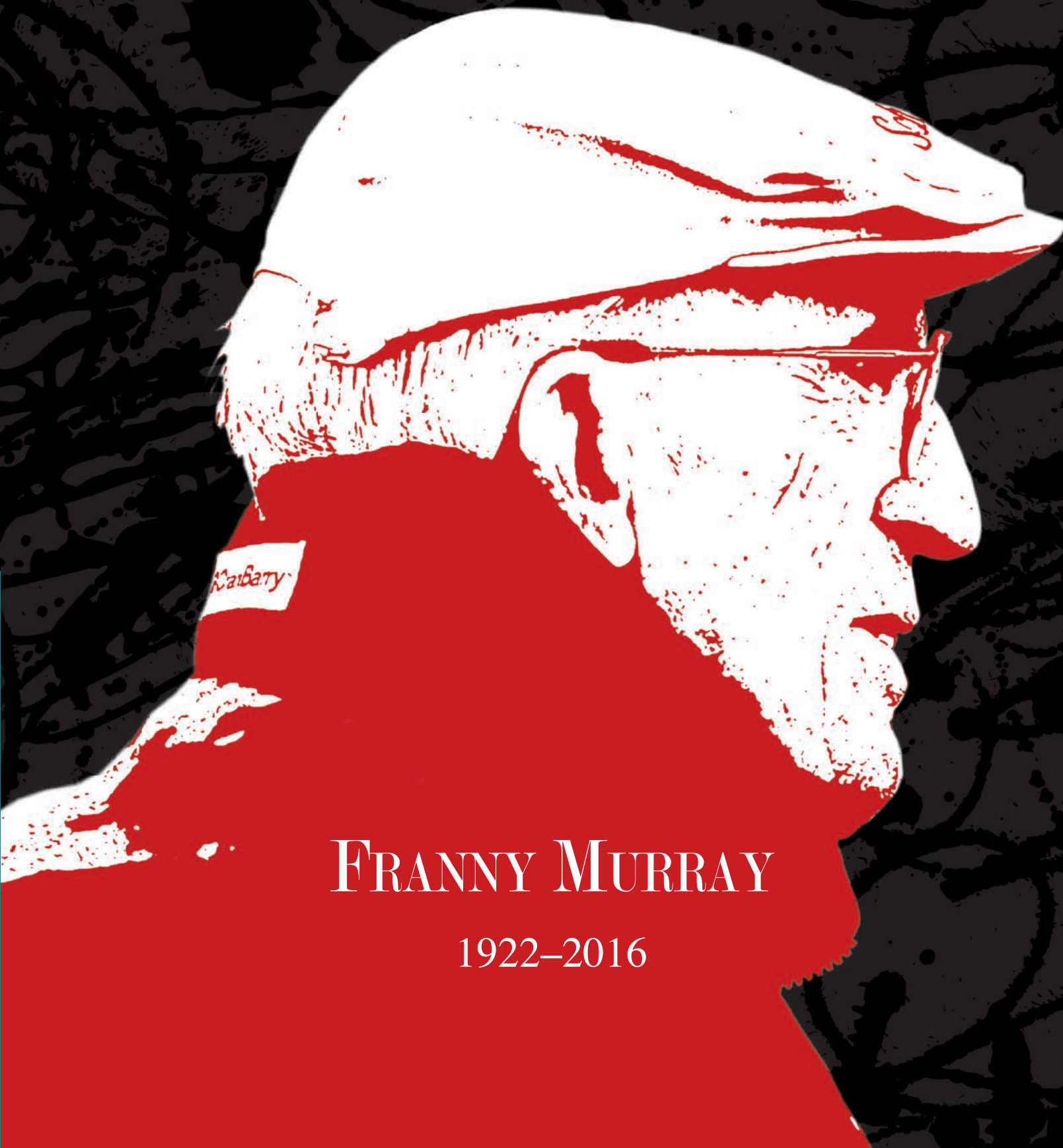


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FROM NUGENT HALL

by President John Garvey

Celebrating the “Keeper of the Cage”

At one of the first events I attended as president of Catholic University, I mentioned Franny Murray in passing. The room erupted in cheers. Who, I wondered, was this man who could get a standing ovation by just having his name mentioned? It was a blessing for me to find out.

I saw Franny on the sidelines at football and basketball and lacrosse and field hockey games, cheering for his beloved Cardinals. Many days he was (after my wife) the first person I saw in the morning; he would open the DuFour Center for me to go swimming. Franny had a kind word or a quip ready before most people have had their first cup of coffee. Most of all, I saw the love and respect reflected in the faces of the many students and alumni Franny befriended over seventy years at Catholic University.

Over seven decades Franny served as a referee and an assistant coach; he ran the intramural and sports information operations. One year he served as the acting athletic director. For 29 years he was the athletic trainer. And for many more years Franny served as “keeper of the cage,” the equipment manager for the Department of Athletics.

Franny served under nine University rectors and presidents. He witnessed, and enthusiastically supported, the development of the women’s athletic program. He saw the University change and grow around him. But Franny was a constant. Day in and day out he cared as a father and friend for the many young men and women who came through his office. He dispensed athletic equipment and good counsel. He taped ankles and consoled homesick and heartsick students.

When Franny died on Aug. 4 at the age of 94, the entire Catholic University community mourned his passing. At the same time, we celebrated his remarkable life. In my travels around the country to meet with alumni this fall, I have been moved to hear so many stories of Franny’s thoughtfulness, generosity, and wit. I am reminded of a line from Charles Dickens’s *Our Mutual Friend*: “Evil often stops short at itself and dies with the doer of it; but Good, never.” Franny’s goodness affected generations of Catholic University students. He loved and cared for them unconditionally. In doing so, he gave them an example to follow in their own lives.

In 2009 Catholic University awarded him the President’s Medal, the University’s highest honor, given to individuals who embody the mission and spirit of the University through outstanding achievements. That put him in the company of cardinals, presidents, and Supreme Court justices. As I said at Franny’s funeral, it was fitting that they should be in his company.

Franny’s outstanding achievement was that he treated every person he met as a child of God worthy of love. For 70 years he offered a powerful witness to the entire University community that our lives are weighed and measured not by the wealth, power, or prestige we accumulate, but by what we do for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Now the keeper of the cage has gone to meet the keeper of the keys. We give thanks for Franny’s remarkable life and pray with confidence that God will welcome this good and faithful servant home.

“Franny’s goodness affected generations of Catholic University students. He loved and cared for them unconditionally.”

Heartbroken. You will be missed, Fran the Man. #CUA

@haleymj33



Friend to @cuaalumni everywhere, today we mourn the loss of lifelong @cuacardinals fan Francis "Franny" Murray #CUA1946. With over 70 years of service, Franny was a devoted supporter of his beloved Cardinals and will be truly missed.

@CatholicUniv

Unreal news about the biggest #CUA legend that ever lived. RIP #FrannyMurray it was an honor to play on your court!

@whereCKworks

RIP Franny Murray, WWII veteran and long-time @CUAmbb equipment manager. He had a big impact on Jimmy's life.

@MrsPatsos

Just heard of the passing of Franny Murray, long-time equipment manager for the Catholic University. We will miss you Franny.

@GCCoachP

It is an honor that our players compete on Franny Murray Court. We take comfort in the fact he has joined Coach Bruen in heaven.

@CUAmbb



RIP Franny. Thanks for all the supportive pep talks and memories when I was learning sports medicine and driving (& for being so forgiving when I ran over the bleachers with the golf carts)

— Quan Tran, B.S. 2001

Franny was a legend. He was a fixture in the equipment room and always had a kind word or joke for his student-athletes.

— Sean Quinn, B.A. 1997

FORUM

Comments from the CUA community

The Man The Myth The Legend

A great tribute to a great person! He certainly made my time at CUA special. Thoughts and prayers for his family.

— Kate O'Connor, B.S. 1993, B.Arch. 1996

Franny never failed to smile & say hello to me when I went to the gym to swim almost every day during my four years at CUA. RIP.

— Debbie Japzon Gillum, B.A. 1984

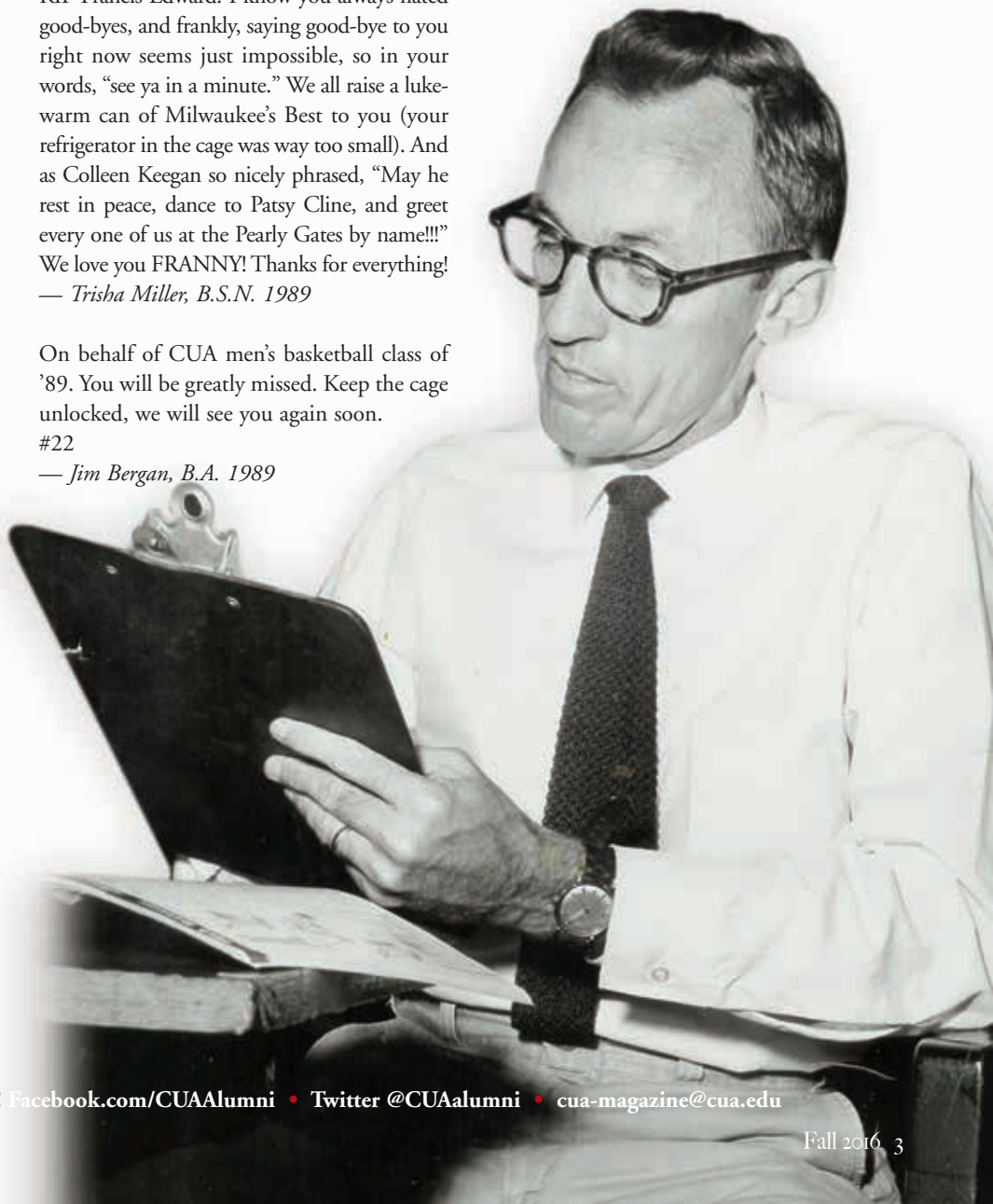
RIP Francis Edward. I know you always hated good-byes, and frankly, saying good-bye to you right now seems just impossible, so in your words, "see ya in a minute." We all raise a luke-warm can of Milwaukee's Best to you (your refrigerator in the cage was way too small). And as Colleen Keegan so nicely phrased, "May he rest in peace, dance to Patsy Cline, and greet every one of us at the Pearly Gates by name!!!" We love you FRANNY! Thanks for everything!

— Trisha Miller, B.S.N. 1989

On behalf of CUA men's basketball class of '89. You will be greatly missed. Keep the cage unlocked, we will see you again soon.

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— Jim Bergan, B.A. 1989



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*2016-17
Kicks off!*





*Class of
2020*

723

students from 38
different states

&

11

different countries



80 student volunteers
helped new students
move in



Students Called to Encounter and Engage During Annual Mass

Members of The Catholic University of America community were encouraged to put their faith into action during the University's annual Mass of the Holy Spirit, which was celebrated Sept. 8 in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

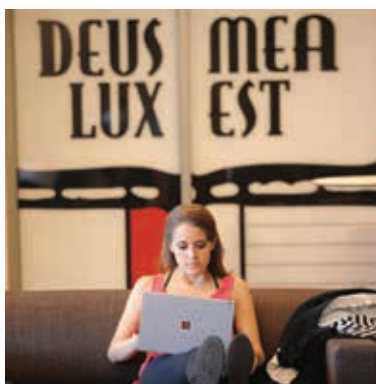
Cardinal Donald Wuerl, archbishop of Washington and University chancellor, began his homily by reflecting on the canonization of St. Junípero Serra, which took place during Pope Francis's visit to campus last year. He repeated Pope Francis's call that students should be "true evangelizing disciples — those who bring the good news to others."

"One of the best ways of telling the story of our Catholic faith and what it means to us is the way in which we live it," Cardinal Wuerl said.

University President John Garvey also spoke during Mass, referencing the words of the Venerable Fulton Sheen, a nationally known radio and television host who taught philosophy at Catholic University for 24 years.

"At The Catholic University of America, we aim to shine the light of faith on all forms of inquiry," Garvey said. "Our task, as Sheen put it, is to: 'integrate the supernatural with the natural, to infuse human knowledge with the divine, to complement our knowledge of things with our knowledge of God, to make all things theocentric.'" — K.B.

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At Murphy's, Students Already Feel at Home

By the fourth day of classes, freshmen music majors Katie Wethli and Nathan Ward had already decided the new upper floor of Murphy's was their favorite spot for socializing and doing homework. Sitting across from each other in a "snug" (booth), they worked on music theory, tapping out rhythms with their hands.

"I've been here every day," says Wethli, of Pittsburgh. "It's so comfortable and there is always good music playing in the background."

The newly renovated, inviting space in the Edward J. Pryzbyla University Center features floor-to-ceiling windows, large screen televisions, cozy seating, a fireplace, pool table, and sound system for entertainment. (Construction is under way for the first-floor restaurant portion of Murphy's.)

First-year law students Ahad Khilji and Nathaniel Gniewek are playing pool. They came straight from class, and afterward they are headed to the library.

"This is a perfect spot to take a break from classes and studying," says Khilji, who received his B.A. in inter-national relations from Catholic University in 2013.

"When I came back to start law school, I couldn't believe the changes," he says, mentioning,



in addition to Murphy's, the development of Monroe Street Market where his old residence hall once stood. "Seeing how these changes have energized our campus, I'm so proud and excited to be back."

This is just what the friends of the late Michael Murphy, B.A. 1974, M.A. 1975, (pictured below) had in mind when the vision and fundraising for Murphy's commenced.

During his time at Catholic University, Murphy was known for bringing people together. "He was often found 'holding court' in the Rathskellar ('the Rat'), a lounge, restaurant, and pub that was housed in what is now O'Connell Hall," says Frank Persico, B.A. 1974, M.A. 1976, vice president for University relations and chief of staff. "Mike's dream was to recreate a similar gathering place for today's students."

"Mike always liked tending bar at parties just so he could meet as many people as possible," says Stephen Frederick, B.A. 1976. "He exemplified the ideal of public service. His career in politics was defined by inclusiveness; he could work with both sides of the aisle toward a common goal."

Hearing that the campus community has already found a home at Murphy's gives Patricia (Morel) Murphy Lynch, B.S.N. 1974, M.S.N. 1991, reason to smile — and shed a tear. "My husband and I met at Catholic University, and the friends we made there were with us always. To have Murphy's become part of that community is so humbling to my children and me. It means Michael is not forgotten."

Donor Commitment

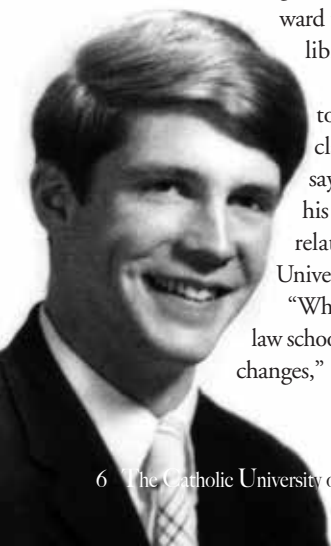
Many of Mike Murphy's classmates began the fundraising effort to build Murphy's. "It took the love and commitment of our donors to make this place a reality for our campus community. They are the reason these doors opened this fall," says Mike Allen, vice president of student affairs.

"Catholic University was a big part of my life, it's where my wife Laurene and I met many lifelong friends. We believe in giving back to the University, and when it came time to give in honor of our friend, well that was a no-brainer," says Frederick.

Not all donors knew Mike Murphy. Nick Consler, B.A. 2016, was born decades after Murphy was a student. Yet he gave \$20,000.

"I'm lucky. My family has a foundation that allows direct descendants of Lennox International, which was once a private, family-owned company, to make a gift to their alma mater when they graduate," explains Consler.

A politics major, Consler was drawn to the University's D.C. location. "I saw how the Monroe Street Market development changed the student experience while I was there. But there wasn't anything right on campus that allowed for the kind of social life that Murphy's provides. So that's where I wanted my gift to go," he says. "I think it's really important to give back to the communities that shape you, that help get you where you are."
— E.N.W.



Rev. James Martin Speaks on Friendship with Jesus



“To be invited into friendship with Jesus and one another, we need to understand Jesus first.”

That was the message for students during a CUA on Tap talk held in Caldwell Hall in September. The monthly event, which is sponsored by the Office of Campus Ministry, included a presentation by Rev. James Martin, S.J., editor-at-large of *America* magazine and the author of 10 books, including *The Jesuit's Guide to (Almost) Everything: A Spirituality for Real Life* and *Jesus: A Pilgrimage*.

During his talk, Father Martin shared about how his travels in the Holy Land helped him understand Jesus Christ's humanity in a new way. By visiting the actual settings of biblical events, Father Martin was able to gain new insights into what real-life factors may have inspired Jesus's words and actions, and how frightening and amazing it would have been to hear him speak.

While it can be hard for some people to understand the idea that Jesus was both human and divine, Father Martin said it is necessary to look at both to get a complete picture of who Jesus really was. To him, the life of Jesus is “a beautiful mystery, the most beautiful one I know, and one worth pondering.” — K.B.

For more about Father Martin's visit, go to cuamagazine.cua.edu to view a short video.

34 Years @ CUA

Charles C. Nguyen

Dean of the School of Engineering

Charles Nguyen earned his doctoral degree in engineering in 1982. He looked for jobs around the country, but ultimately came to Catholic University and has stayed ever since. He has the longest tenure of the University's deans, having served in that position since 2001. When he became dean, the school had 175 students. Now it has more than 600.

Coming to CUA

It's like yesterday that I came here. When I said to my mom at 26 years old that Catholic University offered me a job, she said “Go to Catholic. Serve the faith.”

What has Kept Him Here

What is retirement? I never work. I look forward to going to school every day, but I never feel like I have to work.

Favorite Part of His Job

Making changes. If you see something you can do to improve the institution and you have initiative to put in place policies to help faculty and students, you can improve the quality. The positive impact of new policies on the life of faculty, staff, and students — I can see that change on a daily basis. We are changing people's lives.

Favorite Place on Campus

I know it's not part of campus, but the Shrine [Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception]. Every time I get so exhausted, I go to the Shrine to pray. There is a chapel in the basement for the Holy Martyrs of Vietnam. My great-grandfather was an unknown martyr of that group.

Most Memorable Time on Campus

Commencement. In 34 years, I missed only one 18 years ago. I can see the student who came in very shaky now able to stand up and give a speech. I love the students — when I come out and they cheer. — M.M.H.



Scholars Speak in Support of Church's Teachings



Three scholars shared their support for the Catholic Church's teachings on human sexuality and contraception, during a press conference held on Tuesday, Sept. 20, on Catholic University's campus.

The press conference marked the release of the statement, "Affirmation of the Catholic Church's Teaching on the Gift of Sexuality," which was signed by more than 500 Catholic scholars from around the country, including President John Garvey. Intended as a response to recent calls for church teachings to be changed, the statement echoed teachings articulated by the 1968 papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae*. Watch the video of the press conference at cuamagazine.cua.edu.

Pope Appoints President Garvey to AVEPRO

This summer, Pope Francis appointed President John Garvey to the board of directors of the Agency for the Evaluation and Promotion of Quality in Ecclesiastical

Universities and Faculties (AVEPRO). Ecclesiastical universities conduct teaching and research related to Christian revelation, and their academic qualities are granted under the authority of the Holy See.

"The Catholic University of America is the only pontifical university in the United States of America, so we have a unique interest in the affairs of the institute," said Garvey. But I am also happy to serve the Church by playing a role in its cultivation of ecclesiastical universities around the world."

Catholic University confers ecclesiastical degrees in canon law, philosophy, and theology, as well as faculties in its other nine schools.

Michael Novak Joins Business Faculty

Michael Novak, former ambassador to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, has joined The Arthur and Carlyse Ciocca Center for Principled Entrepreneurship at the University's Tim and Steph Busch School of Business and Economics as a distinguished visiting fellow.

Novak is a highly awarded and recognized philosopher, author, and diplomat. His many honors include receiving the Templeton Prize and serving as ambassador to the UN Commission on Human Rights in 1981 and 1982.

Former Ambassador Joins Theology Faculty

Zion Evrony, former Israeli ambassador to the Vatican, has joined The Catholic University of America faculty as a visiting assistant professor. Evrony met Pope Francis briefly several times, helped organize his visit to the

Holy Land, and accompanied him there. He presented his credentials to Pope Benedict XVI in September 2012.

"As someone who was active at the highest level of Vatican diplomacy representing a key state in the Middle East, Ambassador Evrony brings unique insight to his teaching position at Catholic University," said Very Rev. Mark Morozowich, dean of the School of Theology and Religious Studies.

Center for Cultural Engagement Opens



A center created to facilitate cross-cultural communication, awareness, and appreciation on campus opened at the start of the fall semester. The mission of the Center for Cultural Engagement is to help students develop a sense of self, a sense of place, and a sense of responsibility.

At the opening ceremony, President John Garvey highlighted the importance of a cultural dialogue inspired by the story of Pentecost in which "the apostles were able to use the language, images, and expressions bound to different cultures to preach the Gospel because the same truth can have many expressions."

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“It’s a great way ... to embody what Saint Teresa’s message was.”
 — Dante Nicotera, freshman biology major from Hanover, Mass.

Students at Rome Campus Witness Canonization

Many students at the University’s Rome Center were in attendance for the canonization of Saint Teresa of Calcutta.

Karina Bursch, a sophomore biochemistry major, said she was excited to attend the Mass of “one of the most beloved, holy people” in recent times.

“The Mass was full with an electric energy because of the excitement of all the people there, who were so happy to be witness to the canonization,” she says. “Entering St. Peter’s Square for the canonization and staring up at the majestic basilica in front of me honestly felt like coming home, home to my ‘mother church.’”

For these students, Catholic University has provided the unique opportunity to be a part of two canonization Masses within a year. On Sept. 23, 2015, these same students were in attendance when Pope Francis declared Junípero Serra a saint during a Mass on campus. It was the first canonization Mass on U.S. soil.

“It seems slightly unreal that I have now witnessed two historic canonizations in less than one calendar year, but it makes me feel incredibly blessed to have been granted these opportunities by God,” says Bursch. — L.C.



Mother Teresa Day of Service

In celebration of Saint Teresa of Calcutta’s September canonization, more than 600 students, joined by faculty, staff, and families, answered the call to #FindYourCalcutta by participating in a day of service honoring her legacy on Sunday, Sept. 18.



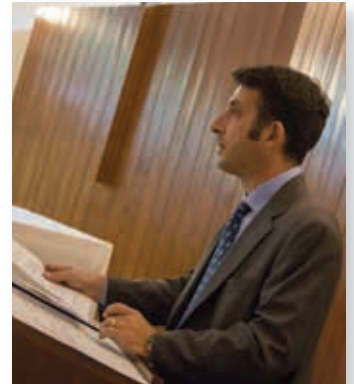
Blessing of the Rome Center

At the Sept. 25 blessing of Catholic University's campus near the Vatican, University Provost Andrew Abela described the efforts that led to the center as "first and foremost God's work." Speaking in the chapel of the Rome Center of The Catholic University of America and Australian Catholic University (ACU), Abela said, "We are here today to commit all of our endeavors at the Rome Center to God's care ..."

Joining Abela at the event were other administrators from Catholic University and from ACU along with about 30 Rome Center students. Cardinal George Pell, prefect of the Secretariat for the Economy and former archbishop of Sydney, delivered the blessing. A reception and tour of the campus followed.

Prior to the blessing, Cardinal Pell celebrated Mass in the chapel. Also in attendance were members of the Catholic University Board of Trustees who met later that week with the Vatican's Congregation for Catholic Education.

While in Rome for the blessing, Cardinal Donald Wuerl presented Frank Persico, B.A. 1974, M.A. 1976, vice president for university relations and chief of staff, with the Pro Ecclesia and Pontifice Cross at the tomb of St. Peter for his work in facilitating the visit of Pope Francis to the University campus last year. — C.L.



*Political Reasoning***Bradley Lewis**, *School of Philosophy*

Bradley Lewis, an associate professor of philosophy, earned his Ph.D. from the University of Notre Dame in 1997 and joined the faculty at Catholic University that year. He specializes in political philosophy, ethics, and law. In 2015, Lewis testified at a congressional hearing on Europe's migrant crisis. He publishes on topics such as religious freedom, American exceptionalism, and natural law.

Q: *Why are undergraduates at Catholic University required to take philosophy courses?*

A: As a Catholic institution, we're committed to thinking that there is a unity of knowledge. Our curriculum reflects that, especially in the requirements that students take a certain number of courses in philosophy and theology. Both disciplines show the unity and relationship among things at a very high level — theology, from the perspective of revelation, and philosophy from the perspective of human reason.

Q: *Which problems fascinate you as a political philosopher?*

A: I've been working for a few years now to understand how the ancient notion of the common good is relevant to contemporary political institutions and practices — understanding the thought of people like Aristotle and Aquinas and certain modern philosophers, but also understanding its relevance to particular political issues. One that I've thought and written about concerns religious freedom, the locus of a lot of contemporary tensions.

Q: *You testified before members of Congress that governments have a legitimate interest in controlling immigration. Are there cases when migrants should be admitted for reasons of morality?*

A: I certainly think countries have a legitimate interest in controlling immigration. But there are emergency situations where there's a compelling human need. There's a famous discussion in Thomas Aquinas about whether it's wrong for a person to steal in a condition of necessity. Is it actually theft if they steal food that they need in order to survive? And Aquinas says no, it's not really theft, because all of the goods of the world belong to all of the people. I think that teaching of Aquinas is analogous to the condition of the control of territories by countries.

Q: *We just had an interesting election season. Is it possible for a political community to go through a rational process of deliberation and yet arrive at an irrational conclusion?*

A: Sure it is. Political reasoning is not technical, but practical and moral reasoning — it's not like scientific or economic calculations. And in politics, various different emotions always play an important role. Politics is never simply about reason. It involves lots of other things, too, and a prudent statesman has to take that into consideration.

Q: *Are any 20th-century statesmen good models?*

A: I think we'd be lucky to wind up with a president as good as Eisenhower again. He had an extraordinarily dependable sense of what was practically workable. He was a man who managed extremely dangerous, combustible situations well. — G.V.



Ask the Experts

*Philosopher Michael Gorman
Offers Tips On
**How to Find
Happiness &
Meaning in Life***

- **Don't Look For Happiness**

According to the widely-discussed “paradox of happiness,” aiming at happiness is not a good way to be happy. Instead, you should aim at something other than happiness that’s good for its own sake, for example, being a faithful friend. Then happiness might sneak up on you.

- **Look Around**

Boredom is an enemy of happiness and can lead to bizarre and even self-destructive behavior. Keep interested. If you cultivate your mind in the right way, you’ll always have something to fascinate you.

- **Look To Virtue**

If Aristotle is any guide, a happy human is a human who does a great job of actualizing human nature, and “virtues” are character traits that incline us to do just that. So strive to be as good a person as you can.

- **Look Beyond Yourself**

Aim at projects and realities that go beyond your own private concerns. Help your neighbors, your relatives, and so on. Think about the impact of your actions on future generations. And remember that often enough, it’s not about your individual accomplishments at all, but rather about the accomplishments of the teams or groups that you are a part of. No man is an island, as John Donne says; trying to live as if you aren’t connected to others means going against your own nature.

- **Look Up**

St. Augustine says that peace is the tranquility that comes from being in rightly ordered relations with material things, ourselves, others, and God. And God is the foundation of it all: As Augustine also says, God is the only good that can’t be taken from you against your will.

— *Michael Gorman is associate professor of philosophy and a scholar with the Virtue, Happiness, and Meaning of Life Project. The project is sponsored by the John Templeton Foundation and invites philosophers, religious thinkers, and psychologists to collaborate in investigating self-transcendence and whether the cultivation and exercise of virtue can be a source of deep happiness and meaning in human life. Gorman’s main area of philosophical interest is metaphysics.*

*“God is the only good that can’t be taken from you
against your will.”*

Cardinal Weekend 2016

One of the best things about Cardinal Weekend is it brings together Cardinals of all ages. These two little ones can't resist the draw of the Pryz lawn on a made-to-order fall day.



An Evening of Gratitude

A University-wide celebration of scholars and benefactors, held Oct. 13 in Heritage Hall, brought students out in force to thank those who made their education a reality.

“By providing scholarships to students at The Catholic University of America, you have made it possible for them to receive an education they can’t get anywhere else,” said President John Garvey in thanking the donors.

During the 2015–16 academic year, Catholic University provided close to \$5 million in annual and endowed scholarship awards to 400 undergraduate and graduate students. The evening provided a singular opportunity for donors to see firsthand the impact their generosity is having on the students they support and for students to get to know the donors who are helping make their college education possible.

“Everyone deserves the opportunity to grow and learn, and money should not stand in their way. So thank you from the bottom of our hearts for being a part of the reason we are here today.”

— Nicole Valente, Nursing, 2018, recipient of the Francis Matis Hoy Scholarship for Nursing (below).



Rev. Gerard Sloyan, S.T.L. 1944, Ph.D. 1948, shares a story with Constance Donohoe, B.A. 1962, and Monsignor John Francis Wippel, B.A. 1955, M.A. 1956, S.T.L. 1960, Ph.D. 1965.

“I give because a scholarship was given to me, and I know that can change somebody’s life.”

— Francisco Hernandez Jr., J.D. 1990, former scholarship recipient and current benefactor



Columbus School of Law Dean and Professor Daniel Attridge; Missy Attridge; Anthony Ambrosio, J.D. 1966; President John Garvey; Michael Ambrosio, J.D. 1966.

“Meeting Mr. Favo made me feel even more grateful, and the scholarship is so much more personal to me now.”

— Rachel Potter, 2018, Maureen Daley Favo Scholarship



Rev. Raymond C. O'Brien, M.Ch.A. 1975, D.Min. 1985; Columbus School of Law Class of 1978 Scholarship recipient Maria Natera, 2019; Francisco Hernandez, J.D. 1990; and his son, Nino Hernandez, 2020.



John Mosby Russell Eagle Scout Scholarship recipients Brendan Dillon, 2020; John Farley, 2020; and Isaiah Burroughs, 2019, meet their benefactor, John Mosby Russell, B.A. 1950, M.S.W. 1952.



William J. Byron, S.J. Scholarship recipients Victoria Schmotzer, 2018, and Legend Thurman, 2018; Frederick Favo, B.Arch.E. 1955; Brother Patrick Ellis Scholarship recipient Mark Cicero, 2018; and Maureen Daley Favo Scholarship recipient Rachel Potter, 2017.



Carl D. Hobelman Scholarship recipient Rev. Rodrigue Constantin, 2017, and Grace Hobelman.

“I couldn’t have gone into my first clinical setting with such confidence without the sim lab training. We are so lucky at the nursing school to have faculty who care about us, education rooted in social justice, and a group of donors who believe in us.”

— Margaret Stevick, Nursing, Class of 2017

Donor Profile

Anthony R. Tersigni

Health Care Executive



A longtime supporter of The Catholic University of America, Anthony Tersigni is president and chief executive officer of Ascension, the largest nonprofit health care system in the United States and the world’s largest Catholic health system.

In addition to his \$100,000 gift to build the center fireplace for Murphy’s, his most recent gift of \$375,000 was a significant contribution to the School of Nursing’s simulator laboratory, which will be renamed the Tersigni Family Simulation

Center. The gift enables major expansion of the lab’s high-fidelity simulator capabilities.

“In the simulation lab, you can actually see the learning happening,” says Alice Myers, director of simulation and information technology. “It’s the bridge for our students from classroom to patient settings. It’s where they build confidence. Seeing that is the best part of my job.

“This incredible gift allows us to have more equipment and more room, which means students will have the flexibility to spend increased time in the lab practicing their skills.”

Here, Tersigni answers a few questions on philanthropy and his commitment to Catholic University.

As a member of the Board of Trustees and a donor, you’ve given generously to Catholic University. Why is this University important to you?

Our family foundation supports organizations dedicated to the Catholic mission. As the only pontifical university in America, Catholic University plays an important role in the Church. That’s very appealing. I have great admiration for President Garvey. As a board member, I’ve met many of the University’s leaders, and they have a tremendous commitment to Catholic education in our country.

As a donor, what interested you about the School of Nursing and the simulator lab?

The School of Nursing has a great relationship with one of Ascension’s hospitals, Providence Hospital in Washington, D.C., and Ascension shares the school’s mission to meet the needs of the most vulnerable. Nurses are the core of our ministry; they provide the compassionate, personalized care on which patient outcomes are determined. I am

personally committed to ensuring that nursing students have the best quality education and relevant practical experience; simulation provides both. Our family foundation was excited by the opportunity to enhance the school’s ability to train future nurses.

How is the faith-based mission key to Ascension?

Our mission calls for us to care for all, with special attention to those persons who are struggling and vulnerable. I’m proud to say that in the last fiscal year, we provided nearly \$1.8 billion to charitable community care that benefits patients and their families. We are fulfilling the healing ministry of Jesus.

What do we need to do better in the United States when it comes to health care?

We need a *health* policy; what we have is a health care *financing* policy. While we’ve cobbled together financing mechanisms to figure out how to pay for health care, we haven’t figured out how to provide 100 percent access and coverage for every man, woman, and child. Until we do that, we will continue to have fragmented health care.

Why is philanthropy so important to your family?

God has blessed our family more than we deserve. We believe in giving back. Our joy is in making a positive impact in the lives of as many people as possible. There is a great sense of pride for us in being able to serve organizations like The Catholic University of America. — E.N.W.



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Dioceses and Archdioceses
participated in the
National Collection



St. Paul and the People's Endowment

Catholic University's National Collection is energized with volunteers at the parish



Over the course of the summer, Catholic University welcomed a new group of volunteers dedicated to strengthening the University's most longstanding fundraising effort.

More than 60 alumni hailing from parishes across the country joined the St. Paul Society to help promote the National Collection for Catholic University. St. Paul — the society's namesake — was known for leading efforts to take up a collection for the early Church.

Cardinal James Gibbons, the University's first chancellor and the ninth Archbishop of Baltimore, called the National Collection "the people's endowment." President John Garvey concurs.

"Pope Leo XIII suggested in his encyclical *Magni Nobis*, in which he granted Catholic University the authority to confer degrees, that the American people would bring to a 'magnificent conclusion the work they have so generously begun' when they started the University," said President Garvey. "In other words, it is a way of demonstrating that Catholic University belongs to all of us — to you and to me."

Catholic University has taken a National Collection since 1903. This philanthropic model was created by the bishops of the United States, who believe that, by combining resources from across the country, Catholics can more effectively carry out our mission.

"To me, it really boils down to one thing: You should give to the National Collection if you care about the future of the Church in America," said Chris Pierno, B.A. 2011, associate director for the National Collection

in the Division of University Advancement. "No other university is doing as much to prepare future leaders of the Church or to prepare students for careers as wide ranging as lawyers, artists, social workers, and business leaders with the backdrop of Catholic social doctrine and ethics in mind. We are blessed to have so many outstanding advocates — alumni, faculty, parents, and others — in parishes across the nation."

Alumna Katie Brophy, B.A. 2015, acted as an ambassador for the St. Paul Society at her New Hampshire parish in September. Describing the University and the collection to the interested congregation, Brophy made sure to remind them that local legendary priest Monsignor Anthony Frontiero, S.T.D., was an alumnus.

The National Collection, a critical source of flexible funding for the University's operating budget, brings in roughly \$5.5 million annually. This year, the goal is to surpass \$6 million. — E.L.W.

You can support our work by giving to the annual collection for Catholic University when it is taken up in your parish. Check the collection schedule online: cuatoday.com/CollectionCalendar. If you miss your parish collection, or wish to give outside of the collection, please send your donation to: Chris Pierno, associate director for the National Collection, in care of the University. If you would like to volunteer as a St. Paul Society ambassador in your parish, visit cuatoday.com/StPaul to sign up.

Fall Alumni, Parents, and Friends Receptions



President John Garvey and University staff met with alumni, parents, and friends at several gatherings this fall, including Baltimore, Spring Lake, N.J., and Providence, R.I. In Spring Lake, former University President Bishop David O'Connell celebrated Mass and enjoyed a reunion with many of his former students. In Baltimore, Archbishop William Lori connected with local alumni, including Carolyn Fallon Maloney, B.A. 1991, and Michael Maloney, B.A. 1991. In Providence, Bishop Thomas J. Tobin served as the host.

Investing in Our Student-Athletes

Franny Murray Endowment Established

An alumnus and former student-athlete of Catholic University has committed \$100,000 to establish the Franny Murray Endowment for the University's Athletics Department.

The anonymous donor's initial pledge — the minimum endowment level at Catholic University — sets in motion the goal of raising at least \$500,000 to support University student-athletes. The endowment honors a man who dedicated 70 years to the athletics department prior to his death last August at the age of 94.

"This fund will enhance the ability to purchase new equipment for Catholic University student-athletes on an annual basis, giving the Cardinals the competitive edge they need to continue their great success at the conference, regional and national stages," said Sean Sullivan, associate vice president and director of athletics.

More than 100 of Murray's relatives, friends, and former student-athletes gathered last month during the University's Cardinal Weekend to celebrate his life and dedication to the athletics department. At a reception following the football game that weekend, they shared memories of a man who befriended countless students and worked as the department's equipment manager into his 90s.

"This is a special way that the athletics department has chosen to honor Murray's memory while also impacting the lives and experiences of every Cardinal student-athlete for generations to come," added Sullivan.

In order to create a greater impact in Murray's name, the athletics department invites others to consider making a gift to the endowment by contacting Patrick Dwyer, director of development for athletics, at dwyer@cua.edu or 202-319-5288.

Artist renderings of the DuFour Center renovation.



Catholic University Receives \$2.5 Million to Renovate Athletics Center

Thanks to an anonymous donation of \$2.5 million, The Catholic University of America Athletics Department will renovate the Raymond A. DuFour Center with construction scheduled to begin this winter.

The generous donation is the single largest gift to the Athletics Department since the DuFour Center was constructed more than 30 years ago, said Sean Sullivan, associate vice president and athletics director.

"This is a game changer," noted Sullivan. "The University Athletics Department is profoundly grateful for the investment that has been made to improve our facilities. Upon construction completion, the benefits to the overall competitive experience will be felt im-

mediately by our Cardinal student-athletes."

The renovation plan calls for the conversion of the five existing racquetball courts into two men's and two women's locker rooms on the bottom level and coaches' office suites and multipurpose team rooms on the second floor. The multipurpose rooms will provide meeting space for student-athletes. Sullivan noted that the enhancements will also "make a positive impression on recruits."

Part of the construction plan also includes the beautification of the outdoor patio area, closest to the Jone and Martin Dowd Tennis Courts. This venue hosts pre- and post-game gatherings for University teams, alumni, parents, and friends as well as the tent parties held annually over Family Weekend and Cardinal Weekend.

Sullivan said that "this project will positively impact every athlete at Catholic University." He added that it is part of a larger plan that the Athletics Department hopes to finalize this fall to upgrade all athletic and recreational facilities on campus.

Cardinal Athletics

Remembering Franny Murray

For 70 years, Francis E. “Franny” Murray, Class of 1950, was part of the Catholic University family. His career included various roles in the Department of Athletics, such as refereeing, managing facilities and teams, and running the intramural and sports information operations. He even spent one year as acting athletic director. But for most alumni he will always be remembered as equipment director. His service to the University came to an end when Murray passed away on Aug. 4 at the age of 94.

Franny’s engaging personality made him a confidant to many. His ability to remember names was legendary. He could connect with people of all ages. Students, staff members, athletes, and University presidents felt his warmth and kindness.

University President John Garvey called him “an institution within an institution.”

Murray was born in Washington, D.C., on July 7, 1922. He grew up in the northeast quadrant of town and attended



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The number of years in a row that Murray attended every home football game from 1947 through 2014. Not even a triple bypass in 1982 or a right knee replacement in the early 1990s kept him away. His record attendance at home men's basketball games stretched from 1947 through the end of the 2014–15 regular season.

Catholic schools all his life. Shortly after the United States entered World War II, Murray joined the Army Air Corps. He served as a B-25 gunner on combat missions in the Pacific. He remained overseas until shortly after V-J Day.

Murray took advantage of the education provisions of the G.I. Bill and enrolled at Catholic University in 1946. There he met Eileen Krug, whom he married in June 1947.

Needing a job to help support his wife, Murray worked as a student helper in the athletic department. He also boxed for the Cardinals for two years. The boxing matches were so popular that as many as 4,000 people would cram into Brookland Gymnasium to see them. By the time he finished school in 1950, he was firmly entrenched in his lifelong love affair with Cardinal Athletics.

In addition to ensuring that all 21 varsity sports teams were outfitted and ready for practices and games, Murray helped countless student-athletes through the transition to college and adulthood. He possessed an uncanny ability to learn and recall names, toss out a joke, or offer a hug or handshake. With no plans for retirement, he continued his work as equipment director into his 90s. He could often be seen on the sideline at games, wearing his yellow cap and rooting for his beloved Cardinals.

"I called probably 12 to 15 alums [the morning he died] because I wanted them to hear it from me before they saw the press release," Meghan McDonogh, women's lacrosse coach, said. "It was heartwarming to hear them reflect on Franny and what he meant to them and our program. He just really cared and he took care of us. He had a really big heart."

"Franny was a very caring and loving person," said Bill Leahy, a basketball All-

American who graduated in 1964. "He truly had the interests of the students at heart. He left a profound influence on my life. I always admired him and had the utmost respect for him."

Murray was inducted into the University's Athletics Hall of Fame in 1988. He received the University's highest honor, the President's Medal, when the basketball court was named for him in 2009.

Tom Young, who coached Rutgers to the 1976 Final Four and finished his career as an assistant with the Washington Wizards, remembered Murray with fondness. Young got his first head coaching experience at Catholic University, where he led the men's basketball team from 1958 to 1967.

"He was the first trainer and the first equipment man that I had, a jack of all trades," Young said. "To me he was great because he was just a regular guy. He didn't baby the athletes and most students at all. As a result, they were better. They became better men and better athletes."

"Franny was a great guy, the best CUA man ever," former Cardinal football coach Tom Clark said. "He'll be treasured in the memories of thousands of CUA athletes."

Following Murray's funeral on Aug. 10, the University hosted a reception in the Edward J. Pryzbyla University Center. Approximately 200 staff, faculty, students, and alumni gathered to celebrate Murray's life.

Murray is survived by a brother, sister, eight children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

This article was adapted from a longer story written by Chris McManes for the Department of Athletics website. To read the full story, visit cuamagazine.cua.edu.

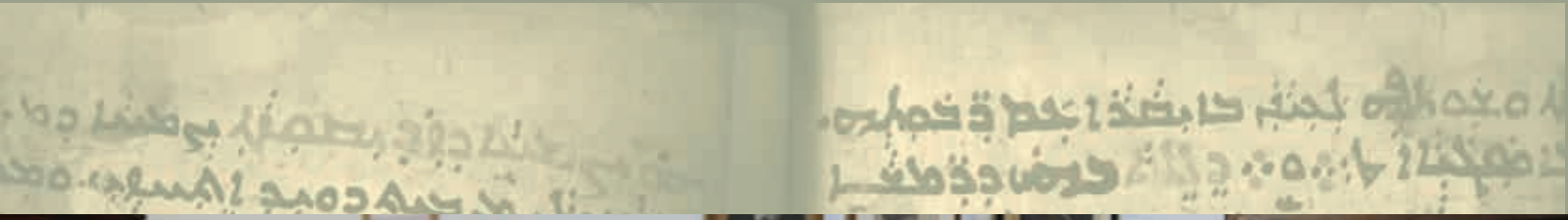
SPORT SHORTS

Athletics Launches New Website

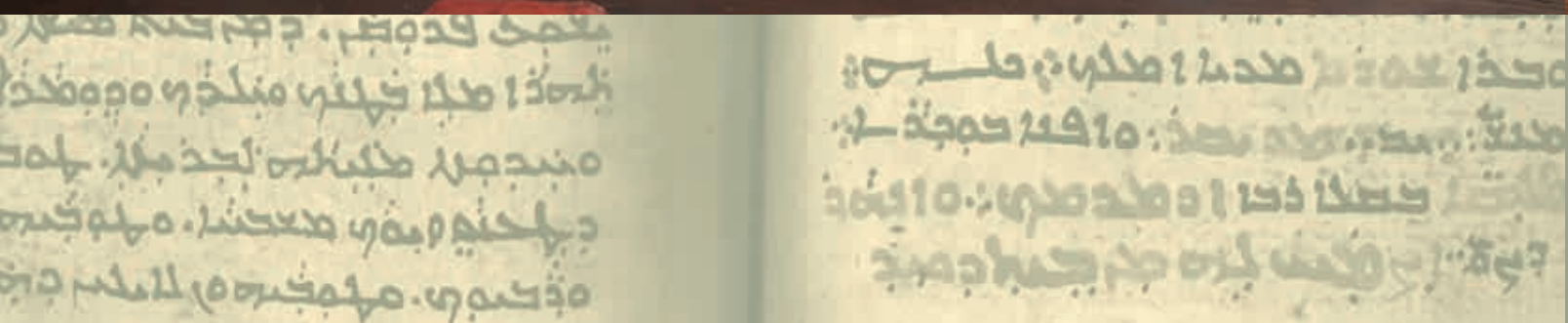
The Catholic University of America relaunched cuacardinals.com, completely overhauling the official website of Cardinal Athletics. The new site was designed to engage users while providing ease of use as the department continues to promote its student-athletes, coaches, staff, and all of the University. The overall design of the site has been completely remodeled, with an emphasis on visual elements. A new storyboard section features the best stories about Cardinal Athletics, while also providing important news and notes for fans. Social media and video are also incorporated.

Two Cardinals Spend Summer in Marine Corps Training

Seniors Matt McMahon (football) and Emily Merkel (women's lacrosse) dedicated nearly their entire summers to an exclusive service program that prepares college students for potential entry into the U.S. Marine Corps through Officer Candidate School. The program's mission is to educate and train officer candidates in Marine Corps knowledge and skills within a controlled, challenging, and chaotic environment. They are then evaluated and screened for the leadership, moral, mental, and physical qualities required for commissioning as a Marine Corps officer. The 10-week program was filled with physical training and classes on subjects such as warfighting tactics, Marine Corps history, and land navigation. Both McMahon and Merkel hope to continue their military trajectories and plan to attend the Marines Corps Basic School after graduation.



Members of the Christian Communities of the Middle East Cultural Heritage Project Team, including (from left) Robin Darling Young, Ryann Craig, Andrew Litke, Shawqi Talia, and Kevin Gunn, examine manuscripts from the University's Institute of Christian Oriental Research. Not pictured: Sam Russell, graduate student research assistant, and Clifford Patterson, web developer and designer.



THE THINGS THEY REMEMBER

By Katie Bahr

WITH VIDEO CAMERAS AND INTERVIEW QUESTIONS, UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS AIM TO SAVE THE PERSONAL MEMORIES OF CHRISTIANS PUSHED OUT OF THE MIDDLE EAST.

The video opens on a man in a clerical collar, sitting in an office in Holy Martyrs Church in Sterling Heights, Mich. Looking just past the camera and speaking in a calm, rich voice, Father Manuel Boji answers the first question.

“So I was born on Aug. 1, 1946, in Telkaif. After seven days exactly, I was baptized. They used to baptize kids every Thursday at that time.”

After describing his early childhood, Father Boji speaks about his vocation.

“I was too young, but I felt the feeling, or the call to be a priest,” he says. “I entered the seminary when I was only 12. It was in Mosul for two years, then the seminary moved to Baghdad. ... I was ordained a priest on June 2, 1968.”

The interviewer asks another question: “Can you tell us about your mother?”

“My mother didn’t know how to read and write, any language, and she didn’t dial a telephone all her life,” he says. “We didn’t have a telephone until the late ’70s, in all of Telkaif. And we didn’t have electricity, in all of Telkaif, until 1956.”

One by one, the questions continue.

“Can you tell us about special occasions and holidays?”

“How did you entertain yourself? Did you sing songs? Did you tell stories?”

Father Boji, who moved from Iraq to the United States in 1987, is Iraqi and a member of the Chaldean Catholic Church, a sect of Christianity that has been in existence for almost 2,000 years. Sitting on the other side of the camera is Robin Darling Young, associate professor of spirituality in the School of Theology and Religious Studies (STRS). As the interview continues, the pair discuss varied topics, ranging from the games he played as a child to school subjects he studied and the songs his mother would sing to him at night.

Though the questions are personal, they address something much larger: the details and intricacies of a culture on the verge of extinction. As violence in the Middle East has escalated over the past 13 years, millions of people, including many Muslims as well as Chaldean Catholics and other Eastern Christians, have been uprooted and left to restart communities in other parts of the world. In Iraq, the Christian population has dwindled significantly from 1.4 million in 2003 to less than 500,000 today.

In the United States, many Chaldean Catholics have made their way to the suburbs of Detroit where a thriving community has existed for decades. According to Young, the area between Detroit and Toronto is home to somewhere between 150,000 and 200,000 Chaldean Catholics. As they begin to acclimate to their new lives in the United States, they are losing cherished traditions and a language that has been spoken for millennia.

Outfitted with video cameras and interview questions, Young and a team of other Catholic University researchers are working to preserve as much of that history as possible. Their hope is to create an online library of photos and video interviews, compiling hundreds of personal stories and memories.

“I think there’s a certain urgency about gathering the memories and putting them down to show what was a lively and very deep, very intricate community with a 2,000-year history,” said Young. “There’s a tremendous amount of labor and creativity and beauty in that tradition, which, if it isn’t recorded, will just be lost.”

A DISAPPEARING CULTURE

The study of Eastern Christianity, including the stories of Chaldean Catholics like Father Boji, has long been of interest to Young. Since earning her Ph.D. in the history of Christianity from the University of Chicago in 1982, Young has published and lectured widely on the early days of the faith, focusing primarily on the cultures and languages that existed long before the Middle Ages and the rise of Islam. At that time, cultural groups expressed themselves using the Greek, Syriac, or Armenic languages.

Chaldean Catholics, who trace their culture back to ancient Mesopotamia (what is now Iraq), are particularly interesting to Young because of their Neo-Aramaic language. Today, they are one of the few remaining Christian communities who speak a form of Aramaic, the language spoken by Jesus Christ.

Thanks in part to her interest in the community, Young struck up a friendship with Shawqi Talia, a lecturer in the Department of Semitic and Egyptian Languages and Literatures at Catholic University and a member of the Chaldean Catholic Church. Talia’s native language is Neo-Aramaic. Over the years, they spoke often about the history of the Church, its culture, and its literature. As violence escalated in the Middle East, their conversations took a more serious turn.

In June 2014, the terrorist group known as the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) crossed the border of Iraq to invade Mosul and the Nineveh Plains, where Chaldeans have long resided. Since then, people in those areas, including many Christians, have faced incalculable suffering. Homes have been stolen, churches have been burned, and many have been told to convert to Islam, pay a tax, or leave. While many civilians have been murdered or sold as slaves, hundreds of thousands have simply fled, trying to get away from the terror in any way possible.

As the fate of the Chaldean Church began to appear more and more tenuous in Iraq, Young and Talia decided to take action in the only way they could: by building a virtual history of the communities and cultures being left behind.



“There was the whole question of whether Christianity will survive in the Middle East, so we decided to try and gather as many records as we could,” Young said. “We wanted to get samples of the Neo-Aramaic language, as well as stories and recollections of the lives of the Christian communities. ... We hope to create as complete a record as we can of the modern life of the Chaldeans and other Christian communities before the recent war.”

“I think, especially for Christianity in Iraq and Syria, I feel it is in its twilight,” said Talia. “The saddest thing is not that it’s happening, but that it’s happening within a short time. That is a great impetus time-wise, emotionally, and historically, to have some kind of preservation of this great heritage of a community that has been there since the first century.”

A MULTIDISCIPLINARY EFFORT

In order to complete the large-scale digital humanities project Young and Talia had envisioned, the pair reached out to other members of the University community for help.

Ryann Craig, a Semitics doctoral student who had previously spent time researching Iraqi Jewish communities at the National Archives, was recruited to be the Chaldean Heritage Collection’s project manager. Kevin Gunn, coordinator of religious studies and humanities services for Mullen Library, was pulled in as a digital archivist for the project, along with Sam Russell, a graduate of the Department of Library and Information Sciences, who is now pursuing his master’s degree in American history.

The project, now known as the Christian Communities of the Middle East Cultural Heritage Project, became a joint partnership between STRS and the University’s Institute of Christian Oriental Research (ICOR), a research auxiliary of the Semitics department.

The effort marks a return to the roots of ICOR and the vision of its founder, Henri Hyvernat. In 1888, Hyvernat traveled to the northern parts of Iraq and documented the Christian communities and monasteries he found there. His personal library became the cornerstone for ICOR’s world-renowned library, which has since grown to include 50,000 books and journals as well as antiquities, photographs, and archival materials documenting early Christianity in the Middle East.

“His was more of a study of a community and of a history, these places like Assyria and Nineveh that show up in the Bible,” said Talia. “We look at our work now as trying to save a heritage and really bring it to the web so that the public at large can appreciate it and understand its history.”

Using Talia’s connections to the St. Thomas Chaldean Catholic Diocese in Detroit, the team began working with Chaldean Bishop Francis Kalabat to find people willing to share their stories about life back in Iraq.

Prior to conducting any interviews, the team also consulted with representatives from the Library of Congress and the National Holocaust Museum on methods of obtaining personal histories. There they learned about the best questions to ask to find out what neighborhoods looked like, how religion was practiced, or even how favorite foods were prepared. The result was a list of 57 concise and open-ended questions touching on everything from favorite jokes to shared family resemblances.



Since then, team members have traveled to Detroit five times and conducted more than 33 video interviews in both Arabic and English, in places like churches, nursing homes, personal residences, and businesses. They've spoken with people who have lived in America for many years, as well as recent refugees, gaining valuable insights into the Iraq of generations past.

"I think it's just fascinating to learn what these communities were doing 50 and 75 years ago," said Young. "They went from a very nonindustrialized way of life to an ultramodern way of life in just two generations and they have living memories of the way it was in these really isolated Christian towns."

Young said she feels particularly connected to the older women who have been interviewed. Often, they speak about domestic life, including cooking and feeding their children.

"There's an interesting tradition in this community of women singing poetry," she said. "We have recorded some women's compositions, including one that was a wedding song that had been passed down from mother to daughter."

For Craig, the most moving interviews were those of recent refugees, which were often conducted in Arabic.

"I don't speak Arabic fluently, but I study it and understand it enough and just what they conveyed through human emotions, you can understand that they're really recovering, that they have just come out of very traumatic experiences," she said.

"I think just being there to listen to them is really important because they don't feel like they're valued by anyone. They would often end the interviews by telling us how much it meant to them that we would come and sit with them and listen to their stories."

HISTORY THAT LIVES AND BREATHES

As the team continues to interview Chaldean Catholics, it is also looking ahead.

The website for the project, CCMideast.org, which launched in late September, will continue to be a virtual storage center for the histories and photos for years to come. Young hopes the project will grow to include histories of other Eastern Christian communities. Because the interview process is so replicable, it could easily be taken on by another group of tech-savvy scholars, even overseas.

In addition, the team plans to release a documentary about the Chaldean Catholics, as well as books documenting their history and migration process. This work is being funded in part by a \$25,000 grant from the Michigan Humanities Council.

"There are impressive scholarly materials coming out of this project," said Gunn, the archivist. "We want it to be for historians so they can get that sense of what happened 40, 50, 60, or 70 years ago and you get that snapshot of people's lives. Each interview by itself is nice, but once they come together, I think people will get a richer sense of that heritage."

Young believes that Christian scholars, especially, will be interested to hear firsthand what life was like for a community living alongside Muslims and Jews in the Middle East for hundreds of years. Though Chaldean Catholics are in communion with the Roman Catholic Church, they have their own traditions and a different way of expressing their theology.



Artwork courtesy of the Institute of Christian Oriental Research from photographs, Photostats, and postcards acquired by Henri Hyvernat in his 1888–1889 travels in the Middle East. From top left: an Armenian family in Van; Christian women of Urmia; the Dominican boys' club in Mosul; the Dominican Mission in Van: Rev. Jacques Rhetoré, O.P. and Rev. Duplan, O.P.; the Dominican school for boys in Mosul; Henri Hyvernat, Rev. Duplan, O.P., Rev. Jacques Rhetoré, O.P., and Paul Müller-Simonis in Van; the Chaldean Monastery of Our Lady of Seeds near Alkoshi; and the Mosul Syro-Chaldean Seminary of St. John. Watermark: CUA ICOR Syr.Ms.4 Hudr. East Syriac office book. 15th century. Go to semitics.cua.edu/res/docs/TravelsExhibitiny1.pdf for more on Hyvernat's travels.



“It’s very important to understand how different Christianity is from one place to another,” she said. “This is a Christianity which has always lived with other religions. That’s something that is very unusual for our eyes.”

For Talia, who lived as a teenager in Iraq and still remains very much involved with his Chaldean community, the project is a way to give back to his community and the University where he has studied and worked since the late 1970s.

“I feel this is a department that has kept my heritage for almost 100 years by teaching the history, language, and theology of the Chaldeans and other Syriac-speaking Christians,” he said. “I feel this is a small commitment that I can make to the Semitics department, to Catholic University, as well as to our future students so they will have the opportunity to say, ‘These are the people whose history, theology, and patristics go back to the dawn of Christianity in Mesopotamia. So this is how they lived.’”

Even as they look ahead, members of the team try never to forget that the people they’re interviewing are still here. The spirit and culture of Chaldean Catholics is one that is still living and evolving over time.

“That’s something the community has expressed to us: they’re not historical artifacts,” said Craig. “These are their living experiences. As someone who studies classical texts all the time, it’s rewarding to work on a project that is helping people here and now.”

Once completed, the team believes the project will provide a way for the Chaldean Catholic community to remember its roots and the country many of them have left behind.

“We’re not specialists in humanitarian aid, we’re not working in those capacities. But what we could do is use our educational experiences and our resources to provide some kind of help,” said Craig. “We want to find a way to help them remember how strong their communities were, and access what their life was like. ... I think that will go a long way to making them feel like they have something, like they have hope.”

Law Professor Advocates for Christians in the Middle East

In the fight for Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East, Professor Robert Destro is a key player.

Since 2002, Destro and colleagues in the Columbus School of Law have worked closely with Christian, Jewish, and Sunni and Shia Muslim religious and academic leaders to discuss issues of common interest in Iran, Iraq, Syria, Israel and Palestine, and Lebanon. In 2011, he began a collaboration with Carol O’Leary, a distinguished fellow at National Defense University, to conduct a survey of the various Christian communities living in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI).

“We wanted to tell their stories: who they are, where they live, and whether they were indigenous to the KRI or internally-displaced persons fleeing from sectarian fighting in the South,” Destro said. “Unless you understand

the religious dynamics of the region, you will never understand the law and politics or the threat matrix.”

The result of the survey was an interactive map with color-coded markings for each Christian community. The survey findings and conference videos can be found online at www.mena-rf.org. “It is the only existing pre-ISIS map of those communities,” said Destro. “Today, the landscape is completely changed.”

Thanks in part to his findings, Destro was tasked last year with an even more serious project: partnering with senators and other members of Congress to make the legal case that ISIS’s targeting of Christians and other religious minorities in Iraq, Syria, and North Africa is indeed genocide.

In August 2015, Destro and a team of law students and alumni began drafting genocide resolutions to be presented to the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate. Both resolutions were later passed unanimously.

Next, says Destro, came “the biggest political challenge” of convincing Secretary of State John Kerry to put the United States government on record condemning the genocide. Working with the Knights of Columbus, In Defense of Christians, and two of the leading religious liberty lawyers in the United States, the Catholic University team put together a 278-page report explaining how the persecution of these groups at the hands of Islamic extremists fits the United Nations definition of genocide: killing and other violence

“committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial, or religious group.”

Framed as a formal petition to the secretary of state, the report details the many ways Christians and others are being persecuted by ISIS and its affiliates through acts of violence, displacement, theft, rape, hostage-taking, and sexual slavery. It includes a list of 125 Christian churches

attacked or destroyed and the names of more than 3,000 murdered Christians. “And that’s just the first installment,” Destro said.

Kerry accepted its findings on March 17, 2016, and put the United States on record condemning the genocide.

Now Destro and his collaborators are looking for more ways to help Christians in the Middle East. At Catholic University, he and a group of faculty members have formed the Eastern Christian Communities Effort to look at ways faculty and students from various schools and academic departments can lend their expertise to the cause. Projects underway include providing transitional housing for refugees, economic development projects, peace-building efforts, and international legal collaboration.

“This has been a major effort,” said Destro. “Unless we act now to preserve and protect these living communities, they will disappear.”

“University students, alumni, and faculty have been with me every step of the way,” he said. “I’m incredibly proud of what we have accomplished to date, but we’ve only just begun. We are now working at the United Nations and in other countries to build support for special courts.”

For more information on efforts to help Christians and other religious groups in the Middle East, or to get involved, go to cuamagazine.cua.edu. CUA





ART INSPIRED BY ILLNESS

A YOUNG ALUMNA USES
HER PERSONAL EXPERIENCE
TO CREATE ABSTRACT ART
THAT HAS PEOPLE
CONSIDERING THE INNER
WORKINGS OF THEIR BODIES.

By Ellen N. Woods



At first glance, the 48"x48" acrylic painting by Ann Lipscombe, B.A. 2016, has a Georgia O'Keeffe-esque look to it. But the title, "Bronchoscopy Painting," is a clue to viewers that the fluid strokes of blended color on this canvas are anything but flower petals.

The pink and red streaks that show the painter's brushstrokes represent inflamed flesh. Swirls of yellow highlight the dark hole at the center of the painting — a human airway. The depth created by the artist gives a sense of downward passage into the unknown.

The abstract painting is one of 15 pieces in Ann's *Clinical Context* collection, which also includes some works in colored pencil and others in graphite. Each of the abstract works is based on a medical image of diseased lungs from one patient, a teenage girl with cystic fibrosis (CF).

The images were taken by a bronchoscope, a tiny, flexible fiber-optic device inserted into the airway of a patient who is under anesthesia. While the device siphons mucus from the lungs, it also takes pictures.

Ann's artistic interpretations — or "exaggerations," as she sometimes calls them — of these images show polyps, inflammation, mucus plugs, and bacterial and fungal lung infections.

While the actual medical images might elicit a response of "yuck," the beauty of the renderings leads to something closer to "wow!"

A BREATH OF FRESH ART

The *Clinical Context* series, Ann's senior thesis project for her major in studio art, received the award for outstanding senior project given by the art department's faculty. She showed selections from the series in the

annual senior exhibit in Salve Regina Gallery. The day after she graduated in May, she was at the Maryland Science Center showing other pieces from the collection at a special event titled "Art of Science" that featured Baltimore-area artists who presented their work in an interactive exhibit. Ann gave talks about her collection and was on hand to discuss with visitors the inner workings of the lungs. Guests were invited to decorate their own small tiles that would become part of a large mosaic depicting the human lungs.

"I enjoyed explaining my work to visitors, especially children," says Ann. "But the best part of the exhibit for me had to be talking with the medical professionals who visited. They had a unique understanding of what they were looking at. That was the most fulfilling experience ever."

"Even in their abstract forms, Ann's paintings were a springboard to educate guests on how air travels through a series of tubes, branching smaller and smaller, inside their lungs," says Katrina Gorga, SciLab manager at the Maryland Science Center. "Her paintings succeed in providing a vantage point of the body that most people, including myself, have not considered before."

Ann also had pieces from *Clinical Context* accepted in an exhibit at Johns Hopkins University in June. "It wasn't a medical exhibit,

but the audience was largely medical personnel. A lot of people from the Cystic Fibrosis Center stopped by to see my work. It was exciting to have their stamp of approval," she says.

Clinical Context "explores our inhibited ability to identify with our own bodies and the negative connotations attached to images of a diseased body," Ann explains.

"Images of the inside of our bodies are seen almost exclusively by medical professionals, medical students, and those suffering from illness," she says. "When viewed in this way, as distinct objects to be studied, these vital parts of our bodies lose their connection with humanity."

For Ann, 22, that connection is vital. Viewing bronchoscopy images is not only familiar to her, it's highly personal.

During her four years as a Catholic University student, she would often make the quick trip from campus to Children's National Medical Center during her sister Therese's hospitalizations for infections and complications related to cystic fibrosis. She would wait with her mother Kathy while her sister woke from anesthesia. And she would be with her mom when the doctor shared the results of the procedure. Ann can quickly identify if she is looking at aspergillus, a fungal infection, or pseudomonas, a bacterial infection.

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A FAMILY THRIVES DESPITE ILLNESS

Therese, 18, was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis — a progressive disease that causes chronic lung infections and compromises a patient's ability to breathe — when she was two-and-a-half months old. Her illness, says Ann, is "part of the fabric of our family life. We all know what our roles are when Therese is sick. I think it's made us all more sensitive to the needs of others." The family also includes Mary, 24, Clare, 19, and Peter, 12.

Mary, a newlywed, earned a theology degree from Franciscan University of Steubenville in 2013, and is a youth minister at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Annapolis, Md. Clare is a sophomore at the University of Delaware, where she is on a premed track. "I'd like to be a pulmonologist. Growing up around Therese and seeing what she's been through, I see the patient's side and the family's side. I think I could be a compassionate doctor."

Therese, who graduated from high school in May, is studying American history at a nearby community college. Peter wants to be a baseball player. Their grandfather, who lives across the street, takes Peter to practice when his sister is in the hospital.

Parents Trevor and Kathy met in New York City while volunteering at Covenant House, helping young people who are homeless turn their lives around. Trevor, a physicist, is director of The Catholic University of America Press. Previously he was with scholarly publishing houses at Johns Hopkins University and Princeton University. Kathy

is an accountant who shares her love of art with her five children.

Trevor remembers receiving their fourth daughter's diagnosis of cystic fibrosis when she was just a baby. "We took her home and she wasn't doing well that weekend. The hospital called us every hour, giving us instructions — 'Use the nebulizer again' and so forth. By Monday, we admitted her to the hospital. We needed that weekend to accept it, and the doctors knew that."

From that day on, the Lipscombes have moved forward, seeking the best medical treatments available, becoming advocates for their daughter and others with the disease, and praying for strength.

"Day to day, we are a normal family, says Trevor. "You tend to put the illness in the back of your mind and all of a sudden Therese gets sick and life becomes all about her because it has to be. We have sort of a well family life and then survival mode."

The Lipscombe family is open about Therese's illness. She is frequently on the prayer list at their parish, and she's inspired her school to hold fundraisers for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Her classmates Skype with her when she is hospitalized. In fact, it was while chatting on Skype that she learned she was a member of the homecoming court.

"We all contribute in different ways," says Clare. "My parents and Therese are amazing. They handle everything with more grace than you could ever expect anyone to have in some really difficult situations. My parents have always made sure all of us feel loved and are able to do everything we've wanted to do."

Peter, the youngest, says "even when Therese is sick, we make it fun. We bring games to the hospital and sometimes we even make up our own, like hospital basketball. We take ketchup packets from the food tray and put the basin in different parts of the room. And we throw the ketchup to see who can get the most points."

Keeping things fun and normal for her children is a constant goal for Kathy. Her own outlet, she says, is prayer. "Spending time in front of the Blessed Sacrament helps calm me down when I am anxious and nervous."

As the parent of a child with a chronic, progressive illness, Kathy says she has learned to be an advocate, asking for second opinions



when needed. She moved her daughter's base of care to Children's National Medical Center a few years ago. Even though the facility was less convenient, she found a physician there who spent more time with Therese and oversaw her care more closely.

When the family lived in Princeton, Kathy successfully lobbied the state of New Jersey to include testing for CF as part of routine newborn screenings.

Kathy says her daughter's courage is at the core of the family's ability to navigate through the unique ups and downs of their life.

"When Therese was in sixth grade, she was very, very ill. She developed a very dangerous fungal infection. In the course of about four months, her lung capacity went from 85 percent to 40 percent," recalls Kathy. "It was so hard. I remember telling Therese, 'I wish I could take this on for you' and she said, 'Oh no, Mommy, I couldn't bear to see you go through this.'"

"A lot of times we take our cue from her strength of spirit."

AN EMERGING ARTIST FINDS HER INSPIRATION

Ann and Therese are close. They like to tease their little brother when he doesn't win during their family's intensely competitive card games. And they like to egg each other on with impersonations of their mom's Long Island accent.

At the beginning of Ann's senior year, Therese and her family made the decision to enter a clinical trial. They knew it was a long shot, but a new drug being tested might mean a cure. Though the trial ultimately was not effective, Ann says, "Just the idea of a cure had me wondering how my sister's identity would change if she didn't have cystic fibrosis; how would all of our identities change without this illness in our lives? As I thought about how the medical jargon, the



daily treatments, and all the ups and downs of the illness are part of everyday life for us, that's when I got the idea to show Therese's bronchoscopy images in a way that was beautiful and approachable."

When Ann told her sister she wanted to use these images as the basis for her senior thesis, Therese says she was "cool with it."

"I liked the idea that my experience inspired Ann's artwork, and that she was able to turn my medical images into really interesting pieces of art. I was proud of her," says Therese.

Ann came to Catholic University as a student in the Department of Art to pursue a career as a medical illustrator. She knew the program was small, but her reasons for choosing the University's art department were clear.

"As an art student, I wanted to be in D.C. There are so many amazing museums and galleries. The program at Catholic is small, but the faculty are all hot shots in their respective areas of art and they have great connections in the city for internships and classes. The department even offers a course at the National Gallery of Art," says Ann.

"There is a lot of individual attention from faculty, and that's true beyond the art department. I really like the community of humanities here. English and philosophy — all of those kinds of courses contributed to my art education," she adds. Ann served as layout editor and graphic designer on the team that launched the student-run undergraduate research journal *Inventio*.

She honed her digital art skills during her first two years at the University. "The University has incredible digital art offerings, especially in 3D modeling. The courses are taught by [faculty member] Jonathan



Monaghan, who is nationally known. He had a major 3D work at Sundance last year, and another piece in the permanent collection of Crystal Bridges [museum]. He's been an amazing advisor," says Ann.

After two years of digital art and anatomical drawing courses, Ann realized that medical illustration was not her true calling. She wanted to be a studio artist. "The professors in the art department do not baby their students. If they thought I didn't have what it takes, they would have told me. But I had their support, and their help."

Inspired in part by a course on Judaism that she took while at Catholic University, Ann's junior-year project was a large-scale drawing of a Holocaust scene in which all of the people were depicted as large noses. Titled *What We Talk about When We Talk about the Jewish Nose*, the abstract cartoon-style work, says Ann, explored the stereotypes that played into Nazi propaganda.

The piece was accepted into an exhibit on the Holocaust at a New York City gallery. "As the only student artist, I felt like a fish out of water at first. But my work was well received by the public as well as the other working artists in the exhibit," says Ann.

In an article published in *Jewish Seattle* magazine titled "Art after Auschwitz," the writer noted Ann's "surreal drawing ... stopped me in my tracks."

Later in her junior year, Ann had another one of her abstract works accepted into an exhibit in Chicago. By the start of her senior

year, she was ready to undertake a whole collection of work for her thesis. "I was working on those pieces every chance I got. They came home with me for Thanksgiving and Christmas," she says.

Monaghan, who served as Ann's advisor on the project, called the art "very strong both conceptually and visually. The deep personal relationship to the drawings and paintings made them all the more impactful. Undergraduate art projects, even a thesis, are rarely both exceptionally thought-provoking and exceptionally well executed."

The 15 pieces in *Clinical Context* are now carefully housed in the basement of the Lipscombe home in Catonsville, Md., as Ann is ever on the lookout for another suitable exhibit for them. "My mom loved to drag them up the stairs whenever we have visitors, until I finally told her "They are five feet high. Just take pictures and show them on your phone."

At home, Ann continues to make art and consider M.F.A. programs. She has a coveted postgraduate internship at the Phillips Collection in Washington, D.C., which she attained in part with the help of faculty connections and recommendations, in addition to her college accomplishments.

"I'm not sure where my art will take me, but right now I'm happy to be back home," says Ann. "I'm lucky. We are all very close and just simply really like each other. In our house if you are home, you're hanging out. No one is in their room." **CUA**

Gibbons Medal Awardees

- 1949: Carlton J.H. Hayes
Professor, historian, publicist
- 1950: General Carlos Romulo
Secretary of Foreign Affairs
- 1951: Fulton Oursler
Senior editor, *Reader's Digest*
- 1953: Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen,
S.T.B. 1920, J.C.B. 1920
Professor emeritus, theologian,
television personality
- 1954: J. Edgar Hoover
Director, FBI
- 1955: General Lawton Collins
Chief of Staff, U.S. Army
- 1956: John F. Kennedy
U.S. Senator
- 1956: Very Rev. Ignatius Smith
Dean, School of Philosophy
- 1957: Most Rev. Bryan J. McEntegart,
M.A. 1918
Bishop of Brooklyn
- 1958: Thomas Murray
Consultant, Atomic Energy
Commission
- 1959: General Alfred Gruenther
Past President, American Red Cross
- 1960: Karl F. Herzfeld
Professor emeritus, physicist
- 1961: Charles G. Fenwick
Director, Legal Affairs, OAS
- 1962: Luke Edward Hart
Supreme Knight, Knights of Columbus
- 1963: John McCormack
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives
- 1964: John A. McCone
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
- 1965: Sargent Shriver
Director, Peace Corps
- 1966: Earl Warren
Chief Justice of the U.S.
Supreme Court
- 1967: James J. Norris, B.A. 1933
Catholic Relief Services
- 1968: Danny Thomas
Entertainer
- 1969: Rev. Theodore Hesburgh,
S.T.L. 1944, S.T.D. 1945
Past President, Notre Dame
- 1970: Carroll Hochwalt
Former Chairman, Catholic University
Board of Trustees

Cardinal Honors

Since 1947, The Catholic University of America Alumni Association has honored those who have “rendered distinguished and meritorious service” to the University, the Roman Catholic Church, or the United States of America with its prestigious James Cardinal Gibbons Medal.

The medal was named in honor of the University’s founder and first chancellor. For almost 70 years, it has celebrated groundbreaking scientists, entertainers, priests and religious, as well as politicians, an eventual United States president, and even a potential saint for their distinguished service. Below is a sampling of those honored with the Gibbons Medal. For more information, visit cuamagazine.cua.edu.

1953

The Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen

The Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, who had been named bishop of the Archdiocese of New York in June 1951, was the Emmy-winning host of his own NBC television show, *Life is Worth Living*, which reached an estimated 30 million viewers each week. Sheen had a long-standing relationship with Catholic University, both as a student and a professor. For 23 years, Sheen was a popular professor in the School of Theology and Religious Studies and the School of Philosophy.

Today, Archbishop Sheen’s reputation continues to grow, as does the cause for his canonization. In 2012, Pope Benedict XVI announced that the Congregation for the Causes of Saints had proclaimed him “Venerable Servant of God Fulton J. Sheen.” After a reported miracle attributed to Sheen was unanimously approved by the congregation in 2014, Sheen now awaits the next step in his possible canonization process: beatification. *Photo 1*

1956

The Honorable John F. Kennedy

Only five years before he would become the first Roman Catholic president of the United States, John F. Kennedy was honored with the Gibbons Medal for his work in the House of Representatives (1947-1953) and the U.S. Senate (1953-1960). Upon receiving his medal, Kennedy reflected on the honor it was to accept an award bearing the name of Cardinal Gibbons, saying “Few other churchmen have left such an extraordinary and enduring impression upon the American scene; and few have given so much value to the life of their church and their country.”



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- 1971: **Most Rev. James Walsh**
Superior General, Maryknoll Fathers
- 1972: **Cardinal Patrick O'Boyle**
Archbishop of Washington, D.C.
- 1973: **Helen Hayes**
Actress
- 1974: **Michael Mansfield**
U.S. Senator
- 1975: **John J. Sirica**
Judge, U.S. District Court
- 1976: **Cardinal Lawrence Shehan**
Archbishop of Baltimore
- 1977: **Benjamin T. Rome, M.Arch. 1934,**
Alumnus benefactor,
Hyman Construction Company
- 1978: **Clarence Walton, Ph.D. 1951**
President, Catholic University
- 1979: **Cardinal Terence Cooke, M.S. 1949**
Archbishop of New York
- 1980: **Cardinal William Baum**
Sacred Congregation for
Catholic Education in Rome
- 1980: **J. Peter Grace**
Chief Executive Officer,
W.R. Grace Co.
- 1981: **Monsignor John Tracy Ellis,**
M.A.1928, Ph.D. 1930
Professor, Church historian
- 1982: **Raymond A. DuFour,**
B.A. 1928, J.D. 1936
Alumnus benefactor,
President, DuFour Enterprises, Inc.
- 1984: **Rev. Bruce Ritter**
Founder, Covenant House
- 1985: **Rev. Gilbert V. Hartke,**
M.A. 1939
Chairman emeritus, Catholic
University Department of Drama
- 1985: **Mildred Fay Jefferson, M.D.**
Surgeon and pro-life leader
- 1986: **Nancy Reagan**
Former First Lady
- 1987: **Most Rev. Phillip M. Hannan,**
B.A. 1935, M.A. 1936, J.C.D. 1950
Archbishop of New Orleans
- 1988: **Admiral James Watkins**
Former Secretary of Energy
- 1988: **Edward Bennett Williams**
Attorney
- 1989: **Most Rev. William D. Borders**
Retired Archbishop of Baltimore
- 1990: **Eunice Kennedy Shriver**
Founding Chairwoman,
Special Olympics International

1991: Rev. William Byron
President, Catholic University

1992: George J. Quinn, B.C.E. 1950
Alumnus benefactor,
Chairman, Alton Engineering

1993: Edward J. Pryzbyla, B.A. 1925
Alumnus benefactor,
President, Edwards Enterprises

1994: Richard W. Galihier Sr., B.A. 1938
Trustee emeritus, alumnus benefactor,
attorney

1994: Hon. Antonin Scalia
Associate Justice, U.S. Supreme Court

1995: Robert Patrick Casey
Former Governor of Pennsylvania

1996: Cardinal James Hickey
Former Archbishop of Washington,
D.C.

1997: Brother Patrick Ellis, B.A. 1951
President, Catholic University

1997: Henry J. Hyde
U.S. Congressman from Illinois

1998: Lindy Boggs
U.S. Ambassador to The Holy See

1999: Kathryn J. DuFour
Judge, Maryland Circuit Courts,
Benefactor

2000: William Graham Sr., M.A. 1954
Former chairman, Catholic
University Department of Drama

2001: Cardinal Avery Dulles
Catholic University professor emeritus

2002: Aaron Neville
Grammy award-winning vocalist

2003: Sister Helen Prejean
Author, *Dead Man Walking*

2004: General Barry McCaffrey
National security consultant

2005: Darrell Green
NFL cornerback

2008: Kenneth Hackett
President, Catholic Relief Services

2009: Ronan Tynan
Paralympic athlete, vocalist

2010: Sister Alice Zachman
Human rights advocate

2012: Kevin Ryan, B.A. 1989
President and CEO, Covenant House

2013: Sister Mary Scullion
Co-founder of Project H.O.M.E.

2015: Tim Shriver, M.A. 1988
CEO, Special Olympics

To see a copy of Kennedy's Gibbons Medal speech, complete with his handwritten notes, visit cuamagazine.cua.edu. *Photo 2*

1973

Helen Hayes

A well-known American stage and film actress, Hayes starred in such films as *A Farewell to Arms*, *The White Sister*, and *What Every Woman Knows*. As the winner of two Oscars, one Emmy, three Tonys, and a Grammy, Hayes holds the distinct honor of being one of only 12 people to have ever won all four prestigious entertainment awards.

In addition to her accolades, Hayes also was a generous supporter of independent theaters, including the Riverside Shakespeare Company of New York City. Her proudest accomplishment, however, was her work with the Helen Hayes Rehabilitation Hospital in West Haverstow, N.Y., which served the needs of people with disabilities.

Known by some as “one of the greatest leading ladies of the 20th century,” Hayes is now a member of the American Theater Hall of Fame. In her honor, the annual Helen Hayes Awards have recognized excellence in professional theater in the greater Washington, D.C., area since 1984.

A longtime friend of Rev. Gilbert Hartke, founder of the Catholic University Department of Drama, Hayes performed the final stage role of her career at Hartke Theatre in 1971, in Eugene O'Neill's *Long Day's Journey into Night*. *Photo 3*

2003

Sister Helen Prejean, C.S.J.

Sister Prejean rose to recognition as a leading advocate for the abolition of the death penalty. After beginning her prison ministry in New Orleans in 1981, she began to correspond as a spiritual advisor for an inmate sentenced to die in the electric chair of Louisiana's Angola State Prison. She documented her experiences in the book *Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States*.

Number one on the New York Times Best Seller list for 31 weeks, the book was later developed into a major motion picture starring Susan Sarandon as Sister Helen and Sean Penn as a death row inmate. Sister Helen's second book, *The Death of Innocents: An Eyewitness Account of Wrongful Executions*, was published in December 2004.

The day she received her Gibbons Medal, Sister Prejean addressed more than 120 Catholic University students, faculty, and staff at Caldwell Hall Auditorium, telling them “to walk the path and, when you do, let it be on the side of the elderly, or maybe children, or maybe abused women. Listen to your heart and see what it's teaching you.” *Photo 4*

2005

Darrell Green

Widely considered to be one of the greatest cornerbacks in NFL history, Green played for the Washington Redskins from 1983 to 2002. He is a four-time winner of the NFL's Fastest Man competition who helped bring the Redskins to victory in Super Bowls XXII and XXVI.

In 1988, Green founded the Darrell Green Youth Life Foundation, a faith-based charitable organization which runs afterschool and summer programs focused on academics, friendships, and values for children ages 5 to 11. Supported by an assortment of local and national businesses, the foundation operates through after-school Youth Life Learning Centers in Washington, D.C., Richmond, Va., Nashville, Tenn., and Durham, N.C.

Prior to receiving his Gibbons Medal, Green told *CUA Magazine* that he was “honored and humbled that a highly respected and moral university like Catholic” would give him the award. He was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2008. *Photo 5*

Placing Service above Self: An Interview with Gary Sinise

*This year, the Alumni Association will honor Emmy and Golden Globe Award-winning actor **Gary Sinise** with the University's James Cardinal Gibbons Medal on April 8.*

Though Sinise is well-known for his roles in films such as *Forrest Gump* and *Apollo 13*, he also has been a committed advocate for America's service members for nearly 40 years. In 2011, he established the Gary Sinise Foundation to serve and honor military members, first responders, and their families. Sinise is the father of three, including Ella Sinise, who earned her bachelor's in elementary education from Catholic University in 2015.

Senior Writer Katie Bahr spoke with Sinise about his acting career, his charity work, and his proudest moments.

Q. Many readers will recognize you from your long and varied acting career, which began more than 30 years ago with the foundation of Steppenwolf Theatre in Chicago. Are there any roles that you are particularly proud of?

"Wherever I was going with the handshake tours at the time, people would recognize me as Lt. Dan because they didn't know my real name."

A. Early on in my discovery of acting, I saw a production on stage: *Of Mice and Men*. I was just knocked out by it. After that, I read the book and John Steinbeck's other books and started doing more and more plays. After I founded Steppenwolf Theatre, we did the play and I got to play George. Ten years later, I was able to do the movie. That will always be a special one simply because it goes back to when I was first studying acting in high school and it followed me through.

And then Lieutenant Dan [from *Forrest Gump*] was a special role. Shortly after the movie opened I was introduced to the

Disabled Veterans Organization and that led to me working with our military wounded. The character's story is very powerful because he goes through a lot of anger and challenges because of his disability, but ultimately, he's standing up and moving on with his life. I tell that story when I talk with veterans today. Most of them have seen the movie and know the character. It seems to open doors.

Q. Tell me about the Lt. Dan Band.

A. Sept. 11 changed my life in many ways. I had already been involved with our wounded veterans somewhat, but the terrible attack on our country just opened up the floodgates and I started volunteering everywhere I could to support the men and women responding to the attacks. One of the obvious ways an entertainer can help is by traveling with the USO. So in 2003, I went to Iraq just to shake hands, and visit with the troops. I was there with Kid Rock, Lee Ann Womack, and other musicians

performing for the troops and I wanted to do that too. I had some musicians I played with for fun so I started offering to perform with them for the USO. We've been at it ever since.

At that time, wherever I was going with the handshake tours, many people didn't actually know my real name and would recognize me as Lieutenant Dan. So it was kind of an obvious band name to call it Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band. I've never personally made money playing, but I pay the band members and now the band is a program of my foundation. We've played 350 concerts



all for this mission of honoring our defenders and raising their spirits.

Q. What do you hope to accomplish with the Gary Sinise Foundation?

A. I want it to be a reliable and trusted resource for the American people to support the men and women who serve our country. For a long time, I supported lots of different organizations, lending my services as a performer, or by showing up as a fundraiser or as a spokesperson.

Eventually, it just became clear that this was a big part of my life, something I wanted to use my time and resources on. Knowing that God has called me to support our defenders, I started my own organization.

Q. You have received many honors and accolades over your career, including the U.S. Presidential Citizens Medal. What in your life are you the most proud of?

A. My kids. I've been together with my wife for 40 years and been married 35, and we have three healthy, great kids and that's where it starts for me.

I've done a lot of work over the years and I've met some great folks, including many men and women who have served our country. I really do feel called to this work. It's been said before, but there's really a healing power in placing service above self. **CUA**



CARDINAL DAYS OF SERVICE

Dear Alumni:

When I think about service, a quote from the University's founder comes to mind: "No one is so rich that he does not need another's help; no one so poor as not to be useful in some way to his fellow man; and the disposition to ask assistance from others with confidence and to grant it with kindness is part of our very nature."

Pope Leo XIII's words are so powerful and help to articulate what I have always known about Catholic University alumni: Service is in our very nature. We are committed to being agents of positive change.

That is why I am very excited to announce our first ever month-long global alumni service project. In April — to coincide with our University's Founders Day on April 10 — we will celebrate the inaugural Cardinal Days of Service. During these 30 days, Catholic University alumni worldwide will unite to perform service projects in their communities. These acts of service, both big and small, are a chance to reconnect with fellow classmates, make new friends, and share in the Church's principles that are central to the University's mission.

I have two hopes for the Cardinal Days of Service: First, I hope it will bring our alumni population together, no matter what your motivation; second, I hope it will have a transformative effect on both you and those whom you serve. You will be able to give of your time and talents to help those in need. Chances are, you will find that you receive far more from those you serve than you can ever give.

To get started, we need volunteers to lead service projects and recruit fellow alumni in your community. Interested? To fill out our "Host a Project" form, visit cuatoday.com/serve.

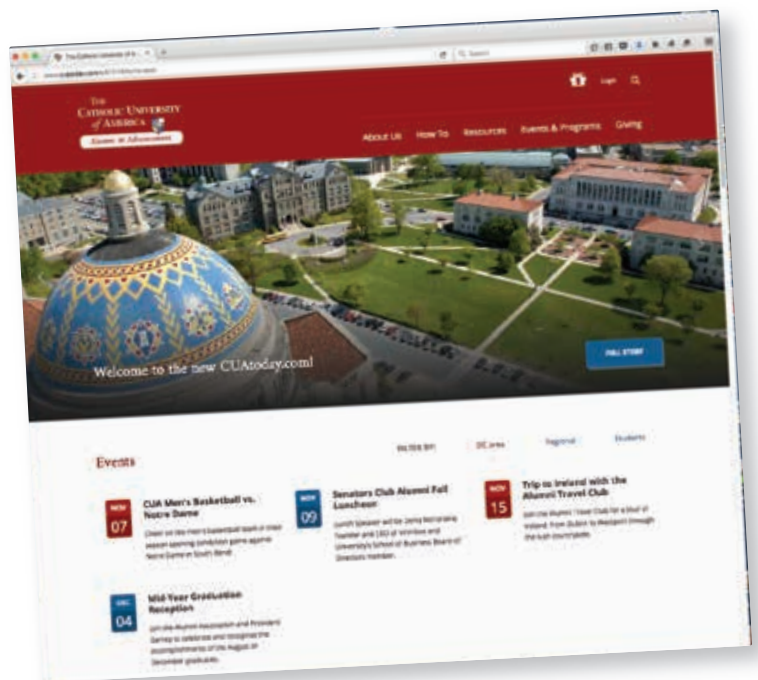
I look forward to serving with you.

Carrie Grundmayer, B.A. 1996
President, CUA Alumni Association

New Website for Alumni, Parents, and Friends

We are pleased to announce the relaunch of cuatoday.com, the Alumni Relations and University Advancement website. While the site's original address remains the same, we have made some major changes in layout. The login process is simplified, events can be sorted by region, and there are more guides to commonly asked questions. The site's new features include integrated social media to better feature our community's conversation and a "How To" section featuring ways you can get involved.

The goals of the new website are to provide our visitors with an easier way to learn about the division's activities and successes and make sure that it is consistent and accessible across all platforms, from desktop to tablet to mobile. We hope you find our "fresh look" makes information more accessible. Should you have any comments or suggestions, we welcome your feedback: cuatoday.com/websitefeedback.





2016 Cardinal WEEKEND

“The best measure of success was seeing the happiness — and sometimes tears from laughing too hard over old stories — shared by those who are reconnecting with friends they have known for decades.”

— Kyra Lyons, B.A. 1989, M.A. 1995
Assistant Vice President for Alumni Relations

Over the weekend of Oct. 14–16, the Alumni Association welcomed a record crowd of 1,900 Cardinals back to campus. Attendees hailed from 38 states and six foreign countries. This year’s 50th reunion class, the Class of 1966, broke all previous attendance records. The three youngest classes — 2011, 2006, and 2001 — surpassed last year’s fundraising goals, raising a total of \$15,634. To date, classes ending in a “1” and a “6” have raised \$630,300 in honor of their reunions. If you couldn’t make it to Cardinal Weekend this year, you still have time to support your class. Visit cuatoday.com/giving to make your reunion gift before Dec. 31.

See more photos at cuatoday.com/cardinalweekend2016.

Don’t forget to save the date: Cardinal Weekend 2017 will take place Oct. 27–29. #CardWknd17

Does your class year end in a “2” or a “7”? If so, your class is celebrating a reunion next year during Cardinal Weekend 2017. If you are interested in being a member of the reunions committee for your class, please fill out the survey at cuatoday.com/cardinalweekend2017interest or contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 800-288-ALUM or cua-reunions@cua.edu.





Classmates from 1986, as well as Board of Trustee member Joe Carlini, B.M.E. 1984, (left, back row) at the tent.



Members of the Class of 2006 take a break from their class reunion for a group photo.



Future Cardinal Blake Clark, Class of 2032, taking a break from the bean bag toss.



Golden Cardinals 1966 class photo, honoring those celebrating their 50th anniversary since graduation.



Regina Clark, B.S.Arch. 2003, M.Arch. 2005 — whose CUA sweetheart is John Clark, B.S. 2002, M.Arch. 2004 — greets her classmate Christine Solonyinka Foreso, B.A. 2003.



Members of the Class of 1971 celebrate inside the tent.



James Arentz, B.S.M.E. 1996; Amy Harms, B.A. 1996; and Katie Cimboric Gunthert, B.A. 1996, at their class reunion.



Celebrating their 10th reunion, Tricia Freyvogel Bell, B.A. 2006, and Nick Bell, B.A. 2006, brought their family along. From left to right: Harrison, Margarett, Nicholas, and John.



The 2016 Thaddeus Aubry and Leon LeBuffe Endowed Scholarship award recipients with Joe Fisher, B.A. 1975 (second from left), and Ferentz Lafargue (far right), director of the Center for Cultural Engagement.



Warm reception between classmates from 1991.



The Office of Campus Ministry and mission trip alumni celebrating the 15th anniversary of mission trips.



Students and alumni show their Cardinal spirit at the homecoming football game.



National Chaplain of the Alumni Association Rev. James Sabak, O.F.M., B.A. 1985, M.A. 2003, Ph.D. 2012, delivering a homily in honor of the Class of 1966 and all graduates celebrating their reunion.



Lifelong friends Dougal Casey, B.A. 1966, J.D. 1975, and Gene Skoropowski, B.Arch. 1967, at the tent party.



Reunion cheer from (left to right) Edward Burke, B.S.E. 1986; Christine Carlini, B.S.E. 1986; Mike Fantini, B.M.E. 1986; Mark Wiatrowski, B.A.G.S. 1986; and Jim Freeman, B.S.Arch. 1986.



Members of the Class of 1981 enjoying the kick-off at Busboys and Poets in Brookland.



Emilio Torrez, B.S.N. 2013; Claire Dunlay, B.A. 2012; and Christopher Dutz, B.S.C.E. 2014, model the commemorative T-shirts marking the 80th anniversary of the Orange Bowl Championship.

Celebrating Generations of Alumni

Following the annual Legacy Lunch, incoming freshmen and their family members who are Catholic University alumni posed for the yearly “legacy photo.” Out of the 723 students in the Class of 2020, approximately 45 are children of parents who attended the University.



Drama Alumni Head to Broadway to Toast One of Their Own

The Front Page, starring John Slattery, B.A. 1984, is running at the Broadhurst Theatre on 44th Street through January. Slattery’s classmates were in the audience soon after it opened to cheer for him and his cast mates, including Nathan Lane and John Goodman. Following the performance, Slattery joined alumni for an afterparty.



Patrick Tuite, chair of the drama department, with John Slattery, star of stage and screen.



John Slattery celebrated his new Broadway show with classmates.



Help Us Decorate Murphy’s



The upper floor of Murphy’s is open! The new hot spot on campus (see story, page 6) is named in honor of Michael Murphy, B.A. 1974, M.A. 1975, who passed away in 2007. During his days at Catholic University, Murphy loved spending time with classmates at the “Rat.” It was his friends who came up with the idea and started the fundraising effort for Murphy’s, a modern-day substitute for the old Rathskellar.

Construction has started on the lower level of Murphy’s where there will be a restaurant. Would you like to help decorate the restaurant with memories of the Rat?

Send your photos and memorabilia to:

University Archives
The Catholic University of America
620 Michigan Ave., N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20064
archives@mail.lib.cua.edu

Questions? Contact cua-alumni@cua.edu.



CLASS NOTES

1940

Roland DeCesare, B.M.E. 1940 (ENGR), celebrated his 100th birthday with family and friends in September. The majority of his career was with the Government Printing Office in Washington, D.C. Since retiring he has spent much of his time volunteering with St. Vincent de Paul at St. Jane DeChantal in Bethesda, Md. Ronald is currently a money counter and member of the funeral reception committee at Mother Seton Parish in Germantown, Md. He has been a longtime volunteer at The Lord's Table Soup Kitchen in Gaithersburg, Md.

1951

Elaine Ruddon Averman, M.S.L.S. 1951 (LIS), celebrated her 90th birthday with family, nephews, and friends in May. She worked for the Euclid (Ohio) Library as a cataloger, and in the 1980s helped to transfer the card catalog system to the computer system used in libraries today. She also worked for the American Heart Association and the Garden Center Horticultural Library in Cleveland, Ohio, before retiring in 1998 at age 72. She worked while raising a family of seven children with husband, John Averman. Her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren have admired and imitated her pursuit of higher education.

1965

William Gribbin, B.A. 1965, M.A. 1966, Ph.D. 1968 (A&S), of Washington, D.C., served as the primary drafter of the 2016 National Platform of the Republican Party.

1969

Beverly Richmond Francis, M.S.W. 1969 (SOCSV), executive director of the Eastside Mental Health Center in Birmingham, Ala., was honored by the board of directors upon her retirement in September by renaming the building, The Francis - Eastside Mental Health Center. She served as clinical director for 14 years and as executive director for 27 years. She is a past president of the Alabama Council of Community Mental Health Boards. Francis will enjoy traveling the world and spending more time with her son and daughter-in-law in Birmingham.

Barbara E. Murphy, B.A. 1969 (A&S), of Burlington, Vt., has joined the New England Foundation for the Arts board of directors. Murphy served as president of the Community College of Vermont and its sister, Johnson State College, for 20 years. While at Johnson State, she presided over expansions of both science and arts programs. She was presented the Eleanor M. McMahon Award for Lifetime Achievement from the New England Board of Higher Education in 2016. A published poet, her work has appeared in several literary journals, including *Green Mountains Review*, *New England Review*, and *Michigan Quarterly Review*. She is a Pushcart Prize nominee and recipient of a Vermont Council on the Arts fellowship. She published her collection of poems, *Almost Too Much* (Cervena Barva Press), in 2015.

1974

Stanley A. Wirpsza, B.Arch. 1974 (ARCH), retired from the FAA William J. Hughes Technical Center, Atlantic City Airport, N.J., as architect of the Technical Center and past president of the South Jersey chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

In his retirement, he will focus on architectural design and travel. He and his wife, Joyce, are the parents of two daughters, Laura and Lillian, and live in Ocean City, N.J.

1976

James J.L. "Jay" Stegmaier, B.A. 1976 (A&S), retired as Chesterfield County (Va.) administrator this summer. He chose a career in local government and learned from his father the importance of public service. Before becoming administrator in 2007, he spent 10 years as deputy county administrator for management services, and before that he was director of the county's budget and management department beginning in 1986. He looks forward to spending more time with his wife, **Margot Lessard Stegmaier, B.A. 1976 (A&S)**, and their two grandchildren.

1977

Grover Borman-Allen, B.M. 1977 (MUSIC), of Westwood, N.J., is senior project manager in the IT delivery space for customers and retail at BMW of North America.

John W. Kukulka, M.A. 1977 (A&S), of Ridgefield, Conn., has been appointed executive director of Neighborhood Housing Services of New Britain by the board of directors. Kukulka has overseen the nearly completed building of four homes on Beaver Street in New Britain, the organization's first new construction in several years. He recently obtained a Housing Tax Credit Contribution Program commitment from the State of Connecticut in the amount of \$361,349 to close the funding gap for this project.



A Remarkable Lady Retires

A familiar figure in her blue habit and sturdy shoes, **Sister Marian Brady, S.P.**, often walked the pathway between Aquinas Hall and the Edward J. Pryzbyla University Center. She might have been on her way to an ethics class or a meeting of a University committee. But this fall, Sister Marian is pursuing other interests.

Last spring, after teaching in the School of Philosophy for 35 years, she decided to retire. It wasn't an easy decision, but for a woman who has dedicated her life to reasoning and argumentation, it made sense. "I dearly love teaching, but I'm 89 years old," says Sister Marian. "I've been a teacher all my life. I just know there's a limit and I felt that I had reached the limit."

Over the summer, she spent her days packing up books and papers accumulated since 1981, when she started as a philosophy lecturer. She reminisced about some of her former students who have graduated and become influential in their fields, among them Kevin Ryan, B.A. 1989, president and CEO of Covenant House, and Michael Warsaw, B.A. 1986, board chairman and CEO of EWTN.

Her days at Catholic University date back to 1957 when she enrolled as a graduate student, earning a master's degree a year later and a doctorate in 1962. Sister Marian was an English major as an undergraduate. When her general superior asked her to pursue a doctorate in philosophy, she says, "I just shook in my shoes. When I first started, I didn't know what I was doing. I used to sit in front of my book and hope that it would go in."

After earning her Ph.D., she joined the faculty of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, where she taught until 1967. That same year she was appointed president of Immaculata College of Washington, where she also served as a philosophy professor. Three years after joining the Catholic University faculty, she became an adjunct assistant professor, teaching ethics, biomedical ethics, and the introductory philosophy courses. She was also the coordinator and then director of the Core Program in Philosophy, teaching philosophy graduate students how to teach from 1986 to 2013.

Sister Marian says she will dearly miss the relationships that she developed with her undergraduate students over the years. "It's wonderful to teach students how to analyze a problem, helping them figure out what is right or wrong, and how to solve it."

John McCarthy, dean of philosophy, notes, "She is by any accounting a remarkable lady. Her mind is still keen, her memory is retentive, her sense of humor still lively, and her heart ever prompting her to offer a kind word." — C.L.

H.T. Nguyen, B.A. 1977, M.A. 1980 (A&S), J.D. 1983 (LAW), of McLean, Va., has been appointed by President Barack Obama as appointee for member, National Council on Federal Labor-Management Relations. He was appointed by President Obama to the National Council on Federal Labor-Management Relations in 2010, 2012, and again in 2014. Nguyen has served as the executive director/general counsel for the Federal Education Association since 1998.

1978

Victor R. McCrary, B.A. 1978 (A&S), of Clarksville, Md., has been named by President Barack Obama as appointee for member, National Science Board, National Science Foundation. McCrary is the vice president for research and economic development at Morgan State University, a position he has held since 2012.

Katharine Zappone, M.R.S. 1978 (THEO), of Dublin, Ireland, became minister for Children and Youth Affairs in the Irish government.

1981

Barbara Lopez-Mayhew, B.A. 1981 (A&S), is a professor of Spanish language, literature, and culture, and teaches in the Department of Languages and Linguistics at Plymouth State University, N.H. She earned her master's degree in Spanish literature and linguistics from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and doctorate in Spanish literature from Boston College.

1987

Pamela (Reach) Diksa, B.S.N. 1987 (NURS), of Newark, Del., graduated from Wilmington University with a master's degree in education in school counseling.

1988

Joseph M. English, J.D. 1988 (LAW), of Atlanta, an attorney with Taylor English Duma LLP, was included in *The Best Lawyers in America* for 2017. His practice areas include employment law — management; labor law — management; and litigation — labor and employment.

Lisa Geis, B.A. 1988 (A&S), has been chosen to create and direct the Children's Defense Clinic at the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law.

1991

Patrick T. Clendenen, J.D. 1991 (LAW), has joined the Boston law firm of Davis, Malm & D'Agostine, P.C., as a shareholder. Clendenen practices in the litigation and business law areas. He is a seasoned trial lawyer with experience in sophisticated business and fiduciary disputes, including contracts, consumer financial services, products liability, business torts, class action suits, derivative actions, and securities matters. He is actively involved in the American Bar Association, serving as secretary of the business law section and as immediate past chair of the business and corporate litigation committee.

Rev. John Arthur Orr, Ph.B. 1991 (PHIL), is pastor at Saint Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Madisonville, Tenn.

1993

Jim Foley, B.A. 1993 (A&S), is a project manager for NetSuite, with his office in Boston's Seaport district. He lives in Marblehead, Mass., with his wife, Ann, and his two sons, Harrison, 3, and Robert, 1.

Ajay Jagtiani, J.D. 1993 (LAW), intellectual property lawyer, joined the law firm of Miles & Stockbridge as a principal in its Tysons Corner, Va., office. Jagtiani is the founder and former shareholder of Alchemy-Partners, P.C.

Jagtiani possesses 23 years of experience in all phases of patent prosecution. He has extensive knowledge in all areas of electrical engineering, including computer hardware/software, electro-optics, and communications technology. Jagtiani supports numerous clients in all areas of biotechnology.

1994

Sharon Davis Gratto, D.M.A. 1994 (MUSIC), a champion of world choral music and the Dayton (Ohio) arts community, has been appointed to the Graul Chair in Arts and Languages at the University of Dayton. Gratto, a music professor, will carry the title Graul Chair-designate and continue as chair of the department of music through the 2016-17 academic year. She will begin her four-year term as Graul Chair in the 2017-18 academic year, with an installation celebration in fall 2017.

1995

Kristin (Baty) Watts, B.A. 1995 (A&S), has been named director of St. Anne's Day School in Atlanta. She previously held the position of director of admissions for Trinity School in Atlanta since 2005.

2000

Jason McFarland, M.A. 2000, Ph.D. 2010 (THEO), was appointed lecturer in liturgical studies and sacramental theology and assistant director of the Australian Catholic University (ACU) Centre of Liturgy.

2001

Chris Johnson, M.S. 2001 (A&S), J.D. 2002 (LAW), was named Volunteer Attorney of the Year by the New Jersey Pro Bono Partnership for his pro bono legal services given to nonprofit organizations in New Jersey. He is now living in Glenview, Ill.

2002

Megan Syrnick, B.C.E. 2002 (ENGR), was honored as Construction Engineer of the Year by the Philadelphia section of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

2003

John Richard Johnston, M.F.A. 2003 (A&S), of Houston, Texas, is founder and executive artistic director of the Classical Theatre Company, selected as one of only seven companies in the country to be first-time recipients of the American Theatre Wing's prestigious National Theatre Company Grant.

Elizabeth (Spangler) McKendry, B.A. 2003 (A&S), graduated in June from St. Mary's University of Minnesota with a master of science in project management. She is employed as a technical writer at BAE Systems in York, Pa.

2004

Francis J. O'Neill Jr., B.A. 2004 (A&S), of the Law Offices of Michael T. van der Veen, has been selected to the 2016 Pennsylvania "Rising Stars" list. An advocate for victims of personal injury, O'Neill handles catastrophic injury and wrongful death cases involving construction and commercial motor vehicle accidents.

2005

Debbie Barber-Eaton, B.M. 2005 (MUSIC), of Edgewater, Md., directed *Guys and Dolls* for 2nd Star Productions, which was honored with the Best Overall Production trophy at the Ruby Griffith Awards ceremony by the British Embassy. She was recently cast in the role of Martha in Edward Albee's classic *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* with the Colonial Players in Annapolis, Md., which ran in October and November.

2007

Diana Bryan McLaughlin, B.M. 2007, M.M. 2009 (MUSIC), attended the Sound of Piano, Strings & Voice Music Festival in China. She competed in and won first place in the vocal competition in Xi'an. She plans to return to the University to pursue her D.M.A.

2011

Lauren Maffeo, B.A. 2011 (A&S), of Bethesda, Md., moderated a panel “Bad News on the Doorstep: How Media Shapes Public Opinion” at the 2016 Women Leading the Future Conference. The conference was hosted by Ladies America at the Washington Hilton in June.

2012

Michaela Lamonde, B.S. 2012 (A&S), of Pittsburgh, received her medical doctor degree in May from the Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Blacksburg, Va. In June she was accepted into the four-year residency program for obstetrics and gynecology at West Virginia University Health System, working at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, W.Va.

2014

Alexandra Fee, B.A. 2014 (A&S), received her master's degree in political science at Boston College.

2016

Tearrance Chisholm, M.F.A. 2016, (A&S), had his thesis play, *Br'er Cotton*, selected for the National New Play Network 2016 Showcase.

A Golden Cardinal Gives Back



Kit and Dougal Casey

Not only does **Dougal Casey, B.A. 1966, J.D. 1975**, remember his own experience at Catholic University with great pleasure, he hopes his \$100,000 commitment, made in honor of his 50th reunion will ensure that same positive experience for current students.

Casey first set foot on the Catholic University campus when his brother Kevin, B.M.E. 1963, M.S.E. 1964, was a sophomore in 1961. Both brothers were from Long Island, NY, and were first generation college students. As a high school student, Casey was impressed.

“When I visited Catholic U, I was captured by Washington — what a great place to be.”

Casey majored in politics and pledged to Phi Kappa Theta fraternity. He went on to Ohio State University where he earned his master's in city and regional planning. Eventually, he returned to Washington and to the Columbus School of Law, where he earned his law degree.

What Casey remembers most from his time at the University are the supportive, close relationships among the students, who he described as hardworking, driven, and motivated by a strong work ethic and their appreciation of the value of an education.

“The best thing about this place was its students,” says Casey. “I liked the students that Catholic U was admitting 55 years ago. My guess is that I would like the ones Catholic U is admitting today. In retrospect, my fellow students graduated with a solid education, great skills, and a desire to be industrious, productive citizens. I would guess that is still true today.”

Likewise, he was inspired by the work of former University tennis coaches Marty and Jone Dowd and their longstanding influence on the University. That is why, when Casey made his first gift to the University in 2006, he directed it to the athletic department.

“Now that I am 72, I realize that you go around exactly once. No do-overs. The choice Marty and Jone made as young people was to spend their adult lives helping Catholic University and supporting our reputation. I think that's tremendous. They only had one life to live, and that's how they did it. I didn't know them, but they touched the University — they stayed and stayed, contributed and contributed. I think they're wonderful.”

— E.L.W.

Weddings

Ann C. Fitzgerald, B.A. 1988 (A&S), married Samuel Hinojosa on April 23. Ann is president of A.C. Fitzgerald & Associates, a consulting firm for nonprofits in Alexandria, Va., where the couple lives.

Robert Sonnhalter, B.A. 2006 (A&S), married Krista Stakleff on Aug. 13, in a ceremony officiated by **Rev. Mark A. DiNardo, M.A. 1969 (A&S)**. The couple lives in Bay Village, Ohio.

Annie Laurie Read, B.A. 2009 (A&S), married **William Titus, B.A. 2011 (A&S)**, on Sept. 24. Annie works in human resources, finance and William works in sales at Benfield Electric. They live in New York, N.Y.

Ashley Boustany, B.A. 2010 (A&S), married **Andrew Schade, B.A. 2010 (A&S)**, on May 28. The couple lives in Houston, Texas. Guests included: Kate Reina O'Connor and Joseph Moser (Class of 2009); Kelly Brown, Ashley Wells Smith, Nicholas Petropoulos, Mark Koury, Jillian Olsen Moser, Gustavo Torres, Rev. Samuel Fontana (Class of 2010); Emily Lazor (Class of 2011); and Seminarian Joseph Boustany (Class of 2014/2015).

Samantha Hulbert, B.A. 2010 (A&S), married **Christopher Scotti, B.C.E. 2010, M.S. 2011 (ENGR)**, on Sept. 18. They live in Summit, N.J.

Elizabeth Krempa, B.S.N. 2011 (NURS), married **Christian Ottens, B.C.E. 2011 (ENGR)**, on June 4. They live in Bel Air, Md.

Dana Topkins, B.A. 2011 (A&S), married **Timothy Rettaliata, B.A. 2009 (A&S)**, on July 23. Dana is a credit associate at First Republic Bank and Tim is an associate real estate broker at the Corcoran Group. The couple lives in downtown, Manhattan.

Rebecca Toth, B.A. 2011 (A&S), married **Dan Jones, B.C.E. 2012 (ENGR)**, on April 9. The couple lives in Philadelphia.



Boustany-Schade Wedding



Heryak-Tran Wedding

Andy C. Tran, B.S.Arch. 2013, M.Arch. 2015 (ARCH), married **Lillian U. Heryak, B.S.Arch. 2013, M.Arch. 2015 (ARCH)**, on July 29. Andy and Lillian both work as architects at Dep Designs along with several

other alumni in the Washington, D.C., area. They currently reside in Maryland with their black labrador retriever, Diesel.

Credit: Jason T. Crocker Photography

Arrivals

Robert Hay, B.A. 2004, M.A. 2005 (A&S), and **Megan McBeath Hay, B.A. 2004, M.A. 2006 (A&S),** announce the birth of their third child, Colum Rory, on June 9. He joins Anabella and James at home in Alexandria, Va.

Alexander Pino, B.A. 2005 (A&S), and wife Daria welcomed their third child, Maksim, on Jan. 22. They live in Milwaukee where Alexander is in his third year of doctoral studies.

Allie O'Brien Lovette, B.A. 2009 (A&S), and husband Ryan welcomed their first child, James William, on June 29. They live in Jacksonville, N.C.

Books

Susan Gebhardt Taylor, M.S.N. 1963 (NURS), Ph.D. 1972 (A&S), of Columbia, Mo., along with Judith Pickens and Katherine Renpenning, wrote *Foundations of Professional Nursing: Care of Self and Others* (Springer, May 2016). Built upon the premise that nursing is both a caring and a knowledge-based profession, this text illustrates how to attain

and integrate knowledge from nursing theory and theories of related disciplines to achieve optimal evidence-based nursing practice.

Ruth Whitney, M.A. 1968, Ph.D. 1973 (A&S), has published her second book, *The Heart of Jesus' Teaching: The Key to Transforming Christianity & Our World* (Blue Dolphin, 2016), since retiring from teaching at the University of South Florida.

Celine A. Saulnier, B.A. 1993 (A&S), of Decatur, Ga., along with Sara Sparrow and Domenic Cicchetti, wrote *Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales*, Third Edition (Pearson Assessments, June 2016). The *Vineland* is the world's most widely used measure of adaptive functioning in diagnosing disorders such as intellectual disability and autism.

Chad Engelland, M.A. 2002, Ph.D. 2006 (PHIL), assistant professor of philosophy and graduate director, master's program in philosophy at the University of Dallas, published *The Way of Philosophy: An Introduction* (Cascade Books, May 2016).

Courtney McInvale Reardon, B.A. 2008 (A&S), a Connecticut native and descendant of numerous Revolutionary War patriots, has

written *Revolutionary War Ghosts of Connecticut* (History Press/Arcadia Publishing, August 2016), following on the heels of her first book, *Haunted Mystic* (September 2014). She is also running her own business, Seaside Shadows Haunted History Tours, which won Best of Connecticut 2016 in *Connecticut Magazine* and is voted one of the top guided tours in the region in *New London's Day*.

In Memoriam

Jeanette Schreiber Costantino, M.S.W. 1947, of New Bern, N.C., Oct. 24, 2015.

Sister Helen Duggan, Ph.D. 1948, of Adrian, Mich., May 18, 2016.

Rev. Claude H. Dukehart, S.S., M.A. 1948, S.T.D. 1951, of Baltimore, Md., Sept. 14, 2016.

John F. Bannan, B.A. 1949, M.A. 1950, of Chapel Hill, N.C., Feb. 23, 2016.

Rev. Joseph E. Horgan, J.D. 1949, of Johnston, R.I., June 17, 2016.

Robert F. Varney, B.C.E. 1949, of Davidsonville, Md., Dec. 1, 2015.

Sister Miriam Eckenrode, C.S.C., M.A. 1950, of Notre Dame, Ind., Oct. 6, 2012.



Alumni at Saint John's Seminary

Following the Mass of the Holy Spirit on Aug. 31, 2016, to begin the academic year at Saint John's Seminary (Brighton, Mass.), members of the seminary community who are alumni of Catholic University gathered for a photo in the courtyard.
Front Row (L-R) Rev. Monsignor Marc Caron, S.T.B. 1989, S.T.L. 1997, director of sacred liturgy; Rev. Monsignor James Moroney, S.T.L. 1991, rector; Seán Patrick Cardinal O'Malley, M.A. 1972, Ph.D. 1978, archbishop of Boston and chairman of the CUA Board of Trustees; Rev. Christopher O'Connor, Ph.L. 2005, vice rector; Paul Metilly, Ph.L. 2000, Ph.D. (Candidate), director of intellectual formation.
Back Row (L-R) Matthew Norwood, Ph.B. 2016, seminarian, Archdiocese of Boston; Joseph Hubbard, B.A. 2013, seminarian, Archdiocese of Boston; Marcos Enrique, Ph.B. 2007, seminarian, Archdiocese of Boston; Patrick Finn, M.Div. 2012, seminarian, Diocese of Portland, Maine; Alexander Boucher, B.A. 2014, seminarian, Diocese of Portland, Maine.

Cardinal Swimmer Recalls Paralympics Success

Twenty years ago, the United States hosted the 10th Paralympic Games in Atlanta. **Joyce (Luncher) Hale, B.B.E. 1997**, a Catholic University swimmer, earned a spot on the podium seven times during those 1996 Games, winning four gold and three silver medals while setting seven American records and four world records.

Hale was born with a right arm that ends just a few inches below her elbow joint. She has no right hand, wrist or forearm.

“The fact is I have a short arm. I make do with what I have. I’ve never known my body any other way,” says Hale.



“My experience at the '96 Paralympics was surreal. It was amazing. It was life changing. I’ll never forget the feeling when I walked onto the pool deck for the first practice. I saw tons of prosthetic arms and legs lying around. The sight was so strange. I was used to seeing only my own. After a day or two, that sight didn’t seem so strange anymore.”

Hale was a member of the Cardinals’ 1995 National Catholic School (NCS) Division III Championship squad where she was the second-place finisher in the 200-yard butterfly. When she graduated in 1997, she was awarded the Athletics Department Donley Cup, which recognizes the outstanding senior female student-athlete.

It was Catholic’s head swim coach, the late Tom Calomeris (Coach Cal), who encouraged her to try out for the Paralympics. Calomeris coached Cardinal swimming and dive teams from 1987 to 2004, garnering four Capital Athletic Conference championships.

“Coach Cal approached me one day after practice and told me about the Paralympics,” recalls Hale. “He said that I could do really well since I was able to compete against able-bodied athletes.”

With Calomeris as her coach, Hale trained for the Games. She recalls training in a local pool without any lighting. As the summer went on, the sun would set earlier and earlier. A determined Calomeris would drive his car into the pool area and turn his headlights on.

Her future husband, Robert Hale, was also one of the U.S. Paralympic Team swim coaches. After meeting at the Games, they married two years later. They now live in Cumberland, Maine, with their daughter Molly, 14, and twin boys Bradyn and Keegan, 10, who are all competitive swimmers.

Joyce Hale is a math teacher at the local high school and swims recreationally and participates in open water races. She keeps in contact with her Cardinal teammates via Facebook alumni groups.

“Making the decision to come to Catholic was one the best choices I have ever made,” she says. “My teammates supported me through everything. They made me laugh, lifted my spirits, and always encouraged me to keep going.”

This article was adapted from a longer feature written by Meaghan Abelein for the Department of Athletics. To read the full story, visit cuamagazine.cua.edu.

Mary Joanna (Hickey) Crimi, M.S.W. 1950, of Rochester, N.Y., Aug. 6, 2016.

Cdr. Josephine M. Polignone, NC, USN (R), B.S.N.E. 1950, and Governor Emeritus, CUA Alumni Association, of Columbia, Pa., July 28, 2016.

Ralph T. Queen, B.M.E. 1950, of Summerfield, Fla., March 1, 2016.

William P. Gingras, B.E.E. 1951, of Oakton, Va., March 30, 2016.

Mary Joan Graham, M.S.W. 1951, of Houston, Jan. 31, 2016.

Sister Helen C. Herberich, O.S.F., B.A. 1951, of Aston, Pa., July 3, 2016.

Robert L. Lapanne, B.C.E. 1951, of Gaithersburg, Md., Aug. 11, 2015.

Rev. George H. Bertels, S.T.L. 1955, J.C.B. 1958, J.C.L. 1959, of Leavenworth, Kan., March 31, 2016.

Monsignor Carl D. Hinrichsen, S.T.L. 1955, M.A. 1959, Ph.D. 1963, of Park Ridge, N.J., May 3, 2016.

Sister M. John Louise Leahy, M.F.A. 1955, of Monroe, Mich., July 19, 2016.

James E. Nolan Jr., B.A. 1955, of Woodstock, Va., Jan. 6, 2016.

Monsignor Edward D. Alleyne, B.A. 1956, of Cherry Hill, N.J., Aug. 25, 2016.

Rose Mary Martine Coerver, B.S.N. 1956, of Baton Rouge, La., June 27, 2016.

Brendan Thomas Doyle, B.A. 1956, of Annandale, Va., July 9, 2016.

Elizabeth A. Girod, B.S.N. 1956, of Springfield, Va., Jan. 31, 2016.

Donald J. Buckley, B.M.E. 1957, of Williamsport, Md., Nov. 26, 2015.

Sister M. Rosemae Pender, M.A. 1958, of Meriden, Conn., June 26, 2016.

Robert J. Ebner, B.Arch. 1959, of Franklin Lakes, N.J., Feb. 9, 2016.

George J. Gruber, B.E.E. 1959, M.S. 1960, Ph.D. 1962, of San Antonio, Aug. 22, 2015.

Gabrielle D. Martel, M.S.N. 1959, of Sacramento, Calif., Aug. 20, 2016.

Sister Emeline Bash, O.P., M.A. 1961, of Racine, Wis., Oct. 2, 2016.

Charles D. Bodson, B.E.E. 1961, M.E.E. 1963, of Arlington, Va., July 1, 2016.

Raymond F. O'Brien, B.Arch. 1961, of Libertyville, Ill., Dec. 29, 2015.

Thomas M. O'Neill, B.A. 1961, of Lenexa, Kan., July 15, 2016.

Winfield H. Farthing, M.E.E. 1962, Ph.D. 1969, of Clarksville, Md., July 2, 2016.

Sister Paula Gonzalez, M.S. 1963, Ph.D. 1966, of Cincinnati, July 31, 2016.

Sister Joyce A. Banks, M.A. 1964, of Adrian, Ill., Feb. 1, 2016.

Robert P. Peraza, B.S.Chem.E. 1965, of Clermont, Fla., Aug. 27, 2016.

Alenka J. Pfeifer, B.A. 1965, of New Windsor, N.Y., May 10, 2016.

Dorinda Ann Cavanaugh, B.A. 1966, M.A. 1977, of Montreal, Sept. 1, 2015.

John A. O'Brien, B.E.E. 1966, of Potomac, Md., Feb. 14, 2016.

Patricia Royer, B.A. 1966, of Henderson, Nev., March 24, 2015.

J. Brian Ferrel, J.D. 1967, of Stuart, Fla., July 21, 2016.

Concetta Gerace Starr, B.S.N. 1968, of Lynbrook, N.Y., Feb. 13, 2016.

John A. Leopold, Ph.D. 1971, of Danbury, Conn., June 12, 2016.

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