

### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

"All people are to be loved equally, but since you cannot be of service to everyone, you have to take greater care of those who are more closely joined to you by a turn of fortune's wheel, by occasion of place or time or other such circumstance."

What a perfect quote from St. Augustine to introduce this edition of the Celtic Review! You will read many stories about our staff and students outreaching those in need. You will also see the creative ways that students are following their dreams, complete with their academic and athletic accomplishments.

I am proud of the community service initiative our team has put into place this year, serving at the Northern Illinois Food Bank. I am grateful for the Men's and Women's Clubs and their tireless efforts on behalf of our school community - for parents and students alike.

Academically, our students have notable achievements; there are impressive ways that our female students are taking the lead in STEM as well as business opportunities.

As always, Mr. "Kenny" Raymond serves as our institutional memory. He shares the story of how the track program began at Providence Catholic - another look into our history.

And finally, this edition includes our Annual Report. Your generosity, love and care enable us to provide all of the essential elements of a Providence Catholic education: a loving environment, caring and competent staff, the various athletic and extra-curricular opportunities, and the facilities necessary to make it work. I thank you for supporting our mission!

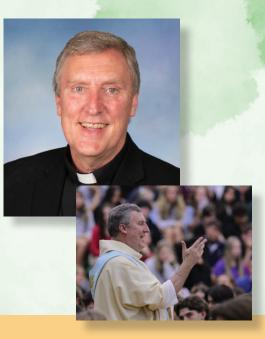
Let's end with another quote by St. Augustine:

What does love look like? "It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of all people. That is what love looks like."

Thank you for being a blessing! May God bless you in return!

My heartfelt thanks and admiration,

Fr. John Merkelis, O.S.A.



#### SUMMER CAMP WRAP-UP

Over the summer, Providence Catholic held summer camps including athletic camps, science camp, tech camp, design camp, pastry decorating camp, and smartphone photography camp. Be sure to visit us online at www.providencecatholic. org for more information about summer camp opportunities.

These young smartphone photographers captured some fantastic photos of the Providence Catholic campus! Each day, they studied a different aspect of photography, such as perspective or lines or negative space. Or, like in the photo below, art photography made from what

they found on the ground!

Merry Christmas, Celtics!



Teegan Grace M., 6th Grade, Cathedral of St. Raymond

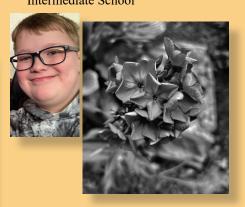


Cate P., 8th Grade, St.

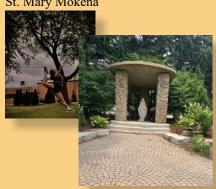
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Will S., 6th Grade, Frankfort Intermediate School



Katelyn W., 8th Grade, St. Mary Mokena













## LIVING THE MISSION

Staff and students at Providence Catholic are taking part in service days, giving back to the communities where they live.

Providence Catholic High School students and staff took part in the first of several service days scheduled throughout the year. The group traveled to the Northern Illinois Food Bank in Joliet, Illinois, to assist in packaging food for those in need. Forty students and staff attended today's service day. Students from every grade level participated, which fosters a bond between the students of different ages as they work together.

"We developed these days of service because an Augustinian education is a well-rounded education. As Augustinians, the traditional subjects in school are just the start of our learning experiences; we also need to experience what the world just move us intellectually, but in our faith," says Father Richard Young, O.S.A., Theology Chairman O.S.A., Theology Chairperson at Providence Catholic. "We should see everything as educational. Service isn't just something you add on when you have time. It is something integral to our school day. We're saying that this is important enough as a class, but as a different kind of class – a class of service, a class of how you see God in the community. It's thinking critically and acting upon how we make the world a better place – and then learning from the experience."

Northern Illinois Food Bank's mission is to provide nutritious food and resources for the community, with dignity, equity, and convenience. 97% of the food bank's resources go to programs that feed neighbors in need. Every dollar donated helps provide \$8 worth of groceries.

They provide 250,000 meals a day and nearly 1,000 volunteers a week help evaluate, repack, and distribute food.

"The food bank was a great service opportunity to be a part of my community," says senior Lexi Kosic. "A group of students got to go to the Northern Illinois Food Bank and help sort, clean, label, and package canned goods. During our time, we learned about how the NIFB helps out 13 counties in Illinois, distributing food to local pantries. I took the opportunity to volunteer because it was an amazing experience to help out. In total we labeled and packaged about 2,500 canned corn and green beans to be given out to different food pantries."

Senior Natalie DeMoor was another student who participated in the day of service. "I decided I wanted to take part in the food bank because I enjoy volunteering and knowing what we do will help people in need. When I grow up, I want to do something in non-profit, so volunteering now helps me prepare for that. Today reminds me that our actions can help other people."

"Most important is their understanding that giving back isn't something to simply check off a list; it is a way to get involved in your community and assist those who need help in the places we live," says attendee Roseanne Grigoletti, Technology Director. "We are a part of several communities – Providence, the city we live in, our state, and so on. Small opportunities make a great impact."

Learn about other ways students and staff volunteer and live out the mission through opportunities like ShareFest and World Kindness Day by visiting us on social media!



## CELTIC REVIE

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

READ THE FULL STORIES ONLINE.

#### SENIOR MADISON BOLDEN EARNS NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN RECOGNITION AWARD

Senior Madison Bolden was selected as a College Board National Recognition Program awardee. Madison earned this recognition for academic achievements in school combined with outstanding performance on the PSAT.

The College Board's National African American Recognition Program is an honor for academically exceptional African American students who have scored in the top 10 percent of the state on the PSAT or earned a score of 3 or higher on two or more AP exams by their junior year. To qualify, they must also have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

#### SENIOR JOSEPH MCCLOUGHAN NAMED NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALIST

Joseph McCloughan has been named a Semifinalist for the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program. Officials of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced the names of more than 16,000 Semifinalists in the 68th annual National Merit Scholarship

Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,140 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$28 million that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level.

### THREE SCHOLARS NAMED NATIONAL COMMENDED STUDENTS

Seniors Rina Jeong, Dominic Ford, and Zachary Ford have been named Commended Students in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program.

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an annual academic competition for recognition and college undergraduate scholarships that began in 1955. Over 1.3 million students in about 21,000 high schools enter the National Merit® Scholarship Program each year. Approximately 34,000 of the 50,000 high scorers in each annual National Merit Scholarship Program are named Commended Students.



#### JUNIOR KATHERINE TIMM SCORES PERFECT 36 ON ACT

Katherine Timm, a junior at Providence Catholic, earned a perfect 36 on the ACT test. Katherine has plans to study history in college, likely with a minor in math or design. Her goal is to work as a curator in a museum. Fewer than half of one percent of the 1.3 million students who take the ACT earn a top score.



## SENIOR PETER CONSER NAMED SEMIFINALIST IN 2023-2024 COCA-COLA SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Senior Peter Conser has been named a Semifinalist in the 2023-2024 Coca-Cola Scholars Program.

Semifinalists are competing for 150 college scholarships worth \$20,000. To celebrate Coca-Cola's centennial in 1986, The Coca-Cola Company and Coca-Cola bottlers came together to fund the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. With the 35th class in 2023, the Foundation has provided over 6,750 Coca-Cola Scholars with more than \$81 million in educational support. 15

with more than \$81 million in educational support. 150 Coca-Cola Scholars are selected each year to receive this \$20,000 scholarship.

### TWO MUSICIANS NAMED TO THE DISTRICT 1 MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Providence Catholic Music Department announced that junior Addison Gosslin (choir – Soprano 1) and sophomore Meghan Connelly (band – trumpet) have been selected to the District 1 Music Festival, making them eligible for state competition. The Illinois Music Educators Association is comprised of choir, band, orchestra, and jazz directors from throughout the state who promote high quality music education and outstanding musical experience for Illinois learners.



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#### NEW ADDITIONS TO THE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Principal Paul Houston of Providence Catholic High School is excited to announce the appointment of Ms. Huda Hamdan as new Director of Counseling. Ms. Hamdan has served students and the Providence Catholic community for the past five years, following her four years as a counselor at Mt. Carmel High School in Chicago. She has a master's degree in school counseling from St. Xavier University and is a tireless advocate for the well-being of students.

Mrs. Kimber Lubert has also joined the staff as a Counselor. Mrs. Lubert has a Masters degree in school counseling from DePaul University. With 10 years of experience in private practice focusing on children and families, she holds a variety of credentials in children and adolescent mental health practices.

Mr. Jim Peltzer has joined the staff as a school counselor. Mr. Peltzer has a master's degree in clinical psychology from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology and a post-graduate certificate in school counseling. In addition to being a school counselor at PCHS, Mr. Peltzer has run a private counseling practice for the last seven years where he works mainly with adolescents and young adults. Prior to that, he worked in community mental health.

Read more about the Counseling Department at www.providencecatholic.org/student-services/counseling/.







#### HARVEST DRIVE DIRECTORY IS NOW ONLINE!

The Harvest Drive Directory is up online! Be sure to visit the directory when searching for a vendor or company for anything from realtors to restaurants and more! These businesses have generously supported the Harvest Drive Fundraiser, so let's support them in return. Visit: www.providencecatholic.org/harvest-drive



### NEW COFFEE & SMOOTHIE CAFE OPENS IN THE COMMONS

The Providence Catholic Coffee & Smoothie Shop is open! Country House, which provides breakfast and lunch services at PC, is running the shop before and after school. Be sure to check it out!

#### **NEW BROADCAST CLUB**

Did you know Providence has a Broadcast Media Club? Started by Brian Brach '01, an alumnus and a current parent, these students are making sure home games are broadcast live on YouTube. This is one of the over 30 clubs available at PCHS. Student broadcasters include Eli O'Neill, Matthew Velazquez, and Alex Schaller.



#### PROVIDENCE RECOGNIZES 58 STUDENTS AS 2023-2024 ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS

This fall, 58 students from the graduating class of 2024 were designated as Illinois State Scholars, representing 31% of the class. The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC), the state's college access and financial aid agency, presents this important recognition of academic achievement to exceptional Illinois high school students annually. See the list of names online at www.providencecatholic.org/news.



### TWELVE STUDENT ATHLETES COMMIT TO COLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Mr. Doug Ternik, Athletic Director at Providence Catholic, announced that twelve student athletes will continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level. Read more about these athletes online!



## THE FUTURE IS FEMALE

More and more female leaders are emerging in STEM and business fields - and Providence Catholic is working with female students to open the doors!

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Students Lauryn Duzansky, Sienna Adducci, Kate Gomez, Meghan Connelly, Ema Szum, and Laurel Murach all attended the STEM presentation at Argonne in April.

#### THE PATH TO STEM

At Providence Catholic, students are introduced to many facets of science, technology, engineering and math – better known as STEM – throughout their four years. This learning extends beyond the classroom, as students take advantage of opportunities outside Providence Catholic to further enhance their knowledge and skillset in these areas. In the past year, many female students in particular have participated exciting in these opportunities. Each April, staff members at Argonne Leadership Computing Facility (ALCF) offer events to introduce young women to potential career paths in STEM fields, and this past April, several Providence students were in attendance.

"A program of this nature allows students to see the possibilities for their life beyond the classroom and school," explained Brother David Relstab, who teaches STEM and Theology. "It demonstrates for students how they can apply the knowledge gained from their courses to all areas of study. I've also begun incorporating the STEM topics into my curriculum and classroom presentations. It's a great way to open the doors for students to fields they may not have thought about before."

"I thought the Argonne Program was a good way to encourage more women to work in STEM," says sophomore Meghan Connelly. "The women there all had unique stories and it was easy to tell that each person would support you all the way if you showed interest in a field of STEM for your future even if others in your life told you that you could not pursue it."

"While I hope to go into architecture when I am older, it was really encouraging to see the perseverance of the women in their male-dominated fields of study," explains junior Laurel Murach.

The conference welcomed about 300 female Chicagoland high school students, who enjoyed a day of career panel discussions, tours, and mentoring. They met over 50 scientists and engineers, participated in motivational presentations, and completed individual career and leadership assessments.

"It is important for girls to be more involved in science so that it can become more common and influence other girls to get involved," says sophomore Katherine Gomez. In addition, Siena Adducci adds, "Attending opportunities like this is important so that I can be a role model to other girls and that women can inspire them for their futures in STEM."

Along with the Argonne conference, some students – male and female – take advantage of other programs during the summer. "Students also attended camps like coding and 'Explore Your Options', which introduces rising juniors and seniors to the varied disciplines of engineering," says Providence Catholic math teacher Jamie Walker.

Junior Ema Szum attended an Aerospace Engineering Camp at the University of Illinois along with Tyler Santry, Meghan Connelly, and Jimmy Piko.

"My biggest takeaway from aerospace camp was all of the material I learned that related to what I want to study in the future. Even after the camp ended, I continued to meet up with the other campers so we could spend time and learn from each other," says Ema. "It's important for more women to become more involved in science because it adds even more greats minds that have their own unique ideas and experiences that others might not have. By creating a diverse background in science, it is more likely that you will find a solution to a problem because of all the unique minds, each with their own set of skills and experiences, collaborating on an issue."

There are also clubs like eSports, Computer Club, Medical Club, Forensics Club and more that aid in demonstrating the strength of STEM careers to students while they have fun and learn. The Coding Club, now in its third year, is led by two female students and has grown to more than 20 members this year.

"Coding teaches students critical thinking and problem solving," says Rosanne Grigoletti, Technology Chairperson Director and Computer Science and Fine Arts. "These are crucial skills that will serve them well no matter what field they decide to study in college. But coding also promotes creativity and selfexpression – students can create games and animations based on their own ideas and interests. For the second year in a row, we have two girls as the club leaders. They really get what it's like to be analytical, logical, but also innovative and artistic.'



Several PC students attended an Aerospace Engineering Camp at the University of Illinois over the summer (right).

#### OPTIONS TO RESEARCH

A vital aspect of learning is to For Rina, one of the most take what is explained in the classroom and put it to use in a real-world setting – which is exactly what senior International student Rina Jeong did this past summer. Rina took part in an amazing learning experience where she studied and presented on the potential of spike protein in VLP as SARS-CoV-2 vaccination.

"I have always been interested in the Pre-med field, and I have heard this camp is one of the best and most prestigious camps for students seeking science career fields,' says Rina.

"I visited Lynch Laboratory thanks to Dr. Scott Poething. observing the lab and growth chamber spaces for research use," says Rina. "Moreover, I conducted experiments exploring genome sequencing and my DNA type and extended my knowledge in various biology-related medical participating in by lectures taught by University of Pennsylvania professors and Ph.D. students.

impressive lectures was "Promoting Equity in Rationing and Beyond Through Disadvantage" by Dr. Harald Schmidt, which questioned the traditional allocation frameworks risk compounding existing income and racial/ethnic inequities.

"This sparked me to conduct my own research paper, analyzing disproportional COVID-19 infection and mortality rates in different racial groups in the U.S. from socio-economical geographical differences."

"I seek to major in the premed field in college and minor anthropology, further continuing my passion for research," she adds. "After I realized my limits and changed my future path away from the engineering field, Mrs. Cichoracki was the teacher who introduced me to a love of science, especially Chemistry. Thanks to her, I was able to get accepted into Biomedical Research the Camp in a prestigious school, and I seek to continue my curiosity in science further in my future career path.'

(Below) Rina Jeong (second from right in front row) attended a research program at the University of Pennsylvania



Isabella, second from right, with other course participants.

#### **MAKING A BUSINESS DLAN**

Over the summer, Providence senior Isabella Hurtado attended a Women in Business course at Purdue University. The course lasted five days, and each day participants heard from professors who described their fields and their

"During those five days we learned not only about business, but how to be confident and successful in a field, male-dominated explains Isabella. "Professors taught us about marketing, data analytics, strategy, supply chain management, finance, and many other areas. This was an empowering women in business course too, so we learned about growing in confidence, identifying passion, executive presence and influence, and self-defense.

The course also included a case competition where participants were tasked with creating a product to solve a problem. It operated similar to the idea of Shark Tank, where participants like Isabella pitched their product plan to the judges at the end of the Her biggest takeaway from the event was how to be confident not only in herself, but confident within a business space as well.

Isabella's path to a future in business started at Providence Catholic. "The engineering science program has helped me the most for sure," she says. "Over these past couple years, I have been given the opportunity to learn in an exploratory way. It has also allowed me to be very handson and incorporate values needed for the real world. It is the type of class where what we learn comes from what we make of it, which leads us to creative thinking and out of the box ideas. We came into the class being prominently concrete thinkers, and are now being transitioned into formal thinking. This program has given me a strong foundation for the future.'



(Left) Students take part in the first meeting of the Girls Support Girls Club, founded this year by Mrs. Martino. These young women will work together to develop ways to support their female classmates, as well as help inspire and build friendships throughout all grade levels. (Right) At Providence, the Coding Club was founded and is led by two female students, Ema Szum and Laurel Murach. The team even developed an app last year that helps students determine what grade they need on their final to achieve the grade they'd like in the class!



#### #THEPROVIDENCE ADVANTAGE

### **ENROLLMENT**

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Girls Night Out (left) gave grade school girls a chance to learn more about the Girls Support Girls club; talk to student athletes and coaches from our girls' teams; make friendship bracelets that Taylor Swift would be proud of; pick out some pink spirit wear; take a tour of the building; and of course, cheer on the volleyball team.

(Middle left) Junior high students played with the Marching Celtics during the Band's Junior High Night. More than 20 area grade school musicians came out and performed the fight song and National Anthem with the band.

The Enrollment Department (bottom left) is visiting schools. Mr. Senffner visited St. Joseph Grade School - Manhattan with freshman Madison Kinsella, sophomore Danny Pilon, and senior and Brian Pilon - all graduates of St. Joe's!



#### **OPEN HOUSE**







Thank you for the generosity shown for the annual Harvest Drive fundraiser! We exceeded our goal and are extremely grateful for the ongoing support of families, friends, and businesses. We celebrated our highest individual and family sellers at the Harvest Drive Olympics, and selected the raffle winners in a live drawing.

Senior Morgan Hogaveen has made an impact at Providence Catholic. She's a varsity volleyball player. She's been involved in clubs. She works hard in her classes. And during her time as a Celtic, she's raised over \$18,480 for the school through the annual Harvest Drive Fundraiser!

"It is important for me to raise money to support my school," says Morgan. "The education I have received at Providence is top-notch and is preparing me for my future. I know the money raised helps add to the activities and supports what Providence can provide for all of its students. I also have a passion for philanthropy activities!"





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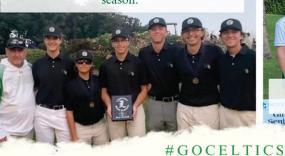
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Varsity Girls Volleyball won the Sectional Championship! The team won in two sets: 25-15 and 25-23 with a great come-frombehind victory in game 2.

### **ATHLETIC NEWS**



More than 2,000 grade school students came to Providence this summer for summer camps!



Girls Cross Country saw some great results this season and qualified for Sectionals.





#### **NEW BOWLING COACH**

Doug Ternik, Athletic Director at Providence Catholic High School, is pleased to announce Jim Ores as the new Head Varsity Bowling Coach. Last year, Ores assisted on JV and Varsity. Ores started playing in a mixed league in the 1990s. With a strong passion for the game, he did a lot of studying and watching video, sought out tips from experts, and improved his game. "I've been fortunate to play on many different teams that have won league championships," says Ores, who has bowled six 300 games and a handful of 299s. In addition, he's shot an 800. "I love the sport and I want to help the kids gets better and find their passion for bowling.



Freshman Tommy Banas wrapped up his preseason with a 7th place finish! He was in a bracket of 80+ kids at 126 pounds at the USA Wrestling Brian Keck Memorial Preseason Nationals in Des Moines, Iowa. He is an All-American for the 9th and 10th grade division. He is ranked number 10 in the country for his age division for wrestling.



In Girls Tennis, Reagan Sincak qualified for IHSA State in singles while Lauren Murphy and Sydney Duffy qualified for state in doubles.

Thanks in part to generous donors, the tennis courts were refinished this summer and teams played home matches at Providence again.



JV Hockey went 3-0-1 early this season to bring home another first place trophy





The football team went back to the gold pants and green jersey combo this season. Once again, they qualified for the IHSA State Playoffs.

The fall teams all celebrated their senior nights, including Varsity Boys Soccer. It's always a great tradition to honor the seniors and their parents for their leadership on the team.







(Above) Athletics aren't just about practice and games - it's important to take care of your physical and mental health, too. The soccer teams had a nutritionist come in and talk about healthy eating. After, they enjoyed a big breakfast together. Later, Brad Guzan '03 and his wife Bre '04 came by for a visit. Brad talked about his soccer career and the time he spent playing at Providence. The players asked lots of questions about playing against some of the biggest players in the world like Messi. It was a great morning for the team!

STUDENTS THAT ARE SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

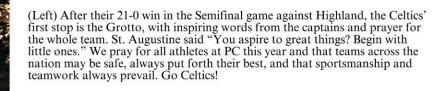
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**2023 GRADUATES COMMITTED TO COLLEGE** TEAMS.

NUMBER OF STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

NUMBER OF STATE TROPHIES BROUGHT HOME BY CELTICS





#GOCELTICS

ATHLETIC NEWS

## RIGHT ON TRACK

#### By Kenny Raymond

One of the things that struck me during our 100-year anniversary celebration was the display across the hall from our Main Office. It traces our history roughly by decades. The last segment has a list of the 16 religious orders that have served Providence Catholic, including the Sisters of Providence, the Christian Brothers and the Franciscan Sisters.

Appointed Principal of Providence in 1971, Fr. Roger Kaffer actively began recruiting religious from various orders to help staff the school; this kept labor costs down and provided a Catholic presence. With the closing of Sacred Heart High School in Frankfort (1971), Fr. Kaffer focused on adding more Franciscan nuns to the staff. Two of the sisters would have a major impact on the school.

Sister Judy Legan arrived in the Fall of 1971. Over the years Sister Judy managed the Student Council, served as Director of Studies, initiated the Bowling Club and was Assistant Principal.

As girls' athletics developed, I approached Fr. Kaffer with the idea that someone other than me should begin a girl's track team. I believed that girls' track would not only offer more opportunities for girls to participate in athletics, but would expand the boys' program as well. Sister Judy was interested in sports, so I asked her to coach. She responded that she knew nothing about coaching, but if she could get help, she would try. She reached out to a relative, Mr. Tim Ruettiger, the Providence Wrestling coach, and he agreed to help. Sister Judy would do all of the "organizational stuff" and Tim would provide the training. What was the outcome of this unlikely duo? Track and Field became the first organized IHSA sport at Providence.

The team accomplished 2nd, 3rd and 4th places finishes, leading to a 1st place IHSA championship. By 1975, girls' basketball, volleyball and tennis were added. Today, there are nine girls' sports, 2 co-ed sports, a cheerleading squad and a dance team. Sister Judy caused quite a stir everywhere she went by wearing her Franciscan habit; many were impressed that a religious nun would take an active part in athletics. The pact that she made with Tim would have a lasting impact on the school. Many people in the early 70's believed girls athletics had no place in high school sports; Sister Judy and Tim proved them wrong!

The other Franciscan sister who made a lasting impact on the school was Sister Barb Mueller. Sister Barb arrived at PCHS in the last 1970s; she was personally recruited by Fr. Kaffer, who braved a severe ice storm and drove to Indiana to meet her. Sister Barb agreed to come to Providence; she said, "How can you refuse someone who drove through such horrible conditions?" During her tenure, she taught religion, history and German. At various times she managed the bookstore, assisted in softball, taught P.E. and served as chairperson of the International Language Department.

Her greatest and most lasting contribution was becoming the first Director of Kairos. Fr. Kaffer was unhappy with the existing retreat program and commissioned Sr. Barb to meet with two Catholic High representatives to discuss the Kairos program. Since its introduction to Providence, Kairos has become the singlemost profound religious experience in many students' high school career. Bishop Kaffer





was once asked to name his greatest accomplishment. His answer? "To bring Kairos to Providence."

Thanks to Judy and Barb for their incredible dedication and service to the Providence Family!

Is there Providence history you want to hear about?
Email Mr. Raymond at kraymond@providencecatholic.org!

### INSIDE THE CLASSROOM



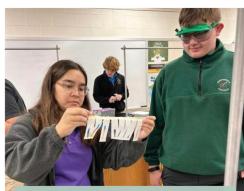
Biology students in Mr. Stenoish's class are studying the lifecycle of a hornworm - but first, they have to build suitable habitats for the worms.



Mrs. Zlogar's art class is working on a classic annual art project - masks. Students will each make a mask and decorate it to represent themselves.



Digital Media with Mr. Devine is working on their stop motion Lego projects.



In Mrs. Cichoracki's class, students are identifying which ink was used to make a mark on a sample using paper chromatography, a technique that separates and identifies different components of a mixture based on their physical and chemical properties.



Principal Paul Houston and four PC students joined students and staff from schools across the diocese attending the Mass of the Holy Spirit at the Cathedral of St. Raymond, celebrated by Bishop Hicks. Thanks to Isabella, Grace, Noah and Brian for representing Providence!



In Ms. Sparano's Honors Biology class, the students built a cell membrane origami model. They are using this model to simulate how the cell membrane transports substances such as ions and glucose via active and passive transport to maintain cellular homeostasis.



Every Friday is High-Five Friday at Providence Catholic! Mr. Houston greets students and gets everyone excited for the school day.



Anatomy class is studying sutures, with the help of bananas and suturing pads. They have been studying tissues and skin and this is one of the many ways they apply their learning to real-world



Dr. Eckert's choir class took part in something new. Each month, Dr. Eckert presents on a great singer in Eckert presents on a great singer in history. First, she chose Celia Cruz, an Afro-Cuban singer who was named the Queen of Salsa as part of Hispanic Heritage month. "I just love Celia Cruz," she says. "She influenced so many performers during her lifetime, and even after her death, one can hear her influence in the music of Lin-Manuel Miranda." The students learned some salsa The students learned some salsa dancing during their lesson!

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### NE ARTS



Fine Arts are a core aspect of a Providence education. The Provi Theatre (above) presented the musical comedy, *Bingo! The Winning Musical*, at Billie Limacher Theatre at Bicentennial Park, in October. Created by Michael Heitzman, Ilene Reid, and David Holcenberg, the interactive show gave the audience four chances to win prizes! This production featured students from freshmen through seniors and was directed by Dr. Stacy Eckert, Director of Choirs and Theatre at Providence. The dancers (above) learned choreography for the learned choreography for the entertaining opening number, "Girls' Night Out." The choir perform at Masses throughout the year, including the Feast of St. Augustine (right). The Marching Celtics (middle right) took 3rd place in their first competition of the year at Stagg High School. They also had an exceptional result at the Victor I exceptional result at the Victor J.
Andrew Marching Band Invitational.
The team earned Best Visuals, Best General Effect, Best Percussion and first place in Class 1A. National Art Honor Society students (below right) created many of the props for the Marching Band program "Noise"! This is a wonderful opportunity for students within fine arts to create fun and functional pieces for another area and utilize their talents!

Learn more about Fine Arts at Providence Catholic online or by visiting us on social media.









#### MAKING CONNECTIONS

## MEN'S CLUB & WOMEN'S CLUB

The Providence Catholic Men's Club and Women's Club provide wonderful opportunities all year long for Celtic parents to come together for fun, friendship, and a good cause - supporting Providence Catholic!

Follow them on social media (https://www.facebook.com/PCHSWomensClub and https://twitter.com/MenProvidence) for upcoming events.

As with all things Celtic, the annual Men's Club steak fry began with prayer (right). They also held the golf outing in September, for which the rain stopped and the golfers played through for a fun event (below).















The Women's Club held their annual Ravinia Night (above middle and right). They also invited moms to attend a breakfast at the freshman football game (far left). The Men's and Women's Clubs worked together, as they often do, to deliver a special ice cream treat to students in October.

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## CELTIC REVIEW

### **ALUMNI UPDATES**

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Fr. Burke Masters '85 recently wrote a book that is now sold out - "A Grand Slam for God". He was interviewed on ABC 7 Chicago and mentioned his time playing at Providence Catholic.

Coach Sean Bormet '89, was inducted into the Illinois Chapter of the NWHOF in October.

Gregg Braun '98 spent this spring season as the Head Baseball Coach at Joliet Junior College and led the Wolves to the 2023 NJCAA DIII World Series where they finished 7th place in the country. Braun was named the NJCAA Region 4 and Great Lakes District Coach of the Year and also received the ABCA Region Coach of the Year.



Dylan Rosa '14 plays for the Chicago Dogs! Rosa helped lead the 2014 Celtic baseball team to a state championship. If you remember, he hit a needed tworun single and was the winning pitcher in the 8-7 semifinal victory over Prairie Ridge. Then

the following night, Rosa hit a sixth-inning solo homer that broke a tie at 1 and pushed Providence to battle back and beat St. Rita 4-1 for the state title.



Eric Steinbach '98 (above middle) was inducted into the Chicagoland Sports Hall of Fame. As a Celtic, Eric was an All-State member of the Celtic Football Team that won four consecutive State Championships, and was a member of the Track and Field Team as a high jumper, sprinter, and an All-State shot put thrower. Eric held the Celtic shot put record for over 20 years! Pictured: Robert Cruz '97, Coach Coglianese, Eric, Athletic Director Doug Ternik '89, Coach Matt Seffner, Coach John Pergi

Michael Brassil '04 wrote and illustrated a children's book called Violet the Rainbow. The book was inspired by the many bedtime

shisphed by the many bedfine stories that he tells his kids and their love of rainbows. Pictured here with his wife, Merium, Saoirse (7) and Jacob (5).

Matt Brassil '10 joined the Directors Guild of America

(DGA) in July 2021. His recent credits include The Chi, Chicago Med, and Justified: City Primeval, as well as multiple commercials. He iworked as the Production Coordinator for the 59th Chicago International Film Festival which ran October 11-22,

2023. (Pictured here with his wife, Maggie)

Katherine (Katie) Scott '14 and Quinton (Quin) Fisher '14 were married last year on October 14, 2022.

Miles Boykin '15 (now playing for the Pittsburgh Steelers) was commemorated at the University Of Notre Dame vs. USC game.



Miles was the 2018 Citrus Bowl MVP and helped Notre Dame Football defeat LSU with his legendary one handed touchdown reception that helped defeat the Tigers 21-17.

Tess Barrett '15 and Kyle Troy '15 (below) were married on August 12 by Providence President, Fr. John Merkelis. Nine of the 13-member wedding party were PCHS alums: Grace Barrett '15, Claire Barrett '18, Jack Barrett '18, Michael Troy '10, Kevin Troy '15, Matthew Troy '17, and Max Kraus '16.



Sean Costello '18 traveled all across from Japan, from Tokyo to Kyoto to Nagano and back to Tokyo. It was a lovely trip with beautiful sights of old architecture from Edo period that can be seen throughout Kyoto,

to nature and wildlife such as the gardens of Yoyogi Park and being up close to the Japanese macaque in the snow monkey park in Yamaguchi. "It was the trip of a lifetime."



Grace Hamilton '22 sent in this photo from the Notre Dame game, where some alumni found Providence teachers Mr. Dan Potempa '97 and Mrs. Amy Potempa '93 for a photo! Pictures are: Mrs. Potempa, Adam Jostes '22, Grace, Abby DiNolfo '22, Mr. Potempa, Kathryn Hamilton '21, Emma Kulpinski '21, and Katianne Soltys '21.



Connor Todd, Class of '22, made the dean's list in the University of Notre Dame's First Year of Studies for the 2022-23 School

Year. Students who achieve dean's honors at Notre Dame represent the top 30 percent of students in their college.



The Class of '93 held their 30 year reunion and had classmates travel from Columbia and Sweden to join in the celebrations! These students came to Providence as international students for their senior year and made the trip back this year for their reunion. Go Celtics!



Here are some more photos from Homecoming 2023 and the reunion classes!







#### CLASS REUNIONS

Contact Susan King, Director of Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Relations, at skking@providencecatholic.org or 815-717-3162 to start discussing your high school reunion!

### IN MEMORIAM

#### MAY GOD HOLD THEM IN THE PALM OF HIS HANDS. PCHS WAS NOTIFIED OF THE PASSING OF THE FOLLOWING..

#### **ALUMNI**

Sister Lois Ann Stoiber, S.P. '45

Jerry Girard '66

Robert Trizna '66

Scott Reiter '67, husband to Mary Beth (Devine) Reiter '69, father of Michael Reiter '94, Matthew Reiter '97, Molly (Reiter) Boland '99, Martin Reiter '01 and Mark Reiter '03, brother of the late Georgia (Reiter) Glynn '71 and Monica (Reiter) O'Brien '74, son-in-law to the late Mary T. Devine '44, brother-in-law of Peggy Idstein '71 and Jack Devine '79, father-in-law to Thomas Boland '99. Scott served on the school's Building and Grounds Committee since its inception in 1997. Scott and Mary Beth were named the school's Cor Unum Award recipients in 2005 and the school's Green and White Hall of Fame recipients in 2016. They also served as Alumni Committee Chairs for the school's Building a Vision.. Forming a Future Capital Campaign to build the science wing in 1999.

Philip Bauer '71, father of Eric Bauer '96, Kyle Bauer '97 and Laura Bauer '00, husband of Gail Bauer former teacher at Providence Catholic Children Academy

Joseph Schubert '71, brother of Mary (Schubert) Brown '72 and Jean (Schubert) Prieboy '73, and brother-in-law to Joseph Prieboy '73

Gerald Young '82, brother of James Young '79, John Young '84 and Joel Young '89, and uncle of Abigail Young '24

Joseph Ferguson '91

Susan Turnock Padilla '05, sister of Steven Turnock '03

Michael T. Mores '74, brother of Kenneth Mores '66, Lucille (Mores) Pomykala '68, Lawrence Mores '70, Thomas Mores '72 and Marie (Mores) Moretti '83, brother-inlaw of Joseph Pomykala '66

#### **PARENT OF ALUMNI**

Russell Carroll, father of Erik Carroll '15 and Anna Carroll '18

Dr. Leo Wrona, father of Diane (Wrona) Irvin '86, Margaret (Wrona) Rentz '87, Joseph Wrona '88 and Sharon (Wrona) Marasco '90, grandfather to Samantha Irvin '14 and Daniel Irvin '17. Leo and Judy Wrona were named the school's Cor Unum Award recipients in 2006.

George Brenski, father of the late Jason Brenski '89, and Erik Brenski '92, and husband of Bonnie Brenski, a past Women's Club President.

Richard Tomich, father of Rick Tomich '92 and Nicole (Tomich) DuFrene '95

William Musselman, father of Tina Musselman '98 and William T. Musselman '03

#### **PARENT OF STAFF**

James T. Peltzer, father of Jim Peltzer

#### **CURRENT PARENT**

Shannon Soja, mother of Bradley Soja '25

Amy Cucio, mother of Tyler Cucio '25

Lawrence Sisk, father of Michael Sisk '25

"THE MEASURE OF LOVE IS TO LOVE WITHOUT MEASURE." ST. AUGUSTINE

### LETTER FROM THE PROVINCIAL



Greetings to the Providence Catholic High School community,

I trust this message finds you well and enjoying the opportunities for growth, discovery, and personal transformation that a school year brings. As Thanksgiving passes and Christmas approaches (along with prebreak midterms!), I am reminded of the timeless value of thankfulness, gratitude, and giving in our lives. It is a sentiment that

resonates deeply with the teachings of Saint Augustine, reminding us to appreciate the abundance of grace that fill our journeys, and to share that abundance with others, "each according to their need."

Personally, I am grateful for the witness that our Providence students are to Augustinian values in our community – from working on sandwich assembly lines to support local food pantries to sharing our educational tradition of Truth, Unity, and Love with grade school students at Open House. I am proud of the exceptional work of our students, and I pray that all of you continue to approach your studies with diligence, your relationships with kindness, and your challenges with resilience.

All of this great work is made possible by the faculty and staff of Providence Catholic High School, who are so dedicated to guiding and nurturing the intellectual and spiritual development of our young people. We are fortunate to have such a supportive community of educators and administrators serving our student body.

As you gather with your loved ones this Advent Season, please take a moment to say a prayer of gratitude for all those who contribute to the Providence community's vibrance. Together, we form a tapestry of faith, service, and achievement that serves as a beacon of hope and inspiration for the Midwest Augustinian Province.

May God's blessings continue to guide us as we give thanks for all that we have achieved and all that we aspire to become. We are truly blessed.

With heartfelt thankfulness,

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Very Rev. Anthony B. Pizzo, O.S.A Prior Provincial of the Midwest Augustinians CELTIC AGOIS

## INVEST IN THE CELTIC TRADITION

### BE A PART OF HISTORY

#### CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that we have raised over \$1,000,000 with our "Campaign of Champions!" This campaign helps to enhance our campus and improve our facilities. While several projects are completed, we still need your help with Phase 3 of the "Campaign of Champions."

#### **COMPLETED PROJECTS - PHASE 1 & 2**

- New Stadium Turf
- Reconstructed Tennis Courts
- New Track & Field Jump Pit and Covers
- New Soccer Field Bleachers
- New Softball Bleachers & Netting

#### **PROJECTS NEEDING FUNDING - PHASE 3**

- New Stadium Digital Scoreboard
- New Stadium Visitor Stands
- New JV Softball Bleachers



Scan to support the "Campaign of Champions" or visit www.providencecatholic.org/support-pchs/celtic-campaign-of-champions/

#### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES \$1,000 - \$100,000 OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD.

Naming opportunities include bleacher signage, scoreboard, plaques, and more.

Contact Doug Ternik '89, Athletic Director, at 815-717-3164 or dternik@providencecatholic.org or Susan King, Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Relations, at 815-717-3162 or skking@providencecatholic.org for more information.

# Annual Report THANK YOU BENEFACTORS

This Annual Report to Donors highlights the generosity and commitment of those who have given to Providence Catholic during the past fiscal year. Providence Catholic is blessed with a community of benefactors who understand and embrace the mission of our college-preparatory school. Our legacy has been built on those who support our school. We are grateful for your support.

The loyalty and dedication of our supporters is overwhelming. You have ensured our financial standing and helped create our future plans. We are grateful to you for offering your time, talent and wisdom to improve our school.

Because of the generosity of our benefactors, Providence Catholic has been able to provide a top-quality faith-based education to our students for more than 100 years. Thank you for your commitment as together we strive to instill gospelcentered values in our students.

"THE PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL FAMILY EMBRACES
THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST IN
AN ATMOSPHERE OF
ACCEPTANCE, RESPECT AND
LOVE".

#### LETTER FROM THE NEW DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Truth, Unity and Love. Three quite simple words that have a very deep impact. As part of the Augustinian values and part of the mission for Providence Catholic High School (PCHS) it is a good framework to introduce myself to the community. I was honored to be chosen to be the Director of Institutional Advancement with a clear mission to ensure that we continue to make deep, lasting and authentic connections with our Celtic supporters past, present and future. This annual report is a wonderful representation of the awesome student,



faculty and alumni accomplishments as well as the generous donor support over the past year and I am excited to be a part of it!

Truth: As we move forward, connecting supporters with PCHS, my goal will be to enter each relationship with a spirit of truth. The intention is to be transparent as to how we can come together, parents, alumni and community to continue to build on our Celtic past towards a deeply rich future.

Unity: If we want to move fast, we go alone. When we want to go far, we go together. In all that we do, we will be unified in our goal to help the Providence Catholic community connect, grow and strengthen.

Love: The basis for all we endeavor will be born out of love. As God is love, we will connect all we do, all of our projects and all of our relationships in an environment rich with love and intentional actions to ensure that all in the Celtic community feel welcomed, proud and motivated to remain active for future generations.

As you flip through these pages, all of us should feel proud at all of the wonderful accomplishments and support for PCHS. Being a Celtic means we stand in truth, unity and love now and forever. I look forward to creating deep relationships with everyone into our bright future.

I look forward to meeting with you!

Steve Cardamone scardamone@providencecatholic.org (815) 717-3164.

## **ELTIC REVIEW**

## Annual Report

The School Advisory Board and Administration begin each new year with an ever-deepening commitment to faith and service which is at the very best of our Augustinian mission.

#### PCHS LEADERSHIP: 2022-2023

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

President Rev. John Merkelis, O.S.A.

Principal Mr. Paul Houston

Dean of Students Mr. Keith Healy

Advancement Director Mr. Ed Barrett

Counseling Director Mr. Luke Senffner '01

Athletic Director Mr. Doug Ternik '89

Technology Director Mrs. Rosanne Grigoletti

Faculty Representative Rev. Richard Young, O.S.A.

#### **DEPARTMENT CHAIRPERSONS**

English Mrs. Mary Beth Harris '82

Fine Arts Mr. Paul Houston

Mathematics Mrs. Jamie Walker

Physical Education Mr. Keith Healy

Science Mr. Michael Stenoish

Social Science Mr. Josh Ditzler '99

Computer Science and Applications Mrs. Rosanne Grigoletti

Theology Rev. Richard Young, O.S.A

World Language Mrs. Lara DeVries

#### **ADVISORY BOARD**

Mrs. Hidali Alejo

Mr. Ed Barrett

Mr. Ken Cicirale

Mr. Chuck Engvall

Mrs. Jayne Garrigan

Mrs. Kristine Hill

Mr. Paul Houston, Principal

Mr. & Mrs. Walter & Ophelia Leverett

Mr. Brian Masterson '84

Rev. John Merkelis, O.S.A., President

Dr. Lenell Navarre

Mr. Ed Olszta '97

Mrs. Amy Piazza

Mr. Al Pintoy

Mr. Brian Schroeder

Mr. Marc Senffner '86

Mrs. Carrie Sincak'93

#### ADVANCEMENT COUNCIL

Mr. Ed Barrett

Mr. Jay Hamilton

Mr. Dan Horn '77

Mr. Luke Ivers

Mr. Rob Martin

Rev. John Merkelis, O.S.A.

Mr. Steve Morrissette '79

Mrs. Meredith Spesia

Mr. Doug Ternik '89

Mrs. Shannon Withers '95

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. John Airola '84

Mr. Jeff Arseneau

Mr. Ed Barrett

Ms. MaryBeth Carroll

Mr. Chuck Engvall

Mr. Paul Houston

Mr. Frank Jurmann

Rev. John Merkelis, O.S.A.

Mr. Steve Morrissette '79

Mr. Paul Slade

Rev. Rich Young

#### BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Mr. Chris Adler

Mr. Luigi Alberico

Mr. Ed Barrett

Mr. Jacob Been

Mr. Bruce Burns

Ms. Mary Beth Carroll

Mr. Bill Cullen

Mr. Chris Davis

Mr. Jim Domzal

Mr. Mark Duffy '90

Mr. Chuck Engvall

Mr. Dean Forbes

Mrs. Rosanne Grigoletti

Mr. Tim Hayes '84

Mr. Ryan Hill '97

Mr. Paul Janik

Rev. John Merkelis, O.S.A., President

Mr. Ron Plantz

Mr. Sam Scapellato

Mr. Doug Ternik '89

Mr. Brian Ward

Fr. Rich Young, O.S.A.

#### CELTIC CAMPAIGN OF CHAMPIONS STEERING COMMITTEE

Mr. Ed Barrett

Mr. Ken Cicirale

Mr. Mark Coglianese

Mr. Tim and Mrs. Kim Dee

Mr. Dean Forbes

Mr. Jay and Mrs. Tracy Hamilton

Mr. Kevin and Mrs. Colleen Houlihan

Mrs. Susan King

Mr. Joel and Mrs. Holly McCallister

Mr. William McDermott '98

Rev. John Merkelis, O.S.A.

Mr. Chris and Mrs. Holly Pignotti

Mr. Al and Mrs. Stephanie Pintoy

Mr. Tyler Plantz '10

Mr. Kenneth Raymond

Mr. Mark Smith '88

Mr. Doug Ternik '89

Dr. James and Dori Tess

Mr. John '91 and Mrs. Michelle '92 Ward

#### PCHS ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT JULY 1, 2022 – JUNE 30, 2023

SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Student Income	\$ 11,708,347
Bookstore, Bus, Cafeteria	\$1,269,184
Advancement/Grants & Aid	\$872,324
Harvest Drive	\$303,505
Athletic Income	\$770,867
Interest Income	\$307,371
Activity/Other Income	\$391,097
Parent Club Income	\$ see note
TOTAL INCOME	\$15,622,695
EXPENSES	
Instruction	\$4,787,059
Bookstore, Bus, Cafeteria	\$1,386,451
Employee Benefits	\$ 1,667,538
Administration	\$1,334,638
Plant Maintenance & Operation	\$683,676
Athletic Expenses	\$1,605,142
Scholarships, Grants & Aid	\$3,003,868
Advancement/Marketing	\$ 583,189
Capital Improvements/ Depreciation	\$394,076
Student Activities	\$192,726
Religious & Pastoral Expenses	\$110,602
Total Expenses	\$15,748,965
RESULTS OF OPERATION	\$ (126,270)

2022-2023 FUNDRAISING SUMMARY		
Capital Campaign Of Champions	\$409,546	
Annual Scholarships	\$207,507	
Harvest Drive	\$303,505	
Endowments	\$377,257	
Club/Team Fundraising	\$213,717	
Annual Fund Unrestricted	\$141,669	
Annual Fund Restricted	\$310,164	
Gifts In Kind	\$2,500	
Total	\$1,965,866	

#### Notes:

- Unrealized gain or (loss) on investments of \$ 180,562 is not included above.
- Parent Club income of \$ 85,000 was donated to the Celtic Campaign of Champions.



#### **PLANNED GIFTS**

A secure financial future is an important part of the strategic plan for Providence Catholic. For many of our benefactors this is a shared goal. A planned giving strategy can be structured to provide for your family's needs and leave a legacy of support. Some of the benefits that members of the Legacy Society enjoy include:

- Leaving a meaningful legacy
- Creating a secure income stream for yourself or your family
- Tax savings for both income taxes and estate taxes
- Peace of mind, knowing that you created a plan for your family's needs and providing a secure future for Providence Catholic

A planned gift leaves a lasting legacy with Providence Catholic after the benefactor has entered eternal life. Several planned gift vehicles are advantageous under current tax laws. Examples of planned gifts that donors have used in the past include a bequest, cash value insurance, charitable remainder trusts, and naming Providence Catholic as a beneficiary of a qualified retirement plan.

A gift to Providence Catholic High School in your will or revocable trust enables you to support our mission and make a difference in the lives of future generations of Celtics. A bequest to Providence Catholic will leave a lasting legacy for your family. It is easy to arrange, can be modified to address your changing needs and will not alter your current lifestyle in any way.

#### Specific Gift Language – Leaving a Lasting Legacy

Naming Providence Catholic High School as a beneficiary of a specific amount from your estate is easy:

I give and devise to Providence Catholic High School located in New Lenox, 60451, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ (or asset) to be used for its general support (or for the support of a specific fund or program).

If you have included Providence Catholic High School in your estate plans and would like to be recognized as a member of the Providence Legacy Guild by name or anonymously, please contact Steve Cardamone, Director of Institutional Advancement at (815) 717-3164 or scardamone@providencecatholic.org.

#### **PROVIDENCE LEGACY SOCIETY**

The Providence Legacy Society includes generous benefactors who have indicated a gift to Providence Catholic in their estate plans by way of a will, charitable remainder trust, gift annuity, life insurance policy, or other means of a planned gift. By remembering Providence Catholic this way, alumni, parents, and friends are able to become perpetual partners with school while engaging in their contemporaneous work through their lifetimes.

Anonymous (2) Joseph Adler † Vince Ambrose '13 Michael Bennitt '84 **Margaret and William Benoit** Regina (Piazza) Block '74 **Estate of "Bitz" and Dorothy Brown†** Cary Czichon, Ph.D. '72 **Robert Davis James and Paulette Domzal Estate of John and Annette Gill †** Estate of Fr. Leonard Guz † **Dennis Hildebrand Stephen and Miki Jarvie** Estate of Anna V. Johnson † **Estate of W. Starr Johnson † Dave and Charlie Kaminski Estate of Ley Family Foundation † Estate of Gordon Michels †** Estate of Val and Sue Mores † **Estate of Charles and Loretta Murphy†** Estate of Lois G. (Fox) Orlovich '46 † Lois Barbara (Kestel) Satrun '67 **Estate of Schmidt Family †** Estate of Dorothy Shukley '30 † John Sosnowski **Estate of Raymond F. Stoiber** Sister Lois Ann Stoiber, S. P. '45 † Estate of Hazeldean (Shepley) Trussa '36 † **Estate of Lillian Tunze † Larry Viano Estate of Beverly Welsch †** Estate of Bernadine (Moran) Worland '49 †

† indicates Estate of Benefactor

**Ronald Wozniak Sr.** 

**Leo and Judy Wrona** 

#### NAMED ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Providence Catholic is grateful to those who have wisely chosen to establish endowed funds for scholarships. Earnings from the investments are used to address the specific needs identified by the donor while retaining the corpus in perpetuity. Currently our named scholarship funds include:

Alumni Class Scholarships are endowed for the classes of: Class of 1984, Class of 2010, Class of 2011, Class of 2012, Class of 2013, Class of 2014, Class of 2015, Class of 2016,

Class of 2017, Class of 2018, Class of 2019, Class of 2020;

Class of 2021; Class of 2022; Class of 2023

Cheryl (Zdziarski) Allen Memorial Scholarship

William Ball Memorial Scholarship

**Rick Baranak Memorial Scholarship** 

**Jason Brenski Memorial Scholarship** 

**The Cleveland Family Scholarship Fund** 

**Craughwell Endowment** 

**Mary Fran and Tom Dedin Endowed Scholarship** 

**Ralph Dralle Memorial Scholarship** 

**Faculty Endowment Fund** 

**David Follenweider Memorial Scholarship** 

Joseph Galli Memorial Scholarship

**Stanley and Adele Guz Memorial Scholarship** 

**Billy Hultgen Memorial Scholarship** 

**Kairos Endowment** 

**Arthur & Kathryn Kennedy Memorial Scholarship** 

**Pam Kettwig Memorial Scholarship** 

**Louis Kocsis Memorial Scholarship** 

**Eric Krall Memorial Scholarship** 

**Ley Family Memorial Endowment** 

**Emily McCabe Memorial Scholarship** 

**Margaret McCormick Endowment Fund** 

Richard Sr. and Victoria McGrath Need-Based Aid Endowment

**Charles E. Murphy Memorial Scholarship** 

**Ronald Rob Memorial Scholarship** 

**Marie Osborne Memorial Scholarship** 

Mr.& Mrs. Frederick W. Schmidt Sr.

& Mynne Kuhn Scholarship

**Charles Sharp Memorial Scholarship** 

**Lillian M. Tunze Endowment Scholarship** 

**Turk Family Endowment** 

**Scott Whisson Memorial Scholarship** 

**Kristen Zastro Scholarship** 

#### NAMED ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Providence Catholic is grateful to those who offer scholarship funding each year to PCHS students. The named scholarships include:

**Augustinian Service Scholarship** 

**Berman and Sons Graduate Scholarship** 

Thomas '67 and Barbara '67 Bolek Scholarship

**Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School** 

**Cathedral of St. Raymond** 

**Catholic Education Foundation for the Diocese of Joliet** 

**Celtic Football Alumni Scholarship** 

**Celtic Leadership Scholarship** 

The Cicirale Family Scholarship

**Diocese of Joliet Council of Catholic Women** 

**Emily McCabe Scholarship** 

**Empower Ilinois - Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship** 

**Irish Fellowship Educational and Cultural Foundation** 

**Kaminski Family Foundation Scholarships** 

**Kazma Family Foundation Scholarship** 

**Knights of Columbus #10926** 

The Michael Langlois Scholarship

Mary A. Leiser Memorial Scholarship adminstered

by the Simenc Family

**Mike McHugh Memorial Scholarship** 

**Mary Ann McIsaac Scholarship** 

**Mendel Alumni Scholarship** 

**Mokena Women's Club** 

**Lou Patras Scholarship** 

Saint Jude Parish, New Lenox

Saint Mary Parish, Mokena

Saint Michael, Orland Park

Sullivan Family Scholarship

**Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)** 

**Wagner Family Scholarship** 

**Larry Walsh Memorial Scholarship** 

Arthur A. Zervos '09 Scholarship



Ms. Leigh-Anne Kazma visited Providence for the fall luncheon with the Kazma Scholars. We thank the Kazma Family Foundation for their continued support of Catholic Education at PCHS and throughout the Diocese of Joliet!

## CELTIC REVIEW

## Annual Report

### COR UNUM SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

These endowed scholarship funds were established in honor of the recipients of the school's highest honor, the Cor Unum Award. The recipients of this award have demonstrated oneness in ministry, mission and family in their extraordinary service to Providence Catholic, the Church or the community. Currently our named Cor Unum scholarship funds include:

**Jeff and Debby Arseneau** 

Augustinians of The Midwest Province of Our Mother of Good Counsel

**Thomas and Marta Bennett** 

Ted '76 and Norma '78 Berman

LaVerne "Bitz" and Dottie Brown

**Bruce and Karen Burns** 

**Ben and Helen Cabav** 

John and Jeanette D'Arcy

**Kevin and Christine Doyle** 

**Chuck and Pat Engvall** 

Bill and Reneé Farrell

Mike and Mary Grady

Tim '84 and Julie '87 Hayes

Dan '77 and Karen Horn

Mike and Denise Huguelet

Frank and Janet '66 Jurmann

**Bishop Roger Kaffer** 

**Dave and Charlie Kaminski** 

**Robert and Mary Ann Kaminski** 

**Kazma Family Foundation** 

**Wayne and Barbara Klasing** 

**Bob and Rosemary Leonard** 

**Bob and Lisa Marth** 

**Rob and Laura Martin** 

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Tim and Meg McCabe

**Bill and Maggie McEnery** 

**Phill and Joan Meegan** 

**Steve '79 and Maureen Morrissette** 

Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary of the Woods, Indiana

Scott '67 and Mary Beth '69 Reiter

Don "Buck" and Joyce Reynolds Family

**Dan and Betty Ruettiger** 

**Philip and Barbara Salvador** 

Eric '98 and Carrie Steinbach

**Beverly Welsch** 

**Leo and Judy Wrona** 



The Cor Unum award is the most prestigious award bestowed by PCHS. It is given to those who have provided extraordinary service to Providence Catholic and who embody "One in ministry, one in mission, one in family." On Sunday, October 29, Providence recognized the Don and Nancy Duffy Family; Luke and Mary Jo Ivers; and Kenneth "Kenny" Raymond for their significant contributions to the Celtic Family. Congratulations and thank you to this year's recipients

Endowed scholarships are established in the name of the recipients; all are invited to contribute to these endowments in their honor and continue providing opportunities for students for generations to come.

## tunud Kepo DONOR GIVING SOCIETIES FOR ANNUAL FUND AND CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS This Annual Report of Donors recognizes the alumni, parents, and friends that have invested financial support in Providence

Catholic High School between July 1, 2022 through August 1, 2023. These gifts to the **Annual Fund Drive** and the **Celtic Campaign** Of Champions, and the 100th Anniversary Capital Campaign improve the daily life of our students. Members of the Donor Giving Societies are the foundation of the Providence Catholic High School mission. We are deeply grateful for their commitment and partnership. The following donors have significantly impacted the school's programs and activities through their generosity.

#### SOCIETY OF ST. CLARE OF MONTEFALCO (GIFTS OF \$10,000 AND MORE)

Aileen S. Andrew Foundation FND

Jennifer (Mosses) Andrews '94 and Keith Andrews AL, PAR

Anonymous FR

Jeff and Debby Arseneau POA

Margaret and William Benoit FR

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Catholic Education Foundation for the Diocese of Joliet FND

Empower Illinois ORG

Bill '96 and Karen (King) Grogan '96 AL

Mr. and Mrs. John Hanlon POA

Tim '84 and Julie (Ludwig) '87 Hayes AL, POA

William and Patricia Hough GP

Colleen and Mark Kaczmarek PAR

Leigh-Anne Kazma FR

Gerald and Margaret Kazma FR

Wayne and Barbara Klasing

Guy and Marylynn Macino PAR

Tim and Meg McCabe POA

Will '98 and Elizabeth (Lomasney) McDermott '98 AL, PAR

John and Beth Potocsnak PAR

Providence Catholic High School Cor Unum ORG

Providence Men's Club ORG

Providence Women's Club ORG

Charles and Kathleen Sharp POA

Russ and Dawn Smyth POA

St. John of Sahagun Friary (Augustinian Friary) FAĆ

Michael Sullivan GP

The Zachary Plantz Foundation FND

#### SOCIETY OF ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINE (GIFTS OF \$3,000 TO \$9,999)

John '94 and Jill Behringer AL, PAR

David and Colleen Brown POA

Bruce and Karen Burns POA

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The Providence Catholic community tooki part in the rededication of the Follow Me Cross on September 30, 2023. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the cross, which was refurbished last year by Ryan Gade '23 as part of his Eagle Scout Project.





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The Providence Catholic High School Men's Club and Women's Club exists to provide a social outlet for parents and financial support to the school. Support is given through service, projects and fund-raising.

The Men's Club holds the Super Celtic Sweepstakes and a Golf Outing each year. The Women's Club sponsors an annual auction and fashion show. Our parent clubs support capital improvements projects that benefit all students.

The Men's and Women's Club combined provided **\$168,000** in funding for the CAMPAIGN OF CHAMPIONS since we announced the campaign.

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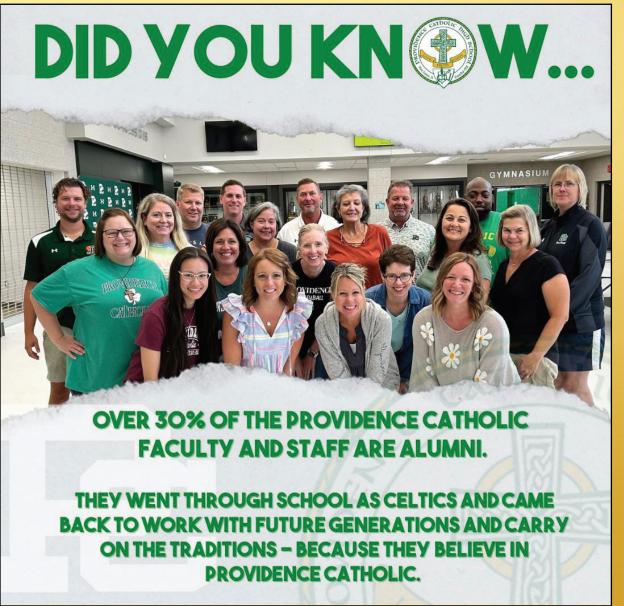
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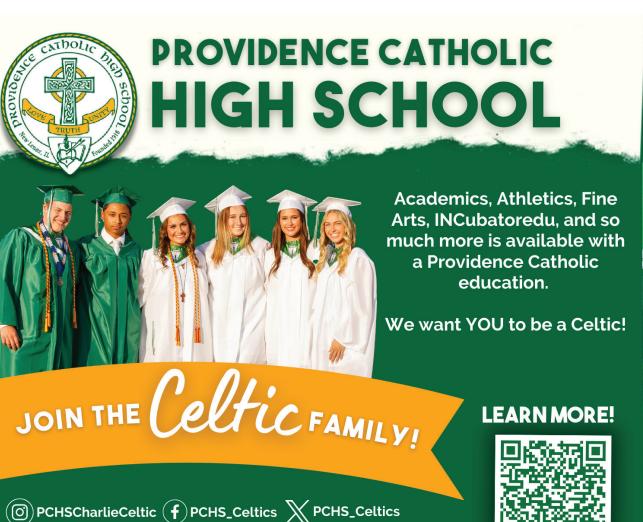


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