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The Mission
Saint Mary’s College is a Catholic, residential, women’s college in the liberal arts tradition. A pioneer in the education of women, the College is an academic community where women develop their talents and prepare to make a difference in the world. Founded by the Sisters of the Holy Cross in 1844, Saint Mary’s promotes a life of intellectual vigor, aesthetic appreciation, religious sensibility, and social responsibility. All members of the College remain faithful to this mission and continually assess their response to the complex needs and challenges of the contemporary world.
“Vinte?”
“Vinte.”

The bakery clerk stared at me. “Vinte?” she asked again.

Was I saying it wrong? I had asked for 20 pao de queijo … hadn’t I? We had a large clan staying with us in a crowded house in Porto Alegre, a city in the state of Rio Grande do Sul, the southern Brazilian state closest to the border of Uruguay. Religious breakfast eaters, we Americans clamored for the cheesy Brazilian rolls, often eaten with morning coffee or, in my case, with “Coca Light,” the Brazilian Diet Coke. I later learned it was ridiculous to order 20 as the bakery made a fixed amount each day and there would be none left for other customers. Not my first or last confusing cultural exchange.

Over the summer my family spent two weeks in Brazil staying with friends. It was the first trip abroad for me, my husband, and our son. We visited cathedrals, ate a la minuta (grilled beef, rice, French fries, and salad), drank mate—pronounced MAH-tay—a traditional sort of herbal drink. By the end of the two weeks, my husband and I could order from a menu in Portuguese and make ourselves, mostly, understood. Once, we took the bus by ourselves.

I have a new appreciation for what our students go through as participants in our study abroad programs. How brave they are to plant themselves in another culture, speak a foreign language, navigate new cities, when even the smallest tasks can be difficult: paying for something, getting on the right bus, reading a map.

Travel changes you. And our students and alumnae are well-traveled, but a number of them have taken intercultural competence a step further and have lived extraordinary lives in other countries. When we talk about educating global citizens, these are the women to whom we refer. They are culturally astute and capable of gleaning an education or forging a career in a completely new place, sometimes doing both in another language.

In her letter of introduction to our study abroad program brochure, President Mooney says, “The College’s mission statement emphasizes our commitment to forming women leaders who will make a difference in the world. Global education is an important first step toward discovering that world and preparing for leadership. The third millennium will undoubtedly continue to bring the world’s many cultures into contact with one another.” It is our job to prepare our students to live and work in this world and for that we are well equipped.

In this issue we meet alumnae who live around the world. They’ve made lives for themselves and changed the lives of others abroad. The students featured have done the same on just as grand a scale. This issue celebrates our global community—their voices, their work, their experiences. Just one more example of Saint Mary’s women who challenge themselves and their world to make it a better place.

Shannon Brewer Rooney ’03 is the editor of Courier.
**We asked**

**THE MOST SIGNIFICANT THING I LEARNED IS JUST HOW TO BE HAPPY WITH WHAT YOU HAVE.**

— FRANCINE RIZZO ’15

study abroad program participant, education major

— EMILY ROJAS ’15, study abroad program participant, sociology major

**WHAT IS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT THING YOU LEARNED FROM LIVING OR WORKING IN ANOTHER COUNTRY?**

**Having an open mind can alter one’s world view in such a beautiful way. During my time in South Africa, there were many occasions where I easily could’ve avoided trying new food, music, or clothing, but because I went with an open mind, I learned to love so many new things. The biggest barrier I can place on myself is to not want to go out of my comfort zone. However, when I can take that leap, I discover a whole new world.**

— EMILY ROJAS ’15, study abroad program participant, sociology major

People are people, and everywhere I have lived, I have known honest, giving, and hopeful people who I realize are the people who move us all forward . . . and who are not deterred by those who seek to hold us back. For the most part, people are busy getting on with their own lives and securing the next meal or the next harvest . . . or their children’s school fees and uniforms . . . or safe passage along a dangerous road.

— LESLIE F. WILSON ’76, Southeast Asia Coordinator, Church World Service, Bangkok, Thailand

** Much learning happens when you return. My family and I are only four weeks into our journey and it is hard to know what the great lessons of our time in Ireland will be. Things have worked out phenomenally so far, so this is one of the lessons that I hope my kids carry with them—that, sometimes, to live a dream (whatever your dream might be) you have to go on faith that you can figure it out as you go.**

— KAREN CHAMBERS, psychology professor, Ireland program coordinator, currently living in Ireland with her family

**Despite cultural differences, people are much more alike than we think. We are all going through the same human experience and feel similar emotions. I’ve also learned that it is important to be respectful of their way of life and immerse yourself in their culture as much as you are comfortable with.**

— AUDRA MAXBAUER KIRBY ’07

Osan Air Base, Songtan, South Korea

**That haggis and black pudding are deliciously awesome despite being made from sheep’s intestines and coagulated pig’s blood, respectively. I’ve learned loads about the British culture — different enough to be exciting, but not so different that I’m homesick. And that home is where the heart is.**

— MILY BOCHY FENTON ’97

Leeds, United Kingdom

**Live life without regrets, and make the most of each day, each experience, each person you encounter. We didn’t want to find ourselves moving back to the US wishing we had done this or tried that while we were abroad, so we made the most of our experience.**

— RENÉE DONOVAN GENETTI ’03

resident of Cambridge, United Kingdom for three years

— KAREN CHAMBERS, psychology professor, Ireland program coordinator, currently living in Ireland with her family
Saint Mary’s students invite young Catholic women to write Pope Francis

A group of students active in Campus Ministry are rising to meet a challenge facing the Catholic Church: a significant drop in young women practicing the faith. Students organized a letter-writing response to Pope Francis’ outreach to youth called “Voices of Young Catholic Women.” They invited Catholic women of the Millennial Generation (born between 1981–1995) to write the Pope about their love for the Catholic tradition and ideas for how the Church might better reach their demographic.

President Carol Ann Mooney hand delivered the correspondence when she and Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend had a general audience with Pope Francis on November 26. Grace Urankar ’14 and Kristen Millar ’15 also traveled to Rome.

Women’s Choir performs in NYC

If you were in New York on the Saturday after Thanksgiving you may have caught the Saint Mary’s Women’s Choir at Lincoln Center. Nancy Menk conducted the concert “With Grace: The Music of Gwyneth Walker,” featuring music for women’s voices by this well-known composer. Walker visited campus for the Fall Choral Concert, which also featured her work. Joining Menk, Jennifer Chester Ferguson ’06 conducted the Colorado Women’s Chorale and Katherine Chmelko ’09 conducted the Nazareth Academy High School Choir from Philadelphia. If you missed the concert, maybe you spotted the Saint Mary’s College Women’s Choir at the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade. The Tri-State Area Alumnae Clubs generously organized group tickets to the performance, organized a pre-performance at a nearby restaurant, and sponsored Thanksgiving dinner for the choir.

Saint Mary’s welcomes alumna as new Director of Admission

Sarah Gallagher Dvorak ’99 recently joined the College as the director of admission. Dvorak has spent most of her professional life in academic settings across the country in admission and communication positions. She holds a bachelor’s degree in communication studies from Saint Mary’s and a master’s degree in mass communication from California State University-Northridge. Most recently Dvorak was the director of undergraduate admissions at George Mason University.

“After spending the last 15 years in a variety of cities around the country, I am thrilled to return home to Saint Mary’s College,” says Dvorak. “Doing what I love at a place I love is a dream come true. Saint Mary’s molded me into the capable woman I am today, and I strive to use the knowledge I have gained throughout my career to spread the mission of Saint Mary’s both nationally and internationally.” Dvorak says she has two significant responsibilities as director of admission: “to lead a team that empowers young women to seek out a college that will help them grow in mind, body, and spirit; and to help these women find the place at which they can explore, discover, and ultimately become their best selves.”

Mad science: Chemistry students show kids that STEM is fun

Chemistry majors celebrated Halloween with local kids in October as they put on the second annual Halloween Chemistry Magic Show. Grade and middle school-aged kids and their families attended. Students dressed as mad scientists for the fire and ice themed show, which featured “tricks” with intriguing names like the glowing crystal ball, colored fire, and ice bubble. “By showing kids how fun science can be, we grasp their attention early. Ideally, we hope to encourage them to pursue a STEM field later on in their education,” says Kate Bussey ’15, president of the club Saint Mary’s Affiliates of the American Chemical Society (SMAACS). STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.
Christian Culture hosts author Reza Aslan

The Department of Humanistic Studies featured Reza Aslan, New York Times bestselling author, internationally acclaimed scholar of religions, and professor of creative writing at the University of California, Riverside, as this year’s Christian Culture Lecture speaker. Aslan gave his talk “Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth,” based on his bestselling book of the same title.

Aslan’s book made it to #1 on the New York Times bestseller list in 2013. As in his book, in his lecture Aslan discussed Jesus as a man full of conviction and passion, yet rife with contradiction. He explored the reasons why the early Christian church portrayed Jesus as a peaceful spiritual teacher rather than a politically conscious revolutionary.

The lecture attracted a standing room only audience. Laura Williamson Ambrose, assistant professor of humanistic studies and coordinator of the Christian Culture Lecture says, “An internationally renowned scholar of religion and an important voice in interfaith dialogue, Reza Aslan’s many published works and lectures encourage audiences to recognize the shared values underlying different faith traditions’ metaphors and symbols. His most recent book examines the historical Jesus alongside the Jesus of the Gospels, making him an ideal figure to discuss the influence of Christianity on culture, which is a goal of the lecture series.”

Serving and protecting those who have served and protected

Nursing student Erin Ebbert ’15 takes the blood pressure of a veteran during the 2nd annual Michiana Military Stand Down outside Four Winds Field, the local minor league baseball stadium, in South Bend. Several agencies offered veterans health and other services. While this is a once a year event, every Thursday, two nursing students can be found at the veteran’s center at the Center for the Homeless in South Bend offering blood pressure screenings, health education, and health case management for the vets. Photo courtesy of Ella Harmeyer, associate professor of nursing.

Sister M. Veronique Wiedower ’70, CSC elected Sisters president

Left to right, members of the newly elected Leadership Team of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross: Sister Angela Golapi Palma, CSC, councilor; Sister Suzanne Brennan, CSC, general treasurer; Sister M. Veronique (Wiedower), CSC, president; Sister Brenda Cousins, CSC, general secretary; and Sister Sharlet Ann Wagner, CSC, first councilor. The new team was installed on September 7 in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto, Saint Mary’s, Notre Dame, Indiana. They were elected in June to a five-year term at the congregation’s General Chapter meeting in Entebbe, Uganda. Photo courtesy of Sue Brothers.

The Sisters of the Holy Cross installed their new leadership team in September. Our vice president for mission, Sister M. Veronique Wiedower ’70, CSC, was elected president.

Sister Veronique has worked for the past five years at Saint Mary’s, serving as campus minister and then as vice president for mission. Her prior ministries include teaching music to high school students and ministering at St. Joseph Seminary in Palo Alto, California, where she helped with liturgy and music. She also was director for women religious for the Archdiocese of San Diego. In addition, Sister Veronique worked in initial formation for the Sisters of the Holy Cross. From 1994 to 2004 she served on the congregation’s Leadership Team. Sister Veronique entered the congregation from San Diego in 1965.

Experts for the media

Our professors are asked to lend their expertise to news stories regularly. From international politics to standardized testing to the job market—they comment on many different topics for a number of news outlets. Check out our news coverage online and see where our campus experts have recently been featured: saintmarys.edu/news-events/news-coverage.

Avenue News was written and compiled by Gwen O’Brien and Zara Osterman.
Tiffany McIver ’07 wears her Saint Mary’s ring every day. Like other Belles, she often runs into Saint Mary’s alumnae who recognize it. The difference is she is running into Belles in Rome, sometimes while giving tours of the Vatican. “Just like the ancient Romans wore a ring to show their Roman citizenship, I too proudly wear my alliance on my finger,” she says jovially. McIver is a freelance tour guide based in Rome and says she fell in love with the Eternal City as a Saint Mary’s student.

In fact, it was her Saint Mary's professors, both in the Rome study abroad program and on campus, that instilled in McIver an appreciation for other cultures. “Without the Saint Mary's Rome Program I would never have had the courage and the confidence to live so far from home,” she says. “It not only showed me true freedom through travel but also taught me to appreciate and understand a culture different from the one I grew up in.” This immersion in a different culture and way of life is what taught McIver the importance of being a global citizen. “I have been lucky enough to travel all over the world, and with each new person I meet I am continually reminded that our similarities as part of the human race vastly outweigh our differences,” she says.

As a tour guide, McIver now shares her love of Roman culture with visitors from all over the world. She started working at the Vatican Museums in 2008 through a tour company called City Wonders, one of the largest and most respected tour operators in Italy. In 2012 she was named City Wonders Guide of the Year. The award was a great honor, considering there were more than 200 guides employed by the company that year.

Today McIver gives tours within Vatican City and throughout Rome and all of Italy. She often designs and guides personalized itineraries for couples and families visiting Rome. Outside of the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica, some of her favorite places to bring people include the Colosseum, the Christian Catacombs, Papal Audiences, and custom tours of the hundreds
of churches, fountains, and piazzas in the Eternal City. She also specializes in leading wine and food tours—everything from pizza making and tiramisu classes to visiting a vineyard and tasting wine from the barrel.

“You might think that living eight years in Italy has ‘Italian-ized’ me, but it is just the opposite,” says McIver. In Italy she feels more American than when she is in the States. “No matter how good my Italian gets, my American accent always shows through. When I meet an Italian I am always interrupted after the first few exchanges with ‘Sei americana, no?’ People always say it with a smile.” McIver confirms their assumption, knowing she is always connected to the people and the country in which she grew up.

McIver proudly starts each tour by introducing herself and announcing to the group that she is an alumna of Saint Mary's College. “I am always amazed and touched by the moments where, upon shaking someone’s hand they will take a closer look at my Saint Mary’s ring and excitedly exclaim, ‘I went to Saint Mary’s!’ or even, ‘My mother/grandmother/sister/wife went to Saint Mary’s!’” The ring has become a touch point for McIver, a reminder of the global Saint Mary’s community of which she is proud to be a part.

McIver welcomes Belles visiting Rome to get in touch. You can email her at tiffany.mclver@gmail.com.

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Nein to Five:

an American Glimpse into the German Grind

By Lynn Sikora ’06

We average 40 hours per week and decades of our lives at work wherever we live, but those who work outside the US often encounter cultural differences within the workplace. Here is one alumna’s American glimpse into the German grind.
After first arriving in Hamburg, Germany, to continue my career in children’s publishing at Phoenix International Publications, Inc., where I work as the business manager, I was constantly asked about my “contract.” My what? I quickly learned that all of my colleagues and acquaintances in the corporate world have very detailed, signed contracts outlining all aspects of their work. This was a new concept to me. And new to them that I could survive without one as a US employee in a German office.

Germany is a nation built on hard work and efficiency, which protects and rewards people doing their jobs. And it’s exactly why the coveted German work contract is highly sought after by European Union (EU) citizens and non-EU citizens alike—each hoping to prove they are more uniquely qualified than a native German.

In America, most full-time employees have “at-will employment”—a US labor law term which allows an employee or employer to be dismissed without reason or warning. Most German contracts have a built-in Probezeit, a trial period of three to six months where both parties can opt-out of the contract. But once that period is over, your job is relatively secure—complete with a considerable notice period. The term “two weeks notice” is virtually unheard of in the German corporate world, as is the painful scene of someone being let go and escorted out by security that same day.

Although the Germans certainly earn their vacation, they are rewarded much more handsomely than most American employees. Many workers take no less than one-week vacations at a time—often two or three weeks. They don’t understand when I work a half-day or work after landing from an international flight. Why? Unlike me, they have the luxury of not worrying about when their 20-30 vacation days might run out.

Even better, Germans don’t have to worry about sick days. If you’re sick, you just get a doctor’s note. It seems as if three days is the magic number for a Krankmeldung, sick note. And they come back feeling healthy and refreshed—unlike Americans who, it sometimes seems, simply can’t afford to take a sick day, no matter how great the risk of taking the rest of the office down with them. The incredible health insurance isn’t even linked to your employment.

Mutterschutz, maternity leave, is mandatory before and after childbirth. Expectant mothers start their fully paid leave six weeks before their due date and aren’t allowed to return until eight weeks after giving birth. It’s even extended to 12 weeks in the case of premature, multiple, or Cesarean births. After that, Elternzeit, parental leave, kicks in and protects a mother or father’s job for up to three years. The government subsidization plays a big role here as they continue to offer incentives to increase the birth rate.

Educational leave is also granted for however you’d like to improve yourself: a Photoshop class, a language course in a foreign country, a yoga trip. The time is yours as long as you foot the bill. It’s not often taken advantage of, but it could maybe save you from Burnout, burnout syndrome—an accredited illness in Germany that is exactly what it sounds like.

Of course, the high salaries do come with high taxes. Earning $45,000 a year already puts you in the highest tax bracket, which is close to 50%. And 19% of your income goes right into social security. But with university tuition covered, clean and safe cities, and a pension, the rest of your money goes quite far and leads to happy citizens.

My broad title as business manager encompasses many roles, but my main task is to serve as a cultural bridge between our corporate office and German subsidiary. It took me less than a week on-site to discover and understand the various differences between office culture and smooth over the differences. The once strange German practices have now become my new normal. But I feel like an imposter when I’m reminded that I am still a US employee based in a German office. For now, I’ll enjoy walking to the office, using the Bosch dishwasher in the kitchen, and learning northern German slang. But I’m still trying to figure out how to get my hands on one these contracts.
What’s it like to live and work in another country? Our alumnae know. They’ve lived and worked all over the world. Here we feature five who’ve made a home away from home outside the US.
How many of our Belles are global citizens? Join Our Avenue at alumnae.saintmarys.edu, search alumnae by location, and connect with Alumnae Around the World.

Living History

A Christian culture major (now humanistic studies) at Saint Mary’s, Winifred McGuinness Meikle ’61 put her education to work in England, where she’s lived and worked now for 40 years. Meikle saw her Saint Mary’s education come to life in her adopted country.

“England is a living history book,” she says. “I am walking the paths of so many things and places that we studied.” Winchester Cathedral, near her home in the city of Winchester, houses the bones of early English kings as well as Jane Austen’s grave, and Joan of Arc memorabilia. It’s also near places of historical interest relating to Alfred the Great, Canterbury Cathedral, and of course Windsor Castle in London.

When Meikle first moved to England, she worked part time teaching English “with an American accent” at the local university while her four children were in school. In 1989 she started a relocation assistance business, advising people moving to England on finding homes and schools, and familiarizing them with the culture. This venture evolved into property management as well, but she retired and sold the business soon after her first grandchild was born. Retirement is busy as ever for Meikle. She continues to fundraise for village and church projects, which she has done for years, and is currently chair of her parish council, which covers four churches in the greater Winchester area.
International Expansion

Originally from Kazakhstan in Central Asia, Akmaral Omarova studied abroad at Saint Mary’s College, graduating with a BBA in 2002 and going on to earn her master of business administration from Harvard Business School. Starting with Saint Mary’s, Omarova has spent most of her adult life living outside her home country.

Omarova has worked in the US, Russia, and India, and is drawn to emerging markets. “Everything changes so fast, that one has to develop flexibility and tranquility when things don’t go as expected,” she says. She says the uncertainty found in emerging markets is the most striking difference from working in the US.

She recently joined a healthcare startup in India, driving its international expansion. With her education and experience, she’s not limited by location, but she likes the combination of a developing economy and helping others. “I love the dynamism and sense of hope. I love seeing how many people can be pulled out of poverty and have a chance at a fulfilling life,” says Omarova.

Experiencing different cultures has been a learning experience as well. She’s learned an appreciation for the opportunities life has presented her. “I learned to be humble and be grateful for all that God blessed me with,” she says. She’s sharing those blessings in every country in which she lives, taking the Saint Mary’s mission around the world.

The Good Life

A French and philosophy major at Saint Mary’s, Mary Schubert Maury ’62 has lived in France for 47 years. For 37 she was associate professor of English as a Second Language (ESL) for business and science students at the University of Paris 11-Orsay. Maury’s life after college began with a job at the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), where she translated French-African documents. But, Maury yearned to travel. Ever adventurous, she bought a ticket around the world. When Maury got to Japan, she loved it so much she stayed on six months and worked at the Iranian Embassy in Tokyo translating documents from French to English.

Maury eventually settled in France and raised two sons there. There she found an appreciation for quality of life and “slow food,” taking time to choose, prepare, and eat food at a table, with conversation, on a regular basis. But living in a foreign country and traveling back to the States has taught her that an appreciation for life isn’t necessarily tied to location. “My appreciation for life is not particularly French—family, relationships, spirituality give meaning to my life, and that can be everywhere,” she says.
Eastern Foodie

Brigid Fitzpatrick ’08 spent a few post-graduation years working at a Mayo Clinic in Florida, but she’d wanted to live abroad ever since her sophomore semester abroad with the Rome program. So, she moved to South Korea to teach grades three through eight in a hagwon, or private after-school academy. Living and working in South Korea, Fitzpatrick lived in an officetel, where the apartments could be leased as a residence or small business/office. She learned to read and write in Hangeul, the Korean phonetic writing system, and discovered a new music genre. “One thing I did not expect to happen in Korea was getting completely swept away by the Korean Wave! K-Pop is hot and I was completely won over after attending a K-Pop event in Incheon shortly after I arrived,” says Fitzpatrick. After her work contract was up, she moved to Taiwan, where she now lives in Nankan, a suburb just outside of Taoyuan City.

Taiwan was the greater adjustment, she says, because Korea is very Westernized. “Taiwan, while well equipped with Western comforts, is very deep in their Chinese culture. There are temples on every corner and there is always some kind of temple celebration happening somewhere in town. That means firecrackers,” explains Fitzpatrick. She developed a love for stinky tofu, which she likes deep fried and served with pickled cabbage. “I am a huge foodie and the Taiwanese LOVE to eat! I also enjoy the climate here as it is quite similar to the climate I am used to at home in Florida,” she says. She plans to stay in Taiwan at least one more year, and then pursue another English as a Second Language (ESL) opportunity closer to home.

Tell it Like it is

In Leiden, Netherlands, Charlene Milliken Lambert ’71 is adjunct professor in business and management at Webster University. She also owns a consulting business in market research and inward investment promotion and is vice chair and a board member of the Women’s Business Initiative International. She’s been in the Netherlands for 20 years, and really enjoys the cosmopolitan nature of living and working there.

She arrived in the Netherlands via Canada. She earned a master’s degree in urban and regional planning from the University of Ottawa, Canada, and worked in the Department of Economic Development in Ottawa, Canada’s capital. At the time, Ottawa and The Hague, Netherlands, were Twin Cities, a very active relationship, and she was responsible for the economic development programs between the two cities. It was through these contacts that she came to the Netherlands.

One of the most striking differences between American and Dutch culture is the Dutch’s way of telling it like it is. “The English language is full of ways to say something negative in a nice way, and it comes quite naturally to us without our even realizing it, whereas in Dutch it’s common just to say it as it is.” Lambert enjoys the international connection of the city, its proximity to travel destinations, and its bicycle culture as well.
Global Studies is about more than travel. It means preparing Saint Mary’s students to live and work in the 21st century, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to be effective citizens in the global community.

“We live in a society that is constantly changing, and every moment we become more and more globally connected in so many ways,” says Sara Napierkowski ’14, a member of the first graduating class of global studies (GLST) majors. This unique program has given Napierkowski a skill set and knowledge base that she will be able to apply in multiple professional fields.

With changes in technology and communication, many sectors that were previously national concerns have now gone international—business, social responsibility and justice, healthcare. And our founders, the Sisters of the Holy Cross, have always considered their mission a global one. As our idea of the world continually widens, our focus then becomes prepping global citizens. We must equip graduates with an awareness of the social and cultural diversity of the world and a willingness to learn more.

In 2007, President Carol Ann Mooney ’72 released her strategic plan, “A Path to Leadership,” which called for expanding study abroad participation and incorporating global learning outcomes into the curriculum. From there, a team of faculty and staff from all College divisions conducted a self-study on internationalization, and “at top of the list of recommendations...
presented to the president was to develop international major and minor programs of study, which is the origin of our GLST programs," says Jill Vihtelic, chair of the Department of Global Studies and professor of business administration and economics. Launched in August of 2012, GLST graduated its first class of majors in 2014, just two years after implementation and two years sooner than expected.

GLST majors choose one of eight concentrations: anthropology, gender and women's studies, global business administration, global economics, intercultural studies, international development, international higher education administration, and modern European culture. All students in both the major and minor programs take an interdisciplinary core of four globally focused courses in anthropology, economics, history, and political science. In addition, a five-week minimum study abroad or internship is required, and majors must demonstrate world language proficiency on a test that measures reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills. While all majors can participate in study abroad or take internationally focused courses, the GLST major and minor focus entirely on subjects and skills that will shape Saint Mary's students into global citizens.

With 18 (and counting) intended GLST majors in the class of 2017, the program is thriving. Sarah Lipinski ’15, GLST major, studied in Ireland two years ago and returned last summer to intern at the US Embassy in Dublin. “After graduation, I hope to work in the Foreign Service and to pursue graduate studies, with a long-term goal of working for the United Nations.” The requirements of the global studies program will prepare her for just that.

Such preparation is already paying off for Napierkowski. She was awarded an Orr Fellowship before she even graduated, working at a global data analytics provider based in Indianapolis, Indiana. “I have the task of setting the bar for those who follow, and I hope my academic career exemplified the standards that Saint Mary’s has taught me as a young woman and student: to pursue and achieve,” she says. Living the mission, being agents of change, and taking their Saint Mary’s educations to where it’s needed have always been what our graduates do best, and the new GLST major is just one more avenue to take them where they want to go.
SERVING
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THE UGANDA
SUMMER PRACTICUM

By Shannon E. Brewer Rooney ’03
On her first day teaching at a Holy Cross school in Kyarusozi, Uganda, Gianna Ventrella ’15 met a little boy named Innocent. The students were practicing basic math facts. As Ventrella walked past Innocent, she glanced at his notebook and saw that he “had no idea what he was doing.” She immediately sat down. As she worked with Innocent, Ventrella pulled out all of her teacher tricks. She found that Innocent barely understood English and didn’t at all understand how to add numbers. The regular classroom teacher told her that Innocent couldn’t even count and would probably not learn to add. That broke her heart. “He became my kid. The kid I would put everything into,” she says.

Ventrella is one of six Saint Mary’s seniors who worked in Uganda last summer through the College’s six-week summer practicum with the Holy Cross Sisters. Along with Ventrella there were two other education majors: Francine Rizzo ’15 and Bridgette Minnema ’15; and three nursing majors: Julia Brehl ’15, Janice Heff ernan ’15, and Kelly Wilson ’15.

Kyarusozi, Uganda is a tiny village outside of Fort Portal, and a five-hour drive from Kampala, the capital city. The students stayed in the Sisters’ convent and worked directly with the Sisters at the Holy Cross Family Center, both in Moreau Primary School and the Kyembogo Health Center.

The goal of the program according to Alice Sigin Yang, program coordinator and assistant director of global education, is to offer a practicum opportunity for our education and nursing majors to work with the Sisters, help with their school and clinic, understand the Ugandan people and their culture, education, and primary health care practices. Yang says the experience helps students develop their intercultural knowledge and competence and empowers them to realize their call to leadership in the global society. “The Uganda Summer Practicum has great impact on our students. It enhances their intercultural competence by applying their knowledge in an intercultural context and reflecting on their own cultural norms and understanding of the world,” says Yang. The program is one example of educating women who will make a difference in the world.

Heff ernan, a nursing major, says she looked at the prospect of a trip to Uganda as something completely outside of her comfort zone. She describes a day in the life beginning with waking to the sound of chickens and turkeys scratching in the yard of the convent around 7:30 a.m. The students were prepared for some cultural differences by an on-site, weeklong course in East African history and culture. But they quickly learned other cultural quirks through experience. For example, Heff ernan says, times and schedules are not as set in stone as they are in the States, and the young women learned to go with the flow and take the Sisters’ lead when the time set for a scheduled activity fluctuated.

Heff ernan found her niche in the lab at the Kyarusozi clinic and spent a lot of time working with a technician drawing blood and conducting rapid HIV and malaria testing. She also joined the staff on outreach days, when they would travel to rural villages and often immunize more than 100 infants. “Students encounter and minister to people living with HIV/AIDS in the clinic or support groups. They learn to live with and use what is available in our limited resources at times,” says Sister Angelica Birungi, director of the health center. The three nursing majors rotated through different clinical duties and each education major assisted a lead teacher in separate classrooms.

In addition to honing their skills, students immersed themselves in the local community. Nursing major Brehl says that when the students were done with their work near the end of the day, the Sisters hosting them were often not yet done with their own work. The students would walk back to the convent or take a boda boda (motorbike) back. “Though the walk was long, there wasn’t a day we regretted walking as there was much to see and learn along the way,” says Brehl.

Every night around 6 p.m. the students went outside to greet visiting neighborhood children. They played soccer and other games with the kids and taught them English while the children taught them Rutorro, the local language. Much of the students’ learning took place during these interactions. In particular, Brehl bonded with a little boy named Rinaldi. When asked about the most significant part of her experience in Uganda, Brehl says, “I think most of all I learned that you can make the best of every situation. There are days that it’s so easy to get caught up in what we don’t have and then I think about the days that the electricity was shut off because it was raining. I think about the joy on my little friend Rinaldi’s face when Bridgette [Minnema] gave him Matchbox cars. And I learned how much every culture has the same qualities of love. We were so welcomed into the community there…”

“To me traveling isn’t just about sight seeing, but about living the lives of the people,” says Ventrella. “It is important to eat their food, engage in conversation, learn their language, celebrate their traditions, and so much more.”

On the last day of class, Ventrella’s supervising teacher stared at her in amazement as little Innocent completed his division problems. He wasn’t doing them perfectly, but Ventrella saw that he understood the concept. Their hard work together had paid off. “He taught me about the teacher I can be,” she says. “He taught me that you don’t have to be perfect to spread joy and love. I taught him division, but he taught me so much more about life.”
Hollye Harrington Jacobs ’93 gives hope to breast cancer patients

By Shannon E. Brewer Rooney ’03

Here’s a piece of advice that may be hard to swallow. “Asking for help is a sign of strength not weakness.” It’s the number one piece of advice that Hollye Harrington Jacobs ’93 RN, MS, MSW, gives women and men diagnosed with breast cancer. “You are not alone,” she says. Jacobs recently published her first book The Silver Lining: A Supportive and Insightful Guide to Breast Cancer (Atria Books, 2014). In it she shares how she stayed positive after being diagnosed with breast cancer, finding silver linings in even the darkest experiences.

Jacobs was diagnosed at the age of 39. She is a registered nurse, social worker, and was a vegan marathon runner with no family history of breast cancer. She started a blog, The Silver Pen (thesilverpen.com), in 2010 as a way to keep people apprised of her journey through diagnosis, her double mastectomy, chemotherapy, radiation, and recovery.

The Silver Pen became her personal account of her experience with cancer, written and informed by her professional experience as a nurse, social worker, and child development specialist. An unexpected silver lining was that, in a fairly short period of time, the blog went viral. “People write to me from all over the world. What started as a way to communicate with family and friends became a source of information and—so I’m told—inspiration that gives a descriptive voice to the breast cancer experience,” says Jacobs.

She realized what she could offer other women—and men, she is careful to include—who are dealing with their own diagnoses. “From the time of my diagnosis, I faced a litany of decisions and treatments without preparation. I quickly realized that there is no guide or lifeline for breast cancer patients that is simultaneously honest and informative, practical and supportive, beautiful and serious, realistic and uplifting. No such book existed,” she says.

Until now. The Silver Lining is written from Jacobs’ perspective, giving information and advice the way a close girlfriend would. It includes helpful information and personal insight including how to talk with children about cancer, what questions to ask a doctor at each stage of the process, how to cope with fear of needles, and what to pack when going to the hospital. Jacobs’ words are paired with images by award-winning photographer and co-author Elizabeth Messina. Messina’s photos are simple and beautiful, illustrating both Jacobs and her surroundings in a loving and visually engaging way.

Jacobs is now a full-time speaker and author. She continues to write through The Silver Pen and she runs support groups for children of parents with cancer. Her work is her way of making meaning from her breast cancer experience. In October, designated breast cancer awareness month, Jacobs partnered with insurance corporation Allstate. The corporation is offering 250,000 copies of The Silver Lining: A Companion Guide, a condensed version of her book, for free to match the 250,000 people diagnosed with breast cancer between October 2014 and October 2015. Anyone impacted by breast cancer can download the book. “The only way I know how to make sense of my cancer diagnosis is to try to make it better for those who have to follow me down this difficult path, just as those who suffered before me made my treatment more bearable and more effective,” she says. Jacobs’ goal for the book is for it to serve as a lifeline, guide, inspiration, and a support to help everyone impacted by breast cancer.

If you or a loved one have been impacted by breast cancer, you can download Jacobs’ book here: directrelief.org/silverlining.
The Cushwa-Leighton Library renovation will provide additional space for collaboration.

Group study opens intellectual doors, develops important life skills, and increases comprehension.
ENRICH THE EDUCATION OF EVERY STUDENT

As increasing numbers of academic materials are made available electronically, students and faculty have access to a nearly limitless wealth of resources. In this technological age, libraries are transitioning from quiet places of solitary study to flexible spaces that foster collaboration, provide extensive electronic holdings, and house librarians to help students navigate the vast amounts of information available in print and online. If the Cushwa-Leighton Library is to make this shift, it must be updated and strengthened to support the way students learn, work, and live today.

The Faith Always, Action Now campaign seeks to raise $5.7 million to transform the Cushwa-Leighton Library into a vibrant learning center that will serve as an intellectual and cultural hub on Saint Mary’s campus.

STUDY SPACES ENGINEERED TO PROMOTE SCHOLARSHIP IN COMMUNITY

The ability to accommodate a wide variety of study styles has become imperative for today’s library. Ill-suited or inadequate space may deter students from studying in the library, driving them away from valuable resources and the guidance of skilled librarians. In its current layout, the Cushwa-Leighton Library has limited numbers and varieties of study spaces. In order to remedy this limitation and accommodate student study preferences, the library renovation will focus on creating additional group study rooms and dedicating space for collaboration. Also included in the plans are 20–30 computer stations with access to digital resources, whiteboards for student use, an exhibit and events space, and a coffee bar for students to recharge, meet with friends, or take a break. The renovated Cushwa-Leighton Library will offer students a welcoming environment, no matter their study preferences.
EXPANDED COLLECTION TO SUPPORT ON-CAMPUS RESEARCH

When a Saint Mary’s student begins a research project, she must often depend upon another college or university for the academic sources she needs. If the College is to maintain its status as a first-rate liberal arts academic institution, it is key that the library supports student and faculty research more effectively. An endowed Leadership Library Fund will provide annual funds designated specifically to grow the collection and provide access to greater numbers of academic journals, allowing the Cushwa-Leighton Library to serve as a one-stop shop for papers and projects. A more extensive library collection will better serve Saint Mary’s students and offer the resources they need to excel in their chosen fields of study.

ENDOWMENT TO SECURE EXCELLENT LEADERSHIP

The heart of a liberal arts college is its library. In order to remain strong long into the future, the Cushwa-Leighton Library seeks to attract and retain excellent leadership. An endowed library director position clearly communicates the value and importance of Saint Mary’s library to future leadership candidates, ensuring that the College will recruit exceptional library staff. By endowing the director’s salary, a portion of the library’s annual budget will be freed to purchase additional resources and tools.
SUPPORTING

student research

Strong research fuels excellent scholarship. In an effort to measure the effect of guided student research on the final assignment, Saint Mary’s librarians offered several in-class research tutorial sessions and conducted a survey afterward. One hundred percent of participating professors said they would recommend the training to other faculty and seventy percent said they noticed an improvement in the quality of the papers they received after the tutorial.

The Faith Always, Action Now campaign seeks to provide a stronger collection of academic resources and welcoming study spaces near skilled librarians to bolster student research.
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Beyond the Field

By Sarah Meisle ’07

The skills Belles athletes Caroline Stancukas ’07 and Marcie Gaus Berry ’91 learned on the field contributed to their successful careers.

Soccer is known around the world as “the beautiful game,” and at Saint Mary’s it also sets up beautiful futures. Soccer, along with the College’s seven other varsity sports, embraces the preparation of student-athletes for success beyond graduation no matter what career path a Belle may choose.

Marcie Gaus Berry ’91 and Caroline Stancukas ’07 know firsthand how the balance of athletics and academics can be a positive and transformative experience.

Berry joined the Belles soccer program as a quiet and timid first-year student in the fall of 1987. “(Coach Tom) Van Meter can tell you that I was a very shy, quiet girl when I went to the field for the first soccer practice,” says Berry. “I never believed that I had the skills to play soccer at the collegiate level.” Before she knew it, she was a starter in the team’s first game of the season and subsequently went on to start every game of her career.

“I remember feeling very proud and so excited to be a part of the team and it made an impact that lasted well beyond that first game,” she says. “I felt like I belonged. The most important result of being a student-athlete for me was that I developed a greater confidence in myself.”

That confidence translated into being hired by Price Waterhouse as an auditor after earning her degree in business. After two years, she entered the world of finance, taking a position working with mutual funds at Federated Investors. Seven years and a CPA license later, she worked for Arthur Andersen before being hired by the Benedum Foundation in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Berry was promoted to her current position of director of investments with the private foundation, which holds assets of $380 million. “Playing soccer at Saint Mary’s made me a stronger person; someone who realized that if I worked hard, I could achieve both my professional and personal goals,” she says.

For Stancukas, the experience with the Saint Mary’s soccer program was not entirely different from Berry’s. A multi-sport student-athlete in high school, she played in more than 50 games during her soccer career at Saint Mary’s while also participating in varsity swimming. “I discovered my physical and mental limits on the soccer field and in the swimming pool,” says Stancukas. “I learned when I can push myself harder and when I need time to regroup and recover. As a medical student and now as a resident physician, I am once again being pushed to my limits and I know what I can handle without compromising patient care.”

At Saint Mary’s Stancukas majored in political science with a pre-medicine track and a minor in biology. She went on to earn a master’s degree in biomedical sciences from Midwestern University and graduated earlier this year from the Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science.

Like Berry, Stancukas took the skills she learned on the field into life after college. “I learned the importance of time management. It was no easy task to take 18 credit hours, participate in extracurricular activities, practice for two hours every day, and devote every weekend to a game or tournament,” she says. “I learned how to study efficiently and effectively with the time that I had and this served me extremely well as a graduate student and a medical student.”

Currently, Stancukas is in her first year as a resident physician at Katherine Shaw Bethea Hospital in Dixon, Illinois. She will spend three years in forefoot and rearfoot surgical training during her residency.

When asked if they would do it over again, both agreed without hesitation. While their careers led down different paths and many years apart, these two Belles embraced the college-athlete experience that prepared them to embrace their beautiful futures.
Alumnae Deaths

1928 Helen Carter Withy June 18, 2014
1929 Mildred Kocher Crowley May 5, 2014
1931 Alb Righty Gagnier Griffith March 4, 1999
1935 Margaret Ridgely Dalby September 8, 2014
1939 Mary Jo Schwallm Uhl December 20, 2013
1941 Martha Abberger Daly February 12, 1999
1943 Lucille Hollen camp Graber September 2, 2014
1944 Mary Margaret Cruse Klein March 17, 1999
1945 Geraldine Dazey Gipson April 6, 2014
1946 Rosemary Coffey Johnson June 3, 2014

Family Deaths

George Beutter, father of Elizabeth Beutter Borowski ‘87, July 30, 2014.
Kenneth Brothers, brother of Linda Brothers Diltz ‘81, August 2, 2014.
Marilyn Byrne, mother of Cornelia Byrne Bruce ‘73, April 23, 2014.
Wallace Carl, husband of Betty Jane Carr ‘45, June 9, 2013.
Ronald Carzoli, father of Pamela Carzoli Brun ‘77, Julie Carzoli Ostrowski ‘82, July 30, 2014.
Alain Carzoli Daniel ‘90, December 6, 2013.
James Connolly, father of Dorothea Connolly Conway ‘81, grandfather of Megan Anne Conway ‘06, May 5, 2014.
Michael Conner, husband of Patricia Denu ‘81, July 12, 2014.
Alice Cullina, mother of Joanne F. Cullina ‘82, May 9, 2014.
Rogelio de la Torre, father of Lourdes de la Torre Dingman ‘74 and Maria de la Torre ‘80, January 27, 2014.
Matthew Deschamplieu, uncle of Miranda Mikulsky VanNevel ‘05, June 8, 2014.
David P. Dikken, father-in-law of Mary Beth Barger Dirksen ‘93, August 1, 2014.
Thomas Edward Donahue, brother of Christine Donahue Hacht ‘90, January 16, 2014.
Donald Dornbach, father of Mary Beth Dornbach Snyder ‘80, grandfather of Hannah Elizabeth Snyder ‘11, June 30, 2014.
Margaret Dougherty, mother of Linda M. Dougherty ‘72, February 11, 2013.
Mary Elizabeth Flecker, mother of Sara Flecker Nash ‘67, June 11, 2014.
Donald Flock, husband of Patricia Flock ‘58, May 19, 2014.
Albert Garratano, father of Carmela Jo Garratano ‘90, June 29, 2014.
Henyrew, father of Laura Magrue ‘73, August 24, 2014.
Timothy Hand, husband of Marie Trudo Hand ‘85, November 24, 2014.
David Harthen, father of Catherine Harthen Leonard ‘05, August 24, 2013.
Stella Hennessy, mother of Catherine Hennessy Price ‘93, August 21, 2014.
Donald Henley, father of Veronica Henry Kessenich ‘70 and Rebecca J. Henry ‘74, grandfather of husband of Veronica Louise Kessenich ‘01, June 25, 2014.
Albert Herzog, father of Laura Herzog Serotto ‘76, July 14, 2014.
Marianne Linning Hoffmann, father of Carolyn Linning O’Rourke ‘55, cousin of Joan Hausman Campbell ‘55, aunt of Marilyn Crimmins Benkelman ‘75, March 5, 2014.
John Hogan, father of Mary Jo Hogan Cox ‘85, July 22, 2014.
Charles Jeselink, husband of Barbara Davis Jeselink ‘72, February 19, 2014.
Patricia Kingstong, mother of Mary Pat Hoffmann Hefst ‘85, April 8, 2014.
Michael Konstan, husband of Mary Beckman Konstan ‘81, June 4, 2014.
Michael L. Maloney, father-in-law of Maura Allen Maloney ‘84, July 26, 2014.
Lorene Melady-Hegedus, July 30, 2014.
Morin Murin, husband of Marynne Brokman Moom ‘66, father of Melissa Murin Hatchcock ‘90, July 9, 2014.
Elizabeth Nitsch, mother of Mary Elizabeth Nitsch ‘93, January 19, 1999.
 Aurelio Pangulian, father of Anne Pangulian DeLegas ‘90, July 14, 2012.
Donald Potter, husband of Kathleen Loughery Potter ‘43, uncle of Kathleen Loughery Heeman ‘82, July 18, 2014.
Raymond Ricordati, father of Amy Ricordati Corson ‘95, June 19, 2014.
John Riester, husband of Mary Riester ‘63, August 18, 2014.
Frank Riley, father of Lynn Lambke Riley ‘85, April 20, 2014.
Gerard Sab, husband of Patricia Hickey Sab ‘45, July 15, 2014.
Owen Smith, husband of Maura Smith ‘73, August 12, 2013.
Bernard Suchy, father of Susan M. Suchy ‘89, August 9, 2014.
George Tenbush, father of Amy Tenbush McKaig ‘94, October 29, 2013.
Zane Trinkle, father of Joy Trinkle Hefferman ‘74, September 10, 2014.
Robert Waldeck, father of Patricia S. Waldeck ‘67, Nancy Waldeck ‘69, Michele Waldeck McGowan ‘72, and Pamela Waldeck ‘76.
David Walter, husband of Margaret Doran Walter ‘40, May 29, 2014.
Carolinias Club

Saint Mary’s Carolinas Club kicked off their revitalization with a Send Off Brunch honoring three first year students from Charlotte, NC.

In early August, the Saint Mary’s Carolinas Club kicked off their revitalization with a Send Off Brunch honoring three rising first year students from Charlotte, NC. The brunch was hosted in the home of Christina Vellucci ’93 and Dennis McDonald (ND ’93). We are happy to have a Charlotte representation going to South Bend. Our new students are Olivia Burnett, Kristel Torre, and Glaubirsel Figueroa. With two pursuing engineering paths and one communication studies, alumnae shared stories and wished the three young women well on their educational journey ahead. In addition to Christina, the SMC alumnae in attendance were: Barbara Bochers Bernath ’66, Jody Jennings Letourneau ’97, Mary Sue Dunn Curry ’85, Cassie Callon ’08, Kathryn Schwolz ’74, Christa Dobbout, Beth Miller ’02, Beth Bowman Zuhosky ’90, Marti Russo ’68, and Ali Costanzo ’11.

Christina Vellucci and Jody Jennings will be the new co-presidents of the Carolinas club and would like to welcome any alumnae in the Carolinas to reach out and reconnect with the club. Contact: cs-velucci@gmail.com and jody.jennings@gmail.com.

Chicago West

Members of the Saint Mary’s Class of 2018 celebrate with alumnae at the Chicago West Send Off event. From left to right: Back row: Erin McClowry ’09, Alison Spohn Kavulich ’93, Theresa McLean, Morgan Micevich, Katie Lynch, Kendall Smith, Erin McGrath, Kaelin Schillinger, Maggie Cox, Megan Hussey, Liana O’Grady and Christin Yesnik Fairchild ’04. Front Row: Stephanie Snyder, Anna McClowry, Caitlin Finan, Gabrielle Holland, Clare Theisen, and Katie Lynch.

Another great year to celebrate for the Chicago West Club! We welcomed our newest SMC sisters during our Student Send Off at the home of Christin Yesnik Fairchild ’04 & husband Michael. Held at their home in Naperville on August 5, it was a lovely dessert reception providing incoming first years and their parents a chance to make connections. Two young ladies were set to become roommates and were able to meet for the first time at the event! Students and parents alike appreciated a relaxed environment to socialize and ask questions prior to the start of school.

In honor of Founders’ Day, the club’s second annual wine tasting event was held on Oct 23 at SavWay Fine Wines & Spirits in Hinsdale. Many thanks to our chairperson, Meaghan Grimes Barrett ’90 for her work to coordinate the event. Funds raised from the raffle supported the Chicago Scholarship Fund, which grants scholarships each year to young ladies in the club boundaries of the Chicago East, Chicago West, and Chicago North alumnae clubs. Another successful event!

Other events kept our members busy this year including A Day at the Park when we met at Cantigny Park in Wheaton for a beautiful day in June. This was an affordable event with a chance to walk through the gardens and enjoy lunch while catching up with friends. Book club continues to be our primary meeting opportunity each month and we want to thank all the hostesses this year for opening their homes to us. The 2015 book list will be uploaded to the club website as soon as it is available. The club’s Evening of Sharing, our annual Christmas gathering, will be held at the home of Patty Pfeery Cushing ’90 in Naperville on Dec 4. We will have treats to fill care packages and send to our first year students before exams as well as gift cards and toys for the PRC’s Share the Spirit campaign. What a great way to wrap up the year by sharing our gifts.

If you didn’t receive the club’s annual newsletter in September, please contact the alumnae office and make sure to update your mailing address. You can join the club anytime. And if you’d like to get more involved in 2015, please contact Alison Spohn Kavulich ’93 at irishannie93@yahoo.com or call 630-640-8156. We welcome your participation!

Cleveland

On Tuesday, August 5, the Club hosted a gathering to welcome the Class of 2018. The event was held at Mavis Winkle’s Restaurant in Independence. Five of eight incoming freshmen attended along with upperclassmen. All students received a gift certificate from Papa John’s. The Club wishes all the new students a safe and successful academic year.

The weather was outstanding while the club enjoyed lunch at the West End Bistro in Chagrin Falls on Saturday, June 14. Kathy Friday Sobanski ’78 arranged a delicious lunch and got together with alumnae who had the chance to reminisce about college days.

We hope recent SMC graduates from the Class of 2014 will join the club at upcoming events. Contact Cheri Petride Miller ’79 at smcosu@earthlink.net to get involved.

Columbus

The Columbus Belles are very active and ingenious! Our Spring Luncheon was held outside at Katie Vincer Sears’03 lovely home in Clintonville. We had a record attendance and everyone enjoyed the weather and the camaraderie of friends. That afternoon our membership decided that they would like to work toward being able to give a larger scholarship amount to an incoming local student from our Columbus Club. So we had a challenge for our members, similar to the 24-Hour Donor Challenge that the College did in the spring, to increase our scholarship fund. We called it the “614 Challenge” (our area code).

The challenge was placed by one generous Columbus Belle that if 35 local Belles would donate (any amount) in June 2014 (6/14, hence another reason for the challenge name), she would donate $1,000. It was a great motivator. We put the word out by email and on our Facebook page and by the end of June we had 37 donors and with the challenge gift we raised $2,886 to increase our Columbus Scholarship Fund!!!

We switched up our Founders’ Day event this year for a tailgate party during an ND football game. Change is good. Dues ($30) are welcome as the year nears an end. Attend our fall tailgate, or the Christmas Mass cosponsored with Columbus ND Club, or mail them to Amy Mundt.

Oh yes... Please visit us on Facebook at: Saint Mary’s College Alumnae Club of Columbus It REALLY helps, because it seems to be easier to communicate with our friends through Facebook these days!!! Thanks and hope to see you soon.

Fort Wayne

Members of the Class of 2018 at the Fort Wayne Saint Mary’s/Notre Dame Send-Off event!

On August, 5th, the Fort Wayne Saint Mary’s Alumnae Club partnered with the Fort Wayne Notre Dame Club to throw a Send Off for incoming and current students at the Solomon Farms. With over 90 students, family, and club members in attendance, the clubs were able to send off 12 incoming SMC/ND first year and 14 current SMC/ND students at the event. Our club also had a wonderful Founders’ Day celebration on November 10 at Biaggis from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Coming up: we have our annual December Mass with the Notre Dame Club, more information to come. If you are interested in becoming involved with the Fort Wayne Alumnae Club, please contact the club president, Jodie Emerick at jodieemerick@gmail.com.

Grand Rapids

On August 7, the Saint Mary’s College Grand Rapids Club hosted our annual First Year Send Off reception at the home of club president, Lucinda Staples McCall ’78. Recent Saint Mary’s graduates, Madeline Martin ’14 and Nicole Wojciakowski ’14 as
well as current student, Francine Rizzo ’15, contributed to the lively discussion for the incoming class of 2018 and their parents. This event was attended by Ally Nowak McCall ’08, Janie Eaton Boeschenstein ’89, Nicole Dugan May ’92, Tara Melichar Millar ’90, Maureen Miller Salerno ’94, Rachel Silgo ’96, and Maria Vogel ’96.

We continue to meet every other month for our book club and most recently enjoyed our gathering at the home of Nicole Dugan May ’92 when we discussed The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt. We welcome more alumnae to join us for our book discussions and hospitality. If you are interested in upcoming Grand Rapids Club events please contact Lucinda Staples McCall 78, smc.hk78@yahoo.com or (616) 949-7166.

Houston

The Saint Mary’s College Houston Alumnae Club officers met in early June to start planning events for this fall and winter. The club kick started the 2014–2015 year with a happy hour at Crisp Houston where members enjoyed appetizers and wine. It was exciting to catch up with existing members of the Houston Alumnae Club, as well as meet new members. We wish Ally and all of the Houston area Belles a wonderful academic year.

If you are new to the Houston area, email us at HoustonSMC@gmail.com to join our mailing list. You can also follow us on Twitter @HoustonSMC, Instagram @HoustonSMC or on Facebook @facebook.com/houstonsmc. We really look forward to hearing from any new alumnae in Houston! Current members, please remember to check your email for invitations to the great events we have planned for the rest of the fall. If you have any ideas for ways to get the club together, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Indianapolis

The Indianapolis Club has had a tremendous 2014–2015 year with a happy hour at Crisp Houston where members enjoyed appetizers and wine. It was exciting to catch up with existing members of the Houston Alumnae Club, as well as meet new Saint Mary’s women in the Houston area.

Mary Borden King ’07 hosted the annual Student Send Off at her home on Sunday, August 10, 2014 in Indianapolis.

3. Priscilla Karle Pilon ’86, Emily Pernotto Raley ’05, Anne Spyhalski ’07, Ashley Fant ’07, and Sara Montelongo ’10 shared stories and memories with current sophomore Ally Karaffa and her mother. We wish Ally and all of the Houston area Belles a wonderful academic year.

If you are new to the Houston area, email us at HoustonSMC@gmail.com to join our mailing list. You can also follow us on Twitter @HoustonSMC, Instagram @HoustonSMC or on Facebook @facebook.com/houstonsmc. We really look forward to hearing from any new alumnae in Houston! Current members, please remember to check your email for invitations to the great events we have planned for the rest of the fall. If you have any ideas for ways to get the club together, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Indianapolis

The Indianapolis Club has had a tremendous summer! We had a beautiful evening for our Send Off in August. Many thanks to Tara Land Dewitt ’02 for hosting and Betsy Burke ’85 and Jeaninne Ritter’80 for coordinating and executing this beautiful event. With over 63 guests in attendance, alumnae shared their story of Saint Mary’s with a dozen incoming first-year women and their parents. It was a great way to send the first years off in style!

Our young alums have become very involved with club initiatives. Most recently, Taylor Cormett ’11 has organized another chapter of the Indianapolis SMC Book Club. The original club has been going strong for over twenty years! The book club has selected The Orphans of Race Point: A Novel by Patry Francis as their first book. The first discussion will be held in September.

The Indy Club is gearing up for an exciting fall, including a professional networking event in October, elections for a new board this fall, Founder’s Day, and a holiday party where we will make care packages for our first year students. Make sure that you follow us on Facebook at Indianapolis SMC Alumnae for all of the news. It is wonderful to see so many new faces at our events, cheers to another great season together!

Los Angeles

On Sunday, August 10, 2014, the Los Angeles Alumnae Club hosted a Student Send Off Party honoring Class of 2018. Included at the event were current students, parents and alumnae. Class of 2016 parent Katy Kronenberg Penna ’88 hosted the gathering in her lovely home.

Visit saintmarysLAClub.com to find upcoming LA Club event information, membership, and contact information. Follow the LA Club on Facebook (Saint Mary’s College Los Angeles Club).

If you are new to the area, want to join the club, or to get involved, send an email to: saintmarysLAClub@gmail.com. Don’t forget to pay your 2014 club dues.

LA Belles of the Last Decade: follow us on Facebook (Saint Mary’s College Los Angeles Club -Young Alumnae) for information regarding upcoming events.

N. New Jersey

Please join me in welcoming three North and Central New Jersey first year students to Saint Mary’s: Molly O’Rourke, Grace McGurr and Theresa McSorley. Best of luck, ladies! Saint Mary’s Women’s Choir, under the direction of Dr. Nancy Menk, will be performing at Lincoln Center on Saturday, November 29, at 7 p.m. The tri-state area clubs are organizing group tickets to the performance as well as a pre-performance get together at a nearby restaurant. If you’re still interested in purchasing tickets and attending a pre-performance gathering, please email Dawn Parker Santamaria ‘81 at dawn@sistersundersail.org. Additionally, Dr. Menk and the choir will be spending Thanksgiving in New York City. The tri-state area clubs would like to sponsor their dinner on Thanksgiving Day. They’re a large group! Please help support this memorable event for our students. If you are not receiving our regional enews updates, please contact Dawn at the email listed above.

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If you’re not receiving our email updates, please forward your email contact information and $25 annual dues to:

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Twin Cities

The Twins Cities Club is looking for a new leadership team! If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Kellyroles@comcast.net
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.

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A recent call to Fran Delahunty Stengel in Decatur, IL brought back memories of our class summer meetings in Chicago years ago. My sister, Marguerite Chenal Jans, organized an architectural tour by boat for Virginia Gabriel Hinders, Mary Catherine (Kay) Clark, Dorothy Murphy Brown, among others. We enjoyed seeing the Chicago ‘cows’ different places in the ‘loop’ also. Fran and her husband are spending more time at home these days after traveling so many places for dental meetings.

Virginia Gabriel Hinders lost her husband in 2011 so she has now downsized her living arrangements while one of her children now has the big house. Having three children very close in Celina, OH and playing bridge helps with the changes.

By good luck I was able to reach Edie O’Rourke who started out with our class. Edie was from nearby Fort Wayne and when I went to several of the meetings there years ago her family was well remembered. Edie went to Fort Lauderdale to be with her ill father in the 1970s and has enjoyed being there ever since. Playing golf twice a week and gardening, especially trimming bushes, are Edie’s special interests now.

My grandchildren helped me track down Gladys Smith Laskowski who moved from Dallas to Cordova, TN and died there in 2012. Trying to find Gladys in Dallas about that time was the reason for me starting to write this column.

Our special reporter, Mary Carolyn (Carrie) Powers Powell is finding it harder to walk these days without a walker. Harriet Enneking Moster recently survived a robbery attempt. Have pictures of them at the Pompeii exhibit and the Dead Sea Scrolls show together.

Over the cold Christmas holidays I enjoyed an extended duplicate bridge cruise and later started out from New Orleans with two of my adult children following the Mississippi River to Memphis. Now I am delighted to be in Marion waiting for the super IN tomatoes to turn red and the corn to turn golden.

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This is a very last minute column. I was still on a September 1 deadline, forgetting about the new schedule for these Courier columns. Where are my contributors? I can’t do these issues without your help. I missed our 66th class reunion. The first time I’ve missed since we graduated. The Chicago group stayed away en masse except for Sue Wagner Broeren.

Sue and Dick will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on August 27. Their big celebration was two weeks ago at their daughter’s summer cottage at Waupaca, WI lake. Mass and brunch and a whole week of family reunion activities. Many cabins, many boats. The entire family was present; children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren from near and far.

Mary Ann Fellinger Ryan is up in northern WI for a week visiting daughter Janet’s family at their lake house. She spent the 4th of July week at daughter Ellen’s place in the Eagle River, WI area.

Marylou Manion Gatens, home in Iowa City this summer, had a successful knee replacement this past year. No pain, lucky girl!

Her grandson was married recently in Iowa City. He was the basketball star we read about in high school and college news clippings. Mary Lou was recuperating at home from University of Iowa, but has signed to play in Turkey this coming season, so the bride and groom will be off to Turkey to set up housekeeping.

The alumnae death rosters for past issues of Courier listed several members of our class: Agnes Haney Johnston, December 20, 2012; Shirley Rowan Schultz, May 7, 2012; Mary Kuppe Hayden, September 20, 2013; And recently, Sister M. Cecilia Ann Kelly, CSC, July 9, 2014.

I did not receive a spring/summer Courier, so I don’t know if we were supposed to get one. Who knows what they are doing at that office? Or what their new schedule is? I can’t keep up with three columns a year unless you girls help with news. It isn’t that hard to pick up the phone.

Almost forgot – talked with Emily Dennard Sant Amour and Jack recently. Both are doing well, on meds, as so many of us are.

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Many members of our class will remember our good friend, Albert P. Herzog. He loved SMC girls as is evidenced by his relationships to them. He was the late Barbara Herzog Hildebrandt’s brother, the late Betty Ann Herzog’s husband, and had a daughter graduated from SMC, Laura Herzog Serruto ‘78. He died June 14, 2014 at 93 years of age. Therese has spent a good summer at her family cottage in MI with her daughter, Anne, with her. I need more news from all of you. Love, Nancy

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I have been trying to find something cheerful to send in to the Courier for this issue, but every news item I receive, it seems, is sad. Another classmate or a child or spouse has died, or a spouse is in hospice, or we have moved into a care facility ourselves. Yes, we are at that time of life when we never know what to expect next. After the recent death of Alison Ebert, Loretta Brazaitis Ebert’s daughter, which I wrote about in my last Class News, came the death of Helen Wade O’Brien’s husband, Bob, who died on July 4. A group of us went to the funeral and saw her with her three sons and ten granddaughters (none of whom went to Saint Mary’s, she complained). Helen is now going through all that Bob saved, even their sons’ Boy Scout badges. “He never threw anything away.” Just this week came the news that Sherry Palmer Rompf died on July 23, 2014. Cliff wrote about her. “In the aftermath of Sherry having both a minor stroke and breaking her hip in January 2013, Sherry was never able to recover sufficiently to walk and care for herself without full time care assistance. She lived in an assisted living home close to our home and I could be with her every day for meals and hours on end. Her stroke on Wed. July 16 was totally unexpected, and with it she closed her eyes and never opened them again. She held on a week without any semblance of pain or suffering and died on Wed. July 23. Sherry was a fun loving, classy lady and I was blessed to be her husband for 57 years. I will miss her dreadfully but life must go on. Thanks to you and her long time college friends for your prayers and remembrances.”

Her obituary mentions how social Sherry was, as we all remember Sherry was a beautiful lady with style and an endearing personality, a devoted wife and mother. She enjoyed tennis, bridge, travel, and socializing, and was a member of the Queen’s Daughters, the Bellarmine Women’s Council, the Woman’s Club of Louisville, the Louisville Saint Mary’s Alumna Club, and St. Frances of Rome Catholic Church. She was generous with her time in assisting a number of Louisville charities, and volunteered without hesitation at her children’s schools. We also remember her devotion to the Kentucky Derby. Sherry and her husband, Cliff, were long standing members of Big Spring Country Club and the Pendennis Club. For years, the Rompfs enjoyed owning and racing thoroughbreds. Sherry was a member of the KY Thoroughbred Owners Association and found a day at Churchill Downs to be the height of entertainment.

Sally Disser Weigand was one who ‘the last few years she was well, had the good fortune of running into Sherry, Cliff and some of their friends at Churchill Downs. A group of some friends and Bob and I traveled to Louisville a week or so after the Derby and bet the ponies from a lovely ‘club’ above the track. Sherry and her group would be the height of entertainment.

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cemetery—at the unheard of hour of 7 a.m. Before breakfast I could do it, so I could. Right after that, I was further saddened to hear from Joanne Bryan MacDonald that Mac—who came to our last reunion with Joey and ate breakfast with all us girls each morning—was diagnosed last March with acute myeloid leukemia. "After a grueling summer of chemotherapy, he had a stroke and is now in a hospice facility. He’s lost more than 65 pounds, but thankfully he has no pain. How quickly life can change and end, and we can never be fully prepared for that," Joey wrote.

News from out West is better. Mary Jean Wallace in San Diego, our West Coast reporter, Marilyn (Lynn) Dargis Ambrose is looking ahead to our 65th Reunion in 2017, and hopes that many of us will be there to share memories and connections. In the meantime, Lynn and her therapy dog, Caleb "comfort the sorrowful" and counsel the "doubtful" in schools, libraries, VA hospitals, assisted living centers, and hospices. They also work with child abuse victims. Our prayers have helped daughter Debra Ambrose Holsinger ’82, who has been pronounced lung cancer free after surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation. We join our prayers to hers for Debra’s continued recovery.

Marylyn (Lynn) Dargis Ambrose. Mary Divilais Blanford. Mary Musante Kraemer. Janet A. Rowe, and I have been meeting for lunch at each other’s homes several times a year since 1994. That was the year that I retired from my teaching/administrative position at Jacksonville State University in Alabama to live with my husband and my son in Ocean’side, CA. In correspondence with our then Class Secretary, Mary Jo Stueett Bowman (deceased), I learned that Lynn and Janet were nearby. Lynn had already found Mary K. and Mary B. and we began our lunch meetings.

Mary Jean grew philosophical about their group: "The passage of time has limited these meetings. Mary B. has moved from Ocean’side to Plainfield, IL to be near her daughters, Mary Jo and Rita. Mary Divilais Blanford’s husband, Martin (Mart) passed away in March of last year. Mary has many friends in this area and will return for a visit in September. I will meet Janet at the Amtrak station in Ocean’side and we will have lunch at my home. The two Mary’s and I did not graduate with our class for varying reasons. I actually received my degree in 1957, but requested (demand) to be placed with my classmates of 1952. The bonds of friendship that we formed during 1948-49 (great ND football years) more than held us together.

Lynn and I belong to the Saint Mary’s Club of San Diego. We are the oldest members…not even Lynn and I belong to the Saint Mary’s Club of San Diego, our West Coast reporter, Mary Jane Meckon Gray. Their friendship that we formed during 1948–49 (great ND football years) more than held us together. Lynn and I belong to the Saint Mary’s Club of San Diego, our West Coast reporter, Mary Jane Meckon Gray. Their friendship that we formed during 1948–49 (great ND football years) more than held us together. Lynn and I belong to the Saint Mary’s Club of San Diego, our West Coast reporter, Mary Jane Meckon Gray. Their friendship that we formed during 1948–49 (great ND football years) more than held us together. Lynn and I belong to the Saint Mary’s Club of San Diego, our West Coast reporter, Mary Jane Meckon Gray. Their friendship that we formed during 1948–49 (great ND football years) more than held us together. Lynn and I belong to the Saint Mary’s Club of San Diego, our West Coast reporter, Mary Jane Meckon Gray. Their friendship that we formed during 1948–49 (great ND football years) more than held us together.

I feel on top of things because it’s still July, but my reward for this has been that most of you are not at home when I call! Jack and I are great Costero fans, and last week he put a phone on the phone card we buy from there, so I could gable at length. This money is never a waste because Jack and I are the only two members of our family of 30 who are in our calling range.

I’m going to begin this with a note of Thanksgiving. I started this a few days ago, and was interrupted by what turned out to be computer hackers. Four different male voices spent an hour on the phone, and they knew exactly what I was doing and what was on my computer. I thought they were thugs and was kind of scared, but Jack came home from the office, and called our computer guru son. He advised: hang up the phone, turn it all off, and I’ll be there early tomorrow to get the computer. That was Friday. Sunday afternoon the guru’s brother and partner returned the machine, all fixed! God bless the next generation.

My calls usually start in South Bend with Mary Jane McKeon Gray or Pat Kerper Moriarty because that’s where my mind is. Ed Gray answered and told me about Joanne (Jodie) Biddle Adler’s death on July 4. I had a long letter from Jodie that starts “2013 was a year like no other,” but there is no real date on it. I think she wrote it in the summer of 2013, because after July 4, 2013 she talks about all the good things they have to look forward to, and prays that they will all be closer to God in 2014. Jodie was in poor health, and God answered her prayer.

I talked to Ed and Mary Jane, and we all have no trouble talking, but there wasn’t any news. Just an affirmation of how they love living where they do, and there are no more long driving trips in their future.

Pat Kerper Moriarty talked in the middle of winter about Pat visiting here this summer, but something appealing has come up in South Bend. Pat says that in the near future South Bend will have its own flight to NY, which would be much easier than getting a plane in Chicago. I hope it happens soon.

Valerie Faden Sullivan and I had a nice visit. I reminded her that years and years ago she and her husband and Jack and I played bridge one night while they were looking for a house in our area. She has been a widow for eleven and a half years and has been living in a retirement community. It has 40 villas and 150 apartments. Val has been living in this community for four years, and has two children living in the St. Louis area. She has five grandchildren and one great-grand. Her son brings lunch and visits every Saturday! Val and I had lots to talk about. We laughed and enjoyed ourselves. Her daughter calls every day, and she plays lots of bridge.

Martha Shonk Laughlin and I connected, and had a good visit. She and Mike and the family moved twenty-five years ago to Lake Bluff, IL. Their six kids live in the Chicago area, and she has three married grandchildren. One of her grandsons is an air traffic control person! Martha has no problems with mobility, is in good health, plays golf, and gardens. The Laughlins have one grandson studying the double bass, and two at Notre Dame. One to graduate this year and the other a junior next year. I called Mary Cay Jordan Westphal at work in the middle of the morning and was greeted with an enthusiastic hello! You all know Mary Cay has been running this business for years, and they have been awarded a platinum plaque from Caterpillar tractors. Mary Jane is still working every day. Mary Cay has seven grandchildren whose families both live between Chicago and St. Louis. She vacationed in Cape Cod this past summer, and is trying to put together another trip with Carol Gill Sutherland. They went to Ireland together two years ago.

JoAnn Phillips Kostelas was surprised to hear from me—from CT to CA! JoAnn has four children, ten grandchildren, and two of her kids live in Southern CA. She spends much of her time with a “friends of the library” group working on a thousand books a month. Her husband is a studio musician, and still plays music at the Senior Center.

And a closing note—please keep your address and phone number au courant with the College or I will never be able to phone you.

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"Reunion was wonderful," writes Gloria Kennedy Hermann. "So appreciated my daughter-in-law who drove me to South Bend. Hope even more people come to our 65th."
keeps her in touch of significant events and sent her some photos of the 60th reunion and guess what? She recognized all but one of those who attended ... how’s that? Mary Shane Helfrey and Jo are planning to get together for lunch before the end of July to have their own celebration with Maureen Bennett Brady joining them if possible! Editorial comment: Joan has done a yeoman job keeping us all in touch—before and after Reunion. We owe her big! Those of you who questioned where Sister Terese Fabbri was: she’d put the wrong date on her calendar.

Lorraine Negro Cervanky went down memory lane remembering our deceased classmates and her days at Saint Mary’s and the people who touched her life there. Betty A. Galloway and she phone at least once a month and visit with Mary Lee Vorce Stenstrom this way and correspond with them and Dolores Schneider Kleinricht and Doris Wolde-Mar Boudajemi occasionally by mail. Earlier they did some mini-reunions including Barbara A. Mudd and Laura Latham Smith, both now deceased. Mary (Midge) Myler Russo and Bev Bier-Busse Campbell were like ships passing in the night in May. Both had grandchildren graduating from high school in suburban Atlanta on the same weekend but their schedules just didn’t mesh.

Rose Marie Murphy Foley and Ben are scheduled to cruise from New York to Quebec in October and are considering a family cruise after Christmas. The proud grandmother then spent a few days with her family. The address I have is P.O. Box 478, Frankfort, IL 60423 and her family. The address I have is P.O. Box 478, Frankfort, IL 60423. Mike could not make it to shore and collapsed and died in MI and that is where Mike died. A friend told me about an April gathering in Lansing, MI which included Julie, Mary Leonard Molenda 51310 Windsor Manor Court Granger, IN 46530 (574) 273-0310 alhistit@aol.com. It’s July, but fall will come soon. ND football and tailgates. Barbara (Babs) Higler Hanahan lost her husband Mike in a tragic accident June 7, 2014. Josephine (Jody) Vetter Olson called to tell me. She had called Babs when she heard the news. Many classmates knew Mike Hanahan and some will be aware Mike suffered from Parkinson’s disease. Babs and Mike had moved to Wallcoon Lake in MI and that is where Mike died. A friend had taken him out fishing and after the friend left, Mike could not make it to shore and collapsed and died in shallow water. Our condolences to Babs and her family. The address I have is P.O. Box 478, 01895 Bear Foot Lane, Walloon Lake, MI 49796. Telephone 231-535-5043. I had a lovely, newsy letter from Pat Kennedy Flock in Naples. Her husband Don graduated from ND in architecture as many remember. After moving to Naples, FL Don designed the Collier County Museum and served on the Centennial Committee, which has brought her to the campus for meetings often over the last few years. We are proud of you, Jody, for your commitment. Travel continued for Jody when she attended her oldest grandson’s graduation from Kenyon College in Gambier, OH. Mary O’Connor has had a very busy spring. After 40 years in a one-story house in Palo Alto, she moved just ‘up the street’ to a high rise apartment with a view looking toward the Coast Mountains. Knowing Mary, this did not curtail her travel and she managed a wonderful barge trip in the Alasce/Lorraine region of France between the actual move and turning the key over to the new owner, who happens to be her nephew. As she said, the unpacking could wait until her return. Recently she had a good visit with CA neighbor, Mary Kathleen Carroll, celebrating her Bastille Day birthday. This summer long time ‘neighbors’ from nearby Minneapolis suburbs Greta and Maria McBride and Mary Baker Culhane got together for lunch and catching up. Also lunching, but in Chicago in June, were Judy Hankes Maus, Dee Killey Lefourve, Josie Murphy Vorda, and I. Judy was on her way to Petoskey, MI with her daughter, Catherine A. Maus ’81 for a family reunion and memorial for Tom. Our sympathy to Josie, whose sister, Therese Murphy Jones ’81, died in April. The Family Deaths column in the spring Courier carried the news of the death of John Thomas O’Brien, brother of Shirley O’Brien Creamer last December. What a Saint Mary’s legacy he left: six daughters and five granddaughters all Saint Mary’s alumnae and students. Shirley and Jim enjoy being back in Indianapolis after living in Connecticut for eight years and OH for three. Last year they also bought a condo on Lake Erie near Cedar Point next door to their daughter, Mary Ann. Mary Ann started Teen Leadership Corp about five years ago. This successful program teaches teachers to plan programs for teens to help others.

Very little news from ’56! A few faithful have written or called, but where is the rest of the class? Pat Garvey McCann emailed from the CA desert. She and Dave enjoy the presence of children and grandchildren living close by. Anne Clifford Petach wrote to correct my error—she has a grandchild at Harvard, not a child. I guess I forgot how old we are, Anne!

A few phone calls have revealed illness in some of our classmates’ families. Please let us keep each other in our prayers and please remember our class of ’56 scholarship.

Meanwhile, as we are all entering (or have entered) a new decade of life, let us remember “Lord, it is good for us to be here.”

My Great Dane, Rosie, and I continue pet therapy at our local hospital and I lead the dog class at a nearby parochial school. There is no question as to which of us is the star of this duo! Peace and joy to all. Let me hear from you.
and 2005 The Island Pub. As I reported in the last column, Don died May 19 in Naples from frontal temporal dementia. Pat’s five children were with Pat and a great help. Prior to Don’s death, Pat had lunch with Eleanor Hankes Conors and Marlene (Martie) Slavin Fogarty when Martie and husband Mike were visiting Marilyn Miller Waud and her husband. Pat then had lunch with Pat Elen Costello in June.

Jane Eyerly Kozuszek sent news in July I ordered a copy of Bruno Schlesinger, A Life in Learning & Letter from Amazon. That very night I read the entire book and was riveted. I was always unclear about his earlier life and always wondered. The book answered many questions but I would like to know what prompted Bruno in the first place to investigate Christianity and join the Bible class with the future Msgr. Oesterreicher.

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I’m sorry I didn’t come to our reunion last year. I’ve thought of you all often. I hope you are all in reasonably good health, as Larry and I are. We are enjoying a local grandchild, Henry, age three, who looks and acts much as his father did at that age (a lover of books). I will add that I too greatly enjoyed Bruno’s book. We were so fortunate to have him as our professor and friend.

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Sadley, we have lost more of our beloved classmates. Sheila Riley Grannan passed away February 4, 2012 (her husband Henry, died 10 months later), Nancy J. Towell on September 5, 2012; Janet Russ Snyder on December 29, 2012; Elizabeth Kent Puett on September 25, 2013 and Helen Kalin Klanderud on October 3, 2013. Myra Hunter Libby sent me an email about Helen’s passing. “I am shocked! We were in touch each Christmas and birthday time and like old friends and SMC roommates, just took up where we left off!” According to The Aspen Times, Helen, the former Aspen mayor, died of a stroke. She is survived by two children and two grandchildren. Her former husband and a son preceded her in death.

Pate had a Fastiggi party at his home in February and attended a Madeleva Society event in Naples, FL in February where they rendezvoused with her old roommate, Alice J. Broucek, and enjoyed lunch and a tour of The Villages, FL where Alice has retired. Rosalie G. Riegel gave a talk at Saint Mary’s earlier this year titled “Crossing Lines and Doing Time: Faith-based Responses to War.” Rosalie is passionate about peace work and the teachings of Dorothy Day.

Jeanne Pflaum Gnuse and her husband are happy to announce the 20th anniversary of HTG Investment Advisors, Inc. “Our milestone gave us time to reflect on this journey as the best we have ever taken.” Francoise Tetz Juliano writes that she and Fred spent a month in Mesquite, NV during some of Chicagoland’s 3rd worst winter. Lynn Hawkesworth Heydon treasures her continued friendship with classmate, Barbara Kelley Toeppe.

Miriam Callahan Porter continues as a faculty member of the History Department for Gwynahoga Community College in Ohio. Teresa Nutting Marcy loves working as a senior member of the VITA Program run by United Way. They provide free tax prep for low and moderate income people. She helps make policy and train new people.

Our 55th Reunion was outstanding. 23 of us returned to campus: Anne Sheehan Cullen, Pat Wilson Fastiggi, Cathleen (Kit-c) Clyne Fitzgerald. Carol Podesta Foley, Sharon Reber Gumnz, Louise Schulte Johnson, Betsy Finnin Kennedy. Mary Sheets Klinkose, Gerry Dunn Leinenweber. Carroll Colbert Logsdon. Mary Scuderi Loughran. Teresa Nutting Marcy. Peggy Broughton McGrath, Sarah Scales Mulcahy. B.J. Hood O’Brien. Ginny Jansen Parsons, Miriam Callahan Porter, Rosalie G. Riegel. Annette Fontana Saylor, Mary Moran Smith, Terry Dittrich Welch. Rosemary Doheny Weller, and yous truly. The weather was great, the campus beautiful as ever, many excellent seminars were offered and a good time was had by all. June Moxon Maze wrote that she had hoped to attend “…but like many others at our stage in life, my husband’s health is too precarious for me to be gone.”

Rosemary Zirille Spalding hosted the nurses’ 5th annual mini-reunion at her summer home on Lake Michigan. After 15 years running a summer camp with her husband for their grandchildren, she has written and published a book of stories, memories, photos, projects, activities, and more entitled Celebrating Camp Spalding.

Jeanne Pflaum Gnuse sang with Berkshire Choral Festival in Summer 2014. Jeanne sang Handel’s Jephtha, in Dublin, Ireland under the direction of Joseph Cullen with the Maynooth Baroque Sinfonia. Mr. Cullen is choral master of the Huddersfield Choral Society, the UK leading choral society. In the Mass Berkskires, Jean sang Edward Elgar, Dream of Gerontius with the Springfield Symphony under the baton of Kent Tritle, the director of Cathedral of St. John the Divine in NY City.

I not only returned to Saint Mary’s for our 55th but some of us thespians (me, Betsy Finneran Kennedy, and Pat Wilson Fastiggi) also attended our SMC Theatre Reunion at Notre Dame. I performed, with nine others from our theatre days in the late 50’s in the Debartolo Performing Arts Center on Friday night, May 30. Phil Donahue was our emcee. I was pleased to have some of my SMC classmates attend the performance to cheer me on.

I will close with a request for prayers for my twin sister, Betty Benford Belfiore, who is undergoing treatment for early stage 2 breast cancer. You who have been through this treatment know that the cure is more trying than the cancer itself. She will miss the 30 year celebration of our Girls’ Beach Week in CA. Next deadline is November 30, 2014.

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No aches and pains??? You are reading the wrong class news! However, let’s not dwell there…zip it up and let’s get on with life! First and foremost… I hope you by now you realize it is our reunion year and we WILL all meet in June on campus.

Diane Zarantonello Sullivan. Nancy O’Toole Doppelke. Peggy Hock Cahill. Mary Jo O’Callaghan Martin. Elaine Van Etten Cassidy. Arlene Lagona Feldmeier. Maureen Hogan Lang. and Marilyn Morrissey Sparacino met for lunch at the end of July. ’Lunch’ was from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (We may not be invited back to that restaurant) Tell us when you are coming to Chicago —we can always meet you— anywhere anytime.

Elaine Van Etten Cassidy and Emmet celebrated their 50th anniversary on July 4 weekend at their home in MI with all their children and extended family. Maureen and Bob Lang also celebrated their 50th in Indian Head Park in June with children and family… and re-celebrated in MI in September. Let’s keep this ‘gettin’ together’ going as long as we can! Peggy Heck Cahill went back to Atlanta to send her grandson Mac (son of Mary Carol Cahill Sullivan ’88) off to Villanova. “Who knows when he will return?” fears Peggy.

Mary Jo O’Callaghan Martin and Larry (ND ’60) celebrated their 25th anniversary this fall. Would you believe their 26 grandchildren range in age from two college seniors to an 18 month old, and they are lucky enough to gather together often even though they are scattered from east to west and in between. What a cousins’ party! Mary Jo and Larry managed to take a wonderful trip through the western National Parks last spring. Marilyn Morrissey Sparacino and Julio (ND ’59) are in the process of completing the building of their new home—yes, you read correctly! Julio has always wanted to build from scratch. . . and, by gosh, he has done it… not a little cottage for the two of them, but a major “grandparents” home within blocks of all their grandchildren in Elmhurst! Sadly we need to remember Gloria Carroll Scollard who passed on April 18 after a long fight with Parkinson disease. Condolences to her husband Patrick. Our prayers are also for Mary Ruth Hurley Culicott, who at 103 joins her daughter
and our good friend, Ann Hurley Martin. As always, our “meeting” ended with “What have you read lately?” Wolf Hall by Hilary Mantel, Book of Forgetting by Desmond and Mphat Tutu, and Boys in the Boat.

NOW, get that REUNION date on your calendar—get your reservation in—so we can all meet merrily in June at SMC. Send us your thoughts! M and M

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Exciting news came from Helen Marie Anderson Corcoran saying she was moving in August to San Miguel de Allende in Mexico, a colonial town full of arts and culture. Rose said she owes her introduction to the area to Rosemary Hughes Cabe when they attended a writers conference there in February 2014. She is looking forward to speaking Spanish, writing, painting, collaging, and walking up the Chorro steps to her house at the top!

Mary Ellen Carroll Convery emailed from Sun City Center, FL with news she and her husband both have had surgery within the last 18 months but are enjoying life in the sunshine state. When it gets too hot, she just sits back and thinks of the deep snow on the gorgeous avenue at Saint Mary’s and the thought cools her off.

On a recent trip to Hilton Head Island, Kay Decker Koppel had an opportunity to reconnect with Mary Maley Burgess in Pinehurst, NC. Mary is very involved in her church and especially in hosting homeless families by coordinating bedding, food, etc. Kay is still working three days a week at the local public library and coordinates the library’s book club.

Having retired six years ago, Jean Lucey Easterly sent word she keeps busy as the Faith Formation Coordinator at All Saints Catholic Church in Hayward, CA. She loves working with parents and children in the Family Faith Formation Program. While children are taking classes on Sunday, parents are also taking classes. Jean teaches in the ROA Program and works with facilitators of Small Christian Community Groups at All Saints. She is as busy in her volunteer role as she was when she was a professor and assistant dean of the College of Education and Allied Studies CA State University, East Bay.

Peggy M. Hill wrote from her Southampton home where she had spent the summer with her daughter and four children (the oldest is six). A trip to the Aphasis Center in Ann Arbor was scheduled for the month of August. Peggy is unable to speak, but this is the only lasting effect from her stroke.

Last winter while in FL, BJ Sitzberger Gorman was able to enjoy some fun days with Patty Cotty Misracb. In February, BJ and her husband, Earl, visited Marylee Zahner Foley and her husband, Howard, at their home in Stuart, FL where they enjoyed a production of The Age of Aquarius. In addition, BJ reported she had been able to get together with Mary Ellen Pedesta Burke several times this past year and had lunch with Kathy Herbstritt McMahon and Nancy Higgins Keenan.

Regina Ryan Wyles sent word from The Villages, FL to report she and husband, Ron, have been in FL full time for the last three years. They still see Barb Breen Hickey and her husband, Don, several times a year. Ron was diagnosed with multiple myeloma two years ago but is now in remission. Reggie has endured five major back surgeries, but they are still able to do most things they enjoy.

Karen A. Cotty sent word she had just returned from a month-long trip to Ireland where she attended an Irish studies conference at the University College Dublin. The remaining three weeks were spent touring the country. Her favorite places include Achill Island, at the western tip of County Mayo, and the Ring of Gaeal.

Although Sandy Graham Bartlett was scheduled to have her knee replaced in July, she plans to continue her crossing-guard responsibilities which she has enjoyed for nearly fifteen years. Some of her “crossing kids” have graduated from college but still drop by to visit. Each year the young ones keep appearing and almost all are adorable.

I truly appreciate hearing from those who answered my request for news. My next deadline is December 1, 2014. Please keep me updated on any changes in your email address and also let me know of email addresses of classmates I may not have in my listing.

JENNIFER A. PUPLAVA ’95, a member of the law firm of Mika Meyers Beckett & Jones PLC, was recently elected to the Board of Directors for Trivalent Group. Trivalent Group provides technology solutions for West Michigan businesses and is headquartered in Grandville, Michigan. Only two non-Trivalent employees are elected to their Board of Directors. Puplava practices in the areas of trademark and copyright law, technology and internet law and related commercial litigation.

ESTELLE FORD-WILLIAMSON ’66 has just released Seed of South Sudan: Memoir of a “Lost Boy” Refugee. Ford-Williamson co-authored this memoir of one of the Lost Boys of Sudan, Majok Marier. While many books and news stories have been written and films made about the thousands of young people who were forced to flee the 21-year civil war in Sudan, this memoir is a fascinating update to the lives of the Lost Boys and what has happened to them over the last decade since they came to the US in an unprecedented airlift. This book is one of the most detailed books on the Lost Boys to be published since South Sudan became the world’s newest nation in 2011.

ELIZABETH MARY LABUZIENSKI ’12 was just named a 2014 Cornaroo Scholar by Kappa Gamma Pi, the National Catholic College Graduate Honor Society. This prestigious award, available only to members of Kappa Gamma Pi, carries a grant to assist with graduate program expenses. Labuzienski’s selection was based on her strong academic record, history of service and career goals. This award will assist Labuzienski to continue her work at Saint Louis University where she is pursuing a masters of social work degree with a concentration in health and mental health.

EILEEN BOYCE ’07 has been elected to serve as the new principal of Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School, effective July 1, 2014. Boyce is the first alumna to be named principal of the school. Boyce joined Mother McAuley in 2012 as assistant principal. Her achievements during her tenure include directing the AdvancED accreditation process, co-chairing the Academic Council, directing the implementation of the Strategic Academic Plan and creating and implementing a 1:1 iPad” program. The principal serves as the chief operations officer of the school, focusing on faculty/staff and curriculum development, student life, technology and guidance and counseling. The principal reports to and is accountable to the president.

JENNIFER HAFNER ’92 has been honored as Appraisal Institute’s “Volunteer of Distinction” for Region VII. The Appraisal Institute is the nation’s largest professional association of real estate appraisers; Region VII consists of Arizona, Hawaii, southern California and southern Nevada. Hafner is 2014 regional representative for the Southern California Chapter. She served as chapter Education Committee chair in 2013, as well as on several committees. Hafner has been an appraiser at The Renken Company in Claremont, CA, since 2006. She has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for eight years.

MARY ANN TROUTMAN ’64 was welcomed by St. Brendan the Navigator Roman Catholic Church as a member of the Equestrian Order of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre. Lady Commander Troutman and her husband Knight Commander Robert Troutman, gave an informational presentation to the members of the parish about the charitable and social works of the Equestrian Order of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem in the Holy Land.

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for the old folks. She wonders how she found time and energy to have ALL those careers. Now she is facing her greatest challenge, one that all other training in life has prepared her for. Her husband, Hank, has been in steady decline (since 2008) with Alzheimer’s dementia and she is now going through “widowhood in stages” and the “long goodbye.” She has a strong need to draw on her faith and trust in God. She tries to practice what both Christianity and Buddhism teach: “living in the present moment.” Thanks to videos put together by her children, she also has the opportunity to reflect on their almost 52 years together: both joys/ sorrows, hills and valleys. She watches the videos, and laughs and cries. She’s been told that she is grieving, but also celebrating, a life that is not yet over. She laughs and cries. She’s been told that she is grieving, sorrows, hills and valleys. She watches the videos, and laughs and cries. She’s been told that she is grieving, sorrows, hills and valleys. She watches the videos, and laughs and cries.

Maureen Sullivan Sheehy (Glenvision, IL) after SMC pursued more education at Northwestern U. and U. of Chicago-MA Educational Psychologist (’70) is a certified family therapist and was a teacher and therapist in various settings. She has done leadership cross cultural competency group work, with spouses of International students at various universities and the last chapters aren’t even written yet!” She says, “Let’s pray for each other and keep our faith!” I agree, and may God bless you, Erika, and all classmates who are caregivers, and thank you Erika for sharing your story!

Phyllis Sullivan Van Hershett (Littleton, CO) was a computer programmer, is the wife of Richard for 48 more years! Two children: Erika (’86) and Ross (61), and five grandchildren. She volunteers with Habitat for Humanity homes in southeast FL for 48 years; mother of two SMC alumnae, four precious grandchildren fi ll their lives with JOY! They moved from Rochester to Skaneateles in ‘69, and she continued teaching elementary school until ’75 when she established McGlynn Interiors Inc. which has designed both commercial and resi-dential projects throughout the US. She taught as an adjunct at Syracuse U. School of Interior Design for several years as she built her business. She is still designing though in a more limited fashion—no more 8 hour weeks! Jean practices yoga and meditation and dabbles in watercolors. They have three lovely daughters-in-law, 10 grandchildren (7-24 years) whom they see often in Skaneateles and Buffalo. No more 80 hour weeks! 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and Gardens (late 70’s), Canadian Interior Design and Travel and Leisure magazines. Family friends and Elizabeth King Durand ’60 influenced her to attend SMC. She is the woman she is today because “the intellectual challenge of the Christian Culture program and focus on art history prepared her to be flexible in thought and curious about new ideas.” The wonderful friendships she made there continue today! Blessed with good family, friends, and good health – Life is good! Jean says.

Maryl Trautschold Tolle (Dallas, TX) worked after graduation as a nurse in St. Louis, Waco, and Dallas until 1986, and then began working at SMU collecting student loans until she retired in ’99. She and husband John have a daughter and three sons. Oldest son Michael is director of an AIDS clinic in Garoborone, Botswana. Her “volunteer” activity is assisting their disabled daughter and her 11-year-old son.

Mary Zeller Waldman (Houston, TX) and her husband Nathan have lived in Houston since 1980 where they own an oil field service business, Data Residential Corp. She does the office and financial work, which keeps her busy. Their son Sam is married to Caolionn O’Connell, they are both physicists. Sam works for Space X, she works for the Defense Dept., they live in LA.; David is a computer programmer/workers in Atlanta. No grandkids as of “12! Mary and Nathan “travel a bit”—have been to Myanmar, Iran, and Israel in 2011. Nathan also lectured for the SPE in Malaysia, Indonesia, and Bangladesh, and Mary went with him. They keep busy and are healthy, thank God, and life is good (That seems to be a common thread among classmates!)!

Paula Walsh Henry (Naperville, IL) married Bob Henry Jr., June 8, 1963. Bob received BS (’62), MS (’65), PhD (’67) in Mechanical Engineering from ND and is a retired consultant in nuclear safety, and author of Three Mile Island 2. They have three sons: Geoffrey, Christopher (ND grad), and Rob (DePaul U. grad) and daughter Lisa Henry Sarosi ’90 All are married and Paula/Bob are grandparents of six boys/four girls; have lived in Naperville, IL since ’73; they are especially interested/active in the Autism Society, since they have an 11-year-old grandson with the spectrum. They enjoyed two months in FL, and took a trip to Ireland (Aug-Sept. ’63) for golf and ND football game. They celebrated their 50th anniversary (June 20, 2014) with family and friends on July 5, 2014 (when we could get all four children, spouses, and nine grandchildren together) with an evening Mass/Spacial Blessing, then dinner at our favorite local restaurant. Our children secretly shared family photos and had a priceless photo memory quilt made by a local seamstress. It is a “BEAUTIFUL HEIRLOOM of memories of our 50 years together. Our granddaughter Rebecca graduated from Madison East High School, going to De Paul U. (Chicago) in the fall. Next year we will have two “grands” in college, one in high school, two in middle school, three in elementary, one in kindergarden, and one in Special Needs Program. It keeps us busy trying to keep track of them, and we will enjoy our travels across the US again/relive our honeymoon trip to the Canadian Rockies in Aug.–Oct. 2014. Until we meet again in person, print, or email. Peace, Blessings to you all. My next Couner deadlines are Dec. 1, 2014 and April 1, 2015!! We enjoyed our local ND Club Night tonight, GO IRISH!!

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Mary Schuh DeSilva’s daughter, Chris Nee, was quoted in a recent front-page Sunday New York Times article detailing the unprecedented market for Doc McStuffins merchandise following the blockbuster success of Chris’s animated series on the 24-hour cable channel, Disney Junior. Chris’s series—now in its third year—is called Doc McStuffins and focuses on a young African-American girl named Doc who, much like her physician mother, runs her own office where stuffed animals and other toys can come for her expert diagnosis. While the normally inanimate objects come to life in Doc’s practice, they undergo two to seven and promotes good health, hygiene and compassion as well as helping kids get over their natural fears of going to see their doctor.

The show’s popularity has been credited to the spiritual formation she received there.

Jan Zherie McNellis (Fort Wayne, IN) celebrated SMC Reunion and 50th Wedding Anniversary with Paul McNellis, (ND Law School ’62) at Reunion ’12. Sadly Paul passed away on Father’s Day, June 17, 2012, before their actual anniversary date in August. They had three grown sons: Paul Jr. ’64, Leo ’66 (ND ’89), and Vincent ’66, their special needs child, and cherished granddaughters: Angelia, seven years, and Julia, five years, Jan spent much of her time in theater, directing and teaching children and adults; received MA in theater history at Indiana U. (’71), had arts interview radio show on PBS Conversation on the Arts. Later was employed by Jewish Federation in south FL, as a SHIKSA, leading Elderohosters on Yiddish Theater, etc.; 50 years in “Ex Libris Club”, Ft. Wayne; is active in (ARC) Association for Retardated Children—local and state groups. She enjoyed stays overseas as a student, and her SMC education enriched her adventures. This ended her Reunion updates, Then and Now—biographies in 4 lines! NOW, IT IS UP TO YOU CLASSMATES to send news and keep our Courier news of Class of ’62 continuing in the FUTURE. My husband and I celebrated our 50th Anniversary (June 20, 2014) with family and friends on July 5, 2014 when we could all four children, spouses, and nine grandchildren together with an evening Mass/Spacial Blessing, then dinner at our favorite local restaurant. Our children secretly shared family photos and had a priceless photo memory quilt made by a local seamstress. It is a “BEAUTIFUL HEIRLOOM of memories of our 50 years together. Our granddaughter Rebecca graduated from Madison East High School, going to De Paul U. (Chicago) in the fall. Next year we will have two “grands” in college, one in high school, two in middle school, three in elementary, one in kindergarden, and one in Special Needs Program. It keeps us busy trying to keep track of them, and we will enjoy our travels across the US again/relive our honeymoon trip to the Canadian Rockies in Aug.–Oct. 2014. Until we meet again in person, print, or email. Peace, Blessings to you all. My next Couner deadlines are Dec. 1, 2014 and April 1, 2015!! We enjoyed our local ND Club Night tonight, GO IRISH!!

Margaret Nutting Ralph received a beautiful testament to her work and her scholarship in a July issue of the National Catholic Reporter following a news article in a prior issue of the same publication (online and hard copy, July 18-31, 2014). Margie (still Willie Nutting for some) is presently director of the masters of arts in pastoral studies degree program at Lexington Theological Seminary in KY. Over the years she has published 14 books on Scripture and more recently she has been working for Liturgy Training Publications (owned by the Chicago archdiocese), writing Scripture commentaries for a number of their publications. In late January, the director of the publishing house sent her a letter informing her that her work would no longer be used: “Our archdiocesan censor has requested that we withhold the Scripture Commentaries that you wrote. The request was made because of your recent presentation at Call to Action. In a subsequent three-way phone conversation, Margie was informed that the problem related to the substance of her presentation at the annual convention of the lay organization that works for progressive reform of the Catholic Church; rather, the problem was her acceptance of the invitation to speak, thereby “passively supporting this unorthodox group’s whole agenda.”

Margie has been calm and reflective throughout this disappointing turbulence. As she wrote me recently, “I am the first who is free to speak up, I am the first who is free to speak up, I don’t have to worry about being unfaithful to my employer or bringing criticism to a religious order. As you know, I have a deep trust in Providence. I am hoping that good comes out of all of this.”

Well, folks, that seems to be the news for now. Please keep us abreast of your doings!
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The 50th Reunion was an enormous success! Sunshine, almost 90 classmates, VIP treatment, special Mass, events… The campus looked spectacular. The camaraderie was warm, welcome, sincere, sharing and caring. Keep in touch, keep well and see you in five years, if not before! Send news! Love, peace and joy.

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Reunion news from Terry Militch Murphy and Sheila Flynn Boone. “Believe it or not, our 50th reunion is now just months away. We had a planning meeting on campus in March, and we were so impressed with how wonderful everything looks, and how bright and talented the young Belles are. Our Reunion theme is “All Are Welcome,” and we hope you will mark your calendars for the weekend of June 4th—7th, 2015 for this very special celebration. It will be a wonderful time for reconnecting with friends, some we may not have seen since graduation. But at Reunion, the years between are erased, and it’s as though we saw them just yesterday. We will be staying at the newly remodeled Inn at Saint Mary’s, and will have a hospitality room there where we can get together at any time of the day or night! Just a few reminders, please: send a bio and current photo to Sheila Flynn Boone, at sbfmb@comcast.net for our memory book; also, send her any fun college photos that we will include in a DVD, and, please sign up for our class Facebook page (any problems with that, email Sheila Flynn Boone); most important, please plan to attend the reunion and invite any classmates that you’re in touch with to come and join us, too.” Terry’s email is teressa_murphy@yahoo.com. Sheila Flynn Boone mentioned that she and Michael are in CA doing some summer babysitting for their six- and eight-year-old grandsons. “They wear us out! But, we leave on Wednesday, and I miss them already!” Sheila Flynn Boone

Bucolo, Marianne Spalding Schiavone, Sara Johnson Walz and Nick, Katherine Zeller Nicklin, Colleen M. Leahy, and Dave and myself. Matthew Kraemer, the son of our dear late friend Pat Sears Kraemer and husband Joe, was killed July 6, 2014, in an auto accident in OK. From Marcia Black McMahon: “I continue to work at the Jesuit Residence at Georgetown University two days a week. In the meantime, I’m a museum docent, an ESL tutor and a bridge player. (Am playing in a duplicate tournament this weekend, but, I’m only at the novice level, pointwise.) I do enjoy keeping up with our classmates. Lil, you win the prize for our exceptional class spirit. It is wonderful to hear birthday greetings from far and near.”

“Our weather here in Sarasota, FL has been beautiful,” writes Barb Kurien Wolfe. “If you don’t mind the low 90s most days. Soon, I’m flying to Las Vegas to meet with Lynneall (Lynn) Sweetish Froning and Cindy Brown Scott for a couple of days. I saw on the TV that it was 114 degrees there a few days ago. So the 90s will feel a bit chilly when I get home. Thank you, Lil, for your efforts in remembering everyone’s birthday, it means a lot.” Mini-reunion

On campus for the 50th Reunion Planning Meeting, L-R: Anne Harvey Lewis, Janice Batkiewicz Kraianik, Sheila Flynn Boone, Terry Militch Murphy, and Kathleen McAnaney Campbell

news from Nancy Wagner LaValle, Joan Marskey Slattery and Darlene Maria Currier. joined me at our Long Island home in early June. We visited the newly opened Parrish Art Museum in Southampton which displayed works of prominent and young LI artists. Girls Weekend included eating local fare—lobster rolls at lunch by the water, LI duckling and East End wines for dinner—and much gab and laughter. Joanie and husband Bill skipped most of the Minnesota winter playing golf near their beautiful new home in Indian Wells, CA. Darlene left Wilmington, July 22nd.

Mary Harris Russell. Cecilia (Cille) Sorrentino

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June 26-28, 2015

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will enjoy reliving happy memories at Saint Mary's. Sincerely, Pat Hall Choiniere*

Lil Chard Beshel and I are busy with Reunion planning. Don't miss it, ladies!

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This June I accompanied my husband, Larry, to Notre Dame for his 50th Reunion. To my delight I met Cathleen Carey Kardas and Mary Sue Watson Gillan who are also married to Notre Dame graduates of 1964. On Saturday, Mary Fran Gleason joined the celebration for the induction into the Fifty-Year Club. Mary Fran's husband, a graduate of this class, died many years ago in his early fifties. Jim Gleason was my husband's roommate and the best man in our wedding. Mary Fran fulfilled the role of maid of honor for me. It was a true gift to have Mary Fran with us at this ceremony.

On the other side of the campus Mary Fran's daughter, Mary, was celebrating her twentieth reunion from Notre Dame. Our son, Dan, was a fellow classmate of Mary's.

Cathleen Carey Kardas, with her husband Gerry, drove with another couple from Albuquerque to South Bend. At home Cathleen paints wonderful Indian design gourds. According to fellow “Albequerequian” Gail Marin Meiering, Cathleen exhibits at many art fairs in the area.

Mary Sue Watson Gillan and her recently retired architect husband sold their home in Evanston, Ill. and bought a smaller one in Morton Grove. This move puts them closer to their grandchildren.

In early August, Donna M. Christensen moved from England to join her brother Tommy and sister Donna in the Dallas area. Donna and her brother Tommy moved into an apartment here in San Antonio, TX, where we live. It is a delightful place to call home. Donna is enjoying this next chapter in our lives.

Anne Sheehan Garbarino

Good luck to Anne and her team. In closing, I wish to extend this invitation to everyone who will celebrate the seventh anniversary of her tenth birthday with us. In honor of this milestone, many of us will gather for lunch in February and March. Joining in at the various lunches were Barbara Gibson South, Nancy Root Smith, Mary Donoghue Brueggen, Karen Huisking Coffey, Maureen Murphy Sheehan, and Kathleen Huisking Sullivan. We had delightful times sharing old and new memories and hope to continue this tradition again next winter. Any snowbirds in the area, for all or part of the season, would be most welcome to join us. You can contact me at clairejohan@bcsglobal.net.

We are still living in the Chicago area, as are our three children and four, soon to be five, grandchildren. Tom and I feel so blessed that each of the children are within an hour of us and we can get together often. We frequently see my Texas brother Tom and sister-in-law, Fran Farrell Callahan and, in fact, all 18 of us are heading out this Saturday for a week in CO. Should be a great family gathering! I also keep in contact with Francie S. Russell who has just recently retired and moved to my home state of AR. Now I have a good excuse to visit beautiful AR again!

Since most of us will be turning 68 this year, and we are the class of 68, can we consider this our golden birthday?! Let’s be thankful that we are alive and kickin’ as we look forward to celebrating our golden anniversary from Saint Mary’s in just a few years. Can it really be 50? Yikes! My best to you and all my fellow classmates!

Christine Gott Dickemper writes: 2014 has been quite an eventful year for me and my family so far. In March my father, Arch Gott (ND ’37), passed away one month shy of his 98th birthday. The following month my sister in law, Mary Duffy Gott ’66, lost her 100 year old mother. In June my husband, Bob, and I sold the house we had purchased and moved into an apartment here in San Antonio, TX, where we will reside for the next 18 months while our condominium is being built in a continuing care retirement community (CCRC) in Naples, FL. We survived the dreaded downsizing process, and a seven year hunt for the right CCRC, and we are enjoying this next chapter in our lives.

Patricia Applegate Bartoshesky writes: My name is Bob and I am involved in our local Kiwanis Club (she and Lou have lived in Wilmington, DE since 1986 after living in Newton, MA for a decade). Lou grew up in DE and Pat has sisters and brothers all over the country, so it is nice to be living near a clump of family. Pat is active in the local Kiwanis Club and is very excited about The Eliminate Project, wiping out maternal and neonatal tetanus worldwide, for less than $2 per series of vaccinations. Pat and Lou have a new grandson in Philadelphia and have started attending at least one ND football game each year, parking at and strolling around Saint Mary’s.

Those of our class who have joined our Facebook group know the sad news from the posting of Karen O’Donnell Thorpe that Dr. Sarah Petrone,
daughter of Claire Ricciardielli Pettone, passed away on July 25. Dr. Pettone was a graduate of ND and UVA. She practiced orthopedic medicine with her father in Northern VA. Claire was by her side throughout the past few months of her daughter’s fight against cancer. And Belles in our group would also know the joyous news that Sara Ward (daughter of Ginny A. Ward) was returned safely home from the ABC7News Denver Channel. Facebook members also know that Karen’s daughter has shown her entrepreneurial spirit with the online jewelry boutique (amenboutique.com) for which Karen makes most of the fashion jewelry and has been sharing special sale discount codes.

And while she did not send specific class news, Marne Roark Roche did post a reminder on April 24 about the 24-hour challenge for the Saint Mary’s College community: if 1,500 people made a donation, a group of anonymous donors would give $10,000 to the Annual Fund. More information was available online at saintmarys.edu/donor/challenge and toll free at (800)762-8871. We were able to follow the SUCCESSFUL progress of this campaign at facebook.com/BellesGiveBack. You must set up your own Facebook page, but please do contact me at econprofessor@aol.com if you would like to be added to our group.

Barbara (Bami) Menke Pinckney writes that she and her husband Ron (Tacoma, WA) visited Shannahnon McKinnon Philbin and her husband Mike (ND ’68) in Nashville, TN while attending a conference there in October 2013. There were great good talks catching up on their lives and reminiscing over SMC and ND days while on the golf course, in the Philbins’ beautiful home, and over dinner at their country club. Bami is retired from teaching after 42 years while her husband, Mike and Shannon are still “in harness.”

I also continue to work full-time with no plans “to retire.” Richard and I still move to the home of my mother—now heading to her 102nd birthday—for the summer months and try to spend each weekend with her as well. Mom was featured on the cover of her local newspaper for a story on centenarians; the link to which (app.com/story/news/local/2014/07/09/secrets-with-her-as-well) I posted on my Facebook page. Richard retired effective July 1 and is looking forward to getting to most of the ND games this season. We have already booked the three of us for our annual winterizing break on Oahu. Our niece, Elizabeth Palasky DiPoalo ’06 celebrated her birthday today, I reported on her wedding in the last Courier news. She has been attending weddings of other Belles in the past year. Richard and I celebrate our 44th anniversary on August 22.

Please do write me (econprofessor@aol.com) with news from this year as I have been saving each message into a folder for retrieval to meet the Courier deadline. My apologies if the system has not worked for this issue and I have omitted any news received since the last deadline.

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Hello, Classmates!

Reunion had barely ended when a group of friends decided to meet again, gathering a group from the Cincinnati and Columbus areas in late June in Columbus. Mary Alice Herod Lajoie wrote that seven classmates met for lunch—Margaret Roberts Richards, Cathy Kearney Buser, Suzanne K. Richards, Marilyn Murphy Messick, JoAnn Licate Butler, and Marian Morris Furey. June in Columbus. Mary Alice Herod Lajoie wrote that seven classmates met for lunch—Margaret Roberts Richards, Cathy Kearney Buser, Suzanne K. Richards, Marilyn Murphy Messick, JoAnn Licate Butler, Marian Morris Furey, and Mary Alice. After lunch at a restaurant, they all continued the afternoon with dessert at Cathy’s home. Alison Whittaker Rink was in MI and was unable to join them, but will hopefully make it to the next luncheon. Margaret went to Cincinnati for a few days with Mary Alice, extending the mini-reunion even longer.

I’m grateful that many of those sent your updates via the forms provided in our Reunion mailings. I’ll share some of those updates in our next few columns. As always I encourage you to email me, send me a Facebook message, or snail mail me a note with news at any time!

Angela Mead Marvin retired in June of 2013 after teaching 30 years for the Diocese of Pittsburgh. She and husband Doug have two daughters and six grandchildren—three boys and three girls.

Linda Duncan Davey wrote that she learned “bloom where I was planted!” living in Tallahassee, FL for the past 45 years. Linda shared that she is widowed now and has had five children, one of whom died on her 16th birthday in 1996 after fighting bone cancer for eight years. Linda has been active in many roles over the past decade but specifically mentioned her work in church as a special minister and in bereavement ministry. Her other children are in FL, NY (two of them), IL, and she has four grandchildren.

Man N. Raaf also retired after 44 years of teaching! She is in touch regularly with a good number of our classmates including: Kathy Ellis Prescott, Katie Garrity Leatherman, Susan M. Martin, Mary Ann Tavern, Ann Hollander Sedlacek, Mary Alice Herod Lajoie, Cathy Kearney Buser, Rosemary B. Naphin, Janet M. Krueger, and Betsy Mueller Heil.

Barb Dowd Arkedis and husband George (ND ’69) are back and forth between Atlanta and Washington, DC after living in France for 10 years. They have three children and one grandson. Barb mentioned in her update that their Angers group has had two reunions and was planning a third one.

Connie Cogswell Williams sent her update along with a message saying that she and her husband Hank had arranged a trip to Spain long before she had the date for our reunion. She has seven grandchildren, ages 4–14.

Sally Strobel Ladiges is in WI, has five children, three of whom are married, and six grandchildren. She and her husband Tom joined Margaret (Muggsie) Robertshaw Shern and her husband John at the ND National championship game.

Maryanne Kearns Christenson and husband Joseph (ND ’67) are in CA. Their daughter and her husband are both ND grads with 3 children, living in MA. Their son is a double Domer married to an SMC grad from the class of ’97. I’m sorry I didn’t get her name! They have five children and are living in CT.

In closing, thank you for your get-well wishes, prayers, and support. I was sorry to miss our 45th reunion because of health issues. Kathleen Davidson, Cheryl M. Corsaro, and Janet M. Krueger provided wonderful medical advice/recommendations, and so many of you sent loving messages. Our Saint Mary’s sisterhood is an extraordinary blessing. I am so grateful! God bless!

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Two common themes for the news I have for this column are that our classmates and their families continue to be on the move and to take on life changing experiences.

Kathy Bernard Franzel reports that she finally became a grammy two years ago when her oldest son Sean and his wife Rose had a little girl, Mae. They live in Columbia, MO where Sean is an associate professor in the German and Russian Dept. at the University of MO. They just left for a year in Leipzig, Germany where Sean will be doing research for another book. Their 2nd child, a son, will be born in late October. Kathy plans to join them for Christmas this year! Kathy’s middle son Ian is an attorney in Seattle and her youngest Evan will soon be starting law school at UCLA.

Kathy continues her work as an elementary school teacher-librarian in Bellevue, Washington where she will begin her 23rd year at Somerset Elementary. Just recently, Sara Bateman Koehler and her husband were in the Northwest and Kathy and Sara had a wonderful visit. Sara continues to teach, also, at Cathedral High in Indianapolis.

Elizabeth J. Casey writes that she has had “a crazy year.” Liz just remained and is moving to the East Coast next month. A couple of months later, she and her new husband will be travelling to Australia for his six month sabbatical “down under.” Liz also just had need replacement so is busy with rehabilitation in the midst of all of this!

Edith Hill Gibney and her husband Richard (ND ’68) have three of their four children getting married in 2014! Martha at Notre Dame in June, Rosemary in Crested Butte, CO in July, and Brendan in Grand Rapids, MI in September. All three graduated from ND and all are marrying ND alumni! To quote Edi, “I should have remembered that old adage: be careful what you pray for! Obviously, this is all on God’s time—not mine!”

Bridge Mooney Phillips and her husband Wayne (ND ’68) are in the process of preparing to sell their house in Clearwater, FL and are in the process of sorting through everything they have accumulated in the 31 years they have lived there. In addition, Bridget continues to be the primary caregiver for her mother who has Alzheimer’s as well as some other health issues. In addition, one of her brothers who lives in New Orleans is seriously ill so this is a sad and challenging time for Bridget’s family—please keep them in your prayers.

Rosemarie Rinella Stocky officially retired on July 1, 2014—after 44 years in education and 22 in
Hanover County Public Schools, VA. She trained two people to replace her... making the observation on our generation that our work ethics were so strong it takes two people to replace us! Rosie and Tom have sold their home in Glen Ellen, VA and are now in the process of settling into their new home in “The Villages” located in foothills of San Jose, CA where they will be closer to their son and his family. Although Rosie and Tom did lots of cleaning out of stuff in preparing for this move, she still has big scrap books from all of our years at SMC that made the move—hopefully to share at our 45th Reunion! Meanwhile, their daughter has bought a bigger home in the Boston area and their four grandchildren will now see them for longer visits, as Rosie and Tom plan to be bi-coastal. Please update Rosie’s email address to rmmstocky@gmail.com so you can stay in touch! I look to getting together with my new CA neighbors as Rosie and Tom move we’ve hung out over the years.

Susan Strittmatter Sandeen provided this news from Wild and Windy WY! She and Eric (ND ’70) received news from Wild and Windy WY! She and Eric (ND ’70) welcomed their second grandchild Gabriel Curtis in Nijmegen, Netherlands for the fall semester. Her sister, Ellen Strittmatter ’72, is coming to visit them in September. Over the years, Sue and Eric have been fortunate to live abroad in several countries: Germany, Denmark, and Ireland, and now the Netherlands. Sue has been retired from teaching for seven years. Sue considers their claim to fame since graduating from Saint Mary's, is teaching the joys of being grandparents with their first, adorable little Sophie. She is still hard at work as the principal of a lower income school in NJ. She shared news later that week that her other son and wife are expecting their first child. Lots of happy times for all of us. We will all be together in October for the Notre Dame-Stanford game in South Bend. The group will include Notre Dame friends Bob Pohl, Ed Davey, and Jim Gattas. It will be a fabulous time and I will share details later!

Several years ago, it was suggested to us Realtors that we start a Facebook account since social media is a new way of promoting ourselves in the business world. I am on Facebook—though not as much as others. I actually have two accounts—one personal and one for business, and no clue how to merge them. Anyway, one benefit is being able to get friends with a couple of classmates—Maureen Walsh Fender and Amy E. Sinclair. Maureen and I have been friends since kindergarten in Akron, OH so I always enjoy seeing pictures of her and her family on Facebook. Husband, Ed, just retired and they are now on a camping trip in CO. She posts pictures of the perch they have caught and consumed, beautiful scenery, and Ed relaxation. It appears to be a great trip in a very nice looking camper. I aim sure this is just the start of many fun rips from their home in Eugene, OR.

Amy and husband, another Ed, are in Manhattan Beach, CA and appear to enjoy the casual, outdoor living there. Her posts include pictures of dining at lovely outdoor restaurants. You look great, Amy! Last May, she posted pictures of her daughter’s college graduation from NYU which was certainly a memorable event.

I am still in Palm City, FL and selling real estate. Some of you may be thinking of a warm weather retreat, so please come down and take a look. We could even start a mini—Saint Mary’s club. Please friend me on Facebook, email me, or send me a Christmas card with your news! I would love to hear from you. As always, sending love and best wishes to you.

From the Courier Office:

“Frens” from the Class of 1973 met at a weekend in June at their almost-annual gathering, this year at the home of Susan M. Mogab and Pat Harrington in St. Louis. Attending were Cathy Reinhart Perea, Therese Conway Moltz, Suzanne Head McAuliffe, Kathryn Peters Hall, Mary M. Fisher, Sarah Hickey Connelly, Marilyn Smith Hasty, Anne M. Faherty, Susan M. Mogab, Nancy Sheeran Dana, Mary Lu Schleck Donnelly, Claudia “Muggs” Traudt, Maribeth Cashman Coughlin, Jane Grillot McCurdy, Sharon Ames Nelson. Also in attendance—because they wouldn’t miss it—are UJ Donnelly (ND ’71), Gus Perea, Fran Moltz, Kevin McAuliffe (ND ’71), Dan Hannon, Wayne Hall (ND ’73), Bob Hasty, Tom Heath (ND ’73), Mike McCurdy (ND ’73), and Chuck Nelson (ND ’69).

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I’m writing this in the heat of the summer, but I imagine it will be football season by the time you are reading this so, go Irish! Forty years ago this coming December 31... I was lucky enough to be present at the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans to see the Irish beat the Crimson Tide. Let’s hope this is a great season in 2014! Here are some additional notes the school received from classmates in memory of our 40th reunion this past June. Toni Benedetto Soulé, who lives in Alexandria, VA is an admissions representative with the American School in Switzerland (TASIS), writes that she enjoys playing tennis, traveling, painting, and golf. Her son Greg and his wife have a daughter, Abby, making Toni a grandmother. She has three other sons all living in the DC/VA area, so there is plenty of family around! Barbara Jacobs Mueller was unable to at-
tend Reunion but did send in a few notes about her life as a paralegal in the Fox Point, WI area. She and her husband were thrilled that their daughter, Elizabeth Anne Mueller ’12, attended Saint Mary’s College. She is currently working at Northwestern Hospital in Chicago and shares a home with two other SMC graduates. For Barb, instead of retiring from the workforce, she took her 35 years of commercial lending experience to a new role. Now she is expecting more this year. She enjoys spoiling her two precious grandchildren in Milwaukee. My news, like my son’s, is that I have moved. I bought a home in Elkhart. Her philosophy is “eat, drink, be merry, and play golf!” and I know that’s a philosophy she shares with her husband and three sons (and their families). Jeanelle has five grandchildren now and is enjoying them and cherishing the joy they bring to her life.

Kathy Reeves O’Donnell writes from Williamsville, NY where she is a CPA and professor at the University of Buffalo. She has two children, Kevin and Ryan, both of whom live and work in the Buffalo area. She said that she and her husband Mark have purchased a home in Naples, FL, but haven’t made retirement plans yet. She enjoys reading and travel. For her 60th birthday celebration, she got together with Sharon Dillon Robinson, Josephine Demetre Trachy, and Patti Cahill Brines, all SMC/ND ’74 classmates. What fun!

Laurie Bracken Flanagan, who is director, Instructional Design at Pearson, resides in Dublin, OH. She and husband Kevin (ND ’74) enjoy biking, traveling. Laurie is also a scrapbooking fan. Laurie has three children, Ryan, Brendan, and Kevin. Ryan and Brendan are both married to ND graduates. If anyone is in the area of Salem, SC, Laurie and Kevin plan to have them there in late 2015.

Let’s keep the updates going. So great seeing many of you at reunion: I really enjoyed it. We are blessed to have had a wonderful education and be surrounded by the warmth of lifelong friends.

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Greetings from rain-soaked Yangon, Shay. . . and thanks for your recent reminder about class news . . . Here’s some news from Karen Zagrocki McDonald continues to work in the Marketing Department at Saint Mary’s, one of the many perks being an early mover of the Courier. She enjoys spoiling her two precious grandchildren in Milwaukee. My news, which is a continuation of last time’s news, is that I arrived in Thailand in May just in time to experience a military coup d’état—the 24th in Thailand’s modern history and my third, since there were two during my Peace Corps volunteer service time, back in the early 1990s. All is well, however, and I spend a good bit of my time traveling to work with Church World Service (cwwglobal.org) teams in Myanmar (Burma), Cambodia, Vietnam, Indonesia, East Timor, and Japan. I am very happy to be back in Southeast Asia, which has many development and governance challenges; but is a bit easier to take (and live in) than Afghanistan and Iraq. I have a large apartment in Bangkok, and Sandy A. VanGlider, Linda M. Tempel, and Marianne McCabe Brehl are already making plans to visit; everyone is welcome!

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We count on you to send us information for the Courier articles. Please send me an email with career and family updates, news, and personal accomplishments as well as your thoughts and messages for your classmates.

I have been in touch with many of our classmates and find that so many are caring for both our aging parents and our grandchildren. In so many ways, it is bittersweet. We are lucky if we have the support of siblings to share the responsibility of providing care for our parents. I know for some the love of friends helps with moral support. It is particularly difficult if distance is an issue, uprooting at any age is difficult much less late in life.

I received a surprise phone call from Diane Smits Lein today! What a joy it was to catch up with Diane. She and her husband Bob are enjoying their grandson, Derrick. Diane cares for her one-year-old grandson daily while daughter, Jenna, works full time. Her sons Brian and Nick are also doing great. Nick is in college and Brian is enjoying his work at Conde Naste in a finance role. Diane is always working to stay connected and it is very much appreciated.

Lisa Maglio Brown’s daughter Caroline spent the last semester of her junior year in a program with American University in Washington, DC that included travel to the Middle East. They conducted a research project and visited Cyprus, Jordan, and Istanbul. Continuing the focus on the Middle East, this summer Callie worked an internship at New Story Leadership. She worked on a management team as a congressional liaison. Returning to Saint Mary’s this fall to complete her studies, Callie will graduate with a double major in political science and peace studies, a program at ND. Lisa and I have been very close since we met in college so imagining Callie graduating from Saint Mary’s is simply incredible.

Camille St. Hilaire Smith lives in Glen Ellyn, IL with her husband Barry. They have three children, Barry Jr., 31, Christopher, 27, and Marie Therese who is 25. Camille works as the VP of school program at Little Friends, Inc.

Elizabeth (Beth) Carey Kish is a medical technologist at Bay Village, OH with husband Steve Kish, MD. They have two girls Barbara Anne, 21 and Anne Marie, 15.

M. Julie McKinley lives in Minneapolis, MN and is CEO and president of Fiduciary Counselling, Inc. She has two children, Thomas and Meghan. Julie writes that she believes that the leadership opportunities both at her high school, Woodlands Academy, and at Saint Mary’s have had an impact on her career. She feels that her greatest accomplishment is her two great children.

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I promised more post-Reunion news in this issue and here it is! Please remember to contact me at jpmurphy@flash.net any time you want to let your fellow classmates know what is new in your life. It doesn’t have to be at Reunion time. Drop me a line (even send a photo) any time you wish and I will make sure that your news is published.

Lindy Schultz Salvi wrote that she is embarking on her third career (nurse, then mother to five sons/homemaker, and now fitness instructor). “In 2013 I trained for six days in NY City to become an AntiGravity Fitness Instructor. I am now teaching in a boutique studio in Naples, FL. I’m truly enjoying this new chapter in my life. I feel as though I’ve come full circle to where I first decided to major in nursing at SMC. I’ve found another way to help people through this therapeutic practice.” Lindy was disappointed to miss Reunion weekend, but she and her husband, Patrick, were in Italy, watching their son, Chris, play American football professionally and celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary. Chris played Notre Dame football in 2010, 2011, and 2012.

Lisa A. Turco lives in Sherman Oaks, CA where she is a director of facilities. She enjoys Zumba and live theatre and participates in animal rescue.

Susan R. Mazanec is an assistant professor in the School of Nursing at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH and simultaneously works as a nurse scientist in the Seidman Cancer Center of the University Hospitals of Cleveland.

Kimberly Davis Van Fossan lives in Barrington, IL where she owns Blue Like Blue, a home-based retail business. She enjoys travel, tennis, and golf and is proud that she managed to raise “five kind, generous, empathetic, fairly well-adjusted children.”

Lynn Roberts Clarkson completed her masters in nursing leadership and has accepted a position as the inpatient business coordinator at Carle Hospital in Champaign, IL where she has worked for 30 years. She also serves in a special projects position for the vice president of nursing operations and continues to work in a reduced role as a house officer. Her daughter is Lisa Marie Clarkson ’14.

Wendy Griffin Linehan, Ann M. Stockwell, Mary Bogger, Majesty, Mary Wolanda Trojan, Susan Hopkins Bernhold, Maria Cesco Janus, Libby Kennedy Holt, Debra Spangler Barberan, Kathleen O’Hara Kunkel, coming from seven different states, are already making plans to visit; everyone is welcome!

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book your flights out to MT to take Sue and Rachel's challenge! Otherwise let us know when your paths cross and prayers for a great fall.

News also came in from Suzi L. Brady who moved back to the Midwest in 2013 and living in Lake Geneva, WI. Anne Conaty Selvaggi came to see her first and then past roommates Sharon S. Ruble, Gabielle Harless O'Brien, and Cathy M. Domanico all came to visit this past summer. Suzi is happy being back at my beloved Lake Geneva, WI and just opened a consignment furniture store called The Hedge and is still making custom monogrammed loafers for Harold John Shoes.

Suzi says they all agreed “we’re happy to be at a point in our lives where the demands of kids, jobs, etc. are a little bit lighter and we can take a few days, here and there, to be together and recharge our souls.”

I have been able to enjoy as a nurse practitioner.”

The best news from Lucy Byrnes Tonyan is the recent wedding of my oldest daughter, Theresa Tonyan Kratschmer ’10, at Saint Mary’s Holy Spirit Chapel on June 28, 2014, to Ted Kratschmer (ND ’10). We had the most beautiful time imaginable and enjoyed our stay and reception at the Morris Inn. Everything was perfection.”

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Hi Everyone!
Our 30th Reunion was a success! Thank you to everyone who worked on putting it together! It was great to see everyone! Thank you for sending in your class updates. Here are half of the updates and I will do the rest in the next issue.

Mary Neel McCauley Doyle is living in Houston, TX. She and husband, Brian, have four children, Emily, 19, Katie, 17, Claire, 14, and Ryan, 12.

Laura Lea Halland Murphy did a great job as our Reunion Gift Campaign Chair! Thank you Laura! Laura is living in Northport, NY. She is an elementary school teacher at Harborfields Central School District in Centerport, NY. Laura and husband, William, (ND ’85), have four children: Kathryn, 23, twins, Elizabeth Jean Murphy and Kristin Grace Murphy, 21—who are seniors at SMC this fall and Colleen, 16. A favorite memory of Saint Mary’s, 30 years later: “When I needed time away from school or peace and quiet, I would find a beautiful, serene spot around campus to collect my thoughts!”

Ann Marie Juckness Corvino is living in Claredon Hills, IL. She and husband, Thomas, have two girls, Kaitlyn, 24, and Paige, 20. Ann Marie is a manager in Disability/FMLA Management.

Sister Anne Wachter writes: After 15 years as the head of school at Convent of the Sacred Heart in San Francisco, Anne moved to Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada to become the headmistress of the 165-year-old school that serves age 4-grade 6 (coed), and grades 7-12 (boys and girls, single-sex divisions). Sister Wachter has learned a great deal about hockey and curling! Personal triumphs since my days at SMC include: seeing the Matterhorn mountain, a six month immersion in Mexico to learn Spanish, completing the 1991 NYC Marathon, going to the top of the Golden Gate Bridge and driving from SF to Halifax by myself to begin a new phase in my life. After 30 years, the SMC memories that first come to mind are of jogging to the Grotto after dinner, spirited home football game mornings, sneaking a keg into our dorm room in Le Mans Hall, the personal attention of dedicated faculty members and a trip to the KY Derby! While at the Derby, we slept in the car, showered at a university and wound up parking next to a paddock and watching the races with families of jockeys. Two in our group took and passed the CPA exam in Indianapolis en route!

Victoria M. Gutschenritter is living in South Bend, IN and working as an administrative assistant and librarian.

Kristy Higgs lives in Urbana, IL, and has worked as a nurse and midwife for 25 years! She has attended about 2000 births! She has two children, Ainsel, 18 and Alexander, 14. She is married to William Mermelstein. Her favorite memory of Saint Mary’s is the fall leaves!

Angela Sleeper Helmstetter and husband,
make the most of all the Burgh has to offer. I earned a MLIS degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 2006 and worked as a children’s librarian in a suburban public library for five years before taking a break from that field and going back to my freelance writing. I don’t see my SMC roommate Patti Schneider O’Connor, who lives just north of the city, nearly enough! But she is definitely busy keeping up with husband Brian and their five children. Oldest daughter Tricia graduated from Villanova in 2014 and has embarked on an exciting career in NY City. Sons Sean and Gavin are in high school and daughters Meghan and Clare are middle school students. From my neighboring state of OH comes some lovely celebratory news: Mary Wilkin Grote married Tim Grote in Cincinnati on May 30. Mary Beth Proost Andaloro and Margaret Linnen Caplice ’85 took part in the ceremony. Other classmates in attendance included Anne Marie Kollman Kaes, Elizabeth Spraul Rogers, Robert Brennan (ND ’86), Mary (Joanie) McKenna Dowdell, Patty Schneider O’Connor, Kellie Dowich Carroll, Sheila C. Smiggen, and Susan Sullivan Yemc ’88. Mary Frances says she and Tim will mostly reside in Cincinnati, though they will keep a home in Long Beach, IN where Mary Frances has lived for a number of years. The new bride also wanted to give a shout out to her childhood classmate Anne Marie Kollman Kaes, Elizabeth Spraul Rogers, Janet Beigal Gleason, Julia Gibboney Goggles, Anne McCarthy Venters, and Pam Zimlich Kimmel, thanking them for providing such a warm welcome to the Queen City. That’s it for now but please feel free to send along any news you’d like to share with our classmates. I’m happy to hear from you via email or snail mail anytime.

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I hope this note finds everyone well, and that successful school years, athletic seasons, and holiday preparations are well underway. A final note on our Reunion Gift Campaign, we had 33% participation and raised nearly $52,000 for various programs at Saint Mary’s. Thanks to everyone for all of your generosity and effort.

It was a whirlwind summer for Cara Calzolano-Ross and family. The Ross’ oldest son, Jonathan, graduated from the prestigious Fishtzume Military High School for boys in Wayneboro, VA and after receiving several acceptances and scholarships to acclaimed military colleges, has decided to pursue his goal of becoming a Navy Seal. He has been in VA Beach training and preparing at the Navy Seal Base. Even though he was away from family for his high school years, they all miss him tremendously and pray for him and all the young men and women who have made this selfless decision to serve and protect the USA. Their oldest daughter, Megan Noelle Ross ’15, will be a senior this year at Saint Mary’s and has truly captured every unique aspect of this experience. Cara has enjoyed reliving her time on campus through her daughter. So much has changed, but the traditions and atmosphere remain. Life has really full circle for Cara with Megan a student where once she was; the dorms stir up so many wonderful memories and walking The Avenue is as special as it ever was. Needless to say, their younger children, Robbi-Anne, and Sean, 10, have already been heavily immersed in the Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame traditions! Lastly, the family moved to a new home in August. Once they are settled in, they’ll be making plans to head out to South Bend for a football game or two and visits with their daughter, Megan. After enjoying our Reunion weekend in June, Mary (Patti) Jacobs Heim and family trekked off to Vail, CO and discovered Mt. Holy Cross. She and her husband, Kevin, were even wearing their newly-purchased at-the-Reunion Saint Mary’s College shirts!

A final note on our 25th reunion celebration … thank you to everyone who turned in their surveys. As a group, we’ve survived more than one medical crisis – including cardiac arrests, loss of limbs, cancers, and transplants. We are tough bunch of ladies! We’ve lost significant amounts of weight, completed triathlons, run our own companies, and managed to get our consumption down to one Diet Coke a day. All great accomplishments! We give back to associations, charities, and organizations of all kinds in both our money and our time … all
while moving around the country and the world, raising families of every configuration, and feeling incredibly blessed by our lives and the people in them. Our generosity knows no bounds!

And our greatest advice to our younger selves is also great advice for us today. We’d tell ourselves to enjoy each day; to take time to slow down and appreciate life, it goes by so fast; to not sweat the small stuff; to not worry, it will all work out; to be nicer; to have way more fun and treasure every second; to not waste a precious minute of our beautiful time at Saint Mary’s and enjoy it while it lasts; to live life to the very fullest; and to trust in God, follow our hearts, and believe in ourselves. We’d also get involved in all that interests us (even the slightest); take chances now because it’ll become harder when you get older; and network more and study harder. And ultimately, we’d say to love yourself and love others because love is the most healing gift we can give and receive; to always think positive and ice is a contemorary term (for the good and the “bad”); and to be assured that God will fill your life with many blessings.

Have a wonderful holiday season and be sure to keep in touch!

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Molly Bridges Williams writes that she lives in Traverse City, MI with her husband, Mike, and three children, Robert, 17, Kathleen, 15, and Jack, 12. Molly and Mike are celebrating their 20th anniversary this year. Molly is a human resources manager at Accenture, where she has worked for 16 years.

Lisa Napoli Piersen lives in Campbell, CA. She married John in Portland, OR in 2007. They have two children, Gigi, 6, and Aiden, 1. She has been a stay-at-home mom since the birth of her children, but previously was a mental health social worker after getting her master’s in social work from Portland State University in 2003.

Kathleen Shinnors Newsom lives with her husband in Corte Madera, which is just north of San Francisco. They have two children, Grace, 14, and Owen, 11. After a career in the wine and spirits business, she is now a stay-at-home mom and is a very active volunteer at her children’s school. She gets together with Elizabeth Catherine Gisch and Karen Walsh Zogg at least once a year when she visits her family in Chicago.

Laura Brietzke Dunbar published her first book on June 2, 2014 called ‘Two Years Ago’. It’s a contemporary new adult romance that tells a story of intergenerational love, romance, and self-discovery. It’s set in a small town and these characters tell a feel good story. Kleenex is recommended! Her second book, Taste Test, was out in September. Both books are available through Amazon, Nook, and iTunes.

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From Patsy:
Christine Ursula Bacon and her son Max, have moved from AZ back to NY. After Chris’s year-long sabbatical, she is now working at Allianz Global Investors as the US head of advertising and sponsorships.

After living in Chicago for the past twenty years, Margie Fox Pierre and Jim recently moved back to Margie’s hometown of Venice, FL. Margie and Jim have two sons: Will, 4, and Jordan, 12. Happy 20th anniversary to Scott and Lori Corrissi Hazen!

We now have 196 classmates on our Facebook page! Please send in your updates and pictures and please keep in touch on Facebook or email your news at smc92news@yahoo.com.

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Hello class of 1995! It’s hard to believe that we need to start thinking about our class’ 20-year Reunion next June! Keep in mind that our next class updates is due on December 1, 2014.

Mary (Kate) Sullivan Payne and husband Matthew welcomed Ronald Benjamin Payne at 440 a.m. on May 4, 2014 in Overland Park, KS. Ronald weighed 9 pounds 13 ounces. He has joined siblings Carmen, Rosa, John, Anna, Joseph, and Thomas. Congratulations to the Diamonds on being a family of nine!

In my news, Colleen Morrissey Ralph, my husband Brian and I welcomed a baby girl, Natalie Grace, on May 8, 2014 in Chicago, IL. She weighed 9 pounds 15 ounces and was 22 inches long. We are enjoying our new adventure of parenthood!

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Greetings fellow Belles! Thank you to everyone who wrote in with news to share! I always enjoy hearing from everyone.

I finally have some of my own news to report. This past summer I completed my PhD in industrial/organizational psychology. Right before defending my dissertation I hopped on a flight to Ireland where I spent a couple of weeks teaching a class abroad on resilience in the Irish culture, which was a wonderful experience. After defending my dissertation I moved one week later to Fairfax, VA where I am now a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at George Mason University. I am highly anticipating catching up with any and all fellow classmates in the DC, MD, and VA areas as I enjoy life beyond grad school!

Prior to moving to VA I was able to catch up briefly with Clare Heekin Lynch who continues to be outnumbered by men at home after her third son, Sean Mark, joined his father (Tomás) and brothers Gavin and Conall in December of 2012. The happy family moved to Houston, TX in the summer of 2013 and they were kind enough to break up the trip with a small stop in the Cincinnati area so we could meet up over ice cream. Clare works remotely full-time with minimal travel. She reports that her new life in Houston provides the perfect work-life balance as she and her family adjust to Southern hospitality and warmer weather after a lifetime of being “Yanks!” Karen Gerlach and family moved from San Francisco to Houston, TX as well. Karen accepted a radiology position in breast imaging at the Woman’s Hospital in Houston. They are living in a wonderful community of artists and her husband, Steven, is soon going into production mode on their urban “ant farm.”

Allison Gagliani Cherry and husband, Mike, welcomed their daughter, Maeve Katherine, on November 24, 2013. She joins big brothers Owen, 9 1/2, Sean, 7 1/2, and Liam, 2 1/2. Allison wrote in to say that “Life with four kids is crazy, but it is so fun to have a girl! In addition to keeping up with the kids, I also teach piano lessons part-time from home.”

Christina Orsinielli Simone’s life suddenly became a lot busier after she and husband Steven brought home triplet boys, Anthony David, Steven Michael, and Christopher Santo, on Jan. 18, 2014. Christina is now staying home with the boys in Dublin, OH.

Sara Leavitt-Turner returned to campus for the funeral of Dr. Minerva Stratman from the education department. Sara writes: “It was sad to have such a wonderful professor and student teacher advisor pass away. She was the best!” Sara also was able to catch up with education professors Dr. Traxler and Dr. Turner, as well as Dr. Carla Johnson from the Communication Department, who is now retired and remodeling.

A big congratulations to Michelle Dawn Limb, who was inducted into the Saint Mary’s Hall of Fame in May along with Andrea Arena Wade ‘98 Michelle had a great time catching up with Andrea, Maria Lynn Vogel, and Mollie Carroll Wheeler ‘94 and was honored with the induction while enjoying the wonderful time back on campus.

Two years ago Brandi Rose Patchen moved to Shreveport, LA with her husband and three kids after spending five years in Germany where they were fortunate enough to travel the world. Since moving back, they lived through an extensive remodel (Brandi says to imagine living through your favorite HGTV renovation show!), added a son, and explored sights across the US. Brandi’s full time job is AF wife and mom to Lizzie, 9, Robby, 7, Katie, 4, and Andy, 20 months. Brandi reports that she is blessed to have a job she loves 99% of the time, and in her spare time she is the community outreach director for their local chapter of Team Red, White and Blue, a national veterans and community group. Through the organization, she has reconnected with Christina Lynn Novak who is involved in starting up a Cleveland chapter.

Karla Oseika Walsworth and family have relocated to the Indianapolis area. Karla is on career hiatus from her asst. financial controller role, raising kids and teaching yoga in her spare time. She plans to rejoin the workforce next year—job opportunities are welcome!

Jill Broemmel Lewis and husband, Randy, have started the college hunt for their two sons, Brendan, 16, and John Robert, 15. Their daughter, Ava, is 11. Jill also hopes to see some fellow Belles at the ND/MI game this year so please look her up if you will be in town to cheer on the Irish!

Tiffany Margaret Matula wanted to let everyone know she is bursting with pride to relay the news that her roommate, Christina Lemker Rheig, is now a judge in her home state of AK. Congratulations, Tina, and I think we can all agree that Magistrate Rheig has a pretty good ring to it!

Kathryn O’Donnell Fairchild wrote that with everyone turning forty; she, Meghan Maloney O’Sullivan, and Jennifer Anne Mahoney have
been exchanging gifts to celebrate long distance. Katie wrote that Jennifer is still in San Francisco, while Megan and Lisa Ellen Siefert are still in NYC. Kathryn and her family reside in the western edge of IA and she is looking forward to the next Reunion (coming soon!).

Holly Sullivan Mulvenna is living in the western suburbs of Chicago with her husband, Brian, and six year old twins, Alec and Tess. She continues to work as a speech-language pathologist in a local elementary school where she has worked for almost 15 years. Holly gets to see several SMC friends regularly including Tricia Foster Monahan, Mary Flynn Freeburg, Amy Kristen McIntyre, Megan Kathleen Reilly, Beth Nessner Urbat, and Claire Gibson Raggen who also live in the Chicago area. In fact, Holly, Mary, Beth, and Claire have been members of the same monthly book club since 1999! It’s been a big year of birthday celebrations. Holly’s birthday (coming soon!), my birthday, and Claire’s birthday.

April and her husband Jay welcomed Nicholas Joseph Johnson on December 29th at 12:08 a.m. He was 8 pounds and 19 1/2 inches long. Nick is the little brother to Andy, who completed kindergarten this past year and turned six in July, and Grace, who will turn two in October. Congratulations, April and Jay! I hope to see you and to meet Nick and Grace soon (how can Andy be 6 already?).

Michele, her husband Calvin, and their children, Catherine, 12, Carolyn, 10, Anna, soon to be 9, and Andrew, 6, are doing well—they continue to live in Grayslake, IL where Michele teaches English at the College of Lake County. After working at CLC part-time for ten years, Michele was hired as a full-time instructor of developmental reading and writing classes in August 2012. She hopes to earn tenure this year.

Leigh Anne and her family continue to live in TX and keep busy between work, school, and fun activities such as splash parks, weekend workshops, and spending time with family. Leigh Anne sent me an update in late July: “I am still living in the Dallas area with my husband Jerry and sons Vincent, 6, and Nicholas, soon to be 4, and am a speech-language pathologist for Kids-Care Therapy. I love being a pediatric home health therapist! I also enjoy sharing my personal story as both of my boys have special needs. I truly love to bring hope to the families and can honestly relate to what they are going through. When things get tough, I have to remind myself, ‘one day at a time… every day is a new day’.”

Anna, her husband Stuart, and their children, Alexis, 11, David, 8, and Charlie, 5, continue to live in Wilmette, IL. Anna sent me a note in late July: “All is well here. We are enjoying summer. I’ve been able to get together with some of my dear SMC friends, including Shari Matelski Duffy and Cynthiaanna McCue Crue, when Cynthia paid us a wonderful weekend visit here in Chicago. Another day, Michele Kuhlmann Nelson and her crew met up with me and mine at the Chicago Botanic Garden for a lovely afternoon. I also attended Petra Linhart Proctor’s daughter’s (my goddaughter) high school graduation party. I can’t believe little Lauren is off to college! I love getting together with my dear SMC friends. It always feels like no time has passed at all. That is a true testament to true friendships.”

Finally, congratulations are in order for Sandy Lynn Staton, who married Bob Schrader on August 9th. Sandy sent the following update: “On August 9th, I married Bob Schrader at St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church in Fishers, IN. Bridesmaids included Rose Maciejewski Farley and Jennifer Lidka Busk. Also in attendance was Erin Courtney Furgason. Two years ago I made a career change from business to ministry. I received a master of arts in pastoral theology and now work as the director of faith formation for St. Louis de Montfort. Bob is a field support engineer for Rockwell Automation in Carmel. We now live in Carmel.” Congratulations Sandy and Bob and all the best as you begin your new life together.

And with that, my friends, another Courier report has come to a close. Our next deadline is December 1. Please send me your updates the week before at the latest—I look forward to receiving them. Take care for now and enjoy the beauty of autumn. A bientôt, mes amies!

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Hello 1998 Belles! I am so happy to announce some great news of my own. Lissa Coury Heroux and husband, Matt, welcomed a baby girl, Marietta Grace Heroux, on August 1, 2014. She is just a sweetheart and big brother Lucas is already very protective of her. Arwen Dickey Moore is happy to announce that Landon James Moore was born on June 8, 2012. Landon just celebrated his 2nd birthday. He joins big brother Jackson, who is now 4.

Julie Fitzpatrick Wenger and husband, Clint, are excited about the arrival of Frances Maren Wenger on July 19, 2014.

From the Courier Office
Jill Embry Corbett and Matthew Corbett were married on September 22, 2012 at St. Mary’s Church in Griffith, IN. This is where she has been teaching 5th grade for the past seven years, so many students attended the wedding which made it extra special. Her maid of honor was fellow Belle, her sister Jennifer Embry Flory ‘96. Also Julie Gannon Psmurn was a bridesmaid. Becky Jane Novak was in attendance to celebrate. They reside in Crown Point, IN. They spent an amazing week in New Orleans on their honeymoon and can’t wait to go back.

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Andrea Helene-Noelle Guyon, her husband, Christopher J. Manders, and son, Bennett, 3, live in Peoria. She works at a private practice as an anesthesiologist serving several hospitals including the Children’s Hospital of IL. She loves working at the Children’s Hospital and caring for children while they are in the operating room. Additionally, she was recently elected to serve on the Board of Directors for her corporation and also serves on several committees at the hospital.

Katie Wagner Lewis was married in October 2011 to Steven Lewis and currently lives in Wilminton, NC. Saint Mary’s classmates in attendance to celebrate their wedding included Madeline Carpinelli Wallack, Courtney O’Callaghan Ranson, Megan Leslie Mahoney, Christina Kouri Brunnemer, and Sheila Elaine Sandine Molly Donnellon Simpson and her husband, Christopher, live in Cincinnati. They have three children, Madeline, 12, Nicholas, 9, and Finian, 5. Madeline spent a week last summer at SMC Fine Arts Camp. Molly is working as a part-time audiologist specializing in diagnosis and management of hearing loss and balance issues. Christopher is currently serving with Army Reserves in Kuwait.

Jennifer Sue Lemler, husband, Brian Majka, and daughter Corinne, 4, live in Grand Haven, MI. Jennifer works as a biologist at Cardno JFN New.

Patricia Haigh Peterson lives in Bonney Lake, WA, and works at All Saints Catholic School as a K-8 learning specialist. Trish and her husband, Kelly, have three sons, Jack, 7, Freddy, 5, and Henry, 2.

Faye Lenahan Berlage and her husband,
James, live in Chicago with their children Bethany, 11, and Bobby. 8. Faye works as a teacher with Chicago Public Schools.

Nicole Pascua Fong and her husband, Alexander (ND ’99), live in Mill Valley, CA. They have one son, Maximus, 3. She works as Teachers Test Prep as a curriculum instructor and community relations manager.

Kelly Anne McGannon will have finished her three year Shamancic/ Woman Apprenticehip in October. Her services can all be found on bridgebetween worlds.com. She also publishes poetry in literary magazines and on feminist blogs.

Bridge Kelly Deputy Sullivan and her husband, Patrick, recently moved to NC. Patrick is still Active Duty Army. Bridget and Patrick have four kids, Abigail, 12, Eleanor, 10, Jeb, 8, and Louisa, 6. Abigail attended SMC Fine Arts camp with Bridget’s college roommate. Molly Donnellon Simpson’s daughter. They were also roommates.

Holly Aspsn Murphy works as a midwife and teacher at Birch Moon Midwifery and Birthwise Midwifery School. She lives in ME with her husband and two sons, Luis, 5, and Odin, 3.

Colleen Ann Campbell lives in IA City and works at the University of IA as a geneticist and genetic counselor.

Colleen Thomas Dewan and her husband Kevin live in Naperville, IL. They have three children, Patrick, 7, Grace, 6, and Mary, 4.

Carey O’Neill lives in NY and works as a sales director at Kantar Media. She was the previous president of the SMC Alumnae Club of NYC for four years. She is also active in the NY Junior League in NYC. Additionally, she is an eight time marathon finisher.

Katie Tournoux lives outside of Memphis and is an attorney for International Paper Company. Katie and her husband, Jeffrey Massey, have two sons, Alexander, 6, and Lucas, 2.

Sharon Marie Hylek lives in Crown Point, IN and works at Acelor Mittal as a project specialist. She is currently pursuing an MBA.

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Hello Class of 2000! It was so wonderful to hear from many of you and hear about how you have been up to! Thank you for sending in the updates! I am so happy to share all of the following news about our class!

In wedding news, Sara Salazar Spanier wed John Spanier on the CA coast in May 2014. Congratulations!

Christine Arzt-McGee writes “My family and I have been in the DC area for a year now after spending three years in Seoul, South Korea. My husband, Dennis, and I moved to Korea with our little boy, Ryan, and while we were there we welcomed our sweet baby girl, Margaret Maggie! Glen was able to see “The Walking Dead” world.”

Shannon Lee Behringer has this to say about her family. “My family moved to Suzhou, China in September of 2012 for my husband’s job as expats with Caterpillar. We have enjoyed being able to explore Southeast China.”

Shelley Joanne Raley finished her seventh year teaching high school theology at her alma mater, Saint John Neumann, in Naples, FL. She taught middle school for six years before moving to high school. She earned her master’s in religious education from Loyola University of Chicago and a master’s degree in the ACE Leadership Program at Notre Dame in educational leadership. She continues to be involved in campus ministry and coaching basketball at Saint John Neumann High School. This summer she reunited with other SMC alums. Shelley joined Dr. Kathy Kasmer Rakovic, Loretta (Brooke) Brumbaugh Hootsvang, Lindsay Richardson Bigler, Laura Koserowski, and Colleen Kross Kollasch for a weekend of fun, laughter, and reminiscing in Lake Geneva, WI.

Molly McHugh Crawford and her husband, Bob, welcomed a daughter on March 9, 2014. Teagan McHugh Crawford weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces and was 18 inches at birth. She is thriving at five months old and looks just like her daddy. Molly also resigned from Deloitte and began working at The Community Bank of Oak Park River Forest in mid-August, to be closer to home. Good luck with your new job, Molly, and congratulations!

Kat Foley Edmonds updates us with this: “This year I celebrated 12 years in my photography business, kat photo. Luckily for me my job has helped me keep in touch with some awesome SMC friends. I have seen and/or photographed Janelle Dombrow Schenher, Mary Jones Witt, Sarah Elizabeth Martin, Bridget Egan Lautaru, Helen Elizabeth Beatty, Erin Vartabedian Zick, Suzy Esther Weber ’01, and Beth Lynn Parin. I also was fortunate to have two wonderful friends, Megan Stanley Uday and Sarah Magness Cash join me for my wedding in October, 2013. Sarah’s two kids were my ring bearer and flower girl and boy; were they cute! My husband, Brad, is a firefighter, (I live in Ann Arbor) but I dragged him to an ND game and he thoroughly was impressed with Le Mans Hall. He kept saying, “This is your dorm?” Hoping I didn’t forget anyone, and if anyone is out in Ann Arbor, I’d love to say hi!” Thanks, Kat, and congratulations!

Allison Thilman Ayers sends an update about herself as well as other class of 2000 friends: “I was married to Gregg Ayers in July of 2010 at Saint Mary’s College in Le Mars, IA. Holy Spirit Chapel. Elizabeth Derby Hintlian, Helen Yearwood Dever, Kim Jakob Veverka, and Melissa Gornik Rossi were bridesmaids. Katie Vales Pasmans, Molly O’Leary Anders, Frances Riemann O’Riordan, and Lauren Elizabeth Wendl ’06 were also present. In May of 2012, Gregg and I welcomed our son Connor Gregory. As far as others from the class of 2000… Katie Vales Pasmans married Jason Pasmans in Chicago in July of 2010. They welcomed a little girl, Emily Katherine in June 2011. Katie and Jason also welcomed twin boys, Luke Michael and Evan Leo in December of 2012. Kim Jakob Veverka and her husband Joe, welcomed a little girl, Lilyan Grace in July of 2011. Melissa Gornik Rossi and Gancarlo (ND’00) welcomed their third little girl, Emilie Jane, in July of 2012. Elizabeth Derby Hintlian was married in October of 2011 to Doug Hintlian in a beautiful fall New England wedding. Elizabeth and Doug welcomed their little boy, Samuel Douglas, into the world in December of 2012. Helen Yearwood Dever was married to James Dever in July of 2012 in MA. Helen and James welcomed daughter Margaret Mary in May of 2013.” Thanks so much Allison and congratulations to all!

Rebecca Doublestein Ladyman gives us this update: “My husband Craig and I reside in Rockford, MI. We have three girls and one boy. I have enjoyed being in pharmaceutical sales for the last 12 years and I’m currently working as a diabetes care specialist for Novo Nordisk. Life is busy, but better than ever!” Awesome news, Becca!!

Marianne Palmer Carrozza has this to say: “My husband, John, and I welcomed our second child, Giavanna Mary Carrozza, on May 15, 2013. Michelle Deluca Martin and her husband Dave welcomed their third child, Daniel John Martin, on January 16, 2013.” Congratulations to you and Michelle, Marianne!

Last but not least, I am still living in Solon, OH (a suburb of Cleveland), with my husband, Steve, and three children, Isaac, 13, and twins Aliza and Abigail, 10.5. I substitute teach for different school districts in the area as well as banquet serving at The Ritz-Carlton, Cleveland. If you are ever in town, I would love to see you!

Thank you all for the wonderful updates! I look forward to hearing more from you! Next year we will have our 15 year reunion and I hope to see many of you there!

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From Amanda, Amy, and Meganne: We love receiving your updates as much as you love seeing them here … keep them coming!

Amanda Sula Goman and her husband, Tim, and two boys, age 3 and 5, moved to Lisle, IL in February 2014. They waited patiently while the house was built and are excited to be closer to family, friends, and work.

On March 10, 2014, Melissa Bulak Marscin and her husband, Eric, welcomed twin boys into their family, Lucas Kea and Elliott Loa. Melissa also returned to work as the director of grant programs for a not-for-profit organization where she is able to help award scholarships for students to go on to college.

Emily Hemberger Dennison moved to Miami, FL with her husband and two children. She started a fellowship in forensic pathology at the Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner Office in July. So far, she is loving the sunshine and new job!

Corrine Negrelli Carlson and her husband, Doug, share that on March 16, 2014, they welcomed Nathaniel David Carlson to the world. Corrine also had a nice visit in Columbus with Bridget Myers Mulfalls right before he arrived and they finished some nursery decorations and had an awesome girls’ weekend together!

Janelle Koop Keller gave birth to their second son, Henry Thomas on January 6, 2014, during the huge Indiana snow storm and -40 degree wind chill temps! It was a bumpy ride to the hospital in the middle of the night in their neighbor’s 4-wheel drive
pick-up truck but Henry was born safe and healthy at 9 pounds, 2 ounces just two days overdue. The new family of four enjoyed the warm, mild weather this past summer with big brother Jonah showing Henry all the cool things little boys can do.

Katie Vincer Sears recently purchased a second dental practice, Maysville Dental. Cara Hoover Jacob and her husband, Michael, welcomed twins Isaiah Michael and Ellie Faith on March 29, 2014. They join big sister Sadie Grace, 2, who thinks they are pretty great. Alison Joseph Small and husband, William Small (ND '03), moved to Chicago from NYC last summer. They had their son, Carter Joseph Small, June 6, 2013. They are excited to be closer to South Bend and many friends. Tara Blanchard Sabo and husband Jason welcomed Evan Andrew Sabo on July 9, 2014. After living in W for six years, Sarah Nestor Babcock and her family returned home to Indiana. In the fall of 2013, Sarah began her new position as assistant professor of humanities and communication at Trine University in Angola, IN. In addition, Sarah and her husband welcomed their daughter Bailey Erin to the world on May 17, 2014. Big brother Brendan has been a great helper with his sister and as the family moves into their first home in Fort Wayne, IN, Sarah looks forward to meeting other SMC alumnae in the Fort Wayne area.

Laura Porto Atkins reports, “On April 13, 2014, my husband and I joyfully welcomed our son, Nicholas Charles Atkins, into our family. We cannot thank those in the Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame communities enough for their emotional support (and food) while my husband underwent two brain surgeries to remove a brain tumor two months prior. You have set it deep within my heart how much more proud I am to be part of this community and to my husband, who is forever grateful for your friendship, compassion, and efforts to help when our world turned upside down. This is truly a community of amazing people!”

Katie Lee Haddad and Mike Haddad welcomed their daughter Samantha Cowhey Haddad, born March 3, 2014. Katie and Mike are over the moon, in love with Sammy.

Frazier, welcomed their son, Harrison Thomas, on May 15, 2014. Ellie Gregg Bedel and her husband, Mike, welcomed their fourth baby—a girl—Sophia Marie, on August 9, 2014. They are also parents to Adam, age 8, Izzie, age 6, and Anna, age 4.

Lisa Marie Schneider is residing in Carmel, IN again and is working for a virtual school.

Lyndsey Rae Bergen is living in South Korea, but will be moving to Portland, OR in March 2015. Liesz Yost Barraza recently visited campus for her aunt's (and fellow alum) Sister Lillian Sullivan’s ‘66, CSC Golden Jubilee celebration—that’s fifty years a Holy Cross Sister! Liesz states, “It was a very precious first time and I was able to be on campus with both her and my mother, Camille Sullivan Yost ’66. Getting to show my son the campus and take him down The Avenue was icing on the cake!”

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Ellen Louise Riley married Jen Davis on June 7, 2014, in Damascus, MD. Other SMC family present were Meghan Elisabeth Cassidy and Erin Ronayse Cassidy ‘15.

Sarah Anne Vabalas lives in Atlanta, GA and is a senior consultant for Oracle in their social media software space. She has been blogging and on social media since 2010 and will be publishing a book in the summer of 2015 about homebrew and evangelizing called The Catholic Drinker’s Guide to Home-Brewed Evangelism.

Jill Funnell Savage married Jeremiah Savage on November 2, 2013 in Plymouth, MI. Courtney Odelyn Dynes was matron of honor. Kristen Vo- katy Thomas, Erin McQueen Young, and Vanessa Lynn Hooper-Yan were bridesmaids. Other SMC attendees included Sarah Borkowski Kendrick, Elizabeth Palasky DiPolo, Daniella Renee Lerner, Nicole Elizabeth Kusack, Kristen Marie Palombo, and Trina Semelroth (ND ’06). Jill graduated from medical residency in July 2014 and will be practicing as an internist/pediatrician in Oxford, MI.

Danielle Taylor Spaltena conducted an archival preservation workshop at the University of Social Sciences & Humanities in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, in August 2014. The workshop is made possible by the Endangered Archives Programme Social Sciences & Humanities in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, in August 2014. The workshop is made possible by the Endangered Archives Programme.

Every summer in New Buffalo, MI, there are some Belles who work together at Redamak’s, a famous burger joint. They got a ring pic! Left to right—Cassie Marie Kral ’11, Lauren Frances Condon ‘06, Megan Coleta Mattia ’06, and Matie Catherine Ohms ’15.

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Sarah Anne Vabalas lives in Atlanta, GA and is a senior consultant for Oracle in their social media software space. She has been blogging and on social media since 2010 and will be publishing a book in the summer of 2015 about homebrew and evangelizing called The Catholic Drinker’s Guide to Home-Brewed Evangelism.

Jill Funnell Savage married Jeremiah Savage on November 2, 2013 in Plymouth, MI. Courtney Odelyn Dynes was matron of honor. Kristen Vo- katy Thomas, Erin McQueen Young, and Vanessa Lynn Hooper-Yan were bridesmaids. Other SMC attendees included Sarah Borkowski Kendrick, Elizabeth Palasky DiPolo, Daniella Renee Lerner, Nicole Elizabeth Kusack, Kristen Marie Palombo, and Trina Semelroth (ND ’06). Jill graduated from medical residency in July 2014 and will be practicing as an internist/pediatrician in Oxford, MI.

Danielle Taylor Spaltena conducted an archival preservation workshop at the University of Social Sciences & Humanities in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, in August 2014. The workshop is made possible by the Endangered Archives Programme Grant awarded to the Northern IL University Library, where Danielle works as curator of manu-
Anna Barnett was a bridesmaid. In attendance were Angela Elizabeth Comfort and Jennifer Cunningham McCoin. Jillian works as a chemical dependency counselor in Akron, OH.

Courtney Joy Johnson writes: “I recently relocated to Cuyahoga Falls, OH from Fort Lauderdale, FL, where I first practiced as a criminal defense attorney and later represented doctors and healthcare professionals pursuing litigation against health and auto insurance companies. I am now working as a medical malpractice and products liability attorney in Akron, OH at the law firm of Perantinides and Nolan Co., LPA.”

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Emily Sue Herrmann has finished her PhD in psychology at the WI Institute of Technology and has moved to Atlanta where she works for a start-up company as a research chemist.

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Samantha Marie Peterson began working for her father’s business, Global Recruiters of Dayton, in February.

Bridget Gulvas Ennis and her husband Kevin bought their first house last fall in MI and are having a great time adding their own personal touches.

Molly LaBarge Irton married Matthew (ND ’08) in August 2013. Brittany Nicole Taylor was her maid of honor and in attendance were 2008 graduates Bridget Gulvas Ennis, Connie Lynne Adams, and Samantha Marie Peterson as well as Amy Elizabeth Dartdinger ‘07 and Emily Perry Sims ’09. Molly and Matt also had a plethora of SMU and ND family members (almost 90% of those in attendance at the reception) including her brother Tim LaBarge (ND ’10), her mother, Patricia Shannon LaBarge ’78, and father (ND grad).

Jana Blake Dickson and husband John (ND ’07) welcomed John “Jack” Paul on May 26, 2014. They live in Crystal Lake, IL and Jana is an assistant state’s attorney for McHenry County.

Allison Marie Fleece recently founded WHOA travel, an adventure travel company for women. In March, she led a group of 28 women to the summit of Kilimanjaro, three women from the group hailed from SMC. Meg Irene Schmitt, Marcia Elizabeth McDonnell, and Jackie Suzanne Sias. The whole group successfully made it to the summit of Kilimanjaro on March 8, International Women’s Day. This is an annual trip, if interested, please contact allison@whoatravel.com.

Anna Helene Hartmann got married September 14, 2013 in Brookline, MA where she is living while attending graduate school. However, they also had a wedding celebration in her husband’s hometown of Marburg, Germany on June 8, 2014. Jen Kathleen Mall was in attendance as her maid of honor, and Lindsey Kendle Gruber was able to come all the way from IN.

Victoria W. Frank was promoted to store manager in March and opened a new Maurices location in Youngstown, OH on June 13, 2014. In attendance were grads attending her in curriculum and instruction.

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Happy fall/winter, ladies! I hope you all enjoyed the rest of your summer after Reunion. I had a whirlwind summer visiting fellow Belles and celebrating some fun life events. As I write this, I have another Word document open containing my maid of honor speech for Katie Putze De Vry, a wedding to Derek De Vry on August 9. I am looking forward to celebrating one of my dearest friends and fellow bridesmaid Jessica Sobczyk Bulosan and Angela Louise Siler ’10 who will be singing at the wedding, and other friends from both ND and SMU. To keep the celebration going, we’ll welcome Jessica and Jared’s brand new son, Carter, to the church at his baptism the weekend after Katie’s wedding. We had to have our own reunion of sorts in May as Jessie had Carter on May 28 right before we all headed back to campus.

The Bulosans were not the only ones welcoming new babies. Maggie Rippinger Eising and husband Andrew welcomed James Christiaan on October 12, 2013.

Erin Haines Vu and husband Phong brought a little sister, Evelyn Mai Vu, home to big brother Patrick on April 26. Erin reports that she’s taken a new job as principal of Our Mother of Sorrows in Tucson, AZ. She earned her second master’s degree in August 2013.

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Hello 2011 Belles! I hope that this issue finds you in good health and happiness. As usual, there have been some
very exciting things going on in our classmates’ lives, congratulations to everyone!

Brett McCaffigan Masters married Jim Masters (ND ’10) in Colleyville, TX on April 26, 2014. Lindsay Marie Lelaert (maid of honor), Sarah Foley Kurup, and Ellen Elizabeth Huelsmann were Belle bridesmaids. The newlyweds currently live in Palo Alto, CA while Jim is finishing up grad school at Stanford.

Molly Pavela Van Hoven married James Van Hoven on May 3rd, 2014 in La Crosse, WI. Molly’s sister, Mary Beth Pavela Mataanen ’07 was the matron of honor. The newlyweds moved to Chicago in December 31, 2013. Molly is happy to announce the birth of her son, Lincoln Michael, born on August 9, 2014, in the Holy Spirit Chapel in Le Mans.

Katie Elizabeth Lay is starting a dual degree program at IU Bloomington this fall, pursuing a master of environmental science and a master of public affairs. Kayla Elizabeth Mccoll has a new position as a neonatal intensive care (NICU) RN at Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta.

Claire Anne Barth moved from Elkhart, IN to Winnsboro, TX in June and accepted a position as a clinical nurse educator (CNE) for the Behavioral Hospital of Longview (TX).

Stephanie Michelle Cherpak moved from Chicago, IL to Colchester, VT this summer.

Liz Marie Leeuw moved from Minneapolis and Target Corporate and accepted a new position at Bath & Body Works Corporate in Columbus, OH.

Hannah Catherine Hupp moved to Minneapolis and accepted a new job as a merchandise planning business analyst for Target.

Jami Nichole Schmidt recently graduated with her master’s in speech language pathology and has accepted a position at a VA hospital as a clinical fellow in polytrauma/traumatic brain injury.

Kellie Stepaniak Lapham married Michael Lapham on August 30, 2013 in Saline, MI with Maggie S. Stewart and Alexandra Marriana Broderick as two of her bridesmaids.

Mary Catherine Fallar is still attending graduate school at Northwestern University this fall to obtain her doctorate of audiology. This upcoming school year Jenae Corin Lacrosse will be a teacher’s assistant in a fourth grade classroom at St. Pius X in Granger, IN.

Emily Sarah Taylor is moving to downtown Chicago at the beginning of August where she will be starting her career as a registered nurse in the Medical Intensive Care Unit at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. She is very excited about this endeavor.

Ana Maria Weikert is working as a registered nurse on a Progressive Cardiac Care Unit at Northside Hospital in Atlanta.

Bethany Blaise Tabor moved back to Albuquerque, NM and was hired as a dance teacher at the National Dance Institute. She will be working with elementary students in inner city public schools teaching them creative movement for an outlet and exercise.

Lauren Ungar Mulholland got married July 31 to Joe Mulholland (ND ’13). Lauren and Joe moved to Boston in September.

Sam Kristine Marley is officially an ABA therapist at the Sony Ansari Autism Learning Center! Hooray!

Alex C. Kane has recently moved to Astonia, New York. She is working for AIG as an underwriter in Lower Manhattan area.

Alex Gray Telschow got married at Saint Mary’s on June 21, 2014. Alex and Jason, her husband, bought a house and are currently in the process of moving to Muncie so she can attend Ball State University and pursue her doctorate in audiology.

Katie Ann Haemmerle recently got a job as an editorial assistant at John Wiley and Sons, an academic publisher in Boston.

Abigail Madsen Kuehner got married on June 14 to Jeff Kuehner. Her roommate, Katie Noelle Sanders, was a bridesmaid. She will be attending graduate school for actuarial science with a graduate assistantship in the mathematics department.

Lauren Marie Murphy is working at Abbvie in North Chicago, IL as a recruitment coordinator for the Talent Acquisition department.

Dvreve Nichole Stopczynski recently transitioned to a full time position at Press Ganey Associates as a healthcare analyst.

Ellie Perstmeister Koechley married Drew Koechley on June 21 at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens in Cleveland, OH. Jasucha Ann Lang and Jillian Marie Fata were in the wedding party. Other SMC’s in attendance were briel’s mother Kathleen Danahy Perstmeister ’89, bride’s aunt Jennifer Danahy Stewart ’93. Marie Martha Flaherty ’90, Shelby Burnelle Herms ’13, and Shay Jolly ‘05.

Jillian Marie Fata recently moved to Brooklyn, NY. She will be working as a Subsidiary Rights Assistant at Penguin Random House.

Congratulations to all of our 2014 Belles! We cannot wait to hear more about everyone’s accomplishments and celebrations.

Miss the marriages and births? Find Wedding Belles and Baby Belles notifications and pictures at Our Avenue, the new online social and professional alumnae communities at alumnae.saintmarys.edu.
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June 4-7, 2015
In twenty months, a septuagenarian has turned into a Superstar with a capital “S.” Pope Francis Bergoglio has raised hopes in every corner of the world: among Christians and people of other faiths, clergy and lay people, the right, the left, the homeless, the hungry. He has embraced them all and captured their imaginations for tomorrow and the future. The first Jesuit and first extra European to be elected Pope has changed direction for our Catholic Church: 40 million pilgrims have flocked to Rome since his election to personally observe this new phenomenon.

Everyone knows what Francis looks like, thanks to the constant media coverage. His portrait starts with his voice: first, you hear him; yes, he is speaking Italian with a pleasant accent, but in a universally understandable way. Then, you see him, his large, round body, dressed simply in a traditional white cassock, planted firmly in front of you, his friendly face grinning widely, as he looks out at you over his wire-rimmed spectacles. You take in the whole picture as his personal empathy rushes out at you; he engages immediately with every person who sees him. Everything manifests his spirit somehow; he calls in details—you cannot help but note how these details move into the larger picture you see. He overwhelms his interlocutors with his presence wherever he is.

Bergoglio came into adulthood in Buenos Aires during the presidency of Juan Perón (1946-1955), a controversial, strong leader whose ideals were social justice, economic independence, and political sovereignty, rejecting the extremes of capitalism and communism, preferring to espouse corporatism, a kind of social reform of the capitalist system, with the state responsible for negotiating compromise in all conflicts. Traces of strictly Catholic-based Peronism with its populist, conservative, corporate socialism exist in many of Bergoglio’s messages about poverty, with the same geopolitical aims of the early nineteenth-century patriot, Simón Bolívar: the unity of all of South America as an autonomous economic counterweight to the United States of America, and an independent political actor on the global stage.

His namesake is widely assumed to be the thirteenth-century Francis of Assisi, patron saint of the poor, whose merciful humanity is recognized worldwide for his ministry to the poor, the abandoned, the lonely, and spiritually-deprived. Ignatius Loyola is the founder of the Jesuit order, the Society of Jesus (1540). Co-founder and the first Jesuit missionary is, however, another Francis, Francis Xavier, a close companion of Loyola’s at the University of Paris. Possessing great evangelical courage, Francis Xavier went, first, to Portuguese India, at Goa, in 1542, where he proved to be sensible, humane, and tactful with the Portuguese settlers, as well as with the natives. In 1549, he became the first Jesuit missionary to Japan, too, slowly opening up much of Asia in his lifetime. Buried in Goa, his right forearm, used to baptize and bless converts, is buried in downtown Rome, in the Jesuit mother church, the Gesù, at an altar across the nave from the tomb of their founder. Italians and other Europeans readily identify the Pope with the Jesuits known for their loyalty and special vow to the Papacy, and their dedication missionaries and educators.

How often do we see Bergoglio’s friendly image? Some of the Vatican’s Facebook pages, in at least ten languages, reach millions weekly; the Twitter accounts reach eleven and a half million almost daily, in nine languages, including Latin; tens of millions of re-Tweets cross the globe constantly, making Francis the most influential world leader on Twitter. Let’s keep watching! 🌍
In Kyarusozi, Uganda, Francine Rizzo '15 and a neighborhood kid play in the field between the convent and the parish one evening. Rizzo served in Kyarusozi with the Holy Cross Sisters this summer.