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## EMBRACING GENERATIONS



THE BIG PICTURE







## THE QUEEN'S PERCH

Christopher Vitale, who is a senior working on his Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art and a Bachelor of Arts in English, painted a 20' x 26' mural on the exterior of Salve Regina Hall, the home of Catholic University's art department. The building was initially the fundraising headquarters for the construction of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The "Salve Regina" mural features the Blessed Virgin Mary receiving a cardinal, tying together the past and present of the building, the campus, and its prominent neighbor.





## Catholic University — A Community of Service

Spring is a beautiful time of year at The Catholic University of America. The cherry blossoms have bloomed, students are graduating, and we celebrate Easter. It is a season that fills us with new life, energy, and joy.

My wife Nancy and I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the campus as it springs to life with activities. We continue to be in awe of our students, faculty, and staff who call the University home for learning and work. They are dedicated, loyal, and fiercely committed to our community!

No person exemplifies what it means to be a Cardinal than Ms. Willie Joyner. An employee at the University for nearly 50 years, Ms. Willie as she is known, is full of exuberance, love, and tenderness. You see it in her smile and you certainly feel it in her hugs. She has been a motherly figure to thousands of students during her five decades of service. They come to her for support, encouragement, and a kind word. I have had the good fortune of getting to know her and I am inspired by her devotion to our students and to her faith. She is a transformational leader. I hope you enjoy her story in this issue.

Another beautiful story in this issue is the one on the late Pope Benedict XVI. The story is filled with loving memories of people’s interactions with “Papa,” especially during the time he visited Catholic University in 2008. When he was here he spoke in the Great Rooms in the Pryz about the importance of Catholic education. There is a marker outside of the room as a reminder of his appearance. As you will read, his legacy in the Church is tied to Catholic education and learning about our faith. So it is fitting that the stories from students in particular are about the impact he had in shaping their lives — while at the University and beyond.

I was thrilled and edified to be on hand for the Opus Prize events hosted here on campus. It was the second time that the University hosted the annual faith-based humanitarian honors — and the first time any higher education institution had hosted it twice. I was so honored to present the 2022 Opus Prize to Mack McCarter, the founder of Community Renewal International. In addition to the recognition, Mr. McCarter received \$1 million to continue his work in the United States to revitalize communities. Students also benefited from the Opus Prize competition being held on campus as they became involved in a variety of activities that I am confident will inspire more changemakers.

These three stories are just a sample of what you will find in these pages. I hope that they bring back many great memories of your time at the University as well as inspire you to talk up the school with your friends and loved ones.

As I complete my first full year at the University, I am filled with gratitude to be at such an inspiring and historic institution. For 136 years, our University has served as a beacon of light, providing a world-class education to thousands of students while also providing them with the moral compass they need, as our founder Pope Leo XIII said, “to serve the Church and the nation.”

These words are not lost on me. I look forward to working with our University community to carry out this charge, continuing the building of an institution whose greatest days lie ahead.

**Dr. Peter K. Kilpatrick**  
President of The Catholic University of America

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# 2023 Cardinal WEEKEND



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As you'll read in this edition of the magazine, Willie Joyner is a fixture in The Catholic University of America community. In recent months, she has received national media coverage for her 49 years of dedication to the community. That has resulted in an outpouring of love from generations of Cardinals, many of whom shared their reactions on the University's social media channels. Here is a heartwarming sample of your comments:

#### LINKEDIN

Ms. Willie made me cry when I visited CU with my son. An amazing, warm, and loving person that puts her heart into her job and shows her love and care for all of the students that pass her each day (or visit the school lol).

— ANGELA BRIANTE

In all her comments she touches upon one central theme, her love for others. It's what you see and feel from her each time you meet; genuine, heartfelt caring about you this day. It's a blessing to have her on campus.

— ERIC FONTAINE, ADJUNCT PROFESSOR,  
METROPOLITAN SCHOOL OF  
PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Seeing this makes my heart so happy. ❤️ Ms. Willie was such a huge part of my 4 years at CUA, but one of my happiest memories was actually going back a few years later, stopping by to grab some Chick-fil-A in the dining hall, and she still remembered who I was. She always makes everyone feel special, even years later! I was a freshman the last year South Dining Hall was open though, and she and Darnell were always looking out for us. Very, very happy memories with Ms. Willie.

— TALIA GROVER

#### INSTAGRAM

I love her!! She was the mom of all international students. Best of luck to Ms. Willie. ❤️❤️

— YASSER M. ALMUTAIRI,  
B.M.E. 2020, M.S. 2020

I love hearing her say hi to everybody. She is a queen. Roll Cards!

— ZACHARY LICHTER, CLASS OF 2025

So amazing and love that she gets to see this in person. ❤️ Ms. Willie always gave me such a great experience at CUA. ❤️

— SHARON THERESA PINTO HESS, B.A. 2014

We love you so much Ms. Willie. We're so lucky to know her.

— MICHAELA DAIL

#### FACEBOOK

Credit where credit is due: Dedicating the new dining hall to and honoring Ms. Willie is one of the best moves CUA has ever made.

— LIZZIE KIRCH, B.S.W. 2015, M.S.W. 2016

## IN YOUR WORDS

Comments From the University Community

She was so nice and welcoming. An asset to CUA. A role model for the students. So kind and full of passion and love.

— JOHN LEARY

She deserves every word of this praise and it makes me so happy to see her getting recognized for her determination to reach out with love to all she's met and continues to meet.

— MELISSA SLIVIAK, B.A. 2011



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# AROUND CATHOLIC



## The President's Bold Vision for the Future

**D**r. Peter Kilpatrick was formally installed as the 16th president of The Catholic University of America on Nov. 11, 2022, at a Mass of Installation celebrated at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Dr. Kilpatrick shared his vision to grow the number of students to 10,000 — undergraduate and graduate — within the next 10 years by building on efforts to make a Catholic University education more accessible. He noted that there are more scholarship students now than at any point in the institution's history and the campus is "more diverse than ever."

"Our nation and the world needs the students that we deliver: bright, enthusiastic, committed, and who know themselves and how to love others," said Dr. Kilpatrick.

Prior to his arrival at Catholic University, President Kilpatrick served as provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at the Illinois Institute of Technology. Previously, he served as professor and McCloskey Dean of Engineering at the University of Notre Dame. For 24 years, President Kilpatrick served on the faculty of North Carolina State University in chemical engineering, the last years as the department head.

Originally from Alabama, President Kilpatrick received his A.B. in chemistry from Occidental College and his Ph.D. in chemical engineering

from the University of Minnesota. He and his wife, Nancy, are the parents of four adult children and have three grandchildren.

Cardinal Wilton Gregory, University chancellor and archbishop of Washington, served as the principal celebrant. During the homily, Cardinal Gregory congratulated President Kilpatrick and said that "we are all quite fortunate to have this wise and faithful man" as the new leader of the only university founded by the U.S. Catholic bishops.

"We pray for the gift of wisdom for him as he guides this venerable institution into a bright future," said Cardinal Gregory. Other celebrants included Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States, and other bishops.

Dr. Kilpatrick had been serving as president since last summer, but the ceremony marked his formal acceptance of his role and responsibilities as the new leader of the University.

Cardinal Gregory received the Profession of Faith and Oath of Fidelity from Dr. Kilpatrick, which are pledges to uphold the teachings of the faith in his role as the leader of the national university of the Catholic Church. Chairman of the Board of Trustees Victor Smith then presented Dr. Kilpatrick with the University's Mace and Presidential Medallion — used at formal academic functions — as symbols of his stewardship.

Dr. Kilpatrick said that he was overwhelmed by joy and gratitude by the presence of the many who have supported him throughout the years. He said during the ceremony he thought about all the people in his life who helped shape his journey. Dr. Kilpatrick said that the memory of his late World War II veteran father was especially on his mind, since the Installation was held on Veterans Day.

"I'm an emotional person, it's just the way I'm wired. I think when you experience that kind of joy I think it's pretty natural that it bubbles over," said Dr. Kilpatrick as he reflected on the moment he was installed.





Rui Barros



## Celebrating Community

After an afternoon of meeting the many guests, including the previous two University presidents, bishops, and representatives from other universities, Dr. Kilpatrick and his wife Nancy spent Friday afternoon at a campus community showcase and an Installation gala. According to Dr. Kilpatrick, both were organized in response to student demand.

The Kilpatricks said they were impressed with the variety of performers at the showcase who showed off their skills spanning from cheerleading to playing mariachi music.

Little did the students know that the couple, who have been married for over four decades, had been preparing for a performance of their own. Namely, the first dance at the Installation gala.

“We’re not very good dancers. In fact, we’re pretty bad dancers. We practiced a little bit, but I am not sure if that showed,” said Dr. Kilpatrick with a laugh.

The Kilpatricks also put a lot of thought into selecting the right song for the occasion. Their four adult children thought their parents should dance to the song that played during their first dance as husband and wife at their wedding reception. There was only one problem, explained Nancy.

“We got married at 10 a.m. in the morning, had brunch, and left town,” she said. “We didn’t go to a dance!”

Nancy finally settled on “I Say a Little Prayer” by Dionne Warwick for the gala because she “thought it was a good message for each other and for the students.”

## Commitment to Service

A major theme of Dr. Kilpatrick’s installation address was servant leadership, a message that he, his wife, and several of their visiting family members put into action during the Installation Day of Service the following day.

“I really wanted the Installation to not be about me. I wanted it to be

about the University and our commitment to loving our neighbor,” said Dr. Kilpatrick, who said he and his wife joined volunteers on campus in the morning to help put together food and care packages.

The volunteers then split into groups to six sites across Washington, D.C., to serve and get to know the University’s neighbors in need. Each location was selected to address the needs of a particular population: McPherson Square, to engage with those experiencing homelessness; Armed Forces Retirement Home; Little Sisters of the Poor nursing home, to visit the elderly; a home improvement store parking lot where many day laborers wait for work; and an inn to meet migrant families and play games outside with the children. Later in the day, volunteers served dinner to families living at Ronald McDonald House, which serves Children’s National Hospital.

The Kilpatricks said the day was an opportunity to explore continuing service opportunities in the area, especially for Nancy who considers it her “vocation to do very hands-on service work.”

She joined the group that went to the Little Sisters of the Poor nursing facility, which she hopes will be the first of many future visits especially as she and her husband live so close, at Nugent Hall.

## All in the Family

Reflecting on the weekend, Dr. Kilpatrick said listening to the speeches given by each of his children and some of his longtime friends at different events was a highlight.

“I told people it was like a eulogy, except I’m still alive,” said Dr. Kilpatrick with a chuckle.

Nancy said a highlight for her came Saturday afternoon when they joined in with their grandchildren for a “giant game of sardines all over Nugent Hall.”

“It was an unofficial (Installation) event,” she said with a laugh. — M.B.



# University Experts Weigh in on When Life Begins

## When does life begin?

It's a question we've all asked ourselves.

As suggested by a December feature in *The New York Times*, the answer to this question has tremendous scientific, legal, philosophical, medical, and legal implications.

Ahead of the annual March for Life, held in late January 2023, Catholic University faculty discussed the impact the life issue has on their work and addressed common misconceptions about human origins and Catholic Church teaching.



**“Once you study the science of embryology, you see the human organism really begins at the moment of conception. ... It is one continuous process of development. Once students see that, then I get a very positive response about the Church’s teaching.”**

— **Paul Scherz**

Associate Professor of Moral Theology/Ethics, who has earned a doctorate in both genetics and theology

“(The embryo) has its own full genome that is distinct from the mother, set on its own developmental process that is separate from the mother, and at a certain point fetal viability occurs,” said Scherz. “All of these things suggest this is a new, individual organism, although deeply interrelated in a very special way, but not merely another part of a mother.”

Scherz began his academic career researching embryological development, with his interest in medical ethics leading him to pursue moral theology. This spring semester, he taught a course on philosophy of medicine for the Catholic Clinical Ethics Master of Arts program.



**“Embryos and fetuses are not ‘potential life,’ but nascent human beings with the potential to mature into adults.”**

— **Melissa Moschella**

Associate Professor of Philosophy, whose teaching and research focuses on biomedical, ethics, natural law and the family, wrote in a *Public Discourse* article

“Despite the clear scientific consensus that life begins at conception, this misconception is surprisingly widespread,” wrote Moschella. “It is common to hear people say that in the early stages of pregnancy the embryo or fetus is just a ‘clump of cells,’ or to speak of abortion as the removal of ‘pregnancy tissue.’ Yet such rhetoric is ideological, not scientific, aimed at obscuring the undeniable reality that abortion kills a human being. Standard biology texts affirm that human life begins at fertilization (when sperm and egg fuse), and the underlying science makes it clear that the fusion of sperm and egg results in a new human being that is genetically and functionally distinct from the mother.”





When life begins is “not an open question for the Catholic Church.”

— John Grabowski  
Professor of Moral Theology/Ethics

Grabowski, who teaches and publishes widely on what it means to be a person created in the image and likeness of God, said Pope Francis has been “absolutely crystal clear on the morality of this issue,” once saying, “having an abortion is like hiring a hitman.”

“Pope Francis acknowledges this is a human being from the very beginning,” said Grabowski. “Theologically and philosophically, you cannot have a human life that is not a person because we only exist as persons. That is who and what we are by God’s design.”

Grabowski said that before the development of modern embryology, many Catholic philosophers and theologians theorized that a fetus had to reach a certain stage of development before receiving a rational soul by God. However, Grabowski said “delayed hominization” was a theory and never Catholic Church teaching.

“The Church never taught or defended the theory of delayed hominization. This was a theological opinion,” said Grabowski.



“Our students and faculty believe that all persons are deserving of respect.”

— Marie Nolan  
Dean and Professor, Conway School of Nursing

Nolan says that protecting life at all stages of development from conception to natural death is central to teaching the next generation of health care professionals.

“We prepare our students in our belief that life begins at conception and ends at natural death, and that every person possesses an innate dignity that cannot be diminished by illness and the lack of mental and physical capacity that may come with it,” said Nolan.



“You don’t have to be a religious person to believe that the law should protect all human beings, regardless of their state of development.”

— Elizabeth Kirk  
Director of the Center for Law & the Human Person and Lecturer, Columbus School of Law

“The unborn child is a human being; that’s not a religious claim, that’s a biological one,” said Kirk, who said such facts can inform legal arguments about what rights and responsibilities are or should be recognized under the law.

Kirk said her focus is to teach her students how to read and analyze the law.

In a January interview, Kirk said that this semester was the first time she was teaching after the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* upended decades of precedent on abortion law.

“There is an enormous disconnect between what people think they agree with and the reality of the law,” said Kirk. — M.B.





## Sophomore Sworn into Public Office for Second Term

For business management and finance sophomore Diego Rojas, faith and public service go hand in hand. That's why he chose to study at Catholic University and why he entered politics before he could even vote.

"If you have a calling, it shouldn't be something that's contingent on whether it's the right time to do it, or whether it's the right place," said Rojas. "You should answer that call and live up to it."

Following his own call to public service, Rojas was elected as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for part of Washington, D.C.'s Ward 5 in November 2021 at age 18. This made him the youngest elected official in the city at the time.

He was re-elected this past fall and sworn in for a two-year term by District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser at a Jan. 9 ceremony attended by University President Dr. Peter Kilpatrick.

As a commissioner, Rojas advises the local government on public policy. He represents District 5A-4, which encompasses Catholic University, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, and Capuchin College, and works with other ANC commissioners serving the Brookland neighborhood. In between monthly voting sessions, he meets with the other commissioners, plans meeting agendas, and communicates with the University and local community.

"A big part of what we do as commissioners is letting community residents around the area get updated on certain events going on, what impact a construction has on their daily lives, whether roads will be shut down, or things that will be going on at night," Rojas said.

Rojas also helped with the planning progress of the new home for the Conway School of Nursing and supported the installation of new floodlights for the University's baseball and softball fields.

"At Catholic University, there's so much going on, especially construction-wise recently," said Rojas. "There's been a lot of great things that I've been able to get involved in. ... It really expedites the process. It's a huge advantage."

In August, Rojas joined other commissioners to create a special public safety task force focused on building communication between law enforcement and residents. For his second term, Rojas said he looks forward to finding new ways to continue to serve as a bridge between the community and the local government.

"It's been great ... to develop a great relationship that really benefits all students and the community," said Rojas. "I'm just glad that I was given the opportunity to do this."  
— C.E.



# The Guadalupe Project Offers Radical Welcome for Families

Named after the patroness of the Americas and the unborn, the Guadalupe Project is a commitment by The Catholic University of America to build a culture of radical welcome for families. The project was publicly launched last October.

“Here at Catholic University, we are committed to being a supportive community for every parent who studies, works, or teaches on our campus,” University President Dr. Peter Kilpatrick wrote in an email to the campus community to announce a report prepared by the Guadalupe Project committee with concrete recommendations and policies.

Jennie Bradley Lichter, chair of the Guadalupe Project committee and deputy general counsel for the University, said, “The Guadalupe Project sets Catholic University apart as a place that is willing to put real skin in the game when it comes to supporting families, marshaling resources from across the University to ensure that our policies, our physical space, and our campus culture celebrate and support the gifts of life and family.”

The Guadalupe Project recommendations, which address faculty and staff needs, campus culture and student services, as well as changes to facilities to better serve pregnant and parenting women, are now being implemented. Among the changes:

- Staff paid parental leave was expanded from eight to 12 weeks, one of the most generous policies among colleges and universities in the Washington, D.C., region. The Provost also has initiated the process to match this expanded leave policy for faculty.
- Parenting.catholic.edu is a new digital home for information about resources and support available to pregnant and parenting members of the University community.
- The redesigned Pregnancy Resource Guide is available online and in key locations on campus. Posters across campus direct viewers to the online site and resources.
- The Cardinal Cupboard (on-campus food pantry) is now stocked with baby items such as diapers and wipes, available free of charge to members of the Catholic University community. In early February, the Office of Sustainability, Guadalupe Project committee, and a student team held a maternity clothing drive to stock a new maternity clothes closet for campus community members.
- In November 2022, the University held a Mass of Remembrance for the Little Ones to honor and pray for beloved babies lost before or after birth who are mourned by members of the community. The University hopes to hold this Mass annually.
- New maternity parking spots have been reserved for expectant mothers in strategic locations around campus.
- Several dozen new changing tables will be installed in restrooms throughout campus this summer, including in men’s restrooms, marking a major step toward meeting the Guadalupe Project’s commitment to increase the number of diaper changing stations on campus from 12 to 80.
- Beginning in early 2023, faculty and staff families welcoming new children will receive a “swag bag” of fun and meaningful baby and parenting items.
- Human Resources will conduct a survey of parenting, pregnancy, and child care needs to inform further steps to support the University’s working parents. — M.B.

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[parenting.catholic.edu](https://parenting.catholic.edu)

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Campus News



## Cardinals Fly High on Amazon Streaming Service

Students were the stars of an episode of Amazon Prime’s “The College Tour” series featuring Catholic University.

The University is the first higher education institution in Washington, D.C., to be featured by “The College Tour,” which can be streamed for free.

Each episode of the series shares the story of a different higher education institution through the eyes of students. TV producer and host Alex Boylan arrived on campus with a camera crew in fall 2022, and spent several days interviewing students and exploring campus for the 30-minute inside look of life at the University.

Maria Sousa, B.A. 2003, University director of marketing and a producer of the episode said, “It’s a great way to show the beauty of our campus and the diversity of our students. These students are telling their own personal stories of why they came to Catholic University.”

The program features 10 current students and alumni who share how their life and career goals have been shaped by the opportunities they have found on campus: Alumna Claire Regan, B.S. 2022; seniors Darby Drake, Tess Franscioni, Matt Gardiner, Javier Mazariegos, and Maddy Mustin; juniors Jamie Besendorfer and Samuel Nwuhia; and first-year students Nathan Ford and Maysoon Obeid.

Each student stars in a segment, sharing what they love about CatholicU and the campus. From contributing to cutting-edge research to interning in the U.S. Congress, the students offer unique perspectives about how they have flourished at the University.

“From the moment I stepped on campus, I knew I was home,” junior Jamie Besendorfer said during her segment. — C.E.



## Main Features of Garvey Hall

- Indoor and outdoor seating
- Center for Academic and Career Success on the lower level
- Gas fireplaces inside and outside

## Innovations

- Espresso machine
- Hard-packed ice cream
- Omelets served through lunchtime
- Rockbot app digital DJ
- Fresh baked goods
- Significantly larger vegan/vegetarian station
- Fresh herbs grown on site and used in cooking
- Built in water fountains with hot, cold, or sparkling water

# Garvey Hall Rises and Shines as New Dining Option

Garvey Hall, the new University dining commons, opened its doors in late 2022 to rave reviews. Donors, alumni, students, and faculty attended a dedication outside the new building, located on the north end of University Lawn and just south of Centennial Village, before heading inside to enjoy the food.

The nearly 35,000-square-foot dining hall was built in the Collegiate Gothic style and named for former President John Garvey and his wife, Jeanne Garvey, at the recommendation of an anonymous donor whose \$8 million gift started the project.

Approximately one-third of Garvey Hall's cost was funded by private gifts. The 238-seat west dining room is named in honor of Rev. William Byron, S.J., University president from 1982 to 1992; the 91-seat Giessuebel Family Tower Dining Room is named after its donors; and the 131-seat east dining space is named for Willie Joyner, the beloved food services employee who has worked at the University for almost 50 years.

At the dedication ceremony, former President Garvey thanked the donors who made the new building possible. During his time at the University, he said he noticed that eating together was an important part of the campus community.

Garvey said, "I think we are making the lives of our students healthier and happier. So thanks to all of you for making that happen and for the great honor of attaching our names to it."

Members of the board of trustees, donors, University President Dr. Peter Kilpatrick, and former President Garvey spoke during the dedication, and a time-lapse video was shown of the three-year construction.

The building was blessed by University Chaplain and Director of Campus Ministry Rev. Aquinas Guilbeau, O.P.

The building provides expanded dining space, new cooking equipment, and fresh food made in front of guests. While the food stations are similar

to those in the now-closed Eatery, new options, such as the hard stone pizza oven and Mongolian grill, offer more healthy and customized food options.

With more than 400 seats, the indoor dining areas are double the space in the Pryzbyla Center's Eatery. There are also three outdoor dining areas on the north and south sides, and stone fireplaces. The building is the work of the Manhattan Construction Group and Perkins-Eastman Architects.

At the dedication ceremony, President Kilpatrick celebrated his predecessor, saying he helped create an "amazing culture of community."

"We just have the joy of experiencing a community that's second to none," Dr. Kilpatrick said. "I believe that the most important learning that goes on at a university is not in the classroom, it's in the conversations that students have with each other after hours over a meal about the most important things in their life."

Garvey Hall is also the new home of the Center for Academic and Career Success, formerly located in McMahan Hall. Situated on the lower level of the building, the space is named in honor of Jeanne Garvey.

"This dramatically expands the Center," said Scott Rembold, vice president for University Advancement. "It gives us a facility that is fully competitive and impressive to employers, and competitive with other universities."

Senior Tony Crnkovich, president of the Student Government Association, who emceed the ceremony, said students are excited by the opening of the new dining hall.

"I think something that all the students realize is that (Garvey Hall is) classy, and it adds this profound transcendental element to our education and it directs our eyes upwards, and I think that's very fitting for what President Garvey did these past 12 years," Crnkovich said. — C.E.







# Preserving the Story of Catholic Communications

Catholic News Service (CNS) was for decades a primary source for news about the Catholic Church in the United States. With the 2022 closure of its domestic operations, The Catholic University of America Special Collections is now playing an important role in facilitating the preservation of the treasure trove on the history of the faith in the U.S. that is the CNS archive.

CNS, a news agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), continues to maintain a Rome bureau. The stateside operations were passed to OSV News, a new wire service operated by parent organization Our Sunday Visitor.

“CNS was a big part of the American Catholic story over the last 100 years,” said University Special Collections Archivist Shane McDonald, who explained that archivists play an important role in maintaining the story of Catholic media in the U.S.

“A big part of that is making sure that it’s preserved for future scholars telling that story, but especially putting it in context,” said McDonald.

Catholic University houses one of the most comprehensive archives on 20th century Catholic media. The collection includes radio and television transcripts from Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen, J.C.B. 1920, S.T.B. 1920, an alumnus of the University famed for his innovative use of broadcast media to spread the faith. The archives research staff recently digitized the entire history of *The Catholic Hour*, the hugely popular program that marked Archbishop Sheen’s first foray into radio.

Special Collections is also home to archives from the National Catholic

Education Association, Catholic Charities USA, and a number of religious orders.

The archive is vast in its scope.

“From prayer books for nurses to limericks about bad behavior at Mass to everything from pamphlets against comic books to pamphlets that are pro-comic books in the 1940s ... we have that, as well as parish histories,” said McDonald.

The CNS archival effort is just one facet of the many ways the University is working to protect and maintain Catholic communications from recent centuries.

Maria Mazzenga, curator of American Catholic History Collections, has been working on the Catholic News Archive, a project of the Catholic Research Resources Alliance.

A collaboration between Catholic University, The University of Notre Dame and other higher education institutions to share resources has resulted in a unique database of thousands of publications from the 1800s to the present that are now available at [thecatholicnewsarchive.org](http://thecatholicnewsarchive.org).

“You can’t find the information anywhere else because the secular newspapers weren’t covering (the Church),” Mazzenga said, explaining that the lack of reporting especially during the 1800s and 1900s can be explained in part by a strong prejudice against Catholics in the United States.

“It’s amazing,” said Mazzenga of the breadth of the database. “You get a really nice overview of the Catholic press starting from about 1830 to the late 20th century from pretty much across the United States.” — M.J.P.





## Catholic University Continues the Fight for Life at National March

Hundreds of students, faculty, and staff in bright red beanies flooded the National Mall on January 20 for the annual March for Life. It was the first March since the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* in June 2022.

Members of the Catholic University community assembled in Heritage Hall before going downtown. University President Dr. Peter Kilpatrick encouraged them in their fight for life.

“The pro-life movement has been growing in strength for many, many years and it is because of people like you,” said Dr. Kilpatrick.

“The pro-life cause will not be won until hearts and minds are changed all over the world. That will only happen when we befriend people, when we love others, when we walk humbly with mothers experiencing unwanted pregnancy, like our Guadalupe Project,” he told the students, referring to the ongoing commitment by the University to build a culture of radical welcome for families.

Katherine-Elizabeth Ma, a first-year business administration student, said the March is important for her because as someone saved by adoption, she realizes the value of choosing life. Ma said it was encouraging to see President Kilpatrick there, “leading by example, setting a standard for us.”

University Chaplain and Director of Campus Ministry Reverend Aquinas Guilbeau, O.P., led the group in prayer before heading to the March. He asked God to look after the vulnerable at all stages of life and the courage to bear witness to a civilization of “truth and love.”

Father Aquinas later said in an interview that he was thrilled by the enthusiasm and energy surrounding the March on campus.

“The goal of the pro-life movement is not just to change laws but ultimately to change hearts. . . . We want to promote and help build a society and civilization in which abortion is not just illegal, but unthinkable.”

As students flooded the Brookland-CUA Metro station to head downtown, they waved signs stating the University’s pro-life support.

“It’s very special that so many people from CUA are out here today giving witness to the dignity of human life,” said pre-law senior Sophia Cook, president of the student organization Cardinals for Life. “I think a lot of people are excited with the direction the country is moving in, with the overturning of *Roe vs. Wade*, but we also recognize that there is a long road ahead of us.”

All University classes were canceled from 11:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. to encourage students to participate in the March. Many faculty and staff members attended, encouraged by President Kilpatrick, who earlier in the week invited the entire University community to join him.

Politics senior Caitlin Fitzgerald said it’s meaningful to see the University strongly represented at the March. “It shows we’re a true Catholic school standing up for life. And it’s important to show how many young people actually support this and that this isn’t some fringe movement; it’s a real movement full of young people, full of life that is ready to face the world.”

— C.E.



# Striving for Service and Sustainability

With service at the heart of Catholic University life, a few organizations have been standing out recently for the difference they are making on and off campus.

One of the most popular traditions is the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. Hundreds of students, faculty, and staff volunteered this year at service projects throughout the Washington, D.C., metropolitan region. Organized by Campus Ministry and Cardinal Service Corps, the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service is held to celebrate King's legacy.

Participants made food for the hungry, cleaned parks and neighborhoods, visited the elderly, and served those in need at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America, St. Mary's Cemetery, Washington Hebrew Congregation, So Others Might Eat (SOME), Anacostia Riverkeeper, and more.

"Dr. King's legacy is a great sign of what a selfless servant does," said philosophy senior Huey Bodger, who serves as social action chair of the Black Student Alliance. "Dr. King did a great job of that and he left a great legacy for us, namely all of these Catholic University students. This day of service allows us to capitalize and follow up on everything that Dr. King did."

Dozens of University students spent MLK Day honoring persons who had been enslaved in the 18th and 19th centuries by helping clear brush from an overgrown parish cemetery in Bowie, Md., that includes their graves. Students also marked potential grave sites with small flags for further research. Laura Masur, assistant professor of anthropology and an expert on archaeology at former Jesuit plantations, is leading the mapping of the cemetery.

Not only was the day of service a way to honor the late Dr. King, but also a way for the campus to act on the Catholic tradition of selflessness and love. Like Dr. King, the University aims to lift up the voiceless.

Emmjolee Mendoza-Waters, B.A. 2001, M.S.W. 2009, Campus Ministry's director of community engagement, social justice, and Catholic social teaching initiatives, said, "It has become a part of who we are, a University rooted in service and justice to the community. It has been a beautiful blessing to see how service is a part of the fabric of Catholic University."

Campus Ministry, Cardinal Service Corps, and many other student organizations continue to facilitate service opportunities for the campus community on a daily basis.

Another vital category of service is sustainability. The University strives to improve sustainability in an effort to improve the environment of the community on campus. A notable example is Cardinal Closet, a new on-campus clothing exchange in Gibbons Hall.

Originally started as an independent study for students Juliana Walsh and Ally Galang, Cardinal Closet is actively growing out of a class model this semester. Available to all campus community members, Cardinal Closet is open Tuesday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. All clothes are free, but those who are able are still encouraged to donate.

"Cardinal Closet is building community," said Gabrielle Choate, manager of the Office of Campus Sustainability and instructor of the independent study. "We have staff, faculty, and students uniting around a single cause, providing resources to those in our community that need them, and it is exciting to see everyone's ideas and energy come to life."

There are many students on campus who have a need for certain types of clothing that are not readily available in any other thrift store. Cardinal Closet collaborated with the Busch School of Business Dean's Student Advisory Council to collect business clothes, and are now working with the Guadalupe Project to provide free clothes for expectant mothers in the community.

Choate said that small actions, such as donating an old shirt rather than throwing it away, matter. The University's dedication to service and support for all is important to the very foundation of the school, and it will only grow.

— M.S.







Left to right, top to bottom: Rev. Frassati Davis, O.P.; Rev. Aquinas Guilbeau, O.P.; Rev. Joseph Martin Hagan, O.P.; Rev. Hugh Vincent Dyer, O.P.; and Rev. Teo Brea

# Chatting With Chaplains

## Meet the Priests of Campus Ministry

A new era for Campus Ministry began this fall with the arrival of a new team of chaplains under the leadership of Dominican Father Aquinas Guilbeau, O.P.

The five new priests took a little time out of their busy schedules serving the campus community to share some spiritual insights and a few little-known facts about themselves.

### **Rev. Aquinas Guilbeau, O.P.**

*Father Aquinas Guilbeau, O.P., is from Carencro, La. (just north of Lafayette).*

#### **What's the most important thing you brought with you from your last assignment?**

Caring for the spiritual life of a community, as a superior.

#### **Who is your favorite saint besides the patron saint of your order?**

Twenty years into my priesthood, I'm developing a new appreciation for and a devotion to St. Paul and what he witnesses for Christian life in terms of conversion, the primacy of grace, and the importance of preaching.



**If you had to watch a movie on repeat, what would it be?**

“Groundhog Day”

**What’s a surprising fun fact campus might not know about you?**

I’ve been in the presence of the past three popes.

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**Rev. Frassati Davis, O.P.**

*Father Frassati Davis, O.P., considers Chattanooga, Tenn., home and makes superb homemade ice cream.*

**What’s the most important thing you brought with you from your last assignment?**

A sense of confidence that only comes from seeing things go wrong that are outside my control. Being able to deliberate what’s in our control and what isn’t actually helps us to see how the Lord is working in that moment.

**What order do you belong to and what is your favorite thing about that order?**

The Dominican Order. My favorite thing about the Order is being able to elevate friendship and conversation by seeing how Christ enters into our interactions with others. And that’s the work of holy preaching.

**If you had to watch a movie on repeat, what would it be?**

“The Emperor’s New Groove”

**What’s a surprising fun fact campus might not know about you?**

In college, I used to hang out in elevators and sing improvised personalized greetings to anyone who walked in, because I have a background in vocal jazz composition. Also, I have a lot of opinions about pupusas.

**Rev. Joseph Martin Hagan, O.P.**

*Born and raised in Pittsburgh, Penn., Father Joseph Martin Hagan, O.P., is a dedicated tea drinker, especially Barry’s Gold Blend from Ireland. He’s the youngest of five kids, just like St. Thérèse of Lisieux, who is one of his favorite saints.*

**What’s your favorite part of serving the University community?**

I’ve been really impressed with the students; they’ve welcomed us really well. When you walk into the Pryz during the lunch rush and you recognize 50 people in like five minutes, that’s exciting.

**If you had to watch a movie on repeat, what would it be?**

“The Lord of the Rings,” though the books are better.

**What’s a surprising fun fact campus might not know about you?**

I’m a drummer in the Hillbilly Thomists. We played at the Grand Ole Opry this past August and were the opening act for a Nashville country star.

**Favorite class in college?**

This may be terribly specific, but an early morning music class on 16th century counterpoint. We learned how to compose music in the style of Palestrina and Victoria.

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**Rev. Teo Brea**

*Father Teo Brea is a priest of the St. John Society and is from Buenos Aires, Argentina. He loves backpacking and playing sports, especially tennis and soccer.*

**What order do you belong to and what is your favorite thing about that order?**

St. John Society. I love its clear identity: It is dedicated 100% to the New Evangelization.

**What’s the most important thing you brought from your last assignment?**

A conviction that Jesus is alive, that there is power in his name, and that there is no heart he cannot transform.

**If you had to watch a movie on repeat, what would it be?**

“Gladiator”

**What’s a surprising fun fact campus might not know about you?**

I was confirmed by Pope Francis (at the time Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio).

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**Father Hugh Vincent Dyer, O.P.**

*Originally from Albany, New York, Father Hugh Vincent Dyer, O.P., cherishes the Dominican work of preaching the love of God and finds joy in gardening.*

**What’s your favorite part of serving the University community?**

The community! I love meeting new people, having conversations with them and praying with them. I also find the campus beautiful. I lived in Manhattan before but now I can see trees every day.

**Who is your favorite saint besides the patron saint of your order?**

St. Vincent de Paul, because of his love of serving those in need and of bringing people to the Eucharist.

**If you had to watch a movie on repeat, what would it be?**

“You Can’t Take It with You”

**Any hobbies? Or surprising skill sets?**

I love to garden, especially things you can eat. Back at (my dad’s house) there’s an alleyway that’s kind of a neglected space. But there was a green space and I planted like 150 tulip bulbs. They were beautiful. The beauty of a garden can help people to rest. — C.E.





## NCSSS Scholarship Honors Two Longtime Faculty Members

The National Catholic School of Social Service (NCSSS) established a new endowed scholarship last fall in honor of two beloved faculty members — Sister Mary Vincentia Joseph, M.S.W. 1958, Ph.D. 1974 (*above left*), and Sister Ann Patrick Conrad, Ph.D. 1985 (*above right*) — thanks to a gift of \$1.7 million from their combined estates.

The Sisters Mary Vincentia Joseph and Ann Patrick Conrad Endowed Scholarship will serve underrepresented and international candidates to the Masters of Social Work program at Catholic University. Supporting Black, Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC) in their pursuit of a graduate education in social work is a cause that was near and dear to both of their hearts.

Sister Mary Vincentia Joseph's fierce advocacy to bring ethics and ethical decision making to the forefront of both social work education and practice thoroughly changed the profession. As a member of the Sisters for Christian Community, she brought the core values of love, reverence, forgiveness, nonviolence, equality, diversity, integrity, and care for creation to her work. Her work was influential across the country as a member of the National Association of Social Workers. She spearheaded the efforts to rewrite the organization's code of ethics in 1997, its first revision in nearly a decade.

She also trained the next generation of social workers at NCSSS. Sister Mary Vincentia launched the first-ever Spiritual Dimensions of Social Work course to teach her students how to incorporate religious and spiritually-informed methods into clinical practice. Her continued activism helped to create the Society for Spirituality and Social Work.

Sister Ann Patrick Conrad, a dear friend and co-worker, joined Sister Mary Vincentia in her efforts to evolve their shared profession. Both worked extensively with Catholic Charities and, in 1983, they helped to create one of the first organizational codes of ethics, later helping to revise that same code in 2007. At Catholic Charities, she was considered a leader in the nationwide program to create neighborhood-based social outreach

programs. An accomplished speaker, she was renowned for her talks on human rights, social justice, social policy, and social service outreach. She was also very involved with the Council on Accreditation of Family and Child Services Agencies and served as a member of its board of directors.

“As members of the Sisters for Christian Community, the sisters were committed to Gospel values that included the dignity and worth of all people, social justice, equality, inclusion, and diversity,” said Linda Plitt Donaldson, a former co-worker and trustee of Sister Mary Vincentia's estate. “They gave their hearts and souls to NCSSS, to the social work profession, and to their role as social work educators.”

A product of the graduate program at CatholicU, Sister Mary Vincentia was a two-time alumna earning a master's degree in 1958 and her doctorate in 1974. CatholicU quickly became home, as she served as a professor and then an assistant dean in NCSSS. Sister Ann Patrick joined her in guiding NCSSS, receiving her doctorate in 1985 before serving the school in various roles, including a six-year stint as dean. In their roles as educators, both sisters were recognized as being among the first to introduce ethics into the required curriculum for social work.

The duo's pioneering ways greatly impacted NCSSS. Inside Shahan Hall, the sisters took their teachings on ethics, spirituality and social work, and advanced social policy and spread them across the globe via the school's programs in the Philippines and Chile. They took the challenge of creating a community and opportunities for students of color to thrive. In doing so, the sisters were not only transforming CatholicU, but increasing the diversity and global impact of the profession.

“Noting the large need for BIPOC professional social workers, the sisters hoped their gift could reduce the financial burden for BIPOC students who were seeking an MSW degree at NCSSS,” added Plitt Donaldson. “In addition to providing scholarships, they wanted their gift to be used for programming that would help foster a sense of belonging and support for BIPOC students at NCSSS.”

Through this gift, these women will continue to impact generations of social work professionals.

“We are grateful for the legacy of Sisters Mary Vincentia and Ann Patrick Conrad as former educators in the National Catholic School of Social Service,” said Jo Ann Regan, dean of NCSSS. “Their legacy will continue through their generous scholarship gift for underrepresented students to complete their Master's in Social Work and then strive for social, economic, racial, and environmental justice with individuals and communities.” — S.K.



# Sheehys Endow Scholarship at Metro School

The Metropolitan School of Professional Services recently received its largest gift to date, \$3.65 million, to endow The Sheehy Family Scholarship and provide support for adult learners attending the Metro School.

The gift honors our late former trustee Vincent A. Sheehy III, B.A. 1951, and his wife, Helen, who passed away not long ago. It is the Metro School's first endowed scholarship.

Catholic University has been an important part of the Sheehy family for generations. In addition to Vincent III, who served on the University's Board of Trustees, his father Vincent Sheehy Jr., J.D. 1933, and brother Richard, B.Arch. 1955, were also alumni.

"My father had a tremendous experience at Catholic, and a strong belief in the ability of Catholic institutions to do really good work. I just think he always enjoyed the engagement at Catholic University," said Vincent Sheehy IV. "And, of course, through the whole Catholic experience, my father met my mother, which was the most important relationship of his life."

Since the early 1990s, the Sheehy family has enabled the University to offer scholarships so nontraditional students can complete an undergraduate degree. Their focus is on supporting educational needs and leveling the playing field for those who struggle to attend college. The gift endowing the scholarship is one of several educational gifts the Sheehy family has made in honor of their parents.

Sheehy said the Metro School was much beloved by his father especially, who greatly respected the program and loved attending Metro School commencement, where graduates share their stories.

"Whether the individual is 25 and had to get through some really tough times early in life, or a grandmother who's gone back to get her diploma with her extended family of 20 grandkids cheering her on, it's a graduation unlike any other," Sheehy said. "It just makes us so happy to help that person take another step toward achieving their dreams." — A.K.



Members of the Sheehy family, including Vincent Sheehy IV, center, pose for a photo with graduates of the Metropolitan School of Professional Services.



## CatholicU Launches Veterans Upward Bound Program

Recently, Catholic University was awarded \$1.4 million in federal grant funding to launch a program that will help U.S. military veterans prepare for and achieve higher education.

The program, called Veterans Upward Bound (VUB), will be administered through the Metropolitan School for Professional Studies and help 125 veterans annually. These veterans will be residents of the District of Columbia who do not hold a bachelor's degree, and two thirds will be either low income students, first-generation college students, or both. The grant runs for five years, through 2027.

"We look forward to assisting D.C.'s brave veterans in improving their lives through education," said Vincent Kiernan, dean of the Metro School. "Completing a bachelor's degree can be an important step for a D.C. veteran in developing a productive, post-military career and bolstering their economic security."

According to the 2020 American Community Survey's five-year estimate, there are 24,925 veterans aged 25 or older living across the District's eight wards; and that number is thought to be an undercount. The same survey estimated that nearly 10% of those veterans had an income below the federal poverty level and would therefore qualify to take part in the VUB program. More than 3,800 either don't have a bachelor's degree or are first-generation students. Some never completed high school.

Through the VUB program, Catholic University will provide coaching and assistance for these veterans to prepare for college, submit admissions applications, and enroll.

The Metro School has a long history of helping veterans and U.S. service members obtain their education. It offers courses that are eligible for the Veteran Rapid Retraining Assistance Program, and the University has also been designated a Yellow Ribbon Program participant. — A.K.

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## Latest Conway Gift Supports Nursing Faculty

Bill and Joanne Conway — the largest donors in Catholic University history due to their tremendous support of nursing scholarships and substantial funding of the nursing and sciences building currently under construction — are again supporting the Conway School of Nursing (CSON) through a \$10 million gift that will enable the school to add faculty positions.

It has long been a goal of CSON leadership to increase the size of both the student population and the faculty by 2031.

“When I came in as the new dean, I met with the faculty, University leadership, and other critical stakeholders and evaluated our goals for expansion. I saw the need for more faculty to achieve these goals,” said Dean Marie Nolan, Ph.D. 1989. “I spoke with both (former) President Garvey and Mr. Conway, who, together with his wife, Joanne, were nice enough to say ‘we can help with this.’ Their very generous donation to fund the initiative of new faculty is really transformational for us.”

In seeking to reduce the national nursing shortage by supporting the education of new nurses, the Conways understand more faculty is needed, too. This gift will fund salary support, stipends for research and administration, and start-up costs.

“There are so many young men and women who want to dedicate their lives to serving others through the vocation of nursing. For Catholic University to educate more nurses, they need talented faculty to do so,” Bill Conway said. “My wife and I have been blessed with the resources to be able to further help the University achieve its goal of increasing both

enrollment and faculty in the nursing school. We are excited to see the nursing school continue to grow.”

Currently, there are 21 full-time faculty members in CSON. Needed positions include clinical faculty to teach at the baccalaureate and graduate levels, as well as research faculty to teach and advance the science of nursing. With the funding, Nolan has already secured an associate dean for administration to support the advancement of academic programs.

The Conway gift will enable Nolan to hire a psychiatric nurse practitioner, too. She explained that many people of all ages are experiencing mental health problems, some exacerbated by the pandemic. “We want our students to be well prepared in mental health and psychiatric nursing,” she said. “I think I have a very good candidate.”

CSON has about 325 undergraduates currently enrolled, and it’s growing very quickly, according to Nolan. Between 2020 and 2024, the B.S.N. class size is expected to double. “The Conway gift came at just the right time and enables us to grow both at the undergraduate and graduate level,” Nolan said, adding, “We will never be able to thank Bill and Joanne Conway enough for their generous gifts and the impact that they have had on our students, faculty, and school, on the University and, really, on the nursing profession.

“Bill and Joanne Conway have given so much to us, obviously. The fact that we have this magnificent new building” — set to open in 2024 — “is the physical demonstration of their confidence in the next generation of nurses being produced at the Conway School of Nursing.” — A.K.



# CatholicU Baseball and Softball Teams Start Their First Season Under the Lights

Robert J. Talbot Field will welcome the upcoming season for the Cardinals with a new feature: stadium lights.

Until now, the baseball and softball teams have had to face common enemies: a setting sun and a dark field. While the teams have been able to thrive despite this — the baseball team earned a spot in the 2022 Division III College World Series — the lack of light impacts everything from practice times to game locations and, at worst, the possibility for wins.

“There have been games in the past where darkness played a factor,” said Bobby Picardo, B.A. 2009, assistant coach for the baseball team. “Whereas, now, you turn the lights on and you’re not worried about whether we’ll get the last inning in.”

But getting the last inning isn’t the only factor the teams have been worried about. The lights allow for the teams to practice later, so students won’t have to decide between their academics or the sport they love.

“A lot of us have pretty heavy class schedules, and since this is Division III, class comes first,” said senior softball player Katherine Hurd. “But now, having the lights, we can practice later, so we will have full team practice and we won’t have as many girls missing practice because of class, which is nice for us to have.”

For Picardo specifically, the primary goal is player development. “You spend all this time on the road recruiting potential student-athletes, but it’s what you do with them when you get here,” he said. “When your whole team is able to practice together, you get better.”

However, the practical implications for the lights go beyond performance. Players shared that the field serves as a hub for former, current, and future members of the teams to come together and connect, perform, and inspire. Members of the softball and baseball teams expressed a feeling that the upgrades to the field give them the opportunity to return to a part of campus they would always be able to call “home.”

Robert J. Talbot Field has been home to the CatholicU baseball and softball teams since the 1980s. In 2007, the field went under significant renovations, including new stadium seating,

a state-of-the-art press box, fencing with a windscreen, and a warning track. The lights are the latest addition and a part of the Diamond Project, an initiative seeking to improve the student-athlete experience by upgrading Talbot Field. Thanks to the generous gift of \$2.3 million from the Jones family, Juan and Lisa Jones, P ’20, and their son, Christian, B.A. 2020, a four-year member of the baseball team, the first phase — installing championship-level lighting structures — of the four-phase project is complete.

“It really touched us, personally, to be able to light the way for the baseball field and the softball field,” said Trustee Juan Jones, P ’20. “The fact that we, as a family, could make the decision to make that contribution is really what made it special.”

And family is a sentiment that players on both teams understand well. Junior baseball player Cormac Terry stated, “I think that being on the team is like being in a family.”

“A great testament to this was the showing from alumni at the playoffs and the World Series last year. We had countless alumni that traveled across the country, on their dime, just to watch us play. This show of support from alumni and their continued connection is a great testament to the family that is CatholicU Baseball,” he said.

Alumnus Christian Jones stated, “I would say in general, it’s amazing just to be able to pay it

forward. Obviously my time at Catholic is over, and went by very quickly. I think about it all the time. But the fact that I know that the younger guys are going to be able to use those lights is great.”

The students are most looking forward to a time where they, too, can add to the legacy of their CatholicU team. Being able to see the field they spent so much time on grow and change has been vital to them as they progress through the program and into their careers.

“I think that we have really great alumni who have supported us. I think that having this project happen as I’m getting ready to leave the program will definitely encourage me to want to come back and see what improvements they continue to make on the field, just like some of the previous alumni have done while I’ve been here,” said Hurd.

The teams are also looking forward to hosting night games that alumni, fans, and friends can attend, including the first night baseball game at Robert J. Talbot Field on March 29 against Johns Hopkins. Picardo said they’re hoping to add more night games to the schedule and eventually host the conference tournament. “When you’re a kid and you’re in Little League and you’re playing under the lights, there’s an excitement that never goes away,” Picardo said. “There’s just something about night baseball.” — J.J.



From left, University Trustee Juan Jones, Lisa Jones, both P ’20, their son Christian Jones, B.A. 2020, and Catholic University Head Baseball Coach Ross Natoli.



# Jumping to the Next Level

As a triple jump and long jump standout at The Catholic University of America, Jordyn Walker, Class of 2023, didn't always know where he was going to land. But with the right mechanics, he takes flight with confidence.

That's how the nursing major is approaching his final weeks and months as a Cardinal student athlete, landing firmly on the ground as he graduates in May with a nursing degree.

"It goes by really quick," Walker said of track and field, while still sounding like he's talking about life. "There are even some jumps where I jump and don't have control over what happens. I can't think about it. It really comes from practice, practice, and practice. It's to the point where it just falls into place. I almost feel like I'm floating."

The Chester, Pa., native received a recommendation to attend the University from a family friend who happened to be an alumnus. Walker had visited Washington, D.C., before, but had

not visited campus before a recruiting day.

"The more I researched Catholic, the more I thought it was a place I could see myself for the next four years," Walker recalled. "It just gave me a feel of a small community. I like that feeling of knowing everyone. I got that feeling when I visited. Everyone said hello and I felt like I was at home."

Walker, also a member of the Black Student Alliance, has left a significant mark on the community since. He surpassed jumping records that had stood for nearly 60 years in both of his events. This year, he set the long jump record of 23 feet.

"I consciously knew what the record was," he said. "I just wanted that record and I wasn't leaving without it."

When the track and field team had its first home meet in years this January, friends, alumni, and teammates were there to surround him following his achievement at the Prince George's

Sports and Learning Complex.

"I think that's the beauty of playing a sport at Division III, Walker said. "You always have people who you are friends with, who can help you out when there are issues that come up."

As a participant on both the indoor and outdoor track teams, Walker spends nearly the entire academic year in practice or competition.

Track Head Coach Steve Rahn said, "Since stepping on campus as a recruit, Jordyn has shown great poise, dedication, and leadership. He is someone we've leaned on and built the program around over the past four years. Jordyn's drive and support for all his teammates has had an incredibly positive impact that will last for many years even after he graduates."

Walker's indoor long jump efforts were good enough to qualify for the national championship meet, which took place in March. As a captain, Walker took his mentorship equally seriously.

On most days, he would attend classes until the early afternoon and finished the day at the DuFour Center for practice. During his last two years, Walker had off-campus nursing clinicals at hospitals in the District and Virginia on Tuesdays





and Thursdays. Walker helped give medication to patients, review charts, and learned from top medical professionals in real time.

Thanks to those clinicals, he has attended to a wide variety of patient needs in all stages of life. The Conway School of Nursing undergraduate and graduate tracks are both ranked as among the best in the nation, affording him opportunities that are second to none.

“I wanted to do something that could help people and see that change in their lives,” he said. “I figured nursing would give me the perfect opportunity to do that for maybe the rest of my life. There are a lot of opportunities to go into other fields. There’s almost nothing you can’t do with a nursing degree.”

Added Walker, “They’ve set me up to the best person I can be and the best nurse I can be.”

Walker said that at CatholicU, a student athlete is part of the fabric of the community. He is grateful for every jump (and class) he’s taken during the last four years.

“I don’t think I could have imagined the things I would achieve athletically and academically,” Walker said. — M.J.P.



## The Dynasty Deep End: Men's and Women's Swim Teams Snag Titles

The University men's and women's swimming and diving team won the Landmark Conference Championships Feb. 19, securing dominance for the program. The men captured their seventh-straight conference title, while the women have now won three of the last four.

Coach Tyler Ziegler's men's squad put up 765 points, 76 more than second-place Drew. Ziegler has won three championships since taking over as the head coach and CatholicU as a whole is currently in pursuit of matching the longest-ever streak of consecutive men's titles in Landmark Conference history, currently held by former members United State Merchant Marine Academy (2008–16).

“Winning both the men's and women's Landmark Championship is a truly special accomplishment,” Ziegler said. “Winning just one is challenging, but doing so on both sides takes a full team effort. It shows that we came together as one big team, fully supporting each other from start to finish.”

The men's 200 breaststroke was a wildly successful race for the Cardinals as the team provided three of the top four finishers. Junior Nathan Ober went 2:02.30 to beat teammate Jackson Hicks (2:06.03) to the wall while Tristan Burrola (2:10.00) touched fourth, smashing his personal best by more than three seconds. Ober's time is a new program and championship-meet record.

Ober was named Landmark Conference Swimmer of the Year after four victories and two NCAA B Cuts in the 100- and 200-yard breaststrokes, while first-year student Charles Connolly was named Diver of the Year after winning both the 1-meter and 3-meter platform dive events.

The women's team's championships provided wildly entertaining viewing, with the winner not being decided until the final event — the 400 free relay — was complete. Ziegler's women's team had a lead of greater than 50 points over Scranton, the team that had remained closest to the Cardinals all weekend. With Scranton ready to close the points gap, Angele Parral provided a clutch swim, securing a second-place finish. The first-year student produced the race of her career to date, clocking in at 2:12.06, nearly two seconds faster than her prelim time and over four seasons faster than her personal best prior to the day.

Catholic women's swimming and diving first-year student Katie Herman was named both Landmark Conference Rookie of the Year and Swimmer of the Year after stealing the show at Landmark Conference Championships. The newcomer swam to six total victories, breaking program records, conference records and meet records in both the 50- and 100-yard freestyle events. She also earned NCAA B Cuts in both events. Overall, 10 women's athletes combined for 15 all-conference honors.

“Obviously those performances reflected big time on the scoreboard,” Zeigler said, “but this [program] had big contributions from each and every team member all year long, they leaned on one another and pushed each other to success.” — M.J.P.





# EMBRACING GENERATIONS

By Cecilia Engbert

Seemingly every member of The Catholic University of America family has come to know Ms. Willie Joyner during her nearly half century of service to the University. She is a parent away from home and a warm embrace on a cold day with a side of Chick-fil-A. She's a permanent fixture in more ways than one now that the institution has honored its institution and cemented her legacy.







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I AM BUT ONE IN A 49-YEAR-LONG PARADE OF STUDENTS, MANY OF US HER BABIES, WHO HAVE BENEFITED FROM MS. WILLIE'S CARE AND FEEDING.

**W**illie Joyner, customer service ambassador at the University, had just sat down for her afternoon break in

the food court this winter when a student walking by caught sight of her and called out a greeting.

“Ms. Willie, I haven’t seen you in so long!”

Joyner was quick to stand for a hug and as the student walked away, promising to catch up soon, Joyner called after him, “Just text me!”

For almost 50 years, students at Catholic University have found an accessible friend and confidant in Joyner, who still works in the Edward J. Pryzbyla University Center food court greeting students, cleaning tables, and stocking beverages and condiments. Joyner said the students — or “babies” as she calls them — don’t just need someone to talk to them, they need people to show them they are appreciated and cared for. Her actions speak for her, she said.

Several University alumni demonstrated just how much Joyner’s friendship impacted their University experience when they donated money to name the east dining room of the new Garvey Hall in honor of their “Ms. Willie.”

Ed Gillespie, B.A. 1983, a former counselor to a president of the United States, led the charge in naming the dining room after Joyner.

“I am but one in a 49-year-long parade of students, many of us her babies, who have benefited from Miss Willie’s care and feeding. But as she will tell you, I was her first baby,” Gillespie said at the dedication of Garvey Hall on Dec. 5, 2022 when he announced the dining hall had been named for his friend.

Garvey Hall is the latest addition to campus, a 35,000-square-foot dining facility that is also the new home of the Center for Academic and Career Success, formerly located in McMahan Hall.

Many fellow graduates joined Gillespie in the naming project. “These alumni put their money where their mouth is and this institution of faith is practicing what it preaches,” Gillespie said.

Mary Jo Parrino, B.A. 1983, who donated toward the naming of the Ms. Willie Joyner Dining Room, said it is a fitting way to act in the spirit of Joyner.

Rui Barros



Willie Joyner and Ed Gillespie celebrate the new Garvey Hall and a dining room named in her honor.



**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE NEW GARVEY HALL IN THIS EDITION OF THE MAGAZINE. SEE PAGE 12.**



Willie Joyner hugs Mary Jo Parrino, Associate Director of Advancement, on the day Garvey Hall was dedicated.



Vinny Sica, B.M.E. 1983, embraces Willie Joyner during the Garvey Hall dedication.



Former President John Garvey embraces Willie Joyner at the dedication of the new Garvey Hall.

“Ms. Willie gives to us a tangible example of a life of service, a life guided by unfailing kindness to all those she meets along the way,” said Parrino.

Parrino said Joyner embodies the ethos of the University: “Love of neighbor and a recognition of the dignity of all persons.”

As Catholic University rejoiced in the celebration of Joyner, so did the nation. Miss Willie was celebrated on the front page of *The Washington Post* Metro section, while local news and the national Fox News Sunday chronicled Joyner’s service to the campus. Co-workers called her an “icon,” while current students said she was “the best,” and “very embodiment of joy” in media interviews.

So, how did a humble woman who has spent most of her life in Washington, D.C., capture the hearts of generations of Catholic University students and, now, the nation? By focusing on what’s holy.

### **A CONSTANT AMID CHANGES**

While in college in the big city, Gillespie remembers being homesick for his family back in rural south New Jersey. Phone calls were limited back then and he couldn’t just text his loved ones when he felt lonely. But Joyner helped him get through.

“Willie just kind of doted on me,” Gillespie said. “When I would have problems. I would talk to her and she would make me feel better, give me advice.”

Joyner’s life of faith, exemplary work ethic, and joyful service has been a model for countless University students over the past 49 years, many of whom still stay in touch with her.

Joyner came to Catholic University in 1974. She had previously worked as a line server at American University and she enjoyed the promotion to cashier at Catholic University. Over the years, she has moved from building to building and watched as the University evolved in many ways.

She watched the Pryz take over the old football field. Her favorite space to eat lunch, atop a hill along Michigan Avenue, is now the site of construction for a new home for the Conway School of Nursing. She remembers hanging out with students in “the Rat” (or Rathskellar) — the former University student lounge that closed in 2004.

While the University has changed during her time of service, Joyner remains the same source of comfort and refuge that students have grown to depend upon. From cashier, Joyner eventually moved on to being a “meeter and greeter,” the job she does now.



**MS. WILLIE GIVES TO US A TANGIBLE EXAMPLE OF A LIFE OF SERVICE, A LIFE GUIDED BY UNFAILING KINDNESS TO ALL THOSE SHE MEETS ALONG THE WAY.**





Students gather to enjoy the new Garvey Hall.

One thing has remained through her years, as the campus has grown and changed.

“I meet and greet and get my hugs,” she said. “That’s the good part of my day.”

### ROOTED IN FAITH

Every day, Joyner says she asks God for wisdom and knowledge so she can be there for the students who need her. She finds motivation in Philippians 4:13, which says, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me,” as well as Proverbs 3:5-6, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”

Every day brings something different for Joyner as she meets new students and greets old ones. One of her favorite things is when students take their BeReal photos (a photo sharing app to share images once a day with friends) with her. She smiles big and shows her real self. “It lets me know they see the real me. I cannot fake it to make it,” Joyner said.

Joyner said when students have things they

don’t want to tell their parents or aren’t sure how to tell them, she helps find a way.

“We talk, we hug, we pray,” she said. “If it’s really important, I’ve got to take time from my job to talk with them. I make sure that we serve the babies right. We need to show them love. We need to show that we appreciate them and care about them. They need to be shown, not just talked to.”

Joyner said she is quick to notice when students are lonely and she takes special care to befriend them. “Sometimes I wonder if I’m doing enough for my babies, if I’m talking to them enough,” she said.

It’s clear Joyner’s doubts are unfounded.

### COMING HOME TO MS. WILLIE

Brian J. Abdo, B.A. 1985, remembers meeting Joyner on his second day at the University in 1981.

“She immediately nicknamed me B.J.,” Abdo said. “We became friends and sometimes held up the line as we talked about our families and friends. I found her a very spiritual person, a person whose positive attitude was contagious,

and her ability to show true empathy with me as well as so many other students was truly a gift.”

Like pretty much every student since the turn of the 21st century, Aiden Moriarty, B.A. 2019, said he encountered Ms. Willie in the Pryzbyla Center his freshman year. “She was just so kind to us all, every day,” he said.

When Aiden Moriarty found out his dad, Michael Moriarty, B.A. 1983, knew Ms. Willie 35 years before, he showed her a picture of his dad as a student.

“She remembered exactly who he was and was delighted to hear how he was doing,” he said.

Joyner was an essential part of the day for Michael Moriarty and his friends back in their freshman year of 1979.

“She was the first person you’d meet, punching our meal cards and keeping our nonstop nonsense to a minimum,” said Michael Moriarty. “She was up to the challenge, and everybody thought the world of her.”

Joyner knows how to keep students in line but she is also a beacon of much-needed joy to busy,



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tired students trying to find some food and a place to relax.

“We were probably less rebellious and difficult because Willie could do her job well and be the friendly welcoming face of CUA’s food service,” said Michael Moriarty. “To be honest, the positive memories are of her, because food wasn’t very good back then.”

Shortly after the new dining hall opened in December, Abdo and his wife Mary Molloy, B.A. 1985, returned to the University to reunite with Joyner after hearing of the room dedicated to her.

“I had thought that Ms. Willie had retired years ago and the opportunity to spend some time with her was precious,” said Abdo. “We exchanged cell numbers and have been texting and sending pictures of our families since then.”


He was overjoyed to hear of the honor shown to Joyner.

“The insight to go beyond donors and, if you will, dedicate the wing to someone in the trenches is truly an inspiration,” said Abdo. “Her story needs to be repeated over and over again, especially to the students who are privileged to go to CUA. I hope that they will learn that some of life’s best lessons don’t come from a book.”

Since graduating, Aiden and Michael Moriarty both have made sure to see Joyner when they visit campus.

“Multiple generations have built relationships with Willie,” Michael Moriarty said. “That’s not a long time on a job, that’s a legacy!”

Gillespie also has stayed in touch with Joyner over the years and he is proud of the University for honoring the woman who means so much to him and many other graduates and students.

“It’s nice to see someone of Willie’s caliber as a person get that kind of recognition that is usually reserved for former university presidents or leaders of the Church or big donors,” said Gillespie. “I’m just very proud of the school right now. I love her and I’m so happy for her. And the joy that this has brought her has brought me 100-fold the same joy.” 



Willie Joyner embraces students throughout the day at the Pryz Food Court.



# MS. WILLIE

## AT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

The journey of Willie Joyner's career coincides with a significant amount of history on campus.



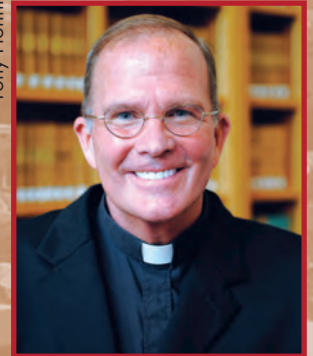
St. John Paul II's apostolic journey to campus



Rev. William J. Byron, S.J., named president



Brother Patrick Ellis, F.S.C., named president



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Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., named president

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Dr. Edmund D. Pellegrino named president

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Killion Field closes and DuFour Center opens

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School of Architecture and Planning moves into the Edward M. Crough Center



Ms. Willie Joyner arrives



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Pope Benedict XVI's apostolic journey to campus (see page 32)



Dr. Peter K. Kilpatrick named president and Garvey Hall opens with a dining space dedicated to Ms. Willie Joyner

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John H. Garvey named president

Tony Fiorini



Millennium residence halls open

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Ed Pfueller



Edward J. Pryzbyla University Center opens (see page 56)

Justin Walker



Pope Francis' apostolic journey to campus and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception









Greg Stock

# REMEMBERING THE “PAPA” WHO LIFTED HEARTS

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By Mariana Barillas and Matt J. Palmer

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Pope Benedict XVI’s legacy in the Church is tied to education and the teaching of the faith. Learn how Catholic University played a pivotal role in his connection with the United States and is continuing his mission today.

**T**he death of Pope Benedict XVI on Dec. 31, 2022, led to weeks of mourning across the world as well as celebrations of his contributions to the Catholic Church. His passing was particularly personal for many members of the University community, as the former pontiff spoke on campus during his 2008 apostolic journey to the United States.

On April 17, 2008, Pope Benedict XVI delivered a memorable address on Catholic education to Catholic college presidents, diocesan school superintendents, and other national education leaders inside the Great Room of the Edward J. Pryzbyla University Center.

The University is one of only three higher-education institutions in the United States to have hosted a pope on campus, and the only one to have done so three times — including St. John Paul II in 1979, Pope Benedict XVI in 2008, and Pope Francis in 2015.

Pope Benedict XVI had made his mark on the University even before he was elected Pope. Former Catholic University President and Bishop of Trenton David M. O’Connell, C.M., said that his appointment as president was determined, in part, by the future Pope.

“As Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome, Cardinal (Joseph) Ratzinger was one of two prefects — the other being Cardinal Pio Laghi of the Congregation for Catholic Education — who was required to confirm my election,” Bishop O’Connell recalled. “In the following 12 years, I was privileged to meet with him many times.”

Ten years after Bishop O’Connell became president, he was there to welcome the Pope to campus.



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— LUCIA SILECCHIA  
Associate Dean of Faculty Research  
and Professor of Law

## EDUCATING THE EDUCATORS

Pope Benedict, who had built a reputation as a highly regarded scholar and professor of theology before his election to the papacy, delivered a rousing address to educators while on campus.

In his University address, he offered advice for teaching the faith to the next generation of students.

“Religious education is a challenging apostolate, yet there are many signs of a desire among young people to learn about the faith and practice it with vigor,” he said. “If this awakening is to grow, teachers require a clear and precise understanding of the specific nature and role of Catholic education. They must also be ready to lead the commitment made by the entire school community to assist our young people, and their families, to experience the harmony between faith, life, and culture.”

Before parting, Pope Benedict XVI added, “To all of you I say: Bear witness to hope. Nourish your witness with prayer. Account for the hope that characterizes your lives by living the truth which you propose to your students. Help them to know and love the One you have encountered, whose truth and goodness you have experienced with joy.”

Lucia Silecchia, who has taught law at the University since 1991, was in the room and said it spoke to her personally.

Looking back, she said, “Pope Benedict ... devoted his address in the Pryz to the important role of Catholic education at all levels. This is the project to which I have devoted over 30 years of my life. When he spoke of the critical role that Catholic education plays in the life of the Church, the world, and the students we serve, it was a great inspiration.”

Top: Bishop David O’Connell, then-president of the University, welcomes Pope Benedict XVI to campus in 2008.

Bottom: The 2008 crowd at The Catholic University of America welcomed Pope Benedict XVI to campus with open arms.

Chase McAlpine



Tony Fiorini







Pope Benedict XVI spoke to leaders and educators in 2008 about the vital nature of a Catholic education.

# LIFE ALTERING EXPERIENCE FOR STUDENTS

Jonathan Lewis, Ph.B. 2008, was one of the lucky students to hear the then-pontiff. As a member of the President’s Society, a leadership team of students who assist at University functions, he served as a doorman for the Great Room during the address.

Lewis thought he would be in the back of the room the whole time, but was given a last-minute opportunity to sit in the front row, just feet away from Pope Benedict XVI. He said listening to the Holy Father’s reflections changed his life.

“As I look back after Benedict’s passing, it was one of many moments that urged me to continue studies in theology,” Lewis said. He would later work for the Archdiocese of Washington and play a critical role in the organization of Pope Francis’ apostolic journey to the United States in 2015.

“It was neat for me to experience two papal visits to Washington in different contexts,” said Lewis, who now serves as vice president of operations for Catholic Faith Technologies.

“Pope Benedict was a person of deep faith who emphasized the intimacy between faith and reason but also with his great encyclical on social ministry *Caritas in veritate* emphasized that we are called to go out as missionaries and disciples,” said Lewis “I think there is a connection between Benedict and myself but also everyone who was present.”

The connection between the campus community and Pope Benedict XVI was palpable outside the Pryzbyla Center during his visit. Hundreds of students gathered on the lawn, some for several hours, waiting to see him. After the Pope’s address to educators, he emerged from the building with his arms outstretched, smiling and waving to those gathered outside.

Silecchia said, “I was struck at the time with (the students’) deep excitement. Many had signs that, with irreverent affection — or affectionate reverence — proclaimed, ‘We love our German Shepherd’ and I saw in them the importance the Pope had to them,” she recalled.

Tony Fiorini



Audience members show their tickets to Pope Benedict XVI’s apostolic journey to campus in 2008.

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— JONATHAN LEWIS, PH.B. 2008



Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Christophe Pierre celebrated a Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in honor of Pope Benedict XVI.

*“The pope’s words and vision for Catholic education find living embodiment in the work of administrators, staff, faculty, and students who carry out daily the mission of this University.”*

— JEM SULLIVAN, PH.D. 1999  
*Associate Professor of Catechetics*

## A LASTING IMPRESSION

Upon Pope Benedict XVI’s passing, hundreds of campus community members, including University President Dr. Peter Kilpatrick, gathered at St. Vincent de Paul Chapel for a Memorial Mass celebrating his life and legacy.

University Chaplain and Director of Campus Ministry Father Aquinas Guilbeau, O.P., said during his homily that the Pope came to the United States with public perceptions that he was “God’s Rottweiler” and an unapproachable academic.

By the end of the visit, Father Aquinas said cynical newspapers were lovingly calling the pontiff, “Papa.”

“It was an important visit, a remarkable visit,” Father Aquinas said wistfully.

“Benedict made a lasting impression upon those in his presence — and those whose lives he touched through his writing and teaching. He will be remembered as a man of great conviction, who loved his Church, and gave his life to serving it and all of its people,” said University President Dr. Peter Kilpatrick in a reflection on Pope Benedict XVI’s passing.

Associate Professor of Catechetics Jem Sullivan, Ph.D. 1999, was not at the Pope’s address to educators, but tells her current students to read and reflect on his important words from that day about the purpose of study.

“It seems that Pope Benedict was showing students that their intellectual formation is a journey that can lead them not only to success in professional careers, but to lasting happiness, hope for the future, and freedom found in the discovery of the harmony between faith and reason,” she said.

Sullivan said it was fitting that the pope shared his reflections on the higher calling of higher education at the only papally chartered University in the United States.

“The pope’s words and vision for Catholic education find living embodiment in the work of administrators, staff, faculty, and students who carry out daily the mission of this University,” she said. [CU](#)







Pope Francis celebrated Mass between the University's campus and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in 2015.

## BONDS WITH POPE FRANCIS GO BEYOND HIS PAPACY

When Argentinian-born Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio was elected to the papacy 10 years ago, Monsignor Kevin Irwin was teaching at Catholic University's Rome program and had a front row seat to the election and inauguration of Pope Francis in his role as an expert for CNN, starting a connection between the campus and pontiff.

Two years later, Pope Francis visited Catholic University, celebrating the canonization Mass of St. Junipero Serra on the east portico of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and driving through the crowds gathered on campus.

Yet, for some on campus, the bonds with some at the University go even further back.

Argentinian Father Teo Brea, a member of the St. John Society who became a University chaplain this year, was confirmed by Pope Francis, at the time Cardinal Bergoglio, in sixth grade.

Although he remembers little from that day many years ago in the crowded cathedral of Buenos Aires, he does recall the day that Pope Francis was elected to the papacy. By then a seminarian in Oregon, he and another Argentinian seminarian instantly became the local experts on Pope Francis.

"We actually didn't know that much about (Francis), besides what was in the news: He's from Buenos Aires, he's very austere, he's always had a heart for the marginalized," said Father Teo.

"That has been a constant as a priest, a bishop, a cardinal, and then as pope."

Father Teo said Pope Francis' emphasis on mission life and social justice is an important highlight of his 10-year pontificate.

"The call is to everyone. If you have encountered Jesus, there is no excuse not to proclaim it," said Father Teo. He said at Campus Ministry they embrace that call.

"Campus Ministry doesn't just wait for people to show up knocking on their doors; they really go out," he said. "I think the most profound way of being faithful to Pope Francis is one-on-one interactions."

Many students participate in on-campus evangelization as resident ministers or House ministers, programs where upperclassmen reach out to peers and first-year students, and Campus Ministry works with 56 different community partners over the year, providing hundreds of social justice opportunities.

Father Teo said the pope would be proud of Campus Ministry's efforts in social justice.

"He would be really happy. All the service that is motivated through this office wants to express our faith, that's the deepest motivation for service in the Catholic Church," said Father Teo. "One of the authentic traits of a disciple is he has Jesus' sensibility for the poor."  
— C.E.





Mack McCarter (center) of Community Renewal International in Shreveport, La., and 2022 Opus Prize Laureate, poses with the other finalists, student ambassadors, and University staff who were part of the Opus Prize Committee in the Edward J. Pryzbyla University Center Great Room.

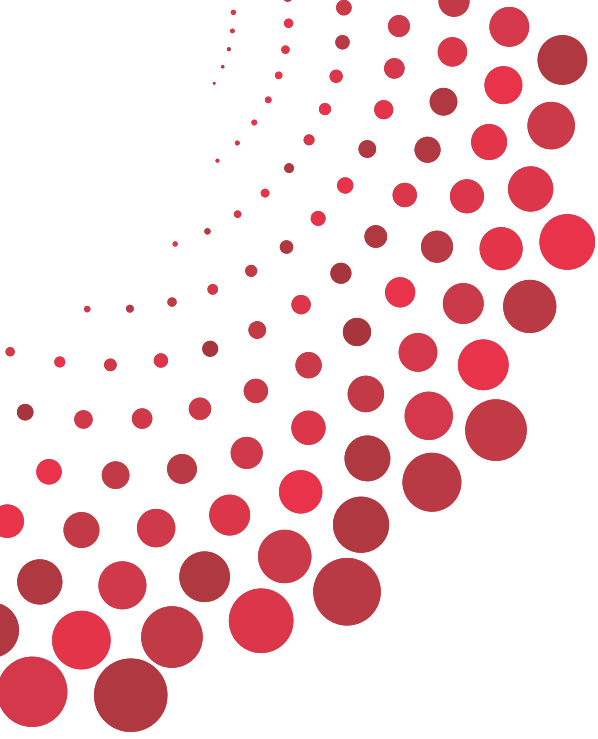
OPUS  PRIZE.

*inspires*  
changemakers

By Mariana Barillas







*“This whole week  
has been an injection  
of new energy ...  
a witness to God’s  
power working  
in all of us.”*

— SISTER ANNIE CREDIDIO, BVM



Sister Annie Credidio, BVM, at Damien House, a residential hospital in Guayaquil, Ecuador.

**T**he Catholic University of America celebrated being the first higher-education institution to twice host the \$1 million Opus Prize, one of the most prestigious annual faith-based humanitarian honors in the world.

University President Dr. Peter Kilpatrick announced Community Renewal International (CRI) founder Mack McCarter 2022 Opus Prize laureate during a Nov. 3, 2022, ceremony held on campus. CRI, which has a presence across the United States and in Africa, works with local residents to revitalize cities through interrelated educational and community building programs.

“My heart is overflowing with unbelievable gratitude,” said McCarter upon receiving the award.

Finalists who each received a \$100,000 award on behalf of their respective organizations were Sister Annie Credidio, BVM, who leads Damien House, a residential hospital in Guayaquil, Ecuador, for Hansen’s disease (leprosy) patients; and Imam Muhammad Nurayn Ashafa and Pastor James Movele Wuye, co-founders of Interfaith Mediation Centre (IMC), which works to resolve tensions peacefully amid escalating religious conflict in Nigeria.

The Opus Prize Foundation partners with a different Catholic university each year to help organize the nomination process, select student and faculty Opus Prize ambassadors to travel to each nonprofit for due diligence trips, and host awards-week speaking engagements across campus celebrating three trailblazing nonprofits leading social change through servant leadership.

“I am so touched to be with you on this journey and I hope we continue this connection,” said Sister Credidio, reflecting on the bonds built by meeting the other honorees for the first time at the University (IMC co-founder Imam Ashafa could not join his fellow finalists in person due to travel visa delays compounded by ongoing violence in Nigeria). “This whole week has been an injection of new energy ... a witness to God’s power working in all of us.”

Each thanked the University for the hospitality and for providing an opportunity to connect





Student Darby Drake poses in front of a mural inspiring change in the world.

with each other, with Pastor Movel describing McCarter and Credidio as newfound brother and sister.

“We dedicate this peace prize to all humanity,” said Pastor Movel at the awards ceremony.

Biochemistry senior Darby Drake, who was one of several Opus Prize student ambassadors to co-host the awards ceremony, said she was so inspired by the CRI neighborhoods she visited in Shreveport that she is working with the organization to start a chapter in her hometown of Frederick, Md.

“I know my life will never be the same thanks to the Opus Prize experience,” said Drake.

The theme for the 2022 Opus Prize was “Inspiring Changemakers,” a message that continues to resonate with the campus community. Opus Prize committee co-chair Emmjolee Mendoza Waters said she and some of the other committee members were so inspired by the Opus Prize that they are in the process of launching the Cardinal Changemakers award, which will recognize University student service leaders by

helping fund their big idea to make a difference in the world. They expect to begin accepting applications this spring.

“I hope students are inspired by these people of faith and a seed is planted so that they too will grow into inspiring changemakers,” said Mendoza Waters.

During Opus Prize week, McCarter led a tour of southeast Washington, D.C., where he is working with community members to bring the CRI model to their neighborhood. Since the awards ceremony, McCarter continues to be a frequent guest at classes across campus where he mentors students in their projects to make a difference in the world.

Mendoza Waters said she is excited about the opportunities for engagement with each of the Opus Prize honorees, especially as Community Renewal Capital Area is local.

“I know the relationships built through the Opus Prize experience are critical to building communities for change,” said Mendoza Waters. [CU](#)



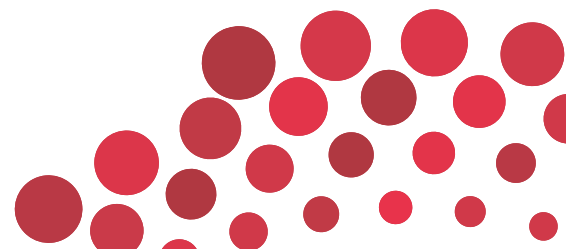
Mack McCarter (left) meets with Rev. Monsignor Raymond G. East, pastor of St. Teresa of Avila. They’re collaborating on D.C.’s first Community Renewal Capital Area Congregation.



Dr. Peter Kilpatrick announces the Cardinal Changemakers award at the Opus Prize ceremony.

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— EMMJOLEE MENDOZA WATERS





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# The Presidential Tour

Last fall, Catholic University's 16th president, Dr. Peter Kilpatrick, began touring the country and meeting members of the Catholic University community. Sponsored by the Division of University Advancement, these presidential receptions kicked off in October of 2022 and have seen him visit eight cities, some close to home in the DMV, and others as far away as California and Florida. Not only have they offered alumni and University friends an opportunity to gather, but they served as an introduction of President Kilpatrick and his vision for the future of the University.



CALIFORNIA



BOSTON



PHILADELPHIA



MIAMI



RICHMOND



## ► 1960s

**Jan D’Arcy, B.A. 1960**, co-starred in the film *The Sound of Violet*, written and directed by Allen Wolf, portraying the grandmother, Ruth. The romantic comedy is about a man who believes he has found his soulmate but autism keeps him from realizing she’s a prostitute looking for a ticket out of her trapped life. Jan lives in the Seattle area where it was filmed.

## ► 1970s

**Ben Goggins, B.A. 1970**, retired from a career as a marine biologist and industrial chemist and for 10 years has written a local interest column “Looking for Pearls” for *Savannah Morning News*. Last spring he pulled together a book of those stories about his hometown of Tybee Island titled *Another Day in Paradise: Living on Tybee Time* (Maudlin Pond Press, March 2022) that captures the magic of this little town at the end of the road (U.S. 80).

**Charles L. “Chuck” Short, M.A. 1974**, was inducted into the Montgomery County (Md.) Human Rights Hall of Fame for making significant contributions to the county’s legacy. He has 50 years of experience leading and administering local government, private nonprofit, and faith-based programs. His career has included 13 years of experience as senior advisor to two Montgomery County executives; 20 years as adjunct professor at University of Maryland School of Public

Policy; and 25 years as director of large direct service agencies. Currently, he is the senior advisor to the Montgomery County superintendent of schools and serves as a senior fellow to the Montgomery County Council.

**Victor McCrary, B.A. 1978**, will lead the National Science Board (NSB) for the next two years as vice chair. The Biden-Harris Administration re-appointed him to serve a second six-year term. The NSB is unique in the federal government: It is both the policy making body of the National Science Foundation (NSF) and an independent advisor to the U.S. Congress and President on science and engineering policy. Victor was also an honoree at the 51st annual Gala Joseph Wharton Award Dinner honoring leading Wharton and Penn alumni.

## ► 1980s

**Patricia Randell, M.F.A. 1982**, played the female lead in the sold-out reading of Paula Pizzi-Black’s new play *The Spaces In Between* in February, as part of the renowned LABYrinth Theater Company’s Barn Series in New York City.

**Stephen P. Fogerty, B.A. 1983**, managing partner at FLB Law, has received several recognitions. He was named to 2022 Connecticut Super Lawyers; a Top 50 Lawyer in Connecticut; 2023 *Best Lawyers in America*; and has been named one of the Irish Legal 100 for 2022 by the *Irish Voice*, the leading Irish-American newspaper in the United States.

**Louis A. Marini, J.C.L. 1983**, has written *The Faith: A Human Reality, a Divine Mystery* (Page Publishing, March 2022), a spiritual journey into both the complexities and rewards of the faith experience. It presents an existential, psychological, and theological perspective on how faith as a human experience can develop into a relationship with the Divine. The book was written during the throes of the pandemic with the hope that it can bring insight, consolation, and healing from the scars left by the angst of uncertain times.

**Jane Eveleth Hopkins, M.S.W. 1989**, has published a 206-page book titled *Cemetery Reflections* (Headstone Press, August 2022), a remarkable visual journey through notable cemeteries featuring Hopkins’ stunning photos in both black-and-white and color. Paired with the photos is historic poetry and memorable prose, including her own poignant reflections on the death of members of her family, and her musings as she navigates her grief.

**Hope C. Tarr, M.A. 1989, Ph.D. 1992**, sold her historical novel, *Irish Eyes*, to Lume Books. The novel, which follows Irish immigrant Rose O’Neill from the turn of the century through the jazz age in New York City, will be released worldwide in December 2023.

## ► 1990s

**Rev. Kenneth A. Riley, M.A. 1991, J.C.L. 2004**, vicar general, moderator of the curia and judicial vicar, Diocese of Kansas City – St. Joseph, was the recipient of the

St. Thomas More Award from the Catholic Lawyers Guild of Kansas City and has been elected vice president/president-elect of the Canon Law Society of America.

**Antonio “Tony” Delgado, B.M.E. 1993**, was named business unit leader for Merrick and Company’s Energy, Manufacturing, and Bioprocessing (EMB) business unit. EMB has a staff of over 150 talented professionals providing full discipline engineering and construction services.

**Kristen (Durfee) Kramer, B.A. 1993**, has written, illustrated, and published her first children’s book *Heath’s Heart Grows Brighter*, for children between the ages of 4 and 8. The message of this book is how being loving and kind, and making good choices, can lead to happiness.

**Jennifer A. (Barrett) Hunt, B.M. 1994, M.A. 1997, M.S.L.S. 1997**, has been appointed as the associate dean for the library at Berklee College of Music. She has worked for the past 20 years as the director of the library at the Boston Conservatory. In her new role she oversees operations for both libraries.

**W. Jan Pietruszka, B.A. 1996**, a partner in the Tampa office of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP, has been recognized in the 2023 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

**Mondi Kumbula-Fraser, J.D. 1997**, vice president of government relations and general counsel for the Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area, was recognized by the National Institute



for Lobbying and Ethics as a “Top Lobbyist 2022.”

**Brian J. MacDonough, B.A. 1998**, a partner with the Boston law firm Sherin and Lodgen, was named to the list of 2022 Massachusetts Super Lawyers.

**Timothy Ayers, B.A. 1999**, was a special agent and liaison with the U.S. Department of State’s Diplomatic Security Service (DSS) at the FIFA World Cup in Doha, Qatar. He helped to protect the U.S. Men’s National Team in Doha for the duration of their match play.

**Andrew “Drew” Zeltner, B.A. 1999**, of Klasko Immigration Law Partners in Philadelphia, was interviewed by Stacy Clark, Esq., host of “Legal Talk” on *Main Line TV*, on what is really going on behind U.S. companies’ hiring of foreign nationals for much needed members of the workforce.

## ► 2000s

**Sean Murphy, B.A. 2000**, competed as a goaltender for Ireland in the European Box Lacrosse Championships in Hanover, Germany, in August. With dual citizenship in the United States and Ireland, he has competed internationally in lacrosse for Ireland since 2002. Ireland went 5–2 in the championships, finishing in ninth place. He led the entire tournament in assists by goaltenders. This was his 20th year of international competition for Ireland and his last. “It has been a tremendous honor to have come such a long way since starting to



Maggie Reardon (top, second from the right) with her fellow Jesuit Volunteers at the Homeboy Industries 5K in fall 2022.

## Recent Grad Works with Former Gang Members

Less than a year after her graduation from CatholicU, Maggie Reardon, B.A. 2022, is making a difference in the lives of people walking the journey to redemption.

Reardon serves as an employment counselor at Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, providing guidance toward stable employment for formerly incarcerated and gang-involved individuals. Homeboy Industries is “the largest gang rehabilitation and re-entry program in the world” and was founded by Jesuit Father Greg Boyle.

“Homeboy has a poignant culture of kinship and tenderness,” she said. “I believe justice work to be deeply relational. There is no justice without authentic relationship. My time at Homeboy has been healing and life-giving as I have been gifted the friendship and accompaniment of those whose lives have been markedly impacted by poverty, trauma, and an unjust and inequitable legal system. These relationships inform and motivate my passion.”

Reardon received a Bachelor of Arts in Politics with minors in Theology and Religious Studies, and Health, Society, and Policy. She was a member of the University Honors Program, Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society, Theta Alpha Kappa Honor Society, and President’s Society. While she was a student, she interned at the Catholic Mobilizing Network, which works in restorative justice.

She said she was molded by many people “committed to living their faith in action” while at CatholicU, including campus ministers such as Emmjolee Mendoza Waters, B.A. 2001, M.S.W. 2009, director of community engagement, social justice, and Catholic social teaching.

“The ways in which they concretely live out Gospel values in their own lives influenced my decision to apply and commit myself to a year of service with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC),” Reardon said. “JVC engages young people committed to spirituality, social justice, community, and simple living in serving poor and marginalized communities across the United States. It was through JVC that I applied for and was placed at Homeboy Industries.”

Reardon said her work day “is full of chaos, joy, and laughter.”

“I spend the majority of my day meeting with clients in a case-management capacity, preparing them for interviews and assisting with job applications. I also spend my time facilitating classes on work readiness.”

She admits there are frequent challenges, but is motivated by supporting and facilitating the dignity of the human person.

Reardon said attending Catholic University was pivotal in shaping that perspective.

“The culture of care demonstrated to me at Catholic is one I seek to emulate in the communities I find myself a part of today,” Reardon said. “I am grateful for the people and experiences I encountered at CatholicU that so carefully molded my faith, identity, and vision for my life and for the world.”

— M.J.P.



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play for Catholic University's club team as a freshman back in 1996 and the inaugural varsity lacrosse team in 1997."

**Rebecca Murphy Thompson, J.D. 2000**, has joined UScellular as vice president of government affairs. In this role, she is responsible for UScellular's federal regulatory and policy efforts that support the company's strategic business positions and is the principal representative for the company on federal legislative and regulatory matters.

**James Craig, B.A. 2001**, was re-elected to the Jefferson County Board of Education in November 2022. The board consists of seven elected members who oversee Jefferson County Public Schools, Kentucky's largest school district. JCPS has more than 96,000 students enrolled in 165 schools. Craig was first elected to the board in 2018.

**Rev. Michael Cronin, J.C.L. 2002**, was appointed judicial vicar for the Diocese of Winona-Rochester, Minnesota, by **Bishop Robert Barron, Ph.B. 1981, M.A. 1982**, effective January 1, 2023.

**Andrew Hartnett, B.A. 2003**, deputy administrator for securities, Iowa Insurance Division, began his one-year term in September as president of the North American Securities Administrators Association, the oldest international organization devoted to investor protection and responsible capital formation.

**Lizann (Prosser) Lightfoot, B.A. 2004**, has published her third book, *Open When: Letters of Encouragement for Military Spouses* (Military Family Books, September 2021), providing positive support through the common challenges military spouses face. Last year, it received a Gold Award in the non-fiction category of

the Midwest Independent Publishing Association. Her husband is preparing to retire from the military after almost 23 years of service, and Lizann and her five children have moved into their "forever home" near Gettysburg, Pa.

**Brian D. Banks, M.A. 2005**, chief government affairs and public policy officer, American Counseling Association, is the recipient of the National Institute for Lobbying and Ethics 2022 Top Lobbyist for the second time in three years.

**Ben Cunis, B.A. 2006**, has been appointed new managing director of Synetic Theater in Arlington, Va. Most recently a working filmmaker and professor at the University of Southern California, he began working with Synetic Theater in 2006, first as an actor and then as an administrator, making the appointment a welcome homecoming.

**Theresa (Abellon) Bauman, B.A. 2008**, and Joseph Bauman, announce the birth of their son, John "Jack" Edward Bauman, on April 29, 2022. The family lives in the Annapolis, Md. area.

## ► 2010s

**Katherine McCollam, J.D. 2010**, was sworn in as a judge to the juvenile and domestic relations court in May 2022 for Prince William County, Va.

**Kaitlan McTiernan, B.S.N. 2010**, married Miguel Montes, Oct. 15, 2022, in Los Angeles, Calif., surrounded by family and friends. Fellow alumni in attendance include **Jennifer (Kane) Hedglin, B.S.N. 2010**; **Kerry (Convery) Cassidy, B.A. 2010**; and **Michael Soukup, B.A. 2010**. The couple lives in Burbank, Calif.



John "Jack" Edward Bauman



Jenn Hedglin, Kerry Cassidy, Kaitlan McTiernan, and Michael Soukup



**Ryan Cooley, B.A. 2011**, earned tenure in September 2022 as a social studies teacher for Clarence Central School District in Clarence, N.Y. He is grateful to God and for the countless teachers who inspired him to see education as a true vocation.

**Madison Nunes, B.A. 2012**, has been selected by the U.S. Department of State for a 10-month fellowship project training teachers and teaching English in India at the International Institute of Hotel Management. She is one of only 200 U.S. citizens selected for the 2022-2023 English Language Fellow Program. She is an experienced TESOL educator with over nine years teaching English abroad and in the U.S.

**Sarah Hendley, B.A. 2015**, and **William Ferraro, B.A. 2015**, were married on Sept. 10, 2022, in Sarah's hometown of Paducah, Ky. The wedding party included several Catholic University alumni: **Christina (Everett) Hallman, B.A. 2015**; **Morgan Schatzman, B.A. 2015**; **Laryssa (Boyko)Tylawsky, B.A. 2015**; **Kristen DiNardo, B.S. 2015**; **Luke Palguta, B.E.E. 2016, M.S. 2020**; **Jeffrey Bishop, B.A. 2015**; and **Steven Mastro, B.M.E. 2016**. Many other Catholic University alumni were in attendance. Sarah is a program and management analyst for the Capital Magnet Fund at the CDFI Fund within the U.S. Treasury, and Will is a sales development representative at Computer Services Incorporated. They live in Hyattsville, Md.



Hendley-Ferraro wedding



Ascher-Gordon wedding





## Talking to the Burger King

George Motz, B.A. 1990, is serving up delicacy knowledge his way.

Since graduating from CatholicU, Motz has cultivated a particular culinary calling card. His career has included documentaries, books, and television shows all about the hamburger.

The former photo editor of the Cardinal Yearbook and DJ on WCUA Radio will open his own restaurant in Manhattan called, (what else?) Hamburger America this summer.

A month earlier, his fifth book is slated to arrive in bookstores. He also has two television shows in the works.

In preparation, Motz, who now lives in Brooklyn, N.Y., answered questions about what makes a burger sizzle, his journey from Catholic University to the Big Apple, and where to find the nation's best burger.

### How did this journey of hamburger expertise begin?

For 28 years I was in the film business as a director of photography shooting mostly TV commercials and promos. I was looking for something different to do and began work in 2001 on a documentary project and the subject was to be burgers. I was on the road traveling a lot so filming the documentary was fairly easy. After the film (*Hamburger America*) premiered in 2004 people started asking me my opinion of burgers in America. Eventually the research for the film was rolled into a guide book to 100 burger joints, then 150, then Travel Channel produced a burger show with me as the host, then a cookbook, two more shows ... and here we are over 20 years later and I'm opening my very own burger joint in NYC.

### Was there a moment where you said, "I'm all in on burgers"?

Yes, in about 1992 I was sitting at the counter at The Apple Pan (a renowned hamburger shack) in Los Angeles and for the first time realized that the burger stood for so much more than just food. The culture was intoxicating and I haven't lost that love for the burger since that moment.

### What makes a good hamburger for you?

Fresh beef is paramount. Simplicity, a close second. Some of the best burgers out there are made with

only a few ingredients. And for me, to be able to taste beef in a burger is everything. Too many toppings (or ketchup, yuck) will ruin the flavor of a burger.

### When you were at CatholicU, could you have imagined being on this journey? What were you aiming to do when you arrived?

Ha! Good question. Actually, yes and no. No, because I was an art major imagining myself in the world of advertising when I graduated. But when I switched to the History department as a major my focus shifted to America. I did go into the advertising business after all, and had a very fulfilling career. However, my love of American food culture finally interceded.

### How did you accumulate your list of good burgers?

It took many, many years. To be included in one of my books, a burger joint has to have had a burger on the menu (and a very good one) for over 20 years. Longevity is important. Once fans of mine understood the mission, suggestions came pouring in, and they still do. I have an excellent legion of fans that help me, whom I call my 'EBTs' (or Expert Burger Tasters). They are my first responders to great burger discoveries all over the globe.

### What's the key to making a good burger at home?

The best path to success in making a burger at home is to cook in a pan in your kitchen. It's much easier to make magic in a controlled environment instead of outside on the grill. Grilling, contrary to popular understanding, is actually the most difficult way to make a burger. There are too many variables and the learning curve is steep. Cooking in a pan allows you to control the heat better and the burger cooks in its own fat, consider it a sort of 'burger confit.' If you must make your burgers outside, try putting a cast iron skillet on the grill grate. Other than that, my advice is always to keep it simple — one or two toppings, a classic toasted bun and some pickles.

### How much do burgers take up in your life now and how do you separate everything?

Since I've basically left the film business and my restaurant is opening soon, burgers take up an even larger part of my life. On May 9, my fifth book (*The Great American Burger Book: How to Make Authentic Regional Hamburgers at Home*) will be released. My burger joint, Hamburger America, opens in Manhattan in June and two new burger shows that I'm hosting are in the works this summer. I try to separate burgers from my personal life, but it's getting increasingly difficult. I do find time to eat salad and exercise however.

### Is there a place you would call the "Burger Capital of the World" and what makes it special?

The Midwest is where you find what I like to call 'primary source' burgers — those unaffected by time or trend. The original versions that we all need to study to make sure we are getting it right. The answer to how to preserve the American Hamburger is right there in the center of the country. Road trip! — M.J.P.



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**Dan Roses, B.A. 2015**, after working for the past three years as an associate chiropractor in South Jersey, is now the owner and chiropractor of The Nest Pediatric + Prenatal Chiropractic in Parsippany, N.J.

**Carolyn Ascher, B.S. 2016, M.S. 2017**, and **Christopher Gordon, B.E.E 2016**, were married on Oct. 1, 2022, in Ocean City, Md., surrounded by their families, friends, and many Catholic University alumni. Carolyn is a manager at KPMG and Chris is a machine learning engineer at AeroVironment. They live in Falls Church, Va.

**Margaret Mack, B.A. 2016**, and **Michael Grossane, B.E.E. 2016**, were married on July 2, 2022. Margaret is an attorney at Seyfarth Shaw and Michael is an electrical engineer at DME Design. They are living in Longmeadow, Mass.

**Rev. Christopher Heller, B.A. 2017**, was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Rockville Centre, N.Y., on June 18, 2022. Father Heller is pictured with classmates and friends from Catholic University, including **Christopher Pierno, B.A. 2011, M.S.M. 2017**, president of the Alumni Association, **Rev. Frank Donio, S.A.C., B.A. 1989, M.A. 1993, D.Min. 2012**, past president of the Alumni Association, and **Lance Casimir, Ph.B. 2017**, a member of the board of trustees.

**Rachel Badolato, B.S.B.A. 2018**, and **Jack Schombert, B.S.Arch. 2019, M.Arch. 2020**, were married on Sept. 25, 2022. Rachel is now a senior regional admissions

Dani Fine Photography



Mack-Grossane wedding



Rev. Christopher Heller was ordained a priest on June 18, 2022.



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Mary Castellano, B.A. 2017



Baptism of Catherine Riordan with parents Daniel and Jacqueline and godparents Alexander Ruhling, B.A. 2015, M.S.B.A. 2016, and Courtney (Burke) Ruhling, B.S.B.A. 2016.

counselor at High Point University after working in undergraduate admissions at Catholic University for four years and Jack works for Baker Barrios Architects in Tampa, Fla., where they live.

**Daniel Riordan, Ph.B. 2018,** and **Jacqueline (Sheehan) Riordan, B.A. 2017,** welcomed their second child, Catherine, on Oct. 3, 2022. She joins brother Daniel in their family home in Arlington, Va.

**Zachary Levi, D.M.A. 2019,** began his post as assistant professor director of orchestra at Susquehanna University in fall 2022. He lives in Columbia, Pa., with his wife, Johanna, and their two sons, Samuel and Owen.



Badolato-Schombert wedding





Leingang-Schepis wedding

## ► 2020s

**Allie Leingang, B.A. 2020**, and **John Schepis B.S. 2019**, were married on Sept. 17, 2022, and had their reception in Heritage Hall, attended by a number of alumni. Allie is working at St. Mary's Ryken High School's development office and John is getting his Ph.D. from Virginia Tech in entomology. They live in California, Md.

**Joseph L. Richthammer, B.C.E. 2020**, and **Jordan M. Bryant, B.S.Arch. 2020, B.C.E. 2021**, were married on Nov. 26,

2022, at St. Stephen's Parish in Bradshaw, Md. The couple lives in Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Alexander Santana, B.A. 2020**, received his master of science in applied American politics and policy from Florida State University in December 2022.

**Carolyn Karcher, B.M. 2021**, and **John Scott, B.A. 2020**, were married on Oct. 8, 2022, at All Saints Catholic Church in Manassas, Va. The bridal party included **William Downing, B.M. 2020; Brendan Harper, B.M. 2020; Luke Donahue, B.M. 2020**; and **Dorothea Seibert von**

**Fock, B.M. 2021**. The couple lives in Whiting, N.J.

**James A. Woods, B.M. 2021**, was on the 2022 national tour of *Charlie Brown Christmas Live* as Schroeder and was tour music director. He is working and living in New York City.

## Share Your News!

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### Alumni Spotlight



## University Alumni Team Up for Book on the Sacramentality of Sports

When Jay Carney, Max Engel (*left*), and Matt Hoven (*right*) met in the mid-2000s as graduate students at the School of Theology and Religious Studies, they never imagined their friendship would lead to a book presented to a pope.

Sure enough, Hoven received a “Bene, bene!” from Pope Francis as he showed *On the Eighth Day: A Catholic Theology of Sport* during a 2022 Vatican conference on inclusivity in sports.

“He was very warm, gracious, and encouraging,” said Hoven, Ph.D. 2011, who said it was “fantastic” to receive such a positive response from one of the chief inspirations for the book.

“Pope Francis has given so many speeches on sport and we see it as a place of Catholic institutional involvement,” said Hoven. While there have been explorations of faith and sports, he said they found a need for a comprehensive field guide from a Catholic perspective.

The trio first met at the University and bonded over their shared studies of the faith, biking, and playing Frisbee. Hoven said the University faculty and “their example of seeking the pursuit of truth and doing it for the good of the Church was inspirational to me. They had big hearts.” Their campus experience made such an impact on their lives that the dedication of the book is the University’s motto *Deus Lux Mea Est*.

As they branched off in their careers, their shared passion for sports and Catholicism kept conversations going. Engel, Ph.D. 2013, and Carney, Ph.D. 2010, teach theology at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., while Hoven is an associate professor of sport and religion at St. Joseph’s University in Alberta, Canada.

The process of writing the book came together during the pandemic and their friendship remained at the heart of the process. Carney floated the idea of tackling the topic of the role of the Catholic religion in sports. They met up during a 2019 conference in Grand Rapids, Mich., over beers and chicken wings to flesh out a game plan for writing a book.

“Catholics have been historically involved in sports, but there hasn’t been a book that summarizes it,” said Hoven. The topics explored in the book include “sacramentality, virtue and ethics, prayer and ritual, as well as the social teachings of the Church” within the context of sports. Hoven’s next book project is with Catholic University of America Press and it will explore the impact of a Canadian priest’s hockey career on the sport.

The target audience for *On the Eighth Day* includes teachers, coaches, and college students. Engel said the goal is to tap into the opportunities for spiritual growth on and off the field by bringing the focus to Paschal Mystery, or the redemptive work of Jesus Christ.

“It’s trying to help bring their experience to the Paschal Mystery and the Paschal Mystery to their experience in preparation for larger things like grief and suffering beyond sports,” Engel said.

No matter what happens next, the alumni insist they will always share a unique bond that started on campus and that grew through the team effort to publish the book.

Carney said, “One of the joys of the book was through friendship and trust, that it allowed us to be critical with each other, but also to build each other up. It’s not always easy to co-author. Speaking for myself, it was really a life-giving project.”

— M.J.P.



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### In Memoriam

**Edith Rosemary Henry Dolence**, M.A. 1942, Feb. 20, 2023.

**Rev. Edward R. Eschweiler**, B.A. 1943, M.A. 1944, Aug. 29, 2022.

**Maximilian E. Guzikowski**, B.A. 1944, M.A. 1945, Ph.D. 1949, Sept. 15, 2022.

**Barbara Mary Shortley**, B.A. 1947, Feb. 2, 2023.

**Jeanne S. Probst**, B.S.N. 1949, Oct. 26, 2022.

**Francis X. Farmer**, B.E.E. 1950, Nov. 12, 2022.

**Sister Mary C. Hughes, D.C.**, B.S.N. 1950, M.S.N. 1951, June 25, 2022.

**Marjorie Dee Morel**, B.S.N. 1950, March 31, 2020.

**James I. Schwartz**, B.C.E. 1950, Oct. 9, 2022.

**Elizabeth "Betty" (Miller) Young**, B.S.N. 1951, July 20, 2021.

**Conal C. Foley**, B.A. 1952, Aug. 27, 2022.

**Laura J.T. Bownes**, B.S.N. 1953, Nov. 22, 2022.

**Sister Marie Paula Holdman, S.C.**, M.A. 1953, Sept. 18, 2022.

**Alexandria M. Ivancic**, B.A. 1953, Oct. 5, 2022.

**John J. King**, B.E.E. 1953, Aug. 5, 2020.

**Anthony J. Montalbano**, J.D. 1953, Nov. 4, 2020.

**Frances K. Peterson**, M.S.N. 1953, July 9, 2022.

**Cleonice Tavani**, M.S.W. 1953, Feb. 9, 2023.

**Rev. Joseph H. Voor**, M.A. 1953, Ph.D. 1956, Nov. 6, 2022.

**Nicolas Antonoff**, B.A. 1955, July 9, 2019.

**Joseph C. Giuliani**, B.Arch. 1955, Aug. 4, 2022.

**Allen J. Rische**, B.A. 1955, Oct. 27, 2022.

**Christine M. Sweeney**, M.A. 1956, Ph.D. 1962, Nov. 12, 2022.

**Rev. Thomas W. Buckley**, S.T.L. 1957, June 16, 2022.

**Rev. Seraphin J. Conley, T.O.R.**, B.A. 1957, Oct. 19, 2022.

**Maureen C. Sweeney Downing**, B.A. 1957, Nov. 29, 2022.

**Joanne F. Bonessi**, B.A. 1958, Sept. 14, 2022.

**Patricia A. Enne**, B.S.N. 1958, Oct. 6, 2022.

**Roberta C. McGady**, B.S.N. 1958, Nov. 19, 2022.

**Marianne Veronica O'Connell**, B.A. 1958, Jan. 24, 2023.

**Charles "Chuck" B. Spencer**, B.A. 1958, Oct. 22, 2022.

**Eugene Stammeyer**, M.A. 1958, Ph.D. 1961, Nov. 22, 2022.

**Philip A. Stevens**, B.C.E. 1958, Nov. 17, 2022.

**Margaret "Peg" Whyte**, M.A. 1958, Aug. 5, 2022.

**Lawrence A. Yore**, S.T.L. 1958, Nov. 2, 2022.

**Thomas J. Berger**, B.A. 1959, Nov. 16, 2022.

**Robert Thomas Bowser Jr.**, M.S. 1959, Ph.D. 1963, Dec. 2, 2022.

**Carl G. Croneberg**, M.A. 1959, Aug. 7, 2022.

**Priscilla Anne Johnson**, B.S.N. 1959, Nov. 19, 2022.

**James P. Kelley**, B.A. 1959, Nov. 1, 2022.

**Claire (Hemmer) O'Reilly**, M.S.N. 1959, Jan. 17, 2022.

**Donald J. Pagel**, M.S.W. 1959, June 28, 2022.

**Erling H. Falck**, B.Arch. 1960, Sept. 20, 2022.

**Sister M.C. Hellman, S.N.D.**, M.A. 1960, Dec. 12, 2022.

**Rev. William H. Sell**, B.A. 1960, M.A. 1961, Sept. 2, 2022.

**Rev. Kenneth P. Doyle**, B.A. 1961, M.A. 1962, Oct. 28, 2022.

**Bernard Passeltiner**, M.F.A. 1961, June 8, 2022.

**George E. Pino**, B.M.E. 1961, Sept. 18, 2022.

**Rocco V. Tricarico**, B.Arch. 1961, Oct. 8, 2022.

**Rose H. Blankenmeyer**, B.S.N. 1962, Nov. 19, 2022.

**Sister M. Kathryn Pillot, I.H.M.**, B.S.N. 1962, Sept. 24, 2022.

**James J. Zmich**, B.A. 1962, M.A. 1966, Nov. 23, 2022.

**Joan Elizabeth Cole**, M.S.L.S. 1963, Aug. 18, 2022.

**Elaine M. Gaudin**, B.S.N. 1963, Nov. 4, 2022.

**Rosemary D. Weller**, M.A. 1963, Feb. 11, 2023.

**Most Rev. Dale J. Melczek**, bishop emeritus of Gary (Indiana), S.T.B. 1964, Aug. 25, 2022.

**Cynthia A. Brown**, B.S.N. 1965, Oct. 6, 2022.

**Richard Alfred Farrell**, Ph.D. 1965, Sept. 16, 2022.

**John Michalowicz**, B.M.E. 1965, Jan. 2, 2023.

**F. Jackson Bryce Jr.**, B.A. 1966, Dec. 12, 2022.

**Sister Barbara A. Connell**, M.A. 1966, Sept. 7, 2022.

**G. Dwight Malone**, B.Ch.E. 1966, Nov. 23, 2022.

**Rev. William P. O'Neill**, J.C.B. 1966, J.C.L. 1967, July 12, 2022.

**Mary E. Snedeker**, M.S.N. 1966, Aug. 29, 2022.

**Theodore L. Walch**, M.F.A. 1966, Sept. 8, 2022.

**Robert E. David**, B.Arch. 1967, April 15, 2022.

**William C. Hunt**, S.T.L. 1967, Oct. 3, 2022.

**Sister Mary A. O'Connor, O.P.**, M.M. 1967, Nov. 4, 2022.

**Mary L. Pairo**, M.A. 1967, Aug. 25, 2022.

**Lorriane Priestley**, B.S.N. 1967, Aug. 22, 2022.

**Thomas V. Schmidt**, M.S.L.S. 1967, June 22, 2022.

**Margaret F. Soule**, M.S.L.S. 1967, Dec. 14, 2022.



## ALUMNI CORNER

### In Memoriam

**Nancy (McClure) Stanton**, M.S.L.S. 1967, Sept. 22, 2022.

**Jose S. DeGuzman**, M.S. 1968, Ph.D. 1971, Nov. 14, 2022.

**Michael J. Gentile**, J.D. 1968, Oct. 19, 2022.

**Rev. Vernon A. Holtz, O.S.B.**, M.A. 1968, Sept. 20, 2022.

**Jennifer L. Jacobs**, B.A. 1968, Sept. 8, 2022.

**William G. Jepsen Jr.**, B.A. 1968, Aug. 3, 2022.

**Rev. Richard-Paul E. LaCorte**, B.A. 1968, Sept. 11, 2022.

**Edward J. McCarthy**, S.T.L. 1968, Aug. 24, 2022.

**Marc Andre Sterne Nestor**, M.A. 1968, Dec. 11, 2022.

**Judith Mannion O'Hara**, J.D. 1968, June 30, 2022.

**Margaret E. Polking**, B.S.N. 1968, Aug. 21, 2022.

**Albert W. Coy**, J.D. 1969, Aug. 8, 2022.

**Sister M.W. Dwyer**, M.S.L.S. 1969, Nov. 5, 2022.

**Sister Geraldine Kennedy, O.S.U.**, M.A. 1969, Nov. 26, 2022.

**Rev. Alfred C. Lonardo**, M.S.W. 1969, July 9, 2022.

**Sister Edith M. McAlice, S.S.J.**, M.S.L.S. 1969, Nov. 24, 2022.

**Timothy J. Nawn**, M.S.W. 1969, Oct. 20, 2022.

**Rev. George F. Riley, O.S.A.**, Ph.D. 1969, Sept. 16, 2022.

**Micki J. Young**, M.S.L.S. 1969, Ph.D. 1975, Oct. 10, 2022.

**Lawrence E. Connor**, B.A. 1970, June 15, 2021.

**Sister Marie M. Dentz**, M.A. 1970, Sept. 22, 2022.

**Mary Lavina Fredricks**, B.A. 1970, March 7, 2022.

**Barbara M. Petrosino**, M.S.N. 1970, Oct. 10, 2022.

**Rev. Paul E. Rubadue, O.S.B.**, M.M. 1970, July 21, 2022.

**John Aler**, B.M. 1971, M.M. 1972, Dec. 10, 2022.

**Verna L.S. Cook**, Ph.D. 1971, Aug. 21, 2022.

**Madeline E. Foreman**, M.A. 1971, July 25, 2022.

**Robert F. Goeke**, B.M.E. 1971, Nov. 21, 2022.

**Jacqueline "Jackie" S. McMakin**, M.A. 1972, Oct. 2, 2022.

**Nancy C. McManus**, M.S.L.S. 1972, Aug. 30, 2022.

**Sister Jean E. Scanlan, S.S.J.**, M.A. 1972, July 19, 2022.

**Dolores I. Smith**, M.S.N. 1972, Sept. 17, 2022.

**Joan Socolof**, J.D. 1972, July 20, 2022.

**Dorothy F. Bellew**, B.A. 1973, Oct. 27, 2022.

**Rev. Henry A. McDaid**, M.S.W. 1973, July 27, 2022.

**Alex A. Papa**, B.A. 1973, Aug. 1, 2022.

**Francine Rosenfeld**, M.S.W. 1973, July 29, 2022.

**Susan L. Fulk-Guyer**, M.S.N. 1974, July 23, 2022.

**Burton MacDonald**, B.A. 1974, Oct. 20, 2022.

**David M. Friel**, B.S. 1975, July 15, 2022.

**Paul E. Kirby**, M.A. 1975, Ph.D. 1978, Jan. 30, 2022.

**Most Rev. Rembert G. Weakland**, L.H.D. 1975, retired archbishop of Milwaukee, Aug. 22, 2022.

**Joan S. Carr**, M.S.N. 1976, Oct. 7, 2022.

**Monsignor Francis T. Wallace**, J.C.L. 1976, July 16, 2022.

**Rev. Thomas S. Vesbit**, M.Ch.A. 1977, J.C.L. 1978, Aug. 27, 2022.

**Eric E. Wright**, J.D. 1977, Oct. 13, 2022.

**Judith A. Adams**, M.S.L.S. 1978, June 14, 2022.

**Dorothy J. Buckman**, M.S.L.S. 1978, Sept. 6, 2022.

**Ellen R. Eggerton**, B.M.E. 1978, Sept. 7, 2022.

**John A. Ward**, M.A. 1978, Ph.D. 1992, July 31, 2022.

**John J. "Jay" Kenney**, M.A. 1979, M.S.W. 1981, Ph.D. 1985, Sept. 22, 2022.

**Colonel Linda A. Van Vechten, USAF-Ret.**, B.S.N. 1979, Sept. 2, 2022.

**David L. Parker**, Ph.D. 1981, Aug. 11, 2022.

**Rev. Thomas J. Peterman**, Ph.D. 1981, Aug. 3, 2021.

**William L. Thomas**, B.S.Arch. 1981, Aug. 13, 2022.

**Maura K. Molloy**, B.M. 1982, Aug. 2, 2022.

**Rudy S. Robinson**, M.C.R.P. 1982, Oct. 5, 2022.

**Joanne M. Pizzo**, B.S. 1983, June 16, 2022.

**Rev. John A. Abe**, M.A. 1984, July 24, 2022.

**Stephen D. Gavin**, J.D. 1984, Sept. 10, 2022.

**Sharon S. McKnight**, M.S.W. 1984, Nov. 24, 2022.

**John J. Devone**, B.S. 1985, July 17, 2022.

**Philip Anthony Weeda**, B.A. 1985, Dec. 25, 2022.

**Brian J. Mahaney**, Ph.D. 1987, Nov. 19, 2022.

**Thomas J. Shelley**, Ph.D. 1987, Nov. 14, 2022.

**Maria Gatti-Cheek**, B.A. 1988, Oct. 25, 2022.

**Christian D. Martin**, B.A.G.S. 1988, July 12, 2022.

**Peter F. Fleischer**, B.S.Arch. 1989, Oct. 7, 2022.

**Sharon J. Yun**, B.A. 1989, Sept. 23, 2022.

**Sargent C. Karch**, B.A.G.S. 1990, Aug. 10, 2022.

**Henry E. Morris**, Ph.D. 1990, July 26, 2022.

**Susan Ellen Emser**, M.S.L.S. 1992, Feb. 18, 2022.

**John R. Mason**, M.A. 1992, July 3, 2022.



**Christine M. Sartori**, M.A. 1996, Aug. 31, 2022.

**Patricia J. Setze**, M.S.L.S. 1999, July 16, 2022.

**Doreen Adengo**, B.S.Arch. 2000, July 22, 2022.

**Charlotte Yolonda King**, B.A.I.T. 2006, Aug. 24, 2022.

**Jayne L. Dinsmore**, B.S. 2007, June 28, 2022.

**Ellsworth W. White**, M.S.C.S. 2008, April 17, 2022.

**Rose Asuquo**, M.S.L.I.S. 2012, Oct. 6, 2022.

**Pamela Hawkins Eggerton McCarroll**, B.S.Arch. 2014, Nov. 27, 2022.

## ► FACULTY/STAFF

**Beverly P. Jennison**, B.A. 1974, M.A. 1978, J.D. 1984, clinical associate professor, Columbus School of Law, who served for 25 years, July 14, 2022.

**Steven C. Kindrat**, plumber/zone leader in the facilities department, who served for 34 years, Sept. 26, 2022.

**Glenda E. McNeill**, assistant professor in the National Catholic School of Social Service from 1971 to 1979, Oct. 7, 2022.

**Clifton F. Queen**, manager of structural services in the facilities department, who served for 28 years, Jan. 11, 2023.

**Theodore Sky**, distinguished lecturer in the Columbus School of Law from 1990 to 2014, Nov. 18, 2022.

**Lucille B. Sparks**, payroll supervisor, who served for 43 years, Dec. 1, 2022.

**Christine Mary Sweeney**, M.A. 1956, Ph.D. 1962, instructor in the School of Education from 1962 to 1966, Nov. 12, 2022.

**Patricia “Peaches” Thompson**, public safety assistant, who served for 15 years, Nov. 27, 2022.

J. David Buerk



## Engineering Alumnus Remembered as D.C. Airports Leader

James Anthony Wilding, B.C.E. 1959, died at 85 on Feb. 24 after a pioneering career defining the air travel experience for millions of people around the world. He served as chief of the engineering staff and later as director of the body overseeing the iconic Dulles International Airport and Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

“James Wilding’s life and career stand as a stellar example of what can be achieved with an engineering degree from Catholic University,” said School of Engineering Dean John Judge. “When he joined the FAA as a civil engineer after graduation and worked on the groundbreaking design of Dulles Airport, he probably didn’t foresee that only two decades later he’d be overseeing both Dulles and National airports or that he’d go on to help create and then lead the Washington Metropolitan Airports Authority and steward these major transportation hubs through such incredible growth and transformation.”

Wilding led a massive capital development program of \$3 billion dollars for the airports. New terminals were added to National Airport in the late 1990s with expanded access to the Metro trains. His impact on Dulles was so big that the international arrivals hall bears his name.

Wilding received a Bachelor of Civil Engineering from the University and joined the FAA to develop the planning for Dulles International Airport. He was then appointed president of the FAA’s newly created Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority. He remained in the position until 2003, when he retired.

Wilding is a member of the School of Engineering’s Wall of Fame. Judge said Wilding set a high bar for future students and all engineers.

“Any young person studying engineering here today can look to Mr. Wilding’s achievements for inspiration — we’re proud to have such a luminary among our alumni and grateful for his leadership and lifetime of contributions to Washington’s aviation infrastructure.” — M.J.P.



## FROM THE VAULT

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## THE PRYZ TURNS 20!

When the Edward J. Pryzbyla University Center, known as the Pryz, opened its doors 20 years ago, it changed the landscape of Catholic University's campus and quickly became its actual center.

To mark the occasion, the campus hosted a birthday celebration with giveaways, concerts, and more in March.

Named after a 1925 graduate who was an active alumnus and supporter of the University throughout his life, the Pryz was built on the site of a former football field. Today, it's a hub of activity, where students gather for coffee at Starbucks, catch up, attend events, and more.

The building houses student-facing and student-run groups, a convenience store, Starbucks, welcome center, and food court.

"It really gave a focal point to the campus," said Bill Jonas, assistant vice president, University Events and Dining Services, who arrived at Catholic University just a few months before the Pryz's opening.

The Great Room has hosted Pope Benedict XVI; political debates; career fairs; guest speakers, such as then-Vice President Mike Pence; student activities; and celebrations for students, faculty and staff. The room often is the place where faith and reason converge.

The Pryz Food Court is a popular destination for students, faculty, and staff with options such as Chick-fil-A, burgers, subs, sushi, and more. Starbucks offers a relaxing spot for a warm (or cold) brew, and Murphy's Grill offers great food, along with beer and wine for over-21 patrons, in a sit-down restaurant.

With the move of the Eatery to the new, adjacent Garvey Hall (see story on page 12) in late 2022, the Pryz is expanding in new ways. This summer, the vacated Eatery will be replaced with The Nest, a home for studying, campus activities, the program board, student government and more.

"Without the Pryz, we would not have located Garvey Hall where it is," Jonas said. Located next to each other, the two buildings create renewed energy on campus.

"We can already see the change," Jonas said.

Next year, the Post Office will move from McMahon Hall to the Pryz's first floor. The University also plans on bringing the bookstore, originally located in the Pryz, back to the building in 2024, following nearly a decade of being located at the Monroe Street Market.

The next 20 years of the Pryz are taking shape and will impact the campus overall, Jonas said, noting the plan is to "activate the east side of Cardinal Walk to and from Garvey Hall," Jonas said.

— M.J.P.





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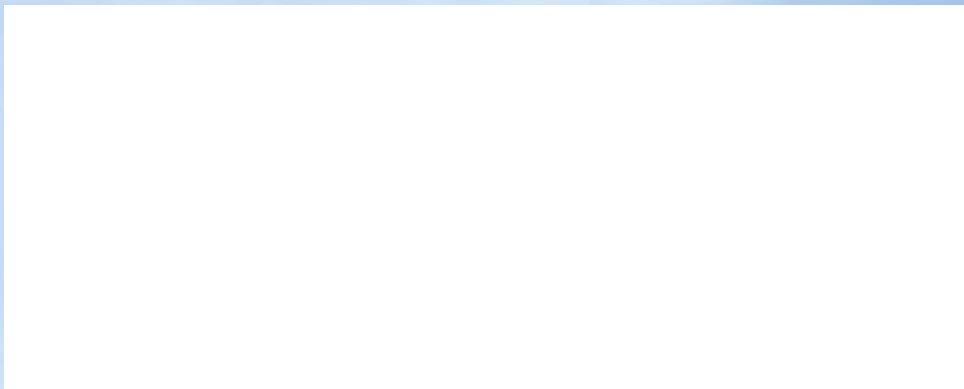
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