in age from 18 to 32 and two grandchildren. Sharon lives in Chapin, SC. Her youngest is now out of high school and Sharon's an empty-nester. She reports that last fall she had a wonderful time enjoying a mini-reunion with **Joellen Bringardner, Bridget Madigan Zalcman, Ann Frank Gold, and Beth Duggan Van Horn.**

**Trish Sheehan Pearl** and her husband John (ND '83, who live in New Milford, CT, have three grandchildren thanks to their daughter **Christie Pearl Rastello '07**, who is a major in the Army. Daughter **Lynda Marie Pearl '09** is a lieutenant in the Navy, where she is an aviator flying a Seahawk. Daughter Michelle Therese Pearl works for an insurance company. Daughter **Alexa (Lexi) Meagan Pearl '15** is a lieutenant in the Air Force, where she's a navigator on a C-130 aircraft.

**Sara Wachter** writes from Omaha, NE, that "our group of 25 women from the class of 1983 remain connected through a weekly group email where we share prayer requests, birthday wishes, and other updates. This sisterhood is a unique blessing in our lives!"

## 1984



## 1985

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Greetings, 85ers!

It was great to hear good news from **Eileen Emmite Calabria**, who shared that she landed the job of a lifetime! Eileen joined the primary care providers at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City as a pediatric nurse practitioner in their clinics on Broadway. Eileen said, "I feel extremely blessed to be working with some of the most talented minds in the area. Among them are classmates and preceptors from grad school at UMKC. And, I am one of three graduates from SMC including **Nancy Sibbing Shreve** and **Kristen McAuliffe Kerwin.**" Eileen's son is attending Saint Louis University studying biomedical engineering. He spent a semester in Madrid and Eileen was able to visit him there. She is also busy keeping up with eight grandkids! Two stepsons have four kids ages 7 years to 8 months; her daughter has a 9-month- and a 4-year-old, plus two half-siblings of the kids who are ages 2 and 4. We can all likely relate to her sharing that being a grandmother is a blessing and that it keeps her and her husband grounded, and now grounded in Kansas City, as they recently moved there and are enjoying the empty nester life. When Eileen is not sharing her gifts through nursing, she is actively involved with unbound.org, where her husband works. Together, they sponsor a dozen children and an elder in Central and South America, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Columbia, and Guatamala. Together, they planned to go on a mission trip to Peru in the fall. Eileen shares, "That part of my life makes me feel most alive. Being able to see firsthand the difference you can make in

these poverty-stricken areas. Making a difference in my daily career is one thing, but extending it more globally somehow puts it all in perspective."

I also heard from **Colleen Flynn Roohan**, who shared that **Kathey Conley Taiclet** hosted a group this spring for a wonderful weekend in St. Louis. "Amazing how the time flies but a weekend together brings you back in a minute. Great fun and catching up! We are trying to make this an annual thing."

Kathey shared that her daughter Dorie, Colleen's daughter Sheila, and **Cathy Brissette Reidy's** daughter Meghan have all entered the Notre Dame ACE Fellowship Program following graduation last May. Before then, Kathey was at SMC for Madeleva Society meetings. While there, she saw **Karen Wittgen Cain**, who was on campus visiting from Evansville, IN. Karen had dinner with **Kathy Desmond Mikula** and her husband, and said that **Kathleen Hennessy** lives in South Bend now, too. I reached out to Kathleen, who shared that she is a senior trust counsel in the Trust Department/Wealth Advisory Services at 1st Source Bank. She said that she "got back" 2.5 hours every day now that she's not commuting in Chicago!

Kathey also provided more details of the gathering that Colleen mentioned, saying that a group of 2-South Regina girls got together earlier in 2018 to be with **Ann Goldkamp Lamb** during her fight against breast cancer. **Colleen Flynn Roohan** came in from LA, where she is a practicing geriatric nurse. **Mary Blaha Doyle** came in from Chicago, where she teaches grade school. She got in a bonus visit with her daughters Annie and Kathleen, who were visiting. **Maria Gschwind Horvath** came in from Cleveland, where she has taken up weaving beautiful patterns and garments. **Anne J. Connors** came in from Boston and barely made the weekend due to a Nor'easter. She is busy with her six kids, two of whom are "still in the nest." **Kathy McKenna Gelfand** came in from NYC and has her youngest of three kids still at home. Kathy said, "It was great to be with this group to come together and support Ann! These are the kindest and most generous girls I know!" Sadly, **Ann Goldkamp Lamb** passed away not long after the gathering.

If you haven't contributed to *Courier* before (and even if you have), please let us know how you're doing by emailing me at [Laineysinow@gmail.com](mailto:Laineysinow@gmail.com).

Blessings!

## 1989

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Hope everyone had a wonderful fall!

Congratulations to **Jane Barger** and David Verge on their May 20, 2018 wedding! Jane married her soulmate after 10 years in a luau-style ceremony, surrounded by their closest family members, on Long Beach Island in New Jersey. Afterwards, they continued their celebration with a two-week honeymoon in Italy starting in Venice, moving on to Florence, Tuscany, and Rome, and ending with a wonderful five days in Positano on the Amalfi Coast!

**Michelle Matthews McBride** graduated in August 2017 with a doctorate of nursing practice, and now works as a psychiatric nurse practitioner. Her youngest daughter graduated from Johns Hopkins in May 2018. And Michelle welcomed her second grandson!

Life is moving at alarming speed for **Mimi Tuohy O'Leary** and her husband Mike (ND '89). Their two oldest children are in college: Joe is at Auburn University and Mary Kate is at Notre Dame, and their youngest son Jack is a senior in high school. Joe is in an extended internship program, which means that in 2019-20 the O'Learys will have ALL three kids in college at the same time! Mary Kate and Joe will both graduate in May 2020, luckily not on the same day.

This past summer Mimi and Mike went to Ireland to visit Mary Kate in Dublin, where she was participating in the Notre Dame Ireland Internship Program. Mary Kate had an amazing time working on graphic design for Bord Bia, the Irish food board, and was able to see much of the country during her weekends off. During their trip, Mike and Mimi traveled the country: Cliffs of Moher, Ring of Kerry, Galway, Cork, Cobh (Titanic's last port of call in 1912), and Killarney, and highly recommend the trip to anyone. Back at home in Palm City, FL, Mimi continues to spend time with her dad, 92, who lives in Fort Lauderdale, two to three times a week. If she's not visiting her dad, Mimi is tutoring children with learning disabilities. She is certified in the Wilson Reading System (for students with dyslexia), a very effective program she uses to help these students overcome their challenges.

Last April, **Kristin Burtzloff Bodey, Tera Sternitzke, Mary DeLany Lowe '90, and Mary Carol Buhrfiend Honquest** gathered for a Girls' Weekend in Nashville, TN. It goes without saying that fun was had by all with a lot of shenanigans, great music, and catching up.

**Christy Elise Wolfe** and her husband Dan Carrell (a Purdue grad — she wonders how that happened), live in Iowa City, IA, where Christy is an assistant professor at Coe College in Cedar Rapids. She teaches in the education department, working with future teachers, and also continues to work on social justice issues — having a sister in the Iowa state legislature helps with access to lawmakers. Dan is a middle school English teacher. They have two children Lizzie 18 and Jack 15 and enjoy having a lot of family around — Christy's parents live just over an hour away and she has several siblings nearby. **Missy Schrenk Kujawa '90 and Cara Calzolano-Ross** attended the Notre Dame vs. Stanford game in September. It was a perfect time to meet up with Cara's daughter **Megan Noelle Ross '15** and for her youngest daughter, Robbi, to tour Saint Mary's.

**Jen Rourke Sante-Soller** is excited that she and **Melissa Carpenter Miller** both have freshman daughters at the University of Michigan! They hope to meet up at some point between football games and parent weekends.

After 13 years, **Maura Janes Race** happily retired from SLD Read. While she will miss her staff and the families they support, she left a positive impact and is excited for the next phase of life ... including more travel, family, and fun!



# REGISTER NOW!

## Alumnae Association Trip to NYC March 14-18

### Attend Carnegie Hall performance of Saint Mary's College Women's Choir

- Behind the scenes tour of NBC led by alumna **Cate Cetta Scola '08**
- Visit to the 9/11 Memorial and Museum
- Attend Mass at Saint Patrick's Cathedral
- See a Broadway play



**Deadline to register is January 30**

**Martha Flick Jungenberg** and family are in Lagos, Nigeria for one more year and, at the time of writing, are awaiting news on their next location. Their oldest daughter, Sophia, is studying at Maastricht University in the Netherlands. Grace and Emmalee are attending the American International School in Salzburg, Austria for eleventh and ninth grades, respectively.

**Katherine Koller Brophy** is thrilled that her oldest daughter **Mary Claire Brophy '18** graduated from Saint Mary's in May with a BA in English, creative writing. Katherine enjoyed being back on campus to celebrate this big accomplishment and had a nice visit with **Kara O'Leary** at the Legacy Reception. Her life in Colorado Springs, CO is busy, full, and rich, with six kids in high school, college, and beyond. Her husband John is a civilian with the Army and Katherine recently changed jobs from director of enrollment to director of communications for a charter school that she helped found in 2009 and which expanded from 6-12 to a K-12 school!

After nine years in Ohio, **Nora McQuillan Coleman's** husband Kevin took a job with Edelman in downtown Chicago, so the family moved from Galena, OH to Glenview, IL last July. Claire and Quinn are a junior and freshman, respectively, at Loyola Academy, and their youngest, Connor, is in third grade. Their oldest Emma is a junior at Regis University in Denver, and Grace is a sophomore at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN. Last July, Nora celebrated 21 years with Anixter working on accounting-related projects!

Last May, **Karen E. Crespy** caught up with **Katy Marie Burns** a couple of times when Katy made her annual trek to the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival weekend and then when Karen visited Chicago — where she also met **Jackie Brody Tavitias '91** for lunch.

As we head toward a new year, remember that we have our Reunion May 30-June 2! Lots of people are already making plans to attend. If you have never been to a Reunion, or it's been a while, please come back and join us on campus.

NOTE: Many of your email addresses are out of date, so please take a moment to update your information with Saint Mary's or your class reporter. Keep in touch!

## 1990

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**Valerie Lukas Pinarski** is over the moon that her son Stephen married his high school sweetheart, **Kimber Mae Nelson '17**, on May 26, 2018 with a reception at the Armory in South Bend. Valerie was delighted that joining her for this special day for the Pinarski family were **Monica Badar Hehl, Kim Mahoney Barrio, Kathy Panos Dunleavy, and Kelly O'Brien**. Kimber also had many of her classmates in attendance — **Casey Morgan Kochniarczyk '17, Clare Kenny O'Malley '17, Marie Joy Mastellone '17, Shelby Everlove Lem '17, Kylie Taylor Hausch '17, Carolyn Etienne '17, Patricia Mary (Happy) Hale '17, Michele**

**Marie Mostoller '17, Megan O'Brien Clawson '17, Kathryn Eileen Garber '17, and Catalina Maria Vajiac '18**. Photos for the wedding album were taken on the Saint Mary's campus — with the Class of '90 women showing these younger girls the ropes!

I was delighted to get together with **Barbie Jeffers** and **Debbie Weltin Katzbeck** as Barbie came into town to see both *Hamilton* and some local colleges and universities. We shared a lovely meal and regaled poor Debbie with many stories of the Saint Mary's government department from the late '80s. Debbie was looking forward to enjoying a trip to Charleston for her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. Barbie was headed to Hilton Head, SC a few weeks later. Barbie's Hilton Head trip turned out to be momentous for her and Steve Prusak. Barbie was introduced to Steve by her dear Saint Mary's friend **Kristene Murphy Hergenrother**.

Speaking of momentous trips to Hilton Head, several of us in the Class of '90 recently rented a home in Hilton Head and spent the better part of a week there in celebration of our respective 50<sup>th</sup> birthdays. It was a great celebration with many old stories about college shenanigans and catching up on each other's lives. Converging in Hilton Head with me were **Katie Ortman Hirsch, Sarah Hughes Smith, Laura Ann Jacob, Christina Fleming, Colleen Mooney McGee, and Linda Enright Riva**. Katie and her husband Howard are enjoying the Southern California sunshine from their home outside of Los Angeles. Sarah is teaching second grade in Hamden, CT and will soon be an empty nester as her youngest daughter heads to Merrimack in fall 2018. We all don't understand how Laura isn't completely exhausted all the time running after her 3-year-old twins in Lancaster, PA. Chrissy recently sold her second business and is consulting in the pharmaceutical industry. Colleen is making the world a more colorful place as community relations manager for Crayola. And Linda recently celebrated her 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary to Rich Riva (ND '91) with a vow renewal ceremony in the Log Cabin at Notre Dame.

## 1991

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Hello, ladies! Greetings from Chicago! I attended a fabulous fundraising event with the Saint Mary's College Chicago Alumnae East Club back in May! An evening of delicious bubbly of all flavors was served at the famous Pops for Champagne downtown. Yummy and fun!

Thanks to all who assisted in this wonderful event, especially host **Kelly Anne Walsh '01**, cousin of **Jennifer Devlin Sack!** Among the silent auction items were cookies donated by my famous roommate and Napa Valley celebrity **Anne Parker Baker**. "Annie the Baker" continues baking like a fiend and working incredibly hard at her cookie business. You can reach her and see her delicious products at anniethebaker.com.

Also in attendance was our friend **Kristen Sullivan Lynch**. Kristen's daughter **Eleanor (Ellie) Sullivan Lynch** joins the Class of 2022 at our very own Saint





EXCELSIOR

## MARY CAY GURCHIK DOHERTY '91

has been selected as one of four new members of the Cleveland.com and *The Plain Dealer's* Editorial Board.

Mary's College! Ellie has been part of the Belle family for years, as she is now the fourth generation in her family to go to our wonderful school. Her great-grandmother, several great-aunts, and her mother, of course, are all graduates! She plans to major in biology and study pre-med. From proud mom Kristen: "We are super proud of her and know she is going to do amazing things as a Belle." We would all agree, Kristen! **Erin Cusack Micklo** reports: "It's been a crazy year of change and activism for many of us! I've attended many marches and protests this year for the first time in my life, standing up for the most marginalized in our society. Shout out to **Michelle Katelynn Lonnee '07** and my sister **Anne Elyse Cusack '07** for fighting the good fight with me. This has included knocking on doors, phone banking, and fundraising for local Democratic candidates who are running for office for the first time. It's never too late to get involved! My daughter Maggie is enjoying life at Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts (yay for women's colleges!). We had another fun time at Notre Dame for our annual tailgate party, where we were able to visit with friends who now have children at the university, including **Amelia Savelle Bartilotti '93**, **Caroline McNeive Monahan**, and **Ann Brennan Cooper**."

**Katie Moore Briggs** sends greetings from the state of Washington. Update on Katie, she's resisted the urge to force her two teenagers to sleep in the garage! HAHA, Katie!

**Maureen O'Neil Butler** and Mike (ND '91) celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in July! To celebrate, they dropped their daughter Rose off at Forensics Camp at Saint Mary's College. They walked around both campuses, reminiscing about where it all began. Both are thrilled to announce their son Patrick joins the Class of 2022 at the University of Colorado. Congrats, Patrick!

Don't be shy ladies! Please continue to share your good news with your fellow Belles. Reach out to me on Facebook or at [smcbelles91@gmail.com](mailto:smcbelles91@gmail.com).



EXCELSIOR

## COLLEEN GRAHAM DOW '91

and her husband, Thomas Dow, recently received an Alumni of the Year Award from their high school, which is now called Joliet Catholic Academy. Colleen is President of H.P. Graham Construction, her family's real estate development company and is also the founder and President of MCGD, LLC, a property management firm specializing in commercial real estate. She currently serves on the Women Build Committee, a committee of the Will County Habitat for Humanity, along with a variety of other local charitable and service organizations.

1994



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1996



EXCELSIOR

## TERESA RADOSTITS SULLIVAN '96

was honored with the Emergent Leader Award from the National Association of Catholic Chaplains. According to the award acknowledgment, "Teresa has a strong desire and vision for the future of Catholic chaplaincy, particularly in recruiting younger professionals."

1999

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In November, **Chrissy Bartle Meko** and her wonderful husband Justin (ND '99) welcomed their third child, Carter James, into the world. Anxiously awaiting his arrival were his big brother Connor and his big sister and future Belle Caroline. Chrissy is doing well managing the Meko household in a Philadelphia suburb and Justin is exhausted.

2001

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**Jessica Ellen Johnson** wrote, "In January of this year I accepted the position of head of fiduciary tax for Glenmede Trust Company in Philadelphia. My department and I are responsible for 12,000 tax returns as well as tax advisory functions for trusts, estates, and foundations. It's quite a challenge and so far I love it!" And **Kelly Marie Payne** checked in, "In May, I received my doctorate degree in English literature, with a focus on American literature and nineteenth century studies, from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. This month my husband Christophe Bossaert and son Francis moved to Geneva, NY, where I will be starting in an assistant dean position at Hobart and William Smith Colleges."

And all is well on the left coast. Over Memorial Day, **Alyson Leatherman** had an opportunity to visit **Molly Strzelecki Olson** in Chicago and we had a great time eating lots of delicious food, being tourists for the weekend, laughing, and visiting our old apartments near Wrigley on Belle Plaine.

**Cathy Schroeder** and her partner Paul Grajner married at Chicago City Hall with their 5-year-old son as their witness. They are having a small family wedding at their beach house in Beverly Shores, IN in August. Cheers, Cathy and Paul!

**Courtenay Irene Verret** shares, "After 4.5 wonderful years at the American Red Cross, I accepted a content marketing manager position at Indeed.com, the world's largest job search engine. I am part of the Recruiter Thought Leadership team and will be working on content for our global educational events, like Indeed Interactive Worldwide. Having worked in recruitment marketing and been a client of Indeed for years, I am thrilled to become part of their innovative team. Although I'm no longer 100 percent telecommute, I want to reassure all of my SMC Facebook friends that I'll still be able to provide relevant, daily updates about the endless stream of weird neighbors next door. Wink."

**Laura Brennan Schlidt** and her husband Thomas were blessed with the arrival of their fifth child last summer. Henry Joseph was born on July 31, 2017. Thomas, 10, Kate, 9, Maggie, 7, and Liam, 4, love their baby brother! Laura writes, "We continue to live in the St. Louis suburbs, where I am a stay-at-home mom." Congratulations, Laura and family!

**Natalie Caruso Sanford** sends her update from across the globe: "Our family gained a beautiful daughter in July as we completed our second adoption from China. I will be homeschooling her this year and teaching her English. We are very blessed God chose us to be her family. Our other three children are overwhelmed with love for their new sister! Ryan and I will continue to advocate for older children and adoption." Welcome to a wonderful family, Kate!

**Molly Kahn Allen** enjoyed sending her oldest, Olivia, to SMC Fine Arts Camp in July. "We had such fun settling her into her room in Holy Cross Hall for the week. She had a terrific experience." Molly also recently moved to a new position as the team lead grant coordinator for the Regional Office of Education #17 located in Bloomington, IL. After 10 years as a building administrator in schools, she is now working on a federal grant focused on increasing principal effectiveness and capacity for school improvement.

Finally, good news from a dear classmate. On August 11, 2017 **Kathryn Elizabeth Trnka '02** was diagnosed with ductal carcinoma triple negative breast cancer. She had five months of intensive chemotherapy, a bilateral mastectomy, and reconstruction. She wants to thank her 2001 classmates and the Saint Mary's community for their prayers and support. She is currently in remission and is ready to move forward.

## 2003

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From Amanda:

Thank you to everyone for sharing your news with fellow alumnae! It was so wonderful to see so many of you at our 15<sup>th</sup> Reunion. I loved reconnecting with old friends and meeting new ones, too!

**Maureen Roberts Miller** was unable to attend the Reunion for good reason. She and husband Douglas Miller (ND '02) were overjoyed to welcome Madison Ciara to the world on June 5, 2018.

**Katie Rand Davis** also wasn't at Reunion because her son was born on May 8, 2018. Theodore "Teddy" McNeill Davis was 21 Inches and 8 lbs. 5 oz. Katie and her husband are loving every minute with

him. She was thrilled to show them both the SMC campus (with awesome tour guide **Jackie Frances Bauters '04**) during a drive to visit family in Iowa in July.

**Mackenzie McGee** and her husband Joe Stark (ND '00), announce the arrival of their third child and future belle, Molly Louise Stark. She was born June 18, 2018 and they are all in love!

**Laura Porto Atkins** writes that life has been busy and fun in coastal Virginia. Last May her daughter was born. The family of five is having fun learning about Powhatans and colonists, boats, and playing soccer. **Jenny Lee Caine** is now living in Madison, WI and would love to know of any other SMC grads in the area.

**Lauren Hofer** and her husband Rich had a new baby on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2018! Lillian (Lily) Mae Damron, 8 lbs. 11 oz., joins sister Vivienne, age 3. They still live in Austin, where Lauren is the pharmacy manager at Sam's Club and Rich is the GM of Omnicare of Austin.

**Alison Joseph Small** and her husband William started a non-profit, Small Heroes Foundation, after learning two of their three sons have Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. Duchenne is a fatal disease of the muscle and there is currently no cure. The goal of Small Heroes is to increase awareness about Duchenne and raise money to help fund ongoing clinical trials that could save their sons' lives. Allison and William appreciate any support that you can offer. You can see the website and all of the undraising events at smallheroes.org.

## 2004



## 2005

From the *Courier Office*

On August 4, 2018, **Sister Kathryn (Katie) Press, ASCJ**, professed her perpetual vows as an Apostle of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at the community's provincial house in Hamden, CT. In the crowd of family and friends **were Katie Manley Shiningier** (all the way from Missouri) and **Sarah Harward Haywood** (all the way from Maine), and many, many religious sisters! Sister Kathryn lives in Greenwich Village and teaches fifth grade. She still checks for SMC rings when she rides the subway but has yet to meet a fellow Belle.

## 2006

From the *Courier Office*

On April 7, 2018, **Megan O'Neil** married Scott Rienbolt at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Montrose, CA. Among the guests were **Lauren Condon Butera, Rebecca Feauto La Liberte**, and **Nicole Marie Gifford Lowe**. The mother of the bride, **Meg Bruckner O'Neil '69**, and the bride's aunt, **Rosemary Bruckner '77**, were also in attendance.



### EXCELSIOR

#### JACLYN PAUNICKA FERGUSON '06

was named a 2017 Rising Star in Consulting, the best and the brightest in consulting.

## 2007

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**Dana Christiano Dearth** and her husband Mike welcomed a baby boy on December 23, 2017. Michael William Dearth was 6 lbs. 13 oz. and 20 inches. She writes: "He is wonderful!"

**Sheila Ann McLaughlin Metzner** married Richard Metzner on June 10, 2017. Bridesmaids included **Katherine Mensch Byrnes, Laura Anne Baumgartner**, and **Amanda Trevino Popovich**. **Trish Muench Sweeney '77** was also in attendance, along with many Notre Dame alumnae. The wedding was celebrated in Chicago with guests who had traveled from all over the world. After the wedding, Sheila and Richard bought their first home





together in Chicago and welcomed a dog into the family.

**Erin Anhut Schwanger** and her husband Kevin welcomed their second child, Eamon Charles Schwanger, on June 17, 2018. She writes: "Big sister Eleanor (and future SMC Chick) is very smitten!"

From **Jessica Marie Binhack**: "Jessica has been busy trying to get closet doors on her closet for eight months. It's the last piece to the home rehab puzzle. Which is a puzzle she never wants to do again. She's planning her next South American adventure and making feeble attempts to learn Spanish. So far Duolingo has taught her the Spanish name for apple. Manzana. It's real successful. Most recent accomplishments are not peeing her pants on a roller coaster at King's Island, avoiding her creepy tenants, and keeping her air plants alive. She is still incredibly single and not furthering her education, yet. She did get a new job, still dreams about being a Starbucks barista, occasionally waitresses, and still spends her summer driving people around on peddle pubs in Indy. It's quite a charmed life."

**Helen Casey Manesia** writes: "My husband and I welcomed another little girl, Eilis Anne Manesia, on April 20, 2018. Our toddler, Zelig, loves being a big sister! I am still practicing personal injury law at the Mike Morse Law Firm, specializing in Michigan No Fault Benefits."

## 2008

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It was great to see so many friendly faces at Reunion. Hope everyone had a fun time catching up and roaming the halls of SMC again! My class news counterpart, **Natalie Elizabeth Grasso**, married Peter Cockrell on May 19, 2018 in her hometown of Sharon, PA, and I would have been there with bell(e)s on if her big day hadn't conflicted with my own brother's wedding! It was by all accounts a beautiful celebration, with many other alumnae in attendance, including **Christina Alice Grasso '11**, the bride's sister and maid of honor, and bridesmaids **Colleen Kielty Lintz** and **Erin Hogan Liebenauer**. After the wedding, the couple honeymooned in northern Italy, and currently live in Arlington, VA, where Natalie works as a workplace strategy and design consultant with Herman Miller.

Kate Elizabeth Bonham was born to **Mary Fearon Bonham** and Frank on June 26, 2018. Mary was able to make it to Reunion just weeks before!

**Kelly Marie Kussmaul** completed her master's of library science in 2013 at Indiana University.

**Rachel Boury Baxter** and husband James have two daughters, Josephine and Evelyn. Rachel founded the website poetry-in-form.com in 2016 and has more than 6,000 followers.

**Alexandria Clay Zakrzewski** married Matthew Wisniewski in September 2017 in Buffalo, NY. They recently moved to Manhattan, KS and will both be

joining the Department of Psychology at Kansas State University this fall.

**Lyndsey Piehl Parker**, husband Matthew, and daughter Emmalyn welcomed Jillian Elizabeth on September 18, 2017.

**LeAnne Noelle Whiteside Goedde** and husband Paul (ND '07) had a son Griffin Joseph on October 3, 2017.

**Mary (Molly) LeBarge Ireton** and husband Matthew had daughter Hannah Eileen on October 8, 2017.

**Caitlyn Mack Wright** married Andrew at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Carmel, IN in December 2017. She completed her master's in nursing education at IUPUI in the spring.

**Kathleen Walton Criscione** and husband Jay have two children, son James "Seamus" Robert and daughter Maevie Marie.

**Meagan Walerko Cloninger** is a doctor of physical therapy, completing her degree at Northwest University in 2018.

**Michelle Grout Michel**, husband Kyle and daughters Kate and Ellie recently moved from the Bay Area to Portland, CA. Michelle is looking forward to the family's new adventure.

**Renee Woodward Powers** and husband Joseph live in Minneapolis. After finishing her master's in 2012, Renee recently launched a feminist life coaching practice and podcast called *Wild Cozy Truth*.

**Jessica Brinker Foster** passed the CPS exams and was recognized this year as an honoree for the "25 under 35 Awards" in the Mahoning Valley (Ohio).

**Samantha Peterson Harty** completed her master's in strategic management at Indiana Wesleyan in 2012. She is a guest services supervisor at the Wyndham La Cascada Resort in San Antonio, TX.

**Christina Perkins Kidd** and husband Brandon have two children, son Isaac and daughter Evelyn. Christina was nominated for an International Daisy Award for Nursing.

**Victoria Dominguez Hahn** and husband Justin live in El Paso, TX with their son Lucas.

**Jessica Marie Howle** is a senior brand manager at Avadel Pharmaceuticals in Chesterfield, MO.

**Emily Goebel Santana** and husband Anthony have two children, son Declan and daughter Vivian.

**Bridget Gulvas Ennis** and husband Kevin live in Ludington, MI, where Bridget is a letterpress printer.

## 2009



## 2010

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Hello, Belles! I was happy to receive so many updates over the past few months. It's great to see that everyone is happy and healthy and doing big things! So find a comfy seat, grab your coffee or a glass of wine, and read about your fellow Belles' marriages, births, mini-reunions, graduations, and so much more!

Let's begin with marriages over the last few years...

**Rachel Eisterhold Grant** married Daniel Grant in June 2014. The two met through a diocesan Catholic Young Adults group that Rachel was president of for a year. Rachel and Daniel went to Rome for their honeymoon the fall after getting married. Rachel was pregnant with their first baby and was able to meet Pope Francis, who gave their child a blessing! Rachel also shared that while in Rome Daniel and she ran into the Bishop of South Bend and the Saint Mary's Rome program attendees, and was invited to join all for Mass!

**Alexandra Eckardt Derec** married Jason Derec on October 28, 2017.

**Stephanie Villarreal Rogan** married Joseph Rogan on April 21, 2018 in Sedona, AZ. Her maid of honor was Bonnie Chow (ND '10) and one of her bridesmaids was **Kelsey Robertson Brickl**. Other Belles in attendance were **Caitlin O'Neill O'Connor '11**, **Hannah DeShon Pawlicki '11**, and **Lauren Marie Gomez '16**. Stephanie moved to Phoenix, AZ in 2015 and is currently an English teacher at Saguaro High School.

**Tracey Chuckas Cantwell** married Ryan Cantwell in the Holy Spirit Chapel in Le Mans Hall on June 9, 2018. The wedding reception was held at the historic Saint Joseph's Farm in Granger. Tracey's bridal party included **Julia Menold Geisler**, **Megan Marie O'Neill**, **Madeline Claire McCrea**, and **Michelle Alyse Giannola**. Also present to celebrate the day were **Katherine Casey Condon '12** and **Keelin Claire McGee '12**. Tracey and Ryan reside in downtown Chicago.

**Rachel Raska Selle** married Jason Selle, a 2008 graduate from MSU, on June 16, 2018 at Trinity Lutheran Church in St. Joseph, MI. Her bridesmaids included **Anastasia Wilson Judkins '15**, **Julie Marie Brkljacich**, and **Patricia Louise Holohan**. Other Belles in attendance were **Clare Marie Skokna** and **Megan Kathleen Sotak**.

And now to births of our future Belles or Fighting Irish!

**Rachel Eisterhold Grant** and Daniel Grant welcomed their first child Joseph Patrick on March 3, 2015. Then on September 9, 2016, they welcomed their second child Anna Marie. And in May 2018, they welcomed their third child Rebecca Claire.

**Mary McDougall Prendergast** and Brian Prendergast (ND '10) welcomed their third son Jack Cameron Prendergast on October 25, 2017.

**Kelly Marie Deranek** and Adam Steinbach (ND '10) welcomed their first child Naomi Belle Steinbach on May 18, 2018.

And let's wrap up with graduations and careers!

On June 2, 2018 **Molly Regina Feeks LaCoursiere** graduated from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and has begun her pediatric residency at Children's Hospital of Georgia in Augusta, GA.

**Kelsey Jane Knoedler** returned to Ireland for the first time since studying abroad in 2007–08. She works for a travel company and was able to do a solo trip to live in Galway for a month. Kelsey shared, "It was amazing!" She reunited with Roberta, the SMC coordinator in Maynooth, along with alumna **Sarah Catherine Fink**. Kelsey was also recently promoted to senior writer at Road Scholar!

**Rachel Eisterhold Grant** finished her master's degree in organizational dynamics in May 2017 from the University of Oklahoma-Tulsa. In March 2018 Rachel accepted the position of environmental specialist at ONEOK, Inc.

**Caitilin Marie Barrett** was awarded her PhD in clinical psychology on May 12, 2018, from the University of Wyoming. She completes an internship at the Cheyenne VA Medical Center in July 2018, and sits for the Board of Psychology licensing exam in September. Caitilin lives in Cheyenne with her psychologist husband Thomas Wykes and their 21-month-old daughter Aurora.

And lastly, **Carissa Salvador Aday**, husband Brandon and their two children are currently stationed in Okinawa, Japan for the Navy. Carissa is working for United States Naval Hospital Okinawa as an early childhood education specialist. Peace out, Belles!

## 2011

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**Frannie Margaret Hermes** left Guatemala and began a new job in Munich, Germany. She is working at the International Preschool in Munich. Fellow Belle **Kaitlin Sarah Feller**, who's lived in Germany for the past six years, has been helping Frannie settle in!

**Michelle Hird Kohn** and husband Ben are happy to announce the birth of their son, Leo Stephen, on May 2, 2018. The Kohn family are living in Milwaukee, WI.

**Meghan Lehr Moore** and husband Ross (ND '10) are thrilled to welcome their son Patrick Joseph, who was born in May of 2018.

**Randi Ellen Beem** recently moved to Charlotte, NC and accepted a position as the instruction archivist for J. Murrey Atkins Library at the University of North Carolina Charlotte.

**Hannah Snyder Rangel** and husband Parker (ND '11) welcomed their son Maxwell Ogden Rangel on April 19, 2018.

## 2012

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This last year it was great to hear how many of our SMC ladies grew in their careers around the world.

**Colleen Margaret Golden** accepted a position at Saint Joseph Health System in South Bend as their social media account manager. In April 2018, **Courtney Ann Eckerle** started a new position with the Suddhith Companies in Jacksonville, FL as senior copywriter and content strategist. **Anabel Lorena Castaneda** began a new job at the University of Nevada Las Vegas as the program coordinator for scholar development (Hope Scholars). Her position was created to work on the Hope Scholar Scholarship, which is awarded to selected graduating high school students in the Las Vegas school district who are experiencing homelessness. **Kelli Kristine Zeese** accepted a position with Boston College Athletics as the assistant director of facilities and operations. In addition to having primary football game day responsibilities, she will oversee four outdoor athletic stadiums and act as the game operations manager for another four sports while also serving as the primary contact in planning any ACC or NCAA post-season events at BC. Kelli relocated to Boston at the end of July. **Kamara Marie Umbaugh** began graduate school at Villanova University to obtain a master of public administration degree with a nonprofit management focus. **Margaret Patricia Otten** moved to Shanghai, China with her husband Jordan Jurinjak in August 2018. **Christine Ann Carson** recently moved to Snowmass, CO and started two new jobs: She is a part-time raft guide with Blazing Adventures and works full-time as a recording specialist for Pitkin County. **Katie Nash Greenspon** has a new role as account supervisor for the Publicis Health Network agency, Heartbeat, based in New York City. She is working in the Heartbeat West Los Angeles office and recently moved to Long Beach, CA.

In addition, we had some beautiful weddings and births. On January 12, 2018 **Mary Elizabeth (Beth) Brophy Faulkner** married James Faulkner. **Katie Dapper Dressing** and husband Michael (ND '11) welcomed their first son, Dillon Joseph, on March 6, 2018 in Tampa, FL. **Libby Karpus Schirtzinger** and her Sister Pa welcomed their first son, Michael David, on April 2, 2018. Shortly after, the family moved to Columbus, OH. **Catherine Ardath Batz** married John Diefenderfer on May 12, 2018. Her sister **Carolyn Batz McGee '05** was by her side as her matron of honor. **Katie Donovan Mrugala** was one of the bridesmaids. After Catherine and John's wedding, they honeymooned in Italy. Catherine was excited to get to show her husband some of her favorite spots from life in the Rome Program. Upon returning, Catherine graduated from medical school and started her residency in family medicine in June and now lives in Hallowell, ME. Catherine sends her love to all her SMC chicks. If your wedding or birth of your child was not included, make sure to contact me to get your announcement in the next *Courier*.

## 2013

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In wedding news, **Bailey Morgan Byerly** celebrated her marriage to Bradley Nettle on May 26, 2018. **Nora Patricia Quirk** married Tim Courtney on July 21, 2018. **Caroline Marian Ryan** was married to Bradley Holenstein (ND '13) on July 28, 2018 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

There are many births to celebrate for the Class of 2013! **Emily Pearl Tryniecki** and her husband Matt (ND '14) welcomed Leo James to the world on March 25, 2018.

**Annie Doyle Clohisy** and her husband John (ND '13) welcomed their second son Thomas Michael Clohisy on May 31, 2018. The Clohisy family still lives in the St. Louis area and their updated address is: 9714 Willow Creek Lane, St. Louis, MO 63119.

**Meghan Casey Thornburgh** and her husband Phil welcomed beautiful Fiona Grace in May. The Thornburgh family relocated to North Carolina from Tennessee. Their updated address is 10 Emerald Lane, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

**Torrie Thompson Remus** and her husband Kevin celebrated the birth of their first child Emerson Stanley.

**Kathleen Arens Foster** and her husband Benjamin also welcomed their second daughter Clare. Congratulations to everyone on the new life and bundle of joys that have been welcomed!

**Ambreen Jessica Ahmad** left her job as a visa officer at the Canadian Consulate in New York to begin law school at the University of Chicago!

**Silvia Melissa Cuevas** moved to New Jersey to pursue a master's in city and regional planning at Rutgers and is now working with The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. She is looking forward to connecting with fellow Belles in the area! Silvia's new address is: 905 Graham St. #12, Highland Park, NJ 08904.

**Erin Elizabeth Brown** recently relocated; her new address is: 2276 Newport Way NW, Issaquah, WA 98027.

## 2014

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Hi, 2014 Belles — it is exciting to hear from all of you! We can't wait to see everyone soon. Before we know it, it will be time for our first Reunion this coming spring 2019! It is hard to believe how fast time flies and that it will be five years since we graduated. Until then, we're thrilled to celebrate some updates from our classmates.





We are so impressed to see many of our classmates pursuing or finishing graduate programs just a few years after graduation! **Hannah Elizabeth Mudd** graduated from Mizzou Law, passed the Missouri Bar, and is now working with a mid-sized firm in downtown St. Louis. If you're interested in participating with the Saint Mary's St. Louis Alumnae Chapter, let Hannah know! **Corinna Martinez-Iduku** graduated with her master's in social work in May 2017 and began her journey as a therapist in Oklahoma. She recently became a licensed social worker and is now working toward her clinical licensure at Preferred Family Health within the outpatient services called Dayspring. At Dayspring, she serves as a school social worker at an elementary school and is focused on behavioral and mental health intervention with children and families. She also works with teenagers at the Santa Fe High School in Oklahoma City. Corinna got married about a year and a half ago to Benjamin Iduku and the couple is still living in Oklahoma City.

**Emily Sarah Taylor** has been living in Scotland for the past year and will finish her MSC in nursing in August! She also just joined the BOLD Committee and is looking forward to being back on campus for events and football games this season! **Kelly Townsend Courington** graduated May 2018 with a master's in business from Bethel College, and she started a new position as a program assistant at the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County. **Maggie McKenna Sliney** graduated in May 2018 from Boston College School of Social Work with a master of social work. Maggie is currently working as the marketing and social media manager at Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston.

**Allison King** is currently pursuing her master's degree in holocaust and genocide studies from Stockton University. **Alexandra Nicole Penler** will be starting her PhD in the history of international relations this September at LSE (London School of Economics).

Wedding Belles continue to ring for our class! **Megan Golden Ganser** married Louis Ganser (ND '13, '14) at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on June 9, 2018. Lou and Megan moved to Cleveland, and Megan just started working as the player engagement and family relations coordinator at the Cleveland Indians. **Stephanie Farah Towle** and her husband Nathan were married in summer 2018 in Green Bay, WI.

Our classmates continue to thrive in their workplaces. **Katy Elizabeth Kautz** started a new position as a business development coordinator in the summer of 2018 at The Gettys Group, a hospitality-focused interior design firm located in Chicago. **Devree Nichole Stopczynski** was recently promoted to manager of custom reporting at Press Ganey Associates.

A few of our 2014 Belles relocated for jobs and new opportunities. **Rachael Marie Young** moved to Hermosa Beach, CA over a year ago to pursue her career as a speech language pathologist. She is currently working at Torrance Memorial Hospital. **Anne Knauf** moved to Atlanta last summer and works as an admission advisor at Emory University.

It has been quite a busy season for our 2014 Belles. We hope to continue to hear about and celebrate your wonderful accomplishments. Keep in touch by dropping us a message at [belles2014news@gmail.com](mailto:belles2014news@gmail.com). #GoBelles

## 2015



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### LINSEY MCMULLEN '15

was chosen by Knowles Teacher Initiative as a member of its 2018 Cohort of Teaching Fellows. This year, 34 promising high school mathematics and science teachers who are just beginning their careers were awarded this honor.

EXCELSIOR

### CLARE MAHER '15

has been named in TechPoint's Tech 25 Class of 2018. Now in its fourth year, the Tech 25 Awards honor a prestigious group of 25 individuals who help grow tech and tech-enabled companies.

## 2016

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Our Belles have been keeping busy! At school, at work, and across the globe, the Class of 2016 is making its way in the world.

**Angge Del Rosario Roncal Bazan** has been living in Paris, France for the past two years, pursuing her master's degree in social and solidarity economics at the Catholic University of Paris. This past summer, she interned at ADIE (*Association pour le droit à l'initiative économique*), a nonprofit microfinance institution, and returned for the second year of her master's program in September. *Bien joué*, Angge!

**Eleanor Jones** completed her Fulbright fellowship as an English teaching assistant and cultural ambassador in Mongolia. She has since become a global community fellow with VIA Programs and works for the *Journal of Southeast Asian Human Rights* at the University of Jember in East Java, Indonesia. You continue to amaze us, Eleanor!

**Marisa Rose McNally** has begun her second year of law school at Arizona State University's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. She also adopted a Chihuahua puppy mix in the past year and named her Dagny!

Several 2016 Belles have been brightening South Bend lately! **Allyson Emily Strasen** has returned to SMC to serve as the new hall director of Holy Cross Hall. **Cara Brooke Firestein** is celebrating two years at Saint Mary's as an admission counselor and **Grace Louise Morrison** is celebrating two years at Notre Dame, where she works as a digital specialist for the Alumni Association. She is also a 200-hour registered yoga instructor in the South Bend area, so if you're nearby, be sure to reach out with all your yoga needs!

In addition to new jobs and new degrees-in-progress, several Belles have new accomplishments to share! **Sophia Rose Wilk** passed her CPA exams and earned her CPA license in 2018. Congratulations, Sophie!

**Madeline Kristine Harris** was named New Member of the Year by the Junior League of the Palm Beaches! She has volunteered more than 100 service hours with the Junior League's various community partners and was a lead member on the Kids in the Kitchen new member project. In the upcoming year, she will serve as a new member advisor and lead active for graphics and branding. Your classmates are proud of you, Madeline!

Don't forget to submit your class news to [smc16news@gmail.com](mailto:smc16news@gmail.com)! New jobs, new schools, new cities, weddings, births, accomplishments, reunions ... share it all!





# Just Sign Up

By Kaitlin Emmett '20

When registering for courses for the fall 2017 semester, **Annie Maguire '20** found herself intrigued by a course title in the Saint Mary's College Bulletin: *The Philosophy of Walking*. Considering her enjoyment

of being active, Annie was tempted to register, but hesitant to add even one more credit to her cramped schedule, ultimately deciding not to. After missing the first class, a friend convinced her to give the course another chance, so she visited the professor, Patricia Sayre, querying about a potential opening. Professor Sayre responded positively saying, "Just sign up. I can't say much else, but just sign up." Annie attended the next class and never wanted to miss another. It has become one of her favorite courses taken at Saint Mary's thus far.

The nature of Sayre's course is simply to walk. Each week, she led her students through purposeful walks, altering the destination of each one, sometimes even keeping it hidden. Often conversation occurred during the walks, but sometimes students were instructed to be silent. While there were no other stated factors that altered each excursion, the hope is that with such minimal instructions, each walk led students in new directions and brought new purposes. Every outing, students were instructed to set an intention and to remain open to wherever the walk led their minds and whatever ideas it brought. Staying consistent in these factors allowed the ideas gathered and conceived on each walk to occur without constraints.

## WALKING THE CAMINO

When she enrolled for Sayre's course, Annie already knew that she would be studying abroad in Seville, Spain in the following semester, and had formed the idea of possibly walking the *Camino* while there. She again expressed hesitation, though, knowing the difficulties, both physical and emotional, that accompany the journey. By following Sayre's instructions for the walks, Annie's idea was reassured. She recognized all the potential that was encompassed in walking hundreds of miles because of the incredible experience of the course, and decided to embark toward *El Camino de Santiago* in her last few weeks abroad.

Annie's route began on the most popular of the five trails — *El Camino Frances* — in León, Spain, walking approximately 322 kilometers, or 200 miles, total. She spent two and a half weeks covering 25 to 35 kilometers and walking eight hours each day. At the onset of the journey, each traveler receives a "pilgrim's passport" that gets stamped at various locations along the trail and tracks the distance walked. At the end, the passport is traded in for a certificate, which signifies the completion of the *Camino*. Annie explained her gratitude for making it to the end:


"I experienced so many emotions when I arrived. Because of the diverse terrain, mountains, and rivers, you never know what you can expect every day." The final destination of the *Camino* for many is the *Santiago de Compostela Cathedral*. The Mass that is celebrated marked the end of Annie's spiritual journey, and she was able to pass on all of her emotions and intentions onto *Santiago* — or, in English, Saint James.

## THE PHILOSOPHY OF WALKING

People journey to the *Camino* for a plethora of reasons, some spiritual, some not. While some of Annie's intentions for walking were spiritual, she also knew that she wanted time to process her experience abroad, and dedicated some of her walk to this intention. Most of her journey was spent reflecting on the unknown elements of her future, though. While practice this seems like a lot to internalize, Annie said that this is the nature of the *Camino*: "It could be because of challenges you face along the journey that stirs up your initial intentions, but whatever it was, it caused me to get so much more than I intended to out of the walk."

Annie found that she grasped a stronger sense of relationship toward the people present in her life, specifically her brothers who walked the *Camino* with her. She also emphasized how the walk strengthened her trust in herself and her present, rather than her future. By trusting herself to follow the signs that were set up to guide her along the path of the *Camino*, she learned how to be open to the signs that are set up throughout her life and trust that these signs will take her where she is meant to be. She said, "I still don't have a better idea of my future and my next steps after my walk, but I have a much greater sense in trusting myself and the path I have chosen. I know that the steps I am taking will be the right ones. As long as I am growing along the way, I will be OK, and I find so much comfort in this thought."

While her intentions for the future were not completely fulfilled during her walk, an even greater one emerged, blossoming into a deeper metaphor for her life. In this way, the *Camino* paired with Annie's experience in Sayre's class has lasted much longer than the walk itself. She continues her walk in the different stages of her life. "I see Saint Mary's as a stage of the *Camino* because I have grown to trust the steps I take in life, and Saint Mary's is just one of those steps."

Annie cannot forget to emphasize all that she learned about walking through her experiences abroad and in the classroom. She explained that there is much more to walking than the physical act itself: "I learned about how to view walking as an intentional activity, rather than as solely a mode of transportation." Thanks to Sayre's gentle encouragement, Annie gained a lifetime's worth of experience just from going on a few intentional walks in one course. 





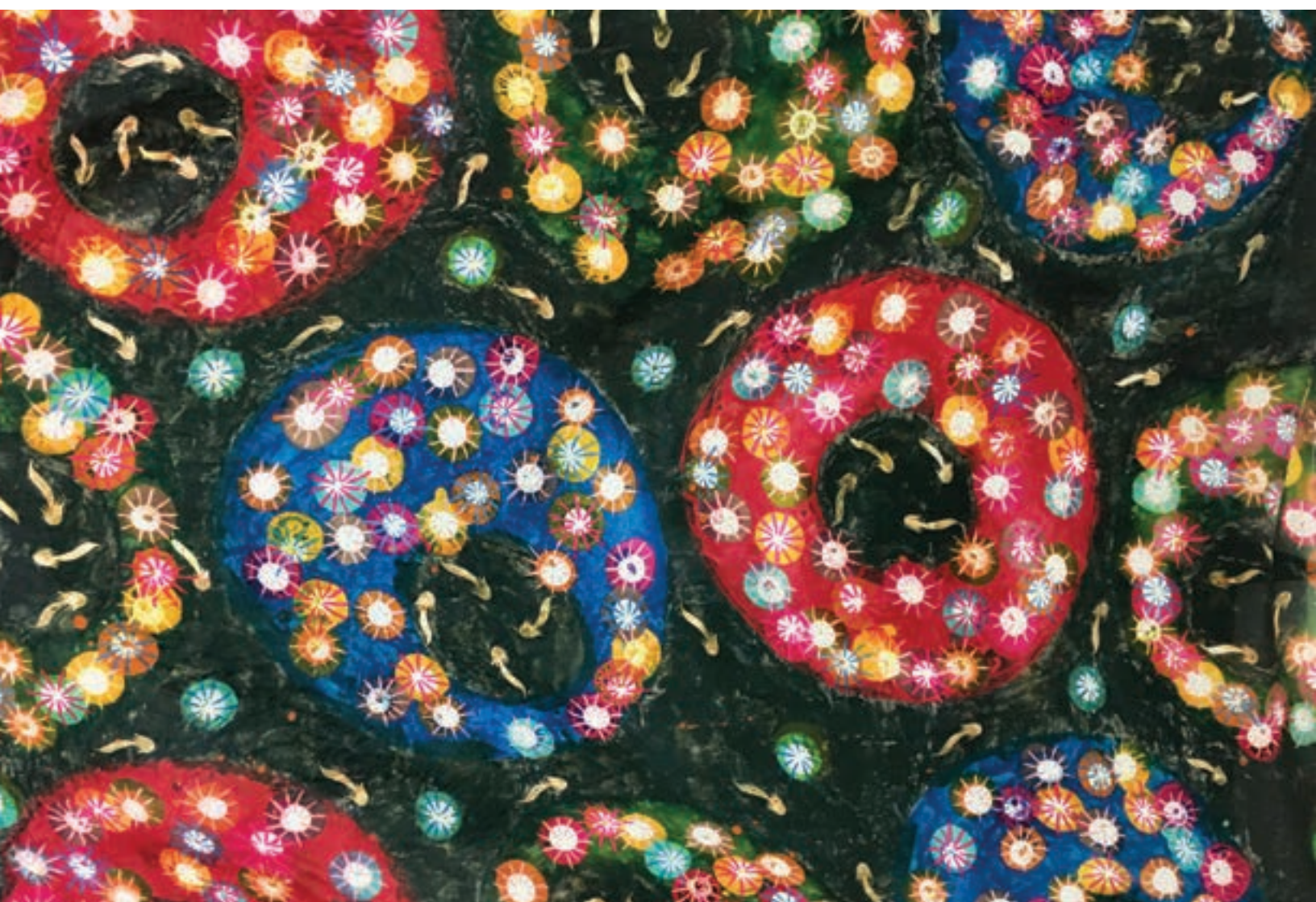
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