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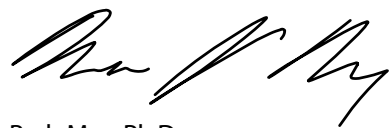
I am grateful to have this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Provost and Senior Vice President at Saint Mary's. I am so appreciative of the wonderful welcome I have felt from this community. I am also thankful that many of my experiences thus far resonate with my past experience in higher education. This provides comfort: I know I am in the right place.

I am a product of the liberal arts, having graduated from St. Olaf College in Minnesota with a bachelor's degree in biology and German. Before joining Saint Mary's, I made my academic home for 16 years at the College of St. Benedict, a college for women, and St. John's University, a college for men, in central Minnesota. As these were Catholic, Benedictine, and liberal arts institutions, I felt some obvious connection and comfort in continuing my academic career at Saint Mary's. I have lived—and so, understand—the true value of a contemporary liberal arts education rooted in faith. I have appreciated it so much, in fact, that I have devoted much of my life to ensuring that all students under my watch have the opportunity to experience its value.

My work began in the classroom at St. Ben's and St. John's where, teaching microbiology, I developed activities to support students' active application of their learning. The research lab was another great space to provide hands-on learning opportunities. Our work together in the lab also created opportunities for me to be curious with students and to learn alongside them. As a faculty member and then as a dean, I felt rewarded in contributing to the reform and the design of new curricula—whether it was reimagining general education that supported skill development needed in today's world or encouraging new programs to help students see the relevance of the liberal arts while still meeting the requirements of their specific majors. In promoting the growth of the whole person, I also recognized the need for students to have reinforcement and learning opportunities outside of the classroom. I was pleased with our work to restructure and reimagine a number of our co-curricular offices, all in an effort to make them more accessible for our students.

I feel blessed to serve the Saint Mary's community. While my work here feels familiar and that excites me, I am emboldened by the College's strategic plan and its mission. I was eager to come here to support the opportunities created by this plan and to work towards its mission of encouraging young women in their chosen fields of study and of preparing them for success in their future careers. I intend to use my advocacy for the liberal arts and my student-centered approach to empower our community to be leaders, to innovate, and to strengthen holistic learning experience at Saint Mary's. I look forward to working with you and the community!

Warm Regards,



Barb May, Ph.D.  
Provost and Senior Vice President



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# Ask Yourself...Am I Open to Dialogue?

by Haleigh Ehmsen '16



Megan Zwart, Ph.D., associate professor of philosophy and founder of The Dialogue Project, the multi-program initiative teaching skills in support of civil discourse.

What if no one is right, and no one is wrong? How can that be possible? When debate is the goal, there is a winner and a loser. With dialogue, the emphasis is on the conversation and how freely the participants can share opinions, listen thoughtfully, and be willing to learn. The Dialogue Project at Saint Mary's is empowering students to have difficult conversations with respect and empathy. Megan Zwart, Ph.D., associate professor of philosophy at Saint Mary's, is leading the project.

The need for The Dialogue Project grew apparent after the 2016 election when Zwart remembers talking with a student who shared how challenging it was to have conversations about the election because there were so many "big feelings."

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—Megan Zwart, Ph.D., associate professor of philosophy

Recognizing the need for better tools to have dialogue, Zwart started dreaming up what it would look like to put a course together to teach students how to have respectful dialogue with each other. First offered in 2017, Dialogue and Civil Discourse is offered as a one-credit philosophy elective once a week in the evenings. During class, students practice

challenging conversations and develop skills that empower them to discuss difficult subjects with care and openness.

Aligned with President Katie Conboy's strategic vision to achieve a culture of human dignity and solidarity on campus, the project is a key part of bolstering a community of women who are ideologically diverse. As a midwestern Catholic women's college, Saint Mary's attracts, from all over the country and the world, students who hold a wide range of values and political beliefs.

The Dialogue Project—which now includes the course, a student leadership program and a summer institute for high school students—is centered around six virtues: attention, empathy, curiosity, intellectual humility, intellectual responsibility, and courage. In Zwart's classroom, these virtues guide each weekly discussion on different topics including abortion, immigration, cancel culture, guns, and others.

**Lori E. Johnson '91**, vice president for student enrollment and engagement, said The Dialogue Project is key to developing a strong campus community and preparing women for the world in which we live.

"I think there is a hunger among our students for meaning, connection, and community, and those things are more possible if there is an environment that values and supports good and open dialogue," Johnson said. "The ability to really listen with empathy and for understanding along with the skill to speak and be heard are powerful tools for our students."

**Paige Madden '23** took the course during her sophomore year. It was 2020, and as a double major in philosophy and humanistic studies, she wanted to be able to engage in challenging conversations that she seemed to be faced with constantly.

"It was a relief to be in a class where there was respectful dialogue," Madden said. "We are all educated, kind women and wanted to treat each other with respect."

## Creating a Culture of Intellectual Hospitality

Megan Zwart has led the elective Dialogue and Civil Discourse since 2017. The course is part of The Dialogue Project, a campus-wide initiative supporting a culture of trust, where dialogue across difference is possible and the community grows in the necessary skills to listen well, to ask good questions, and to speak up.

In an article published in *The Journal of Moral Theology* in January, Zwart writes about “intellectual hospitality,” an openness to new ideas and a readiness to move beyond a static position. If you’re in a conversation with the goal of educating or persuading another to agree with you, the exchange is more likely to be frustrating. If you enter into a conversation in the hope of realizing some measure of personal growth, you’ll have greater control over whether or not you succeed.

Here are the six key principles of dialogue:

- 1) Attention: Be attentive to yourself and others. Listen to understand rather than just waiting your turn to reply.
- 2) Empathy: Listen well. Good listening enables you to engage with another perspective.
- 3) Curiosity: Ask good questions, and think about your own responses. Curiosity opens people up to learn and take in new information; defensiveness shuts them off. Are you feeling defensive? What values of yours are being questioned? Turn defensiveness to curiosity.
- 4) Intellectual Humility: Reflect on what you know and don’t know about a particular topic.
- 5) Intellectual Responsibility: Take facts seriously. How much high-quality information do you have on this issue? Is it cited in more than one reliable source that includes editors and fact checking?
- 6) Courage: Speak up when something matters to you.

Consider these aspects of a healthy dialogue the next time you’re faced with difference. Do you offer space for diverse ideas? How can you create a place at your table? There is room for all, no one is a winner or a loser.

## Building a Community of Dialogue

While not all Saint Mary’s students will get the chance to take Zwart’s course, the project has expanded to offer campus programming that seeks to reach the broader campus community.

Zwart developed The Dialogue Project Student Leadership Program to continue building trust, dialogue, and a sense of belonging outside of the traditional classroom. Students can apply to be a Student Leadership Fellow, which includes a stipend and allows students to work together to meet the needs of the community.

Five student fellows work together to brainstorm ideas and host events on campus that encourage students to engage in dialogue rather than debate. With the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, the fellows’ first event was to host a conversation on abortion led by students. Madden was a student fellow in the 2021-22 academic year and worked with her peers on it. She remembers that students were respectful of differing views in this forum and were able to engage in dialogue, rather than arguing or debating.

“Being involved with the program has taught me to listen to understand and listen with empathy,” Madden said. “Nobody is right or wrong. Opinions are subjective, and the program showed me how diverse our world is and how, at our core, there should be love and kindness regardless of what someone’s perspective is.”

## Empowering Young Women Beyond Saint Mary’s

Saint Mary’s has a long history of educating women and girls, which is why in summer 2022, Zwart and colleagues piloted a six-day residential academic program designed for young women entering grades 10-12 called The Dialogue and Democracy Institute.

The new program quickly caught the attention of the Saint Mary’s community and beyond, filling up before they could advertise in South Bend schools. The program had a waitlist and ultimately,



High school students gather for discourse and service as part of the Dialogue and Democracy Institute summer pre-college program at Saint Mary’s, led by Professor Megan Zwart.

As the week came to a close, the attendees developed their own action plan to address issues of concern in their communities.

## Learning and Developing with the Times

Beyond campus, Zwart is recognized as a leader in teaching and facilitating dialogue. She has written op-eds for *Inside Higher Ed* and *America* magazines and published a case study of the Civil Discourse class in *The Journal of Moral Theology*. In fall 2022, she was selected as an ambassador for the Better Arguments Project, which is a national civic initiative hosted by the Aspen Institute, created to teach leaders how to have better conversations.

As part of the Better Arguments Project Seminar, Zwart attended class sessions with colleagues from across industries. The program has helped her to think differently about the student leadership program and continue to innovate and adapt.

“I want to be intentional about how to build more of these ideas into the student leadership program and how we teach students to embody the virtues through practice,” Zwart said. “If you shut down every time you see something that is different from you, you will never thrive. We want to build communities that value diversity.”

The Dialogue Project goes beyond teaching students to be civil with each other. It’s about learning to be self-aware and about acknowledging difference as a good thing, rather than a divisive element.

“When I started it was about teaching students how to have civil discourse,” Zwart said. “Now it’s beyond that, The Dialogue Project is about educating students to be participants in their community, to develop essential living skills that are key to being a good person.”

27 participants gathered on campus last July to develop skills to be engaged citizens in their communities.

The high school attendees met with local community leaders in South Bend and nearby Michigan. They heard from several faculty throughout the week. Molly Gower, professor of religious studies and theology led students in exercises to develop their ability to be attentive to others. Andrew Pierce, associate professor of philosophy and director of justice studies, introduced students to restorative justice. Rebekah Go, director of the Office for the Common Good, hosted a panel with elected local officials on both sides of the aisle.

Madden served as a student mentor at the summer institute and led a small group of students in reflection throughout the week. For her, one of the most impactful moments was visiting the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Tribal Justice Center. The Pokagon Band once resided on the land that Saint Mary’s stands on today, and since moved to Dowagiac, Michigan.

“They have such a rich culture and so much history and tradition,” Madden said. “They welcomed us into their courtroom, which was created in a circular shape. It was such a good lesson in that we are all equals and trying to improve our community.”

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—Lori E. Johnson ’91, vice president for student enrollment and engagement

# Four Poems

by Thomas O'Grady

I think that a writer having to explain his or her poem is a lot like a comedian having to explain a joke: if the words can't stand on their own legs in their moment under the spotlight, then there's a problem. That being said, I acknowledge that for the under-initiated, reading a poem can be as challenging as reading a wine list or a racing form or a recipe or, for that matter, the diagrams in a football playbook or the notes on a sheet of music—poetry is not the mainstream discourse of our place and time. Beyond that generalization, any given poem—the way it sits on the page, the concentration of its language, the elusiveness of its allusiveness—may prove daunting even to experienced readers of poetry. So in sharing these poems of mine with the Saint Mary's College family, I want to offer some reading handholds from the trove of “touchstones” that I have accumulated over my years of both reading and writing poems.

The first of these touchstones comes from British poet W. H. Auden in the form of a question he asks of any poem: “Here is a verbal contraption. How does it work?” American poet William Carlos Williams implies a similar strategy of reading when he alerts us to how “A poem is a small (or large) machine made of words.” So when we read a poem, we should be attentive both to the specific words (the “diction”) employed—or deployed—by the poet and to how those words act and interact with each other as the poem unfolds (or, like a machine, operates) in space and in time before our eyes and in our minds. And, when read aloud, in our mouths and in our ears.

Another touchstone I like is a bit more philosophical—in fact, it's from French philosopher Gaston Bachelard—but I think it expresses something essential about the “density” of even the most simple-seeming poems: “Poetry is a metaphysics of the moment. It has to convey within the space of a short poem a vision of the universe and the secrets of a heart, a person, things—and do so all at once.” That's a tall order! But it's also the invitation that a poem extends to the reader to spend time with both what it says and how it says it. On a more down-to-earth level, Bachelard's observation dovetails neatly with a claim that Polish Nobel Laureate Czesław Miłosz once made (in a poem!): “One clear stanza can take more weight / Than a whole wagon of elaborate prose.”

A further handhold/touchstone I want to put into play on this occasion is from another Nobel Laureate, the great Irish poet Seamus Heaney. His reminder to readers comes close to describing my own impulse to write poems: “One of the first functions of a poem, after all, is to satisfy a need in the poet. The achievement of a sufficient form and the release of a self-given music have a justifying effect within his life.” Like the vast majority of the poems I've written, three that I'm including here follow the formal conventions—the hard line breaks and/or stanza breaks—of modern lyric free verse poetry. The outlier, “Heron,” is a prose poem. I take my license for that one from French poet Charles Baudelaire: “Which of us has not, in his ambitious days, dreamed of the miracle of poetic prose, musical without rhythm and without rhyme, supple enough and choppy enough to fit the soul's lyrical movements, the jolts of consciousness?” 🦋

*Thomas O'Grady, Ph.D. is the author of two books of poems, What Really Matters and Delivering the News, both published by McGill-Queen's University Press in their distinguished Hugh MacLennan Poetry Series. He is married to President Katie Conboy and is currently scholar-in-residence at Saint Mary's College.*

## THE VISITOR

... and then, late one afternoon  
in the midst of it all, these hard dark  
days, we saw from the kitchen window,  
first by the drystone wall in the yard,  
then ankle deep in the pond, an egret  
standing tall and bright as a wand.  
It glowed, a blinding shaft of light.  
When it rose into awkwardly graceful flight,  
it took us with it, above the suddenly  
budding trees, and beyond.

## DANCE OF THE SEVEN PLATES

The temperature dropped  
like a hammer. Snow  
began to feather the sky.

We kept an eye on the skin-  
thin skims of ice caught up  
in the river's flow. They spun  
like plates in a Chinese circus.  
The cascade spilled downstream  
in a shimmering shiver. They took  
the plunge. We watched them  
dip then tip and slip and fall  
in a stunningly silent shatter.

## GOLDFINCH

Its dipping wings the dripping  
oars of a dory, all flicks  
and flitters, it shimmers  
the bright crested tide  
of morning, a tipsy boatman  
rowing a meadowy sea.

## HERON

The heavens burst. The rain off the river a  
sudden sideways gush, we ducked and  
dodged, the glorious day turned hard and gray.  
We shook our fists at the spilling skies. We  
cursed our sorry luck. The world awash, we  
watched a wise old man hunch low on a  
crooked branch, his sodden collar bunched  
and frayed, his piercingly yellow eyes aglow.

# Therapy Providers Ready for Today's Field

SMC's speech-language pathology program continues to be the best in the Midwest. Its graduates are changing the world.

by Lisa Knox



**Sophia Roman '24**, a graduate student in the speech-language pathology program, works with a student at the Early Childhood Development Center on campus.

Living and working in Guatemala for the past 10 years, **Amanda Blackwell '09** is humbled that the nearly 1,000 speech and language therapists she has taught and trained are making an impact throughout Central and South America and Mexico. As in the rest of the world, communities in these regions are in desperate need of modern, qualified speech-language pathologists (SLPs). Blackwell has made it her life's mission to share her techniques with as many as possible. Her approach to SLP therapy is heartfelt and intelligent, bold and relentlessly curious—qualities that keep her in demand. She's on the road 150-plus days of the year in Spanish-speaking countries and regions, including stints in Europe and the United States—and she owes it all to Saint Mary's.

Speech-language pathology is a field of rehabilitation services dedicated to treating speech impairments, language and communication challenges, and swallowing problems (dysphagia). According to US estimates, one in 12 children encounters language and speech disorders. Another 9 million people suffer from dysphagia, a condition that becomes more prevalent with age. Dysphagia affects up to 1 in 5 older adults, with as many as 40 percent of that population in institutional settings such as nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

The demand for speech-language pathologists is rising. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects job growth at 21 percent in the field through 2031 in the US alone. Making certain there are qualified therapists to meet this intensifying demand is what drives Blackwell. Meeting that need also lies at the heart of the mission of the SLP program at Saint Mary's.

As an education major at the College, Blackwell became aware of the study of communicative disorders through a required class. Attracted by the field's blend of science and humanity, she found herself spending more and more time with her professor, **Susan Olney Latham '91**. Latham, who holds a Ph.D. in SLP and is the founding chair of the Department of Speech-Language Pathology, was developing a robust undergraduate and graduate program. Blackwell wanted to study with her.



**Susan Olney Latham '91, Ph.D.**, a trailblazer in SLP legislation and policy, has been key to the development and growth of the speech-language pathology program.

Latham remembers Blackwell's era on campus as revolutionary—and not just because she recognized the talent of a student who would go on to do great things in the field. The communicative disorders program at Saint Mary's was on the cusp of becoming a leader in the industry.

## Growing Students—and a Department—to Serve the Saint Mary's Way

At the time, students could earn a minor in communicative disorders. But Latham was preparing to take the next step: launching an undergraduate major. She knew just how uniquely positioned Saint Mary's was to train therapists who would work from their hearts, not just their minds.

“When I was starting out, I just kept thinking about how I was a different kind of speech-language pathologist,” Latham said. “As a graduate of the College, I knew it was the Holy Cross education, the liberal arts education. Everywhere I went—while earning my master's and doctorate, while working in these clinical settings—I took a

part of Saint Mary's with me into the world. I just kept thinking Saint Mary's had a unique opportunity to produce really awesome SLPs.”

In 2003, Latham came home to Saint Mary's to teach and got to work building the program she envisioned. In 2009, Blackwell became the first Saint Mary's student to earn a bachelor's degree in communicative disorders from the College.

A master's degree program was established five years later, and the first class graduated in 2017. Today, the program consists of a bachelor's degree and multiple pathways to earn a master's degree, including a 4+1 program that directly admits students as undergraduates in their first year at Saint Mary's. Students begin graduate work in their senior year and graduate after a summer externship at the end of their fifth year. Saint Mary's is the only college in Indiana to offer this option.

These pathways—combined with class size and the quality of degrees offered—put the Saint Mary's College program firmly on equal footing with much larger institutions like Purdue or Indiana University, Latham



**Hannah Spore '23** is a graduate student clinician working in the Judd Leighton Speech and Language Clinic. The clinic is one of three distinct settings on campus where students can deliver supervised therapy for patients.

says: “What makes our program stand above the others are our three on-campus service delivery models. This is an experience our students might not get otherwise until they are out working in the field.”

### Three Settings Offer Students Unique Experiential Learning

In layman’s terms, Saint Mary’s SLP students can provide supervised therapy services for individuals in three distinct settings: the Judd Leighton Speech and Language Clinic, which provides free SLP therapy for up to 60 people from the community each week; the Early Childhood Development Center, the on-campus pre-school program; and the convent, a long-term care facility for the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

“What we know from research is that SLPs should be capable of delivering therapy services in multiple ways, in order to meet the needs of the patient,” Latham explains. “We are really lucky because we take our students to ECDC to provide speech and language services, and to the convent to help the sisters with feeding services and cognitive therapy. This is in addition to the therapy we provide at the clinic. This is helping students understand in a very safe

learning environment how to deliver care in a hospital-like setting.”

The clinic, open since 2014, was realized thanks to a \$1 million grant from the Judd Leighton Foundation. Located in Madeleva Hall, it offers student-led, faculty-supervised speech and language services to clients from throughout St. Joseph County. Clients include individuals whose speech is affected by stroke, dementia, autism, Down syndrome, and other conditions.

The clinic, along with the rest of the Department of Speech-Language Pathology, will eventually move to its new home in the College’s Center for Integrated Healthcare Education in Regina Hall. Though no timeline has been set, the first phase of the interdisciplinary approach to healthcare education was completed in 2021, when the Department of Nursing Science relocated from Havican Hall to the Center. Speech-Language Pathology will be next, followed by the Autism Studies and Social Work programs.

Once they’re established in the new location, students can work alongside other healthcare disciplines to provide care for patients. For example, if an adult stroke patient comes to the clinic for SLP services, they will be able to work on daily living skills in the new clinic’s mock apartment. “We can make significant and

meaningful progress with them, which translates to them being more independent and enjoying a higher quality of life. They might include social work and nursing students to help the family navigate other areas of healthcare.

“This interprofessional approach is critical,” Latham continued. “This is what makes our program stand out. Nobody else is providing this level of experience for their students. Providing care in this way results in the best outcomes for both students and patients.”

### Teaching and Leading to Meet Community Needs

As forward-looking as the SLP program is, Saint Mary’s is located in a state ranked last in the country for caseload size per therapist. It is a devastating statistic, Latham says. To combat this, Saint Mary’s has played a major role in advocacy efforts and education over the past 20 years in Indiana. As the former president and current VP-elect of government affairs and public policy of the Indiana Speech-Language Hearing Association (ISHA), Latham spends a lot of time talking to legislators. She has been recognized for her efforts and is the recipient of Honors of the Association, the highest appreciation bestowed upon a speech-language pathologist at the state level.

She’s training her students to be advocates, as well. “Our students have been involved with the state association from day one of our program. I’m so proud that former students like Amanda, who once participated in state conventions as a student, are now presenting and leading our profession.”

In fact, Blackwell will join Latham in April to present at ISHA’s annual convention in Indianapolis. And later in the summer, Blackwell will return to campus as an adjunct professor to teach a course to SMC students. Blackwell and her colleagues also started the Association for Speech Therapists in Guatemala, Somos TLgt. After 10 years of continuous effort, she is now part of a tight-knit, professional community of more than 65 local colleagues who work to advance the standards of care in their country.

“I never went into this profession thinking that it’s purely clinical,” Blackwell says. “I always thought from the very beginning that I’m working with the whole person, connecting them with the world and its people through communication.”

### A Look at the Market

While recruiting students to the program is relatively easy—most graduate programs, including the one at Saint Mary’s, reach capacity at 30-35 students per cohort—expanding the range of students in the program is also important.

“I think there’s a big misconception that speech-language pathologists are restricted to being the bubbly speech teacher who comes and takes kids to speech class,” said graduate student **Max Cheroli '24**. “It is so rare to find a job that totally runs the gamut of settings, populations, hours, and specialties like speech-language pathology does.” He stresses the importance of diversity in the field. “We need more queer SLPs, more male SLPs, and more SLPs of color if we really want to maximize our impact in the world.”

Latham agrees that diversity in the profession is critical, adding that women in particular need to be encouraged and supported with their education beyond the master’s, adding that while 95 percent of SLPs are women, most Ph.D.-level audiologists and speech-language

*“We are training students based on the mission of Saint Mary’s...I really want our alumnae to know that if they encounter our students in their lives, they are changing the world.”*

—Susan Olney Latham '91, Ph.D., founding chair of the Department of Speech-Language Pathology

pathologists are men. “We need more women pursuing their Ph.D.s to become faculty members and train the next generation of professionals. Once we have more faculty, we can expand our program and get more qualified therapists in the field,” Latham said. Blackwell is among those, having received both a doctorate of education and a doctorate of speech-language pathology.

“We are training students based on the mission of Saint Mary’s,” Latham said. “I really want our alumnae to know that if they encounter our students in their lives, they are changing the world.” When

Amanda Blackwell reflects on her work in the world—becoming fluent in Spanish in order to care for her clinical patients in Central America; turning down lofty faculty positions at several US universities; holding the hand of a grateful grandmother of an autistic child in Guatemala—that is how it feels to her. She is living the mission of Saint Mary’s one family at a time.

*To learn more about the Department of Speech-Language Pathology, visit [saintmarys.edu/academics/departments/speech-language-pathology](http://saintmarys.edu/academics/departments/speech-language-pathology)*



In the past 10 years, more than 1,000 therapists taught by **Amanda Blackwell '09**, kneeling at left, are making an impact in Central and South America and Mexico. Because the family is critical to a child’s success, she also spends a good deal of time with parents and caregivers empowering them with tips and techniques.

# A Campus of Prayer

Email connects a group of faculty and staff who offer prayers for their colleagues

by Tori Murphy '19



“Send.”

**Clicking this button at the bottom of an email is quick, effective, and for the past 30 years at Saint Mary’s, life-changing.**

Business Professor Emeritus Richard Measell felt a calling to share his faith with the greater Saint Mary’s community. A man of deep faith, Measell had been part of a prayer request email chain at his church in the ’90s, and he had noticed the impact this simple communication had on his day. After reflecting on the idea of establishing a similar email chain at Saint Mary’s, he asked the age-old question: why not? “I knew people in our College community had struggles, and I thought that providing a way to go to God with them collectively would be good,” said Measell.

Measell explained he hasn’t always felt this spiritually connected. “I was pretty distant from God in my youth, but I wouldn’t say God was distant from me.” After becoming a member of Granger Community Church in the mid-1980s, then joining Saint Mary’s as a faculty member in 1983, Measell noticed his faith was growing stronger. He knew that with the prayer team, he would find like-minded community members.

After approaching Campus Ministry with the idea, Measell’s hope for a prayer team connected through a shared purpose—and a common distribution list—was approved. He sent the first email soon after. Saint Mary’s faculty and staff members joined, and their number grew by word of mouth. Some simply wanted to pray alongside others in the group, others brought the prayers and concerns of members of the community to share.

Even after Measell announced his retirement in 2015, he continued to lead the email chain until 2021. When he began searching for a dedicated and willing member to carry on the team’s mission, Mona Bowe answered the call. “When Mona stepped forward, I thought, ‘Yeah, she’s the perfect person,’” said Measell. “God provided.”

## Care, Connection, and Confidentiality

Bowe, executive director of retention strategies, was introduced to the prayer team a few years after arriving at Saint Mary’s in 1995. Upon receiving a breast cancer diagnosis in 1999, Bowe was approached by a prayer team member who asked if she would like the team to pray for her. Not only did she say yes, but she also joined the team. Bowe was from Mexico and didn’t have a lot of family

close by. Through the prayer team, she found a support group, and the College community became her family. “I got through it all because I had the support. I knew there were people praying for me. So when I joined the group, I continued to be faithful and made sure people knew I was there for them.”

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— Mona Bowe, executive director of retention strategies, and coordinator of SMC prayer team

Hearing that Measell needed someone to step in and assume his responsibilities on the team, Bowe was more than happy to carry on his legacy. “When Richard asked, I remembered how much it meant to me when I was sick, and when I lost both my parents,” Bowe remembers. “Saint Mary’s is

a great place to work for many reasons, but that sense of the faith and support that comes with it—you can’t put that into words.”

Bowe described the prayer team’s process, saying, “It’s very simple.” At the beginning of each semester, Bowe sends an invitation by email to all faculty and staff members that explains the nature of the group. The final distribution list is private, composed of a group of employees, often called “prayer warriors,” who support the community through prayer requests, prayers, and encouragement.

Prayer requests are either sent directly to Bowe or forwarded to the larger team as individual members become aware of a need. Prayer requests can be made for any reason, but often they are on behalf of current students and employees, alumnae, retirees, and their families. And when a prayer request is sent, individuals are assured their information will be protected. Bowe explains, “Permission from the individual in need of prayer is always required, and we never share a request unless they agree it is okay.” She adds that respect for all religions is central to the prayer group’s work, just as Measell had intended it to be at the outset.

“Some prayer requests come in, and they’re really vague. Some can be very specific. We will send out the prayer no matter how much detail we are given,” says Bowe.

## Thirty Years of Prayers

Being a part of the prayer team does not mean you’re required to engage. “Some members always respond right away, telling us they are on it. Others have never responded. But I know that if they signed up, it’s because they want to participate in prayer,” she believes.

Bowe has been involved in this work for so long now that she has begun to have the experience of some prayer requests returning back to the group’s care and concern for a new generation. Twenty years ago, the prayer team was praying for a student. Now they find themselves praying for that same alumna’s daughters who have become Saint Mary’s students themselves. “The Saint Mary’s family continues to evolve, which is why maintaining the team is so important,” says Bowe.

Just like Measell, Bowe sees the team continuing long after her. “I think it will continue because the need is there and the community cares about each other,” she says. “We can always find tangible ways to help, but this is something so specific to Saint Mary’s. It reflects who we are as a community: we meet every need from physical to spiritual.”

Saint Mary’s provides a number of resources for students and staff to offer prayers and petitions, including a book of intentions that sits in the main lobby

of Le Mans Hall. But Bowe said it is the prayer team’s ability to be accessible to every employee—wherever they may be on campus—that differentiates their service to the College community: all that is required is to hit “send.”

“Being able to offer prayers to our faculty and staff in a way that’s really easy to do is so important,” says Bowe. ✨

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*If you work for the College and would like to become a part of the prayer team, email Mona Bowe at [mbowe@saintmarys.edu](mailto:mbowe@saintmarys.edu)*





### Campus Coffee Shop Opens as SMC Student Venture

Great news for coffee lovers on campus! Seven students, **Hannah Shoemake '23**, **Erin Bennett '23**, **Erin Harrington '23**, **Elizabeth Andersen '23**, **Grace Marcheselli '23**, **Annie Doyle '23**, and **Jennifer Utterback '24**, are proud co-founders of coffee shop Off The Avenue, located in Spes Unica Hall. The café is quickly becoming a popular spot for students and faculty to grab a quick caffeine fix on their way to class or to catch up with friends over one of many delicious new lattes. Refreshing teas and tasty, from-scratch pastries created by local bakery The Ragamuffin are also available.

### Expanded Summer Camps and Programs Offer College Credit

Registration is open now for an expanded line-up of summer camps and pre-college programs at Saint Mary's. New programming offers opportunities for high school students to earn college credit and includes sessions focused on entrepreneurship, spirituality, and civic engagement. Two new music intensives created in partnership with South Bend Youth Symphony Orchestra and Fischhoff National Chamber Music Association are open to every student, regardless of gender. Generous scholarships are available through a Lilly Endowment grant. Learn more and register online.

### College VP for Inclusion and Equity Honored for Contributions to City's Culture

Redgina Hill, Ph.D., Saint Mary's vice president for inclusion and equity, was recognized by the City of South Bend and Mayor James Mueller for contributions to South Bend's history and culture. Hill was one of eight African American honorees whose service to the community was highlighted as part of Black History Month. Her recognition, promoted on billboards throughout the city February 20-26, is part of the city's ongoing commitment to creating a better understanding among residents of local Black leaders' service to the community.

### New Books Program Launching This Fall

First-year students will receive, as part of their tuition, all books required for their coursework beginning this fall. Launching with the arrival of SMC's Class of 2027, the new initiative will expand next year to include all students. The free materials program includes traditional textbooks and lab manuals as well as access codes, digital materials, and electronic books. **Christin Kloski '15**, director of the Office for Student Equity, said the program is part of the College's work to provide every student with the necessary tools to be successful. "Due to the ongoing increase of textbook costs, we are mindful of the overall affordability of college for students," Kloski said. "In order to promote equity and academic success, we need to ensure they have access to all of their course materials without any financial barriers." The program is offered in partnership with the campus bookstore, operated by Barnes & Noble College. Individual course lists will be shared with the bookstore team, with the appropriate materials delivered to students before classes begin. An option to buy the books they want to keep at the end of the semester is available.

### Listen, Learn, Lead: Second Raise Your Voice Symposium Set for April



Saint Mary's Raise Your Voice Symposium—three days devoted to raising awareness, supporting survivors, and advocating against sexual violence—returns to campus April 17-19. Maggie Nichols, elite gymnast and former member of Team USA, opens the conference by sharing her story on April 17 at 6 p.m. in O'Laughlin Auditorium. Nichols was the first athlete to speak out against the sexual abuse and misconduct of a team doctor in 2015. The symposium's panels and presentations are free and open to the public, culminating with Take Back the Night on April 19, a walk uniting Saint Mary's, Notre Dame, and Holy Cross campuses in an effort to create a safer shared space for the community.

### Renovations to Reignbeaux and Student Center Offer New Ways to Connect



High-top and low-top tables, new conversation sets, and booths are some of the highlights of the updated Reignbeaux Lounge in Le Mans Hall. The fresh layout has resulted in a significant increase in the number of students making use of the area. The project's focus was to create a space accessible to both individuals and groups, while also accommodating a diverse range of needs. Renovations to the Student Center were another significant change on campus this winter. New floors, an updated

bookstore, and a reconfigured upstairs created a more welcoming atmosphere and improved functionality. Senior Vice President for Strategy and Finance Dana Strait explained that the support of donors, partners, and bond funds will lead to a new and improved Student Center. "Our primary goal, in all of our work, is to enrich opportunities for community-building across the Saint Mary's Campus," she said.

# Advancement Update

Since joining Saint Mary's 18 months ago, I have been motivated and inspired by this close community of students, parents, alumnae, faculty, and staff. Leading the Advancement Division fills me not only with gratitude for the high-caliber work of this team but with excitement as we wrap up several months of hosting alumnae on campus and traveling on behalf of the College!

The Advancement Division kicked off the academic year by hosting the Parents Council, Madeleva Society Steering Committee, Alumnae Association Board of Directors, Campaign Executive Committee, and President's Circle for meaningful gatherings and strategic conversations on campus. I am always impressed by the commitment and engagement of the College's vast volunteer network. I enjoyed attending various sessions to learn more about the work of these committees and look forward to partnering with them on several new initiatives.

The Office of Alumnae Relations, in conjunction with our alumnae clubs, hosted two presidential visits in recent months. In December, the Dallas Club held its annual Mass and Christmas celebration in the home of Dan and **Lydia Haggard Novakov '72** for a group of 45 attendees. In February, more than 90 alumnae gathered as the D.C. Club hosted Dr. Katie Conboy. And in April, Don and **Nora Barry Fischer '73** will host members of the Pittsburgh Club.

One of my favorite days of the year is the 24-hour Donor Challenge! This year, the 11th annual Donor Challenge was a success with more than 4,000 donors and a record-setting \$1,216,000 raised.

Registration opened in January for Reunion weekend, planned for June 1-4, 2023. While registrations are steadily being received, as of the day we go to print, the Class of '73 is leading the way! Last year was so much fun with Saint Mary's hosting two back-to-back reunion weekends: I had the opportunity to meet three Reunion cohorts.

Finally, I hope you'll enjoy seeing refreshed design and messaging of the print and digital materials from the College in the next several months. We will also be elevating our focus on impactful storytelling and making exciting changes to *Courier*. I will share more about all of these developments in the issues to come.

I look forward to connecting with you in the near future!

With gratitude,

Holly C. Johnson  
Vice President for Advancement



**ALUMNAE DEATHS****1943**

Ann Dickinson Less November 5, 2022  
Ruth Schwartz Makins September 11, 2022

**1946**

Eileen Leonard Belina October 20, 2022  
Patricia West McClain August 14, 2022

**1947**

Barbara Comerford Kramer September 5, 2022

**1948**

Grace Schwartz Westlund October 8, 2022  
Johness Clay Noel Wood October 17, 2022

**1949**

Vivian Igel Freeh October 26, 2022  
Joan Burns Landolt November 1, 2022  
Patricia Webb Oertley November 6, 2022  
Ruth Rychnovsky Sweeny October 30, 2022

**1950**

Mary Ellen Molony Brady October 11, 2022

**1951**

Eleanor Morrison Klyce September 2, 2022  
Mary Weber Mazzoni October 25, 2022

**1952**

Sister M. Georgia Costin, CSC November 30, 2022  
Joyce McMahon Hank October 3, 2022  
Loretta Sido Leimkuehler October 10, 2022

**1954**

Helen Kuhn Brennan January 8, 2022

**1955**

Bernadette Tracy Crowe November 16, 2022

**1956**

Sheila Conlin Brown September 11, 2022  
Mary Cook Herzog September 19, 2022

**1957**

Kathryn Howard Boyle September 14, 2022  
Shirlee Devore Fraley October 14, 2022  
Barbara Lynch Hill September 10, 2022  
Janet O'Connell McCue September 25, 2022  
Margaret Menard O'Rourke October 12, 2022  
Patricia Moore Payne October 14, 2022

**1958**

Sister Maureen Cahill, CSC December 9, 2022  
Patricia Kinney Doyle October 1, 2022  
Margaret Doran Sidley July 21, 2022

**1959**

Mary Bruder Flanigan November 24, 2022  
Leah Hyslop Riband September 23, 2022

**1960**

Joyce Spink Harris October 25, 2022  
Stephanie Herbstritt Sabo December 11, 2022  
Nancy Ryan Soller March 29, 2022  
Mary L. Ashley Summers November 14, 2022

**1961**

Patricia Freiburger Page October 25, 2022  
Barbara Kandzor Pozniak January 1, 2022

**1962**

Judith Dettor Abood November 8, 2022

**1963**

Nancy Van Etten Haske October 27, 2022

**1964**

Louise Aug October 12, 2022  
Sister Joan Marilyn Mader, CSC October 24, 2022  
Nancy Drew Sheehan September 14, 2022

**1965**

Artemis Panagon Hoke November 21, 2022

**1966**

Margaret L. Hunkeler September 23, 2022

**1968**

Sister M. Ruth Barbara Holtshouser, CSC November 28, 2022  
MaryPat Sussex Jones March 9, 2022

**1969**

Janet Godersky Ingraffea September 15, 2022  
Patricia Sernett Rogers August 26, 2022  
Sandra C. Wykoff September 30, 2022

**1971**

Catherine Whalen September 9, 2022

**1972**

Carol Collins Hogan October 1, 2022

**1973**

Elizabeth Lewis Rompf November 12, 2022

**1974**

Sharon Dillon Robinson November 26, 2022

**1975**

Coletta Furin Maksimik October 19, 2022

**1976**

Katherine L. Costa November 1, 2022  
Theresa Gildner Mosser November 7, 2022

**1980**

Helen Ainsworth Shannon November 23, 2022

**1983**

Paula Mazeski Maloney September 20, 2022  
Kathleen E. McNamee August 31, 2022

**2003**

Jocelyn Bilas Gruver November 16, 2022

**2006**

Alicia Heimann Eaton November 25, 2022

**2011**

Erin Kathleen Babington November 7, 2022

**FAMILY DEATHS**

*Roarke Stig Anders Ahlstrom, son of Eileen McElligott Ahlstrom '77, November 18, 2022.*

*Beverly Alford, mother of Arlene Theresa Stoltz '91, September 23, 2022.*

*Joseph Anders Jr., father of Lauren Elizabeth Anders '17, November 28, 2022.*

*Gerard Andree, husband of Carolyn Vonesh Andree '72, September 4, 2022.*

*Jerome Antekeier, father of Kimberly Antekeier Langevin '77, October 24, 2022.*

*George Arce, father of Linda Arce Cosgrove '89, October 10, 2022.*

*Warren Baker, husband of Carly Fitzsimons Baker '61, October 7, 2022.*

*Patrick Baert, father of Emily S. Baert '18, September 27, 2022.*

*Doris Ballantine, mother of Paula Ballantine Waller '86, September 12, 2022.*

*Benjamin Baltasar, father of Anna Baltasar Tumaneng '86, November 1, 2022.*

*Barbara Baumer, mother-in-law of Mollie Meehan Baumer '90 and Ann Maureen Lillis Baumer '91, December 26, 2022.*

*Carla Bielaski, mother of Sarah Shay Bielaski '04, September 18, 2022.*

*Harold Bolton, husband of Helen Moran Bolton '64, November 21, 2022.*

*Thomas Boyer, husband of Susan De Ponio Boyer '73, August 17, 2022.*

*Thomas Boyle, father of Kathleen Boyle Mathers '93, November 14, 2022.*

*Catherine Breslin, mother of Catherine M. Breslin-Grennan '82, September 13, 2022.*

*Margaret Brunette, mother of Nicole Suzanne Brunette '93, August 21, 2022.*

*Richard Buhriend, father of Mary Carol Buhriend Honquest '89 and Brigid Clare Buhriend '02, October 1, 2022.*

*Chester Bullard, husband of Joanne Orr Bullard '52, September 28, 2022.*

*Polli Burdo, mother of Jill Carin Burdo '93, December 29, 2022.*

*David Burns, father of Alicia Burns Gildea '81, November 19, 2022.*

*Timothy Burns, husband of Lisa Cerneka Burns '84, brother-in-law of Heidi Ann Cerneka '87, May 6, 2022.*

*Robert Cairns, husband of Mary Murphy '66, brother-in-law of Ann Murphy '74, September 24, 2022.*

*Joseph Campolo, husband of Angela Aubry Campolo '89, October 24, 2022.*

*Tony Caputo, father of Renee C. Caputo '82, July 26, 2022.*

*Herman Casanova, father of Elizabeth Ann Casanova '94, September 7, 2022.*

*Claudia Castelluzzo, mother of Rande Nicole Castelluzzo '05, October 14, 2022.*

*Michael Catanzaro Jr., husband of Kathleen McKeever Catanzaro '60, father of Mary Elizabeth Catanzaro Phelps '84, great uncle of Caroline Elizabeth Hall '18, cousin of Ann Conte Krizmanich '86, Lori Jean Conte '87, and Kathryn Conte Prokopius '89, December 6, 2022.*

*John Collins, father of Brianna Collins Little '09, son of Carolyn Huebner Collins '51, August 31, 2022.*

*Lawrence Conley, husband of Carole Balousek Conley '59, father of Kathleen Conley Lutes '82, October 12, 2022.*

*Richard Connelly, husband of Carolyn Rooney Connelly '57, November 6, 2022.*

*Allen Cox, son-in-law of Kathleen R. Bush '16, December 15, 2022.*

*Jean Ann Cronin, mother of Caron Cronin Green '75, aunt of Carol Cronin Moran '64 and Sheila M. Cronin '71, great-aunt of Elizabeth Moran Sharpe '87, October 24, 2022.*

*Ronald D'Alesandro, father of Laura D'Alesandro Davenport '90, November 22, 2022.*

*Patricia Dasso, mother of Alison Rose Dasso '96 and Lauren Dasso Stalter '03, November 22, 2022.*

*Rosemary Davis, mother of Rosemary Davis Lassiter '74, December 1, 2022.*

*Vincent DeCrane, father of Barbara DeCrane Bumbacco '75, Donna M. DeCrane Panzica '78, Melinda DeCrane Capone '81, Melissa DeCrane Gary '81, and Mary Jean DeCrane Salinas '87, brother of Clarice DeCrane Walsh '51, uncle of Carolyn Friday '72, brother-in-law of Joan Hoffman DeCrane '53, November 4, 2022.*

*Dennis Dee, father of Pamela Ann Dee '92, July 23, 2022.*

*Gerald Dempsey, father of Moira Dempsey McManus '90 and Maire Aileen Dempsey '99, November 10, 2022.*

*Richard Diener, father of Sheila A. Diener-Elser '80, September 7, 2022.*

*Margaret Beth Donius, sister of Amy Donius Williams '91, December 3, 2022.*

*Richard Duffey, father of Margaret Duffey Gerth '85, grandfather of Mary Gerth Omiliak '16, October 2, 2022.*

*Samuel Duggan, father of Elizabeth Duggan Van Horn '83, Patricia Duggan Otto '87, and Ellen Duggan Ariston '97, August 14, 2022.*

*Ronald Erichsen, father of Kimberly M. Henke '85 and Theresa E. Mondovics '88, November 14, 2022.*

*David Fennell, father of Elizabeth Fennell Austin '95, September 17, 2022.*

*Robert Fitzmyer, father of Suzanne Fitzmyer Foley '76 and Diane Fitzmyer Murphy '82, November 26, 2022.*

*Jim Flegle, husband of Ophelia Flegle Camina '78, November 21, 2022.*

*Betty Flick, mother of Martha Flick Jungenberg '89, October 30, 2022.*

*Sean Flynn, son of Mary Ann Sheeran Flynn '69, nephew of Nancy Sheeran Dana '73, great-nephew of Joan Fanning Wade '51, August 28, 2022.*

*Edward Forillo, father of Dina Forillo Cady '89, October 5, 2022.*

*Charles Foster, husband of Patricia Arisman Foster '56, October 21, 2022.*

*Martin Francis, brother of Mary Francis Corrigan '73, July 19, 2022.*

*Eleanor Georgen, mother of Catherine Georgen Ahluwalia '82 and Sarah Georgen Archer '83, September 21, 2022.*

*Michael Gill, father of Lisa Gill Grabowski '03 and Megan Gill Stempin '08, brother of Rosemary Gill Kenyon '76 and Mary Jo Gill Lynch '83, cousin of Elizabeth Hairston Hickey '61 and Claudia M. Traudt '73, October 31, 2022.*

*John Graff, father of Katherine Graff Kumar '89, October 12, 2022.*

*Michael Graney, husband of Bonnie Ellison Graney '59, November 5, 2022.*

*Sandra Gretter, mother of Kathryn Gretter Rice '92, November 21, 2022.*

*Gene Griswold, father of Rebecca Griswold Bartley '05, November 18, 2022.*

*John Gunning Sr., father of M. Catherine Lebovitz '82, November 27, 2022.*

*Hewitt Gurnee, father of Mary Gurnee Sylvestri '76 and Ann Gurnee Pol '85, November 23, 2022.*

*Dolores Gursky, mother of Alysson Gursky Mayer '87, September 5, 2022.*

*Leslee Hallenback, mother of Katie Hallenback Wallace '07, September 13, 2022.*

*Daniel Hammer, father of Christine M. Hammer '84, October 12, 2022.*

*Marilyn Harbert, mother of Karen Harbert '75 and Elizabeth Harbert Morrow '80, September 28, 2022.*

*Daniel Haske, brother of Julie Haske Oberlies '87, Nancy Haske Schoenecker '90, Lucy Haske Beiter '93, and Jeanne Catherine Haske '02, nephew of Elaine Van Etten Cassidy '60, cousin of Mary Van Etten Weithers '64, Susan Van Etten '84, Mary Elaine Cassidy '90, and Katie Mae Ziltz '15, July 7, 2022.*

*Kevin Heeney, father of Patricia Heeney Hurley '91, September 9, 2022.*

*Francis Heidrich, father of Anne Heidrich Diebel-Lane '64 and Patricia Heidrich Ramsby '67, August 20, 2022.*

*John Hickner, father of Anna Trudeau Hickner '06, August 22, 2022.*

*Robert Hofacre, father of Elizabeth L. Hofacre '84, October 6, 2022.*

*Paris Holsinger, son of Debra Ambrose Holsinger '82, grandson of Marilyn Dargis Ambrose '52, April 12, 2022.*

*Robert Horst, father of Velora Horst Robinson '80, October 15, 2022.*

*Mary Houlihan, mother of Kathleen Houlihan Motzenbecker '91, October 2, 2022.*

*Thomas Jacobs, husband of Charlotte Lepetit Jacobs '57, September 13, 2022.*

*Kathleen Johnston, mother of Shannon Marie Johnston '98, February 16, 2022.*

*Virginia Karpowicz, mother of Mary Karpowicz Sheehan '81, Lisa Karpowicz Barfuss '82, and Laurie Karpowicz Theiss '82, mother-in-law of Lisa Hagen Karpowicz '76, December 9, 2022.*

*Michael Kerby, husband of Ann Harwood Callaghan Kerby '62, November 23, 2022.*

*Raymond Kisor, father of Patricia Kisor Melchert '04, November 28, 2022.*

*Leonard Kozinski, father of Katelyn Michelle Kozinski-Burkhart '13 and Dana Marie Kozinski '17, August 23, 2022.*

*James Kuehn, father of Susan Anne Kuehn Knutson '90, September 2, 2022.*

*Frederick Larrison, stepfather of Shannon Smith Gaydos '99, June 17, 2022.*

*Nadine Lawton, stepmother of Paula Lawton Bevington '58, November 11, 2022.*

*Charles Leath, father of Lisa Ann Leath '00, October 21, 2022.*

*Daniel Lydon, father of Moira Lydon Miller '92, August 23, 2022.*

*Diane Malley, sister of Denise Malley Coyle '75, November 15, 2022.*

*Lucio Martin, father of Nancy Martin Wujek '95, August 16, 2022.*

*Theresa McAuliffe, mother of Kathleen McAuliffe '79, October 25, 2022.*

*James McDonald, father of Ellen Margaret McDonald '00, Lindsay McDonald Adolphi '13, and Kerry Rose McDonald '19, February 6, 2022.*

*Margaret McGranahan, mother of Julie McGranahan Fink '04, December 4, 2022.*

*Jack McGraw, father of Ann McGraw Morrical '85, uncle of Mary Eileen Davey '72 and Teresa Davey Hawkins '75, August 1, 2022.*

*James McMahan, father of Jennifer Aine McMahan '93, December 17, 2022.*

*Joseph Melehan, husband of Celeste Martin Melehan '76, September 5, 2022.*

*Paul Mendez, father of Eileen J. Mendez '83, April 27, 2022.*

*Kenneth Merriss, father of Courtney Merriss Prange '98, April 24, 2022.*

Anthony Mersits, father of Meredith Elayne Mersits '15, brother of Anita Mersits McCombs '81, December 5, 2022.

Thomas Moran, father of Kathleen Moran Outcalt '81 and Mary Moran Ketterer '86, August 7, 2022.

Walter Morrissey, brother of Suzanne Morrissey Gaumond '55, Marilyn Morrissey Sparacino '60, and Carol Morrissey Showel '62, uncle of Mary Margaret Morrissey '92, cousin of Jacquelyn Casey Morsch '53, Mary Kelly O'Donnell '60, Mary Ann Sheeran Flynn '69, Margaret Kelly Trombly '71, Nancy Sheeran Dana '73, Kathleen Wade Arpaia '76, Kathryn Morsch Rogers '90, and Anne Marie Arpaia '04, December 10, 2022.

Margaret Neises, mother of Kathleen Neises Conway '87, September 2, 2022.

Robert Newman, husband of Mary Beth Caplice Newman '73, September 22, 2022.

Roger O'Bryan, father of Cathleen O'Bryan Murphy '88, December 3, 2022.

Kathleen O'Grady, mother of Liana Lin O'Grady '18, September 30, 2022.

Philip Otto, father of Jennifer Otto Harbaugh '92, October 19, 2022.

Floydia Owens, mother of Erica Williams Porter '97, August 25, 2022.

Irene Pajakowski, mother of Sister Mary Ann Pajakowski, CSC '69, December 28, 2022.

Vera Paunicka, mother of Lisa M. Paunicka '79 and Tracey Paunicka Russell '84, September 7, 2022.

Russell Pelton Jr., father of Margaret Pelton Anella '93, November 27, 2022.

Richard Peterson, father of Kerry Peterson Leone '93, January 15, 2022.

Connor Phillips, grandson of Margaret Casey Phillips '58, nephew of Maureen Phillips Stanley '84, October 18, 2022.

James Pingpank, father of Anne Pingpank Doyle '86 and Mary Elizabeth Pingpank Clifford '89, November 20, 2022.

Paul Polking, father of Caroline Polking Robertson '01, father-in-law of Stephanie Hoeffling Polking '99, December 14, 2022.

Ruth Porretta, mother of Mary Clare Porretta-Passera '75 and Juliana Porretta Clements '78, grandmother of Carolyn Clements Hughes '04, October 30, 2022.

Dean Porter, father of Tracie Porter Silva '94, September 1, 2022.

Arthur Pulte, husband of Sharon Puhek Otlewski-Pulte '58, October 19, 2022.

Paul Quinn, husband of Rita Spaulding Quinn '53, father of Marguerite Quinn Zappa '81, Patricia Quinn Murnane '84, and Irene Quinn Winston '90, grandfather of Anna M. Zappa '20, December 25, 2022.

George Raab, husband of Gail Francis Raab '59, father of Susan Raab Kolberdanz '86, October 14, 2022.

Matthew Radca, father of Julie Radca Vieta '95, grandfather of Morgan Alizabeth Vieta '16, November 16, 2022.

Dorothy Reiken, mother of Kimberley Reiken LeDoux '77, grandmother of Andrea Hipskind Miller '07, aunt of Emily Unger France '97, July 3, 2022.

Elizabeth Riley, daughter of Mary Comisky Riley '57, October 21, 2022.

Paul Ritger, father of Suzanne C. Ritger '87, September 27, 2022.

Daniel Robinson, husband of Andrea George Robinson '05, November 10, 2022.

William Ross, husband of Mary Ryan Ross '60, November 17, 2022.

Ruben Rucoba, husband of Margaret Mary O'Hara '89, October 22, 2022.

Julius Salerni, father of Denise Salerni Prosser '74, October 24, 2022.

Julie Samarzija, mother of Nicole Samarzija Floody '92 and Leigh Samarzija Sierra '93, August 31, 2022.

Roger Scherer, father of Rachael Marie Scherer '82, August 14, 2022.

Henry Schlachter, husband of Barbara Neuhoff Schlachter '67, uncle of Mary Elizabeth Balisteri Unis '80 and Beverly Balisteri Cronin '84, brother-in-law of Pamela Neuhoff Farnsworth '70, October 15, 2022.

Robert Schmidl, father of Christina Schmidl Weller '05 and Laura Elizabeth Lischak Schmidl '07, November 5, 2022.

Kathleen Schmidt, mother of Juliet Schmidt Savage '99, November 9, 2022.

Mortiz Schultz, father of Linda Schultz Salvi '79, September 1, 2022.

Wilbur Seeberg, father of Katherine Seeberg Garvey '79, November 16, 2022.

Ivan Shaw, father of Saydi J. Shaw '22, August 24, 2022.

John Singer, father of Kathleen Singer LaCerdà '78, November 16, 2022.

John Slavsky Jr., brother-in-law of Shirley Dyckes Kelley '55, August 19, 2022.

John Smith, husband of Dorothy Nebel Smith '61, father of Susan Smith-Gilbert '92 and Kathryn Smith '93, brother-in-law of Patricia Nebel '63, October 27, 2022.

Michael Smith, father of Kelly Ann Inman '92, September 17, 2022.

Lincoln Soldati, husband of Kathleen Barlow Soldati '72, November 6, 2022.

Mary Alice Staples, mother of Lucinda Staples McCall '78, grandmother of Megan McCall Schmitt '04 and Kathleen McCall Mezwicki '06, October 25, 2022.

Edward Suess, father of Elaine M. Suess '85, November 29, 2022.

John Suttner, husband of Carole Nordgren Suttner '57, October 31, 2022.

Elton Taylor, stepfather of Jill C. Maraden '00, October 29, 2022.

Daniel Thill, father of Lyndell Thill Rewitzer '84, September 15, 2022.

Vernon Tobben, father of Patricia Tobben Nester '84, October 12, 2022.

Thomas Van Tiem, son of Gail Altenburg Van Tiem '61, cousin of Gail Garcia Steffen '89, October 24, 2022.

Margaret Easby-Smith Veihmeyer, mother-in-law of Beth Lichtenfels Veihmeyer '77, grandmother of Eileen Veihmeyer Spillane '13, October 21, 2022.

John Walkowiak, father of Carol Ann Walkowiak Duffy '79, November 16, 2022.

Vincent Wehby, father of Katherine Wehby Rand '99, grandfather of Sarah Rose Wehby '19, July 23, 2022.

Eric Weidner, husband of Marianne Dineen Weidner '71, October 21, 2022.

Mary Lou Wiggins, mother of Kristin Wiggins Reich '91, August 21, 2022.

James Willcox, father of Emily Willcox Michaels '96, October 17, 2022.

Joan Wojda, mother of Diane Wojda Powers '77 and Darlene Wojda Evans '85, August 11, 2022.

Carol Ann Yurkanin, mother of Colleen Yurkanin Ham '85, December 1, 2022.

John Zern, father of Allison Zern Sturm '84 and Caroline Zern Lee '87, November 3, 2022.

Barbara Zesinger, mother of Cynthia Zesinger Rheinhardt '85, October 11, 2022.

Michael Ziemba, father of Michelle D. Ziemba '98, November 3, 2022.

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

## Find Out More About Your Alumnae Association Board of Directors

### Q: What Does the AABOD Do?

#### A: Success After Saint Mary's Events

The Alumnae Association Board of Directors is proud to host the annual *Success After Saint Mary's* event for current students. The AABOD works with the Office of Alumnae Relations and Career Crossings to connect alumnae with current students on a variety of topics such as networking, interviewing, resume building, finding mentors, and much more.

### Past Event Topics

2016 - Interview Skills

2017 - Are You My Mentor?

2018 - Finding A Meaningful Mentor

2021 - Rock Your Virtual Interview

2022 - Connect with Saint Mary's Beyond the Avenue

Hosting *Success After Saint Mary's* events helps the AABOD meet one of our goals which is to foster the next generation of alumnae while also supporting current students.



## CLUB NEWS

### Chicago East

The SMC Chicago East Alumnae Club has had a busy 2022! We had record-breaking attendance and donations at our Summer Spirits event in August, many thanks to our very generous hosts **Emily Spore Chase '04** and Ricki Chase. We have boosted club membership at our recent quarterly happy hours. We also prepared final exam care packages for current SMC first-years. We are looking forward to an exciting 2023 with more club events, fundraising, and volunteer opportunities! We are also actively looking for hostesses for our 2023 Founders Day celebration. If you are interested in hosting, joining, receiving our monthly newsletter, or just learning more about our club, please email us at: [smcchicagopresident@gmail.com](mailto:smcchicagopresident@gmail.com). Be sure to follow our social media pages Instagram (@smcchicagoeast) and Facebook ([facebook.com/SMCchicagoeast](https://www.facebook.com/SMCchicagoeast)) to stay up-to-date on upcoming events. Cheers to a happy and healthy 2023!

### Chicago South



The Chicago South Alumnae Club, which was just getting off the ground before the pandemic, met again for the first time on November 14 to make

finals goody bags for students in our area. Ten alumnae gathered for food and drinks at Franklin's Public House in Palos Heights. Before assembling the treats, we reminisced about our days at Saint Mary's and planned some future events for our club such as a service project and social. We are really excited to get started again!

If you are interested in getting involved with the club, please contact **Kristen DiNovo Maxwell '97** [skmaxwell2000@gmail.com](mailto:skmaxwell2000@gmail.com).

### Cincinnati

The Cincinnati Alumnae Club had a very busy fall 2022. First, we were grateful to have so many alumnae and friends come out to support our



Belles running the Cincinnati Queen Bee Race and who helped to fundraise/donate in support of HER Cincinnati's (formerly Cincinnati Union Bethel) Off the Streets program. Special shout out to **Kathryn Marshall '17** for organizing the team's meet-up prior to the race and for arranging some fun photo opportunities. It was a beautiful day for our city's largest female-focused event that brought runners and charities together from all over the country.



In November, we were proud to connect with the women of Off the Streets for our year-end potluck dinner and to present race proceeds to this incredible organization we have grown so close to. A huge thank you to **Gina Daly '93** for organizing the event, creating the meal sign-ups, and making sure the Off the Streets women had a nourishing and special meal to enjoy with our alumnae.



In December, **Kacey Schmitt '85** and **Carrie Chambers '06** represented the club at HER Cincinnati Volunteer Awards Reception at their new Scholar House in the Walnut Hill neighborhood.

As we reflect on the past year, we would like to extend our deepest gratitude to our outgoing club president, **Carrie Chambers '06**. Since 2017, the club has thrived under Carrie's committed leadership. Carrie evolved our organization into an even greater force for good, dedicated to bettering the lives of women in our local community. In March of 2019,

we were proud to be honored as the "Club of the Year" due in large part to Carrie's efforts. Since then, we have raised significant funds for Off the Streets through not only the Annual Queen Bee race, but also through virtual events and donations maintained even throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

While service work has become the backbone of our club, Carrie also partnered with local alumnae to better connect current students and newly graduated Belles. Additionally, Carrie championed the coordination of all social events including countless freshman send-offs, Epiphany parties and others. Thank you, Carrie, for your dedication to the Cincinnati Club, its alumnae, and our beloved Saint Mary's College!

If you live in or around the Cincinnati area and would like to take a leadership role within the club, please contact [orr.carrie@gmail.com](mailto:orr.carrie@gmail.com). To learn about all current information on Cincinnati Club news and activities, please visit [smccincinnatialumnae.weebly.com](https://smccincinnatialumnae.weebly.com).

### Cleveland/Akron

Generous members of the club were once again instrumental in the November assembly of final care packages for local SMC students. We will be kicking off 2023 with a virtual book club featuring the current One Book, One Saint Mary's selection, *The Four Winds*. With the success of the 2022 student send-off, we have plans to bring the group together in-person several more times throughout the year and hope to see many faces including new area alumnae.

We appreciate your support. Please keep an eye on your email or reach out to [mharbinak@gmail.com](mailto:mharbinak@gmail.com) for more information on club membership and upcoming activities. We also have an SMC CLE group on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/SMCClevelandAkronAlumnaeClub/>.

### Dallas/Fort Worth

On October 13, the SMC DFW Club celebrated Founders Day at the Dallas Arboretum! Club members donated items for Genesis Women's Shelters.



On Thursday, December 8, the SMC DFW Club held our annual Christmas event at the home of Dan and **Lydia Hagggar Novakov '72**. This year was especially special with the attendance of College President Katie Conboy, PhD. Before the reception Mass was held at Christ the King Catholic Church to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Concep-

tion, 45 alumnae, spouses, and staff were in attendance. The SMC DFW Club sincerely appreciates Dr. Conboy's attendance and updates on College projects and attendance.

In January, the club held a book club meeting at the home of **Mandy Strauss '98** on Sunday, January 22, from 3 to 5 p.m. We will be reading the One Book, One Saint Mary's book: *The Four Winds* by Kristen Hannah. Please reach out to [saintmarysdfwclub@gmail.com](mailto:saintmarysdfwclub@gmail.com) with any questions or ideas.

### Grand Rapids

The Grand Rapids, Michigan, Alumnae Club has been busy in service to others while enjoying time together. Our Christmas Party this year was hosted by **Carolina Tapia '14**. The party room in her downtown condominium building was the perfect space to host our event! Drinks and appetizers were shared over SMC stories past and present, as we had some alumnae parents of current students join us. Every member of our club in attendance brought a new toy for the Annual Toys For Tots Campaign. Giving back during the holidays has always been important to our club.

Our next club president has been announced! **Carolina Tapia '14** will have started her term on January 1, 2023. We are all excited for her and know she will do an amazing job!

Care package gifts were delivered to all of the freshman from the greater Grand Rapids area. A local baking company, Monica's Cookies, put together some great cookie bags for the students. **Paige Hahn's '25** mom, Susan Hahn, delivered the cookies to Saint Mary's while in South Bend for a Notre Dame Band concert Paige was performing in. I love our SMC community! When they are asked to do something they deliver!

If you would like to get in touch with our club, contact **Tara Millar '90** at [tmillar@comcast.net](mailto:tmillar@comcast.net).

### Kansas City



The Kansas City Club was excited to be able to gather again for their Christmas lunch after a two-year hiatus due to COVID. We enjoyed great food and conversation in a new location. Old friends were reunited while new friends were made. The mom of our new freshman also joined, and she enthusiastically relayed how much her daughter is loving Saint Mary's!

### Los Angeles

**Lucy Hanahan DaGiau '83** hosted Founders Day the end of October at her home in Manhattan Beach. We began with Mass, followed by dinner and our ongoing support for the Brother André Outreach Center at St. Agnes parish in LA, where the Sisters of the Holy Cross served for 100+ years.

Several activities continue: our two book clubs, our Advent and Lenten retreats, and the Christmas ornament project. This year's ornament is the Church of Loretto complete with stained glass, beautiful!



Photo from Founders Day with **Susan F. Rice '61**, **Amy Sinclair '72**, **Colleen Monahan '72**, and **Pat Lehman '63**.

### Pittsburgh

The Pittsburgh Club recently started our monthly dinner gatherings around the city. This is a great way to meet fellow Belles and try a few new restaurants. We also hosted a drive for the food pantry at Saint Mary's. We are looking forward to President Katie Conboy visiting us this spring.

### Toledo

*The news below was inadvertently omitted from the previous issue of the Courier.*

In August, ladies from the Toledo area met to welcome two new Belles. We gathered at the home of **Elizabeth Munger '12** and everyone brought food to share. Our group included graduates from 1966 up through students starting in the class of 2026. We ended the night with a game of SMICKtionary.



## 1954

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Dear members of the Class of 1954,

Today is All Saints Day as we remember in our thoughts and prayers our classmates who shared our special years together at Saint Mary's.

**Joan Rossi** has been very loyal in referring class news. Joan wrote that she heard from **Angie Benz '62**, **Sister Teresa Ann Fabbrri's** friend and housemate, that **Teresa's** brother died. Also, Joan heard from **Barb DiSalle Lindskold** that her sister **Antoinette DiSalle Watkins '52** had died.

A note to **Mary Wieland Scheetz** was returned noting that she died in Missouri, July 21, 2020. A note to **Rita Giometti Zalesky** was returned.

The wedding of **Midge Myler Russo's** grandson was delayed last year due to the pandemic. Joan reports it was held in Oak Park, IL on June 11, 2022. Midge was present with her family and enjoyed the happy family gathering and celebration. Midge returned to her home in Rhineback, NY. On Friday, June 24, 2022, Midge died peacefully in her sleep as a result of a heart ailment. Joan called **Sister Josephine Magoffin Lucker**, MM, to share the news of Midge's passing. They enjoyed a nice visit by phone. Several years ago, Joan was visiting Midge in New York and they drove to the Maryknoll Convent to visit her. Sister will remember Midge in her prayers.

**Jane Flynn Carroll** and **Peg Tiernan Sheehan** were roommates at Saint Mary's and remain in contact. Jane writes that Peg has seven grandchildren. The older, Dan, just finished his medical training at Loyola Medical Center in Chicago. He is specializing in research. He is married to a doctor. Her youngest grandchild Kate is married and is expecting her first child. That will be Peg's first great-grandchild. Two other grandchildren are in Colorado and love it there.

Jane celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 19, 2022. Her Texas daughter Lucy was visiting for four days. Her two local daughters and son John were also visiting, which made the day very special. And she had just passed and renewed her Illinois driver's license! Jane's oldest granddaughter Geena was married on August 23, 2022. The Mass was at Old St. Pat's in Chicago and the reception was at the Marriott. The best part about it was another family reunion. The five out-of-state families were present. A wedding the previous October was the first reunion in four years!

**Joan Rossi** wrote that the funeral Mass for our classmate **Janell Wenzel O'Barski** was held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at the Infant Jesus of Prague Church in Flossmore, IL. **Rose Marie Murphy Foley** and her husband Ben were also present. Rose Marie wrote that Janell's niece Traci Ciabelle and her four nephews were in attendance along with great-nieces and great-nephews. The priest celebrating Mass was Father Gilligen. He spoke lovingly of Janell since he knew her from the 15 years she had resided at the retirement village.

Father and Traci spoke about how knowledgeable Janell was on so many topics but especially history and English. Traci mentioned the wonderful times Janell entertained all of the Wenzel family at Thanksgiving and Christmas. They were all able to be with Janell and assist her moving into the assisted living building at Sunrise Villa in Olympia Fields, IL. Janell died unexpectedly a few days later. Joan and Rose Marie traveled with Janell many times and will miss their cheerful companion, who they know is in God's hands. On Sunday, July 24, 2022, Rose Marie's daughter Jennifer planned a surprise birthday party for her in Gilman, IL. She was very surprised! In attendance were her family and many friends including Joan and her niece Ann Cummins. Rose Marie and Ben survived COVID with mild symptoms. In late October, Rose Marie and Ben took their daughter and son-in-law to O'Hare airport. Joan met them in Oakbrook, IL for dinner at Drury Lane. They enjoyed the play *Murder on The Orient Express*.

**Mary Ann Kramer Campbell** writes from Holy Cross Village (neighbor to Saint Mary's College). Recently in the *South Bend Tribune* she read of the death of Richard C. Pilger Jr. Dick "courted" **Patricia McAndrews**, who was a roommate of the late **Rody Oppenheim Dilenschneider**.

Richard graduated valedictorian in 1950 from Palm Beach High School. Declining admission to MIT, he majored in chemistry at the University of Notre Dame, earning his Bachelor of Science degree, magna cum laude, in 1954. He earned a Doctorate of Philosophy in chemistry at the University of California, studying as a National Science Foundation Fellow under Nobel laureates and specializing in nuclear chemistry. While earning his PhD he married **Patricia McAndrews**, social worker. He taught at Washington University, the University of Notre Dame, and Saint Mary's College training generations of successful nurses, physicians, and scientists. He worked and travelled on the investigation of radioactive Strontium-90 fallout in the American food supply prior to the 1963 Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere.

Richard also coached a Saint Mary's academic team through national televised competitions on NBC's College Bowl in 1967 and served for many years as the Marshal of Saint Mary's College, where he retired as professor of chemistry and physics emeritus in 1998.

Richard was a member of the band of the Fighting Irish, playing the kettle drums during the 1952 and 1953 seasons. He also served as an Irish Guard in the 1953 season. At his death, he was the oldest surviving guardsman. A great lover of the English language and its literature, he published poetry in the "Juggler" and authored his own chemistry textbook. Richard also participated for three decades as a basso profundo in the South Bend Symphonic Choir.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on October 19, 2022, in St. Joseph Catholic Church.

**Patricia McAndrews Pilger** preceded Dick in death along with their daughter Andrea. He is survived by their son Richard C. Pilger, five grandchildren, step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren. Contributions in memory of Richard may be donated to the Patricia Pilger Scholarship Fund at Saint Mary's College.

**Carol O'Brien Scheller** says her daughter Beth hopes to bring her to SMC in the spring of 2023 to visit **Mary Ann Kramer Campbell** and enjoy the beauty of the campus.

Mary Ann is grateful for videos of family events. Since her traveling days are over because she is on a walker, she was able to watch her husband Tom's remains burial service at Arlington National Cemetery in August 2022 and will be able to see videos of three grandchildren who are being married in Connecticut, Colorado, and Wisconsin or Texas in 2023.

Last September, I briefly visited Saint Mary's campus on a Monday morning. Words cannot express how very beautiful it is — many handsome and impressive buildings. The landscaping was picture perfect. Briefly visited the bookstore. My purchase included an umbrella. It is amazing how many persons are happy to stop and chat about Saint Mary's upon viewing its name. I shall never forget the calm and beauty of the campus! As we celebrate our 91<sup>st</sup> year with love, peace, and joy, let's keep in touch. Please send news of yourself and family to **Bernice Hopp**, 2735A Marquette Manor West Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46268, email bernice@att.net or call 317-875-1082.

## 1955

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Hello, classmates of the Class of 1955. I am sure **Barbara Bridgman O'Connor** is not happy with the way I have carried on her opportunity for many years of connecting with each of you. However, please know I am giving myself a C- for my grade and hope to do better next year. I have attempted to reach many of you and have been unable to do so. I do wish that you would contact me via phone 248-458-1999 or email, Maureen98@msn.com, and let me know some news that I can share with our classmates. I have had a very busy year as I moved to South Bend from Detroit at the end of 2021. When I returned from Florida in April I moved into a new apartment building downtown, which unfortunately was not completed and was not suitable for my needs. I then moved across the street, which caused me too much stress so I put all my belongings in storage and came to Florida for the winter. I will probably move back to Michigan in the spring.

I did hear that **Shirley Wagner Van Devere** lost their winter home in Ft. Myers during the hurricane. **Mary Beth Croxall Wahl** is a very busy lady in Georgia. She was the architect and builder supervisor of her new home. She misses her friends in Indiana yet is happy to be near family now. I did have a call from another of our classmates and unfortunately do not have the information available to me at the present time.

I would remind us all (as if you don't already know) that with the aging process comes a variety of illnesses which may or may not be treatable. So, let's please pray for each other that we will "accept the things we cannot change and have the courage to change the things we can." A Hail Mary a day may keep the germs away. Take care and God Bless.

## 1956

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Dear Classmates,

In my last message to you, I mentioned news of the death of **Joyce Dykes Slavsky**, but I didn't have many details. Joyce's last residence was in Florida. However, Joyce and her husband John had lived in suburban Detroit for years before becoming permanent Florida residents. Joyce died on July 2. John died on August 16. A memorial Mass for both was celebrated at Holy Name Church in Birmingham, MI on August 16. I was able to attend the Mass but was unable to join the mourners at the reception afterwards.

The Class of '56 grows smaller. **Marilyn Minch Weber** writes that life isn't what it used to be. "My husband passed away last year and that leaves a big void. We were married 64 years with lots of wonderful memories." Marilyn also has memories of being a travel agent for over 34 years and traveling to 88 countries. Now she is "sitting in my comfortable chair enjoying TV and reading." Marilyn is not complaining. People come in to prepare meals because she has difficulty walking. She calls them and other people who help her, a wonderful plus.

**Barbara Clark** writes to remind us that this year she moved from Florida, where she had lived for a long time, to a retirement facility in Cincinnati. She and her family are very happy with her choice. Barbara says she feels blessed to be near her family again.

**Louise Warnicke Renault** called from her home in Tucson with news that most of us are probably not likely to duplicate. This past year, she visited Paris for a week. Of course, she loved it! She said that she worked very hard to get herself in shape for the physical aspect of the trip. She gave thanks to the skill and care of Roads Scholar, the travel agency for older people. Louise said that jet lag was the most difficult problem that she had.

Louise lives alone in a townhouse in the middle of things in Tucson. She gave up driving about four years ago. Personal transportation companies, like Lyft, have been her lifeline. Her six children do not live nearby, but the family gets together for occasions. Louise is planning to celebrate Christmas at her son's Austin home. She celebrated her birthday at her daughter's Portland home along with some of the other children.

Louise says that the Paris trip may be her last long trip. But she didn't rule out a long trip completely. Many of us '56ers have physical problems and disabilities that make Paris impossible or very difficult.

**Carolyn Greives Kelley** is not planning a trip to Paris. She also has given up driving. She says that she still has a car in the garage. If you visit her, she will be happy to let you use the car to sightsee around the Boston area, where she lives. Carolyn is a bit unsteady when walking, so she does not walk alone. She used to have three other people who walked with her on occasion. The number is down to one other person.

Once a month Carolyn meets with a computer Zoom book club of eight people. She finds the membership just about the right number for good discussion. The membership is from all over the country with various backgrounds and points of view.

**Sheila Siebert Gallagher** and I reminisced a bit when we talked over the phone about our duo appearance at the 2022 Reunion. Sheila said that life has been quiet since our visit to South Bend. She had just celebrated Thanksgiving with her daughter **Eileen Gallagher Loranger '90**, who lives in a nearby city. She even remarked that the celebration was "quiet."

My Thanksgiving was a bit more celebratory. My daughter **Jessica Reddy Hoek '88**, who lives near us, did all the work. Jessica hosted her brother and his family, who drove up from Cincinnati. The rest of our children stayed in the East. The children consist of four children, nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. (Alas! The great-grandchildren were missing, but they were enjoying their own Thanksgiving in Alexandria, VA.)

## 1957

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Missing, as a class, last June's Reunion, has somehow sparked the need to remain connected. In August, the Alumnae Office sent me the surveys, which many of you completed. They checked them first since they are a prime source of contact information.

**Pat Mason Allen** wrote from Denver, where she and Dick have lived for some time. They look forward to spending summers at Long Beach Island in New Jersey, joined by their seven children and 22 grandchildren.

Dick and **Therese Kachur Miller** still live in Burlington, WI. During the pandemic, six family members were ill with COVID and Therese sadly reported their son Jim perished. Surely a terrible time for them and for many.

**Theresa Binckley Byrne** says she finally "quit her no-brain job after 15 years of fun at Trader Joe's." Now she has more time for tennis, biking, and boogie board time in sunny San Diego.

One survey question asked if daughters or granddaughters attended Saint Mary's. Ken and **Beth Kamm Reising's** two daughters **Clare Reising Sobierski '86** and Suzanne Reising Wireman followed their mother's lead. Kindness and friendships were repeatedly mentioned as learned then and continuing to influence us. **Nancy Vivian Wallace** recalls being told to say "Hi" to classmates and Sisters when passing in the hall or tunnel. Greeting even strangers became a lifelong habit that has served her well. **Ann Schultheis Massey** added, "Friendships made at Saint Mary's are lasting." Ann and **Bobbi Frederick Black** fondly recalled rushing off to the Rec to play bridge or just talk!

The question, What class or teacher made a lasting impact, brought lots of response. Sister Sophia was

most mentioned, for her advice and support. Sister Franzita, Sister Maria Pieta, and Sister Miriam Joseph followed.

Another survey caught my attention. It was from **Mary McCullough Novak**, who had transferred after freshman year to the College of St. Benedict in Minnesota. An email follow-up led to more information. Mary and her husband Denis Novak (a graduate from neighboring St. John's University) have lived in Minnesota for 65 years and have five children and eight grandchildren. What a delight to hear from Mary, whose allegiance of course is to CSB but thinks fondly of her year with us.

The survey from **Mary Jo Long Coulter** had a different email address from the one I'd been using so I followed up to clarify. She is still enjoying life in Bellingham, WA and staying in close touch with her family in Texas, including sister **Eolior Long Yokus '61**. Mary Jo recently was diagnosed with PMR (polymyalgia rheumatica) and is on, as she said, "a bit of a crusade to educate females about it." It is hard to diagnose and treat, is painful and mostly affects women.

In a previous *Courier*, I reported that **Ruth Keefe Herman's** brother Bill had died last January. Ruth was in Chicago mid-June for his memorial and a wonderful family gathering. She has settled in at her retirement community in Virginia and is taking advantage of the many opportunities they offer. She is already involved with the League of Women Voters with voter registration efforts (no surprise there!).

The September wedding of her grandson John Hann brought **Jody Donohoe McGoldrick** to Atlanta along with many of the family. They had all gathered in Chicago for the April wedding of the groom's twin brother so although the setting and arrangements were different, they had had a "rehearsal" of sorts. I'm impressed just thinking of Jody and the clothing selections she faced.

Another grandmother on the wedding circuit was **Irene O'Leary Van Beckum**, who was in Baltimore for the September wedding reception of her granddaughter, whose actual wedding took place during COVID.

Receiving an odd email from **Joan Gibson** led me to send a handwritten note wondering if she had been "hacked." She cheerfully responded that all was well in Nashua, NH and she was not in need of "assistance," but she had heard from many others also. It is comforting to know we are not alone!

Last July I was thrilled to meet **Judy Hanks Maus** and her daughter Susan Hanks Pratts (ND '82) for lunch in Chicago's Fulton Market area. Judy and Susan had been at a family vacation in Petoskey, MI and were returning to Florida.

Those of you on my email list heard of the September death of our dear classmate **Kay Howard Boyle**. Kay was from Ft. Dodge, IA, met Michael Boyle (ND '57), and they were married in '58. Kay's degree was in nutrition and she worked as a dietitian in various hospitals and nursing homes before and after marriage. She and Mike lived most of their married life in Pittsburgh, where they raised their family. She is survived by Mike, their seven children, 14 grandchildren, and one "great." Kay was a great gardener, talented musician and generous volunteer. She was at one time president of the Board of Directors of Saint Mary's Alumnae Association.

**Ann Schultheis Massey**, a long-time neighbor and friend of Kay's, informed me of her death. Our sympathy to Mike, the family, and all her friends.

My information often comes from surprising sources. Our granddaughter Grace Enderle is a sophomore at Nazareth Academy in La Grange Park, IL so we receive their mailings. A recent publication carried the news of the death of our **Jane Rolfe Rigby** in their Alumnae News section, but I have no other information.

In late September came the death of **Janet O'Connell McCue** in her long-time home in Lake Forest, IL. Janet was predeceased by her husband Bernard "Jim" McCue in 2012 but is survived by their six children and families including 22 grandchildren and three "greats." Janet came to Saint Mary's from Trinity High School in River Forest, IL and was one of a select few (three) who were mathematics education majors with **Ann Schultheis Massey** and **Jeannine Timko Lechner**. Ann remembers Janet not only knew her math well but could explain it and was a "wonderful, kind, caring person." Janet went on to receive her master's at Loyola University in Chicago and taught high school math for many years, especially at Woodlands Academy in Lake Forest. **Pat Bauervic Leonard** remembers an amazing European trip with Janet, **Jeannie Haenn Rainey**, and the late **Anne Bittorf Cox** and others in 1958 (after they were all "rich" from their first year of teaching). Janet's services were held at the Church of St. Mary in Lake Forest, and I was able to attend with **Peg Kearin Carey** and **Mary Kathryn Carroll Hartigan**.

Our sympathy also goes to **Carole Nordengren Suttner**, whose husband John Suttner (ND '57), lost his struggle with Parkinson's in October. John died in Chilton, WI, where the Suttners raised their family of eight children and where John established his thriving accounting firm. His surviving family also includes their 19 grandchildren and 10 "greats," many of whom live in the area and will sorely miss his sense of humor and love.

Those of you on my email list know that as I was preparing the email regarding John's death, **Anne White Maysak** called with news of the death of Elizabeth (Betsy) Riley, daughter of **Mary Comisky Riley** and the late Gerry Riley. After college, Betsy was pursuing a career in the cosmetic and fashion field when she suffered a cerebral aneurysm (1998). The challenging years that followed were made better by the devoted care she received and her own inspiring personality.



**Ellen Boyle Benish** and her granddaughter **Madeline Inez O'Sullivan '12** with **Mary O'Connor** (seated).

I was determined to end this column on a positive, upbeat note and an email from **Mary O'Connor** provided just that! She will be spending Thanksgiving with **Ellen Boyle Benish** at the Benish's Benessere Winery in the Napa Valley, where the leaves are still on the grape vines. Mary assures me that the leaves on each wine variety change to a different color, from yellow, orange, rust, and purple. I believe her when she says, "It's a gorgeous spectacle."

## 1958



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Hi Everyone,

How are you all? Are you having a good year?

I got a terrific note from **Sally Teppert McKendry**. She and her husband keep active going to exercise Monday through Friday with social coffee afterwards. A special time for both of them was going to the Van Gogh exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Art. Reunion is in their June plans.

Greetings to all from **"Andy" Mulligan Hinderscheid**. She and her husband Lee Hinderscheid (ND '58) retired in Florida in 2000. Lee passed away about five years ago. Andy recently moved to an independent living apartment nearby: 191 Astaire Lane, Apt. 230, Spring Hill, FL 34609.

I got a wonderful note from **Jody Vetter Olson** stating, "No news is good news." She is keeping her fingers crossed to get to Reunion. She also hopes all of us make a real effort to gather and remember fondly how fortunate we are to be Saint Mary's graduates. What a special time in our lives.

**Teddi Reid Murray** sends her love. She is blessed with five great-grandsons. She is spending Christmas in Houston with her youngest son Tom and his wife Carol. More good news. Teddi is planning to attend our 65<sup>th</sup> Reunion.

**Paula Lawton Bevington** can't come to Reunion. She sends her hello. We will miss her.

Hello from Hixome! Roger and **Mary Ann Saxe Hickey** are doing well. Mary Ann said she has heard from **Mary Alice Hixson Malesardi**. Mary Alice and Dick are enjoying the warm weather in Bethany.

Called **Hannah Grasberger Storen**. Her son Duke came to visit, which was a treat. She still goes to book club in Houston and really enjoys that.

I also called **Sue Corcoran Griffin**. She and **Margaret Casey Phillips** stay in touch. They each have lost a grandson in the last two years and have helped each other through it.

**Patricia Elen Costello** went on a lovely trip to Sicily. She made new friends. Sicily in May was beautiful and she said the Mt. Etna volcano even gave them a lava show.

I am doing well. I have started painting in oils and like it a lot. I did watercolors for years. Traveling to LA for Thanksgiving 2022 to visit my two daughters **Lucy Hanahan DaGiau '83** and **Sheila Hanahan Taylor '91** and their families.

Send me news. Much love!

## 1959

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Received a newsy email from **Colleen Taffee Goldkamp Harmon** just before Thanksgiving. She is adjusting to her senior living community following the death of her husband Bob. Her daughter **Barbara Goldkamp Henry '86** (my daughter **Carmella Trafficanda Hurlbut '86's** Saint Mary's roommate) recently relocated from the East Coast to Missouri and her other two daughters live nearby. She looks forward to joining the entire family this summer for their annual Hilton Head Island gathering.

**Pat Wilson Fastiggi** will head for her winter home in Texas after spending Thanksgiving with four of her five children in Vermont, where she summers.

I am in touch with my roommate's, the late **Anne Rody Cooney**, daughter, who writes that her 14-year-old daughter Tara, Anne's granddaughter, is a budding actress and will be auditioning in front of 100 talent agents in Los Angeles in January. Anne would be so proud of Tara. You may recall that Anne had the lead as Laurey in *Oklahoma* at Notre Dame in 1958. She had a beautiful voice and was a talented actress and I miss her very much.

Please keep **Jan Feller Schmidt** in your prayers. I heard from her daughter that she is dealing with some serious health issues.

**Rose Marie (Cass) Cassmeyer Hutches** writes from Springfield, IL that she will be undergoing a double knee replacement in September. Meanwhile, she stays busy competing with her dogs in canine sports and other things. She recently lost her collie Fibber McGee. He was the top collie in Barn Hunt, recognized by the Collie Club of America as the Shining Star Ambassador in 2019 for his therapy work and his excellence in herding. Fibber was the most special dog she ever had and is survived by her other furry friends Molly, Smokey, and Sir Prize. Cass gets together a few times a year with **Pat Cahill Jones**, who lives about 40 miles from her. They met for lunch last March at Coney McKane's to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

**Mary Moran Smith** writes that she is alive and well in Scottsdale. She traveled to California with some girlfriends in July to attend *The Pageant of the Masters* in Laguna Beach. It is an annual show where local actors re-create famous works of art known as "living pictures." She also attended her daughter's long, COVID-delayed wedding in Rancho Santa Fe (San Diego area). Mary golfs once a week and enjoys various games with friends when not on the links. She looks forward to a visit with her first great-grandchild in the very near future.

My sister **Betty Benford Belfiore** evacuated with her son and dogs to Palm Beach in September, when Ian, a category 4 hurricane, hit the Southwest coast of Florida. Luckily, her house in Venice, FL survived with little or no damage, and my daughter, who lives in Naples, FL, suffered a tear in her pool

screen and copious debris in her yard...but they were the lucky ones.

Got a delightful email from **Rima Ripoll Scott**, and I quote: "Richard, now 88, and I are still in our largish house in the English countryside and hope that we'll be able to stay put. No 'downsizing' for us, I hope! We've given over our 'flat' in London to one of our 12 grandchildren (Zahraa), who got married this summer. So visits to London are somewhat restricted. But one or other of our four children pop in frequently, including hops from New York and Madrid, where two of our children live. Also lots of visits from assorted 12 grandchildren. Still waiting for my great-grandchildren. Continue to feel blessed for my scholarship to SMC all those years ago. It's where I met Richard and embarked on the great adventure of living in England for the past 63 years! I never dreamt that Richard would become a Supreme Court judge and that I would have a wonderfully busy life and satisfying career, mainly in the voluntary sector. Advent Blessings to all," signed Rima.

Last minute news from **Jackie Baumer Berg**. "Life is good in Huntsville, AL, 2022's #1 City in the US and a great international community. It's a friendly place with arts and entertainment venues. Last week, we saw a fabulous touring production of *Anastasia*. As a theatre minor, I rate it five stars!" She says she and Tom are mobile with canes. Four of their children live within walking distance and are a Godsend, and with their 22 grandchildren and one great, something is always happening!

All is well here. With the imminent arrival of our fourth great-grandchild to be born in 2022 (due any day now) the count will be nine...with two more due next year. Gerry and I took a seven-day "pick-leball" cruise on Holland America to the Mexican Riviera just before Thanksgiving. A good time was had by all 43 of us from our retirement community who enjoyed "dinking" and "drinking" on the ocean. Thanks to all of you who shared...keep it coming!

## 1961

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A note from **Diane Crowley** reported that she and husband George Hano are in New Hampshire in the summer and South Carolina in the winter. Her one biological granddaughter is a senior at Cornell (George's alma mater), so now they root for the Big Red of Cornell. Diane has a son Pat in Rockville, MD and another, John, in Atlanta. They are able to see them and their families on the way when driving to and from South Carolina. Since 1996, she and George have been very active in the Lifelong Learning Institute at Dartmouth College — ILEAD, then Osher at Dartmouth — making wonderful friends and keeping the gray matter synapsing. Diane says they are "blessed to have good health — okay, with a cane and a bevy of pills — but, boy, are we thankful!"

**Meg Scott O'Neill** in Sacramento had a wonderful visit with **Rosemary Hughes Cabe** last fall. It is lovely to stay in contact and have catch-up time.

Sad news from **Gail Altenburg Van Tiem**, who reported that her son Tom passed away on October

24, 2022, in Gainesville, GA. Strokes and kidney failure made his last six months especially hard. Your prayers are much appreciated.

**Ruth Putnam Lord** and husband Gary had spent summers in Portland, OR, where three of their children and their families live, and wintered in Arizona, where they have lived since 1998. Her life changed abruptly with the unexpected death of her husband in July. They had vacationed in Hawaii in January, attended the postponed 60<sup>th</sup> West Point reunion in February, skied in Utah in March, and played bridge and golfed twice a week in April. They had planned to return to Europe in May and camp throughout Alaska in July. However, in May, Gary was diagnosed with an aggressive form of noncurable large B cell lymphoma. He passed two months later. Ruthie keeps in touch with her roommate **Rowie Hoefer Maher**, whose husband died a few years ago from complications of COVID. Rowie has worked in the pro-life movement since its beginning and is thrilled with the Supreme Court's reversal of Roe vs. Wade.

After retiring from teaching in an elementary school in Kenosha Unified schools, **Pauline Capelli McTernan** began working as the development director for St. Joseph Catholic Academy. She has been in charge of the Annual Auction, the major fundraiser for many years. Included in the fundraiser were in-house raffles, approximately 300 items on display, food stations, coffee stations, and three bars that served various drinks. There was also a bourbon cigar tent right outside the back door of the gym. A good time was had by all.

**Susan Fitzgerald Rice** and husband Don had dinner last summer in Carmel, CA with **Julia Armstrong-Zwart** and her husband, who drove down from Santa Cruz. Susan reported that the Los Angeles Alumnae Club continues its successful Christmas ornament project, designed with College legacy topics. It has been a rewarding project for all involved and the College has been helpful in marketing them. The College has also helped each year in confirming the accuracy of each building's history that is included in the ornament's gift box (www.saintmarysclub.com). Susan has taken on a volunteer project at the Los Angeles parish where the Sisters of the Holy Cross lived and worked for over 120 years. The eighth-grade class raised money to commemorate their legacy, and she is helping the parish with the growth of the fund. Both Don and Susan are still working. Fortunately, the hours are flexible and most of it can be done at home. They celebrated 60 years of marriage in August.

## 1962

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The class update forms sent last year gave us much news!

**Maggie Smith Welch** reports that they spend summer months in Venice, FL and the winters in Chagrin Falls, OH. Their three daughters have given them seven grandchildren they remain very close to, with two out of college and working, a granddaughter who graduated from ND and is in medical school, and four who will graduate from college, one each of the next four years. They keep busy

traveling to all those events and with nonprofits in the Venice area, golf and lots of exercise. Maggie welcomes visits if you are in the Venice area during the winter.

**Marie Hank McKellar**, retired college math professor, and her husband Arch planned a move from their home in Dobbs Ferry, NY, to Evanston, IL, where they will be living in The Mather, a retirement complex.

**Denise Doychak** retired 30 years ago as a teacher in Clifton, NJ and has been traveling the world! Some of her most memorable trips were to the beaches of Normandy, riding the Orient Express from Vienna to Paris, spending Christmas and New Year's in Vienna, a Danube River cruise from Vienna to the Black Sea that included a tour of Transylvania, a Baltic Sea cruise that included Stockholm, St. Petersburg, Tallinn, Helsinki, and Copenhagen, and a Brussels to Amsterdam cruise during tulip season! She thanks God for good health and good friends...as do we all!

**Sister Jeanne E. Niswonger, OSF**, known to us as Beverly, has also retired from teaching high school math and other duties and is now in the Franciscan retirement home filling a variety of roles. She hears from **Carol Futterknecht Anastasio**, who lost her husband in 2020 and who lives in Florida in the winter. She also keeps in touch with **Maribel Kelper Early**, who lives in South Bend with her husband George.

**Paula Walsh Henry** reports that she and her

husband Bob of 59 years (60 by the time you read this) live in Naperville, IL in the summer and Naples, FL in the winter. Her daughter is **Lisa Henry Sarosi '90** and two of her sons are ND grads. They have 10 grandchildren with a wedding of the oldest last summer. Paula plays golf, keeps active, and enjoys a wonderful life with friends and family!

Another retiree is **Maureen Callahan Schmid** of Chandler, AZ. Her husband Leonard Faltz died in 2020, and Maureen is living independently in a continuing care community. She still sings in her church choir and in a community chorus!

**Kay Moore Gibbons** was married to her college sweetheart Jack for over 56 years, and she has three ND grad sons and three SMC daughters, **Sheila Gibbons '88**, **Kathleen Marie Gibbons '89**, and the late **Erin E. Gibbons '86**, and 10 grandchildren and they travelled the world together! She lives in Dublin, OH, where she keeps busy with volunteering for the Pro-Life Women's Care Center, using her nursing for her service as a Dame of Malta in Columbus' inner city, and for the Christ Child Society, of which she is the founder. Kay says that God has been the center of her life and although she has lost some family and friends over the years and the missing never ends, she counts on reunions in the afterlife.

**Carol Jenney Ostrom**, of Auburn, CA, retired as pediatric RN and nursing instructor, reports staying connected with family and friends via phone calls and email during COVID. She is grateful that she and

her husband are still active, healthy, and enjoying their grandchildren!

**Jean Kollman Gendron** of Montgomery Village, MD reports that after being widowed for 16 years she unexpectedly remarried in 2017...she says that life is full of challenges and surprises! Jean has a great extended family of nine nieces/nephews and 20 grandnieces/grandnephews. She is very pro-life and is working hard to change the very liberal abortion laws in Maryland.

**Margaret Hueimmer Kluszynski** and her husband Joe live in Mishawaka, IN and enjoy good health and their eight grandchildren, the oldest serving in Aviano, Italy, in the Air Force.

**Sheila Higgins Botti**, of Burr Ridge, IL, reports feeling lucky for many things. One is that she and Al have eight grandchildren all under 12 and living in the Chicago area who bring them such joy. Another is that she and Al are both still working and doing things they love. Al practices law, with two of their sons working with him. Sheila, her sister Nancy, and a few friends started a furniture consignment shop, The Courtyard, in Hinsdale, IL, over 30 years ago, raising money for Wellness House, a cancer support center there. Several million dollars have been raised since it began, and Sheila is very grateful to have been involved.

We are delighted to have heard from so many people and hope that we will get updates from many, many more '62 alumnae!

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## 1963

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Lovely phone conversation with **Irene Canny Lange**, who told me she is back in her home in Fort Myers, FL. Irene had moved to her sister's home in the area as Hurricane Ian pounded away in the state. Her home sustained some shocking damage, but insurance has covered the reconstruction. Irene's wonderful spirit of gratitude extended across all the topics we covered, including her appreciation for the way Zoom enabled so many classmates to be "present" at **Nancy Van Etten Haske's** recent funeral.

I resonate to Irene's sense of gratitude, noting the ways many SMC friends have responded to an online network mobilized to support **Margo Vitalich Manley**, who was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer almost a year ago. Margo has been deeply moved and strengthened by the ongoing support. Here and there, gestures from friends have wowed me. As one example, when Margo worried about who could take of her beloved dog while she faced a treatment extending over several months, **Sue Sullivan Lane** reached out to me from Denver with news that her son had friends in Northern California willing to take Abby, the dog. Around that time, another networker reflected that the network interactions reminded her of one of Caryll House-länder's insights: "Compassion, the communion in suffering of those who love, is the suffering that redeems; it is Christ's love in the world; it exists only because people love one another, and because it exists, it begets more love" (*Give Us This Day*).

Sending wishes (as I write in early December) that you will have a happy spring and experience often the blessings that come from these old and dear friendships. Please send me news of you for a late July deadline!

## 1964

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Dear Ladies,

I was going to use SM's "chicks" but now it would be "hens." This is very short this time because the only person who replied to my plea for news was **Gail Huisking**.

Gail had never written before and she commented on our class-endowed scholarship and how our young recipient was so appreciative of her opportunity to be an SMC student! Gail's family has also had a 30+ years foundation in which she has selected Native American Catholic schools and organizations and is happy to have made a difference in those lives.

Gail was close to the late **Sheila Scanlon Lewis** and took her, while she had cancer, back to one of our Reunions. The late **Judy Porst**, also a roommate, went to Florida and taught at the local Catholic elementary school with Gail. **Mary Jo Janssen Cook** and Gail have done trips together to China, England, and Yugoslavia.

Thinking back to college days, Gail remembers that she and Sheila were the first freshmen who were

"campused" for talking to ND fellows on the road up to SMC. Another time, she and others were caught in a raid by the police at Giuseppi's for serving under-age minors and taken to the police station. Months later, the police drove them to Indianapolis to testify in court!

Gail's most wonderful memories were of the summer of 1965 when she, the late **Judy Porst**, and **Judy Koetters Eilers** spent time traveling for two months in Europe, joined by **Mary Van Etten Weithers** for three weeks.

I hope this issue finds you healthy and "moving" along. Try and organize some SMC get-togethers, relive your stories, share your pictures...and then let me know. As I said in the previous email, I no longer get changes of address, emails, cell numbers so keep me in mind.

PEACE, JOY, LOVE, AND HOPE

## 1965

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A nice note from our intrepid traveler **Sheila Flynn Boone**: "We finally were able to take our trip to France last October, which had been rescheduled twice because of COVID. The trip was wonderful, and the French really appreciated having a tour group there. We have made many trips to California to see our 18-month-old granddaughter Charlotte, and her sister 7-month-old Caroline (Irish twins!). On one of those trips we detoured to Tucson, AZ to see **Betty Ann Rice Kaminsky** and **Regina Parks**. Both were doing well at that time. Now, Betty Ann needs lots of prayers for a speedy recovery. Our Colorado ski season was short this year — very little snow. Am hoping for good snow for the upcoming season, then will probably 'hang up' my skis. I hated to miss our '55+2' class Reunion, but did get to SMC the first week of June when we were at ND for Michael's reunion. Our campus looked as beautiful as ever. Thanks to Sheila, **Cille Sorrentino Bucolo**, **Rosann Gorman Conroy**, and **Eileen Fitzgerald Harris** for representing our class of 1965 at Reunion."

Speaking of travel, **Elise Meyer** took a trip to Paris SOLO! Elise is a long-time Francophile and was missing her beloved France. She contacted a travel consultant and set up her week of enjoyment in the "City of Lights" this past September. The weather was perfect and the museums were stellar. All went perfectly. What a gal!

**Patsy Callahan Berry** emailed from Texas: "I am going to be in Lake Forest, IL from August 8 to August 31, house-sitting at my daughter's and enjoying cool weather! Been over 100 degrees here for months now. Would love to get together." We did connect and had a great mini-reunion luncheon at **Cille Sorrentino Bucolo's** gorgeous home in Oak Park. **Katherine Zeller Nicklin** and **Marianne Spalding Schiavone** joined us.

"Thanks for sending the Reunion picture," writes **Janine Renaud Burns**. "You looked great! So did your swanky SMC friends! Hard to believe so many years have passed since '65. Hopefully, we've all enhanced our sense of humor and added wisdom along the way. I've acquired a walker...small price to pay for continued mobility. Dave's a bit gimpy

too. Combined with our white hair, I suspect we're a bit noticeable as we roam undaunted. After 2½ years of COVID restrictions, we finally managed 'to get home' to Toronto to the end of May," writes Janine. "While we've been seasonal residents of Canada for 15 years, Toronto has become the fourth largest city in North America (Mexico City is #1). New condo and road construction is a constant. In 2020, 180 different languages were officially recognized here. Now that's an ESOL teaching challenge! Anyone not comfortable with diversity should probably not come, but we appreciate its benefits. Tomorrow, we'll begin a leisurely drive back to Virginia and become rural area dwellers once more." Bless Janine, she actually sent reading ideas! "Books: I've read more than usual this summer. Here are a few." Thank you SO much, Janine!

*Clark and Division*, Naomi Hirahara - A++

*Never*, Ken Follett - A

*The Silent Patient*, Alex Michaelides - A

*The Dressmaker's Secret*, Lorna Cook - A

*The Betrayal of Anne Frank*, Rosemary Sullivan - B+ (mystery not resolved)

"Right now I'm reading Daniel Silva's *Portrait of an Unknown Woman* and think it's going to be an A+. I enjoyed all the books, but you can probably tell I was really captured by *Clark and Division*."

One more aside from Janine that I thought could be echoed by any and all of us in the class of 1965! "My primary news is that, for the first time, Dave and I agree we are old. For years, we have not acknowledged this, ignoring signs and gimpiness for both. No longer. In our 80<sup>th</sup> year, we know for sure that we are old, talk about it, and agree it's OK! And in case you are wondering, we are not gravely ill nor depressed. We like and love each other, laugh a lot, and plan to visit our son Jim and his family in Florida for Christmas. In May, we're planning to head back to Canada. So, we're officially old but enjoying life and all is well." Beautifully said, Janine. Thank you and Love!

"Cameron and I are beyond blessed this Thanksgiving," writes **Beverly Senda DeFoe**. "We are in Phoenix with my sister **Carol Senda Damaso '66** and niece **Karen Marie Damaso '96**. So, lots of campus memories. And, our sons Dean and Patrick and their families are here. And, it's our 50<sup>th</sup>! God is so very good."

A Florida note from **Pat Hoben Daniels**: "We're recovering from Hurricane Ian here and are thankful for survival and all that we didn't lose. So many around us fared so much worse. It will be a quiet holiday for me with a few friends. In December I'm off to Boston to spend Christmas with my youngest and his family... hopefully without too much snow!"

A newsy note from **Paulette Couere Gamard** in New Orleans. "After 43 years as a teacher and assistant, I am now going to do only the occasional substituting. My 10 grandchildren are growing up fast. Three are in high school, five are in college and graduate school, one is hiking the Appalachian Trail, and my oldest is mother to my two great-granddaughters. Most of us were able to get together for a very enjoyable week at a beautiful lake in Alabama in July."

From **Kathleen McAnaney Glaser**: "ND football hasn't had a sterling start! Hopefully they'll be up to speed by the Stanford game when my

grandson is going to look at ND and we are having a mini-reunion with some nieces, nephews, and their children. My granddaughter's good friend has transferred to SMC, suggested by Aimee's tales of my love for and enjoyment of and continued involvement with SMC. I'll meet her when I go for the Christian Culture lecture, and my granddaughter will also join the family weekend and is excited to see MY school. She is at Pitzer in Claremont, CA. Not sure when our class will gather again but so hope we can!"

A sweet California note from **Jane Groskopf Voll**: "Thank you for your birthday greeting, dear Sheila, and for keeping all of our class news going! It is much appreciated by those of us from afar. We are doing well and even working part time as ushers at the symphony and theaters. They were desperate for help after opening after COVID. Fortunately, we haven't gotten sick and have been careful with masking. Who knew, nearing 80! Although, I feel I am still learning every day! Have a wonderful holiday! Love, Janie." Just an aside from me: I'm so grateful for Lil's birthday poems to us all. The responses keep me updated.

Our SMC love goes on. **Helen Reichert Restovich** wrote a lovely note concerning her twin granddaughters and their applications to SMC. They were accepted, and here's the proud grandma to prove it! "Hope you have had a wonderful Thanksgiving! Our family is all here and I was checking with my twin granddaughters about their SMC applications. They had sent their information in and just as we were going to be seated for our Thanksgiving meal, Kate said, 'Grandma, I have a message from Saint Mary's!' As you might imagine, we all were very excited and then thrilled to see that both Kate Restovich and Annie Restovich were accepted at Saint Mary's! They are the daughters of my son George and his wife Michelle. George and his wife are both graduates of Notre Dame and they are so proud of their daughters. Kate and Annie will be playing basketball for the Belles! So many blessings this Thanksgiving!" Best News Ever, Helen!



**Helen Reichert Restovich** with twin granddaughters **Kate Restovich** and **Annie Restovich**, newly accepted to Saint Mary's!

"Dear SMC classmates" from **Marianne Spalding Schiavone**: "I thank you for your birthday greetings and newsy notes of yourselves and families. Many of us are now or soon to be in our 80<sup>th</sup> year and we

## 1966

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With the temperatures in the low 20s in Chicago today, it made me very jealous to hear that **Martha Crikelair Wohlford** stills lives and thrives on an island called Serenity, Staniel Cay, Exumas, Bahamas. Marty says she loves her toes in the sand.

**Alana McGrattan** celebrated Thanksgiving with a cousin who resides in Oklahoma; Alana's son and family from New Jersey joined the festivities. Alana is involved with the New Deal Preservation Association Sister Cities Albuquerque and New Mexico State Library Foundations. When not busy with this huge activity, Alana works at an organic vegetable farm.

**Susan Klover Martin** sent word from Austin, TX. Susan spends a great deal of time going with her son and his family to football home games. She has two great-grandchildren who live in Miami that she misses seeing.

**Shirley Yancey Kloefer** wrote of her trip to Saint Mary's in early November. She took two high school seniors from the local Catholic school for a college visit. "It was wonderful reliving the beauty of our college with those first-generation Hispanic young ladies who have grown up coming to La Casa Amiga, our Hispanic center in Madison, IN.

Shirley experienced her second pilgrimage to Santiago De Compostels. In 2018, she did the French way from Pirineos to Santiago. This year, she traveled the Portuguese way from Lisbon to Santiago and then to Finisterre, Spain. "You do have to prepare and train before you do something like this, but age isn't a barrier for a pilgrimage that can give you renewed Energy and Love."

**Carol Senda Damaso** sent greetings from Scottsdale, AZ. She and her husband Don were blessed with their third grandchild, a darling little boy. "Nothing sings of goodness and light as a new baby."

This fall, I received a call from **Mary Fran Petricca Gleason**, who also lives in Scottsdale. Mary Fran said that our girls were together. It turns out that Mary Gleason (ND '94) by chance approached my daughter Katie Gott Boscher (ND '97) at the festivities honoring women at Notre Dame this summer. Mary had not seen Katie since they were both youngsters. When they introduced each other, they connected that Mary's dad Jim and Katie's dad were roommates at Notre Dame.

**Pat Hilger Zeigler** traveled to Destin, FL for a family Christmas. Son Jim came from Norman, OK. Daughter Sara drove from Atlanta, GA, as did Aileen from Macon, GA. Pat celebrated the holiday with her children and six grands from ages of 15 years old to 3 years old.

**Anne Sheehan Garbarino** relocated to The Crosslands in Kennett Square, PA. She will now be 20 miles from her daughter. She finds the people at the retirement community to be interesting. There are a lot of activities offered. Anne said that it reminded her of being back in college. She has a meal plan for 25 meals that she shares with her new friends. Anne will donate her time to the adult literacy program



Left to right: **Carla Aderente**, **Jan McCale O'Neill**, **Betty Ann Rice Kaminsky**, **Janine Renaud Burns**, and **Terry Miltich Murphy**.

**Carla Aderente's** Road Trip! "Last October, I took a road trip southeast and then up the East Coast visiting friends, relatives, and my grandfather's murals here and there. One of the main reasons for the trip was to meet up with **Betty Ann Rice Kaminsky** in New Bern, NC at her brother's house and from there we drove north so she could visit her other brother (they are twins) in Virginia. I conspired with **Terry Miltich Murphy**, **Jan McCale O'Neill**, and **Janine Renaud Burns** to meet us for lunch in Williamsburg and surprise Betty Ann. Yep, she was surprised! We had a lovely lunch and an even lovelier visit. While in Virginia, we saw the MLK Memorial in DC, one of my grandfather's murals in a church in Salisbury, MD, and visited my cousins in Rockville, MD. From there we traveled north to Westfield, NJ, where Betty Ann would spend a couple of weeks with her sister. After seeing friends in New Jersey, I went on to spend time with several friends north of NYC. In view of Betty's current health issues, I will always treasure our 'back East road trip'. Safe travels everyone!" Thanks, Carla!

run by the local library. Hopefully, she will spend the winter skiing in the Adirondacks.

**Maureen Rodgers Budetti** writes that the SMC Belles Book Group in the Washington, DC, area still meets through Zoom. Other members of this group are **Kate O'Hara Aubert, Carol Smither Mansfield,** and **Ann Liess Hoover.**

In mid-October, our group met in Chicago for a fun few days chatting and exploring the city. **Sharon Priester Lewert, Mary Dunn Finneran,** and I organized the activities and meals for the group. **Carolyn Hart Irvine, Kathie Donovan Dur, Amy Bertorelli, Dede Cotter Delaney,** and **Jane McCoach McKee** enjoyed tours of Millennium Park, the architectural boat tour and a fascinating tour of the Chicago Gold Coast.



Clockwise from lower left: **Mary Kay Duffy Gott, Sharon Priester Lewert, Jane McCoach McKee, Jane McCoach McKee, Mary Dunn Finneran, Kathie Donovan Dur, Dede Cotter Delaney, Carolyn Hart Irvine, and Amy Bertorelli.**

## 1967

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The mailbox was quieter this time, but it was all good news.

**Mary Dellere Dodd** is planning to attend her first Saint Mary's luncheon in Overland Park, KS in December, hoping to connect with some of the Saint Mary's family. She says that she left SMC after two years so that her sister **Margaret Dellere Snow '69** could attend SMC for two years. Both transferred to K-State near home. She and her husband Frank Dodd grew up in Manhattan, KS and will celebrate 50 years of marriage in 2023. They have raised four children and have one grandchild.

**Suzanne Seidl Griffin** has finished her first novel, *Aziza, The Story of an Afghan Girl*, and is now seeking a publisher. After two previous attempts were canceled by COVID, she was finally able to make it to Greece in September. While there, she visited places where Aristotle and Plato taught and saw manuscripts and ancient artifacts in museums at Athens, Ithaca, and Hydra, recalling classes in philosophy and logic at SMC. Suzanne is fortunate in having daughters and grandchildren nearby and she enjoys being part of their lives. It's fall as she writes, and her memories of colorful trees on The Avenue, football games, and traditions remain strong.

**Cheryl (brown hair) Smith Hofweber** checking in. Cheryl was in the "small but awesome group" that gathered at SMC for the 2022 Reunion. She continues performing and writing songs, and hopes

to have some new ones for our 60th Reunion. She recently became a grandmother for the first time, "late to the game but loving it." She is "officially retired from the education world, but still working to help create a more caring and compassionate community with a deeper understanding of the impacts of trauma and adverse childhood experiences on health, wellness, and addictions."

**Loreli Trippel** reported that **Sharon Wilchar** was honored by the City of Emeryville, CA with a proclamation "in recognition of Sharon Wilchar's contributions to the Emeryville community and ongoing efforts as an artist and arts advocate for over 30 years." Her many accomplishments included "initiating the Art in Public Places Ordinance" and "launching the Emeryville Celebration of the Arts annual exhibition" and "serving for almost 40 years as the Community Liaison for the Emeryville Artists' Cooperative." That's only the first paragraph! You can't hide your light under a bushel any longer, Sharon.



**Sharon Wilchar** honored for her decades of work in art for the community by the city of Emeryville, CA.

My best news is that our daughter Cate Frieman finally made it out of Australia for a three-week visit home this fall. It was incredible seeing her in person for the first time in three years!

I'm also including some updates provided by the Alumnae Office that didn't make the August 1 deadline. **Kathryn Gamble Wood** wrote that she "survived shutdown and still made a few trips from California to Yellowstone, camping, then on to Wisconsin for family visits." **Deborah Freeman Flatley** is a retired elementary teacher, mother of two, and grandmother of four. **Katie Cooney Lisa** has retired from clinical social work and listed personal triumphs: "raising five healthy children into adulthood, nurturing a healthy marriage until widowhood, sustaining loving relationships with siblings." **Penelope (Penny) Haller Hyman** is a retired former flight attendant who earned an MEd in counseling and a MA in English literature since SMC. She wrote and published a memoir about her father George D. Haller (ND 1919) dedicated to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. **Rosemarie Westling Brumfield** has recently relocated from the West Coast to Atlanta to be closer to family. She completed a PhD in 1984 and notes that her personal triumph is "raising an incredibly gifted daughter who is committed to the wellbeing and peace of mind of individuals in insecure times." **Margaret H. Cooney**, with a doctorate in rehabilitation counseling, retired as professor emeritus, CSU San Bernardino. **Sister Joan Marie Steadman, CSC,** lives at SMC and is the Area of North America

coordinator for the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

**Susan Rogers Schenkelberg** reflected on the past year's good things. "I had so much fun at Reunion spending time with some great gals who I had not known so well...feeling very blessed to be part of SMC." And the sad. "I sure missed my dear friend who died last January, **Maribeth Cleary Ebner.**" Susan and Charlie have eight grandchildren, four boys and four girls, aged 12–22. Four live in town so they can be involved in multiple events. Susan also really loves BSF Bible study class; this is her fourth year. Though you will see this a bit late, know she is thinking of you as she sends Christmas greetings to dear classmates of 1967.

Writers, artists, travelers, teachers, counselors, parents, and grandparents — the class of '67 rocks!

## 1969

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Hello, classmates! **Eileen Kelly Barry** sent terrific news about **Roz Castrogiovanni Hill.** She wrote, "Recently I had the pleasure of attending the Faithful Citizenship Dinner benefitting the University of St. Thomas in Houston. Our classmate **Roz Hill** was honored with the Faithful Citizenship Award. It was quite the gala, and I feel that Saint Mary's College needs to be aware of her outstanding contribution to the Houston community. The invitation to the event can be found here at news.stthom.edu. A video was played which exemplifies Roz's qualities, not only as a person but as a mother and social worker. UST (9-17-22) on Vimeo." Please note: I don't know if these sites can still be accessed by the time of publication of our column, but I am including them here! Eileen continued, "In addition, Roz was given a painting of *Madonna and Child* that was commissioned in her honor and also a pair of red shoes! (not sure of the meaning of those — Roz!) The whole evening was beautiful with some 500 guests in attendance. Also, **Marty Roark Higgins** will be delivering to the Alumnae Office the program from this event which gives in-depth detail on the evening. Saint Mary's College should be proud to say that Roz is a graduate." Congrats from all of us, Roz, and thanks very much for this news, Eileen!

**Mary Fran Wittenmeier Goetz** emailed in response to my request for news saying, "My husband Jim (ND '69) and I finally celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary, which was two years ago, with a wonderful cruise to the Greek Islands and a visit to Paris. Our nine grandchildren go from Jack, a sophomore cadet at West Point, to baby Evelyn, age 1. Greetings and love to all classmates and friends."

**Prudy Shober Smith** helped add to our column with her update. "I'm happy for you to report our contact and imminent getting together. Chris graduated from ND in '67 and got his PhD from ND in '77. We lived in Gettysburg, PA for 35 years. After both retiring from teaching, we moved to Fuquay-Varina, NC to be close to our two sons. Our daughter is in Philly. We're currently planning the next visit from **Janice Misuriello Horan.** She comes down a couple of times a year to visit, play pickleball (we have a court in our backyard), and work in my studio."



## EXCELSIOR

### Roz Castrogiovanni Hill '69

was awarded at the 12th annual Faithful Citizenship Dinner hosted by the University of St. Thomas-Houston Donald S. Nesti, CSSp Center for Faith & Culture this year's Faithful Citizenship Award for her love in action displayed through philanthropic endeavors, successfully contributing to the welfare of others.

From **Judy Kramer Gerwels:** "Hi, to any members of the class of '69 who might remember me. After all these years of going incognito (I don't think I've ever shared any news with *Courier*), I decided to let y'all know I'm still kickin'. I've spent the last 50 years in Tennessee with three now-grown children and five grandkids, and currently live on a peaceful little farm southwest of Knoxville. Tennis was my life for about 45 years, later turning to pickleball before my knees sidelined me. I was an art and Spanish major at SMC, and from time to time still dabble in watercolors. Horses were always a part of my life, but I have turned those reins over to my granddaughters. So, I just wanted to connect with some old friends, and wish all of you my best."

On a personal note, I spent most of November in Durham going to Duke University for medical treatments. Our two daughters were incredible and able to telework from NC, so spent three weeks with me. They were a super tag team with my husband Roy, who also was with me most of the time. We were back and forth on weekends to Wilmington. I contacted **Kathleen Davidson** at one point and had a wonderful visit with her. She drove from her home in Hillsborough to catch up in person with me in Durham. Her 96-year-old mom had such fun completing an autobiographical story last year filled with memories and photos that she decided she'd like to produce volume two, which is a project for both her and Kathleen. On one of my weekends traveling back to Wilmington I remembered Prudy lives in Fuquay-Varina, so I had sent a message to her and husband Chris. Within minutes they both responded that they were so sorry not to be able to meet for lunch, but were on their way to Raleigh to pick up a grandson for the weekend. We agreed to meet on a future trip I'd have to Durham. They offered their home with such graciousness and

encouragement that I was really struck. We haven't seen one another in 50 many years. Such is the grace of the sisterhood of the Belles.

That's all for this time. I know COVID continues to throw a wrench into so many plans, but please do send me news. I realize anniversary celebrations like Mary Fran's 50th have had postponements, and most of us have had milestone (sort of) 75th b'days the past year or so. Write me any news of family and friends you have!

God Bless!

## 1970

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From **Veronica (Ronnie) Henry Kessenich:** "Many thanks for all of the prayers for my granddaughter Ella during her illness. She is truly a miracle child thanks to everyone. She is back in school having an awesome first-grade year. Her doctors thought that soccer was the best PT/OT she could have; her team had a very successful season and she played every game. She turned 7 on November 19 and celebrated her birthday with a family trip to Disney World, as planned. She visits her 'Nonnie' weekly and we have special time playing and having our tea parties, something we both look forward to once again."

Also...Ronnie reminded me that our class was lucky enough to have a real "live" book club session with **Adriana Triggiani '81** reviewing her newest novel *The Good Left Undone*, an amazing sweeping epic based on family and faith with strong women characters. Thanks so much, Adriana! We truly appreciated being able to have such a great discussion with you.

From **Karen Preston McCarty** in California: "My daughter Megan and I have had an interesting four months. In mid-August, we flew back to Massachusetts for the first time since the pandemic to visit with family. We spent a week at my younger brother's home on the Cape. My older brother joined us from Montreal along with my nephew and his family. My sister-in-law is a saint for putting up with all of us. Also had the opportunity to visit with some close cousins. Ate lots of incredible fried clams, lobster rolls, fresh oysters, and fried local flounder — it doesn't get any better! Only mishap was that I tripped on an open suitcase on the floor and managed to fracture my right wrist — first broken bone in my life! I advise to NOT start now. Went to urgent care, went home with a velcro brace, spent several weeks in a cast and then a velcro splint. My wrist is now going au naturel but still getting back to normal. In mid-November, we took a Viking River Cruise from Basel, Switzerland, to Amsterdam. Beautiful sights, interesting tours, great food, and met lots of new people. Now we are into the holidays and will be staying where we are for a while. Big question is will we have fresh cracked crab for Christmas?"

**Pam Carey Batz** writes: "After waiting and waiting we finally got into our new home a few days ago (this was November 2022). Our address is 418 Barons Court, Venetia, PA 15367. We can see

our daughter's home from the front door. Maybe soon we will know where everything is and how all the new appliances work. We look forward to the Christmas holidays when we will have a houseful!"

Pam asked me to print her address, so visits from classmates might be in her future!

And from **Joann Yandow Maneri:** "It's been a long time since I've checked in, but I do enjoy reading news from fellow classmates in *Courier*. Carl (ND '70) and I are both retired. Just moved from our home of 33 years in Boulder, CO to Superior, CO (about eight miles away). The wildfire on December 30 came very close to our new home, but fortunately we were spared (whereas over 1,000 families lost their homes). We stay active traveling, visiting our three children and 10 grandchildren, playing tennis, pickleball, and enjoying the outdoors.

"In September 2022 five of us (**Mary Dunleavy Smith, Susan Bourdin Roffmann, Linda Holland Trauth, Diane Daly McGarry,** and **Ginger Updike Daily**) met at Ginger's mountain hideaway in Eagle, CO for a mini SMC reunion. We had the best time just catching up with each other's lives, sharing stories over the last several years, and planning future reunion trips. We have tried to get together every few years, and it always feels like no time has passed. We may all be getting a little older but we are also always getting better. The weather was fantastic, the venues we visited amazing, the food way too good, and the friendship bonds we continue to build are special. We came from California, Connecticut, and Colorado to share a few special days. And we can't wait until the next time. Ginger was a gracious host and we all look exactly the same!"



Left to right: **Ginger Updike Daily, Mary Dunleavy Smith, Susan Bourdin Roffmann, Diane Daly McGarry, and Linda Holland Trauth.**



Left to right: **Diane Daly McGarry, Susan Bourdin Roffmann, Linda Holland Trauth, Ginger Updike Daily, and Mary Dunleavy Smith.**



From me: In late 2022 I took a cruise from Los Angeles to Lima with some of my world cruise buddies and then went on an amazing trip to Machu Picchu during Thanksgiving week. Although beautiful and very spiritual I would highly recommend that this trip be taken when one is able to breathe and walk uphill at the same time. Some areas are over 12,000 feet high. It was challenging to say the least but I'm so happy I was able to visit the village of the lost city that the Incas built on the top of the mountain — close to the gods and high enough to keep them safe from enemies for over 300 years.

Please call me, text me, write me, or email me with your adventures and stories. You know your classmates all want to hear what's going on in your lives. Until we meet again, you all take care...



Diane Daly McGarry's trip to Machu Picchu.

## 1972

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Hello, dear friends! The last class column contained some news on our fabulous 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion and great quotes from classmates. Right after it was submitted, I received a large pack of class surveys! The Alumnae Association — God bless them — go through every one and update all of your contact information, so there was a delay getting them to me. I now have information to share with you.

Before I get into the surveys, I received a few emails from classmates after Reunion. One fun story was from **MaryBeth Minick**, who reconnected with **Mary Anne Luzar Tattersall** at Reunion and found that she lives only a few miles away from her oldest son's family in Virginia. While visiting her son over the summer, she and Mary Anne got together. They shared a lovely evening with food and wine, and many stories. MaryBeth met Mary Anne's husband Bill, who shared memories of meeting Mary Anne and their living abroad. Future visits will be planned!

**Marilyn Lehmann Scagnelli** emailed in August with a post-Reunion update. Right after Reunion, she returned home to New Jersey and had a knee replacement. She was still recovering — although after only six weeks she ditched the walker and started driving. She has two sons who live in the Tampa, FL area and two granddaughters there who started kindergarten. As she says, "Life goes on!" She

hopes to be able to fly soon and visit them. Marilyn ended by saying how great Reunion was and that she does not believe that our class is finished coming back yet — and we will still have more people than any other class! Hope you are right!

Now news from the surveys. Common themes are retirement and enjoying time with family. **Marianne Matuska Roedersheimer** lives in Cincinnati. She and husband Louis have an amazing 12 grandchildren evenly divided among her three daughters and one son. She is retired from the medical technology field. Next survey came from **Sandra Ludwig Dillenburger**, who is a retired teacher. She and husband Paul live in Mainesville, OH. They have a crew of eight grandchildren. Lots of fun in these families!

But, **Connie Blanchard Sullivan** has you beat with 19 grandchildren and six children. She is blessed to have them all close by in the Tulsa area. She and husband Tim (ND '70) have been married 50 years. She is the executive director of Birthright of Tulsa, a pregnancy center. What would her 2022 self tell her 1972 self? Major in art! She says she would have loved to do more artistically.

**Margaret Conwell Turner** provided some great news on her life. She lives in Waterville, NH and was elected a selectperson in Waterville Valley. She is also a member of the board of Speare Memorial Hospital. Here is the fun part — under "Please share a Personal Triumph," she writes that in 2019 she completed a 48-trail/125-mile Redliner hiking patch; in 2020, she completed a 45-trail/70-mile pathfinder

hiking patch; and she is currently working on the Skyliner patch. She also has appeared in the cast ensembles in 10 community musicals! What advice would her 2022 self give her 1972 self? "Do what you love. Surround yourself with optimistic people. Forgive easily, apologize often. Be generous with your good fortune and always be kind." Wonderful words. Thank you, Margaret. And maybe you need to contact fellow classmate/walker **Colleen Monahan** about a hiking adventure!

Some more great advice from her 2022 self came from **Kathy Sylvester Green**, who said, "Don't rush into things. Take your time, travel, learn about other cultures, and experience the world out there." Kathy and husband David live in Oceanview, DE. They have three children and four grandchildren — three in Memphis and one in Philadelphia.

**Kathleen Fleege Harrington** is "retired but rehired part time" at the University of Alabama, Birmingham. She has an MA in health education, a PhD in health education and behavior, and an MPH in epidemiology. She and husband Tracy Michael Harrington (ND '72) have two children and three grandchildren. Advice to 1972 self is "Go to graduate school before you have kids! Every year offers new adventures/opportunities you wouldn't trade to go back in time."

**Bridget O'Rourke Hubbard** lives in South Bend with husband Mark. She has an MBA in marketing and is retired from Procter & Gamble, Lenscrafters, and Cincinnati Bell. They have one son and two grandchildren. Her personal triumph was moving back to the ND/SMC community, which she loves! This made me smile — her 2022 advice to 1972 self is "Don't be afraid to go out on a blind date. It worked for me!" Good for you!

**Robin Messina Hein** and husband Ronald live in Oak Brook, IL and have three children and three grandchildren. She had a great personal triumph to report: "I secretly learned to swim and surprised the family by swimming three laps!" Her current advice to younger self is "Stay in touch with your classmates!"

As you hopefully know, I am still an active Realtor here in the Stuart, FL area. So, I was happy to hear that **Kathy Lamb Mears** is still working as a Realtor with Summit Sotheby's International Realty in Park City, UT. We have another connection as my niece Kelley Noyes Keator worked with Kathy in her office. Kathy and husband Larry have a son and one grandson. Kathy says she is fully blessed for her life every day and always happy when a classmate shows up to ski (or maybe buy a ski chalet?). Advice to self: "Make all your decisions from your heart."

Finally, I received sad news that **Carol Collins Hogan** died suddenly over the summer. Carol was a founding partner of the Chicago law firm of Hogan, Marren, Babbo, and Rose. Her obituary said she was a brilliant attorney, known as an expert in regulatory matters, tax exemption issues, and Medicare and Medicaid fraud laws. It also mentioned her quick wit, skill as a storyteller, and exuberant love of dancing. Carol was married to Ed Hogan.

Sympathy to **Kathleen Barlow Soldati**, who emailed that her husband Linc (ND'71) lost his fight with cancer. Linc was a prominent attorney and political activist and was once mayor of Somersworth, NH. One final note. A good friend here in Florida told

me her daughter applied to Saint Mary's and was accepted! She is very excited. My friend mentioned that Saint Mary's gave her the most financial aid — and she applied to several other schools. I told her about our class fundraising efforts last year and what a large, generous donation was made to the scholarship fund. She asked me to please say "thanks" to all of you. It was wonderful to see our efforts in action.

It may be time to close since I am not sure how lenient the *Courier* staff will be with this lengthy post. Hugs and best wishes to all of you.

## 1973

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It was good to hear from several classmates just before the Thanksgiving holiday.

**Teresa Sisson Rijks** writes from Crested Butte, CO, where she and her husband have been running an art gallery/frame shop since June of 1993. They are the parents of four. "We have been blessed to have three of our children in Crested Butte with us. **Mamie Elisabeth Rijks '02** moved back from Germany in May of 2021. Our youngest is transitioning from Diana Marie to Robert Theodor. Annie and her husband moved here from Chicago. Our oldest Peter (ND '00) is still in Brookfield, IL with his family. This year I completed a book — a biography of my great-grandparents who homesteaded in Colorado in the 1870s — *The Orphan and the Schoolgirl*. It's available on Amazon or at our local bookstore in Crested Butte. In it I quote many local (La Junta/Trinidad, CO) newspapers. One article mentions my great-aunt **Frances Rourke** heading to Saint Mary's to study in September of 1902!"

**Pamela King** and I keep in touch via Facebook. She often posts spectacular photos of my hometown of Chicago. Pamela sent a good plug for Reunion. "I began my college days at SMC and concluded with graduating from ND based on my psychology major. I'm so looking forward to the SMC/ND 50-year reunion in 2023 and hope that many of our classmates return!"

**Mary Kay Tobin**, MD, has joined the ranks of the retired! "I recently retired as the division director of allergy/immunology at Rush University in Chicago. I loved working with my patients over the last 35+ years! My special love was food allergies. In June of 2022, I completed an interfaith/inter-spiritual seminary program at One Spirit located in NYC. The program gives students an introduction to many world religions and helps them minister to those who are not aligned with standard religions, including many of our young people. It was fabulous and certainly grounded me, and all in the program, in the appreciation of Love and Compassion as the basis of all traditions. My husband and I live in Oak Park, IL. We have two wonderful children who live in the area. I don't have any grandchildren, but there is hope! Best to all of my classmates, 1973!"

*The Way We Were* — That's the theme of our upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> class Reunion — and I really like it! **Denise Donofrio** and **Anne Rogers Roche** are co-chairing the event. Here's an important message from Denise: "It won't be the same without you!"

How great would it be if we could have the largest 1973 class gathering ever? Our Giving and Planning Committee (21 of our classmates) are working hard to make our Reunion a memorable weekend. Look for events especially planned for our class: A Mass for the classmates we have lost, a special dinner with the president, and a roundtable discussion where you can talk about how you lived through 'the merger that never happened!' Of course, we'll also be raising money for a 1973 class scholarship fund. We would really appreciate your help in planning the Mass, the dinner, and/or the roundtable event. If you're interested in getting involved, please contact me (donofridenise@gmail.com) or Anne (annerroche@hotmail.com).

The best part, so far, has been recent contact with friends to "talk" (or email) about Reunion: **Aggie Cosimano Logan, Mary Sullivan Kelley, Cathie Moran, Cindy Booth, Mary Ann Chory, Sue Glockner Fitzer, Mary Anne Madden Hoffman, Maryann Wolowiec, Carol Lambka Reimers, Mary Nokes, Mary Brelowski Zicafoose, Lolo Stankus Ford, and Patti McNamara McGuire**. It will be great to continue these conversations and have many more when we see you in June!

**Mary Beth Deneffe Anderson** recently returned from a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan through Verso Ministries, a Catholic pilgrimage company that partners with Notre Dame alumni. The group included many parishioners from her parish in Glenview, IL and also three other SMC alumnae: **Anne Dunne Baetz '77, Rosemary Boris Hughes '80, and Renee Orfei Crowley '79**. There were many highlights, but among them was a Mass celebrated on a wooden boat on the Sea of Galilee, Mass in the tomb at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and a swim in the Dead Sea. It was truly a trip of a lifetime.

**Susan Liddell Colson** sent me an email reminding me that she attended SMC as a music major, spent her sophomore year in Rome, and then left her junior year to get married, have three children in three and a half years and move every four years for 16 years following her husband's career. Busy gal! "I was able to earn a BA in American studies and a MSSA in social studies/aging concentration from Case Western Reserve University in 1989 and 1999, respectively. My fields of interests were mental health, hospice, and a program for the aging called Passport. After living in Cleveland for 34 years, I decided to move to the NW Indiana area to be near family. I currently reside in Valparaiso, IN, a short drive from my childhood home on the shores of Lake Michigan in Long Beach outside of Michigan City. I was married to Robert Colson (ND) from 1972 to 1992. I have three grandchildren. Very grateful!"

## 1974

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Although I've not heard from almost all of my VERY BUSY CLASSMATES (apparently?!), it's a big year for many who are turning 70 years old. I can still remember like it was yesterday driving up the entrance to Holy Cross Hall, my home for freshman year in September 1970! Several of us who entered Saint Mary's that year gathered in Erie, PA to be

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hosted by the amazing tour operator **Natalie Dwyer-Haller** in a great beach house, and the early September weather was perfect for the get-together filled with laughter, cooking, and of course, cocktails.



In the photo, enjoying beach cocktails, you will see from left to right, **Jackie Schimizzi Ehlert, Julie Griffin Murphy, Dianne Gibbons, Carol Longo Kaupp, Mary Ellen Raphael,** and **Bobbi Kuhn Riconosciuto.** We were probably exhausted from all the touring but it was great fun. The second photo shows Natalie passing through O'Hare airport on the way to visit her (fairly) new grandson in



**Natalie Dwyer-Haller and Judie Moore Green.**

Colorado, sharing a birthday cocktail with **Judie Moore Green,** who was getting on a flight to visit her fairly new grandson in New York! We all had a great time gathering together and sharing memories and plans for the future. Here's to a wonderful 2023 for the class who entered Saint Mary's College in autumn 1970! Cheers!



## EXCELSIOR

**Kathleen Flynn Fox '74** was elected as Habitat for Humanity Board Chair. The election of Fox marks the first time in the organization's 44-year history that a woman has been chosen to fill this role.

## 1978

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Here's to hoping that many of us reunite this summer at our 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion. I can't imagine 45 years out of college... can you? If we feel young at heart AND our bodies cooperate, we will stay forever young. Please fill out the Reunion materials whether you attend in person or not and provide me with a story like these below so that we can update the class in *Courier*. I would love to have you share a message about your life story from your heart. Your current email address would be very helpful, so I am able to reach out to you. Contact me at susan.salem@gmail.com. Photos are always welcome and they are submitted; whether they print or not is not my decision. It is based on the layout. Let's take tons of photos at Reunion!

**Cynthia Florman Hamre** and family celebrated daughter Thea's graduation, summa cum laude, from St. Catherine University, St. Paul, MN, this past spring. Thea is now in the MSW program at St. Catherine University. Cynthia is a senior account executive working in media. Her company publishes eight community magazines in the Twin Cities. Jack, Cynthia's husband, is retired from United Airlines. Her son John, 28, is a sales engineer with a Japanese technology company called Keyence. Cynthia is looking forward to the next Reunion and seeing classmates from 1978, especially Rome '75-76 classmates! They live in a western suburb of Minneapolis and daily enjoy the beautiful gift of nature in the great parks and woods nearby. They take hikes and post fantastic photos on Facebook. They call it their Forest Bathing Time, which is a retreat to nature to boost immunity and mood. Check it out.

From **Rosemary Rappelli Mandrici:** "Can't wait to see everyone at Reunion! For those who are not on Facebook, I will be retiring as the St. Joseph County Assessor at the end of my term in 2022. It has been a great 38 years of public service and I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with the county. I have been fortunate to have a great group of dedicated deputy assessors work with me, even some with Saint Mary's degrees in their background! Not sure what I'm going to do with my time after serving on various local and state boards, however, I have many projects that I need to work on at home! I'm sure I will keep busy! Alex is working for a financial software company and travels for work on occasion! He lives about two hours from The Bend. Close enough to spend a weekend at home occasionally."

From **Lisa Maglio Brown:** I've begun to travel a bit for the first time since 2020 and it's been a breath of fresh air. The highlight was traveling to Cleveland with my fiancé (yes, I'm engaged!) to visit with **Susan Margiotta Salem** and her husband, George, and, as a special bonus, I spent a little time with Susie's sister, **Loretta Margiotta Nasca '81.** It was great to see my old roomie and her family, and it was so much fun to reminisce about all that we've shared over these past 40-plus years.

After visiting with Susie, we traveled to South Bend to attend the ND/Cal game where I saw **Suzu Plavac Heidkamp** and her husband, Terry (ND '78). They welcomed us with open arms to their fabulous

tailgate where I was able to catch up with the Heidkamps and other old friends, such as Rosemary and Steve Durant (ND '78).

My daughter, **Callie Rose Brown '15** also attended the game with her boyfriend, who, a few weeks later became her fiancé. I'm thrilled about the engagement, and I look forward to planning her wedding in 2024.

I'm also looking forward to our reunion this Spring and I hope to see many of our classmates.

## 1979

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It was so nice to hear from our classmate **Karen Lowery Kennedy.** She was happy to share that she, along with some others from our class of '79, had a mini reunion in September. **Nancy Miller Daluga,** also known as the "hostess with the most-est," hosted **Claire Krathaus Singer** (who flew in from Buffalo, NY for the weekend), **Kathy Murphy, Marynell O'Connell Greer,** and their husbands for a wonderful weekend at her brother's incredible lake house. Everyone caught up, relaxed, enjoyed a boat ride, and never stopped laughing. Karen finds it a blessing to have lifelong friends who after 40+ years can pick up where they left off and share the lifelong bond that Saint Mary's has given them. As for Karen, she and her husband own a Mazda dealership in Valparaiso, IN and have four grown daughters and 12 grandchildren. Karen went on to say that a few times each year, several of our classmates meet and have lunch in Oakbrook, IL. Lunch usually goes almost until dinner as nobody wants it to end. She welcomes any of our classmates to join them. Just email Karen at karkennedy@frontier.com or call her at (219) 508-8059 and she will let you know when the next meet-up will take place.

September and October were fun-filled months attending two Notre Dame football games. The first in Columbus, OH against The Ohio State University and the second at Notre Dame against Stanford University. It was great to share the experiences with **Jeannine Senft Julian '80** and our husbands. Unfortunately, Notre Dame lost both games. Keep sending in your news, big or small, to me. Time is passing quickly, and before we know it, we will be celebrating our 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion in June 2024.

## 1982

From the *Courier* Office

**Mary Anne Mahoney Butler** was named superintendent of Stonington, CT public schools. On July 1, 2022, Mary Anne assumed the role of superintendent of schools following a unanimous approval vote by the Board of Education. She has been serving as assistant superintendent since 2017. Mary Anne holds a BS in biology from Saint Mary's College, a law degree from Western New England College School of Law, and a sixth-year certificate of educational leadership and administration from Central Connecticut State University. In 2019 she participated in the Fulbright Leaders for

Global Schools program, visiting Finland to learn about educational best practices. Mary Anne lives in Noank, CT with her husband John. They have two adult sons.

## 1983

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Hi, everybody. There wasn't any news from classmates for this issue. I'll use this chance to remind you all that if your email address has changed, please update both me and the Alumnae Office. As most of you know, I send out emails three times a year requesting classmates to submit your news for this column. Each time I do so I get a handful of emails returned as not deliverable. If you want to keep getting reminders to send your submissions, please keep me updated with your current email address. Also, you are welcome to send me your news for this column at any time of the year. If you do, I'll save your submission for the next column. Also, please remember that there's a lag of many months from the time of submission until publication. Looking forward to hearing from some of you for the next issue!

## 1985

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Greetings, Class of 85,

While Reunion seems like it was long ago and there were just a special few of us from '85 attending, we had a wonderful time! **Betsy Ebert Ballek, Mary Hammond Hollman, Teresa McGinnis Wharton, Kathleen Hennessy,** and **Kathleen Desmond Mikula** brought the fun and memories. We missed **Katy Boldt Cushing,** who was ill. Also, thank you to those who sent in updates as part of the Reunion.

**Anna Marie Orrico** lives in Addison, IL with husband Eugenio. They have two kids: John William, 28, and Angeline Giuliani, 25. Anna shares that her career skills and faith have guided her on the lifelong journey of managing all aspects of her son's autism as his loving mom and "CEO." Her advice to her college self is "stay true to who you are, and count on your faith always!"

**Deb Rademacher Sawin** and husband Pete live in Appleton, WI and have been married 35 years. They have two amazing daughters: Kaitland Christina, 28, and Keegan Grace, 25. Deb is VP of business solutions at Trilliant Food and Nutrition, LLC.

**Anne Murray McDermott** and husband Sean live in LaGrange, IL. They have four kids: Madeline, 29, Abigail, 27, Terry, 22, and Patrick, 20. Anne works as a client services associate for Cornerstone Advisors in Downers Grove. Her advice to her college self is "Don't take things personally, and be present and grateful for every day."

**Teresa McGinnis Wharton** lives with husband Jim in Lexington. Their son James is 20. Teresa is an EHS engineer at Lexmark International, Inc. Her advice to her college self is "Be sure to thank your parents

and appreciate the sacrifices they have made for you and what they have done for you as well as to cherish this time of your life!"

**Julie Hanahan Foley** and husband Robert live in Kenilworth, IL. They have four kids: twins Gordon and Kyle, 28, daughter Grace, 26, and Robert, 18.

Also, I heard from **Joanie Giblin McCabe,** who says life is good and she feels extremely blessed. She and husband Jim have lived in Weston, MA for the last 26 years. They have son Tommy, 28, in Boston, daughter Kelly, 26, in New York City, and son Jimmy, 24, in Boston. Joanie's knees are new in the last two years, and she and Jim revisited their honeymoon in Kauai for their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year. She, Jim and their boys enjoyed visiting Yellowstone, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, and Utah this past summer. They also attended a wedding in Turks and Caicos in early December! She spent last February in Naples, FL and spent time with her brother Jim (ND '82) and sister-in-law **Peggy Newman Giblin '82** and saw '85ers **Meg Rowley, Beth Murphy McNish** and husband John, **Mary Jo Hogan Cox** and husband John, and **Kassy Welsh Helme** along with a surprise meeting with **Kacey Horner Schmitt** too. She'll repeat this coming February! She hopes everyone is happy and well!

**Helen Lucaitis** shares that **Mary Fitzsimmons Mullican,** who has been a licensed Realtor for 20 years in the Baltimore area, along with her husband, decided to make Naples, FL their permanent home after vacationing there for the last 30 years. Mary Lynne now works for Gulf Coast International Properties out of the Fifth Avenue South office there.

**Cindy Boyle-Naatz,** who is global head of employment law/general counsel of employment at Willis Towers Watson in Arlington, VA, recently celebrated her 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the company. She serves as chair of the Pro Bono Committee, which she finds really rewarding.

**Marcia Bonich Hickey** will soon celebrate a decade at Horizon Bank in the Trust and Investment department as vice president and senior trust officer.

As for me, it's been 15 years since leaving television news, and will celebrate 12 years at the Chicago law firm of Corboy and Demetrio as chief marketing officer. I was recently appointed to the board of the Center for Disability and Elder Law, which as a special needs mom is incredibly fulfilling.

For myself, like many of you, much of my time and focus in recent years has been on my parents. My wife Janet and I have been traveling up to Michigan from Cincinnati to see them during COVID and more recently moving Dad to Cincinnati as he recovered from ear cancer surgery and as his dementia advanced. I count it as one of the greatest blessings of my life to have helped care for him before he passed away six days after we moved Mom (who is a year and change out from her stage 4 pancreatic cancer diagnosis) to Cincinnati in November. She is just 10 minutes from us in independent living. I'm still working as an executive coach and loving my work and the positive impact it makes.

Until next time, please consider taking a moment to share an update — simply, how life is going as we start to sneak up on 40 years away from SMC and the life-changing connections created there. Blessings to you!

## 1987

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Hello, dear classmates!

**Margie Kersten** writes: "I'm living northwest of Chicago in Woodstock, IL and still working for EY (Dec 2022 marks 19 years). My oldest son is married, living near Coeur d'Alene, ID. My daughter Meghan works in consulting in downtown Chicago. And my daughter Kersten lives near Green Bay, works full time, and will graduate with a master's degree in social work in May. She and her fiancé Eric will marry in September. I love going to South Bend at least once a fall for a football game. My two Portuguese Water Dogs keep me busy!"

**Diane Cancro** sent an update on her efforts to support Ukraine. As a returned Peace Corps volunteer from Ukraine, her heart has been called to aid the wonderful people she has met there. The food program she is running in Ukrainian villages has seen the distribution of more than 3,500 units of food (>25,000 servings) since May. She is importing beautiful art from Ukraine to support artists and make her house feel like a gallery. In March, Diane will graduate with a degree in massage therapy and will start her new career path! Diane's daughter Grace is a sophomore in college and is heading to NYC to pursue screenwriting. On top of all of that, they have a new puppy!

**Sharon Costa** shared that **Christine Bodewes** spoke at her children's high school, Sacred Heart-Griffin High School. She would have loved to attend but didn't find out until after the event. Here is the information from an FB post by the high school: "SHA alumna, and our 2019 inductee into the SHG Hall of Fame, **Christine Bodewes** came to speak to our señor class week about service. She shared incredible stories with them about her time spent in Cambodia and Kenya and left them with this: 'If you choose a life of service you will realize two things. One: You will receive FAR more than you give. Two: You will have your heart broken quite a bit.' Thank you, Christine, for sharing your experience with us and THANK YOU for all you do! You are an inspiration to us all!" Chris, you inspire all of us, too! Thank you!

**Margaret Calacci** shared the following in our SMC Belles of '87 FB group. I am sharing with her permission. "My gratitude this year is for the foundations of servant leadership I developed at SMC. I had coffee with Laura Coleman Pritchard as she visited alumnae in Arizona this past week, who updated me on SMC advancement and the strategic plan. As I explore global leadership through course work at Pepperdine, I am reminded and amazed at how forward thinking the Sisters of Holy Cross, especially Sister Madeleva Wolf C.S.C., were toward environmental and personal well-being! Several years ago, I made a commitment to support the college through my will and trust. Following our amazing Reunion this year, I am making it official by joining the Mother Pauline Society. Blessings to you all this season and thank you all for over 39 years of friendship." The post was about sharing our gratitude. This is an insightful response and a call to action to all

of us if we are in a position to act financially for the benefit of Saint Mary's College.

**Elisa Cullina O'Neill** writes: "I hope you all enjoyed a happy and blessed holiday season surrounded by love. As I sit here contemplating wearing yet another layer of clothing because, brrrr, it's chilly, I realize that by the time you read this, spring will be upon us. Enjoy the reawakening of the spring and all the beautiful colors."

As always, send me your updates! We want to hear from you. Join us on FB for more updates and insights on our classmates.

1988

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Hello, Class of 1988 –

Reunion weekend is nearly upon us! Please mark your calendars and plan to be on campus to celebrate 35 years. Yikes, can it really be 35 years? But, oh, the places we've gone. After two years of staying put, our family had a big year of travel. In March, the family took a trip to Ireland (and got to see Dublin on St. Patrick's Day). Over the summer, my husband and I spent three weeks in Europe cruising from Amsterdam to Budapest and then continued onto Prague. And for a quick break at Thanksgiving, I took a girlfriend trip to Cancun.

Some of our classmates have made permanent moves. **Brigid Burke Gilmore** shares: "We recently moved from Ohio to Union Pier, MI. We are now less than a 40-minute drive from campus. So, we hosted a great group of '88 alums for an ND-Clemson tailgate and game (my youngest is a junior at Clemson)."



Mary Kennedy, Susan Fiffick Harness, Katie Thursby Kelly, Sarah Rauh Cole, Katie O'Brien Kumler, Patty Hatfield Hagen, Lisa Haemmerle Miles, Suellen Englehardt Murphy, Jennifer Veselik Bourjaily, Colleen Ryan, and Anne Farrell McKay.

Another mover and shaker is **Debora Lee VanOoteghem**, who has migrated south. She writes: "After 33 years in Chicago, I took a new job and moved to Louisville, KY at the end of June. I am heading up project management and client operations at an advertising agency called Doe-Anderson. I am learning to like bourbon and all things Southern. I am also still running my own executive coaching and training business that focuses on helping women in corporate America. I was lucky enough to spend three weeks in May traveling through Italy, Spain, and Portugal. Then I went on a fabulous cruise through Greece and Turkey with

**Kim Donovan Trischman** in September. We had a blast exploring the islands and dancing our butts off like it was 1984!"

**Amanda Falvey Conmy** and her husband relocated permanently to South Bend in the fall "after selling our home of 20 years in Yardley, PA." Before the move, they "celebrated our daughter **Brigid Eileen Conmy '22**, this past May as she graduated from SMC with a BSN. Brigid spent six weeks in Uganda with the CSC Sisters working in the medical clinic." In a more playful excursion, Amanda and many friends, including **Shawn Rhodes Finnan**, "were able to attend the Billy Joel concert at ND stadium." There's photographic evidence of a close encounter with the musician! Now that she and her husband are in South Bend full time, they are "hoping to see classmates at tailgates" — hint, hint **Cathleen Siegel, Colleen Siegel Stickell, and Francesca Trigiani Noone.**"



Back together after many years is **Suzanne Marie Moser, Heather Hypes O'Bryan, and Kathleen Mary Moran.**

**Loretta Raycroft Bock** also attended the Billy Joel concert at ND. So, she might have photos too. No longer teaching and now serving as "a technician at ArcelorMittal in research and development," she probably has more photos of their first grandson who turned 1 in September. She explains: "He is perfect and beautiful and brings such pure JOY!" On a sadder note, she shares: "My dad passed in February, AFTER beating cancer. We think he was just super weak and it was a thrush infection that got him. He is dearly missed by all who knew him."

Some sad news also from **Rachel Bir Stroop**: "My mom Sara Bir passed away in late June. Both of my parents were staples at most of the SMC basketball games back in the day." On a happier note, eldest daughter Beka graduated from IUPUI and has started her teaching career at Mount Juliet High School in Mount Juliet, TN. As the children have grown, so have their surroundings. She explains: "My husband Andy and I purchased a 40-acre farm in LaGrange County, IN and are completely renovating the house — taking it down to the studs. We've been doing all of the demo work ourselves. Discovered it takes a lot of hand, wrist, and shoulder strength to demo a house!"

**Lisa Haemmerle Miles** wanted to share success stories about her friend: "**Theresa Erichsen Mondovics** was a nursing major as well as in the ND band. She has continued both her nursing career (as a childbirth educator and lactation consultant with Virginia Commonwealth University) and her gift of music. She is a cofounder and executive director of the VCU Health Orchestra, which was started in 2017. She plays the French horn in the orchestra as well. Their orchestra has been featured

on *The Today Show* and in a couple of articles." <https://richmondfamilymagazine.com/article/medicine-for-the-soul/>

Lots of articles have been written by **Sherry Green Antonetti**, author of *The Book of Helen*, freelancer, and Catholic blogger @Patheos/Chocolate for Your Brain! She just "finished a year of fighting breast cancer" and recently packed up their sixth child to go to UMBC.

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Speaking of writing, please keep your eyes open for a survey you'll be asked to complete before our Reunion celebration this summer. And feel free to send updates and photos any time!

1989

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As I write this, Christmas is around the corner... as you read this, I hope spring has arrived! It's so nice to see more classmates able to travel and gather.



**Kathy Senko Yarussi, Kathy Morsch Rogers, and Patty O'Neil Collins.**

**Kathy Senko Yarussi** enjoyed a wonderful visit from her former roommates last summer. **Patty O'Neil Collins** and **Kathy Morsch Rogers** visited Pittsburgh, where they all met up with Theresa Rice Farnan (ND '89). Lovely dinners and a tough "party pedal" around the city made for a fun time!

**Penny Falaschetti Dolan** and Dennis (ND '89) celebrated the marriage of their daughter Erin in Hood River, OR on Saturday, October 1, 2022.



Wedding of **Penny Falaschetti Dolan's** daughter; left to right: **Julie Wagner Feasel, Penny Falaschetti Dolan, Kelly Glavin Zeh, and Gail Garcia Steffen.**

**Julie Wagner Feasel, Kelly Glavin Zeh, and Gail Garcia Steffen** traveled to the wedding, and the four classmates had a great time catching up while celebrating a beautiful outdoor wedding in the shadow of Mount Hood. They all highly recommend making a trip to the area, which is right on the border with Washington State.



**Gail Garcia Steffen, Laura Burns Gaffney, Noel Raymond Christmann, and Penny Falaschetti Dolan** in Chicago.

**Laura Burns Gaffney, Penny Falaschetti Dolan, Noel Raymond Christmann, and Gail Garcia Steffen** gathered in Chicago for the November wedding of Pete Skiko (ND '89). Noel was also able to enjoy dinner with **Trish Ruth Erickson** and **Nora McQuillan Coleman**, and lunch the following day with **Kate Murray Harper** and **Lynda Bensaia Peterson**, who came down from Wisconsin. Noel's son Robert (ND '22), moved to Chicago last summer, so everyone is looking forward to more frequent

visits! While Noel is now an empty-nester, Lynda's youngest daughter is attending the University of Montana; Kate's oldest is a freshman at Indiana University; Nora's third is at Indiana University and her fourth is at Dayton; and Trish's son began a program in film in Normandy, France, in January. Lynda enjoyed spending the day with **Liz Lunzer Wallace** during the Clemson game. Liz's daughter is in Notre Dame's Masters of Architecture program.

Fall always brings the opportunity to gather for Notre Dame football games, and **Karen Crespy** was able to do just that! In October, Karen visited with **Katy Burns** in Chicago, and they ventured to South Bend for the Stanford game. While the game didn't turn out the way they'd hoped, they were able to catch up with **Kara O'Leary** at the Madeleva tailgate. Karen also flew to Grand Rapids, MI in early November to visit with **Barb Moorhead Vedders** and they, along with Barb's husband Joel, son Jack and his fiancée Molly, and daughter Abby, all trekked down for the amazing Notre Dame win over Clemson! They were also able to catch up with Tom Schlegel (ND '89) and Paul Waguespack (ND '89), and Karen caught up with **Kara O'Leary** again, and ran into **Trish Tierney Keilman**, which is always a treat! Karen also attended the Notre Dame vs. Navy game in Baltimore and was happy to tailgate with **Kathy Conte Prokopius** and Mark (ND '90), their friends, and Kathy's extended family. Matt Hofstedt (ND '89) was able to come by the tailgate, and everyone survived the game to enjoy a Notre Dame win.

**Martha Flick Jungenberg** shared the sad news that her mother Betty Flick passed away peacefully on October 30 at age 82 in South Bend. Martha and her siblings had a lovely visit with their mom just prior to her death. Unfortunately, Martha and her husband Todd had to return to Africa on October 26; however, their youngest daughter Emmalee lives in Chicago and represented them at the memorial service at St. Mary's church in Niles, MI on November 14, which would have been Martha's parents' 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary and remarkably the same date as Martha's father's funeral in 2014.

Martha and Todd have been living in eSwatini (formerly Swaziland) since August 2019 and will be there for one more year before packing up their two dogs and moving to Virginia for six to nine months where they will learn Spanish at the Foreign Service Institute. Then in 2024, the Jungenbergs will move to La Paz, Bolivia. They have three daughters: Sophia, 24, a tutor with AmeriCorps in Bridgeport, CT, Grace, 21, who is studying communications at Eastern Tennessee State University in Johnson City, TN, and Emmalee, 19, a freshman at Columbia College in Chicago studying acting.

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## 1991

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Greetings from Chicago!

**Ann Brennan Cooper** shares some exciting news. She traveled to Kansas City to be an item writer for the certification exam in burn nursing through the Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing. Congratulations, Ann, and thank you for all you do! Nurses are heroes!

Speaking of Ann, she caught up with **Amelia Savelle Bartilotti '93** and **Anne McCullough Day** in upstate New York for the Notre Dame football game. They were also able to visit with our pal Sean Scanlon (ND '91), who works in SU's development department as their vice president. Anne's husband is a Syracuse alum and her son Rory is following in his footsteps, joining the Class of '26.

**Anne Parker Baker** continues to run her thriving cookie empire, Annie the Baker, in Napa Valley. She enjoyed a recent visit in California from our friend and class president **Lowell Lehmann!**

**Danielle Graham Lyons** and her husband Drew have a new home in San Francisco and a new puppy! Langston is "the largest lap dog," weighing 80 lbs. at just 10 months old. As a financial advisor with JPM, she is now covering trading plans for some of the leading technology companies' C Suite executives. Way to go, Dani!

**Christine Hengen Ramsey** is the chief administrative officer and head of human resources for Draper and Kramer. She and her husband Matt have two children and live in Western Springs, IL. Impressive!

**Kathleen McDonough Mundo** is an attorney at Wilson Elser and living in the Lincoln Park neighborhood of Chicago. Married to John Mundo (ND '88, ND Law '91), she is the mother of three and also an author! She recently published her book *Badger State: A Wisconsin Memoir*. It tells the story of an Irish Catholic family's move from suburban Chicago to southeastern Wisconsin in the mid-1970s. Told through the eyes of the youngest of six siblings, it addresses economic uncertainty and disparity, as well as Midwestern education and culture within the town of Racine. Congratulations, Kathleen! Sounds like a must-read!

**Colleen Brennan** continues her work as a pediatric speech language pathologist as the owner of Brennan Speech Services in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood. Married and a boy mom of two, she also finds time to make us all laugh. Colleen is an actor, producer, writer, podcaster, and stand-up comedian! Perhaps you saw her on *The Kelly Clarkson Show* with her other funny friends known as The Bad Momz of Comedy? She rocked! Col invites all Belles to see her perform. Faces spotted in the audience recently include classmates like Kathleen and Christine, as well as **Buffy Walz Carmody, Mary English Brennan, Danielle Calucchia Montesano, Kelly Neuwirth Grier, Kristen Sullivan Lynch**, and yours truly.

Keep us all posted on whatever is happening in your life! Reach out to me at smcbelles91@gmail.com.

## EXCELSIOR

**Tracy Sullivan '91** received the Governors State University's Baysore Award for integrity, competence, and dedication this fall.

## 1994

From the *Courier* Office

Last February, seven alumnae met in Charleston, SC to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> birthdays. They tried to recreate a picture they took from their time studying abroad in Rome!

From left in current picture are: **Jody Matousek Padar, Susanne Treloar Simmerano, Jane Cady Pirtle, Lauren Siragusa Maloney, Erin Fleming Evans, Maureen Curis Vanscoy, and Nora Duncan O'Brien.** They missed dearly **Ann Mercorella McAllister, Kate DiNardo Schaffler, and Nicole Difino Nugent** and hope they can join them in their next adventure in Savannah!



Studying abroad in Rome!

## 1996



## EXCELSIOR

**Candace Novak Sabers '96** was named to the 100 Wise Women List of Cincinnati in October 2022.

## 1999

## EXCELSIOR

**Colleen A. Campbell '99** was elected as the 2024 President of the National Society of Genetic Counselors.

## 2003

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Hello, Class of 2003! By the time you read this, our 20<sup>th</sup> class Reunion will be right around the corner. It's so nice to still share class news together after 20 years (gasp)! I hope you, your families, and loved ones are well, and I hope to see many of your faces on campus soon. Now for the latest news:

**Annie Furman Worthington** welcomed her third child to the world, Margaret Josephine, on April 16, 2021. Annie shares, "Her gregarious personality and winsome smile find her making best friends wherever she goes, and rapidly developed physical abilities assure she will not be left behind by her older siblings! In other news, we began our first year of homeschooling this year and are loving the routine, opportunities to learn as a family, and Catholic homeschool resources in our area."

In June 2022, **Susan Kutz** graduated from the University of Maryland Robert H. Smith School of Business with an executive MBA. Susan hopes to combine her surgical physician assistant skills and Army leadership skills with her MBA to advance into a health care administrative role. In November 2021,

**Heather Goodrich Schrider** and Susan ran a 10K across the Bay Bridge in Maryland.



Heather Goodrich Schrider (left), Susan Kutz.

In July 2022, **Katy Disinger Thall** and **Suzie Dolemba** traveled to France to spend a week with two friends from ND whom they studied with abroad. The ladies originally wanted to celebrate together the summer before for their 40<sup>th</sup> birthdays, but COVID got in the way. Katy writes, "We met up with Anne Liddy Saracino (ND '03) and Beth Fruzynski Beam (ND '03) and did some reminiscing in Angers, biking to chateaux, and galivanting around Paris. It was awesome!"



Katy Disinger Thall, Ann Liddy Saracino (ND '03), Elizabeth Fruzynski Beam (ND '03), Suzie Dolemba.



Elizabeth Fruzynski Beam (ND '03), Suzie Dolemba, Ann Liddy Saracino (ND '03), Katy Disinger Thall.

**Catalina Honorata Bajuyo** started a new journey in 2022 as a productivity and ADHD coach supporting neurodiverse adults. Catalina is working toward additional certifications in neurodiversity coaching and impact parenting. Catalina shares that she is "committed to helping adults learn how to identify their values, get clarity around life and work. It is something I've always enjoyed as a part of my life, and now my passion is my work. I love supporting people to find clarity and get unstuck through curiosity and accountability."

## 2005

From the *Courier* Office

**Laura Taylor Koke** has accepted a new position as clinical program manager for nursing practice at Riley Children's Health.

## 2006

From the *Courier* Office

**Holly Anderson-Reyes** and husband Fredy welcomed the birth of daughter Eloisa Rose Reyes on September 19, 2022. She was 7 lbs. 2 oz. and big sister Evangeline adores her! The family lives in Astoria, NY.

## 2007

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This past summer we celebrated our 15<sup>th</sup> year since graduating from Saint Mary's College. One thing I always appreciate about Reunion weekend is the packet of updates I get from our classmates that includes special memories from our time on campus, our accomplishments, and family updates. I am including some of what I received in 2022 here.

Births

**Alexandra Anna Holowatyj** and Michael Stecyk welcomed baby girl Kalya Mykhailivna Stecyk on January 26, 2022.

**Caile Mulcahy Wilson** and her husband Robert M. Wilson Jr. have two children, Aubrey M. Wilson born on December 27, 2019, and Caroline E. Wilson born November 10, 2021.

**Megan McBride Crenshaw** and her spouse Constantine Crenshaw welcomed son Connor James Crenshaw on January 20, 2021.

**Sara Metts Henderlong** and her husband Adam welcomed son Barrett Henderlong on April 23, 2022.

**Jane Scott Hyde** and her husband Michael J. Hyde added a son to their family on October 4, 2020, Christopher Michael Hyde. He joins big brother Joseph Gordon Hyde born in June 2018.

Life Updates

**Audra Maxbauer Kirby** writes: "My husband (James Kirby) was medically retired from the Army in June of 2021 after 17 years of service. We have chosen to set roots in Colorado, where he will be a government contractor and I will continue to homeschool our three children."

**Kathleen Kindt Zielinski** and her husband Aaron Zielinski welcomed their fourth child Wade Karlson on January 24, 2022. Her personal triumph is "Having four glorious children. Working as a pediatric NP in the ER at one of the best children's hospitals in the US." The advice she would give her 2007 self: "Give it to God."

**Kelilyn Phillips Nowicki** shares her personal triumph: "I was recently promoted to senior vice president at Spark Foundry after 15 years of service."

Spark was recently named Media Agency of the year." She would tell her 2007 self: "Work hard and be patient — success will come!"

**Katie Osmack Shute** shares that she moved to Colorado in 2016 and was married to Brad W. Shute in April 2017. Her mother Kristina passed away on September 14, 2021, after a battle with lung cancer. She teaches third grade at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic STEM School in Colorado. Her personal triumph: "I climbed my first 14er (mountain peaks exceeding 14,000 feet) Mt. Sherman."

From **Nicole Leach Todd**: "I managed to achieve a 6/6 in my patient quality indicators for 2021. I manage a large panel of patients in my primary care office as a nurse practitioner and this is something very few of my fellow NPs and physicians were able to accomplish." Advice she would give her 2007 self: "Try to live in the moment. Life goes by fast, and your family is and will always be the most important part of your life."

**Chelsea Foote Tepedino** writes that she was married to Fred Tepedino on September 18, 2021. They welcomed their first baby, a daughter, in August 2022. Her personal triumph: "Completing a full ironman in Arizona in 2019."

**Katherine Rose Thurston** started grad school this year at the University of St. Francis for social work.

**Michelle Coristin Wiechkoske** writes: "Both of my children (Mary Grace, born January 25, 2011, and John Michael (Jack), born June 20, 2014) are on the autism spectrum, and I have had the privilege to work one-on-one with them in addition to my own research. My daughter (nonverbal) has recently found success with a new method of communication that helps her develop motor skills through spelling. I got myself trained and it has helped her immensely! We have found that she is an autistic savant! Prayers that the spelling develops into speech! Her fine motor skills like writing are developing! My son has made leaps and bounds with his speech and his overall development! They both greatly inspire me!"

**Katie Marr** shares: "I'm part of the sandwich generation, but it's open face. My parents retired, moved, and are now a mile from me. I've had all the cat drama the last few years, and I am signing myself up for more. Professionally, I've returned to public accounting after six years in internal audit." Her personal triumph is "Not getting COVID (yet)" and she would give her 2007 self the following advice: "Life can throw curve balls. It's best to try to go with the flow, then pick it up."

## 2008

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Greetings, Class of 2008! Looking forward to hopefully seeing most of you at our 15<sup>th</sup> class Reunion in June! We have lots of big life moments to report for classmates from all across the country in the meantime.

**Julianne DeMaio** married Eric White in a private ceremony on September 30, 2022, under Cathedral



Rock in Sedona, AZ. Family was in attendance and reception celebrations will be held in late spring of 2023.

**Meggan Patty Fink** and husband Jason welcomed their second son Colin Raymond Fink on September 8, 2022.

**Nicole Modarelli Powell** and her husband Robert welcomed their son Renato Eduardo Antonio Powell on November 11, 2022. Their daughter Gia has been the doting big sister to her baby brother Ré.

**Julz Merriam Nisevich** and husband Jon welcomed baby boy Theodore on August 10, 2022.

**Hayley Coxon** married Christopher Hynes (ND MBA '08) in Vail, CO on September 24, 2021. Belles in attendance included her sister and maid of honor **Brianne Coxon '12** and bridesmaids **Katie Cosimano**, **Mariá Sapucahy Balata**, and **Stephanie Pupo Bader**.

## 2009

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Happy spring, Belles! Hopefully as you're reading this the weather is warming up and the sun is shining. We have a lot of great news about weddings

and babies that warms our hearts. Remember that you can share nearly anything in the class notes and we love hearing from you! Please continue to connect with us whenever you can.

**Kathleen Quinlan Yager** and her husband Luke welcomed Lydia Marie on August 15, 2022. Lydia joins her older siblings Hannah, Thomas, Andrew, and Joseph. And if five kids wasn't enough to keep her busy, Kathleen is also homeschooling the older children!

**Maria Cuda Hill** welcomed their daughter Margaret Kathryn in April 2022 with husband Kevin. She joins Charlie, who is proud to be an older brother. Maria is a preschool coordinator for an NAEYC accredited preschool in Pepper Pike, OH.

**Anne Therese Stroude Kelshaw** and her husband Anthony have two little loves — Abel James born in October 2019 and Lucy Elizabeth born in November 2021. In August of this year, Anne Therese obtained her LCSW and is currently a school counselor at Holy Spirit Catholic School in Indianapolis, IN. She also serves as a virtual therapist for Indiana Connections Academy!

**Kimberley Burkart Bayer** and husband Matt welcomed baby Lawrence George on November 15. He is their fifth child and fourth boy in a row. She reports: "I also run a small solo law practice in Milwaukee and in my spare time I sleep :)"

**Amara Parseghian** married Michael Jangl in Big Sky, MT this August. **Anna Kramer Dougherty**, **Caitlin**

**Schaefer Eckerle**, **Katie Comeford Fernandez**, **Mary Anne Brown Schuster '77**, and **Nancy Bauchman '77** were in attendance. Amara is a teacher and Michael is a fireman in New York City.

## 2010

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Belles, hope all is well with everyone and their families!

**Emily Cook King** and husband Henry (ND MBA '18) welcomed their first child Andrew James on April 28, 2022! Andrew is lucky to have **Lindsay Cook Craig '06** and Hunter Craig (ND '06) as loving godparents.

**Carly Anne Zagaroli** has become a partner at the law firm of Warner Norcross and Judd, LLP. Carly focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation and insurance law for a wide range of corporate and insurance clients. She advises clients on trial procedure, alternative dispute resolution, risk analysis, proper insurance, the claims-making process, and claim disputes. She is a member of the American Bar Association, Grand Rapids Bar Association, and a graduate of the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce's Emerging Leaders Series. She also serves as secretary of Make-A-Wish Michigan's Leadership Advisory Council. She has been named to the *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* list; she has been

recognized as a Rising Star by Michigan *Super Lawyers Magazine* since 2021. Carly was also named to the Lawyer Helps Pro Bono Honor Roll last year by the State Bar of Michigan.

Cheers to a New Year full of new adventures and memories!

## 2011

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Hello, 2011 Belles,

Congratulations to everyone below on your exciting news. As always, if you ever have any news you want to submit please feel free to contact me anytime.

**Anna Frantz** married Drew Laughner on September 24, 2022, at Holy Angels Catholic Church in Sidney, OH. Fellow Belles **Grace Frantz Armstrong**, **Kate Urhausen DeRooi**, and **Carol Conaghan Matesich** served as bridesmaids. Also in attendance were fellow belles **Mary Frantz Valletta '08**, **Nicole Bieganski**, and **Annie Harton**. Anna and Drew reside in Kokomo, IN.

**Jenna Lewanski Aguilar** and her husband Johnathon welcomed their baby girl Lilliana Hop, on September 28, 2022. She weighed 5 lbs. 7oz. and was 19 in. long. They love their little peanut so much and can't wait to show her campus someday!

**Cassie Kral Romine** and her husband Matt (ND '11) welcomed their baby girl Lillian Marie Romine on October 3, 2022. Lilly was 7 lbs. 12 oz. and 20 in. long, and the Romine family is living in Tulsa, OK.

**Ashlee Girard Craig** and her husband Kirk Craig welcomed a baby girl! Isabella Rose Craig entered the world on October 5, 2022. The new family of three reside in the Lincoln Park neighborhood of Chicago.

**Molly Gahagan Garcia** and her husband Eric welcomed a son Samuel Angel on October 21, 2022. He was 8 lbs. 8 oz. and 21.75 in. long. Their families were excited to welcome the first grandchild!

**Kristen Metzger Cernanec** and her husband William (ND '12) welcomed a sweet baby girl Anne Elizabeth Cernanec on November 7, 2022. Annie came into the world weighing 8 lbs. 1 oz. and measuring an adorable 20.5 in. long.

**Kelly Zenere** married Dennis Terek on December 11, 2021, in Chicago at the Church of the Holy Family with the reception at the Intercontinental. **Sarah Burke '16**, **Molly Nelson Giltrow**, **Nina Midgley Kelman**, **Jessica Schott Lezynski**, **Kathleen Parsons**, and **Elizabeth Molnar Stephens** all served as bridesmaids. **Ally Drake Bernstein** and **Megan Miller Stickle** served as honorary bridesmaids as they were welcoming their new babies at the time. On November 14, 2022, their son William Gabriel Terek joined the party weighing 7 lbs. 8 oz. Kelly and Dennis are over the moon in love with him.

## 2012

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**Christine Murphy** got married to her husband on August 20, 2022. **Colleen Anderson** stood beside her as Christine's maid of honor. **Victoria Flees Bolton** recently married Nick Bolton and they purchased their first duplex in St. Paul, MN, turning into new homeowners and landlords. Victoria is in her eighth year as a Delta Airlines flight attendant. In the summer, she was added as a member of the hiring team and is primarily focused on hiring the new generation of flight attendants for Delta Airlines. **Abigail Forney** moved to Chicago in October 2022 to start her new job with the University of Chicago Press as exhibits coordinator.

**Christina Girardi Blake** and her husband Patrick bought their first home in Annandale, VA at the end of 2021. With big sister Giulia, they welcomed baby Charlotte Rose to the world on May 25, 2022, and are happy settling into their new neighborhood as a family of four. **Christie Draddy Eaton** gave birth to a little girl Anna Maria on June 14, 2022. On July 27, 2022, **Lindsey Stuss Gillen** and her husband Tyler welcomed the birth of their son Bryson Anthony Gillen. They currently reside in Indianapolis, IN. **Sarah Capaldi Kakenmaster** and her husband Mike welcomed their second child Eloise Ruth Kakenmaster on August 1, 2022. **Leah Richman Gerbeth** and her husband Zach Gerbeth welcomed the birth of their son Jordan Dustin Gerbeth on September 17, 2022. Holland Elizabeth Vassar was born on October 5, 2022, to parents **Lauren Toth Vassar** and Ryan Vassar. **Katherine Nash Greenspon** and her partner Justin Underwood welcomed the birth of their daughter Madeline Patricia Underwood on October 22, 2022. She weighed 8 lbs. 12 oz. and was 21 in. long.

## 2013

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Hello, Class of 2013 Belles!

Thank you for all the updates! We have lots of news to share.

**Paige Edmonds** has a new job as a patient and family advocate and screening specialist at the Colorectal Cancer Alliance. Good luck, Paige!

In wedding news, **Briana Berwick** is now Briana Riggs. She married Anthony Riggs in Azle, TX on October 8, 2022. **Terri Ferrera Salinas** and **Maria Sheehan** were bridesmaids. **Tina Sorensen Hernandez** got married to her partner of eight years, Victor Hernandez, on September 10, 2022. She had three Belles by her side: **Elizabeth Morales Michaels**, **Ashley Stopczynski**, and **Lauren Murphy '14**. Congratulations to the newlyweds!

So many new babies! First, **Corryn Neumann Chini** welcomed a baby girl in January in Dayton, OH. She is so loved by big brothers Oliver, 4, and Davis, 2. **Cecelia Gatto-Guerrero** and her husband welcomed their fifth child Nayeli Itzel Guerrero

on September 10, 2022. **Liz Litke Waldorf** and her husband Isak welcomed their third daughter Olivia Joy Waldorf on September 25. **Megan Carey Fuchs** and her husband Christian welcomed their first baby Fiona Carey Fuchs on September 9, 2022, in Frankfurt, Germany. **Emily Fairchild Kershnik** and Kevin Kershnik (ND '13) had a baby boy on October 14, 2022. Knox Timothy Kershnik joining his big sister Quinn Catherine. **Liz Robbins Gillmen** and her husband Tyson welcomed a baby girl Nora Rhen, on August 5, 2022. The Lynns are now a family of five! **Caroline Gallagher Lynn** had the family's third child Rory Pierson Lynn on August 8, 2022 — he joins big sister, Keira, 3, and big brother Thomas, 1. **Camille Krahe Hardy** had a baby boy Warren James Hardy on September 28, 2022. Congratulations, ladies!

Don't forget, our 10-year Reunion is this summer. Hope to see you all there!

## 2014

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Happy Spring, 2014 Belles! We have quite a few wonderful updates to share. Many Belles tied the knot this past fall. **Katie Haemmerle** married Sahil Tembulkar on August 6, 2022, in Boston, MA. In attendance were **Emma Brink '12**, who introduced the couple to one another, as well as **Mileva Brunson '14**, **Gianna Burkhardt '14**, **Claire Creely '14**, and **JoAnn Calandra Haemmerle '84**. **Jarusha Lang Kimble** married Dustin Kimble on September 16, 2022, in their front yard with the Pisgah National Forest as the backdrop. The couple is settling into their married life with their pets and welcome any visitors. **Megan Finan Conlin** married her husband Jim Conlin on October 29, 2022. In November of 2022, **Christina Boesler Segura** married Juan-Manuel Segura (ND '14) and the two are now happily living in Washington, D.C.

This past year we also welcomed many new bundles of joy! **Madison Koehler Wise** and her husband Garret Wise welcomed a daughter Annalynn Mary Wise on March 13, 2022. **Libby Glomb Shidel** welcomed her second child this year, a baby girl! Her older brother and the rest of their family have welcomed the new joy and excitement. **Lisa Soper Soegaard** and her family moved back to Lisa's hometown in California and welcomed their third child Rory Antonio Soegaard on October 25, 2022. His aunt **Molly Soper '22** is proud to be his new godmother.

We are also excited to share the strides our fellow Belles are making in their education and career journeys. This year **Malea Schulte** graduated from Oxford University with an MBA focused on social impact. She is now working in London as a senior business designer. She highly recommends Oxford's one-year MBA and welcomes anyone to reach out to her on LinkedIn to learn more. **Alex Penler** recently started a new job as a senior digital communications officer at the German Marshall Fund of the United States. **Aubrey Hodges Tompkins** graduated from Frontier Nursing University with a master's degree in nurse midwifery and is now

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licensed to practice as a certified nurse midwife. **Erin Duffy Correll** continues to thrive as a pediatric speech language pathologist in the Milwaukee area. Erin and her husband Blake Correll just celebrated four years together and bought a new house in Milwaukee.

What a year it has been for our 2014 Belles! Please continue to share your updates and stay in touch. We can't wait to see what is next for our beloved Belles and friends. Take care and be well!

## 2015

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Dear Class of 2015,

Can you believe it's already 2023? Half of us have already entered a new decade. Here's to our 30s, may they be flirty and thriving! Here's what we've been up to while rounding out our 20s.

**Meghan Roder Hamlin** married James Hamlin on September 17, 2022, in New Buffalo, MI. **Emily Scanlon Siegert** was her matron of honor, and **Julia Ritter, Karly Surman,** and **Margaret Vanes Wilday** were bridesmaids. Fellow Belles **Nicole O'Toole Peterson, Audrey Kiefer, Grace McSorley, Amanda Gilbert O'Sullivan, Rachel**

**Sinchak,** and **Sarah Hossfeld Dancu** helped them celebrate! Congratulations to the Hamlins!

**Mary Verdun** started a new position as a nurse practitioner in the cardiovascular surgery intensive care unit at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN.

**Nicole O'Toole Peterson** married Bradley Alec Peterson on December 3, 2022, at St. Alexander's Catholic Church in Palos Heights, IL, where Nicole's parents were married 34 years prior. **Emily Scanlon Siegert** and **Audrey Kiefer** were bridesmaids. **Grace McSorley** did a reading and **Amanda Gilbert O'Sullivan's** son was a ring bearer. **Rachel Sinchak, Julia Ritter, Rosaleen McSorley Carli-no '13, Karly Surman, Meghan Roder Hamlin, Kelly Konya, Christina Wenn, Theresa McSorley '18, Kellyn Schmitt '17, Abigail Scanlon '19, Julie Herbstritt Scanlon '86,** and **Bridget Baran Kiefer '81** tore up the dance floor all night long at the Drake Hotel in Chicago, IL. **Mary Kate McLaughlin Anderson, Madison Maidment Schumann,** and **Aneth Batamuliza** helped celebrate from afar.

Here's to creating more wonderful memories in our 30s. Don't forget to send me your personal and professional life updates to: nicoleotoole128@gmail.com. Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2023!

## 2016

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Big news from our Belles!

**Allison Danhof Kolean** gave birth to her son Bradley Lynn Kolean on August 21, 2022. He joins big sister and future Belle Audrey! We are so happy for you and your family, Allie!

**Isabella Gagnon Meaux** and her husband welcomed their daughter Ember Christine Meaux on September 18, 2022, at 9:24 a.m., weighing 8 lbs. 11 oz. Mom and baby are both doing great. Congratulations on your growing family, Isabella!

Wedding Belles are ringing for **Maddie Kohler Lannon**, daughter of Jeff (ND '79) and **Mo O'Brien Kohler '81** and sister of **Kathleen Kohler Dalhoff '09**. Maddie and Peter Lannon were married in Philadelphia on October 8, 2022, surrounded by 30+ alumnae! We hope your day was a magical start to a beautiful life together, Maddie!

**Angela Dainelli** married Daniel Klipper in South Bend on July 9, 2022. **Kayla Chapman** was a bridesmaid and Angela's sister, Valerie Dainelli (Holy Cross '18), was maid of honor. Other Belles in attendance were **Lydia Lorenc '18, Nina Vlahiotis '15, Sarah Burke, Victoria Enomoto Connelly '15, Sarah Callis, Caitlyn Migawa '17, Jillian Busfield, Caitlin Rosencrantz, Moranda Hegedus,**

**Savannah Sullivan-Souza,** and **Jacqueline Martinez.** The couple moved to New Albany, IN after the wedding, where Angela is working in skilled nursing as a speech language pathologist and Daniel is pursuing his master's degree at the University of Louisville. Congratulations and best wishes to you both, Angela!

After completion of active duty orders in the Marine Corps, **Teresa Guerrero** moved from Illinois to San Diego in May 2022. On November 18, 2022, Tess graduated from the six-month police academy and was sworn in as a San Diego police officer. She continues to serve in the Marine Corps Reserve and looks forward to serving her community in California. Congratulations on your hard work, Tess, and thank you for your ongoing service in the Marines!

Send your class news to smc16news@gmail.com to appear in a future issue of *Courier*!

## 2017

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Dear Class of 2017,

I'm pleased to share these updates from our fellow Belles:

**Anna Judith Bourjaily** married Robert Reed (ND MSM '17) in August. **Samantha Faye Moore, Clare Kenny O'Malley, Claire Evalyne Veselik, Emily Anne Rush** and **Kelly Katherine O'Reilly** were bridesmaids in the wedding.

**Barbara Jean Prokup** married Eric Jacobsen in November in a destination wedding in Hawaii. Bridesmaids included **Allison Ann Ayers, Olivia S. Ortiz, Marina Francesca Cepeda** and **Erin E. Kennedy.**

**Elizabeth Rose Terzian** recently earned her master of science in nursing from Capella University. Congrats!

**Elizabeth (Lizzie) Cusick** ran the Dublin Marathon and raised over \$2,500 for Livestrong in the process. Congrats, Lizzie!

I always love hearing your news and updates, please don't hesitate to reach out at kfitzm01@saintmarys.edu!

## 2018

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Dear Belles,

We are in the final countdown until our five-year Reunion! I have had a wonderful time as cochair for the Reunion Gift Campaign and am looking forward to the upcoming weekend. As we move closer to June, if you have any questions concerning Reunion, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself or my cochair **Caroline Johnson** (caromjohns@gmail.com). With that, I am happy to report some wonderful news from our classmates. I hope to see you all in June, if not, we will miss you and I look forward to gathering again soon.

**Meagan Amelia Armenta** married Bret Basilone (ND '14) on October 21, 2022, in San Diego, CA. **Meghan Katherine McMahon, Meredith O'Hare Mancini, Colleen Allare, Kathleen**



**Mary Barry, Gabby LaMontagna Travisano, Catherine (Cat) Margaret Murad, Rose Marie Vicenzi, Mary Clare Vicenzi, Sarah Elizabeth Connaughton, Collette MariAnna Shannon, Catherine Ridgely Lauerman, Danielle Mariah Armenta '21,** and **Anne Olivia Kenesey '16** were all in attendance.

**Rachel Ann Bonek** graduated from John Hopkins University with her master's in electrical and computer engineering in August 2022.

**Kay Thursby Bourke** married Stephen Bourke (ND '18) on October 1, 2022, at Old St. Patrick's Church in Chicago, IL. Some of her very best friends **Micaela Lauren Petrarca, Molly McCaul O'Rourke,** and **Alanna Catherine O'Donnell** were all bridesmaids.

**Amanda Gail Brown** graduated from Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis with her master's in nursing education.

**Emily Elizabeth Dicks** started as an assistant director of admission – Chicago regional representative at Saint Mary's this past August! She is enjoying bringing in the next generation of Belles from her hometown!

**Tes Pairitz Fischer** recently started a new position as a middle school science teacher at Christ the King Catholic School in South Bend, IN.

**Marin Zumwald McDaniel** was married on October 23, 2021, and received her licensed independent social worker-supervisor credentials in December 2022.

**Mary Claire Mordini** married Jack Crooks (ND '18) on July 16, 2022, at Saint Mary's College. The ceremony was held inside Holy Spirit Chapel with the reception celebrated on the Le Mans Hall green. Bridesmaids included **Kate Ryan DeTrempe, Mary Clare Vicenzi,** and **Rose Marie Vicenzi.**

**Kelsey D. Richards** graduated from Ball State University with her master's in applied behavior analysis with an emphasis in autism this summer.

Please continue to share your life updates and achievements with me at catherine.bruno9@gmail.com. And as always, Go Belles!

## 2019

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**Victoria Madison Millar** married John Gadiant (ND '17) on June 11, 2022, at St. Monica Catholic Church in Mishawaka, IN. The bridal party included **Catherine Anne Bruno '18** as the maid of honor with **Ana Marie Daley '18, Emma Suzanne Foley '18,** and **Basia Pawlica** as bridesmaids. Even more Belles were in attendance: **Isabella Christine Speedon '18, Tara Anne Enright '18, Rachel Ann Bonek '18,** and **Sarah Rose Catharine Kaltenbach '18.** Currently, Tory and John live in South Bend, IN.

**Julia Marie Veome** married Julian Love (ND '20) on June 25, 2022, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in La Grange, IL. The bridal party included **Samantha Veome '23** as the maid of honor with **MaryKate Foley, Elizabeth Schwegel,** and **Monica Davy** as bridesmaids.

**Megan Danielle Macias** married Britton Farrell on August 5, 2022, in San Diego, CA. Members of the wedding party included Saint Mary's alumnae **Chloe Krupchak, Maddy Culligan, Annabelle Grace Paulson,** and **Margaret Malarney.** Megan and Britton live in San Diego, where she works as a speech language pathologist for preschool and elementary students.

**Aubrey Navarre Penn** ran a Boston Marathon qualifying time of 3:27:33 at the Holland Haven Marathon in Michigan on September 11, 2022. Aubrey works in Jackson, MI as a pediatric occupational therapist.

**Claire Ann Guffy** was married to Luke Rafferty (ND '19) on June 25, 2022, in Holland, MI at her family home. Bridesmaids included **Caitlin Guffy '12, Grace Ward, Anna Baran, Ellen Kilian,** and **Breda Moran.**

After three years on an inpatient neurology/neurosurgery unit at Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago, IL, **Maddy Culligan** accepted a new outpatient nursing position at Lurie's caring for pediatric epilepsy patients.

**Annabelle Grace Paulson** recently moved to Minneapolis, MN, where she works as a neonatal intensive care nurse.

**Shelby Knop** moved to New York City after graduating from Indiana University McKinney School of Law.

## 2020



### Summer Stillson '20

After graduating from Saint Mary's early in December of 2020, Stillson went on to pursue her MBA at Grace College with two seasons of remaining college golf eligibility. Stillson became the first individual national champion in program history, after besting her competition by a single stroke on the final day. Stillson's tournament total of 229 is the best three-round score in team history.



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**Elena Soto '24, Familiarity**

A moth realized in cloth and poised for flight, *Familiarity* is a symbol of ongoing abuse and the hope for change interwoven through its fabric. Soto created this kite using screen-printing and hand-painting techniques on cotton, incorporating a wooden dowel and string, as part of her work for Fabric Printing Media (ART 239). *Familiarity*, Soto writes, symbolizes "the familiar patterns of emotional and psychological abuse in relationships, and the hope to break away from these patterns." The artist is a double major in art and psychology.