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# PRESIDENT'S *Perspective*

One year ago, I had absolutely, positively no inkling that I might be inking this column.

In my 31st year at Shanley, I was quite content teaching high school Religion classes, assisting our chaplain, advising student council, and telling a joke or three.

But with Superintendent Dr. Michael Smith's December announcement that he had accepted a position as a school head in San Salvador, change was in the works.

First, our Board of Directors implemented the role of president of our schools, transitioning from the traditional superintendent model.

Many independent schools throughout the country now employ the president model, which is particularly well-suited to their strong emphasis on mission and identity (often faith-based), need for well-developed relations with alumni and benefactors in supporting that vision, and executive oversight of school operations.

In the words of one advocate of this model for schools, "The president provides for the future; the principal provides for the quality of the day."

The "Partners in Mission" consulting group actually recommended that the shift from superintendent to president in the JP II Catholic Schools occur in 2013, but Dr. Smith was reluctant to do that so early in his tenure.

Second, though encouraged to apply for the new position by a number of people, I was initially unwilling. "No, no, no," were the first three words out of my mouth. But in time, after deep dialogue and prayerful discernment, I applied and interviewed.

On March 15, 2016, Bishop John Folda announced my hiring as President of St. John Paul II Catholic Schools and Director of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Fargo.

In hindsight, my years of teaching spurred me to know and embrace the history and mission of our schools and the teaching of the Church, to forge firm relationships at all levels, and to grow from tested, tried, and tempered experience.

With every passing day, I am grateful to those who preceded me in this leadership role, helping our schools to

*"With every passing day, I am grateful to those who preceded me in this leadership role, helping our schools to survive and thrive."*

## **Prayer for Catholic Schools**

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**Preface:** ...[W]e recognize that our lives and our work are totally dependent upon God. Through prayer, we entrust to God our communities and all we do in service to Catholic schools, as we share Mary's conviction:

*"Nothing will be impossible for God" (Luke 1:37)*

Let us pray:

*O Christ, our Teacher,*

*You invite Your faithful people to make disciples in Your name and to announce good news to the poor. We thank You for the gift of Catholic schools, where*

*The message of Your life, death, and resurrection is proclaimed,  
Christian community is experienced,  
Service to our brothers and sisters is modeled,  
And worship of You is cultivated.*

*Increase our zeal for ensuring that all children and families can benefit from a high quality Catholic education, and that Catholic schools grow in their ability to nurture the soul of our nation.*

*We ask this through the intercession of Our Lady, Mother of Catholic Schools.  
Amen.*





*"Deacon Sunrise" photo by Rebecca Raber*

survive and thrive. I am especially grateful to Dr. Smith for his four years of dedicated and passionate service. Thank you Dr. Smith for helping and mentoring me in this transition!

Likewise, I am particularly grateful to all who have so generously built up our network of Catholic Schools over the decades, beginning with the Presentation Sisters in 1882: religious, clergy, lay teachers, support staff, administrators, parents, students, alumni, benefactors, and other dedicated stakeholders.

That solid foundation is the basis of our current and future success as "a community inspiring excellence through faith, learning, and service." Above all, for all these blessings bestowed, "Thanks be to God."



# UPCOMING *Events*

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS  
CONCERT

*December 4-5th*

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

*January 29-February 4th*

MARCH FOR LIFE

*January 25-30th*

GIVING HEARTS DAY

*February 9th*

ARIZONA ALUMNI & FRIENDS  
LUNCHEON

*February 17th*

SPRING MUSICAL

*March 24-26th*

DEACON DINNER AUCTION

*April 29th*

SHANLEY GRADUATION

*May 24th*

REUNION WEEKEND

*June 23-24th*

34TH ANNUAL ROGER MARIS  
CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

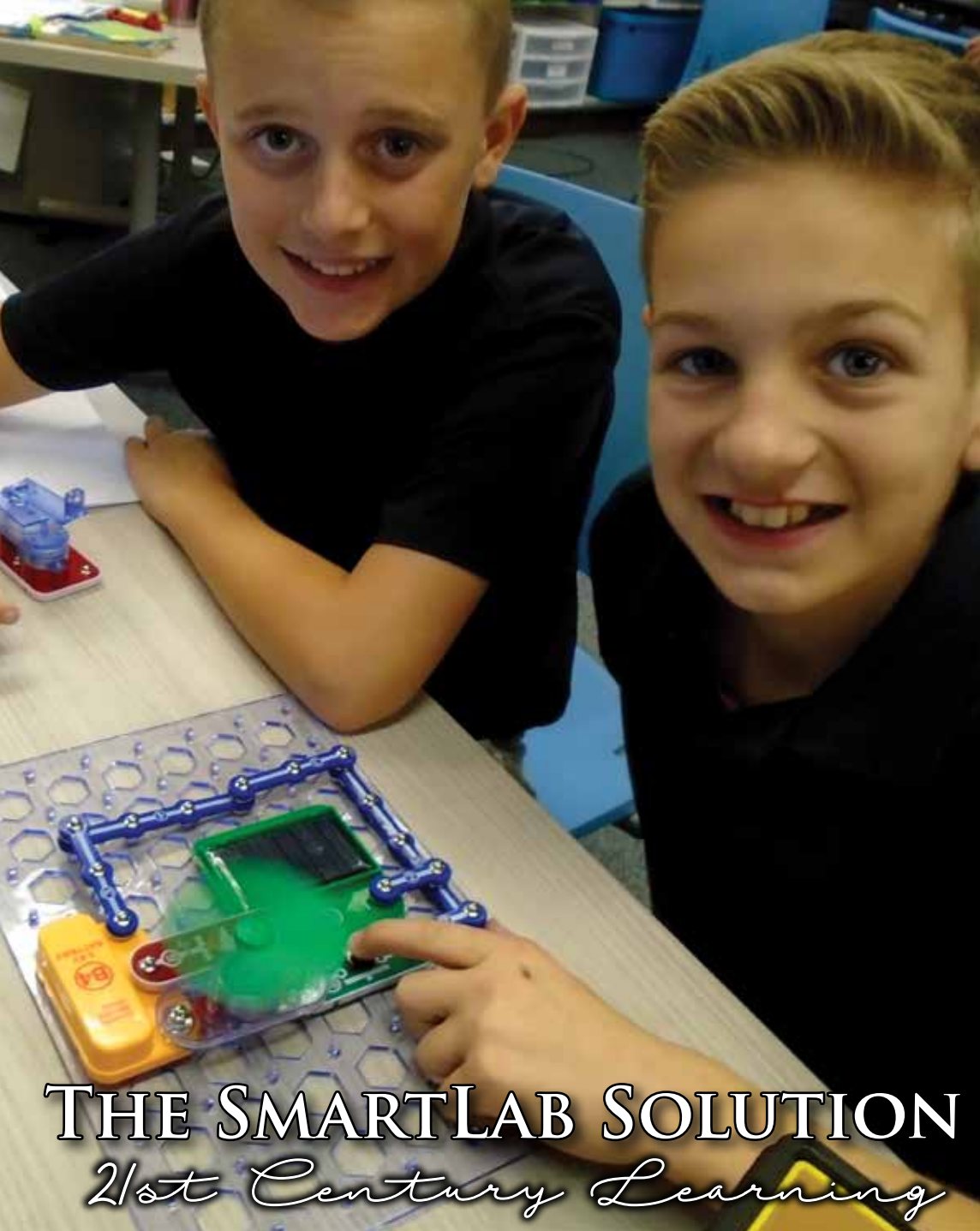
*June 25-26th*

SHANLEY HOMECOMING

*September 15-16th*

FOR A FULL LIST OF ACTIVITIES,  
PLEASE VISIT:

<http://alumni.fdjp2.k12.nd.us/events>



# THE SMARTLAB SOLUTION

## *21st Century Learning*

the front teaching. Rather, the teacher will be making her way around to groups, asking questions and facilitating the students' activities. Instead of desks, you will see four pods each made up of three tables. Each table has a stand-alone computer, and two students, pointing at the screen, writing in notebooks, taking pictures or using other devices hooked up to the computer. You will notice that at each pod, the students seem to be discovering and learning different concepts. One group has built a kicking leg out of Legos® and is working to developing a computer code program to get the leg to swing and kick a soccer ball. Glancing over your shoulder, you will notice another table where students are learning the laws of gravitational pull and physics, while working on constructing a spinning top that spins for longer than fifteen seconds using Zome Tools. At the other two tables you will see students creating alternative wind energy using snap circuits and putting final touches on their assessment, the e-folio which they submit to the teacher using Microsoft® Office 365. you stand back and take in all that you see and hear, you will realize it is highly evident that learning is different in this classroom.

Upon entering the newest classroom at Nativity Elementary School, amidst the chatter that greets you, you may ask yourself, "Where is their teacher? Why are all these students talking and out of their seats?" But if you listen closely you will hear words like non-renewable energy, scientific method, data analysis, and force with moving gravity. It won't take long to realize the students aren't just talking, but collaborating over a common learning goal. Peering in, you will see it's not a traditional classroom filled with rows of desks and a teacher up in

*"Teamwork is important because you can't do these projects by yourself."*

What you have just experienced is the SmartLab; a unique type of learning that incorporates standards in science, technology, engineering, and math. One of the most important challenges facing the JPII Schools today is how to prepare our students for jobs that do not yet exist requiring proficiency in technologies that have not been invented. Nativity Elementary and the JPII Schools have implemented the SmartLab solution, as an answer to this challenge. Through this approach, we are



able to offer 21st century skills to our students and are one of the first elementary schools in North Dakota to have a SmartLab within our school.

The SmartLab is a project-based learning system, in which the students learn by doing projects that use technology to achieve an objective, in a hands-on, minds-on learning environment. Core subject knowledge is reinforced through applied learning, engaging and motivating students while improving academic performance. Most SmartLab projects are guided by a learning launcher, which is divided into three sections. The first section is "What You Should Know." Students read and learn at their pace; all the information they need to know in order to reach the objective. The next section is called, "Do It," where the project challenge is identified and from it the students create a learning objective. This is where the knowledge they gained from the "What You Should Know" is applied. The last section is the "Extend Yourself." When students have finished the project and the presentation, they come back to this section and dig deeper. With each launch, the students are expected to complete an assessment presentation using PowerPoint, which is called the e-folio. They create slides in their presentation, explaining what they learned, stating the project objective, and how they achieved the objective. They also insert pictures they took of themselves completing each step along the way.

Through their experience learning in the SmartLab, students will develop skills in areas such as Computer Graphics, Scientific Data Analysis, Robotics and Control Tech, Circuitry, Digital Communications, Software

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 "Instead of just reading about science and doing tests. We get to build cool things and take notes about what we learn. The SmartLab is a hands on experience."  
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Information submitted by: Jessica Christmann, 5th Grade Teacher, Nativity School, Cindy Hutchins, Principal, Nativity School, and Eric Dukart, Nativity Parent

Engineering, Mechanics and Structures as well as Alternative and Renewable Energy. The learning that these stu-

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 "I learned so far that if you don't think you can do it, you will never do it. But if you believe in yourself and work with your partner you can do it."  
 .....

dents experience is very evident, and can be measured through their increased abilities to utilize various types of technology, their e-folio assessments and through the scientific language they use in the SmartLab. But what is really exciting is the learning that takes place beneath the surface of the SmartLab. Students' self-confidence grows as they work toward and achieve a goal, gaining a strong sense of accomplishment. Collaboration and teamwork are huge strategies of the SmartLab. The problem solving that goes on between students is remarkable! In order to achieve their objective, students have to work together and figure out how to get along, even when they don't agree. Students who struggle with reading are motivated to read and comprehend what is in the learning launch. They are driven to understand the material



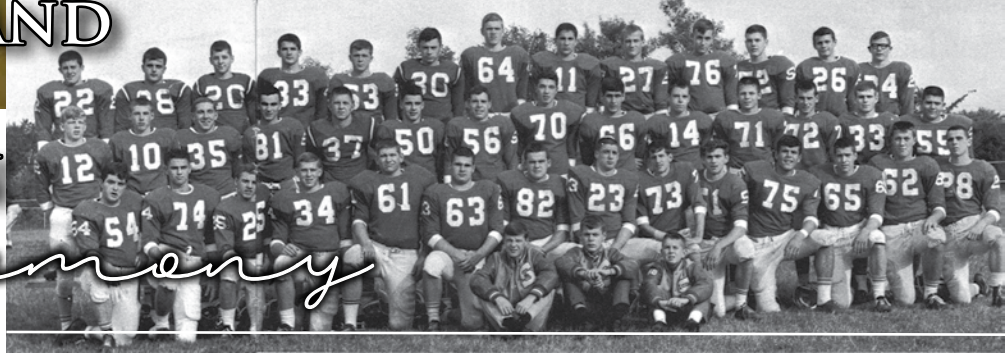
in order to successfully achieve the objective. Students who have an

easier time in a regular classroom setting, are challenged to understand and solve problems with partners because of the "Extend Yourself" section. The SmartLab teaches life-long lessons while preparing students for future work opportunities beyond their imaginations. It is an exciting environment. Nativity Elementary School is grateful to the generous donor who made this possible for our students! Stop in for a visit soon!

*The St. John Paul II Catholic Schools Network is currently exploring funding options for installing SmartLabs or other technology initiatives in ALL of our Network Schools. If you are interested in being a part of this endeavor, please contact Joelle Shewey at [Joelle.Shewey@jp2schools.org](mailto:Joelle.Shewey@jp2schools.org).*



# NINTH ANNUAL HALL OF FAME AND MIKE & KAREN HOFER DEACON AWARD *Ceremony*



1965 Deacon Football Team

Two alumni, two alumni parents, a former educator and a former team were honored on Saturday, September 24th at the JPII Catholic Schools' Ninth Annual Hall of Fame and Mike & Karen Hofer Deacon Award Ceremony. The awards were presented by Shanley/Sullivan Chaplain, Fr. Charles LaCroix and JPII President, Mike Hagstrom (both pictured).

The 2016 Hall of Fame inductees were alumni, **Judge Patrick A. Conmy '51, Michael McShane '66** and the **1965 Football Team**.

**Patrick Conmy** graduated from Shanley High School in 1951. He then attended Harvard College on a National Scholarship, graduating in 1955. In 1959, he graduated from Georgetown University Law Center, and was admitted to the Virginia and North Dakota Bars in the same year. He practiced Law in Bismarck, ND from 1959 to 1985, specializing in Civil Litigation. He served as Bismarck City Commissioner from 1968-1976.

He was the President of the North Dakota Bar Association from 1971-1972 and was



Patrick Conmy and wife, Josephine



Judge Patrick Conmy '51

the ND House Representative for District 47 from 1976-1985. In 1985, he was appointed a US District Judge by President Ronald Regan. He took senior status in 2000, but continued to hear cases until taking senior inactive status in 2014.

Patrick and his wife, Josephine, were married in 1953. They have six children, fourteen grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

**Michael McShane** graduated from Shanley High School in 1966. He served as Freshmen Class President, delegate to the ND student council convention, President of the Letterman's Club, Captain of the 1965 Football Team, Homecoming King, Wold Award recipient, most courteous senior boy and Treasurer of ND Boys State. He earned his BA degree from St. John's in Collegeville, MN, where he also played football for legendary coach John Gagliardi. He advanced his education at St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN and at Notre Dame in South Bend, IN.

Mike served as a First Lieutenant in the US Army and completed a tour in Vietnam where he was awarded



Mike McShane '66 and wife B...

six medals, including two bronze stars, our nation's fourth highest decoration.

Mike built an independent leasing company over 27 years, serving much of the Midwest, including Fargo and the state of North Dakota.

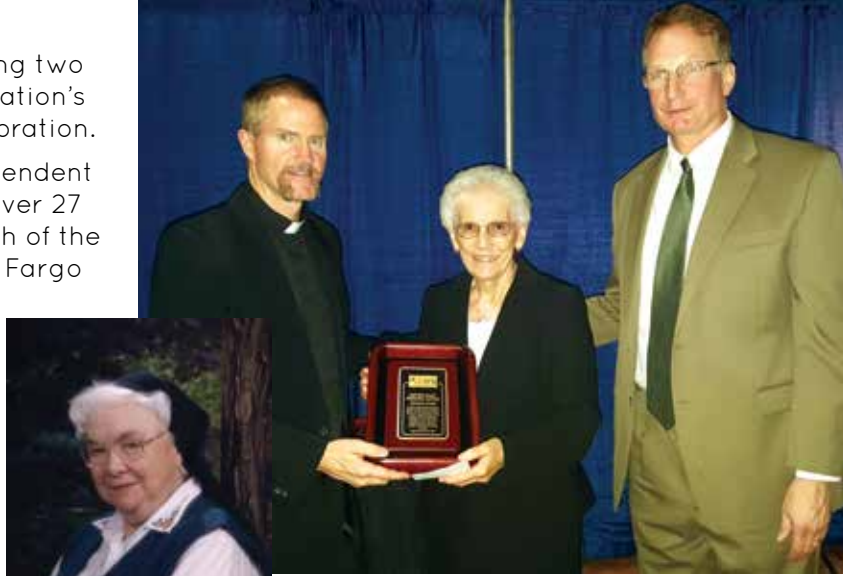
The 1965 Deacon Football team had an undefeated season in the fall of 1965.

The recipients of the 2016 Mike and Karen Hofer Deacon Award are **Sister Mary** and **John and**

The Mike & Karen Award honors parents, staff and friends who have exemplified the ideas of a Deacon (servant) through extensive service and outstanding contributions of time, talent and/or treasure to the JP2 Catholic Schools.

**Sister Mary Rosaria Acton** was born in County Galway, Ireland. In 1947 she entered the Presentation Sisters Congregation at Fargo, ND. She made her final profession of vows in 1953. Sister Rosaria completed her B.A. and B.C. Degree at St Teresa's College in Winona, MN and completed her M.T.S. Degree from the Catholic University of America, in Washington, D.C. in 1962. Sister Rosaria began her many years of teaching at St. Mary's Elementary School in Fargo, ND, where she taught there from 1949-1954. She was the chemistry teacher at Shanley High School from 1956-1970 and she served from 1978-1983 as Assistant Principal and Religion instructor.

Sister also taught elementary school at Portageville and Poplar Bluff, MO for many years. Sister Rosaria was President of the Congregation from 1970 -1977.



*Award accepted by Sr. Paula Ringuette on behalf of Sr. Rosaria*



*Sr. Rosaria*

**Rosaria Acton Mary Noah.**

Hofer Deacon graduates,

She also served many years in other leadership positions in the Fargo Diocese. She passed away in January of 2016.

**John and Mary Noah** married in 1956, started a family in Grand Forks and moved to Fargo, ND where they raised their eight children. John and Mary were participants and founding members of numerous Catholic and Christian organizations and staunchly supported pro-life causes. John along with his brother, Fr. Timothy Noah, started the varsity

hockey program at Shanley High School in the early 1960's. John and Mary have been loyal supporters of Catholic education throughout the years. John passed away in September of 2015, and Mary continues to reside in Fargo.



*Mary Noah and Dave Noah '79*



*Mary and John Noah*



*becky*



*Mike McShane '66*



**Mike & Karen Hofer Deacon Award & Hall of Fame Nomination Form**



**Hall of Fame Award**

Graduates, teams or employees

- ◆10 years since graduation
- ◆5 years since employment

◆Level of excellence in Athletics, Arts, Academics, Leadership, Service, Career or Professional either at SHA/SHS or following graduation

◆Reflect Honorably on the JP II Catholic Schools

**Deacon Award**

Graduates, parents, employees & friends

◆Exemplify ideals of a Deacon through extensive service and outstanding contributions of time, talent and/or treasure to the JP II Catholic Schools.

◆Reflect Honorably on the JP II Catholic Schools

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Nominee Class Year or Employment Years: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

Address (if living): \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Nomination (what, where, when including honors or awards):

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Nominators Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nominators Relationship:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Forms should be Postmarked by March 31<sup>st</sup>  
JP II Catholic Schools  
5600 25<sup>th</sup> Street South  
Fargo, ND 58104  
Attn: Joelle Shewey

# THE OBITUARY OF *Sr. Rosaria* THAT NEVER GOT WRIT

Every conceivable effort to support the life of one of the truly great unsung heroes of the Union of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (PBVM) of Fargo went down in flames on Sunday, 3 JAN 2016, at Sanford Hospital on North Broadway, Fargo. Sr. Mary Rosaria Acton, 89 years old and only three and 1/2 months shy of her 90th, passed from this earth in a fitting blaze of glory, dying of heart failure, coming after years of coping with the myriad of symptoms and problems associated with the condition.

No amount of oxygen, medicine or nourishment from multiple IVs and tubes could be administered in the final stage of her life to warrant her to have yet another go at demonstrating her tremendous resiliency and expansive love and generosity that endeared her to her biological family of origin, their large extended family with descendants, her Sisters both locally and at a distance, and her hundreds of students that she taught in classrooms over a span of 59 years. While it seemed she might have resigned herself to her death for having prepared for it, she had the desire to live on into her nineties and requested on her deathbed that everything possible should be done to keep her alive. The powers-that-be kicked in and her Sisters pulled their weight by maintaining a 24/7 vigil as the entire community of Sisters and Associates rallied to her support. In the end, we all lost this battle. Her death was unexpected, a jolt to everyone. She had been rehabilitating at the Villa Maria Nursing Home facility since 11 December following a crisis-driven blood transfusion administered on 4 December. The promise of her recovery there maintained our Spirits. The sharp change in her health status experienced on 31 December was unforeseen and returned her to the hospital. Then it was within hours and while on full life support that she slipped into unconsciousness from which she never recovered.

Sr. Rosaria was baptized Maureen Theresa Acton, born 16 April 1926, to Mary Catherine (Kate) King and Peter Henry Acton of Moyard, County Galway, Ireland in the Connemara Region, a gorgeous part of the Old Country home to mountains, waterfalls, valleys, glens, and fjords whose waterways lead to the Atlantic Ocean and off whose coast lay some of the most ancient islands in the world, the Aran Islands, where Irish Gaelic is still the primary spoken language. The Connemara is where she grew up as the eldest and only female of six children. She was educated in her early years in a one room school at Moyard along with her oldest brother Adrian, another brother Peadar (Peter), her twin brothers Christopher and Michael, and multiple cousins. Her youngest brother Patrick was unable to join them as he died when he was just six years old. Being blessed with considerable intelligence and maturity



Sr. M. Rosaria Acton at Shanley High School, Fargo, ND, circa 1963.

beyond her years, it was after completing high school at the Sacred Heart High School in Tuam, County Galway, Ireland, taught by the Sisters of the Presentation, that she had high enough grades to teach, doing so in both Ireland and England. Finding that she was unhappy teaching British children - she laughs with amusement in a 2006 video as she dismisses with chuckles that for some reason she disliked it - she then returned to Ireland and worked at nursing for a year, during which time she made the decision to enter the convent.

On 20 November 1947 she left Ireland at the age of 21 along with eight other young women committed to the same venture, flying on the wings of the Holy Spirit via Iceland and Canada, landing at Fargo's old Hector Airport where all nine of them thereafter entered the Sacred Heart Convent at 1310 North Broadway in Fargo, a congregation of the Sisters of the PBVM, an independent group of women who shared the same foundress, the Venerable Honora (Nano) Nagle, as the Presentation Sisters in Ireland. Those that joined her that day were Sr. Agatha (Lucey, formerly Sr. DeLourdes), Sr. Assumpta (O'Malley), Sr. Agatha's twin sister Sr. Beatrice (Debora Lucey), Sr. Charlotte (Sheila Barrett, the youngest at age 15), Sr. Olivia (Pauline Scully), Sr. Pauline (Margaret Egan), Sr. Regina (Rose Mullarkey), and Sr. Sylvia (Jordan). All of them, along with Sr. Eugenia Tessier of Fargo, professed their final vows together on 17 August 1950 in Fargo. At that time, Theresa Acton shed her birth name and adopted that of Sister Mary Rosaria to follow her throughout her life due to her dedication to the rosary as her preferred contemplative engagement.

Sr. Rosaria commenced her undergraduate studies at the College of St. Teresa in Winona, MN, earning both a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Chemistry degree from that institution. By 1962, she had earned her Master in Teaching Science (M.T.S.) degree from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. It was also during her early years as a professed nun that she was Mistress of the Juniorate (the Novitiate, the Junior Professed), also serving as member of the convent council for nine years during the 1960's.

It was while involved in these leadership positions that she began her many years of teaching starting at St. Mary's Elementary School in Fargo, teaching there from 1949-1954. In 1956 she began teaching Chemistry, Physics, and Religion at Shanley High School, teaching there something she "just loved," doing so until she was elected Major Superior (title has since changed to President) of the Congregation, serving in that capacity from 1970 through 1977. She then returned to Shanley for the years 1978-1983 as Assistant Principal and Religion teacher. While there, Sr. Rosaria was seen as the 'heavy' on the faculty by colleagues and students alike, having earned the reputation as an extraordinary teacher, one who combined compassion and firmness with intellect in tough subjects that allowed her to earn the trust and respect of all those with whom she came in contact, equipping those under her care to be well prepared for college. From the heavens above, Sr. Rosaria will undoubtedly conclude that she could receive no greater honor than the Deacon Award, to be given her by the St. John Paul II (JPII) Catholic Schools Network of Fargo for her many years of exemplary teaching, at a ceremony to be held on 24 September 2016 at Shanley High School. The Deacon Award recipients are nominated and selected for their extensive service and outstanding contributions of time, talent and/or treasure to the Fargo Catholic Schools.

In 1983, Sr. Rosaria found herself at a new post in the state of Missouri where she was the Principal and also an instructor at St. Eustachius Elementary School in Portageville, MO, teaching there until 1994. Thereafter she taught in the middle and upper grades at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Poplar Bluff, MO until 2008, totaling a combined contribution of 25 years of leadership and teaching for the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, MO (1983-2008). It was in Poplar Bluff where she was bestowed the Honor of the 2006 Teacher of the Year, an award she treasured immensely. Being a great teacher was one of the guiding aspirations of her life as she often spoke of her desire to have made her greatest impact on her students. Upon her retirement in 2008, her teaching continued as she co-wrote and co-taught a class for immigrants to become naturalized citizens. And using her cane on her right side, she set about attending daily functions, funerals, and events, was affectionately known as a soft-spoken wise old



Sr. M. Rosaria Acton visiting family in Ireland (2012)

woman, and was proud to be able to briefly act as interim Superior of the Convent just prior to her most recent medical crisis.

During her almost 69 years as a novice and professed nun and almost 59 as a teacher, it was a Choir of Angels that provided the constant background noise in Sr. Rosaria's life. She was often sought after for advice, always a confidential and trusted consultant, frequently the peacemaker, at times a chief instigator, but most assuredly always actively engaged as a thoroughly thoughtful and authentic presence in helping her congregation arrive at the many decisions required by this self-managing and Fargo Catholic Diocesan-independent organization of women, all apart from the many things she was engaged in elsewhere as a member of a teaching faculty such as Senior Class Advisor or Supervisor of Student

Teachers.

While Sr. Rosaria was visiting in Ireland when the 20 June 1957 tornado struck Fargo that heavily damaged the living quarters of the Sacred Heart Convent, located then at 1310 North Broadway, it would be considerations about rebuilding it or moving to a new location altogether that engaged the Sisters as table-top considerations of the day. Deliberations about the need to either bring St. John's Orphanage up to fire code standards or raze it and build a more suitable Villa Nazareth (renamed Friendship Village) so as to better serve the needs of orphans, handicapped, and disabled students were yet other projects in need of attention at that time. The particulars of the new convent at 5300 South University presented yet a new set of demands, just as was its disposition in the early 1980's when the Sisters realized it was too large for their needs. They then found themselves in deliberations about the location and design of their next convent located at 1101 32nd Avenue South, while they also became engaged in the management, development, and expansion of their vacated South University convent into what would become CHI (Catholic Health Initiatives) Riverview Place, a massive housing complex for the elderly.

All of these undertakings involved weighty decisions about the utilization of land, buildings, and finances, the success of these ventures for which the very future of the Sisters depended as they have always been self-supporting. Sr. Rosaria made her contributions in these endeavors as she assisted in directing and guiding the community so that, ultimately, they could continue to position themselves to achieve their main goals of teaching and serving the needs of the poor, the vulnerable, and those marginalized. She and her colleagues enjoyed considerable success in all their efforts, together creating a long history of establishing Catholic education in Fargo which began when the Sisters opened St. Joseph's Academy in 1882. They closed this school when they launched St. John's Free School

and Sacred Heart College and Academy. St. John's was the forerunner of four parish schools - Holy Spirit, Nativity, St. Mary's and St. Anthony's - as well as of Presentation South and Presentation North Junior High Schools, now merged as Sullivan Middle School. Sacred Heart Academy became Shanley High School. These Sisters not only laid the groundwork for Catholic education in the city of Fargo, but over the years they donated millions of dollars in contributed labor, land, and buildings to the Diocese of Fargo. When the names of the schools were changed as they were integrated within the diocese, Sr. Rosaria could be heard uttering a dismissive 'well' to any expressed negativity as her way of not engaging in the discussion of such behaviors as if doing so might lessen either the intent or the worth of that which they had just given. She exhibited this kind of grace throughout her life, convinced that the outside world did not see the Sisters for their tremendous abilities and currency, her self-esteem admitting that while she might be eclipsed in a man's world she could still stand proud and was nobody's fool. She rocked the venues where she lived and worked as she was thoroughly invested in her Sisters, colleagues, and students, and easily earned the respect and admiration that came with being a powerhouse of a woman.

She was never far from her roots while living in the United States. Even though she became a United States naturalized citizen in 1953, she maintained her beautiful Irish brogue by virtue of living with several Irish speakers in her community of nuns. Along with her terrific sense of humor, her love of Ireland, her pride in being Irish, her love of all that was Irish, and her command of herself, of her mind and her physicality, all these were the things that defined her as a daughter of Ireland, incapable of being a placeless invisible immigrant. She was as sturdy as a rock, a woman on a mission, her nobility issuing forth a Here I am, Lord in-your-face persona, a natural leader way ahead of her peers.

While she loved teaching almost as much her love of classical music, politics, and current events, it was the inability to see her family back in Ireland during her many years of working that contributed to the bulk of the deep pain she suffered. Living her entire adult life without parental affection and family affiliation was made all the more difficult due to her inability to visit Ireland and her family there frequently enough to maintain a sense of belonging to her biological roots, not a price that those Sisters having families here in the United States generally endured. She paid dearly to be a nun doing God's work. She loved her family in Ireland more than anything else, suffered greatly due to their absence, was preceded in death by and miserably missed many of the funerals of her parents Mary Kate and Peter, brothers Christopher, Patrick, and Peter, sisters-in-law Ann and Kathleen, and countless other relatives who passed away during her 69 years since she immigrated to the United States. She was also preceded in death by five members of her 1950 class with whom she professed her final vows, and by over 220 other Sisters of her congregation.

She is survived by her brothers Adrian and Michael of Ireland, her sisters-in-law Bridie and Kathleen, a large extended family living both within and outside of Ireland, four members of her 1950 class of profession, some 50 plus Sisters both locally and living at other U.S. locations,



Sisters grave at Holy Cross Cemetary,  
North Fargo

and nearly 1,300 affiliated members worldwide. There are also an additional 200 or so Associates of the Union of the Sisters of the PBVM in the United States that will miss this dearly beloved human being.

She is greatly missed most particularly by those who left Ireland with her and arrived together in Fargo in the middle of a snowstorm that 21st day of November 1947, four still alive who accompanied her throughout all her years as a nun: Sisters Agatha, Olivia, Pauline, and Sylvia. Associate Judith Rodger reserves a special place in her heart for Sr. Rosaria, who along with Sr. Anne O'Brien and all the Irish Sisters, are saddened to the core at having lost a special one all their own. Her many Sisters, the many Associates who knew her, her many friends, family, and former students, all who came to know her, are distraught by her loss. When the great ones go, leaving us behind, what do we do now! After a full life devoted to children and high school students, getting up for decades before the sun rose to arrive timely in the classroom, assisting in the many decisions involved in managing the Sisters and other wealth of the congregation, we are pressured to admit that her presence was remarkable, her sacrifices huge, her legacy unmatched.

Visitation took place between the hours of 5 and 7 pm the evening of 6 Jan 2016 at the Sacred Heart Convent, 1101 32nd Avenue South, Fargo, followed by a wake in the chapel. An hour of visitation also preceded the mass of Christian Burial, conducted by Father Kevin Boucher at the chapel of CHI Riverview Place, 5300 South University Drive, Fargo at 10 am 7 JAN 2016. Interment immediately followed the mass at Holy Cross North Cemetery, Fargo, with a reception thereafter at Sacred Heart Convent.



# FOCUS: *Deacons Turned Missionaries*

Mandie (Gapp) Wilburn ('04), her husband, Paul and their children

*“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And, behold, I am with you always, until the close of the age.”*  
*(Matthew 28:19-20)*

Our Sullivan 8th graders just worked on memorizing this important passage from the Bible – the Great Commission. I remember when I was in their same shoes, memorizing this great last mandate from Christ to his Apostles before He ascended into Heaven. As an eighth-grader, I did not know how I would live this out, but God was beginning even then to sow the seeds that would lead to a call years later to serve as a missionary with FOCUS (the Fellowship of Catholic University Students).

I am not the only Deacon whose experience at Shanley laid the foundation to serve as a missionary. 2011 Shanley graduate Peter O'Donnell shared, “It was not until I looked back at my formation from Shanley that I saw the full scope of how that led me to become a FOCUS missionary.” In addition to O'Donnell and I, there are five other Shanley alumni who either have or are currently serving on campus somewhere in the United States and countless more who have attended FOCUS bible studies, conferences, and mission trips.

2004 Shanley graduate Mandie (Gapp) Wilburn has been with FOCUS since she was a student at NDSU. Since graduation, she and her husband Paul have served on the team at the University of Wisconsin Madison, and now Paul is a senior director of collegiate outreach

for the Great North region, managing 33 campuses across 12 states. “Classes that really challenged me to learn Church teaching as well as the leadership and service focus at Shanley helped immensely to prepare me for the outreach aspect of FOCUS as well as leading bible study and learning how to help people learn to love their Catholic faith,” said Wilburn.

## What is FOCUS?

FOCUS began in 1998 when Curtis Martin responded to a need he saw on college campuses – the need for Catholic missionaries to meet college students where they were and bring them Jesus and His Church. When he shared his plans with Pope St. John Paul II, the Holy Father’s response was simple: “Be soldiers.”

This is exactly what FOCUS missionaries and student missionaries are – soldiers for Christ on college campuses, where the battle for souls is being fought in a profound way. It is estimated that nearly 80% of young adults will lose their Catholic faith by the time they are 23 years old. This makes the college campus an important place for the Church to be present. When asked why he is a FOCUS missionary, O'Donnell said, “I truly believe that reaching out to college students when they first become independent is how the Catholic Church can reach the ends of the world.”

FOCUS missionaries strive to win students for Christ, build them up to lead and invite others into relation-

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*"I knew I wanted to help lead others to Christ's love"*

ship, and then send them out into the world. This method is extremely effective as it allows young people to not only be won to Christ themselves, but also to be equipped for a lifetime of evangelization. Christy Smith, a 2012 Shanley graduate in her first year with FOCUS, said that sometimes all it takes is an invitation. "I knew I wanted to help lead others to Christ's love," she said when asked why she chose to join FOCUS after graduating from NDSU last spring.

## Connections to JPPII

In thinking of the goal of FOCUS and the mission of JPPII to teach the total person and foster the following of Christ, it is no surprise that Shanley alumni would go on to become campus missionaries. Our JPPII roots taught us about our faith, helped us to recognize its beauty, and helped us begin to follow Jesus. "My time at Shanley allowed me to understand the importance of growing in community and sharing life with others. Jesus calls us to bring each other closer to Him, and I think my first experience of that was at Shanley," shared Smith.

FOCUS missionaries spread the Gospel by leading bible studies and inviting students to discipleship, equipping them to lead others in the same way. Every college student, even if they were blessed to go to a Catholic high school, needs to decide to have a personal relationship with Jesus and fully embrace the teachings of the Church for themselves. As a campus missionary, I was able to invite students to do just that and it was amazing to see God work in their lives.

Even though they might articulate it in different ways, FOCUS shares our JPPII core values. Excellence is one of the main virtues that FOCUS student missionaries strive to develop, in their academic studies and beyond. Faith is fostered through dedication to prayer and the sacraments. Learning is present through bible studies and personal discipleship. Service most fully is shown forth through the countless mission trips around the world that FOCUS sponsors.



*Sr. Mary Pieta ('04)*

## Where to find FOCUS

FOCUS is currently on over 110 college campuses, including a couple new campuses in Austria! NDSU, UND, and the University of Mary all have active teams of FOCUS missionaries on campus. FOCUS has some missionaries dedicated to specific areas of outreach, such as varsity athletes and Greek life. The missions team puts on countless mission trips around the world each year during winter, spring, and summer breaks.

The events team plans yearly conferences, including the upcoming SEEK conference this January in San Antonio. At the last SEEK conference in 2015, almost 10,000 college students attended!

If you know a college student, ask if they have heard of FOCUS on their college campus. What better way to continue to develop their relationship with Christ and their involvement in His Church than to join a bible study, attend a retreat, or go on a mission trip during their college years? You can find a list of campuses, information to register for SEEK or a mission trip, and how to help support the mission of FOCUS on their website [www.focus.org](http://www.focus.org).

## Deacons on FOCUS Staff:

*(\* indicates current staff)*

**Sr. Mary Pieta (Michaela) Breen** (2004) served with FOCUS from 2008-2011. She has since joined the Sisters of Life in New York.

**Mandie (Gapp) Wilburn** (2004) is married to Paul, who is a regional leader for FOCUS in the Great North region. They have been with FOCUS since the fall of 2008.

**\*Kristen (Vetter) Wirth** (2008) served as a missionary from 2012-2014 at the University of Minnesota Duluth. She currently teaches at Sullivan Middle School.

**Peter O'Donnell** (2011) is a second year missionary at the University of Minnesota Duluth.

**Daniel Jordan** (2011) is a first year missionary at Colorado State University.

**Christy Smith** (2012) is in her first year on staff at the Denver Support Center.

**Madeline Carson** (2012) is a first year missionary at Ramapo College in New Jersey.



*Kristen (Vetter) Wirth ('08)*



*Daniel Jordan ('11)*



*Peter O'Donnell ('11)*



*Christy Smith ('12)*



*Madeline Carson ('12)*

# A TOUCH OF CLASS

Welcome to our Newest

**Emily Alderman**  
Minnesota State University  
Mankato - Mankato, MN

**Hannah Altringer**  
Arizona State University -  
Tempe, AZ

**Joshua Aune**  
St. John's University -  
Collegeville, MN

**Sophia Backlund**  
Arizona State University -  
Tempe, AZ

**Kacie Baumler**  
University of North Dakota - Grand  
Forks, ND

**Matthew Brock**  
St. John's University -  
Collegeville, MN

**Kristin Carew**  
North Dakota State University -  
Fargo, ND

**Shayne Dauenhauer**  
University of North Dakota - Grand  
Forks, ND

**Krista Dewald**  
North Dakota State University -  
Fargo, ND

**Davis Ekman**  
University of Minnesota Crookston  
- Crookston, MN

**Elizabeth Erickson**  
The Catholic University of  
America - Washington D.C.

**Ellen Erie**  
Creighton University -  
Omaha, NE

**Bryan Finneseth**  
North Dakota  
State University - Fargo,  
ND

**Jane Fischer**  
North Dakota State University -  
Fargo, ND

**Samuel Fisher**  
North Dakota State  
University - Fargo, ND

**Riley Giauque**  
North Dakota State University -  
Fargo, ND

**Katherine Gladitsch**  
Augustana University - Sioux Falls,  
SD

**Joseph Hagstrom**  
Northland Comm. & Tech.  
College - Thief River Falls, MN

**Nicolette Halberstadt**  
Minnesota State Comm. & Tech.  
College - Moorhead, MN

**Lane Hallock**  
Concordia College -  
Moorhead, MN

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University of Wisconsin Madison  
- Madison, WI

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Winona State Uni-  
versity -  
Winona,  
MN

**Leo Hoedl**  
North Dakota State University -  
Fargo, ND

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University of North Dakota - Grand  
Forks, ND

**Sarah Jacobson**  
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Fargo, ND

**Jordan Johnson**  
North Dakota State College of Sci-  
ence - Wahpeton, ND

**Abby Kautzman**  
University of Nebraska  
Lincoln - Lincoln, NE

**Olivia Keelin**  
Minnesota State  
University  
Moorhead - Moor-  
head, MN

**William Kenney**  
Stanford Univer-  
sity -  
Palo Alto, CA

**Henri Kieffer**  
Full-time Employment

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**Sabrina Koch**  
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**Harrison Kourajian**  
North Dakota State University -  
Fargo, ND

**Nickolia Kraft**  
North Dakota State University -  
Fargo, ND

**Summer Kubalak**  
College of St. Benedict -  
St. Joseph, MN

**Brevin Lancaster**  
University of North Dakota - Grand  
Forks, ND



# Alumni: Class of 2016

**Levi Landstrom**  
University of North Dakota - Grand  
Forks-ND

**Wyatt Leier**  
North Dakota State College of Sci-  
ence - Wahpeton, ND

**Stephanie Lipson**  
North Dakota State University -  
Fargo, ND

**Samuel Magnotto**  
The Barrett Honors College at  
Arizona State University -Tempe,  
AZ

**Katelyn Magnuson**  
Minnesota State University Moor-  
head - Moorhead, MN

**Bruce Mizero**  
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College - Moorhead, MN

**Jamie Motschenbacher**  
North Dakota State  
University - Fargo, ND

**Madison Naylor**  
University of North Dakota - Grand  
Forks, ND

**Katherine Nistler**  
University of Mary - Bismarck, ND  
ND Army National Guard

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Creighton University -  
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**Joshua Odegard**  
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Forks, ND

**Jack Olson**  
University of North Dakota - Grand  
Forks, ND

**Cassandra Opitz**  
University of Mary - Bismarck, ND

**Mason Ostern**  
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& Tech. College - Moor-  
head, MN

**Gabrielle Ries**  
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University - Fargo, ND

**Grace Rivard**  
North Dakota State  
University - Fargo,  
ND

**Lauren Rotunda**  
University of Mary - Bismarck, ND

**Aaron Rydell**  
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Concordia College - Moorhead,  
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**Anna Sandy**  
University of North Dakota - Grand  
Forks, ND

**Molly Schmidt**  
Creighton University - Omaha, NE

**Taylor Schmidt**  
North Dakota State University -  
Fargo, ND

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College of St. Benedict -  
St. Joseph, MN

**Connor Smith**  
St. John's University -  
Collegeville, MN

**Morgan Smith**  
University of North  
Dakota - Grand  
Forks, ND

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North Dakota State University -  
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**Annie Swenson**  
Valley City State University - Valley  
City, ND

**Chanakarn Tangpong**  
North Dakota State University -  
Fargo, ND

**Derek Thompson**  
North Dakota State  
College of Science  
Wahpeton, ND

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North Dakota State University -  
Fargo, ND

**Anna Triller**  
North Dakota State  
University - Fargo, ND

**Andrea Vetter**  
University of Nebraska Lincoln -  
Lincoln, NE

**Jessica Vig**  
North Dakota State  
University - Fargo, ND

**Margaret Von Ebers**  
Texas A & M University - College  
Station, TX

**Kevin Wolfe**  
Concordia College -  
Moorhead, MN

**Rachana Wright**  
College of  
St.Scholastica - Duluth,  
MN



# ALUMNI NEWS

## 1950's

**Nell (Henley) Murray ('56)** and her husband, John, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married November 19, 1966.

**Patricia (Schmitz) Willits ('56)** and her husband, **Richard Willits ('55)** will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married December 28, 1956.

**Dennis Derrig ('59)** and his wife, Cynthia, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married in Casselton, ND on August 27, 1966.

## 1960's

**Patrick Donahue ('61)** and his wife, Dianna, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married April 23, 1966, at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Fargo.

**Anna (Obermiller) Kiebke ('61)** and her husband, William, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 24, 2016 at the Avalon Events Center in Fargo.

**Barb (Hudson) Gontarek ('64)** and her husband, Mark, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married September 3, 1966 in St. Paul, MN.

**Barb (Torok) Sturdevant ('64)** and her husband, Bill, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married May 28, 1966, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Fargo.

## 1970's

**Joan (Gerberding) Cook ('72)** and her husband, Dale, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. They were married May 22, 1976, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church on the 30th anniversary of Joan's parents.

Men's Basketball Assistant Coach **Jon Hughes ('78)** has retired from coaching after 25 years at the University of St. Thomas. Hughes was an assistant coach under Steve Fritz and Johnny Tauer during his 25 years at UST. During his time there, Hughes was a part of: 545 wins, 17 MIA Regular

Season Championships, 24 MIAC Playoff Appearances, 12 MIAC Playoff Championships, 16 NCAA Appearances, 4 Final Four Appearances and 2 National Championships in 2011 under Steve Fritz and 2016 under Johnny Tauer.

## 1990's

**Matthew Holter ('92)** and his wife, Victoria, welcomed a son, August Quinn Fox, on August 9, 2016.

**Kyle Bosch ('98)** and his wife, Crystal, welcomed a daughter, Claire Campbell, on June 28, 2016.

**Tracy (Shypkowski) Boyle ('99)** and her husband, Brad, welcomed twin daughters, Maria Ann and Elise Jane on September 26, 2016.

## 2000's

**Brian Gilbertson ('01)** and his wife, Bridget, welcomed triplets, Finn David, Carsyn Lynn and Charlotte Mae, on June 6, 2016.

**Jared Hardy ('01)** and his wife, Stefanie, welcomed a son, Everett Thomas, on July 16, 2016.

**Amber (Bowman) Meyer ('01)** and her husband, Brian, welcomed a son, Nolan Leo, on February 18, 2016.

**Chad Prosocki ('01)** and his wife, Sarah, welcomed a son, Jonah, on July 28, 2016. Jonah joins a big brother and three big sisters.

**Courtney (Horner) Banister ('03)** and her husband, Zach, welcomed a son, Finn Ronald, on June 25, 2016.

**Kellie (Bruckbauer) Knodel ('03)** and her husband, Leon, welcomed a son, Levi Ellery, on June 10, 2016.

**Carly (Adams) Buchman ('04)** and her husband, Daniel, welcomed a son, Harrison James, on August 26, 2016.

**Logan Schmitz ('05)** and his wife, Rachel, welcomed a daughter, Ruby Anne, on September 17, 2016.

**Drew Hushka ('06)** married Kristen Garvey on May 28, 2016.

**Paige Richard ('06)** married Paul Campbell on June 10, 2016.

**Michelle (Kramer) Friedt ('08)** and her husband, Jared, welcomed a daughter, Veronica Rose, on March 24, 2016. She joins big brother, William James.



Veronica Rose

## 2010's

**Sam Breen ('12)** married Sarah Porter on July 22, 2016.

**James Opitz ('14)** was promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal in the United States Marine Corps on June 2, 2016. He is currently stationed at Twenty-Nine Palms, California. Please keep James in your prayers as he is deploying to Iraq in October 2016.



Want to stay up-to-date on all the latest happenings at Shanley as they happen? "Like Us" on Facebook!! Just search for the Shanley Alumni page and click on the "Like" button.

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# REUNION *Re-Cap*



1948

Reading from left to right in the photo the '48'ers are: Francis Devlin Stevens-Maggie Viets Doyle-Dave Pease-Sister Paula Ringuette and Mary Marquardt Trowbridge

1965

The class of 1965 held a mini reunion on Tuesday, July 26th on Big Cormorant Lake just south of Lake Park, MN.

Top row: Martin Van Mil, Mike O'Day, Bill DeCesare, Mary Lou (Greving) Dahms, Steve Tompkins, Steve Kvamme, & Jim Olson.

Bottom row: John Grove, Greg Nelson, Allen Grandbois & Don Tessmer. Not pictured: Pam Olson & Pete Pianka who were also in attendance.



## 1966- 50th Class Reunion

The "Fabulous Class of 1966" recently held our 50 year class reunion. We decided to have it September 22, 23 & 24 so that we could attend Shanley Homecoming and Golden Reunion activities. It turned out perfect because Mike McShane and our



Lavetta (Ringuette) Syverson, Mike McShane and 2016 Homecoming Queen, Hannah Manz.

# REUNION *Weekend* 2016

The second annual Shanley Reunion Weekend was held on June 24 - 25th, 2016 with the following Classes participating:

- Class of 1961 & 62
- Class of 1971
- Class of 1976
- Class of 1981
- Class of 1986
- Class of 1996
- Class of 2001
- Class of 2006

A great time was had by all!



## 1961&62

Patty O'Leary, '62 and Don Wold '61; Mary Lee Fettes Romulad, Kathy Kelly Godon, Jim LePine '61, Mary Ellen Nilles all '61; Mark Tool '61; and Tim Mehl '61 enjoyed seeing old friends at their joint 55th and 54th reunion in June at the Osgood Golf Course in Fargo. Most of us are retired now, have traded snow for warmth in the winter, enjoy grandchildren, have changed our hair color. And remember our Shanley day fondly. Tim, Jim and Jackie are among those have grandchildren at Shanley at this time, so get to see today's Shanley successes up close.

## 1976



## 2006



football team were inducted into the Football Hall of Fame that weekend.

Reunion activities started Thursday afternoon with a tour of downtown Fargo and that evening we all gathered at the Sanctuary Events Center just off Broadway. Mike Gilson (professional entertainer and classmate) played a set of 60's music. Friday morning some of the boys knocked golf balls all over Osgood and by noon we were eating King Leo's food at the Lindenwood Shelter. Queen Lavetta Ringuette and her court jumped aboard our "Fabulous Float" in the pre-game parade and then we all watched the Shanley football team win their homecoming game (some things never change). Saturday morning we had a delightful visit with the sisters at the convent. Saturday night we attended the Hall of Fame Ceremonies. Wala- Great Reunion!



**SAVE THE DATE**

**2017 SHANLEY  
REUNION WEEKEND**

**JUNE 23-24, 2017**

**PLEASE JOIN US:**

**CLASS OF 1972  
CLASS OF 1977  
CLASS OF 1982  
CLASS OF 1987  
CLASS OF 1992  
CLASS OF 1997  
CLASS OF 2002  
CLASS OF 2007**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 24 EVENTS FOR ALL:**

ALUMNI FUN RUN/5K, LUNCH, SCHOOL TOUR AND MASS AT SHANLEY  
MORE EVENTS TO BE ANNOUNCED

**SUNDAY, JUNE 25 AND MONDAY, JUNE 26:**

34TH ANNUAL ROGER MARIS CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT  
REGISTRATION WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON AT [HTTP://WWW.ROGERMARISGOLF.COM/](http://www.rogermarisgolf.com/)

**QUESTIONS?**

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**CLASS OF 1967**

**50TH CLASS REUNION**

**HOMECOMING**

**SEPTEMBER 15-16, 2017**



# ARIZONA ALUMNI & FRIENDS LUNCHEON

## DATE:

Friday, February 17, 2017 -11:30 AM

at the

## ANCALA COUNTRY CLUB

11700 E Via Linda  
Scottsdale, AZ

## HOSTED BY:

Betty Lou Scott

## REMARKS BY:

JPII President, Mike Hagstrom

This event is complimentary, but the courtesy of an  
RSVP is requested by **February 10, 2017**

Online at: <https://alumni.fdpi2.k12.nd.us/events>  
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5600 25th St S  
Fargo, ND 58104

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## ARIZONA ALUMNI & FRIENDS LUNCHEON RSVP

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_



# DEACON ALUMNI FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE:

*10 Years and Counting*

From left to right: Josh Heller, Paul Deutsch, Eric Palm, Krosby Kludt, Ben Sand, Kevin Torgerson, Dan Johnson, Miko Elias, and Ryan Witteman

A tradition is a great thing. And as alumni, teachers, parents, and students of Shanley High School, we are all well aware of and participate in so many traditions as part of celebrating our Catholic faith. Coincidentally, it is this pattern and familiarity that gives me the most satisfaction in another realm of life: fantasy football.

Back in 2006, a few of us Shanley students and teachers played in a (mostly) friendly league together. I joined the league in 2005 at the invitation of Mr. Geffre, who was the commissioner of the league when we were students. I liked football, it was a fun hobby, and it gave me a little extra reason to care about all the other NFL games when my Vikings weren't playing. For those who have never played, fantasy football is played by selecting NFL players onto your roster and scoring points based on how those players perform in their NFL games each week. Your team plays another owner's team each week, and there are even playoffs and a championship at the end of the season.

After graduation, a few of us had the idea to start our own league. Since we would be going our separate ways to various colleges and universities, it would be a good way to stay connected and have some fun. Thus, the SHS Alumni League was founded, consisting mostly of alumni from the Class of 2007. Many of the owners had played in Mr. Geffre's league at Shanley High and wanted to continue to enjoy competing against former classmates.

The league has many traditions, some of which would only make sense to a former Shanley student. For instance, the league awards a championship trophy every year dubbed the "Shanley Cup". Unlike the NHL's Stanley Cup, the Shanley Cup is an engraved glass mug that is made every year for the winning owner.

Additionally, in the spirit of Mr. Rustad, the league is governed by a "Constitution" that spells out the rules of the league, including who is eligible to join, how players score points, and even punishments for the last-place finisher each year.

Undoubtedly the highlight of the year is the draft party. The party happens during the NFL's preseason and is where the owners pick the players who they hope can help them win a coveted championship that year. The league has always made an effort to conduct the draft at a time and place where as many of the twelve owners can attend in person. Given that some owners currently reside in locales such as Devils Lake, Minneapolis, and Sioux Falls, this is no small feat. However, some out-of-towners will make a weekend in Fargo of it. A meal is catered in and the annual league photo is taken prior to the selection of players. The prior year's champion is toasted (with a speech and all!) and the prior year's winner shamed. Plenty of smack talk is exchanged throughout the day. Star running back for the Minnesota Vikings, Adrian Peterson, has been drafted by owner Ben Sand for as long as anyone can remember.

I am grateful that I'm able to participate in this fantasy football league with my former classmates. We always have something to discuss whenever we get together for a drink, and the traditions, banter, and camaraderie give me greater appreciation for the fact that it all started at Shanley High School.

In addition to this article's author, the participants in the SHS Alumni League are Dan Bergerson, Paul Deutsch, Miko Elias, Josh Heller, Krosby Kludt, Eric Palm, Ben Sand, Greg Thelen, Bob Traynor, Ryan Witteman (all Class of 2007), and Dan Johnson (Class of 2009).

# THE ORIGIN OF THE *Shanley Shield*

The Shanley shield is a very well-known and respected logo throughout the region. But less well-known is where it came from and who created it.

The shield first appeared on football helmets in the 1973 season. As people began to notice the logo, it was an instant sensation because it fit perfectly with what it represented. The logo shows the Christian faith of Shanley through the cross which is centered in the middle of the shield. The cross is placed behind the letter "S," which represents the school name "Shanley," after Bishop John Shanley. The cross and letter "S" are enclosed by a shield showing strength.

Knowing all of this is important for the school which the logo represents, but understanding the person who created it shows what the logo really means and its origin.

Credit for the shield can be given to Sister Mary

*Barbara Deibert ('53)*



*Sister Mary Virginia*



*"The logo has been properly representing Shanley and continues to exemplify the same beliefs that have been constant throughout the years"*

Virginia, PBVM (Barbara Deibert), according to her obituary. Former Shanley parent Tracy Myers has also given more information on her role in creating our logo.

Barbara was born on December 9, 1935 in Fargo. She attended grade school at St. Mary's Cathedral and graduated from Shanley High School in 1953. As a devout Catholic, she joined the order of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, taking the name, "Sr. Mary Virginia." As a sister, she taught grade school at St. Mary's and Holy Spirit. She then earned degrees in Art and Spanish from St. Scholastica in Duluth. After receiving these degrees, she began teaching high school at St. Alphonsus in Langdon, St. James Academy in New Rockford, and finally at Shanley High School.



Although the exact details are uncertain, Sister Mary Virginia was asked to design the logo for Shanley, and as an art teacher

and a sister, she was very qualified for the job. People say that Sister Mary Virginia asked for the help of her art students for inspiration in creating a logo worthy of representing such a superior high school.

Clearly, Sister Mary Virginia was inspired, as she has created a logo that has lasted in the Shanley family for over 43 years. The logo has been properly representing Shanley and continues to exemplify the same beliefs that have been constant throughout the years. The Shanley community thanks her for giving us a logo that represents our school in such a fitting manner.

Sister Mary Virginia not only created the logo for Shanley, but also designed the logo for the Presentation Sisters. This design was created before she left the order in 1975.

After leaving the order, she went to work as a secretary for Tracy Myers at Olaf Anderson Construction for ten years. After that, she worked at Shotwell Floral. She was one of the original founding members of Holy Cross Parish in West Fargo and helped form by-laws and organize the church community. At the church, she was a volunteer liturgy director, served on the parish council, sang in the choir, and distributed Holy Communion.

She died on October 15, 2009 and is buried at Holy Cross North Cemetery in Fargo. We thank Barbara Deibert (Sister Mary Virginia) for our Shanley logo and for her life of service to our school and community.



Barbara Deibert ('53)

*15th Annual Candlelight Christmas Concerts  
Shanley High School Choral Department*

For GOD  
so loved the  
WORLD

John 3:16

*December 4th & 5th at 7pm  
Saints Anne & Joachim Catholic Church*

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# IN MEMORIAM

(information from Fargo Forum or provided by families)

*We extend our sympathies to the friends and families*

**Robert J. "Jim" Beaton ('39)** passed away on June 12, 2016. Jim was the brother of **Walt Beaton** and **Jack Beaton ('43)**, the father of **Mike Beaton ('67)**, **Patricia (Beaton) Thompson ('68)**, **Charley Beaton ('71)**, **Lou (Beaton) Nagle ('72)** and **Don Beaton ('76)** and the grandfather of **Jennifer (Beaton) Goldade ('91)** and **Jason Beaton ('94)**.

**Allan B. Fischer ('47)** passed away on June 7, 2016. Allan was the brother of **Lawrence Fischer ('49)**, **Elaine (Fischer) Gess ('52)**, **Charlotte (Fischer) Nelson ('57)**, **John Fischer ('58)**, **Audrey (Fischer) Anderson ('61)** and the late **Frederick Fischer ('38)**, **Robert Fischer ('39)**, **Eloise Fischer ('40)**, **Vincent Fischer ('42)**, **Lyle Fischer**, **Jerome Fischer**, **Mary (Fischer) Gordon ('45)** and **Arlene Fischer ('51)**.

**Morris Doyle ('48)** passed away on June 3, 2016. Morris was the husband of **Margaret (Viets) Doyle ('48)**, the father of **Michael Doyle ('69)**, **Mary (Doyle) Goldberg ('71)**, **Timothy Doyle ('75)**, **William Doyle ('77)**, **Daniel Doyle ('78)** and the grandfather of **Megan Doyle ('04)**, **Philip Doyle ('08)** and **Shannon Doyle ('18)**.

**Br. John T. McLaughlin, CSC ('48)** passed away on May 14, 2016. John was the brother of the late **Mary (McLaughlin) Dwyer ('42)** and **Raymond McLaughlin ('45)**.

**Eunice (Long) Stensland ('49)** passed away on July 12, 2016 in Fargo, ND.

**Richard "Dick" Johnson ('51)** passed away on July 9, 2016. Dick was the husband of **Delores (Ukestad) Johnson ('51)**.

**George F. Zwack ('51)** passed away on July 9, 2016. George was the brother of **Delores (Zwack) Melon** and the late **Barbara (Zwack) Short ('55)**.

**Shirley (Nogowski) Ekerberg ('52)** passed away on June 29, 2016. Shirley is survived by her son, **John Moratis**, and her sister, **Carol (Nogowski) Polk ('62)**.

**Kenneth Matthys ('53)** passed away on May 12, 2016. Ken was the husband of **Joyce (Stevens) Matthys ('54)** and the brother of **Maxine Matthys ('47)**.

**Thomas Raymond Sauvageau ('54)** passed away on August 23, 2016.

**Darlene (Wallington) Nelson ('55)** passed away on October 3, 2016. Darlene was the sister of **Shirley (Wallington) Johnson ('60)**, **Mary (Wallington) Curtis ('65)**, **David Birk ('73)** and the late **Cheryl (Birk) Wegner ('70)**.

**Gary Scheffler ('55)** passed away on July 14, 2016. Gary was the brother of **Kathleen (Scheffler) Schultz ('60)**, **Karen Marie (Scheffler) Meyer ('61)** and the late **Wallace Scheffler ('51)** and **Gordon Scheffler**.

**Paul Welu ('55)** passed away on October 17, 2016. Paul was the brother of **Margaret Ann (Welu) Eastman ('53)** and **Jim Welu** and the father of **Wayne Welu ('82)**, **Jackie (Welu) Cox ('83)** and **John Welu ('87)**.

**Susan (Lawrence) Ranzenberger ('61)** passed away on May 12, 2016.

**Robert "Brian" Himmelberger ('66)** passed away on August 18, 2016. Brian was the brother of **Thomas Himmelberger ('75)**, **Connie (Himmelberger) Tibbets** and **Judy (Himmelberger) Kasemir ('80)**.

**Gregory Pratschner ('66)** passed away on May 14, 2016 in Sequim, WA.

**Paulette (Klein) Littlefield ('67)** passed away on May 29, 2016. Paulette was the sister of **Jeanne (Klein) Schlecht**, **Mary Ann (Klein) Mehl ('71)** and **Marvin Klein**.

**Carol Mary (Helms) Grimm ('71)** passed away on July 16, 2016. Carol was the sister of **Mary Helms ('72)**, **Tom Helms ('77)**, **Lisa (Helms) Jorgenson ('81)**, **Susie Helms** and **Tim Helms**.

**Keith McDougall ('73)** passed away on August 19, 2016. Keith was the brother of **MaryBeth (McDougall) Fox**, **Marlys (McDougall) Dotzenrod**, **Barb (McDougall) Geier**, **David McDougall**, **James McDougall ('72)**, **Kent McDougall ('73)** and **Alan McDougall ('74)**.

**Gary Allen Mickelson ('75)** passed away on October 11, 2016. Gary was the husband of **Patricia**

**(Schneider) Mickelson ('75)** and the brother of **Vicky (Mickelson) Matthys ('80), Greg Mickelson ('87)** and **Curtis Mickelson ('90)**.

**Randy Allen Coryell ('82)** passed away on September 20, 2016. Randy was the brother of **Chuck Coryell ('81), Craig Coryell ('85)** and **Kristi (Coryell) Carter**.

**Jason Wade Lingen ('87)** passed away on May 14, 2016. Jason was the brother of **Bret Lingen ('81), Mark Lingen ('83)** and **Jennifer (Lingen) Knoll**.

**James R. "Jim" Balcom** passed away on July 26, 2016. Jim was the father of **Lee Balcom ('91)** and **Benjamin Balcom ('97)**.

**Collene Barnick** passed away on August 15, 2016. Collene was the mother of **Jeff Barnick, John Barnick, Janet Barnick ('82), Joe Barnick ('86), Joy Barnick ('87)** and **Jennifer (Barnick) Dignan ('91)**.

**Robert John Berceau** passed away on May 19, 2016. Robert was the father of **David Berceau, John Berceau** and **Michelle (Berceau) Williams ('83)**.

**Theresa Brunelle** passed away on May 11, 2016. Theresa was the mother **David Brunelle ('62)** and **Janet (Brunelle) Cox ('70)**.

**Timothy Davies** passed away on September 1, 2016. Tim was the brother of **Tom Davies ('57), Mary Jo (Davies) Eidler, Kate (Davies) Olmscheid ('58), Jean (Davies) Schmith ('64),** the father of **Brian Davies ('76), Kelly (Davies) Anderson ('77), Jane (Davies) Sundby ('79), Catharine (Davies) Mark, Amy (Davies) Baenen, Michael Davies ('85), Molly Davies,** and the grandfather of current Network students **Mary Catharine Mark ('20)** and **Ronald Mark ('23)**.

**Janice Dollinger** passed away on August 2, 2016. Jan was the school librarian at Nativity Elementary for over 45 years and the mother of **Mark Dollinger, Teresa Dollinger ('87)** and the late **Scott Dollinger ('84)**.

**Robert R. Drenth** passed away on August 12, 2016. Robert was the husband of **Lois (Wamback) Drenth ('47)**.

**Louise Emerson** passed away on September 18, 2016. Louise was the mother of **Lauri (Emerson) Brooke, Craig Emerson, Tracey Emerson-Curtis ('83), Brenda Emerson ('85), Cory Emerson ('88), Sally (Emerson) Johnson** and **Sara (Emerson) Evert**.

**Eugene Erbes** passed away on October 14, 2016. Gene was the husband of **Sherry (Eiler) Erbes ('65)**.

**Shannon (Fettes) Farha** passed away on August 2, 2016. Shannon was the daughter of **Gary Fettes ('62)** and his wife, Sharon.

**Rosa Fendt** passed away on September 18, 2016. Rosa was the mother of **Brigitte (Fendt) Doherty ('69), Peter Fendt ('72), Paul Fendt ('76)** and **Mark Fendt**.

**Matthew Fritz** passed away on July 17, 2016. Matthew was the father of **Patty Fritz ('78), Steve Fritz ('80), Jason Fritz ('82)** and the grandfather of **Andrew Fritz ('05), Jacob Fritz** and **Lucas Fritz ('08)**.

**Paul Gravel** passed away on August 28, 2016. Paul was the father of **Cassandra (Gravel) Bornetun, Brenda Gravel ('79), Thomas Gravel** and **Julia (Gravel) Jones**.

**John "D.J." Guerrero** passed away on July 29, 2016. D.J. was the father of **David Guerrero ('95)** and **Nicolas Guerrero**.

**Robert "Bob" Dale Haider** passed away on October 1, 2016. Bob was the brother of **Connie (Haider) Lindholdt ('65), Carol (Haider) Loegering ('66), Debbie (Haider) Payne, Marcia (Haider) LaBounty, Jeanne (Haider) Rebarck, Craig Haider** and the late **Gary Haider** and **Rick Haider**.

**Douglas Hansen** passed away on July 30, 2016. Doug was the father of **Daniel Hansen ('82), Thomas Hansen, Robert Hansen** and **Andrew Hansen ('02)**.

**Colleen Hare** passed away on August 8, 2016. Colleen was the mother of **Dave Hare ('65), Dan Hare ('70)** and **Mitch Hare ('76)**.

# IN MEMORIAM

**Frederick J. Hoesley** passed away on September 12, 2016. Fred was the father of **Terry (Hoesley) Holt ('62)**, **Jeanne (Hoesley) Rowe ('65)**, **Fred Hoesley, Jr.**, **Cindy (Hoesley) Buch**, **Tom Hoesley** and the late **Nancy (Hoesley) Johansen**.

**Jerry Klinger** passed away on July 31, 2016. Jerry was the husband of **Margery (Tuchscherer) Klinger ('74)**.

**Karl Jens Kludt** passed away on May 5, 2016. Karl was the brother of **Katherine (Kludt) Robledo**, **Karoline Kludt**, **Klara Kludt**, **Krosby Kludt ('07)** and **Kelsey Kludt**.

**Cody Krebsbach** passed away on October 23, 2016. Cody was the brother of **Tara (Krebsbach) Haugen ('03)** and **Mason Krebsbach**.

**James Kuchera** passed away on May 12, 2016. Jim was the husband of **Mary Pat (Gores) Kuchera ('56)**, the father of **Jenny (Kuchera) Rheault**, **Julie (Kuchera) Gilbertson**, **Jill (Kuchera) Kilibarda ('93)** and the grandfather of **Erin Knoll ('06)**, **Ellie Knoll ('08)** and **Emily Knoll ('12)**.

**Julie Claire Lamb** passed away on June 14, 2016. Julie was the daughter of **Barbara (Axness) Lamb ('58)**.

**Lynn Larson** passed away on October 2, 2016. Lynn was the husband of **Delores (Rheault) Larson ('63)**.

**Robert E. Lee** passed away on October 22, 2016. Bob was the father of **Liz (Lee) Flaherty ('76)**, **Linda (Lee) Sand ('77)**, **Trish (Lee) Cameron ('83)** and the late **James Lee ('80)**.

**Lawrence "Larry" Leonhart** passed away on October 2, 2016. Larry was the father of **Michael Leonhart ('87)**, **Mary (Leonhart) Miller ('88)**, **John Leonhart ('90)**, **Anne Leonhart ('92)**, **Joseph Leonhart** and grandfather of current Network students **Jack Leonhart ('20)** and **Ruby Leonhart ('23)**.

**Doris Liffrig** passed away on July 25, 2016. Doris was the mother of **Sheila (Liffrig) Hoffman**, **Jacqueline (Liffrig) Uthus**, **John Liffrig ('73)**, **Deb (Liffrig) Kaul ('76)**, **Mike Liffrig ('77)**, **Mary Jean (Liffrig) Dehne ('79)**, **David Liffrig ('82)** and **Julie (Liffrig) Fedorchak**.

**Mary Magill** passed away on August 23, 2016. Mary was the mother of **Meg (Magill) Connolly ('75)**, **Frank Magill ('77)**, **Dan Magill ('79)**, **Liz Magill ('84)**, **Rob Magill ('86)** and **John Magill**.

**Joseph V. Mayer** passed away on August 21, 2016. Joseph was the father of **Blaise Mayer ('82)**, **Julie Mayer**, **Matt Mayer ('88)** and the grandfather of **Joey Kramer ('06)** and **Tara Kramer ('08)**.

**Joshua Mering** passed away on June 18, 2016. Josh was the brother of **Tiffany (Mering) Aalderks**, **Melissa (Mering) Haas ('07)**, **Jennifer Mering ('09)**, **Ray Mering IV ('11)** and **Sarah Mering ('12)**.

**Adolph Miller** passed away on September 1, 2016. Adolph was the father of **Mike Miller**, **Theresa (Miller) Kelly**, **Dan Miller**, **Rob Miller**, **David Miller**, **Kathy (Miller) Grove ('86)** and **Roxanne (Miller) Fliginger ('88)**.

**Irene Moenedick** passed away on July 22, 2016. Irene was the mother of **Bruce Moenedick**, **Judy (Moenedick) Miller**, **Gregory Moenedick**, **Karen (Moenedick) Hanson**, **John Moenedick**, **Fr. Leo Moenedick**, **Florence (Moenedick) Schmitz**, **Mary (Moenedick) Storrusten**, **Andrew Moenedick** and **Diane (Moenedick) Mertens ('83)**.

**Vernon S. Muhle, Sr.** passed away on June 2, 2016. Vernon was the father of **Butch Muhle ('69)**, **Dave Muhle ('70)**, **Jeff Muhle** and the late **Lorna Muhle**. He was also the grandfather of **John Muhle ('87)** and **Andrew Muhle ('88)**.

**Dennis R. Muldoon** passed away on July 1, 2016. Dennis was the father of **Dennis Muldoon, Jr.** and **Mary (Muldoon) Swanson ('87)**.

**Bruce Neisius** passed away on May 25, 2016. Bruce was the brother of **Adrian Neisius ('62)** and **Shari Neisius**.

**Barbara Ann Nilles** passed away on August 5, 2016. Barbara was the wife of **John "Mike" Nilles ('48)** and the mother of **Terri (Nilles) Farr ('76)**, **Daniel Nilles ('77)**, **Marcia (Nilles) Sandberg ('78)**, **Thomas Nilles ('82)** and **Peggy (Nilles) Hirschuber ('84)**.

**Morris Nystrom** passed away on July 16, 2016. Morris was the father of **Lori Nystrom**, **Michael**

**Nystrom, William Nystrom, Marilyn (Nystrom) Voss, Eric Nystrom ('82)** and the grandfather of Shanley graduates, **Erin Nystrom ('97), Meghan Bala ('99), Michael Bala ('13)** and current Network students **Mia Nystrom ('20) and Maxwell Nystrom ('22).**

**Judith Yvonne Butler Nikle** passed away on June 8, 2016. Judy was the mother of **Jeff Nikle, Jan (Nikle) Hartzell, Joel Nikle, Michelle (Nikle) Miller, Mark Nikle ('74), Wendy (Nikle) Muller and Jared Nikle.**

**Kenneth Nordman** passed away on June 27, 2016. Kenneth was the father of **Denise (Nordman) Ruud, Dale Nordman ('83), Cheryl (Nordman) Tesmer, Jon Nordman and Kari (Nordman) Lewis.**

**Michelle M. Ross** passed away on September 20, 2016. Michelle was the mother of **Cullen Ross ('10), Madison Ross ('11), Caleb Ross and Hayden Ross.**

**Larry E. Schons** passed away on May 28, 2016. Larry was the husband of the late **Patricia (Knudson) Schons ('48)** and the father of **Kathy (Schons) Ollestad ('68), Tom Schons ('70), Jack Schons ('75), David Schons ('77), Diane (Schons) Dalton ('78) and Sue (Schons) Baumgartner ('81)** and the late **Tim Schons ('72).**

**Mark Schreiner** passed away on August 14, 2016. Mark was the brother of **Patrick Schreiner ('82), Christine (Schreiner) Lawyer ('83), Michael Schreiner ('84), Robert Schreiner ('86)** and **Claire (Schreiner) La 'Moure.**

**Geneva Schwab** passed away on September 14, 2016. Geneva was the mother of **Kevin Schwab, Dave Schwab ('79), Brad Schwab, Doug Schwab and Kathy (Schwab) Matsui.**

**Ellen Sherman** passed away on September 13, 2016. Ellen was the mother of **Julie (Sherman) Pasche ('88), Judy (Sherman) Brodigan, Patricia (Sherman) Kuehn, Pamela (Sherman) Elf, Joan (Sherman) Rawson, Sharon (Sherman) Rydie, Mary (Sherman) Landis, Erwin Sherman, Randy Sherman, Scott Sherman and Richard Sherman.**

**Eileen Sologuk** passed away on August 5, 2016. Eileen was the mother of **Cathy (Sologuk) Lucius ('67), Liz (Sologuk) Christianson ('70)** and the late **Michael Sologuk.**

**Matthew "Matto" Traynor** passed away on June 4, 2016. Matthew was the brother of **Michael Traynor ('07) and Timothy Traynor ('13).**

*If you would like to inform classmates and other alumni of a loved one's passing, please submit information either by phone or by email to Maria Dahlin at: 701-893-3233 or [maria.dahlin@jp2schools.org](mailto:maria.dahlin@jp2schools.org).*

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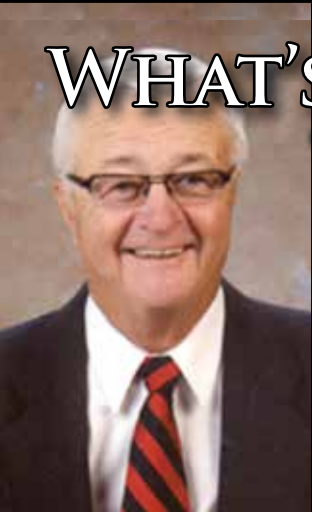
### *Shanley Military Project*

Some classes at Shanley are working on compiling a list of Shanley graduates who died during military action. If you know a Shanley graduate who died serving our country, please send the graduate's name, year of graduation, and the armed conflict or mission to Shanley teacher, Carolyn Williams-Foell at: [carolyn.williams-foell@jp2schools.org](mailto:carolyn.williams-foell@jp2schools.org).

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOLS

## Orv Kelly Shanley Scramble



Orv Kelly  
1935-2012

Thank you to all the Teams who golfed this year;  
it was a beautiful day to be out on the golf course!

**Congratulations to our winners!**

Mark your calendars for next year's Scramble  
**Monday, September 18, 2017 at the Moorhead Country Club**



**Proudest Moment:**  
Mark Sornsin '86  
wins "Longest  
Putt"

### 1ST PLACE NET



Dave Wanner '65, Roger Fenstad, Pat Schwan, Dan Whitman and Bill Urie

### 1ST PLACE GROSS



Matt Welle '01, Mike Montplaisir, Tom Fleming '01, Mark Doyle, Jareb Raan and Scott Pederson

### 2ND PLACE NET



Mark Palmer, Steve Colliton '83, Mark Colliton '80, Pat Colliton '51, Todd Colliton '86 and Paul Noah '80

### 2ND PLACE GROSS



Peter Stenehjelm, Sean Elsner, Troy Ott, Greg Mastrud '88, Tom Kasper '81 and Justin Gehrke



# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOLS

## *Mary Garden Update*

We are now in our 15th year at the “new” Shanley-Sullivan campus, and campus beautification efforts continue apace. Established a number of years ago under former Superintendent Kyle Edgerton, Development Director Todd Mickelson '78, and a dedicated group of volunteers, the Mary Garden has literally blossomed into an oasis for prayer, contemplation, and peace. Located just West of the Activities Entrance, the Mary Garden is a beautiful, visible witness to the Faith. New traditions have developed around it: the football team, for example, gathers there for team prayer before each home game. Flowers have also been planted at the entries to Sid Cichy Stadium.

Thanks to all who have helped develop the Mary Garden over the years and special thanks to the following who have been tending and expanding the Mary Garden recently: Paula Ekman and family, Jill von Ebers and family, Lori Erie and family, Sarah Ries and family.

*Jill von Ebers and Paula Ekman*





## RARE DISORDER CHANGES LIFE OF *Meerhead Woman*

*Brenda Rehder, with her 6-year-old son, Coleman, talks about being diagnosed with hereditary spastic paraplegia. Rehder is determined to do what she can to boost research funding, saying, "I just have to do something." Carrie Snyder / The Forum  
By Patrick Springer, originally printed in The Forum on Apr 6, 2010*

**B**renda Rehder recently found a note, written in scolding capital letters, left on the dash of her car: "You! are abusing the handicapped parking program. Shame."

To the casual observer, Rehder is the picture of health and vitality: trim, fit, enthusiastic.

But anyone who watches closely can see hints that she has difficulty walking. In fact, she has special shoes equipped with braces to help with her handicap.

Unseen, a rare spinal cord disorder is causing her muscles to become progressively weaker and more spastic.

So rare that Rehder, a 35-year-old single mother, is one of only an estimated 24,000 people in the United States and Canada with the condition.

Some day the weakness in her legs will require her to use a walker or maybe even a wheelchair. There is no way to predict the whims of the disease.

And there is no cure. Because the disease is so rare, only a few researchers are working to unlock its mysteries.

In Brenda Rehder's race against the ravages of time, the tortoise of medical science is no match for the hare of the disorder.

It started as pain, a stubborn aching in her legs.

Finally, when the throbbing failed to subside, Rehder

went to the doctor.

Tests ruled out rheumatoid arthritis but gave her no answers.

The pain continued. Then it got worse, a burning sensation that kept her awake at night and making her work as a dental assistant almost unbearable at times.

"It was to the point I would go home and bawl," she said.

She went back in search of medical treatment, still expecting a solution for her malady was readily at hand.

"I thought they were going to tell me I needed arch supports, and they sent me to a neurologist," she said.

Tests eliminated multiple sclerosis, but the neurologist had a sobering diagnosis. Something called hereditary spastic paraplegia, or HSP.

Despite its rarity, Rehder knew all about HSP - the very disease that had forced her father, Ron Mastrud, to retire early from his job with the Happy Hooligans.

The surprise in the Mastrud clan was that a female had inherited the affliction, which previously had only struck males in the family.

Finally, her doctor found a drug to relieve her pain, a combination muscle relaxant and anxiety medication. In the four years since her diagnosis, Rehder's walking ability has gradually declined.

To learn more about the disease, she attended a meet-

ing last year of the Spastic Paraplegia Foundation in St. Louis.

While there, she met Dr. John Fink, a University of Michigan researcher, the leading expert on the disease. He told her the only hope for a cure was through greater public awareness and more research money.

A bit of added motivation came from some good-natured ribbing Rehder received from others at the convention, who teased her about her North Dakota roots following a sketch by television host Conan O'Brien poking fun at her native state.

She returned home to Moorhead and raised \$5,000 for the foundation from relatives and friends, many of them colleagues in dental offices in Fargo-Moorhead.

Rehder is hoping that the broader community, if made aware of the rare disease and the need for research support, would step forward with contributions.

"I was hoping that Fargo-Moorhead would help me," she said.

Maybe even enough that someday the annual meeting of the Spastic Paraplegia Foundation would be in Fargo-Moorhead.

At the convention, Rehder and her fellow HSP patients agreed that it would be helpful if some celebrity had the condition, therefore attracting public attention and funding.

She took her turn at the karaoke microphone, joking that she'd become a singing contestant on the popular television talent show "American Idol" to help raise awareness.

The song she sang: Nancy Sinatra's hit, "These Boots Are Made for Walking."

Since 2002, supporters have raised \$2.5 million for research toward a cure for hereditary spastic paraplegia and primary lateral sclerosis, a related spinal cord disorder.

Scientists have identified gene mutations that cause

the disorders but have yet to unlock the disease mechanisms.

In the first round of research grants, in 2003, the foundation received only a handful of proposals. Last year, it was able to fund five of 20 proposals, said Annette Lockwood, a board member on the foundation from Fairfax, Va.

"It wasn't being researched by other groups," said Lockwood, herself a patient with HSP, which is prevalent in her family, as it is in Rehder's.

"It can be very different from family to family," Lockwood said, referring to the incidence, age of onset, and virulence of the disease.

Any child born in a family with HSP has a 50-50 chance of inheriting the disease, Lockwood said, which often shows up in middle age.

Rehder, who is determined to do what she can to boost research funding, knows any cure might come too late to benefit her. But she has a 6-year-old son, Coleman, who might grow up to discover he has inherited the disease from her.

"I just have to do something," she said. Not knowing if Coleman has the disease, or even when it will strike, keeps her awake at night.



*Brenda (Mastrud) Lewis is the daughter of Ron and Alice Mastrud and a member of the Class of 1993. Her siblings include Lori Mastrud-Bloch '86, Greg Mastrud '88, Lisa (Mastrud) Gramer '91, and Chad Mastrud '97.*

*If you would like to help Brenda and others fighting HSP (Hereditary Spastic Paraplegia) donate at [www.spfoundation.org](http://www.spfoundation.org) or make a check to "Spastic Paraplegia Foundation" and send it: c/o Brenda Lewis, 1021 30th Street South, Moorhead, MN 56560. Contributions to this non-profit are tax deductible and will be matched through December 31, 2016.*

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**Diocesan policy regarding reporting sexual abuse:**

The Diocese of Fargo is committed to the protection of youth. Please report any incidents or suspected incidents of child abuse, including sexual abuse, to civil authorities. If the situation involves a member of the clergy or a religious order, a seminarian, or an employee of a Catholic school, parish, the diocesan offices of other Catholic entity within the diocese, we as that you also report the incident or suspected incident to Msgr. Joseph P. Goering, Vicar General, at (701) 356-7945 or to Larry Bernhardt, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at (701) 356-7965 or [victimassistance@fargodiocese.org](mailto:victimassistance@fargodiocese.org). For additional information about victim assistance, visit: <http://www.fargodiocese.org/victimassistance/index.htm>

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOLS

## *Homecoming 2016*





*Deacon Day 2016*



# THE JOY OF GIVING

## Annual Memorial Mass

The 44th Annual Memorial Mass was held at  
Shanley High School (Presentation Chapel)  
5600 25th St S - Fargo, ND • Wednesday, November 2nd at 9:30am



This Mass is said each year to remember and pray for St. John Paul II Catholic Schools and Shanley High School alumni & friends who were memorialized with a gift to the schools during the preceding year. As a memorial donor and/or family member of someone who has been memorialized, we hope you were able to join us. The Mass exercises our duty and dignity to care for the souls of the faithful departed as part of the JP II Mission "...to teach the total person and foster the following of Christ in an environment inspired by the Gospel Spirit, as taught by the Catholic Church".

The deceased who were remembered by name and through a lighted candle and prayed for during this year's Mass:

Sister Mary Rosaria Acton	Vince Flynn	Randy Lemar '84	Linda Dukart Sadowsky '68
Gary Ahlbrecht	John Fornes	Lawrence "Larry" Leonhart	Kevin Savageau '78
Donald Bach '54	Jeanette Foster '99	Doris E. Liffrig	Gary Scheffler '55
Mildred "Millie" Bach	Sister Antonine Foy '40	Duane Liffrig	Vicki Vchulek Schmit '74
James E. Bailey '54	Matthew Fritz	Jason Wade Lingen '87	Judy Schmitz '60
Nick Bailey	Br. Andrew Gabrelcik	Father Leonard Loegring	John Schons
Rodman Bailey, Sr. '51	Alacoque Sapa Gibb '63	Pat Longhenry	Larry E. Schons
Jerrilyn "Jerri" Kaye Baker	Paul Gravel	Mark Look	Tim Schons '72
James R. "Jim" Balcom	Rosemary Green	Anton "Tony" Magelky	Mark Schreiner
Elmer Bannach	Dolores "Dee" Charbonneau Gregor '61	Mary Magill	Deacon Conrad Schuster
Collene Barnick	Paul & Harriet Greving	John W. Magnotto	Geneva Schwab
Margaret Baumler	Carol Mary Helms Grimm '71	Leo Mastel	Howard Seefeldt
Robert J. "Jim" Beaton '39	Jerry Gruman	Joseph V. Mayer	Hazel Seykora
Sebastian Bernhardt	John "D.J." Guerrero	Don McAllister	Ellen Sherman
Joanne Blanchard	John Hablas '48	James W. McCord	Barbara Zwack Short '55
Brian K. Brandmeyer '55	Lee Hanley	Hugh McDonald	Thomas "Tom" Silbermick
Elaine Brock	Douglas Hanson	Keith McDougall '73	Charles Slabik '68
Ione Brodigan	Colleen Hare	Richard McGarvey	Eileen Sologuk
John Bruns	Randall "Randy" Harms	Br. John T. McLaughlin, CSC '48	Clara Sorensen
Elizabeth Byrne	Ruth Hartman	John J. McLennan	Donald Sweeney '55
Alvin Cahoy	Knute A. "Lanny" Henning '46	Michelle "Missy" McLennan '87	Larry Sweeney '50
Anthony Clark	Mable Hoedl	Fr. Bill Mehrkens	Mark V. Sweeney '49
William Clemens '38	Alvin Hofer	Joshua Mering	Patrick Sweeney
Ray & Ginny Coleman	Ronald Hoffart	John Meyer	Peggy Murphy Sweeney '50
Bernadette Delmore Collins '63	Patricia Jacobs	Gary Allen Mickelson '75	Timothy Sweeney '84
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Please keep in mind that it is NOT a requirement that the memorialized individual passed away in the last year. Memorial gifts can be made in memory of anyone at anytime - regardless of when they passed away and they will be remembered at November's Memorial Mass.

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