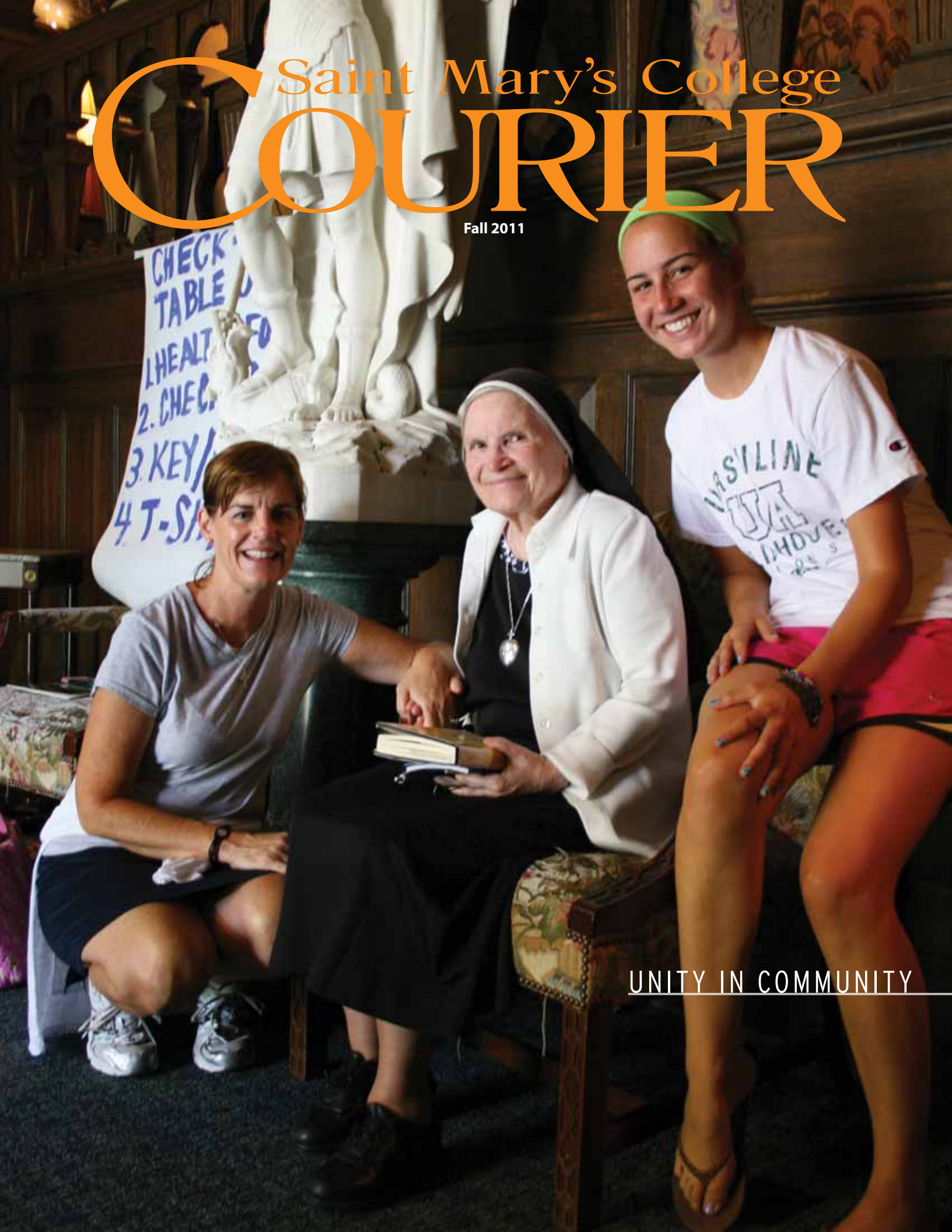


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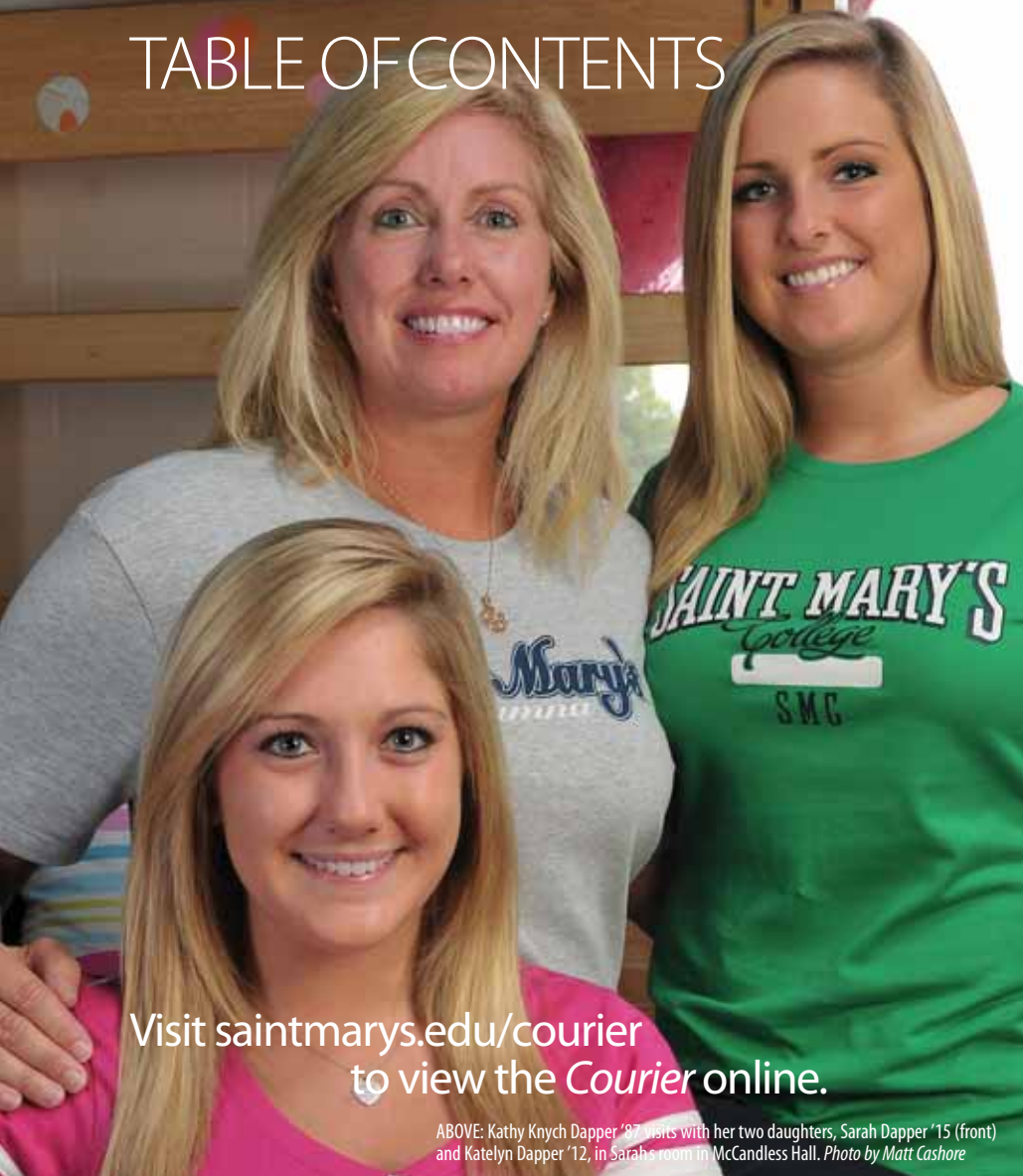
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A photo caption on page 20 in the summer 2011 issue of *Courier* gave the incorrect first name of the father of the five Boyce sisters of Oak Lawn, Illinois. He is Matt Boyce. We regret the error.

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

on the cover

Front Cover: Julie Melvin Ulliman '82 and her daughter, Anna Ulliman '15, visit with Sister Viola Marie Byrnes, CSC, at Holy Cross Hall on Move-In Day, August 18. Julie's older daughter, Mary Elizabeth Ulliman, graduated from Saint Mary's College in 2010.
Photo by Zara Osterman

Back Cover: Kelly Wilson '15, Colleen Fahrenbach '15, Madeline Wilson '14, and Katherine "Kate" Russell '14 are all first cousins who live in Holy Cross Hall (clockwise from top left). Colleen's mother is Katherine Wilson Fahrenbach '83, and Kate's is Mary Pat Wilson Russell '78. The mothers are sisters.
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Mission of Saint Mary's Community is Alive and Well

By Sister Veronique Wiedower '70, CSC



Contemporary Catholic author Peter Steinfelds has said: "A people ['community'] is not an undifferentiated mass, but a group with a sense of itself, a collective memory, a solidarity, an anticipated destiny—all of which must be preserved in formulas, rituals, [and] written or recited epics."

We at Saint Mary's exemplify a community whose mission is alive and well. We—students, alumnae, administrators, faculty, staff, friends of the College, and the Sisters of the Holy Cross—continually tap into our collective memory to rekindle the passion and zeal of our pioneering and visionary founders, preserve and treasure our well-loved rituals, and find creative ways to tell our story anew.

This school year, Saint Mary's College is focusing on Community, one of its core values. Blessed Basil Anthony Moreau had a vision of community that encompassed women and men, lay, religious and cleric, working interdependently for the sake of the mission of Jesus. The sisters, brothers, and priests of Holy Cross who came to Indiana, and the lay women and men who joined them in their educational mission, were people who owned this sense of collaborative ministry. They believed in the importance of educating the whole person—mind and heart—to meet the needs of the society in which they served.

Women like Mother Angela Gillespie, the first American to head Saint Mary's Academy, and later, Mother Pauline O'Neill, first president of Saint Mary's College, planted and nurtured the seeds of Moreau's vision here. They believed that women were critical partners in the enterprise of building American society, and their vision has evolved and been clarified by the many women and men who have led the College over the years.

Moreau believed that unity, one of the hoped-for graces of community, was a "powerful lever with which we could move, direct, and sanctify the world." Achieving unity requires all of us to strive for right relationships with self, God, the cosmos, and our neighbors. There is synergy between Saint Mary's College and our neighbors, Holy Cross College and the University of Notre Dame. We not only share the Notre Dame, Indiana, address, but so much history. We also share the Holy Cross philosophy of education: seeking to educate the whole person to become an agent of God's transforming love. Each of our three institutions has tailored this philosophy to its unique circumstances of founding and subsequent history. Our varying strengths and resources have allowed collaboration, academically and otherwise, and a diversity of gifts to blossom on our individual campuses. Academically, socially, in civic responsibility and shared faith, this larger community invites us to participate in an enriching exchange of these gifts while our differences invite us to question and seek diverse ways of articulating our visions as we carry out the one mission of Jesus.

Especially today, Moreau's vision of community through unity is one that our larger community, which radiates throughout the world and beyond to God, longs to see. This is the time in which we all are invited to model and live in right relationship and to pray for our world to be in right relationship. It is an awesome responsibility and also a wonder-filled challenge. It is one I look forward to living day by day in the Saint Mary's community.

*Blessings,
Sister M. Veronique*

Sister Veronique Wiedower '70, CSC, was appointed vice president of the Saint Mary's College Division for Mission in June. She earned her bachelor's degree in music from the College, and in 1979, her master's degree in theology from the University of Notre Dame. In 2009, she returned to Saint Mary's, joining the Campus Ministry staff. A former member of the Saint Mary's College Board of Trustees, Sister Veronique also served on the Congregational Leadership Team of the Sisters of the Holy Cross.



Furthering THE *Unity* IN COMMUNITY

By Susan Dampeer '72

College President Carol Ann Mooney '72 shows Alexandra Davin '12 and Alexandra Mirandola Mullen '12 a cross that belonged to Sister Alma Peter, CSC. Sister Alma served as acting president of the College during President Mooney's time as a student, and the two formed a friendship that grew over the years. Sister Alma asked President Mooney to carry this cross to the beatification of Blessed Basil Anthony Moreau in Le Mans, France, in 2007 for blessing. Later, Sister Alma gave her the cross, which President Mooney keeps in her campus office as a reminder of Sister Alma and as a symbol of the unity of the Holy Cross community.

It's 1967 and the world is changing. Vietnam War protests and civil rights action define the times while the Catholic Church is adjusting to changes from Vatican II. A high school girl from upstate New York with a love for learning ponders her future and which college will become her home for the next four years. She may not have even looked at a small Catholic women's college in the Midwest, but her high school guidance counselor persuades her that it is the right place for her. That college was Saint Mary's College and that girl was Carol Ann Mooney '72, now in her eighth year as president of the College. That counselor was Betty O'Neil, sister of then-Notre Dame president, the Reverend Theodore M. Hesburgh, CSC. So began a relationship with Holy Cross that has lasted over 40 years and helped to define President Mooney as a person and as our president.

Most of us feel that we know President Mooney. We know that she is our first lay alumna president, that she graduated first in her class at the University of Notre Dame Law School, was at one time the highest-ranking female officer at Notre Dame, and that she and her husband, George Efta, are the parents of four daughters.

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President Carol Ann Mooney '72
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But few of us may connect the dots when it comes to her extraordinary relationship with the three branches of Holy Cross—sisters, priests, and brothers—the three branches founded by Blessed Basil Anthony Moreau to fulfill his vision to serve the people of God through teaching, ministry, and hospitality.

As an undergraduate at Saint Mary's, Carol Ann was strongly influenced by the Sisters of the Holy Cross and their roots in France. She spent her sophomore year in Angers, France, immersing herself in French culture in the very region where Holy Cross was founded. After graduation from Saint Mary's in 1972, she continued her education at the University of Notre Dame Law School. As a student, and later, a faculty member at Notre Dame, she formed lasting friendships with many Holy Cross priests, including Father Hesburgh and the Reverend

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Edward A. (Monk) Malloy, CSC, who would later invite her to join his administration. She and the current president of Notre Dame, the Reverend John I. Jenkins, CSC, served as associate provosts together for many years. In working with these men, President Mooney came to a greater understanding and appreciation of her role as an educator, an educator committed to the holistic development of each student.

Even while on faculty at Notre Dame, President Mooney's connections to Saint Mary's College and the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross continued. For over 20 years, she and her family have attended Sunday Mass at the Church of Our Lady of Loretto on Saint Mary's campus. Her daughter Christine was married at Loretto, and her daughter Caitlin was married in Holy Spirit Chapel in Le Mans Hall.

In 1992 President Mooney's parents moved from upstate New York to South Bend to be near their daughter. They, too, became a part of the Holy Cross family and heritage, joining their daughter and her husband in worship at the Church of Our Lady of Loretto. As the older couple grew to need more help with their daily lives, the family chose Andre House, a senior living facility on the campus of Holy Cross College, which is owned by the Brothers of Holy Cross.

In 2005 the Sisters invited President Mooney and her husband to attend their 10-day international meeting in Le Mans, France. Of the 48 attendees at that session from every corner of the world, only six were lay people. It was a life-changing experience for President Mooney. It wasn't until she attended this international session that she fully realized Moreau's vision of priests, brother, sisters, and lay people all working together

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to educate the young. She has said it was only then she felt officially invited "into the circle," as a member of the Holy Cross family, not just a lay person standing on the edge of that circle.

President Mooney still thinks of herself as an educator first and administrator second. As president, she has countless opportunities to educate current students and alumnae. In a recent talk (saintmarys.edu/presidents-perspectives/purpose-higher-ed) to first year students she articulated her memories of her time at Saint Mary's and her hopes for them. She told them, "I hope you leave here with a sense of awe and wonder at the beauty and complexity of the created world. I want you to be in awe of the minds that explore that complexity, whether that exploration is done through research in a chemistry lab or the slow labor of crafting a poem. I hope that sense of awe and wonder makes you thirst for the rest of your life to know more and understand more; that during your time here your sense of curiosity is kept alive and fostered. In short, I pray that you become a person with an intellectual appetite. Saint Mary's did that for me."

That eager young girl is now a wise and respected woman in our community and across the country; a woman whose day-to-day life is framed by her love of learning, respect for all individuals, and sense of social responsibility. A life spent as a servant of Holy Cross has resulted in a woman deeply steeped in the vision of its founder, in every sense a true member of the family and a modern-day lay missionary of Moreau's dream.

Class of 2015

THE CLASS OF SMARTS AND HEARTS

Saint Mary's College President Carol Ann Mooney '72 welcomed the newest members of our community, the Belles of the Class of 2015, saying, in part, "Find your passion. Take advantage of the next four years—don't waste a minute." Judging by their many accomplishments prior to even arriving at the College, the Class of 2015 could already be called the Class of Smarts and Hearts. The following are just some of their many accomplishments.



Smarts:

- Twelve of the first year students were named high school valedictorian.
- Thirty-two were ranked in the top 10 academically in their high school class with 59 ranking in the top 20.
- Nearly 33 percent scored 1800 or higher on the SAT, and nearly seven percent had ACT scores ranging between 31 and 36.
- One received the National Silver Medal from the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards for a novel she authored. It was one of three silver medals awarded out of 700 submissions.
- One conducted advanced research through collaboration with the University of Notre Dame and she received a Bayer Health Award.
- One hundred eight students were selected as captain of a sport sometime during their high school career.

12%

Twelve percent of our incoming class are alumnae daughters.

32%

Thirty-two percent have a relative who attended Saint Mary's.

1,453

Saint Mary's received a total of 1,453 applications for the 2011–12 school year—the most in College history—with 425 enrolled this fall.

Hearts:

- One student founded HOPE, a breast cancer awareness club.
- One student donated over 100 hours of childcare services, enabling the child's parents to attend English as a Second Language classes.
- One student is a volunteer pallbearer for the homeless.
- One student started the Agape Prayer Club at her high school.
- One student is co-president of Buy Sudan Connection Club, which raises money to send Sudanese refugees to a boarding high school in Kenya.

ABOVE: Rachel Sinchak '15 (from left), Rachel Weir '15, Ana Arredondo '15, and Melyssa Jester '15 are already loving their first year at Saint Mary's College.



A Vision Fulfilled

By Christine Cox

FIFTY YEARS AGO, THEN-COLLEGE PRESIDENT SISTER MADELEVA TOLD THE CLASS OF 1961 TO IMAGINE THE YEAR 2011. AT REUNION, THEY REMEMBERED HER MESSAGE.



Rosemary Hughes Cabe '61 greets a Reunion attendee.

In her last convocation with the Class of 1961, then-retiring President Sister M. Madeleva Wolff, CSC, urged the 300 young women to imagine themselves 50 years in the future, in 2011. "As you look back on this night from the millennium or the year 2011, will you remember some of these things? Some of your daughters may be replacing us. Some of your granddaughters may be sitting there where you are sitting now. All, all look back on this night of faith and hope; look back in love."

For half a century, the Class of '61 has carried this message in their hearts along with the honor of being Sister Madeleva's last students. So it was especially poignant for them this spring to reconvene the community they formed 50 years ago and look back in love at their days at Saint Mary's.

During the countless hours of planning that started two years earlier, alumnae organizers immersed themselves in the task of pulling together a meaningful, memorable 50th Reunion.

"Our first goal was to get as many women back as possible," says Marilyn Wolter Laboe '61, who served as program chair. "It wasn't 'What can you give us?' It was 'Please give us yourselves.' We wanted it to be like the fall of '57 when we first came to campus and everyone was there to enjoy each other."

Mary Cotter Fee '61, chair of the gift committee, agrees. "The women in the Class of '61 are exceedingly talented and very accomplished. In past reunions, we always had lively discussions and loads of laughs," she says. "Marilyn and I thought the primary focus should be on encouraging as many classmates as possible to attend Reunion."

To put it mildly, they were successful. The Class of '61 set a 50th Reunion attendance record with 92 returning alumnae. And this reconnection rekindled their commitment to the College. The class went above and beyond in its Reunion campaign: it set the record for the largest class gift donation in history, \$1,071,313. This excludes a \$4.7 million bequest by their late classmate, Marjorie A. Neuhoff, which increased their total to nearly \$5.8 million.

Despite these records, they realize their Reunion was not unique in many ways. "There is a commonality about the Saint Mary's community that makes it easy to reconnect with old friends and make new friends," says Fee. "There is a bond that we all share, a specialness of community that allows us to pick up where we left off with the feeling that no years have intervened."

And the years did not diminish the Saint Mary's ideal of service: the Class of '61 was exceedingly generous with time and

talent. For her part, artist Judith Halter Enright '61 volunteered to make a movie of the class, which turned out to be a huge hit. "I wanted to do it because in past reunions, I never really got a sense of what my classmates had been doing with their lives. I was curious. In the process, I found out amazing things about my classmates," she says.

Susan Eyerly Pichler '61 arranged a Thursday-afternoon retreat facilitated by Sister Judith Anne Beattie, CSC. "Sister Judith suggested the theme 'Spirituality of Place' and how that could relate to our life experiences. It fit perfectly," Pichler says. Many attendees called the retreat one of the most meaningful experiences of Reunion.

"It was the ideal way to start our Reunion," says Laboe. "There were about 44 women, and it was a real cross section of the women in our class. At the end, Sister turned us loose and told us to meet back in 35 minutes. She told us to go by ourselves or with friends and visit a special spot on campus. My horrible fear was that no one would come back because they'd be distracted by their friends and the excitement of being on campus."

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—MARILYN WOLTER LABOE '61

"But every woman came back. We all sat in this circle and shared. It was very, very special," as was the cookout that night. Former teacher Sister Miriam Cooney '51, CSC, presented the aforementioned speech by then-College President Sister Madeleva. "Some of us were crying hearing her words again because we all saw the truth of her vision of 50 years," says Laboe. "It was just wonderful."

The passage of time seems to have increased the camaraderie of the Class of '61. As happens with most classes over time, the community becomes more inclusive. Alumnae move beyond the comfort zone of their best friends, their fellow majors, or classmates who are in their current alumnae club to visit, celebrate, and sometimes get to know others in their class. As the Class of '61 discovered, the shared experience that is uniquely Saint Mary's provides a special bond, one that is timeless.

Reunion 2011



CONGRATULATIONS to the Class of '61 for 50 years of excellence

Members of the Class of '61 and their guests enjoy the President's Dinner for the Golden Jubilee Class held in their honor. Seated (from left) is Eileen Kilday Kennedy and Rosemary Hughes Cabe; standing: Colleen "Connie" Sheridan McCabe, Luanne Fox, Edward Kennedy III, Judy Cahill Sweeney, Mary "Mimi" Clark Bradley, and Mary Maley Burgess.



Fun Facts ABOUT REUNION 2011

- **Eight mother-and-daughter alumnae** legacy couples attended.
- **Twenty-seven attending alumnae** also had a sibling celebrating a Saint Mary's reunion this cycle.
- **Sixty student-athletes** attended the first reunion for all Saint Mary's student-athletes.
- **Forty-seven percent of the Class of 1961** attended Reunion '11—the most members in a single class to ever attend their 50th Reunion at the College.
- **Attendees came from as far away** as Costa Rica, England, Switzerland, and the Republic of Georgia.



THIS PAGE, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: 1) Members of the Class of 2001 happy to be back on campus together for their 10-Year Reunion, include (from left) Jessica Claes Mumaw, Jillian Koepke, Emily Swiss Bennet, Molly Banahan Edwards, and Melissa Bittner Sharpe. 2) Members of the Class of 1981 at Reunion include (from left) Sue Blumer Bergman, Lexi Swedish Gibbons, Peggy Showalter Malady, and Mary Beth Kasper Rapice. 3) Janet Martin, pictured here with President Carol Ann Mooney '72, was presented a token of appreciation for 23 years of valuable service to the College's alumnae for helping with reunions. Director of Alumnae Relations Kara M. O'Leary '89 made the presentation at the Reunion banquet. Martin retired from the College in July. 4) These members of the Class of 2001 are all smiles while reuniting with friends at Reunion. From left is Beth Castricone Bell, Olivia Smith, Desiree Hollis Dewey, and Melissa Pennington Bassler.



Remembering

PROFESSOR BRUNO P. SCHLESINGER

About 100 alumnae attending Reunion 2011 gathered to reminisce about the influence Professor Emeritus Bruno P. Schlesinger (1911–2010), humanistic studies, had on their lives. Susan Fitzgerald Rice '61 served as mistress of ceremonies for the event at which humanistic studies Professor Emerita Gail Mandell, a colleague of Schlesinger's for 40 years, spoke fondly of the late professor. Several alumnae in the audience also shared their memories about Schlesinger.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: 1) Anne Thiede Crete, Jean Kimmet Jackman, and Joanne Griffith McGrath, all members of the Class of '56, gather for a little fun—and a photo. 2) Mary Ellen Gallagher Gavin '81 (from left), Mary Cotter Fee '61, and Carol Jean Cusick Riley '71 visit with President Carol Ann Mooney '72 during Reunion 2011. 3) Members of the Class of '71 gather on the steps of Moreau Center for the Arts for their official reunion photo. 4) Dorothy Spollen Johnston '81 (from left), Sister Miriam Cooney '51, CSC, and Catherine Cantwell Pujals '81 enjoy Reunion 2011. 5) Victoria Butcko '01, Maarin Erbacher '01, Amy Dooms Taylor '01, and Mary Wisniewski Serrahn '01 reconnect at Reunion 2011, their 10-Year Reunion.

2011 ALUMNAE AWARDS

Distinguished Alumna Award

SHEILA CONLIN BROWN '56



The Distinguished Alumna Award was presented to Sheila Conlin Brown '56 for her devotion to her alma mater. Her life serves as a wonderful example of what a positive difference a Saint Mary's graduate can bring to the world in living the principles that are imbued upon her as a student.

After graduating from Saint Mary's with a degree in nutrition, Brown completed an internship in dietetics at Hines Veterans' Hospital in Chicago, and then worked as a clinical dietician for several years at Perry Memorial hospital in

Princeton, Illinois. In 55 years since her graduation, Brown's selfless devotion and generosity has been exemplified by her unfailing gift of time, talent, and treasure to the College. Her quiet support is of equal relevance.

When asked to serve her alma mater, Brown has responded with humility, enthusiasm, and dedication. She has served on numerous Reunion Gift Campaign committees over the years. She served as chairperson of the Special Gifts Committee for Saint Mary's Sesquicentennial Campaign, and six years on the Alumnae Association Board of Directors. A charter member of the Madeleva Society, Brown served two separate terms on its steering committee, clearly demonstrating by example and service the importance of contributing annually to the College.

Brown's Catholic faith is the guiding force in all that she does, whether it be serving as a stalwart supporter of her local parish, schools, and community, or being a tireless volunteer. Her love for Saint Mary's encouraged three of her daughters to follow her example and attend the College. She makes good daily choices in her roles as wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, and friend. She holds strong Christian values and works for the betterment of her community and surroundings.

Humanitas Award

STEPHANIE SNYDER SELIGA '06



Stephanie Snyder Seliga '06
(in foreground)

The Humanitas Award was presented to Stephanie Snyder Seliga '06, whose work is helping to establish a just food system for all. Seliga's actions exemplify the qualities of personal dedication, compassion, selflessness, and sacrifice through social action, education, and reform within the community, the church, and the world.

Shortly after her Saint Mary's College graduation and armed with a philosophy degree, Seliga joined AmeriCorps as coordinator of the Kitchen Garden Project in Washington state. There, she helped

establish more than 100 backyard gardens for low-income families. She ideated a garden build celebration, called Day of the Bed, to raise project awareness and funds totaling nearly \$4,000 to build more gardens. That event soon spun-off into a similar project in Portland, Oregon.

In 2009, Seliga and her husband, Michael, founded Cascadian Edible Landscapes in Seattle, a landscaping company and nursery that makes fruitful and edible vegetation spaces on urban soil. Plant starts and profits from that company support non-profit organizations that offer sliding-scale services. She also established Spring into Bed, a garden-build day in Seattle when over 250 volunteers built nine free gardens and supported 15 existing gardens for low-income families while raising funds for food justice awareness. Seliga also founded the nonprofit Just Garden Project, which is dedicated to building a just food system and a culture of gardening for all people.

Last year, Seliga joined the Seattle-based Ground Up Organics, a project that seeks to build healthy, self-sustaining communities by bringing young, diverse, urban residents into the green food agricultural movement. As Ground Up Organics' youth program coordinator, she helps create jobs for youth at Yesler Terrace, the oldest integrated housing project in the country.



Alumna Achievement Award
PATRICE JULIA TUOHY '81



The Alumna Achievement Award was presented to Patrice Julia Tuohy '81 for her daily life lived in faith and her vocation in spreading God's Word through her talents. Her award-winning publications and publishing services have helped thousands of preachers preach better, tens of thousands of young people find their vocation, and hundreds of thousands of Catholics deepen their understanding of their faith.

After graduating from Saint Mary's with a triple major in English, history, and religious studies, Tuohy continued her studies in Ireland and launched her editorial career with a brief turn as a speech-writing assistant to then-Irish Labour Party Leader, Michael O'Leary. Eventually her career path led to Claretian Publications, where, as managing editor of *U.S. Catholic* magazine, Tuohy spearheaded a major redesign and editorial overhaul, which garnered a host of church press association awards.

In 2001, Tuohy founded and became co-publisher of TrueQuest Communications. TrueQuest publishes *Prepare the Word, Take Five for Faith*, and oversees the production of *VISION Vocation Guide* for the National Religious Vocation Conference. Through her innovative efforts, including the creation of VocationMatch.com, VISION has become an essential religious vocation resource for contemporary Catholics. In 2008, Tuohy and TrueQuest received the Harvest Award for outstanding contribution to vocation ministry, and in 2010, the VISION Vocation Network was named a top-10 vocation website by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Helping others to discover their calling is a pursuit that Tuohy views as a privilege—not only as a writer and editor, but as an employer. She has given rise to the Catholic journalism careers of numerous young writers and editors, including three Saint Mary's alumnae.



Alumnae Inducted Into SAINT MARY'S ATHLETIC Hall of Fame

The College's Athletic Department inducted two alumnae and one team to Saint Mary's College Hall of Fame during Reunion 2011. Golfer Stefanie Simmerman '05, swimmer Megan Ramsey '04, and the 1988–89 tennis team were honored for their extraordinary achievements.

Simmerman, a Phoenix native, became the College's first national sports champion when she won the individual title at the 2003 NCAA Division III Golf Championships, the team's first appearance in the NCAA Tournament. A two-time All-American athlete, she is one of just two athletes in any sport at Saint Mary's to be named to the All-MIAA First Team in each of her four seasons.

Ramsey, a native of Michigan City, Indiana, was the holder of several school records at the time of her graduation. She was also a four-time, All-MIAA selection in swimming.

Meanwhile, the College's 1988–89 tennis team holds the distinction of being one of the most successful teams of any sport in Saint Mary's history to date. The team posted an impressive 22–7 overall record with five of those losses coming to Division I programs.

One of the most successful teams in any sport in the College's history, the 1988–89 tennis team was inducted into the Saint Mary's College Hall of Fame during Reunion 2011. Members of the team include (from left) Charlene Szajko Marino '89; Marie Koscielski Gerken '92; Kara M. O'Leary '89, then–team manager; Ellen Mayer Vaughn '92; Sarah Mayer Carron '91; Jennifer Block Howard '90; and Dr. Jo-Ann Nester, then–team coach.

Move-In Day

LOADED WITH LEGACIES

By Christine Cox



If the mountains of belongings on Move-In Day overwhelmed most students and parents, one group had special insight beyond the towering piles. These were the 47 alumnae mothers whose daughters were starting at Saint Mary's this year.

"I want to start all over again. It's so much fun," says Christine Shaheen Broussard '74 of Beaumont, Texas, as she moved her daughter, Laura Broussard '15, into McCandless Hall. Laura is Christine's second daughter to attend Saint Mary's; Emily Broussard Nash '98 was the first.

"My mother and sister brainwashed me to love the atmosphere of Saint Mary's," jokes Laura. "But I'm really happy to be here."

The mother-daughter connection of 47 translates into 12 percent of the 393 first-year students. Overall, 126 first-year students have alumnae family connections.

So if it's true that the Saint Mary's community is a family, it may be especially true for these 126 students and their legacy families. We invite you to meet a few of them.



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE LEFT, OPPOSITE PAGE: The Ver Beek family of Clarendon Hills, Illinois, had the opportunity to meet President Carol Ann Mooney '72 in McCandless Hall. The Ver Beeks are (from left) Sandra Gonzales Ver Beek '84, Olivia Ver Beek '15, and Gregory Ver Beek.

Laura Broussard '15 moves into McCandless with help from her mother, Christine Shaheen Broussard '74 (center) of Beaumont, Texas, and Sandy Harmacinski, operations coordinator for Advancement Services.

Katie Harrison '04 and her sister Markie Harrison '15, both of Pittsburgh, take a break outside McCandless.

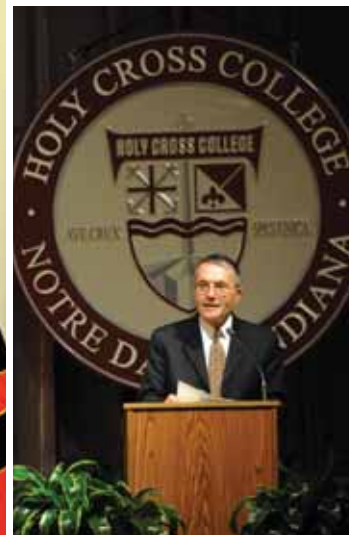
Mackenzie Woods '15 and her mother, Marianne Camenzind Woods '84, of Egg Harbor, Wisconsin, enjoy Mackenzie's room in Holy Cross Hall.

Kathy Knych Dapper '87 enjoys returning to campus to visit her two daughters, Sarah Dapper '15, left, and Katelyn Dapper '12. The Dappers are from Indianapolis.

Holy Cross Community

CELEBRATES MILESTONES

Together



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: 1) Saint Mary's College President Carol Ann Mooney '72 with Brother John R. Paige, CSC, preceding a public ceremony installing Paige as the fourth president of Holy Cross College. Paige's investiture highlighted several inaugural events at Holy Cross College on September 23, including receptions, an academic honors induction, and a symposium celebrating the 170th anniversary of the Brothers of Holy Cross in the United States. 2) Holy Cross College President Brother John R. Paige, CSC. 3) President Emeritus of the University of Notre Dame Theodore M. Hesburgh, CSC (left), with Paige at the inaugural luncheon.

Community grows out of shared experiences, values, and traditions—that's why the sense of community is so strong at Saint Mary's. But the College is part of a larger Holy Cross community that includes Saint Mary's next-door neighbors, Holy Cross College and the University of Notre Dame. The three institutions' shared heritage means that they are kindred "educators in the faith," as Blessed Basil Moreau, founder of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, envisioned. As such, the three schools mark important milestones together. In September members of the three institutions gathered—along with many other guests—for the installation of the fourth president of Holy Cross College, Brother John R. Paige, CSC. President Carol Ann Mooney '72 spoke at the installation, and Notre Dame's President John I. Jenkins, CSC, concelebrated at the Mass marking the occasion.

Telling *a Vital Story*

COLLEGE WEBSITE HAS NEW LOOK

The Saint Mary's website has been redesigned, giving a fresh perspective to an experience that's 167 years old.

"Saint Mary's does an amazing job of educating women, and we wanted to enhance our site's ability to communicate what makes this college so special," says Daniel Miller, director of web and interactive communications. "The redesign does a better job of telling the vital stories of the way we educate women, our amazing students, and the transformational experiences they encounter here."

Launched on October 8, the first phase of the web redesign focuses on the home page and other visual elements, Miller says. When prospective students and other users visit the site, they see stunning photos and videos, compelling features that convey the Saint Mary's experience.

The site focuses on communicating the College's key strengths: excellent majors, faculty as mentors, career preparation, outstanding academic reputation, and the value of a Saint Mary's education.



A screen shot of the College's redesigned website.

As well as delivering greater appeal than the former design, the new site is structured logically to help visitors navigate the site efficiently. "We took the research we had done and the data we gathered and used it to improve the visual hierarchy. It's structuring the data strategically, so the most important things are prominently placed," Miller says.

The redesign replaces a site that launched in October 2007. The former site was designed by Stamats Inc., a higher-education marketing company that has worked with Saint Mary's through the years.

The site attracts a significant amount of traffic and received over 40,000 visitors in September.

Miller and Peter Mlodzik, assistant director of web communications, began the redesign process last spring. The second phase, which will implement content and structural changes for key pages, should be finished this spring.

"I'm proud of the work we've done and I'm proud of the fact we were able to do this in house," says Miller. "We've been able to take our findings and turn it into what we hope will provide our key audiences with a better experience."

Blow Them Away WITH YOUR Womanhood



FILM ACTRESS SIGOURNEY
WEAVER MENTORS STUDENTS,
ENTERTAINS AUDIENCE

By Anabel Castañeda '12 and Madeline Miles '13

As actress Sigourney Weaver walked into the Regina Hall acting studio on September 26, the students, alumnae, and faculty in the room seemed to feel the energy surrounding her. She was there to teach morning and afternoon master acting classes, and seven selected students had been preparing for multiple days to perform for Weaver and receive her feedback.

They were doubly fortunate—Weaver was accompanied by her husband, Jim Simpson, acclaimed director and founder of the Flea Theater in New York City. Weaver and Simpson carefully observed the student performers and gave each student advice on how to improve.

Weaver even got down and dirty, inviting four of the students to lie on the floor with her for breathing exercises. “Just breathe. And as you breathe, try to allow the breath to come all the way down into your solar plexus because that’s the powerhouse,” Weaver said slowly in her signature strong, rich voice.

Looking ahead to future auditions, especially for ingénue parts, Weaver encouraged the students to stretch beyond the cultural expectation of women speaking in shallow, high-pitched voices. Instead, “Blow them away with your womanhood,” she advised.

Kara Quillard '13 was one of the students who heeded Weaver’s advice. “Ms. Weaver really treated the students as equals and made me feel comfortable performing in front of her,” she says. Kathryn



Hein '13 performed during the afternoon session. “I got a whole sheet and a half of wonderful feedback from them,” she says. “The best personal advice I got on my monologue was to find a kernel of my own experiences and discover a way to apply that to my performance.”

In addition to the master classes and lunch with students, Weaver spoke that evening to a full house at O’Laughlin Auditorium as the Saint Mary’s College Margaret M. Hill Endowed Visiting Artist. Weaver captivated her multigenerational audience with stories of her life and her journey to success. She had the audience laughing, sympathizing, and awed. She took a moment to compliment the Saint Mary’s students she’d worked with, noting their kindness and support for their peers. “Acting isn’t a competition—you are a family with coworkers no matter what the experience,” she said. “Character counts as much as talent.”

Several times in her address, Weaver, who earned a bachelor’s degree in English from Stanford University and a master’s from the Yale School of Drama, acknowledged the importance of education, especially when analyzing scripts for structure, character development, and other literary elements. “The part of acting that isn’t luck is education. I’ve been fortunate enough to have an amazing education,” said Weaver.

A solid education also makes an actor an asset on the set: “You’re able to solve problems they don’t expect actors to do. . . . In *Alien*, I read the script and didn’t like it, and I opened my mouth.” The director, Ridley Scott, respected Weaver’s critique and ultimately offered her the lead role. The 1979 movie put her on the map, and Weaver went on to land roles in films including *Ghostbusters*, *Working Girl*, *Gorillas in the Mist*, and *Avatar*.

Perpetuate the Legacy — Remember Saint Mary's

Marjorie A. Neuhoff '61

Leaves Largest Bequest in Saint Mary's History

Graduating in 1961 with a double major in Business Administration and Economics, Marjorie Neuhoff set out to take on the business world. She put her education and talents to work during her long and successful career at the Cox Broadcasting Company in Atlanta, Georgia. When she created her estate plan, she designated 50 percent of her assets for her alma mater, and today Saint Mary's is the beneficiary of her generous gift.



*Marjorie A. Neuhoff
June 29, 1939 – August 28, 2008*



*Business Manager, Blue Mantle
1960-1961*

Marjorie's bequest of nearly \$5 million will fund an endowed professorship in nursing, support a need-based scholarship, and create a summer science research community.

As a Saint Mary's alumna who demonstrated lifelong intellectual and cultural interests, Marjorie also demonstrated socially responsible choices for the future. Saint Mary's College is deeply grateful for Marjorie's significant estate gift which will impact and support the work of students and faculty for generations to come.



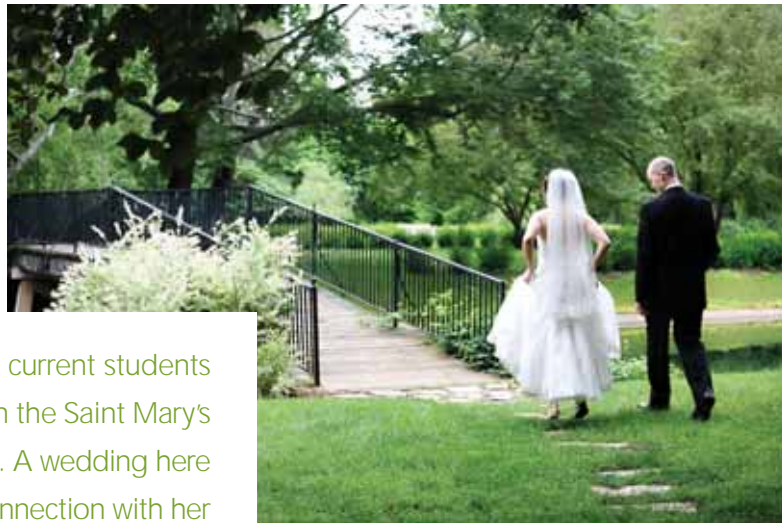
Please contact Jo Ann G. MacKenzie '69 to request information on making an estate gift to the College. Alumnae and friends who inform the College of their future gift are recognized as members of the Mother Pauline Society.

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For more information please visit saintmarys.edu/planned-giving

BEAUTIFUL *Wedding Belles*

CAMPUS CEREMONIES OFFER MEANINGFUL CONNECTION FOR ALUMNAE BRIDES



Each year, nearly a dozen alumnae or current students select one of three worship centers on the Saint Mary's campus for their wedding ceremonies. A wedding here tends to deepen a bride's personal connection with her alma mater. "It is meaningful because she may have attended Mass at Holy Spirit Chapel, the Church of Our Lady of Loretto, or Regina Chapel during her time as a student," says Jennifer Roberts, the College's assistant director of external events. Plus, with the College's canopied trees, manicured lawns, and historic buildings, it is hard to imagine a more beautiful setting for wedding photos, she says.

Brides can opt to have Saint Mary's clergy perform the wedding ceremony or they can provide clergy from their home parishes. Weddings are allowed in the Holy Spirit Chapel in Le Mans Hall and Regina Chapel in Regina Hall during the summer months when students are away and in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto year-round. Campus weddings usually can be booked up to six months in advance of the wedding day, but Roberts suggests booking earlier, if possible.

Visit saintmarys.edu/events/weddings for photos and more detailed information about hosting wedding celebrations at Saint Mary's. To start planning your special day, contact Judy Fean in Campus Ministry at jfean@saintmarys.edu or (574) 284-5382.



TOP PHOTO: Alumna bride Katie Cousino '00 and groom Matt Lauck prepare to cross the bridge over Lake Marian on their wedding day, June 13, 2009. They wed in Holy Spirit Chapel in Le Mans Hall.

BOTTOM: Holy Spirit Chapel in Le Mans Hall.



While many members of the Saint Mary's first year class were busy balancing the excitement of college life with the strain of moving boxes and bags of items into campus residence halls, the four Saint Mary's fall sports teams—cross country, golf, soccer, and volleyball—were busy preparing for the 2011 season.

On August 18, the same day as Move-In Day for first year students, the soccer and volleyball teams each had three sessions of tryouts and practice. The soccer team wrapped up a two-mile run just as the first cars were pulling up in front of campus residence halls. The cross country team was not far behind as harriers hit the ground running just an hour later. The golf team was already honing its skills in the fourth practice of the season.

To compete at the highest level with just two weeks or less of practice before their first competitions, Saint Mary's student-athletes make a commitment—to themselves and their teams—to be as prepared as possible when returning to campus. Their commitments range from countless sprints and long-distance runs to being fit enough to carry a 40-pound golf bag more than three miles.

For some, particularly incoming first year students, the anxiety of making the team and not knowing what to expect can be a nerve-wracking experience. That was the case for freshman volleyball player Kati Schneider '15.

"All athletes had the privilege of moving in one day early, which was great. But it was not your normal move-in day experience, I think," says Schneider. "Right away we had a nine o'clock meeting with all fall athletes, which took nearly an hour. Then I was sent to my physical around noon, and later there was an NCAA meeting. That night when I was lying in my bed, it

really sunk in: this is what being a college athlete is all about—making sacrifices and time management."

"The next morning was a fairly early one, having to be at practice at eight o'clock to start our first of three practices for the day. We started by doing a half-mile run in three minutes and fifteen seconds. We continued on with our physical test of sit-ups, push-ups, and pull-ups. After feeling like a semi ran you over, they seemed to actually get easier. The rest of that practice we worked on communication skill-based drills. As soon as we started that practice and as exhausted as we all were, we pushed through and really came together. That was the best feeling for me."

That sentiment resonated with sophomore soccer player Mollie Valencia '14 last fall, while at the same time, it helped her better prepare for 2011. With over 30 students trying out for soccer alone, no one's spot was a given this fall season.

"I definitely was nervous coming into my freshman year," admits Valencia. "I was afraid of not making the team." After realizing that the expectations of a collegiate soccer program were slightly different than she expected, she took a new approach to prepare for this year. "Physically I really do not think there is any amount of training that can prepare you for 'two-a-days' [training/practice] because no matter how hard you train during the summer, by the end of preseason you will be exhausted. Mentally it was easier this year than last only because last year I was making such a huge transition into college and having preseason to deal with—plus all the goodbyes and changes that were taking place were difficult."

When tryouts were done, the soccer team kept 27 players and the volleyball team has a roster of 13. Both teams made cuts. "As far as the tryout process is concerned, I believe it works," says Valencia. "After five days of intense training, there is no way the coach can make a mistake about who [s]he cuts and who [s]he keeps. [S]he is able to see everybody multiple times over, so even if you have one bad day, you have a chance to make it up the next day—and five bad days isn't a coincidence."

Follow Belle student athletes at saintmarys.edu/athletics

Saint Mary's College Again Ranks among the Best with *U.S. News & World Report* and The Princeton Review

U.S. News & World Report has again ranked Saint Mary's College among the "Best National Liberal Arts Colleges." Saint Mary's comes in at 90, up from 93 last year. In August, The Princeton Review, an American-based test preparation and admission consulting company, rated Saint Mary's College among the "Best Colleges in the Midwest" for the ninth year in a row.

Saint Mary's College President Carol Ann Mooney '72 set a goal early in her presidency, which began in June 2004, to move Saint Mary's into the national liberal arts rankings. A national standing for a fifth-consecutive year indicates Saint Mary's is on course to meet a key goal in the College's Strategic Plan, which is to provide "Educational Excellence Equal to that of the Best Colleges in the Country."

In recent remarks to the class of 2015, Mooney said that Saint Mary's students gain confidence in their abilities and life choices, and graduate from the College with the self-assurance that comes from being well educated and well prepared for life in the "real world."

College-bound students and their parents look to rankings and other indicators of academic quality when making their decisions about college. The *U.S. News* rankings can be found at www.usnews.com/colleges or in the printed 2012 edition of the *Best Colleges Guidebook* released in September. That ranking, which groups schools based on categories created by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, is a tool for students and parents considering higher education opportunities.

—Gwen O'Brien

College's Largest Bequest Funds Endowed Nursing Chair



Professor Linda Paskiewicz, PhD

A trust established in the name of the late Marjorie A. Neuhoff '61 (1939–2008) recently provided Saint Mary's College with the largest such bequest in the College's 167-year history. Her legacy, a gift of \$4.7 million to the College, is pegged for establishing endowments in her name, including a chair in nursing, a need-based scholarship, and the Summer Science Research communities.

Neuhoff's stepbrother Robert Dozier, says of the bequest, "The College's Board of Trustees suggested her gift be allocated into three areas, and we feel Margie would readily agree to her



Susan Gennaro

Our hope is she would see these as sound investments in an institution with which she had a strong personal connection."

bequest being used for those purposes. I think her gift expresses her strong sentiments toward Saint Mary's College more than any words I could offer."

College President Carol Ann Mooney '72 says, "Marjorie A. Neuhoff was a professional woman known for her business acumen. She also had a great love for Saint Mary's. In her memory, and with the consideration of her family, we have invested her bequest in areas of the College where we see increasing student interest.

Meanwhile, this October, Saint Mary's College Director of Nursing Linda Paskiewicz, PhD, CNM, RN, will be installed as the first chair holder at an inauguration of the Marjorie A. Neuhoff Nursing Chair. At that ceremony, Susan Gennaro, dean and professor at William F. Connell School of Nursing at Boston College, will deliver the installation lecture, titled "A Portal to Global Nursing Practice and Scholarship." The endowed chair is being established through \$2 million of the Neuhoff bequest. The chair holder will, in part, help recruit a new generation of faculty leaders to the Department of Nursing and help develop new programs of study, including advanced degree programs, which will elevate the College's nursing program even further.

Shinners Named Schlesinger Chair of Humanistic Studies; Author Mary Gordon Lectures



Professor John R. Shinners, PhD

Mary Gordon, best-selling author of *Circling My Mother* and *Reading Jesus*, spoke to more than 300 audience members for the annual Christian Culture Lecture on September 13 in O'Laughlin Auditorium. The Department of Humanistic Studies sponsored the event. The Christian Culture Lecture honors the late Professor Bruno P. Schlesinger and is made possible by the generosity of Dr. Susan Fitzgerald Rice '61 and her husband, Dr. Donald B. Rice.

In her lecture, "The Uses and Limits of Outrage: A Meditation on the Work of Francisco Goya, Czeslaw Milosz and Denise Levertov," Gordon explored how artists and poets respond to the political catastrophes of tyranny and war.



Mary Gordon

Gordon's visit was a precursor to the installation of Professor John R. Shinnars as the Bruno P. Schlesinger Chair of Humanistic Studies, the following day. Shinnars graduated summa cum laude from Loyola University in New Orleans with a bachelor's degree in history. He earned a master's degree and doctorate in medieval studies from the University of Toronto. Shinnars joined the Department of Humanistic Studies in 1982. In 1999 he received the College's Maria Pieta Award for excellence in teaching. He is the author of *Medieval Popular Religion: 1000-1500, Pastors and the Care of Souls in Medieval England* (with William J. Dohar), and various articles about medieval religion.

New CWIL Programs Seek to Lift Language Barriers

The Saint Mary's College Center for Women's International Leadership (CWIL) recently introduced three English language programs to benefit international students, traditional students, and the South Bend community.

The English Language School (ELS) prepares international students for higher education in the United States. Female students in the program have the opportunity to live in campus residence halls with Saint Mary's College women for full immersion into American culture.

English as a New Language for the Professions (ENL) is geared toward adults and professionals from the South Bend area who have basic, intermediate, or advanced-level English skills. The small-group course is designed to help participants improve their English communication capabilities to help ensure success in the workplace. Classes are personalized to address participants' language needs based on job-specific language and vocabulary.

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) summer certification prepares students to teach English to non-native speakers in foreign countries. The TESOL certificate helps students develop their knowledge of theories and methods

of language teaching as well as practical skills. The summer program runs 10 weeks.

"Internationalizing the College provides our students with an educational environment that teaches them to become global leaders and make a difference in the world," Professor Mana Derakhshani, CWIL's associate director, says.

Waddell Installed as McMahon Aquinas Chair in Philosophy; Philosopher Alasdair MacIntyre Visits



Alasdair MacIntyre

Renowned philosopher Alasdair MacIntyre delivered the annual McMahon Aquinas Lecture on September 28 in O'Laughlin Auditorium. The event was sponsored by the Edna and George McMahon Aquinas Chair in Philosophy.

MacIntyre's lecture was titled "How Truth is Approached though Error: Rereading Aquinas's Project at *Summa Theologiae* Ia-IIae, qq. 1 and 2." MacIntyre is the Reverend John A. O'Brien Senior Research Professor Emeritus at the University of Notre Dame and senior

research fellow at the Centre for Contemporary Aristotelian Studies in Ethics and Politics at London Metropolitan University.



Professor Michael M. Waddell, PhD

Earlier that day, philosophy Professor Michael M. Waddell, PhD, was installed as the Edna and George McMahon Aquinas Chair in Philosophy. Waddell graduated summa cum laude from Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa, with a bachelor's degree in religion and history. He received a master of medieval studies and doctorate in medieval philosophy from the University of Notre Dame. Before joining Saint Mary's in 2010, he taught at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois, and Villanova University in Pennsylvania. Waddell has published articles in journals such as the *Thomist*, *International Philosophical Quarterly*, the *Lyceum*, and *Miscellanea Mediaevalia*, and has edited a collection of essays titled *Restoring Nature: Essays in Thomistic Philosophy and Theology*.



President Carol Ann Mooney '72 (from left); Sister Susan Kintzele '64, CSC, Sisters of the Holy Cross honoree; Carmen Murphy, community honoree and honorary alumna; Alma Bravo '12, student honoree; and Leslie Vite Dashiell '82 and Pam Heck Newman '76, event co-chairs.

Down the Avenue Gala

RAISES \$200,000

for Scholarship and Volunteer Efforts

The Down the Avenue gala on June 15 raised more than \$200,000 for volunteer-related purposes at the College. Down the Avenue establishes an endowed scholarship for active student volunteers and raises money to support the programs of the College's Office for Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE), which facilitates the College's volunteer efforts in the community.

As part of the festivities on June 15, Saint Mary's recognized three women with the Spirit of Service Award: Carmen Murphy, community honoree, who was additionally named an honorary alumna; Alma Bravo '12, student honoree; and Sister Susan Kintzele '64, CSC, Sisters of the Holy Cross honoree. Proceeds from Down the Avenue also will be used to endow a scholarship named for Carmen Murphy for Saint Mary's students who are active volunteers.

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In Memoriam

James E. Jack '02 HC



James E. “Jim” Jack ’02 HC died on July 4, 2011, in Dallas, Texas, having lived a life dedicated to the Catholic faith and the values of Catholic education. In recognizing his devotion to both, Saint Mary’s College awarded him an honorary degree (*honoris causa*) in 2002. Jim served on the Saint Mary’s College Parents Council in

1983, the College Board of Regents from 1983–89 and 1990–94, and the College’s Board of Trustees from 1994–2001.

“With his years on the College’s Board of Trustees, my father wanted to ensure that the Holy Cross sisters would continue to educate young women to be the best that they can be,” says his daughter, Christine Jack Blum ’86, who survives along with her husband, Philip; Jim’s wife, Audrey; his brother, Jerry Jack; and a large, extended family that Jim cherished and enjoyed.

“The Catholic faith has always been the cornerstone of our family. When my father was six years old, he, his parents, and younger brother were baptized as Catholics so that my dad and his brother could attend the local Catholic grade school,” Christine says.

A 1963 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, Jim went on to receive an MBA from the Edwin L. Cox School of Business at Southern Methodist University in 1980. A financial service professional, Jim held positions of progressive responsibility at a number of corporations throughout his successful career until establishing his own firm in 2004, J. E. Jack & Partners, LLC.

A highly regarded businessman, Jim had a passion for Catholic education and assisting the less fortunate, and he gave tirelessly of his time and talent, serving on numerous boards and councils, including the Advisory Council for Graduate Studies and Research at the University of Notre Dame. Among many other philanthropic efforts, Jim was past chairman and trustee of Jesuit College Preparatory School Foundation in Dallas, and worked closely with Ursuline Academy, Dallas, helping to establish their educational foundation. “My father came from a very humble background and he and his family made sacrifices so he could attend Catholic schools,” says Christine. “He believed that every person, regardless of their background, should be given the opportunity to obtain a Catholic education, even if they cannot afford it.

“My father loved life more than anyone I know or have ever met, and he truly loved his time on the Board of Trustees and all the great people he met at Saint Mary’s College,” Christine says.

Floy Terstegge Meagher '43



Floy Terstegge Meagher ’43 passed away on June 4, 2011, in Louisville, Kentucky, with her loving family at her side. Floy, who served on the Saint Mary’s College Board of Regents from 1968–75, was tireless in her service and dedication to the College and unabashedly enthusiastic about Saint Mary’s. Attending Wellesley

for her first year of college, Floy transferred to Saint Mary’s. Intellectually curious, she had a love of learning and a love of her faith, and going to a Catholic women’s college was key for the economics major.

She served on the Saint Mary’s College Alumnae Board of Directors from 1946–48 and 1981–88, and the Madeleva Steering Committee in 1994 and from 1998 to 2001. Floy received the Distinguished Alumna Award in 1993 and chaired her class Reunion Gift campaigns in 1993 and 1998. If you attended Saint Mary’s between 1966 and 1985, it was likely you knew a Meagher—eight daughters attended the College. When their last daughter graduated from Saint Mary’s, Floy and her late husband, James, established the Meagher Family Scholarship. Floy is survived by her 11 children, Mary Glen Bradbury ’69, Anne Northup ’70 (Woody), Virginia Meagher ’71 (Chet Sygiel), Alice Lord, Jim Meagher (Laura), Jane Meagher ’76 (Scott Hemphill), Katherine Hepler ’80 (Gerard), Patty Clare ’81 (John), Maureen Orsini ’85 (Tony), Mary T. Plant (Michael), and Peggy Saylor (Howard); 30 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren, and her sister, Mary Terstegge Means ’48. She was preceded in death by her husband, James, University of Notre Dame ’44.

Floy’s main vocation was her family, husband, and Church, and she dedicated boundless energy and attention to them. “My mother raised 11 children while keeping a spirit of joyfulness in our home,” says daughter Anne Northup. “She stayed intellectually engaged through the interests and passions of her children—from politics to the arts and athletics.” In a 1995 College profile, Floy credited her parents with teaching her about the importance of giving to others; however, she felt it was Saint Mary’s that made her understand her own responsibility. She was quoted in that profile, saying, “Once we (at Saint Mary’s) understood the meaning of community, we wanted to give to it and make it stronger.”

Floy’s life exemplified selflessness and was a life lived with purpose. “My mother and father really cared about Catholic education,” says Northup. “Their purpose in life was to fulfill God’s calling for them, and their lives really reflected that—they were dedicated to God, their community, and their family.”

A Legacy

THAT REALLY IS ONE
"For the Record"

Legacies continue to make a significant contribution to Saint Mary's heritage. The Class of 2015, this fall's first year class, includes 126 students who have a family member who attended Saint Mary's College. Of that number, 47 have a mother who attended the College.

When we realized that Floy Terstegge Meagher '43 (at left) had *seven* daughters who graduated from Saint Mary's (eight attended), we suspected she might hold the record for the most mother/daughter legacy connections. Looking into College records, we confirmed that. In a 1995 College profile, Floy said that she never tried to push her daughters to follow in her footsteps, but acknowledged that she may have helped to lead eight of her 10 daughters to Saint Mary's by way of example. "I had loved every minute of my time at Saint Mary's and I think they grew up knowing it was a good place to be, a good place to grow," she said. Apparently, her daughters agreed.

Floy's amazing legacy sparked our interest in identifying other alumnae with a significant number of mother/daughter connections. We learned that Flora Friday DeCrane '51, Diane Donovan Grant '57 (deceased), Barbara Benson Le Jeune '64, Angela Courter Raaf '39, and Betty Kosman Sofranko '53 each had five daughters attend Saint Mary's. Also on that list is Mary Wolf Conaty '76, whose daughter, Kelly will graduate from the College in May 2012, joining her other four sisters as Saint Mary's alumnae.

Please visit facebook.com/saintmarys.alumnae to learn which alumnae—we've identified 13—have each had four daughters attend Saint Mary's. And, while you are there, please feel free to add your own stories about alumnae legacies for others to enjoy.

—Karen Zagrocki McDonald '76

Marriages

Sharon Umhoefer Canaday '72 and Don: April 2, 2011.

Christine Donahue Hatch '90 and Greg, June 4, 2011.

Katherine Graham Lane '92 and Joseph, April 3, 2011.

Elizabeth Harvey Preston '92 and Bryan, April 9, 2011.

Marlee Seiler Griek '02 and John, June 18, 2011.

Sara Lally Nash '02 and Michael, June 26, 2010.

Jenifer Pillar '06 and Christopher Ginder, May 14, 2011.

Amy Kelley Thorpe '06 and Michael, June 13, 2009.

Erin McQueen Young '06 and Alan, May 22, 2010.

Stephanie Pupo Bader '08 and Nicholas, April 16, 2011.

Heather Wasikowski Howard '09 and Jason, September 18, 2010.

Adoptions & Births

Kathleen Bock Roche '88 and Brian: Jerome Daniel, December 21, 2010.

Colleen Mooney McGee '90 and Paul: Declan Neil, March 28, 2011.

Patricia Bigelow O'Sullivan '90 and John: Sarah Colleen, December 15, 2010.

Kelly Boglarsky Flaherty '91 and Patrick: Eoin Joseph, March 10, 2011.

Donna Combs Groves '91 and Scott: Twins, Sarah Janice and Benjamin Michael, March 25, 2010.

Sarah Muzzarelli '91 and James Grebe: Anthony James Grebe, April 9, 2010.

Sheila Hanahan Taylor '91 and Paul: Declan Fineas O'Neill Taylor, January 16, 2010.

Amy Carlisle Keating '92 and James: William Patrick, January 25, 2011.

Mary Beth Barger Dirksen '93 and David: Katherine Elizabeth, January 31, 2011.

Pamela Jack Schneider '94 and Peter: Twins, Elliott Bryce and Chloe Faith, May 2, 2011.

Allison Gagliani Cherry '96 and Mike ND MSA '00: Liam Patrick, March 29, 2011.

Kathryn O'Donnell Fairchild '96 and Forde ND '96: Frances Forde, January 13, 2010.

Anju Ramsamooj Marlar '96 and Gary: William Talmadge, March 17, 2011.

Amy Mertz Staunton '96 and Kevin: Brigid Grace, February 23, 2011.

Amanda Asbury Zannis '96 and Jerry: Isidoros, December 29, 2010.

Elisabeth "Lisa" Coury '98 and Matt Heroux: Luc Matthew Heroux, January 30, 2011.

Rebecca Jacobs Dempsey '98 and Brad: John Patrick, March 23, 2011.

Shannon Crunk Hipp '98 and Tim ND '95: Charlie Hiram, January 31, 2011.

Bridget Thomas Muckle '98 and Tim ND '99: Luke Augustine, December 22, 2010.

Stephanie Anderson Pisas-Farmer '98 and Shawn Farmer: Elise Amelia Farmer, April 26, 2011.

Michelle Abraham Sartor '98 and Michael: Isabella, January 12, 2011.

Holly Hosinski Busick '99 and Michael: Jack William, April 17, 2011.

Maggie Rotello Hartford '99 and Scott: Gabriel James, May 25, 2011.

Robyn Chmielewski Albert '00 and Mike: Mallory Rose, February 12, 2011.

Margaret Gable Wroblewski '00 and Ryan: Abigail Margaret, March 31, 2011.

Shelly McGrath '01: Shaun Robert McGrath, December 5, 2010.

Angela Salinas Thompson '01 and Jeremy: Alaina, January 15, 2010.

Kristine Miller Linster '02 and Jason ND '01, Law '04: Ella Catherine, March 17, 2010.

Meghan Sirotek Miller '02 and Greg: Elisabeth "Betsy" June, November 12, 2010.

Katherine Deane Nagy '02 and Ryan: Alexander Deane Nagy, February 2, 2011.

Lauren Macchia Solberg '02 and Brian: Charlotte "Charlie" Louise, May 5, 2011.

Jessica McKasy Tipescu '02 and Mircea: Adrian Timothy Mihai, April 14, 2011.

Abeer Zayed Zanayed '02 and Diab: Audriana Layla, November 29, 2010.

Allie J. Higgins '03 and Michael Rittenour: Cole Austin Rittenour-Orwick, April 4, 2011.

Lynn Busse Comerford '04 and Patrick: Carolyn Grace, April 12, 2011.

Stephanie Chrisman Brown '05 and Adam: Finley Aiden, April 25, 2011.

Martha McDonnell Van Patten '05 and Brad: Matthew, September 1, 2010.

Megan McGee Bonta '06 and Eric: Aidan McGee Bonta, March 18, 2011.

Allison Gordon Clements '06 and Robert: Grant John, February 16, 2011.

Meghan White Pesce '06 and Anthony ND '06: Donovan, November 22, 2010.

Noreen Walton '06: Frank Gerald Valle, February 15, 2011.

Bridget Rotello Larsh '07 and Ryan: Brooks Howard, June 1, 2011.

Kelly Hickey Lilly '07 and Matthew ND '05, ND Law '08: Henry Michael, May 25, 2011.

Michelle Coristin Wiechkoske '07 and Andrew ND '07: Mary Grace Katherine, January 25, 2011.

Staff Death

Dorrie "Fodrocy" Gray, administrative assistant, Alumnae Relations Office, from 1981 until her retirement in 2004, died May 23, 2011.

Alumnae Deaths

Alice Coen Robison '31, April 28, 2011.

Helen Gallagher Lieser '36, mother of Joan Lieser Flynn '67, and grandmother of Erin Flynn McGuire '90, May 5, 2011.

Julia Mendez Rawak '36, April 22, 2011.

JoAnne Aylward Callahan '42, mother of Patricia Callahan Berry '65 and sister of the late Frances Aylward Comley '44, May 7, 2011.

Floy Terstegge Meagher '43, mother of Mary-Glen Meagher Bradbury '69, Anne Meagher Northup '70, Virginia Murnane Meagher '71, Alice Meagher Lord '73, Jane Meagher '76, Katherine Meagher Hepler '80, Patricia Meagher Clare '81 and Maureen Meagher Orsini '85, sister of Mary Terstegge Means '48, grandmother of Katherine Northup Smith '95, and aunt of Megan Phillips '79, June 4, 2011.

Elizabeth Roane Jung Bernsen '44, June 10, 2011.

Almarie Sackley Mathews '44, mother of Laura Mathews '79 and aunt of Kelly O'Shea Carney '84, January 21, 2011.

Mary Lou Quinlan Loughlin '48, April 27, 2011.

Mary Jo Brown Holik '49, January 29, 2011.

Katherine Miesch Pokorney '51, May 12, 2011.

Florence Connors Riley '51, mother of Margaret Riley McHugh '84, June 13, 2009.

Edwena "Eddy" Kondrat Rubright '51, May 19, 2011.

Grace Rembusch Bill '59, aunt of Theresa Ann Bill '86 and Sarah Jones Rembusch '01, June 13, 2011.

Sister M. Devota (Mary Evelyn Baker), CSC, '60, May 16, 2011.

Patricia Donovan Dowd '60, mother of Colleen Dowd Kollman SMC/ND '88, Kathleen Dowd Murphy '91, Erin Dowd Shannon SMC/ND '94 and Megan Dowd Sgroi '97, aunt of Deirdre Grant Gehant '83, Marijane Grant Brangle '90, and Diane Grant Nevin '97, May 17, 2011.

Sister Virginia (Mary Catherine Quinn), CSJ, '66, December 15, 2010.

Mary Osmanski Ferlic '70, daughter of Mary Gavin Osmanski '46, aunt of Jennifer Ferlic Mellitt '84, Sara Ferlic Bonn '86, and Angie Lynn Osmanski '05, May 7, 2011.

Rose M. Flanigan '71, sister of Anne Flanigan '65, March 8, 2011.

Cecilia E. LaFrossia '72, May 23, 2011.

Barbara Iannarelli Albright '74, May 24, 2009.

Anne D. Mullaney '78, April 22, 2011.

Sister Marian Teresa Gomes, CSC, *hc* (honorary degree), Doctor of Humanities, Saint Mary's College, conferred May of 2005, died June 25, 2011.

Family Deaths

John Beckmann, father of Aimee Beckmann-Collier '75, June 3, 2011.

Louis A. Beimford, husband of Barbara Hepting Beimford '51, December 10, 2010.

Lillian Deslippe Braunstein, mother of Angela Braunstein Maher '64, April 10, 2011.

John F. Chihan Jr., ND '58, husband of Mary Baldez Chihan '58, brother of Elizabeth Chihan Canizaro '61 and Catherine Chihan Westbrook '68, June 1, 2011.

Margaret Clancy, mother of Eileen M. Clancy '83, February 2, 2011.

Michael Clancy, 31 year old nephew of Eileen M. Clancy '83, December 25, 2010.

Russell "Russ" Connors, husband of Patricia Cahalan Connors '76, and brother-in-law of Carol Cahalan Deignan '83, July 5, 2011.

Don Crowley ND '55, husband of Sue Mitchell Crowley '55 and father of Anne Crowley Bogenrief '82, July 1, 2011.

Mark A. Daugherty, husband of Beth Campanale Daugherty '77, June 16, 2011.

John Richard Donahue, father-in-law of Patsy McGowan Donahue '92, and great uncle of Laurie Pater Roettker '99, May 13, 2011.

Anna Frigyesi, mother of Anna Frigyesi Garriott '77 and Maria Frigyesi Etling '80, April 29, 2011.

Ralph Conrad Fowler, husband of Michelle Thompson Fowler '76, February 9, 2010.

Ray E. Garard, husband of Colleen Pierce Garard '64, March 21, 2011.

Michael Reed George, husband of Margaret Laux George '63, February 18, 2011.

Angeline Pratt Girzaitis, mother of Nancy M. Girzaitis '81, May 18, 2011.

Kathleen Mary Helgesen, mother of Patricia Helgesen McAlpine '73, April 14, 2011.

Maria Hooker, mother of Sister Eva Mary Hooker, CSC '63, (professor, English) and Florentina B. Hooker '65, May 27, 2011.

David A. Hosinski, father of Mary Beth Hosinski Burns '82 and Karen Hosinski Payton '84, May 20, 2011.

James "Jim" E. Jack ND '63, *hc* (honorary degree), Doctor of Laws, Saint Mary's College, conferred 2002, father of Christine Jack Blum '86, July 4, 2011.

Kipp William Kennedy MD, husband of Cheryl Prosek Kennedy '82 and father of Ann Kennedy '14, July 1, 2011.

Catherine Koch, mother of Meg Koch Scharf '74, Patti Koch Corn '81 and Christine Koch Kehoe '90, June 13, 2011.

Michael J. Martin, husband of Karen Cecka Martin '82, June 7, 2011.

Michael "Mike" Maughan, father of Kimberly Lea Maughan '02, Mikaela Maughan Rood '05 and Rebecca Lauren Maughan '11, May 15, 2011.

John "Jack" McGarry, brother of Erin McGarry '02, April 14, 2011.

Robert V. McLaughlin, husband of Mary Kelly McLaughlin '42, father of Therese McLaughlin Patterson '72, uncle of Cecilia Marie Michel '76, Anne Michel Mackiewicz '78, and Claire Barrett Kurdelak '99, brother-in-law of Sister M. Cecilia Ann Kelly, CSC '49, July 9, 2011.

Loretta McQuillen, mother of Kathleen Downs Donovan '64, September 20, 2010.

Donald "Don" L. Moran, father of Patsy Moran Allen '71, Nancy Moran Moore '73, and Sharon Moran Price '77, February 23, 2011.

Joseph A. Moriarty ND '52, husband of Patricia Kerper Moriarty '53, June 7, 2011.

Margaret Scanlan Murphy, mother of Rita Murphy Carfagna '75, April 19, 2011.

Arabella "Belle" Murtagh, mother of Laura Murtagh Girolamo '74, July 2, 2011.

Jeannine Parker, mother of Dawn Parker Santamaria '81, grandmother of Brynne Iversen Vollmer '06, and Chelsea Iversen '08, July 1, 2011.

Thomas Riordan, father of Carol Ann Riordan '73, July 6, 2011.

James Patrick Seymour, brother-in-law of Carol Garvey O'Malley '67, March 29, 2011.

Dr. Richard K. Sullivan, father-in-law of April Ehret Sullivan '93, May 5, 2011.

Virginia K. Trippel, mother of Loreli A. Trippel '67, Sally J. Trippel '70 and Jane Trippel Callan '74, and grandmother of Jennifer Trippel Gunn '99, April 21, 2011.

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The Chicago East and Chicago Northwest clubs hosted a joint student send-off party in August, hosted by Judy Mardoian Gavoor '76 of Lake Forest, Illinois. Co-chairs were Katie Comeford '09 and April Thomas '05 of the Chicago East club, and Julie Marsh Deischer of the Chicago Northwest club. Pictured (front row, from left) are Berenice Perez '05, Lauren Murphy '05, Caroline Skvarla '05, and Maddie Sack. Pictured (back row, from left) are Adrienne Mocogni '05, Christa Costelo '05, Meghan Dillion '05, Allie Stride '05, and Kate Henning '05.

Chicago East

What a delightful Spring and Summer the Chicago East Alumnae Club has celebrated. The season was quite eventful with Service and Scholarship.

The Chicago East Club participated in many service events thanks to our service committee chairs, Courtney Smitham '05 and Gwen Duffield '96. Alumnae participated in the monthly Chicago school clean-ups organized by Big Shoulders and a Saturday morning at the Chicago Food Depository in March. A special thank you to Amanda Shock Johnson '01 (a Chicago East Club advisor) for organizing another successful Easter dinner for the women of Miriam Apartments in Uptown, Chicago. In April, the Chicago East Club had a new service adventure with the Notre Dame Chicago Club in celebration of Father Hesburgh's month of service. Alumni from both clubs prepared a meal at the Lincoln Park Community Shelter, serving over 40 residents. This is our first time working with the Notre Dame Chicago Club, and we look forward to many more events with them in the future. We appreciate our Club Liaison, Rachel Garko Pasquini's '04 efforts in building this relationship.

Our book club leader, Mandy Schomas Soderstrom '02, continues to organize the well-attended monthly book clubs and has skyped in many authors to the club's meetings, including Adriana Trigiani '81. Our Legal Group and Business Group have met several times downtown this Spring for happy hours and Belle reconections. Thanks to Gwen Duffield '96, our Mentor/Mentee Program continues to thrive and recruit more alumnae.

Interested in becoming a member, taking on a leadership role, or just want more information about our monthly events? Please contact Kate Tredre '07 for more information. Ktredre01@gmail.com

We wish all the Saint Mary's College students a wonderful 2011-2012 school year! The Chicago East

Club welcomes all new grads, and Chicago alumnae from all classes to join us at any upcoming board meetings. If you would like to receive our monthly newsletter, please contact, Adriana Puente '05, adrianapuente27@yahoo.com.

Chicago West

Another great year for book reading and discussion has been enjoyed by the Chicago West club. With only a few book discussions remaining, there is still time to join us! Check out our website for books and hostess information.

The club happily celebrated the incoming class of 2015 at our Annual Student Send-off on Wednesday, August 3. It was once again hosted by Patty Piercy Cushing '90 and her husband Dan who welcomed incoming students and their parents to meet and enjoy an evening together. Many thanks to Dan and Patty and all who came. We wish the young ladies great success at Saint Mary's.

We may need to make our chocolate binge in April a recurring event! It was quite a popular evening for rich, chocolate desserts and beverages, following a book discussion by author Rebecca Skloot in Naperville, which we further discussed the next week at book club. What a tasty time! We also enjoyed a quick Dinner Out in support of the People's Resource Center of Wheaton when we gathered at Angeli's Italian Restaurant in Naperville for dinner in July. Ten percent of dinner sales revenue went to the PRC that night—and we were more than happy to get together for some Saint Mary's College chit-chat.

The club sent out an annual newsletter this fall for the first time in almost 18 months. We anticipate a strong turnout for membership and look forward to hearing how we can reach out to more alumnae in the future. If you're interested in joining us for a spiritual boost, join the club to hear more about Saturday Morning Mass and Coffee, which we are scheduling for 2012.

Watch your email for our 2011 Founders' Day event and our annual Day of Service at the People's Resource Center later this year too. For questions about any club activities, please check out our website or contact Alison Spohn Kavulich '93 at irishannie93@yahoo.com.

Cleveland

Repeated by popular demand, Club members pampered themselves at Dolce Organic Salon in Strongsville for a summer event on July 15. Alumnae relaxed with makeovers and pampering. Services were conducted in a serene setting overlooking the Big Creek Metro Parks. Debbie Stancik Krawczyk '78 handled the arrangements, which allowed alumnae to enjoy the services for hair, skin, and nails while partaking in delicious delicacies.

The Student Send-Off was held on August 10 at Mavis Winkles Restaurant in Independence. Freshmen were treated to dinner and information from upper class students. It was a chance for questions to be asked and answered while enjoying a lovely evening together. The Northeast Ohio area is very fortunate to send so many qualified students to Saint Mary's College over the years.

Please join the Club in future events. The Club is always looking for new ideas and members to get involved. For further information, please contact Cheri Petride Miller '79 at smcosu@earthlink.net.

Colorado

The Colorado club hosted a send off party for our students the first weekend in August. Patty Sue Stager Femrite '87 hosted the party in her home in Westminster, Colorado. There will be 14 students from Colorado attending Saint Mary's this year, including four freshmen. For more information about the Colorado club contact Kelly O'Brien '90 at kellyo90@comcast.net

Dallas/Fort Worth

Our annual student send-off was complete with an ice cream sundae bar this year, as we sent five women from the area off to campus. The book club has resumed after a brief summer break and we are already working on plans for our Christmas party on December 8. If you would like to join our club, please email smcdfwclub@gmail.com.

Des Moines

The planning committee of the Des Moines Club met on June 21 and decided on two events for the upcoming year. On November 5, a discussion (with spouses and interested friends) and wine/cheese event focusing on "Catholicism at the Crossroads:

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The Colorado Club hosted a Student Send-Off party in August featuring four, first year students and 10 returning students, all from Colorado. The new students and their mothers along with current students were guests of the alumnae at this outdoor afternoon of good food, sharing, and fun hosted by Patty Sue Stager Femrite '87 at her home in Westminster. Pictured (first row, from left) are Remi Lynn White '12 (standing), Ginger Earnest DiLorenzo, '58, Kelly O'Brien '90, Elizabeth Elsbach '13, Rebecca Stumpf '03, and Sheila Flynn Boone '65. Pictured back row (from left) are Cathleen Mulhern '15, Angelika Meyer-Pugh '15, Kelly Long Jackson '03, Tracy Graf '02, Diane Lo Guidice Highland '74, and Patty Sue Stager Femrite '87.

Where are We as Church Headed?" Watch for more information about this event. In January (date is still TBD), the club will partner with the St. Joseph Emergency Shelter for a service project.

For more information about the club contact Aimee Beckmann-Collier at aimee.beckmann-collier@drake.edu.

Detroit

"Take Me Out to the Ball Game," each year the Detroit Alumnae Club heads to a Tigers' game and what a game we saw! On June 26, Joan Mette Reddy '56, Sally Teppert '58, Jessica Reddy Hoeck '88, Megan Mahoney '99, Megan Barnauskas '14, and Lisa Walton Roelle '05 brought their family and friends to watch the Tigers crush the Arizona Diamondbacks! With the dedication of Sparky Anderson's jersey to the seven runs scored in the eighth inning, we had an exciting time! Next up is our freshman sendoff on August 16, hosted by Meghan Flick Schmelzer '05. Our Founder's Day activities are tentatively planned for October 16 and our Christmas party will be the first weekend of December. For more information regarding our events or to be added to our email list please email smcdac@gmail.com.

Grand Rapids

The Grand Rapids Saint Mary's College Alumnae Club continues to meet every other month for our book club. Our next book club meeting is in September. Location: TBD. Our next selection for September is *Unbroken*, by Laura Hillenbrand. It is a true WWII survival story about an Italian American Olympic runner. Our November book will be *Nothing Daunted* by Dorothy Wickenden. Please contact Tara Melichar Millar '90 tmillar@comcast.net for further details. The annual student send off was Monday, August 15 at the home of Lucinda Staples McCall '78. Our club would not be as successful as it is without your help. We have not collected dues since 2009. Please mail in your dues today! Please watch your mailboxes for the following upcoming events! September and November book club, Founders' Day Celebration, a holiday party and a reception for newly accepted students in the spring of 2012.

If you are new to the West Michigan area or have any suggestions or ideas, please contact Rebecca Jawahir Sypniewski, '96 rjawahir@msn.com for more information. We are always looking for new alums to join in our fun.

Iowa City/Cedar Rapids

Please join us for a meet-and-greet event on Saturday, November 5, 2011, at 10 a.m. at Kava House & Café in Swisher. Meet fellow alumnae and have a voice in re-organizing the Club, while enjoying this Café, a recent Historic Preservation Award winner. Please email Erin Burke '88 at lokisden@southslope.net or call (319) 355-3890 to RSVP or let Erin know you are interested in re-energizing the Iowa City/Cedar Rapids area club.

Los Angeles

The Los Angeles Area Alumnae Club continues to plan small no-host luncheons—which is a great way to connect with Saint Mary's women in the area. Bigger events are in the works for late summer and early fall. Pat Greeley Lechman '63 will be hosting a southern California Saint Mary's send-off at her home. Please save the date for Founders' Day. Lucy

Hanahan DaGiau '83, will be hosting our annual Founders' Day event on Sunday, October 23, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Celebrate with mass and delicious food from El Gringo Taco Truck!

New Jersey

The New York City regional Saint Mary's and Notre Dame Clubs once again joined hands to put aboard a group of local need-based girls to sail with Sisters Under Sail in June and host two dockside receptions aboard *Unicorn*. Mother Nature cooperated by providing beautiful weather for the week-long voyage with the sponsored girls and for the receptions held at Liberty Landing Marina in New Jersey and North Cove Marina in New York City. Several current students and young alumnae were in attendance! Thank you Carey O'Neill '99, president of the Saint Mary's College New York City Club, for all of your organizing efforts! Chelsea Iversen '08 is organizing our New Jersey Young Alumnae initiative. Please contact Chelsea at chelsea.iversen@gmail.com if you are between the classes of 1996–2011 and want to get involved. If you are not receiving our club news via email, please send your updated contact information and \$25 annual dues to: Dawn Parker Santamaria '81, 2 Gravel Hill Road, Asbury, NJ 08802 dawn@sistersundersail.org.

Milwaukee

The Saint Mary's Club of Milwaukee hosted a send off party for the six new students from the greater Milwaukee area enrolling in the College in the fall. Mary Pat Wilson Russell '78 and her daughter, Kate, '14, hosted the gathering the first week in August. Mary Rukavina Kuhnmuensch '78, president of the Club, organized a group of 21 area alumnae for a Milwaukee Brewers baseball game and tailgate on August 17 at Miller Park. Kelly Marie O'Connor '06 is creating and donating a club banner to be used at all future events. The Club is also planning an annual alumnae luncheon for October, with details to follow.

San Diego

The Saint Mary's College Alumnae Club of San Diego is thriving in its third year! Our very active and enthusiastic alums have continued to organize events that appeal to all ages of our membership.

Our book club meets monthly, reading and discussing a wide range of best sellers. Our choice for June was *Every Last Thing* by Anna Quindlen. Barb Drossel McKnight '77 hosted a lively discussion at her Ocean Beach home. Jane Nagle Hargrove '67 will host a discussion of *The Shell Seekers* by Rosamunde Pilcher on July 25 at her home in University City. In August we will meet at a local movie theater to see *The Help*, our first book club selection. We will then have dinner together to talk about the movie version of this wonderful novel. Thanks to Lynn Dargis Ambrose '52 for her hard work as book club coordinator.

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Saint Mary's and Notre Dame Alumni Clubs of New York and New Jersey sponsored youth to sail aboard the tallship *Unicorn*.

A large group of alums met at Jane Nagle Hargrove's '67 home for our third annual meeting. Sandy Parry '07 guided us through a discussion of the past year's accomplishments, including a Mass and dinner in January, welcoming Saint Mary's President Carol Ann Mooney '72 to San Diego. We are proud to announce that we are doubling the scholarship money given to a deserving local Saint Mary's student. Sandy Parry '07 and Nicole Mercado Fortunato '00 will be co-presidents for the upcoming year; and Jen Wagner '05 will be our new treasurer.

We also planned upcoming events at the general meeting. We will be participating in the ND/SMC student send-off Mass and picnic in Coronado on August 4, which is always a fun event. Peggy Battle Burns '81, Anne Marie Mikos Kassman '84, and Sarah Falvey Burkett '09 will coordinate our Annual Founder's Day Mass and celebration in October. In November, Barb Drossel McKnight '77 and Sarah Falvey Burkett '09 will coordinate a get-together to put together "Exam Treat" packages for our current students. Lynn Dargis Ambrose '52 will again host our very fun third annual Christmas cookie exchange in early December. To all our alums—be on the lookout for email updates that will give you the details for these events! And bring your children's books and baby items—we collect them every time we get together.

As you can see, our fledgling San Diego Alumnae Club is busy! We love getting together; participating in our many Club events; and sharing our common bond—our love for Saint Mary's College.

Please join us! For more information, contact Sandy Parry at sandyparry@yahoo.com.

Twin Cities

The Twin Cities Saint Mary's Alumnae Club is excited for the upcoming 2011–2012 events we have planned! We begin with a student send-off hosted by Beth McGie Robertson '92 on August 13, with a special welcome to the Class of 2015. Other events this year include volunteer opportunities, a mosaic tile class, a cooking demo, book club, and more. Please stay tuned for the annual newsletter in your mail. If you have any questions, please email us at smctalumnaeclub@gmail.com. Looking forward to a great year!

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Many alumnae who read the Class News section of *Courier* are surprised to find that some members of the Class of '40 are still on deck. Even though we are the *ancient ones*, our love and loyalty for Saint Mary's still burns brightly. Our number has dwindled down to a precious few. There is more silence now. We are truly "ladies in waiting," who are listening for God's call.

This column is the most difficult that I have ever tried to write in 67 years. I share my recent experience as a kind caution to some of our Saint Mary's College Alumnae who may become widows in their lifetime.

After 71 years of marriage, my husband, David, died last year at 96 years old. In his last years of life, my husband was challenged with Last Stage Parkinson's, increasing dementia, hallucinations, cognitive confusion, and a declining memory. The doctors had told my husband and others that he was to do no more business. The doctors said this included no buying and selling—nothing, because David's appreciation of his and our joint holdings was gone. His attention span was short and not suited for business.

There have been many challenges within my family with regard to his will shortly before and since his passing. Thank God for Saint Mary's College. I believe that with God's guidance, I have recently found a Saint Mary's College alumna to help me with this. With her help, support from law firm associates, including Notre Dame Alumni, I believe that my interests and that of my late husband's will be addressed.

Along my life's path, Sister Maria Pieta, Sister Madeleva, and other Saint Mary's College staff were shining examples of strong woman for a small town girl, a little shy at times, to model. Sister Miriam Joseph taught me to share and sometimes publish what I wrote. I have followed their Saint Mary's College guidance for almost 70 years.

In a most profound way, Saint Mary's College is still shedding light as I walk my path. I believe it takes a village to support each one of us on our life journey. This is true even in old age and maybe more so now. My teachers, administrators, classmates, and now a decade's younger Saint Mary's College lawyer are sharing the Light.

Saint Mary's College can provide an incredibly rich network of support for all of one's life—not just the years of enrollment. Giving back and giving forward are intrinsically rewarding. God gives us a powerful and productive Saint Mary's College community that works wonders throughout life for all who are open to our blessed network.

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I suddenly realized the deadline for *Courier* news was due. My first reaction was to reach for the phone with the *Saint Mary's College Alumnae Directory* alongside. I tried to reach some of my classmates by phone and found it to be challenging. The directory was for 2004, and there have been

many changes in our age group during the past seven years. Mainly death has taken its toll with illness running a close second. Those who are sick do not have much news for our column. Mostly I have to contact their children, which is sometimes difficult.

Mary Lucia "Pinkie" Wolff Stevenson is normally one of my best contacts. She has four daughters, two of whom graduated from Saint Mary's: **Mary "Sissy" Stevenson Tate '66** and **Elizabeth "DeDe" Stevenson Cable '73**. A group of DeDe's Saint Mary's friends plan to meet at her Durango, Colorado, vacation home.

Gert Daley Moran has six children (two boys and four girls), 15 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren, so she is a busy woman. Some are not in the Chicago area. Her daughter, Molly Moran Hensen, is moving from Geneva, Illinois, to Salem, Oregon. Her husband has a new position there. Molly has a daughter, Heather, who lives in Salem, Oregon. Gert's great-great grandchild turned one on June 28.

Mary Lucia "Pinkie" Wolff Stevenson is waiting for hurricane season to hit. Talked to **Miriam Marshall Hemphill**, who said caregivers are helping her which makes life easier. I spoke with **Mary Mayle Hickey** in Norwalk, Ohio, who has five children. One son lives in Norwalk and checks on Mary every day. Mary misses getting calls from her Saint Mary's roommate, **Ann Sheets Butler**, who has passed away.

Kay Houser Sanford sounded very lively on the phone. Although their outdoor temperature at noon was 113, she and Bob really enjoy the year-round, generally mild, Arizona climate. **Amy Nardire Ryan** reports that she recently had a full-knee replacement.

On June 4, my dear friend, **Floy Terstegge Meagher '43** passed away. She graduated summa cum laude from Saint Mary's. Her funeral Mass was a beautiful event with two bishops on the altar. I will cherish the memory of her lovely graveside prayer ceremony.

I am happy to report that my three children, eight grandchildren and "almost" seven great-grandchildren are doing very well. I am truly blessed. My granddaughter, **Ashley Clark Bass '98**, lives in Houston with her husband and two boys, Collin (10), and Evan (seven). It has been an exciting time for me with the addition of one great-granddaughter this past January. Although, my mobility is not up to par, my daughters, Esther McNerney and Madonna Gordon, assist me and make sure I still enjoy a full social life and maintain my cherished flower gardens. My son, Kenneth Barker III, calls me faithfully from California every day.

If I hear further from our classmates, I will include their news in the next issue of *Courier* in which our class appears.

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From the Courier: Maire Ready '11, while interning in Washington, D.C., before beginning a Masters of Social Work program in Michigan this fall, wrote about her Saint Mary's connection in rural Pennsylvania: "The Saint Mary's bond continues to impress me. Meeting **Betty Barry Myers Lewis '46** was such a special experience. We were able to share stories, and thankfully, I had my computer with me,

so I showed her current pictures of campus—she even pointed out her old room in Le Mans Hall. She had her diploma and class picture on her wall. We spent almost the entire day engaging in rich conversation. I got her address, my friends wrote her letters, and she's been writing us back. It's been wonderful."

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Dear Classmates, **Mary Jo Struett Bowman's** death from lung cancer in February left us all saddened. She was always cheerful and ready to laugh at her illness. She told us lightheartedly of the "miracle drug" that was keeping her alive well beyond everyone's expectations. She was delighted to be able to travel with us until her last year. She came to Chicago to visit her sister, Sarah, a number of times, joining us for luncheon get-togethers. Her last visit she was in Hospice care. She visited the southern Californians on business trips with Dee. **Liz Werres Ravenscroft** writes of attending one of those luncheons at **Lynn Dargis Ambrose's** house when Mary Jo happened to be there: "It was so good seeing her then; the last time was at a reunion at Saint Mary's College, and we got to talk more than we probably ever did as students. You're absolutely right; she will be missed." **Nancy Ahlforth Steele** went to her funeral along with **Lynn Dargis Ambrose** and **Toni DiSalle Watkins**. **Judy Jones Sullivan '54** was there as well. Mary Jo will be so missed by so many. Her children participated in the service and her son Patrick gave the eulogy." She was truly an inspiration. She didn't speak of herself, except in a joking way. Even her best friends didn't know everything about her. **Marie Galoney** was surprised to hear, in a thank you note from the Audubon Society that "Mary Jo had been a most devoted volunteer to the Audubon Society for thirty years." **Liz Werres Ravenscroft** mused: "We are all at that stage in life, ready to say goodbye, but enjoying contacting one another in the meantime. Who would ever have guessed there would be this many of us at the octogenarian stage anyway?"

Eighty! As Liz said, it's hard to believe that we made it this far. But we did. We may use canes, be in cardio rehab, live in senior residences, but we're still here. We survived. Good for us. We deserved all the parties in our honor. **Dor Murnane McMahon** especially deserved hers. Her Chicago family decided that to thank her for all that she has done for them they would all join her in Florida in February, staying with her in rotation. (She mentioned changing sheets continually.) After all the flowers and dinner parties and poems, she packed up and went on a cruise with one of her nephews and his wife and mother-in-law. Perhaps the climax of the celebration was the great tsunami wave that swept into the Maui bay just outside her hotel. She was back to Naples ready to help her brother, Frank, who had fallen and broken his hip down there and needed her.

Lynn Dargis Ambrose writes that she was looking forward to taking a "restful trip somewhere with Caleb [her doodle]" for her 80th celebration, "but the family insists on a party, so be it. They'll take care of it, so I'll sit back and enjoy. That's our reward as we get older, right?" She doesn't sit back much.

Besides serving as Caleb's agent and chauffeur on his therapy rounds, she is involved with Saint Mary's College activities. "Our Saint Mary's College-San Diego alumnae club is now in its second year, and the book club continues with good discussions as each hostess facilitates. The Alumnae Office asked me to host a reception for potential students: parents, siblings, and grandparents joined the young women. It was a very lively group; seven of the nine who attended placed their deposits for entering the freshman year. Several recent grads joined me in sharing our Saint Mary's College experiences with them. The alumnae office believes this is a grand way to explain and encourage potential students. It's a hard sell getting native Californians to the Midwest." Luncheon get-togethers with classmates continue: "On May 24, 2011, I was at **Mary Jean Wallace Paxton's** along with **Mary Musante Kraemer, Janet Rowe,** and **Mary Dvilaitis Blanford.** Mary Jean and I both had barn owl nests installed high up in our backyard treetops, and she saw several baby owls being fed by the father. I'm envious and still waiting for owls to nest."

The San Diego club is also a source of joy for Mary Jean: "I really enjoy our Saint Mary's College club of San Diego. As you may recall, I had **Meganne Madden Hoffman '03** as a house guest last summer while she interned at the Del Mar Race Track. We have kept in touch; she now has a horse-related job working out of Seattle. **Jennifer Wagner**

'05 has lived in Oceanside all her life and we have become friends. She pet-sat Samson and Boots when Dave and I visited Jan in Kennesaw, Georgia, earlier this month. Jen and I meet regularly for coffee at Starbuck's when we share insights into books and life. Our book club, to which Lynn, Jen, and I belong along with about five others, is very interesting. I never thought I'd join a book club."

Joan Gadomski Huguenard wrote of going (from her home in Sonoma) to South Bend to celebrate her 80th in early June with a hundred guests. After that she would head to Namibia, in July, where she would be teaching orphaned children. "I was planning to go to Namibia in October (when it's really hot), but it turns out I can have free housing in July, August, and September by house/dog sitting so that's why I'm shifting. Cost of living it seems is very high: just like South Africa, so I'll be pinching every little penny as my budget is too, too tiny. I'm hoping for donations to help. I'll have to keep paying rent on my California apartment. Maybe the Holy Spirit will surprise me with someone to sublease. I can't advertise for it as technically subleasing is against the rules, but it's okay to have someone living here. Ahem." I look forward to reading the news from Namibia in her online column "Just Joan" in the *Sonoma Valley Sun*.

2012 will be our 60th Reunion and I have heard from a number of you already about your plans to attend. **Gloria Gazzara Epler** writes: "I have a lot to tell. On February 3, I fell in my kitchen and broke

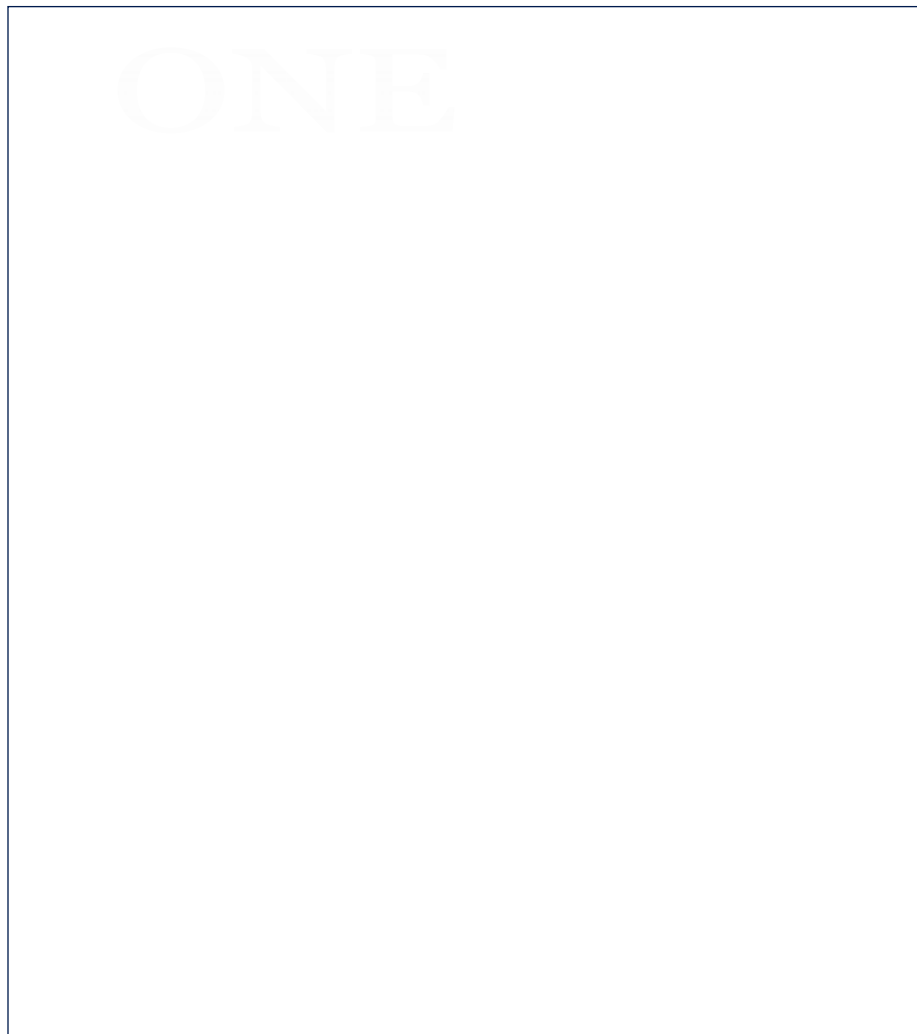
the femur bone in my leg in three places, spent one week in the hospital and six weeks in rehab. After I got home we moved to a retirement community because the apartment we wanted became available. I am feeling better but still walk with a cane which I hate." A few weeks later she wrote that she was feeling *much* better, but still using the cane. "I will be [at reunion] with bells on."

From Arizona, **Toni DiSalle Watkins** writes: "I am in touch with several classmates, most recently **Nancy Hutchison Newton.** I am not certain if I will be attending the 60th. I hope so. Things continue to go well here. I am learning to play Mahjong. It is very interesting learning something brand new. I am enjoying it and making some new friends. My trips are pretty much confined to family. In May I attended my granddaughter, Samantha's graduation from UAB (University of Alabama). Next week I will fly to California for an eighth-grade graduation and visits with my daughters, Diane and Maureen. Time flies. One day it is Monday followed by the next Monday. How does that happen? Loving wishes to all my classmates."

From Tampa Bay came news of **Mary Ann Scherger Fairlie's** continued travel adventures. She writes: "We are doing fine. Drew and I are heading out for the summer next week (June 8) and will be traveling around the country until August 31. We are planning a trip in October to Spain, Portugal (Fatima), and Morocco and then are picking up a cruise ship out of Athens, doing a tour called 'In the Footsteps of St. Paul,' which is being led by our Bishop here in St. Petersburg. We will do the Holy Land, Corinth, Ephesus, and finally Rome. That should be really fun." Keep on traveling.

Midwesterner and Floridian **Joey Bryan MacDonald** writes that there was: "Not too much new in my life. Mac and I left Florida in early May and drove back to Middleton with stops in the Nashville area and Lafayette to visit with family and friends. The weather on Manasota Key was close to perfect all winter and five of our children came at different times to enjoy the beach and warm temperatures. I'm still receiving injections in my good eye every four weeks and the total is now 46. I'm pretty functional for an old lady, and yes, I will definitely be a part of our 60th Reunion next year. I've missed just one reunion since we graduated and I'm always grateful to be able to return to Saint Mary's. I hope all is good with you, and I hope to have lunch with **Margo Anderson Ahrens** soon. I'm sure we'll share memories."

Another Midwesterner who moves to warmer climes in winter, **Sally Disser Weigand**, wrote in late May: "Don't ask me where the time goes. Cannot figure how I raised six kids, went to IUPU-Ft. Wayne to complete my degree, managed (and kept clean) a five-bedroom house, cooked and served 24 nutritious meals a day, went to untold numbers of practices and games for every sport imaginable, volunteered at our parish, and so on. Enough of that. However, now every 'chore' seems to take too long. Do you suppose it has anything to do with 'getting up there?' At any rate, Bob and I are fine (considering), and are doing some traveling. Lynn did not come over the mountains to Palm Springs this year while we were there and we missed her. In 2012, we are (planning) a trip to California in March and you and she can come over together again. We were in Florida in November (kids), California in March (kids), Denver (kids), and Seattle (kids) in April. We will be staying home now for awhile until we go to the lake in August. We realize and are very grateful to the good Lord for the ability to travel (and also that our kids picked nice places to



live). Yes, I am planning on attending Reunion 2012. My sister, Jo, and her husband live in Holy Cross Village at South Bend."

Joanne Hickey Frazel also plans to come to reunion: "We commute from Oak Brook to our lake home at Long Beach, Indiana, year round. We stay for short weekends and stay longer in summer. If anyone is near there, please phone us and we can plan a visit. Some of our children live in the Chicago area, so we are lucky to see those families and their children often. Some others live in Minnesota, Colorado, and Oregon so we see them only in summer when they can visit at the lake as the families are out of school. So that is a blessing, the reason we keep the house. I have not been back to Saint Mary's or Notre Dame in a long time, but recall all my classmates with delight."

I celebrated my "Big 80" a number of times, including an April lunch at Piccolo Sogno with classmates **Elaine Smith Caraher, Helen Wade O'Brien, Jo Brazaitis Ebert, Faith Kilburg McNamara, Marie Galoney,** and (surprise) **Maureen Carroll Muller.** We toasted our continued blessings and good health and all plan to attend the reunion. News from around the table: Maureen survived chemo and looks great. Marie and I go to many plays together. She is in cardio rehab and keeps in touch with Mary Jo's sister, Sarah. Faith went to see the cherry blossoms in Washington, D.C., when visiting her daughter, Claudia there, and would be attending the Scholarship Tea with her other daughter, Elizabeth, later the afternoon of our luncheon. She told us that **Mary Berners Kishler** had spent three weeks in London looking after her grandchildren during her daughter-in-law's illness. **Jo Brazaitis Ebert** keeps busy with her musical endeavors, still leading her choir. She plans to visit Poland and Prague in September. Bob and **Helen Wade O'Brien** stay close to the nest; Helen has enough to do keeping up with her all-girl grandchildren. Elaine still has her big house next door to **Dor Murnane McMahon's** sister-in-law, Joan Murnane. I have seen Dor down in Florida before a cruise in January, and again in May, when she came to Chicago with Frank.

Vivian Tuerk Markham writes from Georgia, enclosing a picture of her in 1953 surrounded by many classmates at her wedding. "Like all of us, I have entered the octogenarian state and find that simple tasks take far longer to accomplish than before, plus 'rest breaks' are mandatory. I remain active in book club and water aerobics. We are no longer the 'young-old' (a term my beloved parents called us), although we are blessed to be walking and reading and finding joy in each day. We are saddened by the loss of most friends, yet feel fortunate to still be a couple. More and more, our children are a source for love and laughter. Altogether life is good. I hope to see you at Reunion 2010—the good Lord willing." (Please bring that picture, Vivian.)

Liz Werres Ravenscroft wrote a long email from her and Ian's new Seattle residence, Aljoja (what a great name). "We are in the right place for us and having the girls near is a double blessing in itself. The Aljoja is an outgoing community of good people and we enjoy the environment totally. Ian and I celebrated our 50th Anniversary last month with a dinner with the girls and their families, followed by a 'dessert-and-coffee' in our Fireside Lounge with a beautiful cake and most of the residents and friends joining us. I have only one real regret; there is no way I can join you all for our 60th next year. I missed our 10th, which was right after our Paul was born, but other than that, I have been there for every reunion of the Class of '52 and I am not happy to be

missing this one. The two strokes I've had have both followed air trips, and although I have no residual complications from them, the doctors and the family all agree that I'd be more than foolish to try to get to South Bend and also, who could come with me? Ian cannot handle it; the girls both teach and their children are in the last hectic days of school in June. Be assured I'll be with you in spirit and hope to hear all the news possible. I'm still hoping **Lynn Dargis Ambrose** may get up here sometime this summer, and I'll be welcoming anyone else who can come as well. My vision is a growing problem at the moment, with the macular degeneration in the left eye (a continuing situation), but now a loss of vision due to fluid in the retina of the right one. I can still do fine on my scooter, but cannot read nor see close things, including people's faces. Though I'm being helped by a local 'Sight Connections' program, I'm definitely handicapped in this area. That's just one more reason I can't come to the reunion. Maybe not a happy tale, but not a sad one either. I look forward to the news in the *Courier*, even if someone else has to read it to me, and I'm delighted to hear from any of you. We're a fabulous group, I've always thought, and still think so. Thanks too, Mary Rose, for being such a good class rep and correspondent."

Thanks to all of you for sending in your news. I hope that you all come to our 60th Reunion from May 31 through June 3, 2012. Remember to send in your reservation as soon as the College notifies you about it.

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Nancy Gibbon Ross will attend a granddaughter's wedding in Washington this month and cruise out of Baltimore this September (no flying for her). Nancy has 17 grandkids, but so far the college kids have stayed in the Northeast.

I had a fun lunch with **Bev Bierbusse Campbell** and **Patt Gannon Scully** in Arizona this winter while visiting Patt. Bev and Paul headed to California for a granddaughter's college graduation. With three more graduations in May—the Campbell's consider themselves lucky to be going to only one. They'll be in Ohio for the summer.

Jane Flynn Carroll says she was in Dundee, Illinois all winter proving she can still shovel and cope in blizzards. She volunteers one day a week in a thrift shop that benefits a mental health center. **Joan Rossi** and **Rose Marie Murphy Foley** and Ben will be at the Shaw Festival again this summer and 14 Foleys will gather at Lake Michigan at the end of July. Portugal and Spain is their destination this fall as well as a 50th Anniversary celebration for all the family after Christmas.

Marlene Gaubinger McGinn is not coming to South Bend, Indiana, this fall. She'll be with a granddaughter at the Clemson-Florida State September game. Another granddaughter is being married in Tallahassee in October, so Marlene's staying south. Memorial Day weekend was the fourth annual John McGinn Fishing Tournament in Sarasota for the 30-plus family.

Their trip to the Holy Land has been transforming say **Mary Ann Kramer Campbell** and Tom Campbell ND'54. I had breakfast with them the

Sunday after they returned. They reported dipping their feet in the River Jordan where Christ was baptized, floating in the Dead Sea, visiting Bethlehem and Nazareth, and saying the Stations of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa. Father David Burrell ND'54 led the two-week Notre Dame trip. Granddaughter **Jillian Lopina '11**, who graduated *magna cum laude* in May, will begin an internship in Amsterdam in August.

Midge Myler Russo wrote of a wonderful winter visit in Rhinebeck, New York, with **Sister Jo Lucker, MM.** They had lunch in Hyde Park where Teilhardt de Chardin, one of Jo's heroes, is buried. (Unfortunately because of several feet of snow, they were unable to make the pilgrimage.) After a weekend catching up on old times and Midge learning more about Maryknoll theology and thinking, Jo is now back at Ossining, busy with mission work. Midge says Maryknoll is a lovely spot on the Hudson and she will be happy to take visitors to see Jo.

Patt Gannon Scully lists three grandchildren and a grandniece recently graduating from high school. She sent a picture of the finished clay pot she was working on when I visited her. It's amazing what an English major can create in the art world. Patt thoroughly enjoyed Gail Mandell's biography of Sister Madeleva, which brought many happy memories.

Peg Tiernan Sheehan sent a very attractive note card designed by grade school children as a fundraiser. Though she did say she was behind this project, there wasn't much news about her or Jerry. Hopefully **Sue Whalen Heyer** had a good 2011 summer. Last May a runaway car with no one in it came flying backwards down the highway, crossed a lane, and hit her car. She wasn't hurt but her car was. In July she was in a dentist's chair when she had a stroke that scared him to death. She can walk okay, but says she has a little trouble with speech and her right hand.

Cathy Wilson Opper writes that the last several times she has seen and/or talked to **Liz Kiley Wilson**, Liz looks so good and is doing so well (all things being relative) that she is a delight and an inspiration. "Our visit before Christmas made my holiday." She misses Aggie (**Mary Agnes Majewski Kinnucan**) who taught her to concentrate on the Eucharist; for that, Cathy says she owes her big. Besides Aggie and Liz, other echoes of Saint Mary's College pop up many times, and she still thinks the drive in from the highway is one of her favorite places in the world. "Sister Miriam Joseph was my freshman dining hall proctor and I will never see a soft boiled egg without thinking of her and the Trivium."

Ed and **Mary Schmitz Bartley** usually take a trip to celebrate their October birthdays but will take their children with them and celebrate as well their January 35th Wedding Anniversary. They continue to love their Pinehurst home. Both still play golf. She continues to volunteer at a bookshop where all the proceeds go to support a non-government supported library. Mary's first love is still travel and "Mother Mary" still escorts her Pinehurst Voyageurs on two or more trips a year.

Judy Jones Sullivan and Dick spent 12 days in Kanai, Hawaii, with daughter Erin and her family. Their next trip is to Dick's family in Colorado. **Sue Hartmann** visited **Mary Fran Koehnemans Nolan** in April in West Virginia. Sue reports **Rosie Gohmann Szumilas** is now living with her daughter in Lexington, South Carolina, but is returning to visit in Indianapolis in July.

Carol O'Brien Scheller continues to care for Vince since his fall in 2008. They've moved north of

Indianapolis to Westview. Her new phone number is (317) 399-6079. Vince continues with therapy at home.

Pat McAndrews Pilger is proud of grandson Mike, third generation at Notre Dame. She and Dick ND'54 are very pleased with their new apartment at the Sanctuary of Saint Paul in South Bend. Pat calls living there with no cooking or dishwashing "high living."

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As usual, the reunion weekend at Saint Mary's was wonderful. The rain that hit the Chicago area spared us for the best part of the time, and the Midwest heat wave only added to the picnic atmosphere on Saturday. This was one of the largest reunions in Saint Mary's College history. We, the now "Better than Golden," added 18 returning classmates to the group. I am only sorry that more of our group couldn't join us, but now we seem to have grandchildren who are graduating, receiving First Communion, etc. Those of us who did attend will agree I am sure, that this was a special year for us.

Friday evening we enjoyed a wonderful dinner, hosted by Vice President Shari Rodriguez, in the parlor of Haggar (which was the library in our day.) The highlight of this gathering was a humorous and nostalgic presentation by **Maryjeanne Ryan Burke** on our early days at Saint Mary's. After dinner we met in our hospitality room at the Inn at Saint Mary's for an evening of remembering. Many of our class travelled quite a distance to be with us. California was represented by **Jean Kimmert Jackman, Mary Dahm Kearney, and Joanne Griffith McGrath**. Jean has fully recovered from her heart attack and is back on the tennis court. Mary is already planning her 2012 trip to Turkey. She and Paul are determined to visit every continent and have Africa and Antarctica to go. Joanne is retired from real estate and is thoroughly enjoying her grandchildren. **Agnes Pelachik Robinson** came from Texas and claims to be somewhat retired from her college professorship and now finds her creative outlet in clay sculpting. Indianapolis was represented by **Carolyn Flynn Fay** and **Peggy Brennan McNamara**, both of whom are loyal reunion attendees. **Kay Dale McComb** came from Peoria, Illinois. She was unable to come to our 50th because of illness, but certainly looked wonderful. Both Kay and **Barb Schettig Brennan** attended the program offered by the English Department (one of the many delightful options given to us on Saturday) and regaled us with some of the humorous recollections of Sister Miriam Joseph. **Mary Kay Shanahan Cesarone, Rita Conley Bourjaily, Bunni Hennessy Griffin**, and I made up the rest of the Illinois contingent. Of course, **Sheila Conlin Brown** is an Illinoisan, but she deserves to receive more singular attention, as Sheila was the recipient of the Most Distinguished Alumna Award, the highest award given to an alumna. This was well deserved by our Sheila, who has continued to give of her time and treasure to the College, both on the Alumnae Board of Directors and on the Steering Committee of the Madeleva Society. Two of Sheila's daughters, Molly Brown Nester and **Bridget Brown Weber '80**, were in attendance as was Sheila's husband, Dick, for the presentation of the award

at the Saturday evening banquet. We all shared in the family pride when Sheila gave her acceptance speech.

Not seen for some time was another Illinoisan, **Bette Crimmins Simcox**, who decided to return at the urging of some of her classmates. It was wonderful to see Bette again. **Anne Tetaz Bloom** made the trip from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where she is still in real estate. As beautiful as ever, Anne puts many of us to shame with all she continues to do. She too, is a loyal reunion attendee. And, from Michigan another classmate who defies the odds and shows up at all the Reunions, **Anne Thiede Crete**. Despite many surgeries, Anne, with the help of her husband, Jay (an honorary Class of '56 member), comes back faithfully and participates in all the events. The other Michigander in attendance was **Fran Sheeran McCarthy**—who doesn't look a day older than when we graduated. Our lone east coast representative was **Mary Carey Swift**. Mary has been in touch with classmates when in Florida, and a few years ago had lunch with the Dallas bunch—**Katie Dailey Ronan, Pat Brown O'Brien, Carolyn Conroy Hansen, and Tammy Marietta Tolle**—none of whom were able to join us for the 55th.

Those of us who were at Saint Mary's marveled at the growth of the physical plant—apartments, Spes Unica Hall, the renovation of Madeleva Hall—and were in awe at the progress of the College academically. President **Carol Ann Mooney '72** gave us a status report on Saturday morning that was staggering in its scope. They are doing things at Saint Mary's that we would never have dreamed of back in the 1950's. But the same spirit pervades that was imbued in us those many years ago. Those of us who attended mass in Le Mans Chapel felt a real sense of being home (and waiting for Father Schumacher's 45-minute homily) and experienced a deep appreciation for the values instilled in us by the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

We have all vowed to return in 2016, God willing, and wish that all of you would join us. There is a great feeling of renewal after attending reunion, and I am sure that we all agreed, "Lord, it is good for us to be here."

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First off, I want to thank **Joan Renehan Thompson** for her note of condolence on the death of my husband, Bob Molenda, and also to **Ro Corcoran Donnelly**. It is wonderful being remembered.

Sue Corcoran Griffin wrote twice, which is above and beyond any call of duty. Sue retired from Chicago Title last October and she is finding it a bit of an adjustment. "I'm learning it's all right to have time to myself. Bridge and volunteering are the answer." Sue's darling mother, who would have been 101 this June, died in February. I have fond memories of her mom when she moved Sue into her room on the first floor of Holy Cross Hall all those years ago.

Sue also told me the sad news of our classmate and dear friend **Marge Hoefler Miller's** death in November of 2010. Sue writes: "The nurses are grieving."

I took a Notre Dame trip to Rome in March and

enjoyed being in the city for the first time in years. I left the group in Frankfort, Germany, on the way back to the States and spent a wonderful two weeks with my daughter, **Ellen Willson Hoover '90**, and her husband, Gary, and their two children, Nora (eight) and Jack (four). They live in the beautiful city of Konigstein in Taunus, not far from Frankfort, Germany.

It's very hilly and there are spas throughout the area. We had tea one afternoon in the superb Villa Rothschild and another day in Friedrichshof, the magnificent schloss built by Empress Victoria, the oldest child of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, and the widow of Emperor Frederick III of Prussia and the mother of Kaiser William II—known as a major player in World War I. Our weather was lovely and I thoroughly enjoyed the German passion for eating outside.

This spring the *South Bend Tribune* has featured the Saint Joseph High School girls' tennis team because of their outstanding success in tournaments, including pictures of Elle Harding, darling granddaughter of our own **Sistie Doherty McEneary**.

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With tears and laughter and joy, let us celebrate the life of **Patricia Donovan Dowd**. Our many fond memories are beautifully embellished by the reflections of her family:

"Pat passed to eternal life on May 17, 2011, where she will forever rest in peace in the company of her God, her family, and friends. She spent her formative years on the far-southwest side of Chicago, attending Christ the King Grade School and Academy of Our Lady High School. At Saint Mary's College, she developed friendships that were a lifelong source of sustaining grace and loyalty. Pat was particularly proud to have served as president of the Class of 1960 (and of course, has guided us to many class reunions since then). After teaching junior high school in Midlothian, Illinois, she and Ed married in 1965 at Christ the King, where both of them had attended grade school. They settled in Escondido, California, and were blessed with five daughters. It was here that Pat, as a loving and devoted wife and mother and faithful friend, served as substitute teacher, Girl Scout leader, junior high volleyball coach and mentor, Irish dance promoter, and general ambassador of cheerful and supportive goodwill within her family and adopted community. Pat will always be remembered among her many friends in the Saint Mary's and Saint Timothy's Parish communities in Escondido and among her far-ranging extended family and friends for her outgoing and engaging personality and contributing wit, her spirit, and her supportive, endearing, and encouraging friendship.

"Pat is survived by her husband, Edward Dowd, and children: **Colleen Dowd Kollman '88** (Ken), Patti Billings (Kyle), **Kathleen Dowd Murphy '91** (Brendan), **Erin Dowd Shannon '94**

(Timothy), and **Megan Dowd Sgroi '97** (Pete); fifteen grandchildren; sisters, Jane Ryan and Eileen Donovan (Patrick), and brothers, Tom and John (Diana) Donovan. Pat is preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Mary Donovan, and her sister, **Diane Donovan Grant '57** (Robert).

Reflections on life always cause us to pause and think and pray. Please share some of your reflections as we could well learn from one another. We promise we will not use names, and your thoughts would certainly be helpful at this time of our lives, just as they were in that earlier time. Peace, Maureen and Molly.

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As I write this on May 30, 2011, I realize that one year from now, May 31 through June 3, 2012, our Class of '62 will be gathering "down The Avenue" at Saint Mary's to celebrate our 50th Reunion of our graduation in 1962 (wow). Can it really be that long ago? I hope you mark the dates on your calendar, iPod, blackberry, etc., and plan to join us for an exciting, fun-filled, memorable, and enriching weekend on campus. As a member of the Gift Committee, I attended a planning session March 29–30 on campus, led by **Ginny Lynch Collins** and **Maureen Sullivan Sheehy**, co-chairs of the Program Committee, and **Joan Roddewig Geary** and **Phyllis Sullivan Van Hersett**, co-chairs of the Gift Committee, and some College Alumnae Relations staff. It was wonderful to see many of the 38 committee members who were able to meet for our two-day meeting, renewing close friendships and beginning new ones. We all saw many campus changes since our college days: new dorms, apartments, classrooms, the Student Center and Dining Hall, and other buildings.

Joan and Phyllis are leading our class to establish a Class of '62 Endowed Scholarship to ensure that talented young women continue to receive remarkable liberal arts educations for years to come. We invite/strongly encourage all classmates to make a gift, no matter how small or large. Every gift—\$10, \$50—or more in honor of our 50th helps to achieve our goal of raising \$100,000. (The more we raise, the larger the scholarship.) With your help and by working together we can attain our class participation goal of 50 percent. Don't forget to send a Corporate Matching Gift form to employers and designate the gift for the Class of '62 Endowment Scholarship to double your gift. Every gift is important, no matter how small or large, as grants and gifts of support to colleges are often based on participation percentages. Have you considered including (in writing to the College) a desire to include a gift to Saint Mary's College in your estate or financial plans? This is a perfect time to create your own legacy at Saint Mary's through a bequest, trust, gift of securities, stock, or other vehicle and become a member of the Mother Pauline Society.

The Program Committee led by Ginny and Maureen has been working hard to plan and put together a fun as well as enriching schedule of events for Reunion '12. We begin Thursday May 31, 2012, with a Class of '62 Cookout at the new Clubhouse, near the Welcome Center on The Avenue. **Peggy Meyer Soule** will be our hostess and welcome us all. As the

50th-year class, we can stay at the Inn of Saint Mary's. There are two-or-three-night packages available through the College, which reserves blocks of rooms. Be sure to reserve early to assure your inclusion. More info will come with your Registration for Reunion packet. Our Hospitality Room (open throughout Reunion) will be located in the Inn and will have message board for letters from those unable to attend, and a binder with *Courier* news survey sheets from classmates. **Barb Hipp Fiore** has volunteered to create a CD/DVD of our college days and needs you to send clear, sharp-image photos—candid snapshots of campus life or former reunions, etc., in digital jpg format, or you can mail photos to her. She is also going to create and print a *Then and Now* memory book using Saint Mary's yearbook photos ("then") and needs a recent ("now") original, sharp-image photo or digital jpg format photo, plus a brief summary of your life since graduation to print under your photos. These need to be sent to **Barb Hipp Fiore**, 3308 Monona Drive, #319, Monona, WI 53714 or email to babioi@sbcglobal.net.

Her deadline is November 1, 2011 for you to be included in our *Reunion Memory* book and CD/DVD. Photos will be returned at Reunion if you want them back.

Friday, June 1, 2012, there will possibly be a book discussion or special-interest topic in morning and afternoon small group Class of '62 get-together as we did at our 25th Reunion. This is being planned by **Mary Griffin Burns**, **Maureen Sullivan Sheehy**, and **Ginny Lynch Collins**. A Class of '62 Eucharist with Older Than Golden classes and Special Memorial Remembrance for our deceased classmates will be in the evening. **Sister Eva Mary Hooker '63, CSC**, is organizing this, and any ideas for a presider, priest, or music are welcome. The Class of '62 President's Reception with President Carol Ann Mooney '72, and dinner in Stapleton will follow Mass. The traditional all-class party is later that night.

Saturday, June 2, has many all-class events: morning run/walk, Alumnae Association Meeting and Presidential Address, the Picnic Lunch, and class photos. An afternoon event is in the planning stage for our class by **Sarah Baker Fagan**, **Mary Griffin Burns**, and **Maureen Sullivan Sheehy**. The Reunion Banquet is the highlight of the weekend with three awards: highest-member participation percentage of class gift, highest dollar amount raised in gifts/pledges, and Reunion Scholars are named. It is always a fun evening. We are guaranteed the best seats in the house as the 50th-year class of 2012 This is always a great event.

Sunday, June 3, The All Class Liturgy at Church of Loretto is always beautiful, followed by the traditional Champagne Brunch. Then, farewells and great memories as we leave for home.

I talked to **Mary Marg Boesen** recently who is recovering slowly from knee surgery on March 17. She is still in much pain and not able to get out much,

but hopes to be much better for Reunion 2012. We all hope and pray for that too, Mary Marg.

My next deadline for news is December 1, 2011, so please send me some. See you at Reunion, and help us make our goals for Endowed Scholarship: the dollar amount and class participation. Please remember to send photos and summary for the memory book and CD/DVD to **Barb H. Fiore** by November 1.

Phyllis Sullivan Van Hersett writes: "I always enjoy reading our column when the Class of '62 is included. This year was the 10th annual gathering of our group. We call ourselves the Golden Girls. We started out with Five Saint Mary's classmates and three programmers we met at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base right after college. One of our group members, **Anne Casey Slone**, has passed away. The seven of us get together every year. This fall will find us visiting Santa Fe, New Mexico. I am really looking forward to our 50th Reunion. What fun we will all have."

From the Courier: From Maureen Sullivan Sheehy: At my pal **Ginny Lynch Collins'** urging, I am sending some news to the *Courier* in the hope that my classmates will do the same. I am looking forward to our big reunion already. Plans are afoot, so I want you all to plan now to attend in June 2012. Let us not be strangers. I enjoy seeing my local Saint Mary's pals frequently for lunch where we catch up with each others' news. I had a delightful phone call from **Martha Carpenter** who has been living in Mountain View, California. After a year of volunteer



Members of the class of 1962, also known as the "Golden Girls," gathered to celebrate their 70th birthdays with a Caribbean cruise. This is the 10th annual gathering of the group. Pictured (from left) are Joan Brickman Palazzolo '62, Phyllis Sullivan Van Hersett '62, Lorene Janoski Rathnau '62, and Carol Holtmeier Erb '62.

teaching in Texas, she received her MBA and retired from doing Bio-Tech startups. She has a spring trip to Machu Picchu planned.

I often meet **Carol Guinta Wisner** at the Chicago Botanic Gardens, where we do our "walk and talk." Carole and Paul have raised four children, have grandchildren nearby, and enjoy the cultural aspects of Chicago when not traveling to see other grandchildren.

Carol and I had a delightful evening in October, celebrating the 50th Reunion of our time in Vienna with IES (International Education for Students). **Kathy Mitchell**, who was with us in Vienna, now resides in a nursing home in Columbus, Ohio, after a stroke and other serious health issues. **Jan Zihlerle McNellis**, our

fourth roommate in Vienna, is in contact with several Saint Mary's College classmates. She and Paul live in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Jan is as busy as ever and seems not to have changed at all. In a few weeks, Tom and I are going to Florida where we will see **Libby Knapke Salamone** and her husband, Ron. Libby and Ron have a real estate business in the Tampa area. We will also spend time with **Sheila Higgins Botti** in Longboat, Kentucky. Last April, **Mary Schubert Maury's** son had a party for his mother's big birthday, so to add to the celebration **Sheila Higgins Botti, Maura Kiley, Ginger Shay Murphy, Mary Griffin Burns, and Maureen McCafferty** surprised her at a French restaurant. We had a ball.

As for me, I retired a few years ago and love my freedom from the responsibilities of work. My two daughters live nearby and each have two children, the oldest of which is four and the youngest is three months. I Love being a grandmother.

Tom retired from architecture this year, and thank goodness, we have enough interests that we are not staring at each other and wondering about lunch. I volunteer doing a group for the spouses of Northwestern University's international students and scholars. I got some ideas from Saint Mary's program in Intercultural Leadership.

I'm planning on going to Saint Mary's in March to help plan our 50th Reunion. Did I mention I want to see you there?

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Dear Ladies, I am writing this from Utah—it is the longest day of the year, blue skies, green mountain vistas, snow on the tops, wild flowers galore. I am here to baby-sit for my grandchildren, one week for Sara, one week for Mara, and then everyone arrives for the week of the Fourth of July

Most of the news and thoughts that I have gathered are about retirement, turning 70, travel, visiting friends, family, and living every day.

The two sad events are that **Dee Greene Cooke** was tragically hit by a car on an afternoon, crossing in her own neighborhood in Florida. **Kathy Pace Hiron**, her roommate, had just talked with her and had made plans to see her the following week. Also, **Colleen Pierce Garard's** husband, Ray, passed away in Florida this winter.

Jean Canizaro Enochs and her husband are off to Scandinavia in August, and just spent two weeks in Tuscany with her daughter, Elaine. **Linda Camiller Sanderson** and her husband, Mike ND'62, went to the Holy Land and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. **Roberta Limarzi Weinsheimer** and her husband, Bill ND'62, are joining Kent and me twice this fall: once on a Baltic cruise to St. Petersburg and onto Moscow, and then again to Utah. **Ellen Brown McBride's** 16th grandchild has been born—Faith—but Ellen put in parenthesis: "Amen." Ellen's oldest granddaughter is being married in October.

Fran Bardello Craig writes that **Denny Cavanaugh** put together a local get together and since then she has been in touch with **Eileen Bleeg Cavanaugh** and **Rita Marie Byrnes**. Every New Year's Eve, Fran and **Pat Ralicki McGowan** get together for a bridge weekend. Scott, Fran's husband, has just

published: *A Civil War Family—The Battling Blacks of Butler County*. It is available through Amazon and because it is the 150th Anniversary of the American Civil War, they are selling like "hotcakes." **Kay Christenson Janiszewski** was able to recommend the printer she had used for her book.

Unanet Technologies is Fran's software company, which provides software for project-based service organizations. On her 70th birthday, December 12, 2012 (golden and lucky for sure), Fran plans to continue to work, but is turning the company over to her son, Chris. She is looking forward to our 50th Reunion, seeing everyone, and wonders how it already can be 50 years.

Martha Thompson Coe and her husband, Charlie, went back to Michigan for Charlie's 50th high school reunion. He has just finished a book on nonprofits and is in the process of semi-retiring from the classroom, but not giving up the research. Marty is not sure what that means for her. She will let us know. Marty is involved with a Saint Mary's College book group (ages 24–71). They are reading Geraldine Brook's *Caleb's Crossing*. **Jinx Hack Ring** and her husband, Peter, have been in Paris for six months while Peter's been teaching. In between, they have toured France: Giverny, Normandy, Bayeaux, Cassis, and hopped over to Marrakesh. We will look forward to the report of how Jinx readjusts to the real world. In February, I was in Naples, Florida, for a high school luncheon and **Nancy Fagan Hardin, Maureen Andrews Latimer, Sis Reynolds McBride, Ellen Brown McBride, Nancy Sheehan** and were all there. What a hoot.

I see **Margie Carroll Flynn, Karen Mortimer Williams, and Carole Barskis Weber** each of whom are well, doing "their thing," and enjoying their families and grandchildren.

I would have more news if more of you would write. I know the fall will be filled with football game reunions and this summer there will be some get-togethers. So, please share your news.

Talk up our reunion because our 50th is very special—one of a kind—so, plan on being there. Enjoy, peace, love.

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They came from as far as California in the west and from Connecticut on the east. Some traveled alone while others traveled together. In all, 43 members of the Class of 1966 returned to Saint Mary's College for their 45th Reunion. Some stayed in Le Mans Halls while others stayed at the Hilton Inn next to the College. Each night, the group gathered in the Hospitality Room at the Hilton to chat, converse, and remember.

The classmates shared bits and pieces of their lives and how they have changed through the 45 years. Finding herself a long way from South Bend, **Jackie Devereaux Michener** lives in God's country—Cheyenne, Wyoming. **Alana McGrattan** resides in the western state of New Mexico, where she works as a librarian at the Central New Mexico Community College in Corrales. **Maureen LeJeune Harty** relocated years ago from California to Boise, Idaho. In speaking to Maureen, she loves the area for

its beauty and family-friendly atmosphere.

Closer to home, a true South Bender, **Marilyn Kozmer Sommers**, resides in Washington, D.C. She will soon retire from the Internal Revenue Service as a program manager. Marilyn represented the day students at this Reunion. Fellow South Bend resident, **Mary Lee Hamilton Spencer**, still lives in South Bend. She taught Theology at Saint Joseph High School until 1991. In 2009, Mary Lee retired from First Source Bank. **Betsy Jarvis Renaldi** recently retired from Indiana University South Bend (IUSB) in 2010. Betsy divides her time between "de-cluttering" the house and visiting her daughter, **Beth Renaldi '91** in Chicago. Many of us had the pleasure of meeting Beth who is the editor of *Loyola Press*.

Many classmates are retired and still dabbling in their field while others continue to fight the daily grind. Although, **Liz Bermingham Lacy** retired from active duty as a justice on the Supreme Court of Virginia, she remains a justice with senior status. She divides her remaining time as a mediator for a law firm and as a professor at the University of Richmond Law School. **Maureen Rodgers Budetti** devotes her day to being a lobbyist for the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU) in Washington, D.C. At reunion, Maureen talked about the bleak future of loans for students seeking help to attend college.

Jackie Gatz finished her degree in social work at University of Detroit, and completed a master's program at University of Michigan. Jackie spends her day as a medical social worker helping the aging in the inner city of Detroit. **Kate O'Hara Aubert** works in the geriatric social work field in Falls Church, Virginia.

Kate continues to be our class president, but now she can employ some of the skills she learned in her field to lead this Class of 1966.

Sheila Beirne Conry lives in front of her computer as an account manager for Abender Corporation in Pittsburgh. The company designs and installs Solar Photovoltaic systems. Sheila says, "Go Green."

Judy Spinner Johns comes to the campus every day to be the executive director for the Sisters of the Holy Cross. She had the pleasure of attending the beatification of Father Basil Anthony Moreau. Judy is a master pilates teacher as well as a board member for Bridges Out Of Poverty.

Marybeth Scheid West completed a master's program in French at Loyola University Chicago. At present, Marybeth is a substitute teacher in elementary and middle schools on the North Shore. In the past, Marybeth has taught at two Catholic Schools in Evanston, Illinois, and also at Maine South High School and Glenbrook South High School.

Anne Sheehan Garbarino is a resort owner in a college community. She wants us to check out the website at www.four-seasons-cottages.com. The cottages are located on the Fulton Chain of Lakes in west central Adirondack Mountains.

Pam Smith Malone travels with her business as senior vice president for NALP, a foundation for law careers and research. Pam was in Memphis speaking at a conference before flying to Chicago. She spent her night before reunion at the Hotel Gott in Barrington Hills, Illinois.

Jane McCoach McKee, who works for her church in Connecticut, enjoyed the view of Chicago from the 17th-floor condo at her special Hotel Finneran.

Carolyn Hart Irvine flew in from San Mateo, California. Caroline's daughter, **Amy Irvine '93**, was married in the fall. **Mary Dunn Finneran** and her husband, E. J. Finneran ND'66, hosted a dinner for

Jane, Caroline, Pam, and me at Bistro Zinc on State Street. My husband, Larry ND'64, joined us for the evening. **Sharon Priestler Lewert** spent the day with Jane, Mary, and Caroline touring Chicago.

Mary K. Roberts Nelson recently retired from owning her own company, First Step, in Houston, Texas. They plan to travel and visit grandchildren in San Antonio and Barton. Mary sharpens her brain by playing duplicate bridge.

Alayne Fitzmaurice Makula came from Georgia. In 1991, Alayne completed her nursing degree at the Medical College of Georgia. At present, she finds herself super busy in retirement.

Mary Sue Watson Gillan completed her nursing degree in 1984 at Evanston Hospital for Nursing. Like Alayne, Mary Sue is enjoying retirement with her hubby, John. Mary Sue sang with the choir for the closing Mass at Reunion.

Roommates **Ronnie Henahan Hagerty**, **Carol Senda Damaso**, **Ellen DeRaedt Hoover**, and **Terry Morton Krause** purchased the Saint Mary's insignia pendant at an early reunion. The four proudly wore their medallions the whole weekend. Terri lives in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, close to her children and grandchildren. Carol still works as a public service senior manager at the Scottsdale Public Library. Ellen, retired from Law, splits her time between Holland, Ohio, and Florida. Ronnie works for United Way in Houston, Texas.

Another trio is **Elaine Amann Mayeux**, **Carla Johnson Lewis**, and **Barbara Borchers Bernath**. They all live in Charlotte, North Carolina. Elaine stays busy with five grandsons. Carla devotes her time to being a professional volunteer. She keeps active visiting six grandchildren. Barbara gathers her family together every summer at the beach for a spectacular family picture.

Barbara McCusker Poole traveled from Atlanta to participate in reunion. After many years as Principal at a Catholic Elementary School, Barb now tries to keep her grandchildren in control while traveling in a camper van. **Pat Hilger Zeigler** flew to Atlanta and joined Barbara on the flight to South Bend. Pat and her husband live in The Villages in Florida. They are enjoying every minute of retirement. **Patricia Harvey Howells** resides in Atlanta. Patricia worked with the administrative staff at Pace Academy. Her children attended the school.

Carol Smither Mansfield led the Ceremony of Remembrance for the Class of 1966. We gathered on the island and listened as four of our classmates read slowly the names of the departed. Following the reading of the names, Carol encouraged those attending to give a remembrance on classmates that we knew. Carol works as a bereavement counselor for Capital Hospice in Reston, Virginia.

Dede Cotter Delaney just retired as executive director of FISA Foundation. This foundation funds women's needs, especially in dealing with head injuries. Dede lives in Pittsburg and splits her time between her daughter, **Anne Delaney '95**, in California, and son, Dan ND'98, in Chicago.

The Chicago group showed up in force. **Louann Kennedy Keenan** and **Dee Connel Robinson** drove in from the Western Suburbs. Louann and Dee both retired from teaching this year. **Susie Scanlan Eiben** came from the south side. Susie says **Mary Madden Carey** lives on her street. Susie still lives in the same parish, Christ the King, where she grew up. Susie's good buddy, **Kay Casellini Wasinger**, drove from Grosse Pointe, Michigan, but was stopping in Chicago on the way back to visit children. Kay's

daughter, **Rebecca Wassinger Wills '92**, graduated from Saint Mary's in 1992. **Nan Nader** hailed from Bellwood. She still volunteers as a confirmation teacher in her parish. Nan graciously helped with some of the plans for the reunion.

Diane Sulzbach Pexa devotes her time to a search committee for Adoption Network. She helps adoptees to find their biological children. Diane has two adopted children, Matthew and Peter, in addition to her own children, Kevin and Susan. **Kathie Donovan Dur** has a wonderful townhome in Georgetown area of Washington, D.C. Kathie donates her expertise as an educational consultant to major public schools and Museums

As a side note, we had the pleasure of meeting several daughters at the reunion. **Pat Harvey Howells's** daughter, **Barbara Howells Boukater '96**, was a basketball player. **Carol Senda Damaso** introduced her daughter, **Karen Damaso '96**, at the Champagne Bunch on Sunday. **Betsy Jarvis Renaldi** introduced her daughter, **Beth Renaldi '91**, on several occasions during the weekend. I missed my daughter, **Bridget Gott Kennedy '91**. Bridget lives in Carmel, Indiana, with five children.

In closing, we offer a thank you to Liz and Marilyn for their efforts to get this reunion together. We thank all the volunteers who call fellow classmates to ask them to attend and to donate to our scholarship fund. We reached our goal. Thank you to anyone who helped to make the weekend a success. We were proud to have **Marti Crikelair Wolford** present a slideshow and talk about her exciting books set in the islands. Marti was an official presenter of one of the many talks given by Saint Mary's College grads.

Our 50th Reunion is in five years. Make those plans now. We will take no excuses. Everyone is welcoming and super warm. Reunite with old friends and make some new friends. We are the best class and everyone should show it by attending the 50th Reunion.

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Please let me know if you would like to join Belles68, the Facebook group I created to allow for more regular communication among our classmates. There was no interest in the Google group I created after Reunion 2003, but Facebook may be more appealing to many of us. The members so far include: **Carol Naper Flood**, **Judy Miles**, **Sharon Lenihan**, **Karen O'Donnell Thorpe**, **Catie Condran Geist**, **Marne Roark Roche**, **Nancy Root Smith**, **Casey Culligan**, **Mary Halpin**, **Gwynne Morgan**, **Sharon O'Connell Guiltinan**, and **Elizabeth "Betty" Christopher Elmore**. See: (http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_205783436130432&view=members).

I sent an email in late March to the email addresses I had from Reunion 2008 as soon as I learned about the \$10 million gift the College received to renovate Science Hall. In two degrees of separation, Hoop Roche sent the news to my cousin Ed Christopher (both ND'67) from whom I received this great news. I also read about it in the *Philanthropy News Digest*—which was even more exciting—before I received the official press release.

I have been remiss since the news for Reunion

2008, but will get on a more consistent schedule now, starting with the responses received from the recent call for news.

Cheryl McKenna writes: "I have no exciting news to report. I did retire from teaching theology in June 2008 after 38 years. I enjoyed teaching very much, but retirement certainly beats working. I didn't get to the reunion. As soon as the school year ended, there were retirement parties before I headed to Florida to visit my mom."

Kathy Huisking Sullivan writes: "I am no longer on the Madeleva Steering Committee after serving six years. **Marne Roark Roche** has been on the Madeleva Society Steering Committee a few years along with **Maggie Sullivan Slankas**—there were three of us from the class of 1968—which speaks well for our class. I think Marne is the chair in the fall. **Maggie Sullivan Slankas** goes to two meetings a year—the fall and April meetings."

Mary Motto Culley writes: "I am still happily working as the chair of the Tax Department at my law firm, Morris James LLP in Wilmington, Delaware. I do estate planning, estate administration, planning for families with children with special needs, and I'm the elder law attorney for the firm. Our great pleasure these days is having our children and grandchildren with us, particularly at the beach in the summer. It's a wild and crazy crowd. We have four grandchildren now. Our son, Michael, has two boys: Connor James (four) and Brendan Patrick (two). Our daughter, **Mary Ryan Culley Quirion '00**, has two children: Madeline Grace (two) and Jack Worthen (six months). Mary Ryan completed her PhD in immunology at Northwestern University Chicago, in August 2009, and then moved back east to live in Rockville, Maryland, and work for the FDA. Jim ND'66 and I still love to travel. We're off for an anniversary trip to the Baltic and St. Petersburg to see the white nights in a few weeks. I love getting the beautiful family pictures from **Nancy Sheeran Cholis** and **Ronny Lynch Hanpeter** at Christmastime."

Barbara (Bami) Menke Pinckney writes: "I am retiring from teaching this June. It has been a satisfying, purposeful career. Now I will have more time to spend with my wonderful husband, family, and friends. Ron and I met up with Father John Sheehan ND'68 in New York City via a **Karen O'Donnell Thorpe** email. **Judy Miles** was also there. Ron and I are going sailing in the British Virgin Island with Roy and **Karen O'Donnell Thorpe** this November. Now, that is a great reason to retire, isn't it? I am loving my new little grandchild, Aidan Marie. Best wishes to everyone in the Class of '68."

Judith Leahey Lundin writes: "My company, Astroglide:www.biofilm.com, is going to be starting a new research and development facility in northern Nevada, so my husband and I have moved to Minden, which is just south of Carson City. We have wonderful views of the mountains around Lake Tahoe from down below in the valley. My daughter, Christy, had her first baby, a little guy named Dalton, in 2005, which was probably almost two years after the reunion that she attended with me. After that, she pretty much lost interest in her shop and wanted to be a stay-at-home mom. So she sold the shop when Dalton was about nine-months old. She added a second son, Spencer, three years later. Dalton just turned six and Spencer will be three in July. They are still back in Pennsylvania and we just don't get to see them enough."

Sally Blackley Clemmer did not respond to my call for class news, but this may be because she and

Dayne are enjoying another one of their retirement vacations. Sally and Dayne have been coming to one Notre Dame game each football season since Reunion 2003. They try to schedule a game after hurricane season, but the cold weather by that time of the year does complicate their travel plans. Sally continues to be active with volunteering when she is at home in Stewart, Florida.

Mary Jo Blanchard Milbank writes: "Two of my former students graduated this year from Saint Mary's. One was chosen twice for master drama classes with Glenn Close and Lily Tomlin. As for me, I am still teaching high school history at the Shelton School in Dallas. It is a private school for children with dyslexia and ADHD and other learning differences. This is my 18th year there. My husband, Rob, is still practicing law and we have recently become grandparents to our daughter Liz's first child, Sophie. My son, Stephen, is earning his MBA in London this July, so we will be traveling to Europe."

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Sadly, I am beginning this column with news of the loss of another of our classmates to breast cancer. **Mary Osmanski Ferlic** passed away on May 7, surrounded by her three children (Elizabeth, Katherine, and Gavin) and their father Fred Ferlic ND'68. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, University of Notre Dame. Burial followed at Cedar Grove Cemetery, Notre Dame. Mary dedicated her life to promoting the values of Saint Mary's College, as a graduate and in her role of a professor of social work at the College for many years. Her proudest accomplishment was being a leader in bringing hospice services to the community. She was heavily involved in the Junior League of South Bend, serving as its president, and involved in the creation of the endowment fund for the organization. She also was a fundraiser extraordinaire, helping to raise money for such organizations as the Stanley Clark School, the Center for the Homeless, the Center for Hospice, the South Bend Symphony, the University of Notre Dame, and many more. She was appointed as a community ambassador to Czestochowa, Poland—South Bend's Sister City—and served on numerous boards. She was a community leader, loyal friend, and a powerful spirit that touched all who knew her. She will be greatly missed. Her son, Gavin, said in his remarks at the funeral mass that "she lived life BIG." I think that is the Mary we all loved and will remember.

Sara Bateman Koehler served and completed her tenure in 2010 on the Saint Mary College Alumnae Board of Directors. I want to express our appreciation for the wonderful job she has done in her commitment to Saint Mary's College.

Pam Carey Batz shares a brief note of happenings in her family. Pam's husband, Bill, was ordained a permanent deacon on June 11, and she has a lot to report about their four daughters. Carolyn was married in Pittsburgh on June 25; Anne (who was married in Boston just several weeks before our 40th Reunion) gave birth to their first grandchild in July. Catherine will be a senior at Saint Mary's College in August, and took her MCAT in May;

and Marie (their oldest) is an attorney for Alcoa in Pittsburgh, and travels all over in this job. Pam and Bill are very much enjoying their first grandchild.

Gwen Gill Caranchini and I continue to be in touch (mostly by email) on a regular basis. Gwen is as funny and passionate about life as ever and is totally enjoying being a grandmother to her two granddaughters in Chicago. During the winter, she is a regular on the bus line between Kansas City and Chicago. Way to go, especially with the weather the Midwest has had over the past several years.

Judy Johnson Crates provides this update to my past report: Her daughter, Carolyn Daher, graduated from Brown University and received a Master in Public Health Degree from Johns Hopkins. Carolyn met her husband while working in a refugee camp in Uganda. Their permanent residence is in Barcelona, Spain. Judy uses all of her school vacations to visit her two grandchildren (Maia, three, and Aran, nine months) in Spain. This summer, however, they will be spending July with her at Judy's family home in Wisconsin. Judy is very proud that one of her grandnieces will be attending Saint Mary's this fall.

Bridget Mooney Phillips is continuing to handle the challenges that go with having a beloved parent who has developed Alzheimer's disease. This is such a tragic disease and can be so daunting for the caregivers. Please feel free to reach out to Bridget to share your experiences or just provide support. **Gwen Gill Caranchini** was an invaluable support to me when I started on this journey with my mother.

Cecile Naulty Heimann writes from downtown Boston, where she and husband Tony Heimann ND'70 live, to say that they are still working. Both of their daughters and one son-in-law graduated from Notre Dame (classes of '93, '95, and '96). Their daughters and their husbands live in Andover, Massachusetts, just a few blocks apart from each other. They have five grandchildren ages eight to 15, and enjoy spending time with their family and traveling in the summer to their house on an island in Maine on Lake Sebago. They spent time last summer and this summer with **Marie Mirro Edmonds** and her husband, Dave Edmonds ND'70. Cecile and Tony travel a lot using a home exchange website, so they have been able to travel to many places and stay in some lovely homes all around the world while exchanging their home in Boston.

Mary Niemeyer McCoy has been asked to do some public speaking when she is in the United States. She will be speaking on midlife adventures, life on a tropical island, and possibly business lessons learned working in the world's last Polynesian monarchy. Having heard her presentation at our 40th Reunion, a number of our classmates enthusiastically endorsed her for this next great venture.

Pat O'Hara Gable writes that she and Steve ND'70 are ready in theory to sell their house in South Bend, Indiana, and are now facing the challenge of sorting through a 30-year accumulation of belongings and mementos and that age old problem: a lot of furniture that their kids would like some day, but not right now. They still plan on staying in the South Bend area, but have not decided exactly where. Their daughter, **Margaret Gable Wroblewski '00**, had her second child, Abigail Margaret, on March 31, making Daniel a big brother at the age of 28 months. The whole family was going to Boston/Gloucester in early summer, having rented a (probably large) house sight-unseen that was built in 1910 in Gloucester. This will be a coming home again as Pat and Steve did this for

a number of summers when their three children (Andrew, Margaret, and John) were growing up. Between Andrew and Margaret, they have added two spouses and three grandchildren. John, who just finished his first year of law school at Northwestern, is now introducing his girlfriend to the fold. Midweek in their stay, they were planning a graveside service for Pat's mother at the Sleepy Hollow Cemetery in Concord, where her father already rests.

Rosemarie Rinella Stocky and her husband are brave souls who traveled from Virginia to Boston in January (one of the worst storm months in history for the east coast) to celebrate the third birthday of their twin grandchildren.

Kathleen Sullivan Gutowski writes that she will be moving to Charleston, South Carolina, when her home in Connecticut sells. She retired in June 2010 after 39 years of teaching elementary special education students in the Norwalk, Connecticut, public schools system. Her husband, Rick Gutowski ND'68, has already relocated to Charleston for business reasons, so she will be joining him. Their home is in Mount Pleasant, not too far from her favorite bridge and fishing pier. Kathleen would love to get together with the Saint Mary's College grads in the area. Let me know if you live in the Charleston area and want Kathleen's email address and cell number.

Mary Lou Wylie emailed a group of hers and Lenny's friends and family the cutest picture and following update on her grandson, James, who was diagnosed with a rare Chromosome 8 disorder when he was born in 2010. "James continues having various therapists (physical, occupational, and speech) make home visits several times each month, in addition to his occasional visits to UVA. He is doing well with speech, social, cognitive, and small-muscle development. His large-muscle development is coming along, but he is farther behind his age level because of problems with muscle tone, so it will be a while before he crawls, pulls himself up, or walks. Caleb and Amanda are wonderful about working with him and incorporating various exercises into his play. As you can probably tell from the picture, Lennie and I have a wonderful time with him. Thanks for all of your support."

As for me, my plans changed on a dime when I was presented with a wonderful career opportunity at Juniper Networks. Although commuting an average of two-and-a-half hours a day, I absolutely love what I am doing and really enjoy the opportunity to work on an international level. So, my house is off the market and I expect to be in California for several more years. In addition, my daughter was offered and accepted a graphic designer position at St. Supery Winery in Napa. So she moved there in May and absolutely loves her job. Please let me know if you come to Northern California and want to do some wine tasting. As I live in a region known for small family-owned wineries on the Santa Cruz coast, now Megan provides a Napa connection. In the meantime, please enjoy life and stay in touch; I need lots of "new news" and would love to hear from those of you not mentioned here for my next column.

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In my many years of writing this column, this one is probably the shortest. My only news is that

Heather Tripucka Carr is a grandmother. Her daughter, Ashley Carr Huvane, gave birth to Briede Marie on May 22. I saw a picture and she is adorable. After listening to grandkid tales from many of us, Heather is thrilled to finally be in that special league.

Speaking of grandchildren, I recently had an email from **Ann Marie Tracey** with a picture of her two little ones, Abel (two) and Leo (four). They are so cute. Ann Marie is still teaching college classes, although she uses the summer for research and writing. She and her husband have a condominium in northern Michigan and will spend part of the summer there. I mentioned to Ann Marie that next June will be our 40th Reunion (yikes). Please make an effort to attend. It is always the first weekend in June. It would be wonderful to have a huge turnout.

That's it for now. Hopefully, this shortfall of news will prompt you to send me an email update on your life (please). Sending love and hugs.

'74

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Cathy Ghiglieri wrote me from her home in Austin, Texas, that late last year, she and some Saint Mary's College alumnae had a mini-reunion of their own that included, **Teresa Hogan Long, Kay Jurusik Yates, Ellen Barnes McGough, and Sue Nadar Thompson** who all got together to share memories and have a good time. Cathy is also an author and her book is available on Amazon: *The Ultimate Guide to Bank Directors*.

My good buddy, **Jan Gabler Cranfield**, celebrated her daughter Brooke's wedding this past May, as well as Brooke's graduation to become a doctor. It was quite an accomplished month.

Meanwhile, **Dede Lohle** was celebrating the birth of her first grandchild, Nicholas, born to daughter Michelle. I imagine she is having a wonderful time spoiling him.

Bob Murphy ND'74 and **Julie Griffin Murphy** enjoyed the wedding of their son, Christopher, this spring, down in the Charleston, South Carolina area.

I was one of four speakers at a recent networking event in Manhattan, for the Saint Mary's College New York City and Fairfield County alumnae clubs. The idea was to bring in successful businesswomen and talk about career paths as an informal advice and networking event for younger alums. (No idea why I was invited to speak as I was with some very successful women.) It was quite an enjoyable evening and a nice turnout.

My son, Willie, was a freshman this year at the University of Alabama. He saw the tornado move in on the town and had friends who were injured. It was a terrible tragedy for all of Tuscaloosa and they are still rebuilding. Please keep them in your prayers, and all the injured or who had losses in this spring's tornado season.

It's now a year since we lost two classmates in June 2010, **Kathy Peterson Cerreta** and **Anne Matt Swanson**. I was thinking of them as this anniversary approaches and wanted to say they are missed and may they rest in peace with the angels. Another anniversary will be coming up for we Saint Mary's College alumnae: many of us will be 60 next year (yikes). Share some memories by email as I

would love to hear from all you non-writers. I'm on Facebook if you can't do the difficult task of writing a simple email. (Yes, I'm getting cynical in my old age.)

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From Marianne: Several of our classmates live in the South Bend area. **Judy Ciesielski Hums** is a high school guidance counselor at J.W. Riley High School in South Bend. She lost her husband, Paul, in 2008—12 years after he received a kidney transplant at Northwestern. As a result, Judy is very active in educating others about organ donation, helping with fundraising events, and sharing her experiences with other families faced with these medical crises.

Nancy Flynn Masters, a South Bend resident, has three sons who are graduates of Notre Dame, and—talk about keeping it in the family—Nancy is on the faculty at Notre Dame. Nancy works in the ACE (Alliance for Catholic Education) program, which educates teachers who live in the community and teach in urban Catholic school systems. These Notre Dame graduate students teach in the schools for three years and spend their summers at Notre Dame completing their master's degrees. (I wonder if **Mary Reynolds O'Connor's** daughter, Flannery, who participated in the program, knew Nancy was her mom's classmate.) **Ann Ostric Greer** also lives in South Bend, and teaches at Trinity School.

Patricia Kelley Sztot lives in Merrillville, Indiana, and works for the local school district. She specializes in insurance. Patricia's husband is celebrating his 31st year teaching at Andrean High School. **Rebecca Rock Coffey** is an elementary school teacher in Indianapolis.

Mary Catherine Schirmer Strembel is another Indiana resident. She lives in Crown Point, and teaches eighth-grade language arts at St. John the Evangelist school. You may see her at Notre Dame football games as she frequently attends home games.

Mary Ann Cipkowski Kuhn lives in western Pennsylvania and is a retired teacher. Mary Ann spends her time volunteering at two food pantries and working on the outreach program at St. John's Church.

Patrice Rooney Basso continues her love of singing—she sings alto in the Naperville (Illinois) Chorus and plans to travel with the group to Ireland in June 2011. Patrice works in special education in the Naperville school district.

Susan Krakora lives in Lake Forest, Illinois, and is executive director of the Highwood Chamber of Commerce. Sue tells us that her daughter, Leann, has been dancing in Irish Step Dancing competitions for eight years. This year, Leann qualified for the nationals and the family will make the trip to Nashville before she begins college.

From Leslie: Greetings from my Home Sweet Tbilisi, where I have been for less than a week now following our festive 35th Reunion, where I think we

had about 40 classmates on hand. My count comes not from an official class list of attendees (which I appear to have lost), but from noticing that we had five Class of 1976 tables of eight people at both the Saturday banquet and the Sunday brunch (and I wasn't even a math major).

So, let me start with news from a couple 'mates who were not at reunion. **Ellen Wuellner Moran** wrote in April to say, "No, I won't be in South Bend for our reunion; 35 years is something to celebrate, though. We are going to be there a couple weeks later for a vacation with [our daughter] Molly and her family. It seems we never get there except in the early spring or fall, so, we're hoping to be there for some summer. You will have to take notes and fill me in on what's up with everyone." Well copied. Also in the spring, I heard from **Chris Burton** who writes to say that she was moving back from Hawaii to the mainland—either to Pittsburgh or Chicago.

Marianne McCabe Brehl wasn't at reunion because she and Steve ND'76 were in South Bend a few weeks earlier for their second daughter, Genevieve's, graduation from Notre Dame. "She's an engineer. Hope springs eternal in New City, New York, that number three daughter Julia will be a Belle to my healing plan."

Sheila Gallagher Dillon could not join us for reunion because of a niece's wedding, and I spoke to **Kathy Costa** during my Class Reunion Gift phone calls. Or maybe we just Skype messaged. But I recall that she is doing alright and is on balance. Also during class gift calls, I spoke briefly with **Joanne Hattrup's** mom (and then never got around to calling back, as I said I would because the time difference between Tbilisi and Sewickley, Pennsylvania, is a bit challenging. But, I did see Joanne in Pittsburgh last fall, and she was doing well as a school art teacher, and to my eye, hadn't changed a bit since we were in school.

A quick segue to art and "since we were in school." I was privileged to join **Cely Michel** during Reunion Weekend for a really fabulous visit with her aunt, Sister Ceclia, who is long-retired from the Saint Mary's College fine arts faculty and dealing with age-related health issues, but is otherwise in fine form and still creating.

Right before reunion, **Kat Beaulieu** dropped an e-note from Paris, where she is recovering from a really bad ankle break, to say, "I am being low key for me here, hanging in the Jardin du Luxembourg and sticking."

I did manage to reach others during phone calls. I had a nice catch-up with **Judy Ciesielski Hums**, who is still teaching middle school in the South Bend area and dealing, as are so many indefatigable American public school educators, with the vagaries of expectations versus resources and schools' capacity to "produce." I did not reach, but left phone and/or e-messages for **Annie O'Connell Meyer, Ellen Walsh Lawrence, Kerry Irr Steinberg, Fran Byrd Merriion, Denise Moderack Bergquist, Mary Gurnee Sylvestri, Therese Phillips Gremaud, and Tricia Wright Tivnan**. Let's hope to hear from them directly in some future Class News or better yet, on our class Facebook page.

As for reunion, I spent most of my time with my forever roommate, **Mary Gail Angyus McLaughlin**, who is, as reported in our last class news, a grandma. But, she has a grandson, not a granddaughter as I reported, and she is just thrilled with the experience. Besides, she and Mark are hoping that their fourth daughter will be "The One (to be a Belle)," and is

otherwise doing well in her work as a junior high school science teacher in Hammond, Indiana. Speaking of which, one of my favorite encounters of the weekend was a Sunday morning coffee chat with her and **Mary Schirmer Strembel** about modern teaching aides (technologies) like smart boards, which I thought were only props on TV crime shows. Speaking of middle school, my other weekend roommate was **Cely Michel**, who is doing well in the Twin Cities with Rick and their two boys, ages 15 and nine.

Others, all of whom are doing well by all accounts, and with whom I spent a minute or an hour or two during reunion weekend, include **Karen Zagrocki McDonald**, **Eileen Flanagan DeJong**, **Lu Jehle Copley**, **Sherrie Hoffman**, **Claudia Keppel Griffin**, **Janie Meagher**, **Barb Brems Flynn**, **Kathy Carrigan Collins**, **Patrice Rooney Basso**, **Anne McEleney Hargrave**, **Maggie Waltman Smith** (Rome: ND'76), and **Eileen Klee Sweeney** and Morgan ND'76 who graciously hosted me in their wonderful home on Sunday evening when I got tossed out of Le Mans Hall on Sunday afternoon. Everyone else *knew* it was time to leave—I just didn't read the fine print and thought I could stay there until Monday morning when my flight left for Tbilisi. Nonetheless, I returned safely and am happy to be here for the summer after a week in Izmir, Turkey, and another in the Austrian Alps foothills for my semi-annual hike with my Peace Corps pals.

Barbara Brems Flynn reports: "My husband, Mike, died tragically and unexpectedly of a brain aneurysm in March 2010. But, the arrival of my first grandchild, Zoe Margaret Klawitter in March 2011, is helping. I write daily—the tragic events of my life have forced me to journal and I am now addicted to it."

'78

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Tragically, we lost our dear friend and classmate, **Maria-Lisa Mignanelli Brown**, on October 21, 2010, from a rare form of throat cancer. Maria is survived by her husband of 31 years, Charlie, and daughter Marisa A. Brown. Marissa is attending High Point University in North Carolina. Maria was a devoted wife and mother and she lived in her childhood home in Cranston, Rhode Island. She majored in humanistic studies with Dr. Bruno Schlesinger at Saint Mary's.

Maria-Lisa worked as special assistant for the Rhode Island Airport Corporation. She was a 1974 graduate of the Prout School and was inducted into that school's Hall of Fame in 2009, and received the Volunteer Service Award.

We will miss her spirit and loving friendship. Maria had a unique way of celebrating every moment of life; she will always be deeply missed. We cannot imagine a reunion without her.

Susan Plavac Heidkamp is married with four kids and residing in Hinsdale, Illinois, with husband Terry ND'78. Her daughter, **Erin Heidkamp Trier**

'05, just moved to Melbourne, Australia, with Erin's husband, David ND'05. Lisa ND'10 is moving to Argentina in September. George ND'07 works for ESPN, and Genna is a senior in high school. I continue to work as an infertility and hospice nurse. We ALWAYS have a tailgate behind Legends for home football games, so please join us.

Kathleen Groskopf says: "I am a part-time college counselor at NewGate-Field School, one of the few Montessori high schools in the country. I have been there for 10 years after having been in college admissions at three Dominican Universities. I have two children, one of whom (Colin) converted an old Mercedes to run on vegetable oil for his senior project, and drove it around the country to promote alternatives to gas consumption."

Lisa Maglio Brown's daughter, Caroline ("Cali"), will be attending Saint Mary's College in the fall. Lisa is thrilled to bring Cali into the Saint Mary's College family and will relish visits back to South Bend, just not in February. Lisa and Cali live in Moraga, California, in the east bay.

As for me, George and I moved to Los Altos, California, this past year. I am very happy to be so close to my roommate **Lisa Maglio Brown**, after 33 years of living in the Midwest. Lisa and I are trying to spend as much time as possible together, making up for lost time. We are enjoying the great weather compared to Chicago, but will always have a piece of our hearts there. While there for 10 years, I was able to visit with **Elizabeth Hassert** and **Suzu Plavac Heidkamp** regularly. My daughter, Lesley, is living in Indianapolis, working for DePuy Orthopedic. I rejoined xpedx in California and am selling industrial packaging in the bay area. The Saint Mary's College/Notre Dame connection is at work in San Francisco as we have met many friends because of our school connections.

'80

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Hello Class of 1980. I have not heard from many of you, so please keep me updated with what is going in your lives. I was just at reunion because I had so much fun last year, I went back again. **Carol Laughlin Nocek** and I joined our roommates from

the Class of 1981 for a great weekend. Carol lives in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, with her husband, Butch, and they have three children. Carol has been teaching for 30 years. That's dedication.

Louise Enyedy Bergin lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Louise and her husband, Joe, have three children. Louise reports that she is an accountant and a romance novelist. She is currently working on another historical novel.

Kathy Hughes Johnson lives in Glenview, Illinois. She and her husband, Brian, have two sons. Kathy is busy raising

her boys and working as a real estate broker.

Cathy Loftus Anderson lives in Carmel, Indiana. She married Dave Anderson ND'77 and they had eight children. She also owns her own company, Anderson Amish Cabinets.

Sheila Wixted Buss lives in Dallas with her three children and she is an operations manager.

Lita Masini Popke is a chief judge *pro tem* in Wayne County, Michigan. She is married to David Popke and they have three children.

Susan Carberry Valentine is a banker with J.P. Morgan in Chicago. She lives downtown with her husband, George.

Mary Beth Dornbach Snyder's daughter graduated from Saint Mary's this spring. **Hannah Snyder '11** will attend Boston University in the fall for her MSW.

This article is due, so it is a short one, but I need to hear from you to keep the information coming. Hope you all stay well and have a great summer and fall.

'82

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Hi all. Hope I saw you at our 30th Reunion in June. My sister, **Maggie O'Neill Kane '81**, raved about her 30th Reunion. So much has changed in this world, but Saint Mary's College is our constant, steady foundation. We were so all blessed to have attended such a fine school.

I hope you and your loved ones are well, and you were able to join us for the 30th Reunion.

'84

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CLASSCLIPS



Six members of the Class of 1982 met in Las Vegas in September 2010 to celebrate their 50th birthdays. They came from Ojai, California; Stamford, Connecticut; Philadelphia; Pittsburgh; Hoboken, New Jersey; and Indianapolis. Pictured (from left) are Michelle Duda Ondis '82, Diane Fitzmyer Murphy '82, Peggy Bender Bernard '82, Tricia Bull Hurst '82, Ann McAuliffe Martin '82, and Patty Gallagher '82.

From Diane: Hi, everyone. This is a short submission this time around. I Hope everyone had a great summer. It is great to keep in touch with all of you on Facebook, which helps to keep us in touch.

Marianne Camenzind Woods says: "I have good news to share. My daughter, Mackenzie, will be a freshman at Saint Mary's College in the fall. I heard from **Katie Keenan Chelsky**, whose son, Connor, will be a freshman at Notre Dame. Katie's daughter, Christy, is a senior at Notre Dame."

Susan Van Etten Pikal says: "My daughter, Katie Ziltz, will be attending Saint Mary's this fall. Also, **Sandra Gonzales Ver Beek's** daughter, Olivia, will be attending Saint Mary's."

Brenda McManus Brown in Summit, New Jersey, writes: "My oldest daughter, Lauren, graduated from the College of St. Elizabeth in May 2011 with highest honors and a BA in Elementary Education and Sociology. She'll be teaching kindergarten in the fall at a local Catholic school. My son, Tim, has completed his second year at the College of New Jersey and is studying art education. Kate Lynn, 16, is finishing her sophomore year in high school and we're beginning her college search perhaps at Saint Mary's. My youngest, Michael, will graduate from eighth grade in June. I teach preschool at our parish school and love every minute of it. I can't believe I'll be there five years this fall. Life is busy and blessed."

Ellen Ryan writes on Facebook: "Oh how these exciting plans for the college-aged children of my classmates make me feel very old. Tess and Clare are wrapping up their kindergarten year at Saint Jerome School in Weymouth, Massachusetts. First grade, here we come. I will let you know about their college plans in about 12 years (yikes.)"

Caroline Adornetto Caudill says: "Jim and I have been in Atlanta for 18 years and just celebrated our 19th Anniversary. We have one son, Matthew, who turns seven this summer. We are so blessed to have him. He keeps us very busy and very young. My mother and I are taking Matthew along with his cousins to their first Notre Dame game this fall (MSU game). Hoping that my niece falls in love with Saint Mary's and will consider it in a couple of years. It's been fun catching up with everyone via the *Courier* and most recently, on Facebook. I am planning on going to the ND/Boston College game, November 19, with **Anne Archibald Deutsch, Janice Dwyer Wiggins, Mary Rymarquis Stigmeier, Angie Sleeper Helmstetter, and Karen Wagner Lewis**. I am looking forward to our suite at the Inn at St. Mary's. Joe and I spent two weeks in Playa Del Carmen, Mexico. It was a great break from the cold winter."

Some highlights are the fun class dinner at Madeleva Courtyard on Friday night. I enjoyed visiting with **Susan Raab Kloberdanz** who lives in St. Charles, Illinois, with her husband and children, and **Mary Louise Padden** from Louisville, Kentucky, who loves to drive a Formula Continental race car. I talked with **Kathleen "Khak" Hardy Riordan** from Chicago; **Jennifer Borchers** all the way from Houston; **Janice Bradley Gislasen** from Flossmore, Illinois; **Janet Mackey Frigo** from Hudson, Ohio; and **Eileen Bartolome Stang** from Hinsdale, Illinois. I also visited with **Susan Carmody**, a medical doctor in Bloomington, Illinois. **Betsy Boyle Flood** and her husband, Pat ND'86, attended the dinner along with **Joyce Murtagh Stengle** and John Stengle ND'86, and my husband, Michael Kitz ND'84. They were the only three men in attendance that night and I don't think they minded one bit.

The Picnic on Le Mans Green was very-well attended. Lots of our classmates came to visit and catch up. I enjoyed talking with **Cathy Best Gordon** and her husband and son who journeyed from Sonora, California. It was Cathy's first reunion and she jumped right in with leading a talk on Friday and teaching a Zumba class on Saturday morning. It was fun to visit with **Francie White Quigley** from Atlanta; **Shelia Smiggen** from Grand Rapids; **Meg Heffernan-Sherman** from Valparaiso, Indiana; **Suzanne Saletta Hoggarty** from Naperville, Illinois; **Michael Green** from Chicago; and **Priscilla Karle Pilon** from Houston. **Katie Schirger Maguire** and Mike drove in from Madison, Wisconsin, for the day to see classmates at the picnic.

Another highlight was the special Class of '86 Mass we had Saturday night at Holy Spirit Chapel in Le Mans Hall. Father Paul Kollman, CSC, ND'84, **Anne Marie Kollman Kaes'** brother, celebrated the Mass for us and made it so personal. The music was beautiful and **Jacqueline Kummer Skelly** was our wonderful cantor. We remembered our dearly departed classmates by name and prayed for them. So many strong, beautiful women were all praying together in the Chapel, and it was inspiring.

The banquet on Saturday night was well attended by all the classes at reunion. Mike and I enjoyed sitting with **Louise Heldring Hummel** of Columbus, Ohio; **Liz Zimmer Kinsella** of Barrington Hills, Illinois; **Carol Hastings Bradbeer** of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania; **Ann McCarthy Venters** of Loveland, Ohio; and **Anne Kinsella Blevins** of Glen Ellyn, Illinois. **Anne Kinsella Blevins** and her husband welcomed Cailen Grace, born February 19, 2010. She joins siblings, Riley, 19, Henry, 18, and Elly, 13. Anne has taken leave from teaching and is enjoying being a full-time mom. **Louise Heldring Hummel** and her husband have five children. Their oldest, Natalie, is at the University of Virginia. Their children still at home are Alexandria, 18, Claudia, 17, Elise, 13, and Jack, nine. Louise said that the whole weekend reminded her of the top-quality women with whom she spent her college years.

Sunday brunch was lovely. I caught up with **Mary-Alice O'Grady Sullivan** who drove from the east coast to reunion; **Julie Lackner Ryan** and Paul ND'86 from Willowbrook, Illinois; **Susan Miller Schilling** and Nick ND'86 from Overland Park, Kansas; **Jeanne Grammens** from Indianapolis; **Anne Karnatz Manno** from Rocky River, Ohio; **Kelly Portolese Murphy** from Western Springs, Illinois; **KC McGrath Wollenberg** of Lemont, Illinois; and **Joyce Tadevich Newhall** of nearby Mishawaka, Indiana.

Colleen Dolan Evans and her husband, Mike, ran into Mike ND'84 and me at a fundraiser in Chi-

cago just a week after our reunion. They are busy with their three teenage children. Colleen and I both agreed that it was a wonderful reunion.

Following is some info from the reunion surveys you filled out. **Anne McCarthy Venters** and Eric live in Loveland, Ohio, with their two daughters, Kaitlyn (16) and Morganne (13). Anne writes: "I've been living in Cincinnati for 15 years. I went back to work five years ago and am responsible for all the fundraising at the Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy. I love to witness my girls as they discover, blossom, and bloom. I give thanks to Saint Mary's for all that I learned, and I especially appreciate all the many leadership opportunities I have received."

Liz Zimmer Kinsella and husband William live in Barrington Hills, Illinois, with Kathleen, seven, and William, four.

Ellen Crowley is a financial advisor at Captrust Financial Advisors in Raleigh, North Carolina. Ellen earned her MBA from the University of Notre Dame in 1987.

Jackie Kinney Monte lives in St Joseph, Michigan, with husband Anthony and Samuel, 21, Sarah, 19, and Hannah, 17. Jackie writes, "Sarah finished her first year at Saint Mary's College and enjoyed living in McCandless Hall."

Caroline Sanchez is a nurse at University Hospital of Cleveland, and has three sons. Caroline writes, "My youngest son is graduating from high school during our reunion weekend so I won't be able to be there, but have fun." We missed you, Caroline.

Liz Meyer Smith and Timothy ND'86 live in Portland, Oregon, with their children, Kevin, 16, and Jacob, 14. Liz has her MA from Boston College in Pastoral Ministry, and is a Catechist at Franciscan Montessori Earth School in Portland.

Stephanie Callendar Frey is a caseworker in Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services in St. Clairsville, Ohio. Stephanie and husband Bob Stewart reside in Moundsville, West Virginia, and have four children, Patrick, 23, Shadoe, 21, Samantha, 14, and Blaise, 11.

That wraps it up for now. More updates next time and God bless you.

From Julie: Wow, what a great time our 25th Reunion was. I heard there were about 100 in attendance from our class. It was great to see so many classmates and reminisce about our time on campus and get caught up on what has happened since. Following is a little bit of information on a few classmates.

Francine "Francie" White Quigley made the trip from Atlanta, Georgia, and chaired our class Gift Campaign. Francie is busy with her five boys and husband Chris Quigley ND'87. Francie has two in college (one at Auburn and one at University of Georgia), two in high school, and the youngest just completed second grade. Francie continues to give of her time to Saint Mary's as she serves on the Madeleva Steering Committee. She was leaving the Monday after reunion for a trip to Italy. I can't wait to hear about that trip.

Mary Sauer Willrodt flew in from San Antonio, Texas. I am amazed at how Mary and her husband, John, balance work and travel. Mary is very good at keeping in touch with so many Saint Mary's grads and keeping friends in touch. Always great to see her smiling face and hear her positive and encouraging words.

Jacquelyn "Jackie" Kinney Monte reunited with her college roommates and friends at reunion as well. Jackie and her husband, Tony, reside in St. Joseph, Michigan, and their middle daughter, Sarah, just completed her freshman year at Saint Mary's. So fun to hear Jackie tell of Sarah's great freshman year

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From Mary Fran: Hello, Classmates. Our Class of '86 Reunion was so wonderful and so many of you made it back to campus. Our class had over a hundred attendees—a great showing.

at Saint Mary's College. Jackie also sweetened our reunion experience with bread and pastries from her brother-in-law's bakery, *Bit of Swiss*, in Stevensville, Michigan. Thanks for the delicious sweets, Jackie.

Mary Gorenz Kavanagh flew in from Ft. Myers, Florida, where she now lives with husband Ken Kavanagh ND MBA '87 and their four children. Mary is a fairly new resident of Florida,, recently moving there when Ken took a job as athletic director at Florida Gulf Coast University. Their oldest, Rose, just completed her sophomore year at Notre Dame, and their second child, Mitchell, will be a freshman at the University of Florida in the fall.

Anne-Marie Boblick Maida drove in from Chicago, where she and her husband, Joe, and two young sons live. Annie was instrumental in coordinating nine of us getting to-and-from reunion. She did this while staying very busy with an eight- and two-year old and working as a Nurse Practitioner.

Joyce Murtagh Stengle made the trip with her husband, John Stengle ND'86. Joyce stays very busy with their three daughters who play tennis and swim like Joyce did at Saint Mary's. We all shared our favorite memories of Joyce's father, Jim Murtagh, a Notre Dame grad, who passed away this year. He was a generous host of some of the best tailgates during our years at Saint Mary's and for years after.

Lee Anne Morrissey kept us laughing all weekend with her great stories and great memory. Lee Anne came in from Wyoming, Illinois (near Peoria), after completing her 24th year of teaching.

Elizabeth "Betsy" Boyle Flood drove in from Omaha, Nebraska, to join us. She and husband, Pat Flood ND'86, have three children and their youngest, Eddie, will be a freshman at Notre Dame in the fall. Betsy continues to work as an emergency room nurse. Betsy's twin sister, **Mary Frances "Mimi" Boyle Wilson**, was not able to make the trip, but sends her best from Dallas where she lives with her husband, Dan, and four girls (including twins).

Anne Cushing La Valle drove in from Clarendon Hills, Illinois, where she lives with husband Al and their three children. Anne has taken a break from practicing dentistry, but remains very busy with her, Al, and the children swimming and participating in races and triathlons. So it wasn't too hard to talk her into running the South Bend Sunburst 5K that weekend with Betsy, Annie, and me.

I so hope we can all stay in touch until our next big reunion in five years. So great to see everyone, just wish there was more time to really visit.

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From Mary Kay: The Class of 1988 seems to be keeping a low profile these days, at least as far socializing is concerned. I continue to enjoy my biannual coffeehouse visits with **Jamie Smith Taradash**. They have become a treasured part of my trips to Chicago. The day before my 2010 Christmas journey, I answered a call from **Anne Borgman**. She was driving through San Dimas on her way to Pasadena. I was thrilled she agreed to interrupt my packing for a quick visit. Even though I return to teaching full time in August 2011, I plan to continue to find a way to connect with my Saint Mary's College sisters.

Kathleen Bock Roche scheduled a whole weekend with her friends (now that's the way to do it). She writes: "I spent a lovely long weekend in February on Sanibel Island with **Angie Leahy Esteve** and her younger sister, **Stephanie Leahy Trujillo '91**, **Niki Bonacci Pugliese**, **Maira Cronan-Vogt**, **Ann Wilson**, and **Beth Whelpley Bennett**. We had—if you can believe it—two new babies in tow, but the main talk was about teenagers (help!). We missed **Amy Appleby Hubbard** and **Anne Borgman** and cannot wait to see them at our next 'ladies weekend'. One of the aforementioned babies was my own—number six—Baby Jerome Daniel, born December 21, 2010. Who knew? But I always was an even-numbered gal. I am looking forward to the summer and good times with Beth and family, Minnesota girls, and hopefully **Meghan Farley Astrachan**."

Elizabeth Murphy is still living in Ireland. She spent a month in the spring traveling with a production of a play she has been producing for the past three years. She writes: "I was in Australia for three-and-a-half weeks and then in Hong Kong for four days (superb trip). *Chronicles of Long Kesh* was picked up by the Ten Days on the Island Festival in Tasmania. After performing at this festival, we transferred to the Merrigong Theatre in Wollongong, a town in New South Wales about an hour south of Sydney. We ended performances on April 10, and I boarded a flight for Cairns. My drive along the coast and through the mountains and rainforest was amazing. I snorkeled in the Great Barrier Reef, went for a horse ride through the jungle, and kayaked. I also went on a guided night walk through the forest. The animal sounds in the jungle are crazy. It took me a few days to adjust and not be so afraid. Put me in a dark alley in New York City and I'm fine, but at night in a rain forest, my heart is beating fast. I decided to break the trip home up and took a stopover in Hong Kong. What a city. It almost makes New York City look quiet." After her global adventures, Elizabeth is working on a new project, a global arts exchange, "dedicated to creating international cultural exchanges/residencies for artists, arts managers, and arts funders," she says. Sounds like another excellent adventure.

Feel free to share any bits and pieces of news throughout the year (not just when I send you an email begging for updates). Email marykay_scheid@yahoo.com to contact me.

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From Sue: Thanks to all who have heeded the call for updates. By all means, keep them coming.

Pam Early McQuay and her husband, Barry, have been married for four years and have a three-year-old daughter, Katherine (who has inherited her father's goofy side). Pam is busy putting her art and Spanish degrees to "good use" by working as a physician's assistant in Baltimore, Maryland.

Kathy Spencer Coleman has been married to her husband, Jesse, for 14 years. Kathy and Jessie have a 12-year-old daughter, Mary Eloise, and live in Aztec, New Mexico, where Kathy is working as a school principal.

Mary Cassidy recently began pursuing her MBA through the Executive MBA program at Notre Dame's Mendoza School of Business in downtown Chicago, Illinois. Mary continues to work in bench marking at Exelon.

Nancy Haske and her husband, Jim, live in LaGrange, Illinois (a Chicago suburb). Nancy and Jim just welcomed their second daughter, Heidi Catherine, on March 5. Heidi joins big sister, Lucy Adele, who is three years old.

Chrissy Fleming Giesinger recently changed jobs and was named executive vice president of scientific and medical affairs at Advanced Clinical, a consulting and talent-management firm for pharmaceutical and biotechnical companies. Chrissy was hired to build and manage the Clinical and Medical Research Pharmaceutical consulting division of the company. She, her husband, Dave, and son, Nick, just returned from a family trip to Disney World. **Kathy Panos Dunleavy** also began a new opportunity within Optum Health, where she is a clinical quality analyst for the quality improvement/compliance team.

Colleen Mooney McGee and her husband, Paul, welcomed their fourth child, Declan Neil McGee, born on March 28. He joins big brother, Seamus, and big sisters, Catie and Maeve, into the most Irish-named family west of the Emerald Isle itself. The McGee family has a little competition though in Irish names. **Pattie Bigelow O'Sullivan** and her husband, JoJo, welcomed a baby girl, Sarah Colleen O'Sullivan, on December 15, 2010. Sarah joins her big sister, Molly Eileen Rose O'Sullivan, who turned two on April 12. Pattie and her family traveled to Ireland in June 2011 to introduce Sarah to their family in Ireland. (JoJo is from Ballyduff in County Kerry.)

Lynn Daly wrote to tell me that she has two boys ages six and four. Lynn lives in the southwest suburbs of Chicago, which is quite a culture shock after 14 years of living in Chicago and Seattle. She is loving the T-Ball and soccer mom life of the suburbs, but

hates the daily commute to the city. Coincidentally, her children will be in the same class at the same school as **Lori Hobbs Hester's** children. Lori and Lynn were roommates at Saint Mary's, so it's nice that their children will have a chance to form their own friendship a generation later.

Prayers go out to the families of **Kim Mahoney Barrio, Meg Lakatos Basker, and Liz Ryan Murray.** Kim, Meg, and Liz all recently lost their mothers, and our thoughts and prayers go out to them as they mourn their loss and celebrate their mother's lives. Meg had posted a great quote attributed to her mother about Meg's time at Saint Mary's: "You will meet your best friends there and be friends with them for the rest of your life." Kim is getting through her loss with her husband, Jerry, and daughter, Meagy, by her side. She works as a care manager at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital and was nominated for Nursing Spectrum Nurse of the Year this year. She also enjoys reading and singing in her church's choir and was looking forward to getting away to the Wisconsin Dells this summer. Meg just celebrated her 20th year teaching, 18 years at the same school where she currently teaches fourth grade. A few years back, Meg, **Jen Falaschetti Gluth, and Chris Foley Carroll** got puppies from the same litter. Meg was able to watch them being born and picked out a puppy for Jen and Chris as well as my own. Maybe someday they will be able to have "family" reunion with their sibling dogs. Meg's family recently purchased a lake cottage in Michigan and spent last summer fixing it up. This year, she spent her spring attending baseball and softball games and has enjoyed watching my children's skills improve each year.

In the midst of dealing with movers, **Tina Donahue Hatch** got in touch. She married Greg Hatch on June 4 after a long engagement and was looking forward to blending her family with her husband's family. Tina still freelances as a makeup artist and has been doing some consulting with her local news team as well as working as a stylist for Stella & Dot jewelry.

I get together pretty regularly with **Laura Jacob**, who is living here in Chicago. Laura recently completed her term as the president of the Illinois

Art Therapy Association (IATA) and won their 2011 Distinguished Service Award, an award of excellence to honor a member who has been a practicing art therapist between five and 15 years. Laura also continues to teach art therapy at the Adler School of Professional Psychology to master's-level students and presented "The Use of Response Art to Process Interpersonal Violence" at the first international conference on art in response to violence, hosted at Northeastern Illinois University. She recently came back from a ski trip in St. Anton, Austria, where she's happy to report she suffered no broken bones (a big improvement from her 2010 ski trip).

As for me, I continue to work in Chicago at Tribune Company as the director of compensation and benefits. I have been with Tribune for about 17 years. I continue to indulge my passion for musical theater and travel. I am involved with and will have a shared producer credit on the Broadway revival of *Godspell*, which will open at the Circle in the Square Theater on Broadway in November. Recently, I also completed a travel agent certification course offered through DePaul University to gain more extensive knowledge of the travel industry. My favorite job title, though, continues to be "Aunt Sue" to my sister's children.

Lastly, we now have over 100 members of our class who have joined our Facebook group—over one quarter of our class. Of course, we'd love to see even more classmates there, so if you haven't joined, please do and look for the SMC 90 group to virtually reunite with your fellow alumnae four—years before our official reunion.

From Patsy: Greetings Class of 1992. I hope everyone is doing well and in good health. Please mark your calendars for our reunion next year, and remember to send in your news. The next deadline is December 1. Please email me or send me a note on Facebook.

Elizabeth Graner Jotz lives in central New Jersey with husband Jeff Jotz ND'92. She is a high school English and journalism teacher. She also coaches swimming, advises the school newspaper, and leads the school's social action club, which works to raise awareness about water conservation in the community. Their son Patrick, eight, is busy with swimming, soccer, track, and his own environmentalist pursuits. He hopes to one day become an ecologist with a successful singing career (and maybe president).

Kelly Ivceovich Noga and Drew welcomed Eleanor Rae on February 21. Katherine "Kitty" loves being a big sister.

Celynn Krueger McClarrinon and Scott live in Avon, Colorado. They have a landscaping business in its seventh year of business. Their daughter, Mary Celine, is three. Celynn returned to work as a social worker for the local home health and hospice agency. She is enjoying working, but still planned on getting down in the dirt planting flowers this summer.

Congratulations to **Beth Harvey Preston** and Bryan. They were married on April 9 at the Racquet Club of Chicago. **Meg Whitty Molloy** was a bridesmaid, and in attendance were **Michelle Lia, Moira Lydon Miller, Peggy Abood, Meg Ryan Nelson '90, Maureen Abood '90, and Mary Ellen Vonesh Marik '75.** **Liz Vandersal** could not attend since she was home with her newborn, Colin. Beth and Bryan live in Lincoln Square in Chicago, and she is working in executive search at Spencer Stuart. Bryan runs the Back Office Cooperative, which helps nonprofits share services. Congratulations to **Liz Vandersal** and Kevin. They were married on March 6, 2010, in Washington, D.C. Liz and Kevin welcomed their son, Collin Michael, on March 29 this year. Liz is the vice president of government affairs for the American Forest and Paper Association. Liz passed along the sad news that the father of **Katy Sullivan Ahern** passed away on August 22, 2010. Please keep Katy and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

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Alicia Higgins Kinane's son, Henry, will be a freshman this fall at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. Henry plans to study engineering. Her daughter, Cecelia, will be at Rosary Royal in Aurora, Illinois, an all-girl's high school. Alicia and Tom celebrated their 19th Anniversary in May, and are already looking forward to reunion next year to celebrate 20 years.

Amy Carlisle Keating and James welcomed William Patrick on January 25. Big sister Ainsley who just turned three years old, is loving the new addition. Amy is a physical therapist at Heritage Healthcare.

Tracy Wick Heffernan and husband Mike ND'89 and their four daughters relocated to St. Louis. Tracy retired from private practice pediatrics this past year. Their fourth daughter was born in December 2010.

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From the Courier: Pamela Jack Schneider and husband Peter welcomed the birth of their twins, a son and daughter, Elliott Bryce and Chloë Faith, on May 2. They join big brothers Beau and Jack.

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From Julie: I just returned from our 15th Reunion and it was an amazing weekend. Reunion came at the perfect time for me as it was a great stress reliever from completing my master's in Industrial and Organizational Psychology. I am now one-step closer to my doctorate. As always, it was wonderful to see everyone again. The Class of 1996 is such a wonderful group of women. I would like to start by thanking everyone who participated in the Reunion Gift Campaign. With your help, our class was able to provide scholarships for six young women. What a great way to pay forward the gift that Saint Mary's continues to give us. A special shout out of thanks goes to **JudeAnne Wilson**, who helped co-chair the committee. She was assisted by committee members that included: **Barbara Howells Boukater, Jennifer Hardebeck Luce, Jennifer Paluszak Hadden, Julie Powell Eastwood, Karen Damaso, Maria Vogel, Sarah Sullivan Bigelow, Stephanie Johnson Ouellette, and Tricia Foster Monahan.** What a wonderful job, ladies.

Now for the exciting news about our classmates: **Stacey Polito Sperow** and her husband welcomed twins Tyler Light and Rosemary Frances on May 19, 2010. Stacie writes: "They definitely keep us busy and on our toes, but I love watching them grow and learn new things every day." **Allison Gagliani Cherry** and husband Mike welcomed their third son, Liam Patrick, on March 29. He joins big brothers Owen (seven) and

Sean (five). Life for Allison is never dull with three boys and she enjoys being a stay-at-home mom as well as a Kindermusik instructor at a local arts center. **Sara Stroncsek Sampson** is also proud to announce the arrival of her second son, Henry Leo, on September 8, 2010. He joins big brother Noah.

Kathryn O'Donnell Fairchild gave birth to daughter Frances on January 13, 2010. Frances was born while dad, Ford, was serving with the Department of Justice Rule of Law in Iraq. Thankfully, Ford is now home safe and sound. Kathryn continues to teach online and directly to students at Western Iowa Tech Community College, and she says that life is colorful, messy, and wonderful. **Paulette Raczkowski Baz** and husband Dave visited their daughter, Alyssa Baz '13, in Seville, Spain, in April as Alyssa completed her time studying abroad. **Melissa Novock** wrote a brief note, saying that she was sorry she couldn't make it to reunion, but "is remaining 'present' and trusting the process. Life is good and beautiful," as she continues to work for the Center for Court Innovation, Bronx Community Solutions in the Bronx of New York. Melissa works with women who have been arrested for prostitution, but who participate in the program as an alternative to incarceration.

Jayne Gillig A'Hearn and sister **Jill Gillig**

Folstrom '87 co-hosted an event last March for high school seniors planning to attend Saint Mary's in the fall. Jayne is also a freelance writer in addition to taking care of her family, which includes husband Scott, two sons (Joseph and William), and two daughters (Isabel and Mallory). **Rachel Siglow** completed her Master's of Education Degree in April and will be president-elect of the Junior League Grand Rapids this year. She will assume the presidency of that group next year.

Finally, I would like to inform you of what I think is one of the most awesome updates I have received in awhile, and it comes from **Wendy Vestevich**, who says: "After studying Chinese martial arts for 12 years, my hard work paid off and I am part of the talent that was motion-captured for the latest Mortal Kombat video game by Warner Brothers. They put me in a neoprene body suit and tracked my body movements as the game animators directed me through the female character introductions and various fighting moves. The game was released in April and it's quite a thrill to see it. I am also known as 'Minerva Damage,' a member of the Windy City Rollers women's flat track roller derby team in Chicago."

Thanks to everyone who submitted an update and attended reunion.

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Dawn Parker Santamaria '81, founder and executive director of Sisters Under Sail, was honored with the 2011 Leadership In Women's Sailing Award. The award, sponsored by the National Women's Sailing Association and Boat U.S., honors an individual who has built up a record of achievement in inspiring, educating, and enriching the lives of women and girls through sailing.

Jennifer Puplava '95, a member of the law firm of Mika Meyers Beckett & Jones PLC, was recently appointed as a board member of the Cascade Township Michigan Downtown Development Authority Board.

Jackie Huelbig '06 was named a 2011 Republican Rising Star by the magazine *Campaigns and Elections*. Huelbig has coordinated online marketing for John McCain's 2008 presidential campaign and coordinates online advertising for California's "Yes on Prop 8" campaign. In 2010, she performed the same role on Senator Lisa Murkowski's write-in re-election campaign, the first successful senatorial write-in campaign in over 50 years.

Rosalie G. Riegle '59 has been elected to the National Committee of the War Resisters League, the nation's oldest secular pacifist organization and one with close ties to the Catholic Worker movement. On June 12, she spoke about Catholic Worker cofounder, Dorothy Day, at a plenary session of the International Thomas Merton Society Conference at Loyola University Chicago. Her latest oral histories, *Doing Time for Peace: The Voices of Resister Families and Communities* and *Crossing the Line: Nonviolent Resisters Speak Out for Peace*, have been accepted by Vanderbilt University Press and Wipf and Stock/Cascade, respectively, with 2012 publication dates.

Chloe Lenihan '04, part of the acting company Buds of May, acted in the play *Ethan's People*, which was recently a contender in the prestigious Midtown International Theatre Festival in New York City. The play is about two couples and how they handle grief after tragedy strikes.

Catherine Myser '82, PhD, edited *Bioethics Around the Globe*, published by Oxford University Press in May. Myser has dual professional training in philosophy/bioethics and anthropology, and has served on faculty at medical schools and hospitals in six countries. She has received multiple Fulbright scholarships and other funding to conduct bioethics and clinical ethics fieldwork in Sweden, India, South Africa, Australia, Turkey, and the United States.

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Hello, Class of 1998 Belles. There is so much great news to share. I have some exciting news myself. Matt Heroux and I are proud to announce the birth of our son, Luc Matthew Heroux. He was born on January 30, weighing in at 7 lbs., 1/2 oz., and 21-and-1/2 inches long. Family life has been an unbelievable joy.

Another Luke arrival to report: **Bridget Thomas Muckle** and husband Tim Muckle ND'99 welcomed Luke Augustine Muckle on December 22, 2010.

Rachael Sederberg Ferrell and husband Dustin ND'00 welcomed Henry Paul Ferrell to the world on September 3, 2010. Emma and Colin love their new little brother, and Rachael is enjoying being home with her three little ones.

Jill Embry is currently teaching fifth grade at St. Mary School in Griffith, Indiana. On May 22, she graduated with a Master's of Science in Special Education Degree from Purdue University.

Shannon Crunk Hipp and husband Tim ND'95 as well as big sister Flannery, welcomed Charlie Hiram on January 31. Shannon is looking forward to graduating from Emory University with a PhD in English this August and will return to teaching in the fall.

Michelle Abraham Sartor and husband Michael welcomed their second baby girl, Isabella, on January 12. She weighed 6 lbs., 10 oz., and was 18-1/2 inches long. She is a little beauty and looks just like her big sister, Gianna, did when she was born.

Stephanie Pisas-Farmer and husband Shawn welcomed their third child, Elise Amelia Farmer, on April 26.

Rebecca "Becky" Jacobs Dempsey and husband Brad welcomed their third as well. John Patrick Dempsey was born on March 23, weighing 7 lbs., and measuring 22 inches.

Deloitte & Touche as a human resources manager in their Life Science Consulting Group.

Jessica McKay Tipescu also gave birth to her second child, a son, Adrian Timothy Mihai, on April 14. He joins big sister Grace Vae, who will be four in December.

Sara Lally Nash reports: On June 26, 2010, Michael (University of Wisconsin '01) and I were married by family friend Father Don McNeill, CSC (Notre Dame), at Queen of All Saints Basilica in Chicago. Bridal party and ceremony participants included **Lisa Alexander Lally '93**, Terry Lally ND'93, **Lauren Macchia Solberg**, and **Kelly Roberts Panzer**. Sara says, "It was a great celebration and so much fun. It's hard to believe a year has already passed."

Kristin Thompson Martin and her husband, Dan Martin ND Law'04, and two boys Alex (three) and Will (one), moved down from Grand Rapids, Michigan, to Birmingham, Alabama, in September 2010. Her husband is originally from Birmingham and had always wanted to come back to the South. She was finally ready for the big move and he took a new job at a law firm in Birmingham. Kristen stays at home with the boys. She says of Birmingham, "The people are very sweet and the weather sure beats Michigan—and we're loving it."

Other Class of 2002 Belles sent in reports of the arrival of future Saint Mary's chicks. **Meghan Sirotek Miller** and her husband, Greg, and son, Charlie, welcomed sweet Elisabeth "Betsy" June to the world on November 12, 2010. The family is enjoying life in Clarendon Hills, Illinois.

Amy Lazzarotto Nelson welcomed her daughter, Ella Katherine Nelson, on August 9, 2010 (an 8-9-10 baby). Both Ella and Amy's son, James, who will be three in September, are very happy and healthy—and definitely keep Amy busy. Amy also shares other very exciting news. She and **Kelly Leonard** and I are taking a girls trip to Los Angeles to visit fellow Saint Mary's College Chick, **Tricia Eggebrecht**, at the end of June.

Lauren Macchia Solberg wants to report that they recently had another baby girl. Charlotte "Charlie" Louise Solberg was born on May 5. Her big sisters, Julia and Lilly, are great helpers and could not be more excited.

Abeer Zayed Zanayed and her husband, Diab, welcomed a baby girl, Audriana Layla, on November 29, 2010.

Kristine "Kristy" Miller Linster also reports that she had a daughter. She and her husband, Jason Linster ND'01, Law'04, welcomed Ella Catherine on St. Patrick's Day 2010. Kristy reports that, just like her mom, "She is already a partier." After she was born, they decided to move back to Kristy's hometown of Monroe, Michigan, to be closer to family. She is working part-time for her father, an Anheuser Busch distributor. She is learning all aspects of the business—inventory, payroll, sign-making, etc., and really enjoying the incredible work-life balance.

hot, humid South Bend weekend in Le Mans Hall, complete with campus tours, lovely meals in the dining hall, and maybe a few off-campus outings. Before we know it, we'll be back in 2016. Feel free to contact me with your submissions at any time.

Clare Hoyt graduated from DePaul University College of Law in May.

Meghan Cassidy is excited to announce that her sister, Erin Cassidy, is joining the Class of 2015 this fall.

Grant John Clements was born to **Allison Gordon Clements** and Kyle Clements ND'06 on February 16.

Jennifer Robbins began working for the National Association of Children's Hospitals (NACH) as their assistant director of federal affairs in May 2011. She lobbies Congress to promote policies that benefit children's access to healthcare and coverage. She resides in Washington, D.C.

Angela Kelly Gerhardt was able to meet up with **Melissa Adams** and **Diana Creveling Dygulski** at reunion. Angela is living in Great Lakes, Illinois, and working in the United States Navy as lieutenant in the Nurse Corps. Last year, Angela commissioned **Angela Rizzo** into the United States Air Force.

Meghan White Pesce and her husband, Anthony Pesce ND'06, welcomed their first baby on November 22, 2010. Donovan Pesce was born in Chicago at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, weighing 9 lbs, 11 oz., and measuring 21 inches long.

Rebecca Lindrew finished a Master in Art History and Museum Studies Degree at Georgetown University in August 2010. She lives and works in London as a fine art consultant and private cataloguer.

Megan McGee Bonta and her husband, Eric, welcomed their son, Aidan McGee Bonta, on March 18. Megan reports that they are all doing well, living in Colorado, and loving life together.

Emily Fannon is moving from Colorado to Boston to begin an MBA program at Boston College this fall.

Jenifer Pillar Ginder married Christopher Ginder on May 14. **Lisa Cozzi '07** was a bridesmaid.

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From Katie: Hello, Class of 2002 Belles. I hope everyone is making plans to attend our 10-year reunion next summer. There is nothing quite like the opportunity to spend a few nights back in the dorms on campus with your Saint Mary's College friends. I am happy to share with you some great updates from our classmates.

Katherine Deane Nagy and her husband, Ryan, and daughter, Kaitlyn (two), welcomed a son, Alexander Deane Nagy, on February 2. They will be moving to Seattle in July as her husband will be completing an anesthesia fellowship program at Virginia Mason Hospital. Katherine still works at

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Hello, Class of 2006. It was wonderful to see so many of you at reunion in June. We enjoyed a

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Dear classmates, I haven't heard from many of you, so please write me soon. There isn't a lot of news from me, except that I am job searching.

Megan Meade now lives in Chicago, where she is a preschool teacher at St. John Berchmans in Logan Square. "I absolutely love what I do and I thank Saint Mary's for providing me with the education I needed to succeed," she says.

Christina Smotherman has been involved with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC) in Syracuse, New York, for the past 10 months. It has been a wonderful experience to touch the lives of the west-side children at a local neighborhood center. Throughout this year, I have been able to live out the four values of JVC: social justice, community, spirituality, and simple living. It is true from my experience in JVC, that "I have been ruined for life," she says.

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