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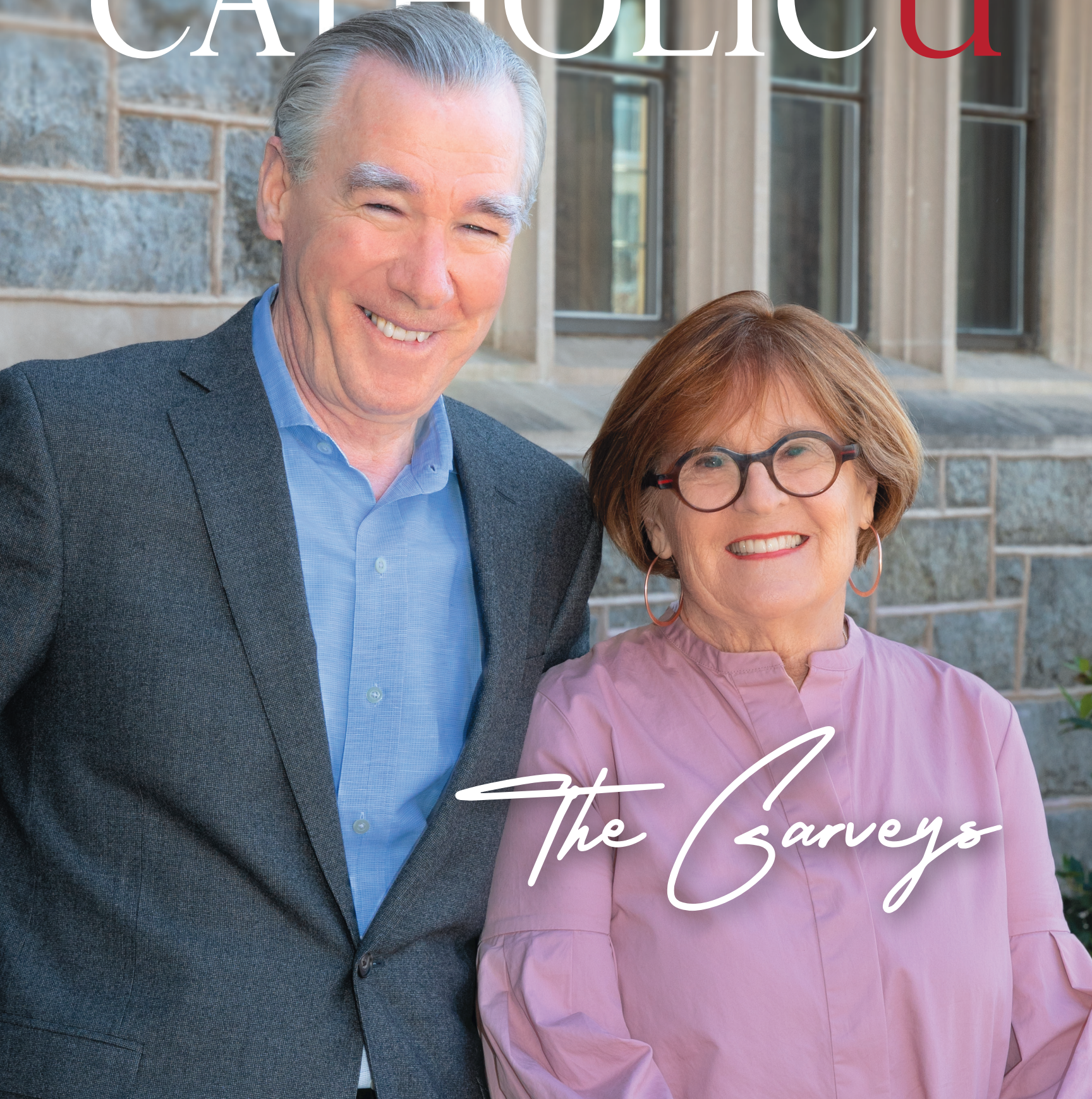
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Catholic University student-athletes raised \$36,356 for Special Olympics D.C. by jumping into chilly water on Feb. 11. As part of the Cool Schools Polar Plunge, Cardinal athletes drew 183 pledges and surpassed their goal of raising \$35,000.





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Photo by Ed Pfueller

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

John Garvey



# To Our Cardinal Family

By John and Jeanne Garvey

One of the lessons parents learn as their offspring reach adolescence and young adulthood, is that you can have no secrets from your children. They discover the sins of your youth, and observe the ones you carry into adult life. They are also preternaturally attuned to their parents' moods and the unspoken thoughts that pass between them.

We had these observations in mind when we decided, a dozen years ago, to live on campus among the students. What a misfortune it would be if the younger members of our new family learned, as they inevitably would, what feet of clay the couple living in Nugent Hall had. How long could we maintain the illusion that we enjoyed a marriage unmarred by disagreement or ill temper?

That was one worry. Then there was the difficulty of following in office a president who had received the sacrament of holy orders. Fr. O'Connell filled the role of the religious leader of the community almost effortlessly. He celebrated Mass to open and close the year. It was natural for him to speak about God in his everyday affairs, not just in his homilies. He was a priest after all. But what about us, ordinary people unaccustomed to, maybe even a little uncomfortable with, displays of piety?

As it happened, we had things turned around. We came in expecting to teach our students some lessons about growing in their faith. We leave having learned more than we imparted. Simone Weil recounts how she was drawn to the Christian faith while visiting the abbey at Solesmes one Holy Week.

There was a young English Catholic there from whom I gained my first idea of the supernatural power of the sacraments because of the truly angelic radiance with which he seemed to be clothed after going to communion. ... For nothing among human things has such power to keep our gaze fixed ever more intensely upon God, than friendship for the friends of God.

It has been like that for us. We have had the grace of joining our students at Masses, baptisms, confirmations, weddings, funerals, pilgrimages, marches,

vespers, adoration, benediction, retreats, and stations of the cross. We have joined them in doing corporal works of mercy on service projects and spring break trips. We have heard them speak and read their essays about the virtues that comprise the Christian life. And we have listened to them as they have wrestled with the problems of growing up and the decisions that will fix the course of their lives.

We are too experienced as parents to imagine that our students are angels (though one of us is more naturally suspicious than the other). At the same time we have seen them touched, hundreds of times, by the angelic radiance that Simone Weil spoke of. And when that happens we find ourselves grateful for their example, and a little humbled that it's they who are setting an example for us, and not the other way around.

We have also found, to our relief, that talking about our faith has come naturally, as it does to parents. Neither of us is as theologically literate as the priests in Curley or the faculty in Caldwell Hall. But it is the rare student who is drawn to the faith by reading St. Thomas Aquinas or Hans Urs von Balthasar. Pope Benedict had it right when he said "the true apology of Christian faith, the most convincing demonstration of its truth ... are the saints and the beauty that the faith has demonstrated." Our conversations have taken place in that language.

Perhaps the greatest reward for our decision to live on campus has been the love the students have shown us. We have always been around universities, mostly as teachers and employees who met with students only intermittently outside class. Here we were astonished, then amused, and finally touched to learn that students were curious to know about us, and interested in making our acquaintance. We are, not to put too fine a point on it, old. It is uncommon these days for friendships to cross generational boundaries. But that has not deterred the students we have lived among. And once again we have them to thank, and not the other way around. Because "nothing among human things has such power to keep our gaze fixed ... upon God" as friendship for the friends of God.

## IN YOUR WORDS

Comments from the University Community

### FAREWELL TO OUR EDITOR!

Ellen Woods joined Catholic University in 2010 as editor of *CatholicU* (then *CUA Magazine*). After 34 editions of the magazine, she is moving on in her career. We thank her for her dedication, creativity, talent, and commitment to producing our award-winning magazine. She told us she leaves “with gratitude for being able to tell the best, most compelling stories a journalist could ask for!” We thank Ellen for her service to the University.

— THE STAFF OF CATHOLICU MAGAZINE

### PRAISE FOR THE FALL MAGAZINE

I read with delight every issue of your magazine. I graduated with a Ph.D. in math in 1967, and got another doctorate in theology in 1970. (I was a Jesuit for 30 years.)

I’m working on a book now on the revival of Catholic institutions that focus on scientific research, specifically some 21st century examples. The Fall 2021 issue had some good examples.

— LOU SAVARY, PH.D. 1967, S.T.D. 1970

Please extend my thank you and congratulations to all involved with the Fall 2021 issue of *CatholicU*! So well done and interesting — made me proud to be a graduate.

— THOMAS F. TEPPER, B.ARCH. 1958



Thank you for such an excellent Fall 2021 issue. I read it cover to cover — each article is so informative and so interesting.

Factual and fascinating. My alma mater is marvelous!

— PATRICIA TRINGE VAN BETTEN, B.S.N. 1958

### COULD IT BE ST. JOHN’S HALL?

I think the picture (Spring 2021, “From the Vault,” page 56) is of a classroom on the first floor of St. John’s Hall. In the fall semester 1965, I had a Calculus I class during my freshman year on the first floor of that building. It was the only classroom I was in during my 12 years at CUA that had a strut that appears in the right hand side of the photo.

Keep up the good work. My wife, Mary (Sommers), B.A. 1971, and I look forward to every issue of *CatholicU*.

— RICH SYMULESKI, B.S.CH.E. 1970,  
M.S.CH.E. 1973, PH.D.CHEM. ENGR. 1977

**Editor’s Note:** Readers are continuing to respond to the 1950s-era photo of the typing class (Spring 2021, “From the Vault,” page 56) with their guesses of the location. St. John’s Hall has been a popular guess. Here is a bit of history on the building from the American Catholic History Research Center and University Archives:

The National Catholic War Council (now the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) erected St. John’s Hall (pictured below, left) in 1920 as a vocational training facility for a federally assisted Soldiers’ Rehabilitation Camp. Staffed by Catholic University professors, but administered by the council, the camp provided training for illiterate wounded servicemen. In July 1922, the University purchased the building and administered the program until it was discontinued in July 1923. At this time, the University had a shortage of on-campus housing. St. John’s Hall began to be used as a dormitory, a function that continued through the 1969–1970 academic year.

It was also used to provide offices and lecture halls for several academic departments until 1970. St. John’s Hall then housed University administration and support service offices, and student organizations, including *The Tower*, *The Cardinal*, the undergraduate student government, and WWCU radio station. The building, which was located near where the Pryzbyla Center currently sits, was demolished in 1992.



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## MAKING THE MOST OF HIS COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

Like most college students who had their college careers interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, Javier Mazariegos, a junior with majors in philosophy and English, “took it one semester at a time. And I called on my faith to stay positive. Part of that has meant going back to the essentials of a college education. I’m here to study things I really love. And I was able to do that quite effectively both in a virtual environment and in classrooms with masks and distancing protocols.”

It was a learning experience in adaptation, “and I think we’re better for it. But nothing has felt better than seeing things start to return to normal this spring. As students, we’re appreciating life on campus in a new way.”

Mazariegos was interested in Catholic University for the D.C. experience and because of the excellent reputation of the School of Philosophy. “I love the reading and exploration of the questions posed by the great philosophers,” he says. “While taking a core curriculum literature course, I found that the English Department here is quite wonderful and decided the English major would be a great complement to my philosophy studies.”

He has a full plate of extracurricular activities. He is a resident assistant; editor of *Inventio*, the student-run research journal; president of the Philosophy Club; a tutor in the Writing Center; and a member of Cardinals for Life. He also is working as a research assistant with the Department of Sociology on a Templeton Religion Trust-funded grant to study beauty and wonder in science.

“Catholic University is a special place and I’ve wanted to get as involved as possible during the short time I have here,” he says. Community is what defines his campus experience. “I’ve made excellent friends in all grades and majors. And the professors are gems who care about their students and are great teachers and scholars. This is simply an open and welcoming and cheerful place.”

# AROUND CATHOLIC





Bill Conway finds being surrounded by students is the best part of the groundbreaking ceremony.

## University Breaks Ground for New Nursing and Sciences Building

Catholic University celebrated a special milestone in December: the groundbreaking for the new nursing and sciences building.

The building, expected to open in 2024, will sit between Maloney and Father O’Connell halls and be built in a similar collegiate gothic style. The project will also include updates to the campus entrance on Michigan Avenue, N.E.

“Today is the convergence of a long tradition of leadership and academic excellence in the nursing school with a group of extraordinary, generous donors,” President John Garvey said. “The building will not only serve as a home for our nursing students, but the building and entrance enhancements will provide the entire University with a more beautiful campus gateway. Today, we begin the journey that will lay the foundation for the future of Catholic University nursing education.”

The 102,000-square foot nursing education facility will be built and designed by Ayers Saint Gross, Robert A.M. Stern Architects, and Clark Construction. The new building will enable the Conway School to double enrollment and increase the size of its faculty.

The Conway School of Nursing is named in honor of Bill and Joanne Conway, who donated \$40 million toward the construction, bringing their total support, including scholarships, for the school to more than \$80 million since 2013. Their gifts have been the largest from a single donor in University history.

During the event, Dean Emerita Patricia McMullen spoke about how nurses serve patients regardless of their background, faith, sexual orientation, or financial status.

“The wonderful thing about nursing is that we take people as they are — we provide care to the poorest among us, as well as the wealthiest. Indeed, disease is an ironic leveler,” McMullen said.

Bill Conway credited his wife with launching their support of nursing, and expressed his gratitude for being able to help, and for all those who helped realize the dream of the new building.

“I am blessed as a person with great faith. I figure that God’s in control and I’m not. Probably that’s a good thing. He’s given me and my wife all these resources, and what are we supposed to do with them?” he said. “There are many people who are God’s arms and legs here who helped make this happen: donors, my fellow trustees, faculty of Catholic University’s School of Nursing.”

Robert Moser, CEO of Clark Construction, said he was thrilled to celebrate the groundbreaking of “this new campus landmark” as a milestone for the University. This is the third building Clark Construction will erect on campus. The company built the Columbus School of Law in 1994 and the Edward J. Pryzbyla University Center in 2003.

“We are so proud to be trusted to help turn this vision into reality,” Moser said. “I cannot think of a more noble charge than helping to build a structure that will enhance the education and training of individuals who play such a vital and critical role in the health of our communities.”

The new building will include modern simulation suites, a virtual reality studio (which is rare in universities nationally), flexible classrooms, seminar rooms, anatomy and physiology labs, and more. The exterior will be planted with environmentally sensitive vegetation and a terrace garden. As part of Catholic University’s commitment to sustainability and healthy workplaces, the University is seeking LEED gold environmental certification for the construction, as well as silver certification as a WELL building.

## LIGHT | THE | WAY

THE CAMPAIGN FOR CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY



# University Extends Campaign through 2023, Increases Goal to \$500 Million

Light the Way: The Campaign for Catholic University has been extended through 2023. The Board of Trustees' decision was announced in October as the University reached the Campaign's original goal of \$400 million six months ahead of its planned conclusion in April 2022. The new Campaign goal is \$500 million.

Launched publicly in 2019, Light the Way is the first comprehensive campaign. It has received support from more than 24,500 alumni, students, parents, foundations, corporations, and friends of the University. That support has helped transform campus, enhance support for students and faculty, and expand the University's academic programs.

"We are tremendously grateful to the thousands of donors who have invested in the University through the Light the Way Campaign so far," said President John Garvey. "I was so pleased by the encouragement of our volunteer leaders and greater community to extend this initiative so that the effects of our donors' investments can be felt by more students, faculty, and staff across the University."

On campus, Campaign support allowed the University to renovate Maloney Hall, now home to the Busch School of Business; fund a new building for the Conway School of Nursing; add Carlini Field as a new venue for intercollegiate athletics; and construct a new dining hall, which is expected to open later this year.

The Campaign has raised \$97 million in endowed and current-use undergraduate and graduate scholarship support to help make a Catholic University education accessible for more students. Student life has also been improved through the enhancement of the Center for Academic and Career Success and the Center for Cultural Engagement.

Faculty and staff have benefitted through the funding of 10 endowed professorships, 12 new research centers and institutes, and endowed coaching positions in football, lacrosse, and basketball. The University also secured initial funding for new endeavors, including The Catholic Project and the Institute for the Transformation of Catholic Education.

Surpassing the Campaign's initial goal of \$400 million helped to achieve many of its stated objectives, but others remain, and the pandemic slowed

efforts to build new donor relationships and engage alumni and other volunteers in the Campaign efforts.

"We wanted to provide the opportunity for more donors to experience the heartfelt pride that comes from helping to transform the University through this first truly comprehensive campaign," said Scott Rembold, vice president for University Advancement.

Student success is one of the Campaign's imperatives. With the extended time, the University plans to address emerging priorities to assist current and future University students, such as increased financial aid, extended support services, and new health and wellness facilities.

Another priority is increasing externally funded research opportunities for faculty and students. In 2020–21, the University witnessed its most successful year to date for external research funding, highlighted by two significant NASA contracts totalling \$64 million over five years. Provost Aaron Dominguez has set a goal to grow Catholic University's research funding base to achieve a Carnegie 1 classification, indicating "very high" research activity.

Additional time will allow the individual schools to include new academic programs, raise funds for additional endowed chairs, and secure Campaign commitments for new programs, research, and emerging priorities.

"I am confident that we can achieve the new Campaign goal. We have seen the strength of the Catholic University community, especially over the past few years, and its members have shown us how deeply they are invested in the University's success," Rembold said. "Now is the time to get involved. Each gift makes a difference, for our students, for our faculty and staff, and for the University's bright future."

*At the time of publication, the Light the Way campaign has raised \$425 million.*

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT LIGHT THE WAY: THE CAMPAIGN FOR CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY AND PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT, VISIT [engage.catholic.edu](https://engage.catholic.edu)



## *Laudato Si'* Initiative Confirms a Commitment to Sustainability

Catholic University became one of the first universities in the world to sign onto a new Vatican initiative, the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform, committing to a plan for environmental sustainability.

Inspired by Pope Francis's 2015 encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, the initiative was launched by the Dicastery for Integral Human Development this year to engage the universal Catholic Church in "a journey toward full sustainability" that recognizes our responsibility to care for creation and the disproportionate harm environmental damage has on the vulnerable.

Catholic University continues to be recognized as an environmental leader, most recently landing for a second year on the *Princeton Review's Guide to Green Colleges*.

The implementation of sustainable practices on campus has contributed to a decline of carbon emissions by 28% since 2016. Every kilowatt of electricity is paid for with renewable energy credits.

"Showing leadership at the national level in the Church and in society is a core priority, whether that is in academics, student life, or sustainability," said Alexandra Harry Nappier, assistant director for campus facilities and sustainability initiatives. "Having a stronger response to *Laudato Si'* is part of the University's most recent strategic plan. There are a lot of actions and priorities involved in delivering a stronger message and achieving a more coordinated approach."

The University now offers more than 150 courses related to sustainability across multiple programs, internships in sustainability, and special initiatives such as the planned April 2022 conference, *Climate Change and the Future of Work*.



## Opus Prize Returns to Catholic University

The Opus Foundation has chosen Catholic University to host the 2022 Opus Prize, an annual faith-based humanitarian award. The \$1 million award and two \$100,000 prizes make up one of the world's largest faith-based awards for social entrepreneurship. The prizes recognize leaders and organizations that develop creative solutions to some of the world's most pressing problems.

The Opus Foundation partners with Catholic universities to oversee the process of identifying nominees, selecting finalists, determining the awardee, honoring the finalists, and for inspiring the next generation of servant leaders.

Catholic University first hosted the Opus Prize in 2007, and is now the only University to partner with the foundation a second time.

The University will sponsor events that revolve around the theme "Inspiring Change Makers" that promise to engage the

entire campus community. Small teams from the University are participating in due-diligence trips around the world to help with the final selection of prize winners.

The Opus Prize will be awarded during a ceremony on campus on Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022.

"Service is a hallmark of life on this campus," said President John Garvey. "I hope this prize inspires all of us to see how our commitment to serving others can affect the world."



# Bowman Report Emphasizes Solidarity and Radical Openness

Catholic University's commitment to addressing the sin of racism meant a year of hard work and reflection. The result — the Sister Thea Bowman Committee Report — was shared with the University in November at a well-attended event co-sponsored by the Office of the President and the Student Government Association (SGA).

The Bowman Committee, created by President John Garvey in late summer 2020, following months of national upheaval over racial incidents, was named for the first Black member of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. Inspired by her faith, Sister Thea was a champion of social justice, particularly for Black Catholics. She completed her master's and doctoral degrees — in 1970 and 1973, respectively — at Catholic University and today is a Servant of God whose cause for canonization is underway.

The committee was chaired by Regina Jefferson, professor of law, and included five subcommittees: academic affairs, community building, external affairs, personal formation, and workforce development.

The report's 51 recommendations ensure the University's culture, values, and behavior are aligned with its Catholic mission.

"This report and its recommendations are of very special significance for our community — as these recommendations will guide us to better embrace the full and unique human dignity of our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ," said SGA President Abby Anger, Class of 2022.

The report includes the University's "Statement on Racism," which references Pope Francis's call for an everyday commitment to solidarity or "social love." "He has challenged us to be radically open to others — even, and perhaps especially, others who are very different from us — instead of closing ourselves and our societies off from one another," according to the statement.

"Solidarity must be proactive; it must cross the boundaries that so often divide us from each other.

In classrooms, offices, residence halls, and dining halls, we are constantly offered opportunities to enact this solidarity. The University has a responsibility to assist students, faculty, and staff to grow in daily solidarity and to encourage this virtue in the structures of our community."

Emmjolee Mendoza-Waters, B.A. 2001, M.S.W. 2009, director of Community Engagement, Social Justice, and Catholic Social Teaching Initiatives, moderated the November panel discussion and called upon the University community to strive "to live out a love that requires justice." As an alumna of the University, Mendoza-Waters was a member of the community building subcommittee and spoke of "looking back on my experience as a minority student" on campus and of her hopefulness about what might come of the report's recommendations. "Now we're going back to the community to listen and authentically move forward with our students in conversation."

Several of the Bowman Committee's recommendations had already been enacted by the time of the report's release last fall. Most notably, in

summer 2021, Mel Williams, associate dean of engineering, M.S. 1984, was appointed special assistant to the President, with responsibility for implementing the report's recommendations.

"We have the will to move forward and get to a better place," he said.

For members of the committee, the process was a reminder that many of the answers lie within. Over the course of the last year, "We had the realization that often the infrastructure was already there, but we needed more resources or structure to implement our recommendations," said Jada Haughton, a student at the Columbus School of Law and president of the Black Law Students Association. She was also a member of the academic affairs subcommittee and participated in the panel discussion.

"We saw how much diversity there is already in the community," Haughton said. "Embracing that and all that it brings to it creates an opportunity for conversation."

To read the report, visit [catholic.edu/bowman](https://catholic.edu/bowman).



At the Bowman Report launch event: From left, Javier Bustamante, director, Center for Cultural Engagement; Samuel Nwuha, undergraduate; Mel Williams, special assistant to the President; Sean Sullivan, director of Athletics; Jada Houghton, law student; Regina Jefferson, law professor.



## Expanding Access to a College Degree

Working with its home city to ensure wider access to higher education, Catholic University has partnered with local non-profit District of Columbia College Access Program (DC-CAP) and has been approved as education partner for DC Futures, a city-administered tuition assistance program.

DC Futures is designed to help district residents receive an associate or bachelor degree in high-demand fields and improve their employability. Catholic University is one of only three institutions of higher education in the city approved as a program partner. All three offer an associate degree program.

Through DC-CAP, up to 15 scholars will receive renewable financial assistance from the University that will cover the full cost of their tuition, plus \$5,000 annually from DC-CAP. The program is a privately-funded, nonprofit organization that is dedicated to helping the District's public and public charter high school students enroll in and graduate from college.

With the University's commitment to provide gift aid covering full tuition, plus the DC-CAP scholarship, students who also receive the DC Tuition Assistance Grant (DCTAG) and Federal Pell Grant will have the majority of their direct costs met.

The University is DC-CAP's only private and only District-based university partner.

"Catholic University is committed to supporting local students with the opportunity to receive a high-quality education, affordably and without leaving their hometown," said Chris Lydon, University vice president for enrollment management.

Vincent Kiernan, dean of the Metropolitan School of Professional Studies (MSPS), said about 27 DC Futures recipients are enrolled in the school this semester, noting that he anticipates more next fall as the city expands the program.

Recipients must meet certain income requirements, enroll in programs for select high-demand fields, and participate in a college-coaching program. They receive \$8,000 in tuition assistance per year, up to \$32,000 total toward an associate degree and \$48,000 for a bachelor degree.

MSPS worked with the University to adjust tuition so the associate program is free for DC Futures recipients.

MSPS classes are offered at the University's main D.C. campus, the Alexandria, Va., center, and online.

"Our students are highly motivated. The average age of students at the Metropolitan School is 40 years old. We have a substantial amount of first-generation college students. This financial aid is a godsend for them to be able to change their lives," Kiernan noted.



## Big Turnout at March for Life Events

Catholic University had a strong showing for the 2022 March for Life, with about 300 students walking behind a new, cardinal-red banner proclaiming, "We are 100% pro-life."

The University also sponsored the Archdiocese of Washington's popular Mass and Youth Rally for Life, which was held at the Cathedral of St. Matthew this year, scaled down, but back in person and broadcast virtually.

The University's new video spots were shown on jumbotrons during the March and shared on social media. The taglines include "The Catholic University of America — where pro-life leaders are made" and "Educating leaders of today for the generations of tomorrow."

"I'm very proud of our University's commitment to the pro-life cause, supporting all people from conception until natural death," said Kelsey Nowack, a senior from Wisconsin who helped to carry the banner.

As part of their commitment to life, students brought hygiene packs with them to distribute to people experiencing homelessness.

Father Jude DeAngelo, O.F.M. Conv., University chaplain and director of Campus Ministry, said that the turnout in the face of COVID and frigid temperatures shows there is "a real sea change in our country and young people today are really pro-life."

At a Cardinals for Life rally the night before the March, University President John Garvey called for continued dedication if the U.S. Supreme Court strikes down *Roe v. Wade* — the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion nationwide — later this year.

"Patience and dialogue are key," said Garvey. "But our words will mean little if our actions don't reflect a deeper commitment to supporting life in the womb. That means listening to what mothers and babies need, especially those in difficult circumstances. It requires putting more, not fewer, resources at their disposal."

## New Dean for Conway School of Nursing

Marie T. Nolan, professor and scholar, has been appointed by Catholic University President John Garvey as the next dean of the Conway School of Nursing. Nolan, M. Adelaide Nutting Endowed Chair at Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, will assume her new duties in May.

Nolan earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from Niagara University, a master of science in nursing from Boston College, a master of science in education from Johns Hopkins University, a master of public health from George Washington University, and her Ph.D. in nursing from Catholic University.

"We are thrilled she is bringing her passion and experience in nursing back to Catholic University, especially as we look forward to growing our nursing program after the opening of the new nursing and sciences building," said President John Garvey.

Nolan has spent more than 20 years in academic leadership positions and advancing research on improving the quality of care for patients and their families at the end of life.

"To serve in this capacity at this challenging time in our history will be the greatest honor and privilege of my career," Nolan said.

"It is also an honor to follow in the footsteps of Dean Emerita Patricia McMullen, who for the past 12 years has led the School of Nursing faculty in preparing nurse-leaders known for their intellectual and moral strength; who continually seek to develop a well-formed conscience to make decisions for the good."

During McMullen's tenure, the school rose in national rankings and the pass rate on the national licensing exam for graduates increased from 67% to nearly 100%. She also has been instrumental in helping raise \$90 million in philanthropic donations for the nursing school through the University's Light the Way Campaign.

"Pat has contributed to our University community as a scholar, a practitioner, and a powerful advocate for her students," said Garvey.



Marie T. Nolan

WILL KIRK



## University Meets its 16th President

The Pryz lit up with excitement on Tuesday, March 29, as Catholic University welcomed its 16th President.

Peter Kilpatrick will take the reins July 1, 2022. Since 2018, he has been provost and vice president for academic affairs at Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago. He was professor and McCloskey Dean of Engineering at the University of Notre Dame from 2008 to 2018. For 24 years he was a chemical engineering professor at North Carolina State University. He is widely published and holds or shares 12 patents.

"I believe the way forward for higher education in general and for Catholic universities specifically is to be an example for the world of an institution that places its emphasis on the human person as the supreme value in our society," he said.

University President John Garvey welcomed Kilpatrick and his wife, Nancy. "Apart from my family, leading this University has been both the greatest joy and the biggest undertaking of my life."

"There is nothing like Catholic University," said Bill Conway, vice chairman of the Board of Trustees, to the next president. "The best of our faith is on display every day, from our professors ... to our dedicated staff and administrators, and our really exceptional students. I know you are eager to get to know them, to serve them — and to lead them to still greater things."

"I think he's the right choice for this time in the University's history," said Chris Pierno, B.A. 2011, M.S.M. 2017, Alumni Association president. "Peter can take us to the next level, all the while with an understanding that faith and reason work together."





## AROUND CATHOLIC

### Faculty Profile

teaching of the faith and the role of catechesis in the Church's mission of evangelization. Many Catholics associate catechesis with CCD classes. Catechesis cannot be reduced to classroom instruction. It's an experience of encountering Jesus Christ — a remarkable moment — for all members of the Church to accompany each other, to walk with each other on their journey of faith. The directory also emphasizes the role of beauty in catechesis and evangelization as a source of inspiration on that journey. Beauty in the arts or in nature can point us to transcendence, drawing us out of ourselves, filling us with joy and peace, and bringing us closer to God. As Pope Francis advises in *The Joy of the Gospel*, "Every form of catechesis would do well to attend to the 'way of beauty.'"

### **For many people, evangelization can be a loaded word. What does it really mean?**

Evangelization is not proselytizing. The Church never imposes her beliefs on others. As people do when they're in love, the Church proposes that a life of faith in Jesus Christ is the most authentic and deepest way to live as a person. Pope Paul VI said evangelization is the reason the Church exists. The Church lives to share the good news of the gospel.

### **What was the impetus for starting the podcast "Echoing Faith Today"?**

When the new directory came out in 2020, we were discussing ways to promote it with Father Mark Morozowich (dean of STRS). But we were in the thick of the pandemic, so we couldn't have a conference or any kind of in-person event. We decided to create a podcast and invite experts to talk about key themes in the directory. At the opening of each podcast, we invite listeners to our "table of conversation." Our guests are Church leaders and scholars on the front lines of catechesis and evangelization. They've included the president of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization, poet Dana Gioia, and Sir James MacMillan, a Scottish composer of sacred and classical music. It's a way of engaging people in our digital world. — Catherine Lee

# To Evangelize Is to Accompany and Share

Jem Sullivan, an associate professor of practice and expert in the history and theory of catechetics, joined the School of Theology and Religious Studies (STRS) faculty in 2019. She has worked for 30 years on initiatives at the national and diocesan levels that have transformed the way the Catholic Church forms others in the Christian faith. A member of the International Council for Catechesis, her research explores the role of beauty and the arts in catechesis and evangelization. She is the author of four books on catechetical themes and host of the podcast "Echoing Faith Today."

### **You've referred to your parents as your first "living catechisms." What role did your upbringing play in your desire to study theology?**

I grew up in Bombay, India, where the Catholic community is small and close knit. My parents were active in our parish and our extended faith community and shared with me, by the way they lived, what it means to be a person of faith. I decided to study theology in college at a time in India when women didn't pursue it unless they

wanted to become a religious sister. I was drawn to catechetics because I was curious about how the Church communicates the journey of faith to children, youth, and adults.

### **How has the Catholic Church's most recent Directory for Catechesis impacted the way the faith is taught today?**

This directory, which presents how-to guidelines for catechesis, is the third one published since Vatican II. In it, we see a paradigm shift in the

# Forward-Thinking Family Honors Beloved Basketball Coach

In November, Catholic University celebrated the installation of its first endowed athletics coach. Bridget Power, B.A. 2017, M.A. 2020, became the Jamie L. Roberts Endowed Assistant Coach for women's basketball.

The endowment honors Jamie Roberts, who joined Catholic University in 2011 as women's assistant basketball coach, and helped the team win three back-to-back championships. She also served on the University's Athletics communications staff. Roberts, 24, died tragically in 2014 when she was struck by a car while riding her bicycle across country to help raise funds to benefit a nonprofit that supports young adults with cancer.

The endowed position was created with a \$1 million gift from the Roberts family.

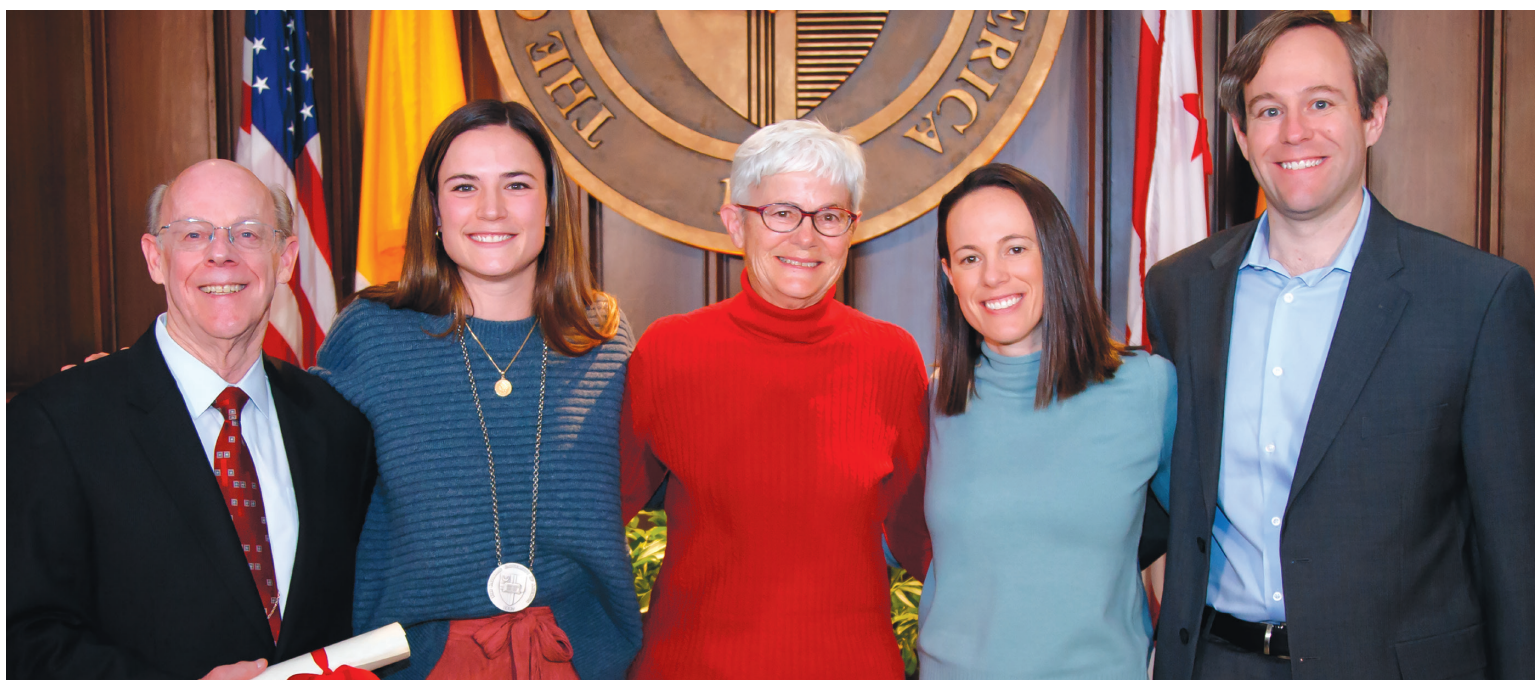
"In the circles of academia, installing an endowed professorship or deanship can be somewhat common practice. But within the Division III athletics world, and specifically Catholic University Athletics, today's event is unique. It represents a new chapter for our department," said Sean Sullivan, associate vice president and director of Athletics. "For the first time, a full-time coaching position has been secured, in perpetuity, due to the generosity, kindness, and forward thinking of one local family."

Sullivan said Jamie's caring nature established a warmth that inspired those around her. It's something the program aspires to maintain.

"Bridget Power certainly ensures that warmth is still present within the women's basketball program. Bridget embodies so much of Jamie's spirit, her values — the commitment to helping young people explore their goals and aspirations, all in an effort to better themselves; that was Jamie, and that is Bridget," Sullivan said.

President John Garvey said Jamie was a highly regarded member of the Cardinal family not only as a coach, but as a mentor to the students she encountered.

"[Student-athletes] learned from her wisdom, experience, and skill. More than that, they learned by example," said University President John Garvey. "Like the two good servants in the parable, Jamie used her gifts to build up the world around her, and left an indelible mark on the young women she coached. One of them, Bridget Power, is now following in her footsteps. It is with deep gratitude that I accept this endowed coaching position in her memory. We are grateful to Jamie, whose generous heart continues to leave its mark on The Catholic University of America."



Rui Barros

William "Bob" Roberts III, Bridget Power, Eveline Roberts, and Julia Roberts and William Roberts IV, Jamie's siblings.



# Jamie used her gifts to build up the world around her ...

— President John Garvey

Jamie’s father, Bob, said Women’s Head Basketball Coach Matt Donohue kept his daughter’s memory fresh at the University to help inspire student-athletes on and off the court. Bob added he and his family were happy to honor Jamie through the endowed position.

“It will provide the chosen person an opportunity to bring Jamie’s values and love of basketball full time to Catholic University while growing the students as basketball players and caring human beings,” Bob said. “We’re also pleased that Bridget Power has been chosen as the first person to hold this endowed position since she knew Jamie personally, and now can use her own talents to develop Catholic University women while beginning her own career in basketball coaching. I think the only thing that could have made this moment better would be to have Jamie here in person, although we know that she certainly is here with us spiritually today.”

Power, who was coached by Roberts, was a member of the University’s women’s basketball program from 2013–2017. As a senior, she helped the team garner a 23-5 record, an appearance in the Landmark Conference championship game, and a berth in the NCAA Division III women’s basketball championship tournament. She returned to Brookland in 2018 to pursue a master’s degree in secondary education and assist the women’s basketball program.

Power said those lucky enough to have known Jamie have worked to keep her spirit alive.

“She embodied what it means to be a good friend, teammate, and colleague. Anyone who knew Jamie would tell you that they could always count on her for a laugh or even just an ear to listen. She could never be defined simply

by her skills on the basketball court,” Power said. “Jamie radiated genuine positivity and compassion in everything she did. ... No matter what was going on in her life, she constantly found ways to do more for others.”

Power said Jamie made every player feel seen and heard.

“What has been most amazing about the formation of the Jamie L. Roberts Endowed Assistant Coach position is how seamlessly its purpose has aligned with who Jamie was as a person. Its focus is not only on the logistics of basketball, but more importantly on student-athlete academic success, community service involvement, and the overall health and well-being of each player. This position gives whoever holds it the opportunity to pour themselves into some of the jobs Jamie was best at,” said Power.

She thanked the Roberts family for making her position possible.

“You have made it possible for these young women to find a friend and ally to help guide them through their collegiate experience, just as Jamie did for my teammates and me.”

### Editor’s Note:

*Since the endowment of the Roberts assistant coaching position, a second endowed coaching position was established with the Vincent and Ellen Sica Endowed Head Coach for Catholic University Football. It was endowed through a \$3 million pledge by Vincent, B.M.E. 1983, and Ellen Sica. As a Cardinal athlete, Vinny, a member of the Board of Trustees, played on the offensive line for four years and captained the team as a senior. Head Football Coach Mike Gutelius, B.A. 1992, is the first Sica endowed coach.*



Jamie Roberts



Bridget Power

Rui Barros

## Missing Orange Bowl Trophy Replaced

Catholic University is the only school currently playing NCAA Division III football that has won the Orange Bowl Classic. However, the trophy that the University received for winning the 1936 Orange Bowl in Miami has been lost for years.

At the homecoming game last October, Jack Seiler, Orange Bowl Committee president and chair, presented Catholic University with a modern Orange Bowl championship trophy.

Seiler made the presentation at halftime of the Cardinals' 30-7 victory over the Coast Guard Academy. Committee members Mike Allen (former Catholic University athletic director) and Mark Dissette accompanied him.



From left: Orange Bowl Committee members Mark Dissette and Jack Seiler; Sean Sullivan, associate vice president and director of Athletics; Mike Allen, president of Barry University and former University Athletics director; and Judi Biggs Garbuio, vice president for Student Affairs.



## Cardinal Football Joins Landmark Conference

In fall 2023, Catholic University football will compete in the Landmark Conference after five years of competition with the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference.

The Landmark Conference announced in February that two new institutions were joining the conference in summer 2023 — Lycoming College and Wilkes University. This brings the number of football-playing schools in the conference to six.

“Our program is excited to join the rest of our athletic teams in the Landmark Conference,” said Mike Gutelius, Vincent and Ellen Sica Endowed Head Coach. “We already have a strong familiarity with the schools in the conference so it only makes sense to add the sport of football to the competitive environment that the league enjoys.”

With the addition of football, 23 of Catholic's 25 intercollegiate teams will compete in the Landmark Conference; the exceptions are men's and women's rowing, which compete in the Mid-Atlantic Rowing Conference (MARC).



## Football Captain Takes Part in NCAA Student Immersion Program

During the 2022 NCAA Convention in Indianapolis, Catholic University football senior Devin Miles was one of 25 ethnic-minority student-athletes in Division III to participate in the NCAA Student Immersion Program.

Expressing gratitude for the experience, Miles said, “I was able to take away a lot from this trip including how to expand my network, how to build my personal brand, and how I can use my platform and experiences to improve the diversity and inclusion throughout college athletics.”

A senior business management major with a specialization in sports management, Miles served as a team captain this past fall as the Cardinals posted their highest win total since 2013 with a 6-4 record. Off the field, he has worked as a college financial representative for Northwestern Mutual and a market development intern at Infinitive Management Consulting.

Participants in the Student Immersion Program are fully funded to attend the convention. The program's goal is to build a pipeline of talented ethnic-minority candidates, with an interest in Division III coaching and/or administration, in an effort to ultimately diversify the division.

“Many athletic directors and coaches shared their support and emphasized the importance of diversity and inclusion throughout sports especially at the Division III level,” Miles said.

“I am looking to continue my involvement in college athletics through coaching or administration. I want to use my knowledge and experience to help the next generation of college athletes compete in a fun, competitive, and inclusive environment.”



## Head of the Charles

The Catholic University men's and women's rowing teams made their debut at the prestigious Head of the Charles in October 2021. Held in Cambridge, Mass., the event is the largest three-day regatta in the world.

The women placed 34th out of 40 teams in the Championship Eights and the men placed 33rd out of 39 crews in their race.

"The best rowers in the world come to Head of the Charles," said Katie O'Driscoll, head rowing coach. "Not only will you find Harvard and Yale there, but the U.S. National Team and other countries' national teams compete there as well. I can't think of any other collegiate race, in any sport, where you can compete on the same course that Olympic champions did just hours before."

The University's rowing program is only four years old, making participation in the Head of the Charles a "watershed moment for our young program," said Associate Vice President and Director of Athletics Sean Sullivan.

# Cardinal Athletics Giving Challenge Fuels Tomorrow's Legends

During the Cardinal Athletics Giving Challenge, any team can win. This year, Cardinal fans took part, and they brought their A game.

From Oct. 29 through Nov. 12, 2,317 donors raised \$313,614 for the Athletics programs. These generous supporters set a new, high bar for total revenue raised during the two-week challenge.

The top three teams in each category have unlocked additional prize money. Congratulations to this year's winners:

### GREATEST NUMBER OF DONORS

Men's Teams	Women's Teams
Basketball: \$3,000	Lacrosse: \$3,000
Baseball: \$2,000	Basketball: \$2,000
Lacrosse: \$1,000	Field hockey: \$1,000

### HIGHEST PARTICIPATION OF ATHLETICS ALUMNI AND PLAYERS

Men's Teams	Women's Teams
Golf: \$3,000	Lacrosse: \$3,000
Baseball: \$2,000	Field hockey: \$2,000
Basketball: \$1,000	Basketball: \$1,000

Throughout the challenge, some Cardinal fans served as champions. They spread the word about the challenge and solicited gifts via personalized fundraising pages. This year's top champion was J. Picardo, who chose to unlock \$1,000 for the baseball team.

The University is grateful to every Cardinal fan who participated in this year's challenge for believing in student-athletes, coaches, and the Athletics programs.



# John Garvey

## A Transformational Presidency

By Ellen N. Woods

Catholic University's 15th President will step down after 12 years of service on June 30 of this year. John Garvey's legacy includes unprecedented growth and transformation, and most importantly, an unwavering love for Catholic University.

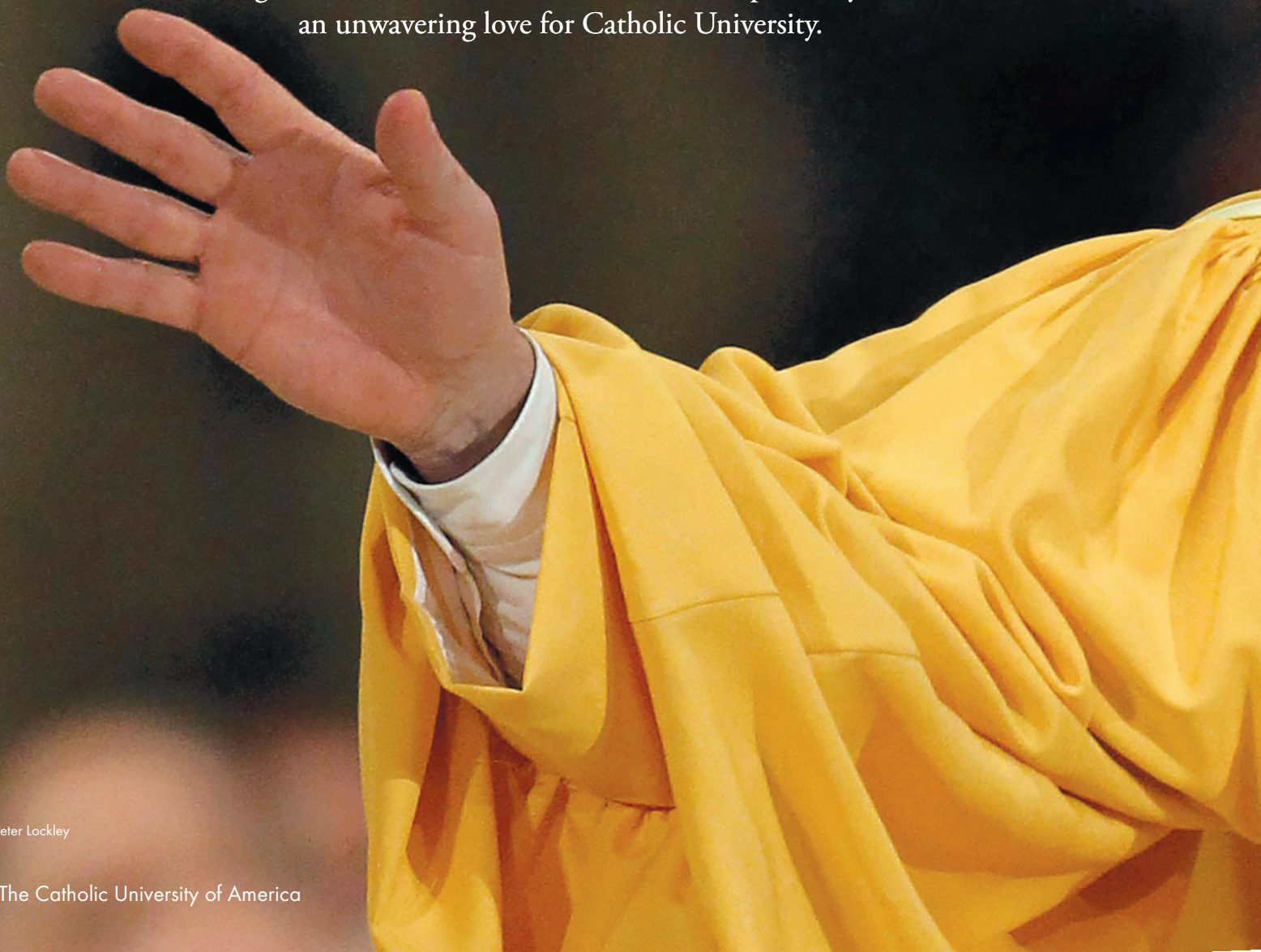
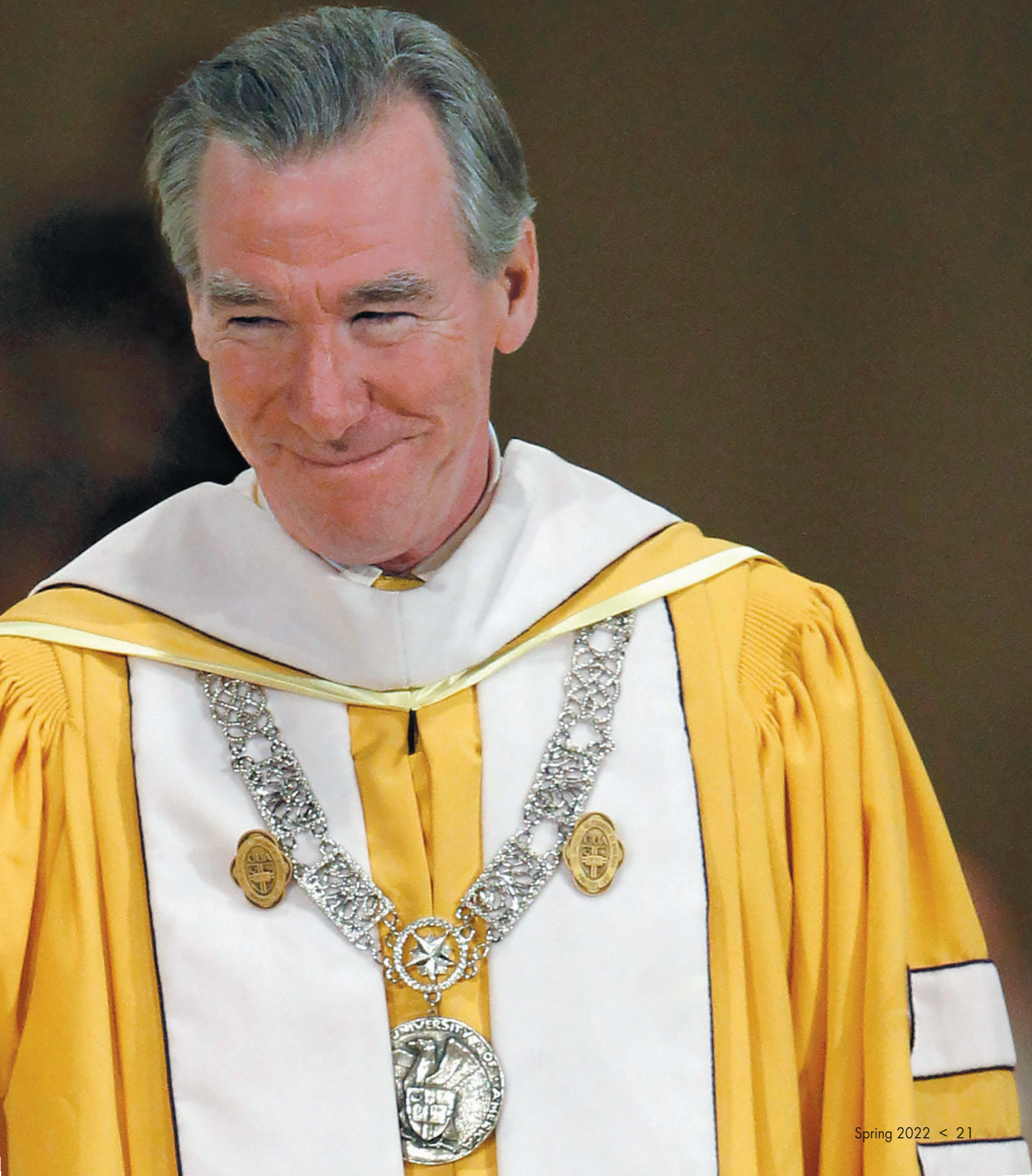


Photo by Peter Lockley



**I**t's not often that a snow deep enough for sledding falls in Washington, D.C. But when it does, students at Catholic University know they are welcome to swing by Nugent Hall to pick up sleds before heading to the top of O'Boyle hill.

The MLK holiday weekend brought such a snowfall this year. The sleds were returned that Monday morning, and when John Garvey opened his front door he found a collection of small snowmen lining the steps up to Nugent. He was amused, as he often is, by the ways in which students show affection for him and his wife, Jeanne.

As Garvey prepares to step down after 12 years as President of The Catholic University of America, his list of accomplishments has assured a solid legacy. But it is perhaps these little moments, nestled among all the weighty priorities, that he will remember — and miss — the most.

## Becoming President

Garvey became Catholic University's 15th President on July 1, 2010. Previously, he was dean of the Boston College law school, and was known for his distinguished career in higher education and law — he is a nationally acclaimed expert in constitutional law, religious liberty, and the First Amendment.

He received his A.B. *summa cum laude* from the University of Notre Dame in 1970 followed by his law degree from Harvard University in 1974. In 1976 Garvey began teaching law at the University of Kentucky, an appointment he held until 1994. He has been a visiting professor at the University of Michigan and a professor of law at the University of Notre Dame. For three years, he served as assistant to the solicitor general of the United States, arguing several prominent cases before the United States Supreme Court.

In 1999 he was appointed dean of Boston College Law School. During his 11 years as dean, he hired 20 new faculty members, established an alumni association and board of overseers, rebuilt the administrative infrastructure, and bolstered the school's Catholic identity.

In 2010 he got a call from Archbishop Allen Vigneron, who was then chairman of the University's Board of Trustees. "We were visiting our daughter, Katie, who lived in London at the

time. I was playing with my granddaughters when the phone rang. I listened to the archbishop for a half hour, more out of politeness. I was happy at Boston College and ready to put in several more years in that position," recalls Garvey. He agreed to talk to the search committee and liked what they had to say.

Next came a trip to D.C., where Garvey was interviewed at the Willard Hotel. Learning more about the University, which included a quiet cab ride around campus at 4:30 in the morning, he began to want the job. "I got to the point where it would have been a letdown if I didn't get it," says Garvey.

"I care deeply about Catholic higher education. That's one of the reasons I went to Notre Dame and then Boston College in the wake of *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* [Pope John Paul II's 1990 apostolic constitution on Catholic universities]. I had a personal interest in building up a contemporary vision of what a great Catholic university could be. As I learned more about The Catholic University of America, I realized there was no better place in this country to promote and enhance the Catholic intellectual tradition," explains Garvey.

In his letter last September to the University community announcing he would be stepping down, Garvey stated, "I became President of The Catholic University of America in 2010 hoping I could contribute something to building



Rachael Salamone







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up the institution. I did not foresee how much I would fall in love with it.”

That love for Catholic University translated to more than a decade of transformation and growth.

“President Garvey’s clear vision for leading Catholic University forward was grounded in the Church’s vision for Catholic higher education as expressed in *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* and *Veritatis Gaudium*,” said Victor P. Smith, J.D. 1996, chairman of the Catholic University Board of Trustees, in a September letter announcing Garvey’s decision to step down after 12 years.

“He hired faculty and staff who embrace this vision, ensuring the advancement of the Catholic intellectual life on this campus for generations. He also was instrumental in the transformation of the Board of Trustees that expanded lay participation and leadership, which has led to a stronger and increasingly diverse board.”

Smith also lauded Garvey for leading the most successful era of fundraising in University history, resulting in new schools, institutes, research, and scholarships; expanding access to a Catholic University education by establishing new locations in Alexandria, Va., and Tucson, Ariz.; revitalizing campus with an increased commitment to sustainability; improving student retention; and deftly leading the University through the pandemic.

Scott Rembold, vice president for University Advancement, says the accomplishments of Garvey’s tenure can be traced back to his deep commitment to the University. “John can articulate the vision and mission of Catholic University like no one else. He has built relationships with donors by authentically sharing his first-hand accounts of everything from student life to Catholic identity to scholarship and research. His love of the University is sincere and is the foundation for the University’s growth all around, most especially in philanthropy.”

## Faith and Family

To know John Garvey and to understand the way in which he led and cared for the University starts with learning about his upbringing in a family rooted in Catholic faith.

“I had the good fortune to be born in that period right after the war. The country was united in wanting to live a peaceful life and raise families,” says Garvey. “My father went to Harvard Law and had offers from firms in Philadelphia and New York, but chose to buy a house next door to his parents in Sharon, Pennsylvania. It was a wonderful life; a very uncomplicated childhood in a small town.”

Garvey was the second of eight children — all of whom went to Catholic school. They attended Mass every morning and afterward, their dad walked them to school and then crossed the street to arrive at his law office. After school the children often visited their grandfather’s office on the same main street. Garvey says his grandfather, Hugh Garvey, was “the kindest

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I am proud to say that my working relationship with President Garvey extends beyond my tenure as Archbishop of Washington and thus, Chancellor of The Catholic University of America. As a member of the University Board of Trustees for his entire tenure, I have known his friendship and competence as a man of faith and an educator of excellence. John always has the University’s best interests at heart. He has been available and collaborative in all of our encounters. I shall miss his wit and wisdom and wish him every good fortune and blessing in his future.”

— Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory,  
Archbishop of Washington,  
University Chancellor



## WALKING WITH STUDENTS

From the annual March for Life to the regular service opportunities on campus and in D.C., Garvey accompanies his students as they live their faith. “The measure of our success is how our students live their daily lives,” said Garvey.



#### A LARGE, FAITH-FILLED FAMILY

More than 50 members of Garvey's extended family attended his January 2011 inauguration. His five children served as gift bearers. His grandchildren, usually outfitted in University gear, are regulars at University events. The littlest one gets to light the University Christmas tree.

man I have ever known. He would listen to you like you were the most interesting person in the world."

Family photos adorn his office in Nugent Hall. Among the most prominent is a framed photo of his brother, Kevin, that sits next to his computer.

Kevin died of leukemia 50 years ago at age 13, when Garvey, then 23, was in law school. Kevin was treated at Roswell Park Hospital in Buffalo, N.Y. His treatments would last up to 10 days at a time and his parents would stay at a hotel to be near him. The families that could not afford hotels and slept in their cars or in the hospital waiting rooms did not go unnoticed by the Garveys. When their son died, they bought a house across the street from the hospital. Kevin's Guest House was the first of its kind in America and would become the inspiration for the well-known Ronald McDonald Houses.

Garvey says his parents' faith and generosity ensured that Kevin's short life would have meaning and bring hope to thousands of families, and would serve as an example for him and his brothers and sisters.

"My siblings and I are all close. We talk several

times a week," says Garvey. "We take vacations together. We gather on our mother's birthday. Several of my siblings have served on the board of Kevin's Guest House, and many of our kids have worked there during the summer. We remark often about the example set by Mother and Dad and Kevin, and how their faith and courage guide us through the challenges of raising our own families."

John and Jeanne Garvey are parents to five children and grandparents to 25 children. They love to include them in University life. A favorite activity is the annual "Light the Season" event, at which the youngest gets to push the button to light the University Christmas tree.

When he prepared to become President, Garvey said he initially was hesitant about following in the footsteps of Most Rev. David M. O'Connell, C.M., (now Bishop of Trenton) who served for 12 years. "Father O'Connell could celebrate Mass with the community. I had to think about my role as the public face of Christian witness," says Garvey.

"I realized my faith as a lay person would be integral to the job. Being married is a central part of that. Our marriage is a sacrament in the Church and gave life to our children. Jeanne and I attend Mass every day along with our students. We chose to live on campus to be part of their daily lives. Our roles as husband and wife and as parents would become an important part of how we model our faith life to our students," says Garvey.

### Students Come First

When he first arrived on campus, Garvey noted that students needed more places for recreation. A new basketball court was installed, and that was just the beginning. The Garveys joined their students for service days and the annual March for Life. They were in the stands for games and in the audience for plays and concerts. They invited students to come by and walk their dog, they ate at the Pryz and invited students over for lunch, and they left their sleds outside in the winter.

Patricia Andrasik, associate professor of architecture, says one of the best ways to see Garvey's commitment to students was to watch him at University Research Day. "He spends so much time at the poster presentations, stopping to ask students questions about their projects. He takes his time and he leans in with interest and listens."

John McCarthy, dean of the School of

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Philosophy, recalls listening to Garvey speak to parents of incoming freshmen soon after he became President.

“Two things struck me at the time. It was evident that he took the good of our newly arrived students to heart. It clearly mattered to him that they flourish during their time here, not only academically but also more fully, in their God-given callings. I was also impressed by his ability to articulate, with conviction and no little grace, our distinctive educational mission.”

Garvey began his presidency with the inaugural theme “Intellect and Virtue: The Idea of a Catholic University.” The theme centered on the principles in St. John Henry Newman’s 19th-century exposition on Catholic education, *The Idea of a University*, in which he held that religious belief is central to intellectual life.

In his inaugural address, Garvey said “A Catholic university should be concerned with the formation of its students. Campus ministry, residence life, service opportunities, athletics, student activities, are an integral part of our mission. The measure of our success is how our graduates live their daily lives: do they pray and receive the sacraments; do they love the poor; do they observe the rest of the beatitudes?”

Those words would become the guiding force of his presidency. With a belief that “the intellectual life depends on the moral life,” Garvey became known for focusing on a particular virtue in his address to students at Commencement and other major University events such as the Mass of the Holy Spirit. He covered the theological virtues of faith, hope, and love; the cardinal virtues of justice, temperance, fortitude, and prudence; and lesser-known virtues such as humility, truthfulness, and mercy.

Garvey taught a popular course each spring semester to first-year students on the topic of virtue.

“President Garvey would dive deep into the questions with us,” says Javier Mazariegos, a junior with a double major in English and philosophy. “He really cared about our thoughts. I met with him during his office hours to talk about my final paper. I stayed for an hour. He asked me about my family. I told him my parents were from Guatemala and how my father started a business from nothing. He wanted to hear about my family’s journey as if nothing else mattered at that moment,” says Mazariegos.

Matalyn Vennerstrom, a teaching fellow and Ph.D. candidate in political theory, served as Garvey’s teaching assistant for the past five semesters. She says the experience has helped her become a better teacher.

“John never puts words in the students’ mouths. He leads them gradually to a conclusion. He taught me to have confidence in the students. They will get there. Patience is a skill in teaching and it is one of John’s gifts,” says Vennerstrom.

The Garveys have been role models for young faculty, she adds. “They were both able to pursue careers and have a large beautiful family. That’s something that I want to do. John encouraged me to bring my baby to class when I didn’t have a sitter. And he advocated for a part-time tenure track so faculty members can have children without sacrificing careers.”



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## AT EASE ON CAMPUS

Garvey made the student experience a priority of his presidency by becoming part of student life. He related to students as an educator and a dad, getting to know many of them by name.

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## A BRIGHT FUTURE

Garvey's fierce commitment to fundraising has resulted in a revitalized campus and neighborhood. Below, Garvey chats with Joe Della Ratta, B.A. 1953, at a 2019 celebration of the newly renovated 101-year-old Maloney Hall. At the recent groundbreaking for the new nursing and sciences building that will house the Conway School of Nursing, Garvey greets Bill Conway, vice chair of the Board of Trustees and the University's top donor.

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## Leader and Listener

At Commencement 2021, Garvey chose the virtue of gratitude for his address to the graduating class. In typical Garvey style he delivered his remarks with impeccable timing, artfully working in quotes from the likes of Snoop Dog, Aristotle, and St. Thomas Aquinas.

"Aquinas says that one who confers a benefit gives two things: the affection of the heart and the gift," Garvey told the graduates. "So too with one who receives. He should return the affection immediately. But he should also return the favor itself, in greater measure if possible, and at a time when it will serve the benefactor. True gratitude moves us to practice the generosity we ourselves benefit from."

The choice of "gratitude" for his address could not have been more apropos.

He was speaking on an NFL football field. An unprecedented venue for unprecedented times. More than a year into the COVID-19 pandemic, everyone at FedExField in Prince George's County, Md., was grateful to be together for an in-person graduation ceremony. When it became clear in spring 2021, that restrictions in D.C. would prevent the University's traditional on-campus ceremony with guests, Garvey was determined to find a viable option.

Garvey has been hailed as a leader who gathers facts, listens to all sides, and makes decisions that he stands by. It is those traits, says University Provost Aaron Dominguez, that made him the right person to lead the University through its biggest crisis.

"John was an incredibly steady leader throughout the pandemic," says Dominguez. "He charted a course that allowed us to open in a safe way, while other universities chose a more short-sighted path of maximum risk avoidance. He led by setting up a structure of management guide posts that kept safety of students and employees at the forefront, and the financial health of the institution as a priority."

Joe Carlini, B.M.E. 1984, served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees during the pandemic. "Right before the pandemic, the University was on a roll," he recalls. "We had just gone through a successful accreditation. Enrollment was going up. We were in the midst of the most successful fundraising campaign in University history. The campus was being revitalized. We were ready to set the world on fire.

"Then came the 'lockdown' in March 2020. 'Deflating' is the best word that comes to mind. But John didn't dwell on that. He rose to the occasion and never flinched in making decisions that he knew could have grave consequences."

Carlini's daughter graduated from the Conway School of Nursing in 2021. "At the end of the day, I'm a parent. And it was very reassuring to know that a person like John was our President and that he was looking out for our students."

## Looking Ahead

Carlini says Garvey's best role is dad and grandfather. "Sure, John's comfortable meeting with cardinals at the Vatican, but nothing compares to how he lights up when he is with Jeanne and his family. It's the same way he shines when he's with students and their parents."

Indeed, Garvey says his immediate plan after his last day on June 30 is more time with his grandchildren. He wants to step back from the University for a while in order to give the new President the space to make his own way. And then the Garveys plan to live in Rome for a period while he teaches at the University's Rome Center.

"My fondest hope for the University is that it continues to maintain and improve its Catholic character and fosters the Catholic intellectual tradition, serving the Church and raising good citizens," says Garvey. "I hope we continue to grow as much, if not more, than we have in the last decade, both financially and in enrollment.

"And I'm dying to come back to see the new nursing and sciences building. Seeing that building open will fill my heart." **CU**



Rui Barros



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Take Flight Program for first-generation students, and the Center for Academic and Career Success were established. Through these efforts retention increased from 79% to 88%. In fall 2020, Garvey established the Sister Thea Bowman Committee to address diversity and inclusion in all aspects of University life. Several of the committee's 51 recommendations have been enacted.

## Board of Trustees Restructuring

The University's Board of Trustees was restructured from a primarily clergy-led organization to one that also features significant lay leadership. The forward-thinking move allows for heightened and more sophisticated philanthropy, business management, and marketing of the University.

## Fundraising

Garvey led the most successful era of fundraising in University history, raising more than \$500 million in gifts and grants, and growing the University's assets to nearly \$1 billion. Light the Way: The Campaign for Catholic University had a goal of raising \$400 million, which was met six months ahead of its planned conclusion in April 2022, despite the pandemic. The Campaign began in 2016 and has been extended through 2023 with a new goal of \$500 million.

## Campus Revitalization

Expansive revitalization projects outlined in a 15-year Master Plan approved by the District were a hallmark of Garvey's presidency. These included the Monroe Street Market mixed-use development that benefited the University and the surrounding community. A dining commons will open in 2022, and construction has just begun on a new nursing and sciences building. Athletic facilities, lab spaces, and buildings, such as Maloney Hall have been completely refurbished. These projects have been undertaken with a commitment to sustainability. Currently, the University is set to build, on its west campus, the Washington metropolitan region's largest urban solar array, providing locally generated, renewable energy.

## To His Credit

### Catholic Identity

John Garvey delivered on the promise made at his inaugural address to promote a "serious Catholic intellectual culture" by hiring deans, faculty, and staff committed to the vision of Catholic higher education articulated in *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* and *Veritatis Gaudium*.

He has encouraged the University to serve the broader Church. In 2018 Garvey established The Catholic Project to proactively establish the proper role of the laity in advising and leading the Church in secular matters. Because of this initiative, the University now offers a certificate in child protection and safe environments.

### Academic Expansion

The University has opened a new program in Alexandria, Va., that serves adult learners, and another in Tucson, Ariz., that brings affordable

Catholic higher education to a largely Latino region. Two new schools also were created in the last decade: The Tim and Steph Busch School of Business and the Benjamin T. Rome School of Music, Drama, and Art. It also has been an era of increased institutes, centers, and research, as well as expanded scholarships. Garvey has led efforts to advance Catholic University on the path to becoming a top-tier research institution. Last year the University raised \$112 million in research grants.

### Student Experience

During the Garvey years, student life was enhanced with improvements to residence halls, the Athletics program (including new fields, facilities, sports programs, and coaches), Campus Ministry, and the Counseling Center. The Center for Cultural Engagement, which launched the

# Jeanne Garvey

## Open and Honest



**I**n fall 2010 the Garveys went to a field hockey game, where John spotted a group from the men’s basketball team sitting in the stands. He wanted to join them.

“They aren’t going to want to sit with us! Let’s not spoil their fun,” Jeanne recalls telling him. “But John insisted. They talked to us throughout the whole game.”

That was more than 11 years ago, and looking back, Jeanne marvels at what the students at Catholic University have meant to her — and what she has meant to them.

“At first, I worried about being absorbed into John’s job, about losing my identity,” she admits. “People would ask for a photo with John and hand me the camera. It was hard at first, but I’ve grown into my role here to the point of feeling like this is my calling at this time in our lives.”

Jeanne has a master’s degree in education from Harvard University and an M.B.A. from Stanford University. She has held several positions in higher education administration at the University of Kentucky, Indiana University in South Bend, and Boston College, where she was the director of career services for the M.B.A. program at the Carroll School of Management. Among her business administration positions, she was the director of the Small Business Administration for the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the director of marketing for a catalog company.

“My career has always been important to me. I’ve been lucky in my ability to work in flexible situations while raising a family,” she says.

With no official title, but as someone who wears many hats, Jeanne has become invaluable to University life. “She’s funny and real. She has so many gifts, but doesn’t mind sharing her imperfections and that’s why students

gravitate to her,” says Emmjolee Mendoza Waters, director of community engagement, social justice, and Catholic social teaching initiatives.


“I’m a mom. We’ve gone through the teenage years five times. There’s nothing I haven’t seen,” says Jeanne. “I can spot a student who is homesick or who is anxious about midterms, and it comes naturally to me to lend a sympathetic ear or a reassuring hug.”

The Garveys attend the freshmen retreat each fall where they talk about marriage, including the ups and downs.

“This has been a special time for our marriage,” says Jeanne. “[Before] we were working and dividing up the household chores and the kids’ activities, often without time to look at one another. Here, John’s job is 24/7, but living and working in [Nugent Hall] has made such a difference. We are able to have lunch together and attend Mass together in the morning. We feel we are both dedicated to the same job, and that’s been bonding.”

Jeanne is regularly invited by student groups and RAs in the women’s residence halls to talk to students about her life experience, including her faith.

“When I was an RA in Opus Hall, I invited Mrs. Garvey to talk to the girls,” says Schola Eburuoh, B.S.Arch. 2021. “I got to know her by working in Nugent as a member of the President’s Society. She’s so approachable and reassuring. I wanted more students to experience that. She came and talked about how she’s had to pivot in her life and the lessons she’s learned along the way. It felt like a conversation with a friend. The night ended with popsicles. It was a very happy beginning to the semester.”

“Jeanne has an amazing rapport with students,” says John. “She’s so easy to talk to and so honest. She always seems to know the right thing to say, or to simply listen. She has been a tremendous gift to the University.” 

## Bookends

May and August. Those are the two months that brought John Garvey his favorite days of the year as Catholic University President.

“Graduation day and move-in day are the bookends to the college experience,” says Garvey. “And they leave me with the feeling, ‘Gosh, this is the most wonderful place.’”

At the start of Orientation weekend in late August every year, excited students and their parents are greeted with welcoming cheers from teams of Orientation Advisors. Always alongside them are Garvey and his wife, Jeanne, and for years, “First Dog” Gus. After Gus passed away last year, the Garveys’ puppy, Lola — named by the student body — made her debut at move-in day.

“I’m drawn to events that involve students and parents,” says Garvey. “I’m out there as a dad and I’m out there as the University President to provide a welcome and reassurance, and I can’t think of a more important use of my time.”

“I often had to tap him on the shoulder to keep things moving,” says Jeanne. “He’d be engaged in conversations with families, oblivious to the line of cars behind him.”

Because the Garveys prioritize student engagement through every season, when Commencement comes around they *know* the students, and many of the parents, they are celebrating.

“There really is nothing like a Catholic University graduation day,” says Garvey. “The campus is alive with tradition, celebration, and gratitude. We share in the parents’ pride. I see so many of the same students I greeted on their first day. They look different. They’ve matured. And they’ve become really good people. We’ve done our job and that’s never lost on me.”

Jeanne agrees with her husband’s assessment of these “bookend” days, but she has her own special day. “It’s the nursing school’s White Coat Dedication and Blessing of the Hands Ceremony held at the Basilica every fall, and I wouldn’t miss it,” she says. “It touches me so deeply. You look at these students and you can feel their hearts and their dedication, and the presence of Mary and Jesus. It’s just so meaningful to realize we are educating healers.”









# A Ministry of Joy

## THE HOUSE AT 50

By Kathy Bagley and Anne Klockenkemper

For five decades, The House has been a cornerstone of student life at Catholic University. From Friday night social events to spaghetti dinners and Tuesday night Mass, the Campus Ministry institution is a well-established destination for fellowship.



**I**n 1972, a collection of about 40 people helped transform the 13 rooms in the former offices of the Special Language Bureau of the Defense Department — at 799 Monroe Street, N.E. — into The House.

The building quickly filled with music, laughter, fellowship, prayer, the smell of spaghetti dinners, and the sometimes silence of marathon studying sessions. Occupants helped classmates complete their taxes, celebrated football wins, attended Mass and retreats together, and welcomed first-year students to campus. They sponsored Homecoming dances, service projects, and ice cream socials.

The House was created to be a place where students could slow down, unwind from the stresses of classwork, relax and find and build community with other students, learn from each other, and grow in faith. It is a mission that has persevered through generations.

Overseen by Campus Ministry and run by students with the support of University administration, this year The House celebrates 50 years. It might look a little different now — and it's come a long way from when it only housed four men, including a religious brother, one cat, and two dogs — but the spirit and the intention of The House are the same: to make Cardinals feel at home.

“Since its inception, The House has attempted to create an environment within its small boundaries where students could feel at home, enjoy themselves, and to be, in short, a place where sound spiritual, educational, and psychological growth could develop,” Brother Richard J. Albert, B.A. 1970, S.T.B. 1975, wrote in the first House report in 1973. He added that all the credit went to the House ministers involved, who took on the responsibility of daily chores, activities, and outreach to their fellow students.

The continued existence of The House was endangered several times, first in the late 1970s. According to the 1979 *Cardinal* yearbook, The House was dropped from the Campus Ministry budget. But students worked to support it and keep it going. House staff needed to raise \$6,000 — more than \$23,000 in today's money — in order to fund it for that academic year. They took up collections at each House Mass, raising more than half the needed money that way. The rest came from a benefit concert and the profits from the International Cardinal Charities shows.

From its early beginnings, students loved The House.

In 1981, graduating senior and self-proclaimed “Spaghetti Dinner Graduate” Jeanine Keyes-Plante, B.A. 1981, wrote in a *Cardinal* yearbook article, “I can look back at my four years at the

University and admit that The House has become a major part of my education here. I learned how to laugh with people, how to cry with people, how to type papers in the wee hours of the morning, and most importantly, how to cook spaghetti sauce Italian-style!”

Curry (Lawless) Hagerty, B.A. 1984, J.D. 1989, wrote of the spaghetti dinners, too, in the 1984 *Cardinal*, equating them to an “Italian grandmother’s paradise. The basement of The House is packed with students devouring heaping plates of pasta, garlic bread, and maybe a glass of wine or two. The genuine camaraderie among members of The House staff is spread to all guests. Friends are made.”

In the 1985 *Cardinal*, Rita (Liuzzo) Santos, B.A. 1985, admitted it was a challenge for the six House residents to come together. “We each came from different backgrounds, lifestyles, and major fields of study. But just as we learned how to organize a spaghetti supper or a Backdoor (coffeehouse), we learned to respect and love each other, and consider each other as family, making it that much easier for members of the University community to feel at home here. Home. That is the spirit that lives in The House.”

Kevin Ryan, B.A. 1989 — husband to Clare, B.A. 1988, who serves on the Board of Visitors for the School of Arts and Sciences — was also a staff member at The House. He said it changed his life. “I lived there from 1988 to 1989 with some great people. I saw for the first time a girl named Clare play her guitar there at a Backdoor event in January ’87,” he recently reminisced. “Thirty-two years, six kids, and two dogs later, I still remember that night and I still listen to Clare play her guitar quite often.”

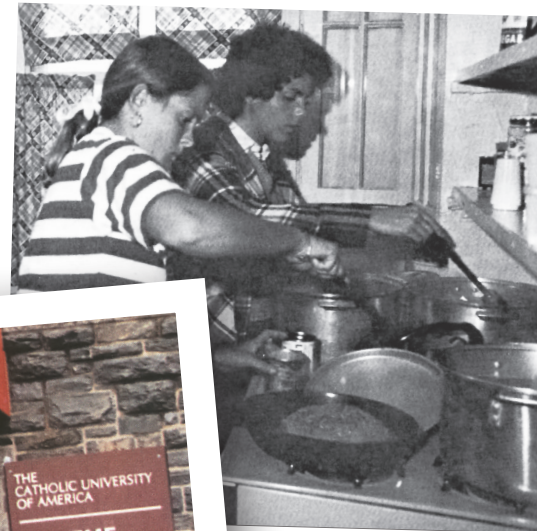
The future of The House was uncertain again in the 1990s when its location changed due to planned development of Monroe Street. In 1991, the original site closed (it was torn down by 1993), coinciding with the closing of Spalding and Monroe residence halls. After House ministers rallied to help it continue, The House moved onto campus to the lower floor of the northeast section of Caldwell Hall, an area that was a former convent space. This brought it closer to the center of campus. Even with the location change, The House was voted the fourth-most-popular place for students to spend an evening in a *Cardinal* yearbook poll.

A 1991 document reviewing the history and a proposal to relocate The House outlines another purpose: to grow lay student ministers who will go on to serve others.

“Living in the Campus Ministry House has been one of the most memorable parts of my college experience. It showed me what community is all about,” Amy Sheber-Howard, B.A. 1992, said in a *Cardinal* yearbook article.

“As a freshman I attended House events when it was in an actual house, and I was among the first group when it moved to Caldwell, which was an adventure,” said Kelley Rourke, B.M. 1996. We worked hard to make it nice and suffered a burst sewage situation at one point. And still we had lots of amazing times.”

Molly Dugan, B.A. 1991, compared The House to “The Real World,” only with Catholicism and minus the cameras. “We were ‘The Real World’ before that became a show on MTV. What happens when you put six





strangers in a house and ask them to provide a place of respite and community to others?” she said. “I always loved the Tuesday night House Mass, the talent shows, the spaghetti dinners.”

In the 1999–2000 academic year, “Friday Nights at The House” kicked off with board-game nights, scavenger hunts on the National Mall, and sporting-event excursions.

Sally Oram Santellano, B.A. 2003, said there were lots of wonderful memories associated with The House, but tough ones, too, like Sept. 11, 2001. She recalled “Father Brad running to tell us about the first tower and then watching the second fall live on The House TV.”

For Mike Tenney, B.A. 2005, now a Christian musician and host of podcast *Pop Culture Catechism*, The House influenced his choice of career. “House Mass was the first place that ever let me lead music for Mass. It’s where I learned to be a liturgical musician, which is now a big part of my career. I loved those Masses all crammed into the living room.”

The spaghetti dinners continued until at least 2003. During the 2003–04 academic year, The House moved locations again, albeit just one floor up in Caldwell Hall, where one wall of the common room was painted a brilliant orange. The number of House ministers grew to eight.

Cassie George, B.S.B.A. 2019, spent two years as a House minister to Unanue House. “I wouldn’t trade those countless hours prepping for events, praying, and goofing off for anything. This place is so, so special.”

The Friday Night Events — now referred to by current House ministers as FNEs — expanded in scope: Metro Madness scavenger hunts, trips to baseball and hockey games, and ice skating excursions. House ministers over the years have sponsored ice cream socials, Halloween and St. Patrick’s Day parties, barbecues, and game nights featuring everything from an escape room to a CatholicU version of “Love Connection,” all with one goal in mind: to offer a home-away-from-home experience to their fellow Cardinals. (They now work exclusively with first-year students, although all students can attend House events.) It’s a responsibility the 11 current House ministers — all of whom have to apply for the role — don’t take lightly.

House Minister Abigail Treacy, Class of 2022, called what they do “being a minister to joy.”

“The ministers are so much like the residents they work with. We’re all just people who are trying to find their faith here on campus,” said Anna Smyth, Class of 2022. “We’re really there to just walk with people. It’s so much about spreading that joy and being a shoulder to lean on.”

Being a House minister today is a busy job — complete with budgets to manage and individual jobs to keep The House and its programs running smoothly. The House is funded through Campus

Ministry, and the student ministers are responsible for planning the FNEs, organizing the weekly House Masses, and ministering to all of the first-year students in their assigned residence halls, including hosting separate events for those students. Events vary depending on the needs of their students. Sometimes ministering is on a smaller scale: simply going to Mass with a student or having lunch together in the Pryz.

The pandemic has made that job more challenging over the past two years. All of The House ministers chose to return to campus for the 2020 school year because first-year students were the only students on campus per the University’s COVID protocol at the time. FNEs continued, either virtually or with limited attendance. “Ministry during COVID was still fruitful,” said House Minister Brian Reinhart, Class of 2023 — and the ministers did their best to help first-year students make the transition from home to college life.

“Residents will confide in us, as I did with my minister, and that meant the world to me because it made Catholic University feel like home. It’s a sense of belonging, a sense of hominess, as well as being this resource for joy and happiness and belonging,” said Christian Bordak-Roseman, Class of 2022, who still keeps in touch with his own House minister from his first year on campus.

Many of the current ministers were inspired to join The House by previous residents — either their own ministers or, in the case of Smyth, her sister, who was also a House minister, and brother-



In 2020, at nearly 50 years old, The House made its debut on social media! Follow along on Instagram and TikTok: @thehousecua

in-law, who was a resident during her first year. They are now part of a chain that reaches back 50 years.

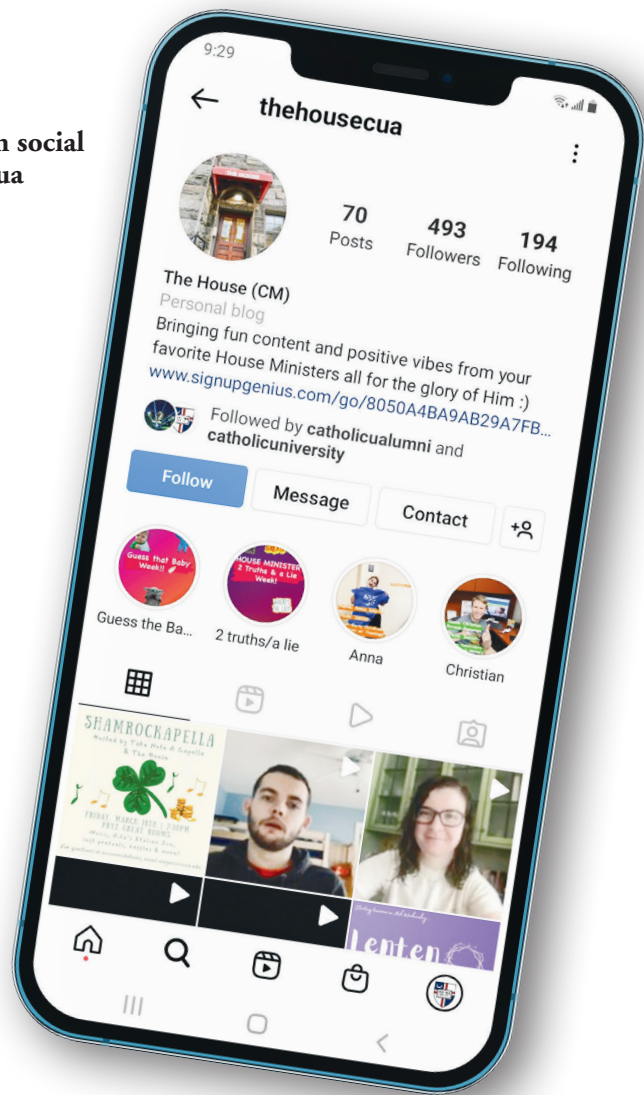
“To see that it’s been 50 years and it’s grown so much, and to see that we’re making an impact on the students — we’re doing something good, and it means a lot to the freshmen, and to the whole University community. I think it’s cool to be a part of something like that,” Treacy said.

“It’s crazy to think about how many ministers have walked before us. We can think of our own ministers, and it reaches further and further back,” said Bordak-Roseman, adding while the spaghetti dinners don’t happen anymore, there are still community meals and other gatherings that echo back to previous House generations. “We’ve grown and we’ve changed and we’ve diversified and done so many new things, but we always come back to that cornerstone, which is this idea of community.”

“It makes you realize that you are a part of something much bigger. It’s not really about us as individuals, but rather the way God is working through the entire ministry community. It’s a bonding experience that we’ll always have. We’re really blessed to be a part of it,” Smyth said.

As The House looks forward, today’s ministers are hopeful that the tradition will carry on its mission of faith and hospitality for the next 50 years.

Said House Minister Clare Delmore, Class of 2023, “We have this space, and we want it to continue to be the community’s.” **CU**





# SEARCHING FOR THE UNTOLD STORIES OF SLAVES

By Catherine Lee

Anthropology Professor Laura Masur says her work — which includes digging for artifacts at sites of former slave plantations owned by the Jesuits — does not lead to “a comfortable or easy history.” But in connecting descendants to their ancestors, she finds the rewards that can come with documenting the stories of slaves with dignity.

**H**enrietta Pike, B.S.N. 1982, grew up hearing fragments of a story from her aunts and mother about an ancestor who “hid in the woods.” Even though Pike suspected that she was descended from slaves, a call from a Georgetown University genealogist brought startling news: Pike was the descendant of a slave sold by the Jesuits in 1838 to keep the D.C. university running.

Pike learned that she was the second great granddaughter of Louisa Mahoney Mason, one of the so-called GU272 slaves sold by the Jesuits to a Louisiana plantation. Mason escaped the trip down river by hiding in the woods near St. Inigoes Manor, a tobacco plantation owned by the Jesuits in southern Maryland.

Eager to learn more about her roots, Pike started exploring her family history. On a hot and humid morning last July, she participated in a dig at the ruins of St. Inigoes. Laura Masur, Catholic University assistant professor of anthropology, who was there with a team of students, showed Pike the spot near a pond where she believes Mason’s small wood-frame house once stood.

On the horizon, Pike could see Priests Point, near the juncture of St. Inigoes Creek and the St. Mary’s River. At that moment, Pike says she felt like she was “coming home and connecting to my past.”

Masur’s research focuses on the Jesuits and the system of plantations they maintained in Maryland and Pennsylvania to fund their missions and ministry during the Colonial Period and into the 19th and early 20th centuries. Masur was working on her doctoral dissertation about Jesuit plantations when news of the GU272 slaves broke in 2016. She suddenly found herself drawn into the national debate about the role of the Catholic Church in the institution of slavery.

Masur notes in her dissertation that the narrative surrounding the Jesuits and their slaves “is not a comfortable or easy history.”



Assistant Professor Laura Masur pictured in the anthropology lab in Hannan Hall.



Henrietta Pike, B.S.N. 1982, (right) connects with her ancestors by participating in a Catholic University-led archaeological dig. Danielle Harris Burnett, an archaeological field technician, is pictured on left.

“It is not a story of heroes and villains, but of complex characters who struggled and continue to struggle to come to terms with the relationship between the economic necessities and social values that are integral to the practice of organized religion,” Masur adds.

“It is a narrative that all stakeholders — descendants, locals, clergy, and scholars alike — should seek to understand, appreciate, learn from, and identify with, even if they already know the story.”

## Work That Is All about Storytelling

Masur, who joined the faculty in 2019, specializes in historical archaeology, studying artifacts and historical materials, such as oral narratives and written documents, to learn the history of a site. She also engages in landscape archaeology, studying the relationships between landscapes and the people who dwell in them.

She traces her fascination with history, anthropology, and archaeology to her childhood in the melting pot that is the Northern Virginia suburbs. In high school, she was enrolled in an International Baccalaureate program and took a course in cultural anthropology.

“Growing up, my friends were from very different backgrounds,” says Masur. “Anthropology was a way of uniting my love of history and cultural diversity.”

She learned the terrain of southern Maryland and central Pennsylvania on trips with her family to visit relatives. In the summer of 2002, she visited St. Ignatius of Loyola Church in Pennsylvania’s Buchanan Valley. The site, originally a Jesuit mission, piqued her interest in Jesuit plantations.

Later, at William & Mary, she pursued bachelor’s degrees in anthropology and history and a master’s in anthropology. While working on her doctorate at Boston University, she spent two months as a scholar in residence at Historic St. Mary’s City near St. Inigoes. The Jesuit plantation has been the site of numerous excavations since it was first investigated in the 1970s.

One of Masur’s goals for her research at St. Inigoes was to locate the site of a church that once graced the property. In 2020, she was awarded a \$64,000 grant from the Maryland Historical Trust that paid for the use of ground-penetrating radar to locate the foundations of old buildings at St. Inigoes.

Geophysical archaeologist Tim Horsley — part of the team that discovered the legendary fort at St. Mary’s City — spent a week going over the ground, using radar pulses to image what was below the surface. Horsley’s investigation revealed that most of the brick foundations had been removed from the ground. But he was able to detect middens — refuse heaps — and what looked like a cellar, but turned out to be a large pit where clay had been extracted to make bricks.

Masur says she and her team now “have a good lead” on the location of the church, which appears to have been situated in an area known as Old Chapel Field. St. Inigoes Manor remained a Jesuit holding until 1942, when the northern half, approximately 800 acres, was sold to the United States Navy. Today, Old Chapel Field is part of the Webster Field Annex at the Naval Air Station Patuxent River.

The data gathered by Horsley helped Masur and her team decide where to dig their test units to look for artifacts. They conducted excavations last summer at Old Chapel Field and have been digging at Bohemia Manor, another Jesuit plantation in Maryland. Now, the students are cataloging the artifacts on campus at the anthropology lab in Hannan Hall.



Masur hosts a monthly Zoom call with descendants. On a recent call, she talked about the website she's developing that will showcase the stories of their ancestors and the ongoing excavations at the Jesuit plantations. The website — "Still We Speak: Community Archaeology and Jesuit-Enslaved Ancestors" — is funded by a \$25,000 grant from the Social Science Research Council. Masur expects to have the website up and running by this summer.

Masur plans to include on the site lesson plans in social studies and earth sciences for fourth and eighth graders. The lessons will include 3D images of artifacts from the plantations that could be scanned and printed for use in classrooms. The descendants will help to select artifacts that "are meaningful to them, that tell their stories," says Masur.

"After all, this work is all about storytelling," says Masur. "We need to showcase these histories so they're not just stuck in a dusty old book somewhere."

Over spring break, Masur plans to return to Bohemia on Maryland's Eastern Shore for another dig with students. Starting in the fall, she is going to offer a field school — training for Catholic University students in archaeological methods — on campus.

Masur notes that training is essential for students so they can experience firsthand the rigors of the profession — digging shovel test pits to determine if an area holds artifacts, extracting items, and washing and bagging them, among other tasks. "This is painstaking work," says Masur. "We're out there in all kinds of weather. We get hot, wet, and muddy. I want my students to understand what's involved."

Despite the hard work, senior Maria Letizia says she has "fallen in love with archaeology. If Dr. Masur says we're going to dig next weekend, I cancel everything and go," adds Letizia, a double major in history and anthropology.

Letizia, who grew up in a small town near Altoona, Pa., was taking Masur's Historical Archaeology course in the fall of her junior year when Masur invited her to go on a dig. Now enrolled in Masur's Excavating Theory course, Letizia has been in the field numerous times.

On a dig at Bohemia, Letizia hit pay dirt when she uncovered, as she exclaimed at the time, "a whole-ass brick!" An intact brick is a rare find since many have been removed, possibly by the Jesuits, tenant farmers, or laborers.

Letizia, who can trace her lineage to a great-great grandfather who came to New York from Italy during the Gold Rush, says she's fascinated by "the social justice aspect of Dr. Masur's work, helping the descendants unearth what happened to their ancestors and giving them a voice."

James Chatham, B.A. 2020 — hired last November by Masur as a research assistant — describes the plantations project as "a tremendous learning

experience." Chatham, now enrolled in a graduate program in cultural heritage resource management, is organizing the artifacts and helping Masur assemble the website.

Chatham is responsible for trying to determine the approximate age of about 200 artifacts that have been found at the plantations. He describes sorting through pieces of brick and mortar, nails, and stems of tobacco pipes as a window on "the wonder of archaeology."

## Connecting with Her Ancestor's Painful Story

Henrietta Pike's second great grandmother was born in 1812. She managed to escape the trip to Louisiana when Father Joseph Carberry warned her, her mother, and a few others of the three-masted slave ship *Katherine Jackson* pending departure. After hiding in the woods, Mason returned to the plantation. A household servant and fervent Catholic who was devoted to the Jesuits, Mason remained at St. Inigoes, where she died at the age of 97.

When she passed away, the Jesuits offered up a Requiem Mass that drew "a very large assemblage of all classes of residents," according to a story in the St. Mary's Beacon. "... none have died in this section of the state who left a more enviable reputation for devotion to her church and honest discharge of all her duties in life, menial and humble as they were."

Masur notes that working with the descendant community "has been like a family reunion. The project has had a snowball effect, bringing together people who all seem to be related in some way to those who were enslaved on the plantations."


For Pike, learning the identity of her second great grandmother has enabled her to connect through Facebook with dozens of cousins she didn't know she had, both in southern Maryland and Louisiana. Pike and her brother have created a Facebook page, where they're posting information about Mason as a way of preserving her legacy.

Pike met her future husband, Edgar "Ed" W. Pike Jr., B.A. 1980, on a visit to Catholic University in her senior year of high school. Ed was part of a student team that interviewed Henrietta about her application for a scholarship. She describes him as "one of the most handsome guys I'd ever seen."

While at the University, she started working at a hospital in southeast D.C. A nursing supervisor and certified nurse executive who earned an M.B.A., Pike has worked at the hospital — now the United Medical Center — for 41 years. She and her husband, a retired federal employee who worked in human resources, have four children and live in Waldorf, Md.

Pike says that when she was a student at Catholic University — "a time when people of color were pushed to the side and overlooked" — she never imagined she would one day collaborate with a University professor on a project about enslaved people.

Because the Jesuits kept records about their slaves, Pike — whose family has been Catholic for generations — has access to a trove of information about Mason. But discovering that she was enslaved by priests has been painful at times.

"I'm still coming to terms with it," says Pike. At the same time, "being on the land where Louisa walked felt really good," she adds. "Not many people of color can actually say this is where my ancestors lived." 



# ALUMNI CORNER

Photos by Rui Barros



# 2021 Cardinal WEEKEND

Two years was too long! October 15–17, Catholic University welcomed alumni back to campus for our first in-person Cardinal Weekend since 2019. Alumni of several classes were encouraged to attend special reunion celebrations, including those from class years ending in zeros or fives — who had a virtual Cardinal Weekend in 2020 — and ones and sixes. Over the three days, total attendance was just shy of 2,200.

The weekend began with a gathering of more than 1,000 at Cardinal Fest on the University Mall, which featured food, drinks, games, and representation from a number of University schools and organizations. Some alumni boarded a double-decker bus for a campus tour; families enjoyed face painting, giant bubbles, a petting zoo, and food trucks. After performances by Redline A Capella and CUA Gaels, some attendees spread out blankets and watched the original “Toy Story.”

On Saturday, alumni returned to campus for our biggest homecoming and reunion traditions: the Pre-Game Tent Party, Homecoming football game, and special celebrations for reunion classes.

Alumni watched Catholic University defeat the Coast Guard Academy 30-7. During halftime, a check for \$2,517,377.44 was presented to the Alumni Association, reflecting gifts made to the University by various reunion classes. The Class of 2015 made the most gifts. The largest total giving amount came from the Class of 1975, which donated nearly \$800,000.

After Mass on Sunday, many alumni gathered in Heritage Hall to say goodbye over coffee and donuts, while others remained on campus a few hours longer to meet student awardees of the Thaddeus F. Aubry and Leon A. LeBuffe Endowed Scholarship. The minority scholarship program was started by the recipients of the Partnership Program, which began in 1969.





Patrick Ryan



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Class Notes

### ► 1950s

**Thomas F. Tepper, B.Arch.**

**1958**, practiced architecture for 50 years in D.C., the last 25 years in his own firm with a partner — also a CatholicU grad. He performed various architectural services at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the Washington National Cathedral, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, the U.S. Capitol Building, National Archives Museum, and liturgical, commercial, and residential projects. His wife, **Joan (Gerber) Tepper, B.S.N. 1961**; daughter, **Amy Tepper, B.A. 1992**; son, **Thomas F. Tepper Jr., B.A. 1988**; and brother, **Edward H. Tepper, B.S.Chem.E. 1953**; are also CatholicU grads. After retirement,

he resumed drawing and painting. His class note was submitted on a note card featuring his mixed-media watercolor and ink drawing entitled “Virginia Wild Things.” On it are more than 100 animal and plant species.

### ► 1970s

**Gloria Dyann Robinson, M.F.A.**

**1970**, pursued a full-time dance career in Boston, Europe, and finally on Broadway as a member of the original cast of “Bubbling Brown Sugar.” She took her talents back home to Tuskegee, Ala., and is the founder/director of Tuskegee Repertory Theatre, Inc., where she uses her skills to write, direct, and produce original plays about Black history.



“Virginia Wild Things” by Thomas F. Tepper

**Rev. Michael R. Nagle, S.T.B.**

**1971**, pastor of Good Shepherd Parish, Martha’s Vineyard, retired from parish ministry in the Fall River Diocese after offering decades of service in the diocese.

**Doreen Davis, B.A. 1973**,

of Catskill, N.Y., has been appointed to the board of trustees at Columbia-Greene Community College. She is a former Town of Catskill supervisor and retired pharmaceutical executive.

**C. James Patti, J.D. 1974**,

was elected by the International Propeller Club of the United States as International President at its 95th Convention and Port President’s meeting. He will serve as the CEO and lead the business of the club and its 70 port chapters worldwide.

**James Wilson, M.C.R.P. 1974**,

retired as a city planner for Alexandria, Va., in February 2000, after 31 years on the job. During the past 21 years of retirement, he has been a volunteer editor of an international journal, *Dots & Dashes*, official publication of the Morse Telegraph Club. Also, he has joined his son, Matt, as a background movie actor and appeared in more than 75 feature films and television series. They were hired by film director Steven Spielberg as consultants for the original telegraph for the movie “Lincoln.”

**Jeffrey Carroll Taylor, B.M.E.**

**1977, M.S. 1990**, retired from a 43-year automotive engineering career in February 2020. He was employed by Ford Motor Co. for 30 years, Dana Corporation for 11 years, and finally Namac, Inc.,

for just under two years. In March 2021, he and his wife moved with their three dogs from Michigan to Barberton, Ohio.

**Barbara Thawley, B.A. 1977, J.D.**

**1981**, became division commander for Division 24, Fifth District South, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. The Coast Guard Auxiliary is an all-volunteer force established by Congress to assist the active duty and reserve Coast Guard in all of their missions other than law enforcement. District 24 consists of five flotillas in Montgomery and Prince George’s counties, Md.

### ► 1980s

**Michael DeBonis, B.S.Arch. 1980**,

and **Karen (Rampolla) DeBonis, B.A. 1980**, have been married for 39 years. Karen wrote a “Tiny Love Story” featuring reader-submitted stories of no more than 100 words which appeared in *The New York Times*, titled “Meals are Bland, Life is Good.”

**Rev. Gregory C. Kimm, B.A.**

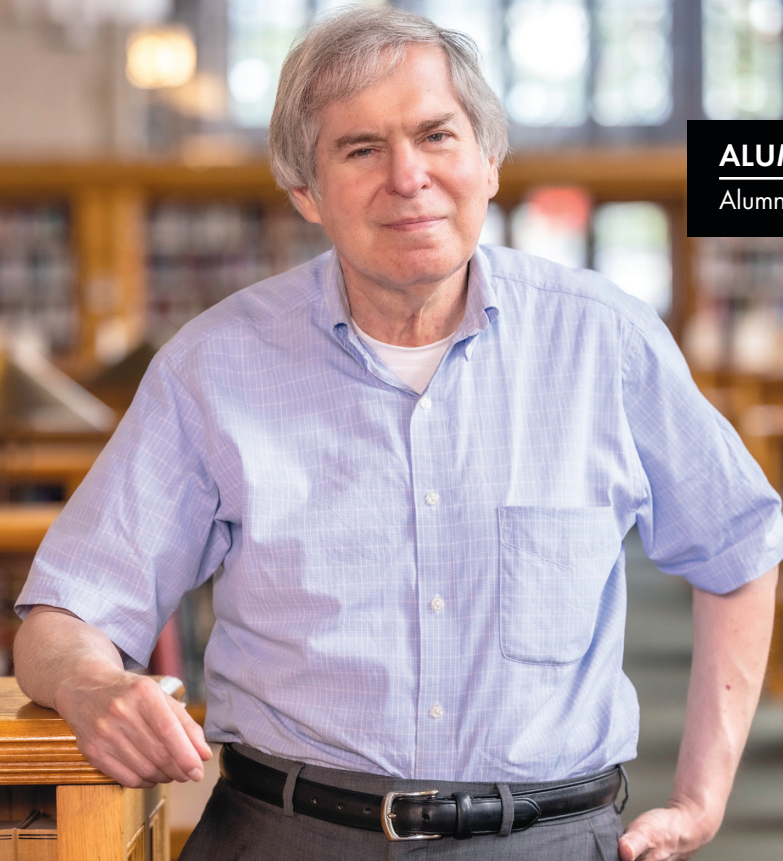
**1981**, is the pastor of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception parish in Los Gatos, Calif.

**Jeffrey A. Klein, B.S.Chem.E.**

**1981, M.S. 1990**, of San Diego, has been appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom to the Governor’s Military Council. He was executive director at the Department of the Navy, Commander Naval Surface Forces, from 2008 to 2020.

**Ruben Aragón, M.S.L.S. 1982**,

director of the Donnelly Library



Dan Renzetti, Yale University

## Finding the Most Quotable Quotes

Fred Shapiro, M.S.L.S. 1983, editor of *The Yale Book of Quotations*, had a tough job not long ago: adding more than 1,000 quotes to update his book. The first edition, published in 2006, took 14 years to complete.

But another book launched Shapiro's career as an editor of quotationaries.

"In 1993, I published *The Oxford Dictionary of American Legal Quotations*. Work on that book made me realize the deficiencies of the standard quotation dictionaries and caused me to develop novel research methods for tracing quotation origins," Shapiro said. "I decided to apply what I had learned to compile a general quotation dictionary that would be more thorough, more accurate, and more up-to-date than its predecessors."

Shapiro also decided to update the resource book because of the explosion of online historical databases of newspapers, journals, and books that had begun to proliferate when he edited the first edition. "I used those tools in its preparation. The explosion became even more powerful after *The Yale Book of Quotations* was published, and I wanted to expand the research in a new edition."

Some of the inclusions in the second edition, published last year, are new quotes. Others are older ones he came across after the first edition went to press.

The process wasn't without challenges. "Popular music, for example, is less literary in its song lyrics than in the days of Dylan and Lennon/McCartney, and it is tougher to unearth quotes that fit comfortably with the monumental lines of Shakespeare or Mark Twain."

Still, he persevered, this time without any research assistants. But he didn't do without help entirely. Some of the quotes in the second edition were suggested by readers and users of the first edition "who then sent me quotations or suggested improvements in existing entries. I constantly get

very helpful emails from scholars, journalists, and ordinary people who just love quotations," Shapiro said.

"Identifying the wittiest and most incisive quotes comes easily to me. I know them when I see or hear them. And my training as a librarian makes the research to unearth quotation origins also come easily."

Shapiro — who is associate library director for collections and special projects and lecturer in legal research at Yale Law School — holds a J.D. from Harvard University. Prior to attending Catholic University, he earned his undergraduate degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He said his master's degree in library and information science from Catholic University prepared him for everything that has come since.

"That program prepared me, not only for my position as an associate director of the Yale Law Library, but also taught me much about doing research," he said. "Learning about research directly helped me to be able to compile books."

It wasn't just the program that left an impression, however.

"The people I encountered at Catholic University were wonderful. I made my way through the program by working as a paraprofessional in Mullen Library. My coworkers at Mullen were a great group, and my supervisor, Adele Chwalek (later the director of libraries), was one of the finest people I have ever met."

As for Shapiro's favorite quote? He said people always ask him that.

"It's like choosing a favorite child," he said. "One that I like is attributed to the economist John Maynard Keynes: 'When the facts change, I change my mind. What do you do, sir?'"

Ultimately, though, Shapiro narrows it down to Groucho Marx's famous line, "I don't want to belong to any club that would accept me as one of its members."

— A.K.

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at Highlands University, received the 2021 New Mexico Leadership Award from the New Mexico Library Association.

**Tim McCartney, B.A. 1982**, has been named the new athletic director of Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls, Philadelphia. He has been a part-time business education teacher at Little Flower for the past seven years and has also served as its golf coach. He has been a coach at the CYO level for more than 15 years in various sports. After many years of corporate and private legal practice, he began teaching entrepreneurship and personal finance classes at Little Flower.

**Jose Javier Toro, B.S.Arch. 1982**, and **Greg Heppner, B.S.Arch. 1983**, have partnered their respective design firms, Toro Arquitectos, San Juan, Puerto Rico, and SmithGroup, Boston, for the planning and design of the new Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center on the U.S. Virgin Island of St. John. The project will replace a health-care facility destroyed in 2017 by hurricanes Maria and Irma.

**Stephen P. Fogerty, B.A. 1983**, managing partner at FLB Law, has been named to the *2022 Best Lawyers in America*.

**Kathy Hochul, J.D. 1983**, was sworn in as the first female governor of New York.

**Juana Rosa Pita, Ph.D. 1984**, a Cuban-born, contemporary poet, has written a collection of poetry, *The Miracle Unfolds* (Song Bridge Project, October 2021). The book offers the reader a bilingual selection

of thoughtfully crafted, conceptual poetry, written between the years 2010 and 2019.

**Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P., Ph.L. 1985**, was formally installed as the 18th president of St. John's University during a investiture ceremony held at the Queens, N.Y., campus in September. He assumed his new role in February 2021.

**Ketlen Adrien Solak, B.M. 1985, M.M. 1988**, was consecrated as the ninth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh in November at Calvary Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh, with the Most Reverend Michael B. Curry, presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, as principal consecrator.

**Jenifer Campbell, B.A. 1986**, a longtime administrator and former director of residential life at Fordham University's Lincoln Center Campus, was appointed dean of students for that campus and began her new role in January 2021.

**Jim Allegro, B.Arch. 1987**, is retiring after a career spanning more than three decades, nearly two of them at FOX Architects.

**Theresa O'Hara Lavoie, B.A. 1987**, received the inaugural Father Bob Brown, O.S.F.S., Good Samaritan Award at the 35th annual SOAR (Support Our Aging Religious) D.C. national awards gala. She is the co-founder of Culmore Clinic, a non-profit interfaith medical clinic serving uninsured adults in Fairfax County, Va.

**Gerard Duphiney, B.A. 1989;**  
**Jennifer (Faulkner) Duphiney,**



Gerard Duphiney, Jennifer (Faulkner) Duphiney, and Daniel Maus

**B.S.N. 1989;** and **Daniel Maus, B.A. 1989, M.B.A. 1991**, hosted a tailgate party on the campus of the University of Notre Dame, Oct. 30, 2021, for the Fighting Irish football game against the University of North Carolina.

**Bridnetta D. Edwards, J.D. 1989**, has joined Ford & Harrison, LLP, a national labor and employment law firm, as senior counsel in the firm's Washington, D.C., office.

**John Littell, J.D. 1989**, former president of Magellan of Virginia and chief external affairs officer for Magellan Health, was named state secretary of health and human resources by Governor Glenn Youngkin (Va.).

**Hope C. Tarr, M.A. 1989, Ph.D. 1990**, wrote "She's Got the Beat," an in-depth interview with Go-Go's drummer Gina Schock pegged

to the iconic all-female band's induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Tarr's article appeared in the print and digital editions of *Baltimore Magazine*. She also interviewed legendary filmmaker John Waters for the magazine.

## ► 1990s

**Mark Powell, J.D. 1990**, Lackawanna County district attorney, has been appointed by the state Supreme Court to a three-year term on the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board, which oversees accreditation of all CLE programs and the awarding of credits that attorneys in the state are required to earn annually to maintain their law licenses.

**Joan A. Sullivan, J.D. 1990**, was named associate general counsel in

the Division of Operations-Management, National Labor Relations Board.

**Kate (Teeling) Talbot, B.A. 1990**, and **Merritt Groeschel, J.D. 2013**, started a non-profit called Solutions in Hometown Connections (SHC) in 2017 to help newly resettled refugee families. Talbot serves as director of operations and finance and Groeschel is executive director. Since it was established, SHC has assisted more than 500 refugee families.

**Leslie (Micciche) Granger, B.M. 1992**, was the inaugural recipient of the von Liebig Prize by the William J. von Liebig Foundation. The prize will be awarded annually to an individual or organization for major accomplishments in the protection of dogs and cats from abuse and for the caring of mistreated companion animals. The \$25,000 grant to Granger acknowledges her success as president and CEO of Bideawee, a New York-based nonprofit dedicated to animal protection and adoption.

**Jonathan D. Weinberg, J.D. 1992**, general counsel for Evolent Health, Inc., has written a memoir, *Q&A with a PK: Growing up as a Preacher's Kid* (Dorrance Publishing Co. Inc., September 2021).

**Kathy Kelly, M.S.L.S. 1994**, has joined the University's Office of Enrollment Management as an operations assistant.

**Tokiko Bazzell, M.S.L.S. 1995**, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Japan Studies Librarian, was recognized with the Nina D.P.

Horio Excellence in Librarianship Award at a formal presentation in Hamilton Library in October. The rare honor has been presented only six times since its inception in 1993. She has served as Japan studies librarian at UH Mānoa for 22 years.

**Karlynn BrintzenhofeSzoc, Ph.D. 1995**, joined the Kent School of Social Work at the University of Louisville in Kentucky in August 2021. She is a professor and the Dr. Renato LaRocca Endowed Chair in oncology social work and was in the inaugural class of the Association of Oncology Social Work Fellows. She is a former Catholic University faculty member.

**Emily Moody, M.S.W. 1996**, was appointed associate clinical director at For All Seasons, a behavioral health and rape crisis center along Maryland's Eastern Shore.


**Alison (Locke) Perchuk, M.A. 1996**, associate professor of art history at California State University Channel Islands, has published *The Medieval Monastery of Saint Elijah: A History in Paint and Stone, Studies in the Visual Cultures of the Middle Ages, No. 17* (Turnhout: Brepols, 2021). This is the first comprehensive interdisciplinary study of a male Benedictine convent near Rome rebuilt c.1122–26 with papal patronage. Perchuk says, "I was only able to bring together these disparate areas of study because of the training I received in Catholic University's program in Medieval and Byzantine Studies."

**James G. Hart, M.A. 1997**, was presented with "Irishman of the Year" by Mayor Eric Garcetti and

the Los Angeles City Council. He was recognized for his work with St. Joseph Hospital, Orange, Calif., where he serves on the foundation board of directors and also volunteers once a week visiting patients throughout the hospital as a Eucharistic minister. Previously, he was inducted into the Irish Technology Leadership Group's Hall of Fame at Stanford University in March 2019 for his work as a top Irish American

executive shaping technology in the world today.

**Michael Metcalf, Ph.D. 1997**, retired as an assistant professor at the National Intelligence University in Washington, D.C., where he taught courses in China's Grand Strategy and in Globalization. For the 25 years prior to joining NIU, he worked on China strategic issues in the intelligence community for the departments of State and Defense.



**2022  
ALUMNI  
GIFT  
GUIDE**

The Office of Alumni Engagement plans to share a holiday gift guide for Christmas 2022 featuring products and services from businesses owned by Catholic University alumni or current parents.

If you have a business to recommend, please email us at [cua-alumni@cua.edu](mailto:cua-alumni@cua.edu). Submissions must be received by July 31, 2022, for consideration; not all submissions will be included in the guide.

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Alumni Spotlight



### Introducing the New Alumni Association President

He's been a Catholic University undergraduate, graduate student, alumnus, employee, CatholicU "sweetheart," and is now the new Alumni Association president. The only University roles Chris Pierno, B.A. 2011, M.S.M. 2017, hasn't played — yet — are faculty member and parent, although "the parent thing is in the works."

Pierno grew up in Queens, N.Y., but, as a self-proclaimed "politics nerd," when he started researching universities, knew he wanted to be in Washington, D.C. "I was familiar with the Georges — Georgetown and George Washington — and American," but didn't really know Catholic University existed. On a tour, however, he became enamored with campus.

"The environment, the culture, and community sealed the deal," Pierno said.

On campus, Pierno made friends, joined clubs, and co-hosted a program on the WCUA radio station. He ran for and was elected class representative in the spring of his first year. It's a favorite memory, "representative of how much I changed my freshman year."

By graduation, Pierno had had opportunities to lead, learn, educate others, serve, and grow in faith. "The person I was when I walked across the Basilica steps at Commencement was a totally different person than I was when I showed up."

He shares that message with incoming students and their parents. "I tell them, 'If you allow Catholic University to change your life, it will.'"

The Catholic University community has impacted much of his life. He is married to an alumna, Krissy (Kirby), B.A. 2014, and the priest who officiated their wedding, Rev. Frank Donio, S.A.C., B.A. 1989, M.A. 1993, D.Min. 2012, remains chaplain of the University Knights of Columbus chapter and is a past president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors (BOD).

"We named our son, Vincent, after the founder of Father Frank's religious order. He encouraged me to come onto the BOD."

Pierno is operations manager for the Conference of Major Superiors of Men, a national organization representing leaders of U.S. Catholic religious institutes for men. He's also State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus in D.C.

"I love being involved with Catholic University." As an alumnus, "you're a champion for the University as a whole. The focus is on giving back, helping change lives, and making sure the University continues to thrive."

Pierno aims to build relationships during his tenure as president, strengthening bonds between alumni, staff, and the campus community. Pierno is also dedicated to serving the entire alumni population of 90,000, not just the BOD.

"I want to help elevate the board. We're not the Board of Trustees; we're not supposed to be. We don't have fiduciary responsibility, but we can make suggestions and create new possibilities. We're here to help through our time, talent, and treasure. We need to be at registration tables, give at all levels, help students get jobs. We give all alumni a public face. Building the pride of the institution starts with us."

As a student, when Pierno pictured himself as a Catholic University graduate, did he imagine serving on the BOD?

"Is it bad for me to say 'yes'?" he asked, laughing. "I did picture it. What is the pinnacle of being involved as an alumnus? Being on the board, and then getting to the top. Did I think it would happen as quickly as it did? No. But as the University goes through Light the Way: The Campaign for Catholic University, it's going through a transformational period. People are put in place at certain times for a reason. I believe I can help. And it will be one of the greatest honors of my life to be called a past president of the Alumni Association."

— A.K.



**William LaPlante, Ph.D. 1998**, current head of Charles Stark Draper Laboratories, Inc., was nominated by President Joe Biden to be the next Undersecretary of Acquisition and Sustainment at the Department of Defense.

**Brian MacDonough, B.A. 1998**, a partner with Boston law firm Sherin and Lodgen, was named to the list of 2021 Massachusetts Super Lawyers.

**Rev. Paul Hartmann, J.C.L. 1999**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, has been appointed associate general secretary of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, effective in May.

**Andrew Zeltner, B.A. 1999**, has been promoted to partner at Klasko Immigration Law Partners in Philadelphia.

## ► 2000s

**Estrelida Y. Alexander, Ph.D. 2003**, was honored by the Dixon Pentecostal Research Center with the Spirit of Azusa Award during its 16th Annual Azusa Lecture. The award highlights the significance of ethnic minorities in the Pentecostal Movement.

**Matthew Beeghley, B.A. 2003**, a wealth management advisor with Northwestern Mutual, has earned the certification Chartered Financial Consultant®. He lives in the German Village area of Columbus, Ohio, with his wife, Julie, and Greyhound rescue, Minnie.

**Bryan Fryer, B.S.B.A. 2003**, was appointed to the board of directors of New Settlement, a nonprofit organization that aims to break systemic barriers, advance justice, promote leadership, and strengthen neighborhoods in the Bronx, N.Y.

**Caroline S. Vahey, B.A. 2003**, was promoted to partner at Wilson Elser in their Philadelphia office.

**Martine Kei Green-Rogers, M.A. 2004**, was named dean of The Theatre School at DePaul University.

**Petula C. Metzler, J.D. 2004**, was appointed to serve as a judge on the Prince William County Circuit Court (Va.). Prior to that, she served as a judge on the Prince William County General District Court for almost five years.

**Patrick Delaney, B.A. 2005**, was elected partner in the law firm RumbergerKirk in their Orlando office.

**Rajesh C. Noronha, J.D. 2005**, has joined Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton, LLP, in the firm's intellectual property practice group and the life sciences industry team in Washington, D.C.

**R. Andrew "Andy" Arculin, J.D. 2006**, has joined Blank Rome, LLP, in the firm's Washington, D.C., office as a partner in the financial institutions litigation and regulatory compliance ("FILARC") practice group.

**Rev. Davide Meli, B.S.Arch. 2006**, assumed the duties of chancellor of the Latin Patriarchate



Chloe Beth Sonnhalter

of Jerusalem. As chancellor, Father Davide, alongside his staff, directly assists the bishops and supports and helps the faithful and communities in carrying out their mission according to the Church at the universal and diocesan levels, in accordance with canon law.

**Robert Sonnhalter, B.A. 2006**, and wife Krista welcomed their daughter, Chloe Beth Sonnhalter, on Sept. 20, 2021. The family lives in Cleveland, Ohio.

**John-Paul Mikołajczyk, B.A. 2007, M.Arch. 2011**, and **Anne Marie (McMahon) Mikołajczyk, B.M. 2005**, welcomed their daughter, Stellamaris Carmela, on Nov. 29, 2021. She joins siblings Leo, Rita, and Rosamystica at their home in Livermore, Calif.

**Jamie (Carter) Logan, B.A. 2009**, freelance writer and consultant, of Augusta, Maine, has been elected president of Kennebec Historical Society.

**Mark K. Shriver, M.S.W. 2009**, was named the first lay president of Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School in Takoma Park, Md. He has 30 years of leadership serving at-risk youth and children in underserved areas.

## ► 2010s

**Rev. Ismael (Mel) N. Ayala, M.Div. 2010**, pastor of St. Andrew Apostle Church in Silver Spring, Md., has been named director of liturgy for the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington.

**Lynnae C. Quick, M.S. 2010**, was awarded the 2021 Harold C. Urey award by the American Astronomical Society's Division for Planetary Science. This award is given annually in recognition of outstanding achievement by an early career planetary scientist. She is an ocean worlds planetary

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Martinez-Lerose Wedding



Guzman-Banach Wedding



Jake Berlenbach

scientist at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.

**Diana Cole Surprenant, J.D. 2010**, a partner and leader of the products liability team at Adams and Reese, LLP, in New Orleans, La., has joined the International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC), the preeminent invitation-only global legal organization for attorneys who represent corporate and insurance interests.

**Justine Garbarino, B.A. 2011**, has been promoted to associate vice president of marketing for the Valley Forge Tourism and Convention Board. She will continue to oversee web, data, business development, creative, and build the organization's marketing strategy.

**Brian M. McKeon, J.D. 2011**, has been appointed by the National Confectioners Association to the role of senior vice president of public policy.

**Rev. René Constanza, C.S.P., M.Div. 2012**, was elected by the Paulist Fathers as the next president of the missionary society of Catholic priests. In June, he will succeed **Rev. Eric Andrews, C.S.P., M.Div. 1994**, who is completing his second four-year term as president. Father René has served since 2018 as rector of the Cathedral of Saint Andrew in Grand Rapids, Mich., as well as superior of the Paulist Fathers in that city. He also is director, since 2016, of the Catholic Information Center in Grand Rapids.

**Patrick Darno, J.D. 2012**, was elevated to principal at Fish & Richardson IP Law in January.

**Raylene Dufresne, M.S.M. 2012**, was promoted to vice president of information technology at Miller and Long Co., Inc., based in Bethesda, Md.

**David Lerose, B.S.Arch. 2012**, and **Alexis Martinez, B.S.B.A. 2012**, were married on Oct. 2, 2021. They live in Farmingdale, N.Y., with their cat, Bailey.

**Christine Banach, B.A. 2013**, and **Christian Guzman, B.M.E. 2015**, were married on July 16, 2021. They live in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

**Katy (Monaghan) Berlenbach, B.A. 2013**, and **Tom Berlenbach, B.M.E. 2012, M.S. 2013**, welcomed their first child, Jake, in February 2021. Katy is an elementary special education teacher in the Quincy Public Schools and Tom works as a mechanical engineer for Northrop Grumman. They live in Cohasset, Mass.

**Daniel Noone, B.M. 2013, M.M. 2016**, and **Meghan Crowley, B.A. 2013**, were married on Sept. 25, 2021, at the Bowery Hotel in New York City.

**Victor David, B.A. 2014, M.S.M. 2017**, and **Greta Haussmann, B.A. 2017**, were married on Jan. 9, 2021, at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington, D.C., in the presence of many University staff and alumni. They live in Washington, D.C.

**Amanda Pellegrino, B.A. 2014**, a TV writer and novelist living in New York City, is a writer for "American Rust" on Showtime. Her

Eric McCallister

debut novel, *Smile and Look Pretty* (HarperCollins/ParkRowBooks) was published in March. Her second novel, *The Night We Met*, was sold to HarperCollins for a spring 2023 release.

**Caitlin Wiggins, B.A. 2014, M.S.B.A. 2015**, has been promoted to director of marketing at Annapolis-based strategic branding and marketing firm Liquified Creative. A resident of Annapolis, she is an active member of the Public Relations Society of America's Chesapeake and Maryland chapters, and serves on the marketing committee for Leadership Anne Arundel.

**Cameron Daniels, B.M.E. 2015**, married Teresa Haunert on Oct. 23, 2021, in Sweetest Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Detroit. The couple lives in Allen Park, Mich.

**Marc DelMonico, Ph.M. 2015, Ph.D. 2016**, led the effort of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to approve competencies for minister formation and certification for Catholic pastoral care in prison ministries, and for certified Catholic correctional chaplains. In his role as USCCB director of certification for ecclesial ministry, he worked with colleagues in the Catholic Prison Ministries Coalition and the National Association of Catholic Chaplains (NACC) to develop competencies that will help prepare Catholics across the country for providing spiritual care for those who are incarcerated or affected by incarceration, including those in immigrant detention. He also worked closely with NACC as they updated their minister formation competencies.

**Tanisha Lewis, M.A. 2015**, was named to the newly created role of vice president of diversity, inclusion, and social impact for the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.

**Victoria Strange, B.A. 2015**, and **Cory Hudson, B.A. 2009**, were married on Dec. 18, 2021, with more than 60 Catholic University graduates in attendance. They live in Arlington, Va.

**Jessie Clifton, B.A. 2016**, is running in the 2022 Boston Marathon in support of the Expect Miracles Foundation. She is hoping to raise \$15,000 for the foundation to provide cancer research and financial and emotional assistance to people and families impacted by cancer.

**Ruth Jones Nichols, Ph.D. 2016**, has joined the Feeding America food bank network in Washington, D.C., where she will work as chief movement officer and oversee the Chicago-based nonprofit organization's external affairs and communication office.

**Dan O'Brien, B.S. 2016**, and **Sarah Zappala, B.A. 2016**, were married on June 5, 2021, surrounded by two dozen of their closest Catholic University friends. The wedding party included **Monica Mayhew, B.S.B.A. 2016**; **Micala Moore, B.S.N. 2016**; **Zachary Conaway, B.M.E. 2016, M.S. 2019**; and **Christian Sapienza, B.S.B.A. 2016**. Dan is an emergency medicine physician assistant and Sarah is an associate communications specialist at BJ's Wholesale Club. They live in Ashland, Mass.



Crowley-Noone Wedding



Haussmann-David Wedding



Cory Hudson and Victoria Strange meet Pope Francis on their honeymoon in Rome.



Zappala-O'Brien Wedding

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Class Notes

### Alumni Return for MLK Teach-In

In January, four alumni — **Ronny Lancaster, B.A. 1973**; **Andrea Cullins, B.A. 1974**; **Richard White, B.A. 1973**; and **Elvira “Micki” Smith, B.A. 1975** — participated in a panel discussion sponsored by the Black Student Alliance, the Center for Cultural Engagement, and Campus Ministry for the University’s MLK Teach-In. They offered support and advice to today’s Black students, and shared how they created the Thaddeus F. Aubry and Leon A. LeBuffe Endowment to support educational diversity at Catholic University.

In 1969, they made University history as members of the largest class of Black freshmen (at that time) through the Partnership Program, which offered scholarships to Black students from Washington, D.C. After graduating, alumni of the program created the endowment to honor their mentors, Aubry and LeBuffe, who started the Partnership Program. Today, the fund has an endowment of \$100,000 and provides support for educational diversity at Catholic University. Three students were awarded Aubry-LeBuffe scholarships this academic year.



From left: Ronny Lancaster; Elvira Wise Smith; Regina Jefferson, law professor; Mel Williams, associate dean of engineering; President John Garvey; Andrea Cullins; and Richard White.



Amber Dawn

Kemp-Mamola Wedding

**William Peter Mamola, B.C.E. 2017**, and **Danielle Victoria Kemp, B.S.N. 2017**, were married on July 25, 2021. They live in Alexandria, Va.

part of Industry Dive. Most recently, he was a student reporter at *The Washington Post*.

**Sol Cecilia Pennance-Acevedo, M.M. 2018, D.M.A. 2020**, and **Nissa Maria Flanders, B.A. 2021**, have joined forces to form a new vocal duo, Rosa Amaranth, which is dedicated to serving as an instrument of joy, healing, and beauty in order to elevate souls to God through sacred music.

### ► 2020s

**Kimberly Myers, B.S.N. 2018**, and **Peter Duval, B.S.B.A. 2017**, were married on Aug. 6, 2021. Kim is a cardiac nurse and Peter is a reinsurance manager at Liberty Mutual Insurance. They live in Bridgewater, Mass.

**Jacob Dalager, D.M.A. 2020**, joined the faculty of New Mexico State University in the fall of 2021 as assistant professor of trumpet and jazz. In addition, he released his debut solo trumpet album, *Paradigms*, on the record label Tonschen. It features the music of Anthony Plog and has received critical acclaim.

**Christopher Casey, B.A. 2019**, is an associate editor at Food Dive, a

**Danila Tomassetti, D.M.A. 2020**, announces her debut solo CD, *Prokofiev-Tchaikovsky: Romeo & Juliet* (Da Vinci Publishing). Part of the repertoire (Ten Pieces from *Romeo & Juliet* by Prokofiev) was her lecture recital subject at



Myers-Duval Wedding

Catholic University and prepared with Professor Nikita Fitenko. Also, a few pieces of *Romeo & Juliet* were presented at Catholic University Research Day 2019. She lives and teaches piano in Italy.

**Giovanna Bonafede, J.D. 2021**, has joined Praemia Law, PLLC, as an associate attorney after three years clerking with the firm. The firm, based in Reston, Va., is headed by alumni **Timothy M. McConville**,

**J.D. 1996**, and **Matthew R. Keller, J.D. 2010**.

**Veronica Milosz, B.S. 2021, M.S. 2022**, has completed both the international and finance honors program and the International Development (IEDM) master's program through the Department of Economics and has been selected as a finalist for the prestigious Presidential Management Fellowship.

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Hadar Goren

## Off and Running to Help Grad Students

In 2008, when she became a graduate student at Catholic University, Vanessa Corcoran, M.A. 2010, Ph.D. 2017, took up running. Lacing up her sneakers, she soon found, helped her cope with the pressure that can often come with being a graduate student.

Corcoran chose Catholic University for its reputation as a place for medieval historians, especially under the direction of Katherine Jansen, professor of medieval history. “I was surrounded by students and faculty who motivated me to keep up with their rigorous pace of research. All of my professors were incredibly passionate about their field, and sought to encourage our growth as burgeoning scholars,” she said.

Despite these positive influences, she began to experience “imposter syndrome,” which, she learned, is common among graduate students. “In my early years in the program, I feared that my professors would realize that it was a mistake for me to be there. I didn’t realize that other grad students also shared that feeling.”

Inspired by her experience and what she learned about helping other graduate students, Corcoran wrote the book, *It’s a Marathon, Not a Sprint: My Road to the Marathon and Ph.D.*, after earning her doctorate.

“I wanted to write a book that I wish had existed when I started graduate school and was feeling out of my depth,” said Corcoran. “It is my hope that my book will help demystify the process of writing a dissertation and also make graduate students feel less lonely and intimidated.”

A supportive community helped Corcoran. “I was fortunate that my fellow graduate students in the history department were very encouraging. We formed writing groups, working on our dissertations together, offering each other silent encouragement and accountability.”

And she continued to run. “It became an important complement to my education. I relied on running to provide a physical and emotional release from the tumultuous aspects of my studies. And it served as a confidence booster when I was feeling discouraged,” she said. “I soon got into running marathons, and even qualified and ran in the Boston Marathon on two occasions.”

In her book she talks about the technical, emotional, and mental challenges of going through a program. “I hope to raise attention to the mental health concerns that people face while in graduate school,” she said.

“It’s been nearly 14 years since I took up running, and now I can’t imagine my life without it,” said Corcoran, now an advising dean at Georgetown University. “Within a few minutes of getting out the door, all of the accumulated tension and worries start to disappear, and I always finish my run in a better mental place than when I started.” — G.O.

## ALUMNI CORNER

### In Memoriam

**Jean L. Schreiber**, M.S.W. 1944, Dec. 5, 2021.

**Monsignor John B. Brady**, attended the University from 1946 to 1947, 1966 to 1968, Sept. 9, 2021.

**George J. Korschen Jr.**, attended the University from 1946 to 1948, July 4, 2021.

**Louise S. Bellas**, B.S.N. 1949, Jan. 1, 2022.

**John G. Joly**, B.A. 1949, Sept. 27, 2021.

**Saul Rosenthal**, B.A. 1949, Nov. 17, 2021.

**Marialyce Barrett Tobin**, J.D. 1949, Aug. 28, 2021.

**Monsignor Joseph A. Carroll**, S.T.B. 1950, July 10, 2021.

**Louis A. Corvese**, B.A. 1950, M.S. 1953, Oct. 16, 2021.

**Thomas J. Kelly**, B.A. 1950, Dec. 5, 2021.

**Arthur H. Romer Jr.**, B.M. 1950, Dec. 24, 2021.

**Franklin M. Shannahan**, B.Ch.E. 1950, Oct. 27, 2021.

**Gloria D. Wellington**, M.S.N. 1951, July 16, 2021.

**Robert Anthony Piccirelli Sr.**, B.A. 1952, M.S. 1953, Ph.D. 1957, Sept. 13, 2021.

**William F. Sondericker**, J.D. 1952, Nov. 15, 2021.

**Rev. Carl W. Hoegerl C.Ss.R.**, M.A. 1953, Nov. 4, 2021.

**Sir Joseph E. Hotung**, B.A. 1953, Dec. 16, 2021.

**Albert F. Micale**, B.A. 1953, Aug. 14, 2021.

**Joseph F. Trinity**, B.A. 1953, M.A. 1957, Nov. 26, 2021.

**Mark J. Freihage**, M.A. 1954, Ph.D. 1957, Oct. 8, 2021.

**Monsignor Nicholas V. Grieco**, B.A. 1955, Nov. 27, 2021.

**Bernard J. Kenyon**, B.A. 1955, Nov. 2, 2021.

**Rev. Karl E. Schumacher**, S.T.L. 1955, Dec. 4, 2021.

**Charlotte P. Otis**, B.S.N. 1956, Sept. 21, 2021.

**Robert W. Ricker**, B.A. 1956, Dec. 5, 2021.

**James Gordon Winkler**, B.E.E. 1956, Jan. 7, 2022.

**Sister M. Paula Howard O.S.B.**, M.A. 1957, Oct. 24, 2021.

**Marilyn M. Long**, attended the University from 1957 to 1961, Aug. 11, 2021.

**M. Audrey Kachelski**, M.S.N. 1958, Aug. 13, 2021.

**Gloria Pineda**, attended the University from 1958 to 1963, July 12, 2021.

**Philip L. Stack**, Ph.D. 1958, July 15, 2021.

**Sister Joan M. Tuberty**, M.S.N. 1958, June 26, 2021.

**Richard S. Burns**, B.A.E. 1959, Nov. 26, 2021.

**Carol Easton Gatza**, attended the University fall 1959, Nov. 24, 2021.

**Alice Sonja Johnson Hilfiker**, B.S.N. 1959, Ph.D. 1975, June 6, 2021.

**Monsignor Richard J. Stack**, J.C.B. 1959, J.C.L. 1962, Aug. 22, 2021.

**Rev. Paul G. Driscoll**, B.A. 1960, S.T.B. 1964, Jan. 14, 2022.

**Janice A. Noack**, M.S.N. 1960, Ph.D. 1970, Sept. 14, 2021.

**Judith Pauley**, M.S. 1960, Ph.D. 1962, March 30, 2021.

**George P. Williams**, S.T.L. 1960, M.S.W. 1981, Sept. 1, 2021.

**Peter J. Corcoran**, B.A. 1961, March 2022.

**Mary E. DesJardins**, B.A. 1961, M.A. 1966, Nov. 1, 2021.

**Brother Liam J. Malone, C.FX.**, B.A. 1961, Aug. 1, 2021.

**Rev. John F. Pfister**, B.A. 1961, M.A. 1962, Dec. 13, 2021.

**Rev. Karl A. Gersbach, O.S.A.**, M.A. 1962, Aug. 21, 2021.

**Gabriel Moran**, M.A. 1962, Ph.D. 1965, Oct. 15, 2021.

**Patrick H. O'Brien**, B.A. 1962, Jan. 17, 2022.

**Phillip A. Farber**, Ph.D. 1963, Oct. 21, 2021.

**John W. Kingston**, B.A. 1963, Sept. 14, 2021.

**Joseph T. Maxey**, M.S.W. 1963, Dec. 3, 2021.

**Marjorie C. Walline**, M.S.N. 1963, Sept. 12, 2021.

**Sister Marie Lorraine Bruno, I.H.M.**, M.A. 1964, Dec. 29, 2021.

**Sheila M. Kelly**, B.A. 1964, July 15, 2021.

**Sister Joanne M. Sullivan, S.V.M.**, M.A. 1964, Oct. 17, 2021.

**Alice L. Vardiman**, M.S.N. 1964, Sept. 10, 2021.

**Sister Mona Farthing, C.S.J.**, M.S.N. 1965, July 23, 2021.

**Rev. James H. Geiger C.Ss.R.**, M.A. 1965, July 15, 2021.

**Jon J. Lawniczak Sr.**, J.D. 1965, Dec. 2, 2021.

**Marie (MacDonald) Madison**, M.A. 1965, April 14, 2021.

**Monsignor Joseph F. Rebman**, J.C.B. 1965, J.C.L. 1966, Oct. 3, 2021.

**William E. Reid Jr.**, B.A. 1965, M.A. 1968, Nov. 23, 2021.

**Sister Paula Vandegaer, S.S.S.**, M.S.W. 1965, Aug. 13, 2021.

**Elizabeth K. Barbe**, M.A. 1966, Oct. 13, 2021.

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**Dan M. Wemhoff**, attended the University from 1966 to 1968, 1978, Oct. 7, 2021.

**Arthur J. Bangs**, M.A. 1967, Ph.D. 1969, Dec. 11, 2021.

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**Sister Anne L. Hanna**, M.A. 1967, Nov. 1, 2021.

**Sister Anita Marcellis, S.C.**, M.S.B. 1967, Nov. 12, 2021.

**Patricia H. O'Neill**, M.S.N. 1967, Sept. 16, 2021.

**Josephine R. Sayers Williams**, M.A. 1967, Sept. 14, 2021.

**Angel F. Clarens Jr.**, B.Arch. 1968, Dec. 14, 2021.

**John H. O'Hara**, Ph.D. 1968, Oct. 11, 2021.

**Rev. Richard Poetzel, C.Ss.R.**, M.S.L.S. 1968, Sept. 24, 2021.

**Sister Mary Bertrand Austin, O.P.**, M.A. 1969, Sept. 9, 2021.

**Sister Ruth M. Colaianne, C.S.J.**, M.A. 1969, Sept. 24, 2021.

**Vincent Dailey**, B.A. 1969, Aug. 2, 2021.

**John R. Desheplo**, J.D. 1969, Dec. 26, 2021.

**Dennis P. Ditmer**, B.M.E. 1969, July 11, 2021.

**Anne Rowe Guiles**, M.A. 1969, July 11, 2021.

**John J. McHugh**, J.D. 1969, Aug. 1, 2021.

**John M. Wood**, J.D. 1969, Nov. 30, 2021.

**Lois Antoinette Hinton Blackburn**, M.M. 1970, Sept. 9, 2021.



## Father John Ford, Longtime Theology Professor

Rev. John T. Ford, C.S.C., retired professor of the School of Theology and Religious Studies, died on Dec. 29, 2021, at the age of 89.

From 1968 to 2018, he was professor of theology and coordinator of Hispanic/Latino studies.

Father Ford was widely published in a number of areas, including 19th-century Roman Catholic theology, Vatican I, Hispanic/Latino theology, and ecumenical studies, and served as an area editor for *Liberation Theology for Religious Studies Review*.

He was recognized as one of the leading John Henry Newman scholars throughout the world. Father Ford was a longtime member of the Saint John Henry Newman Association of America, including as president, and he served as the founding editor of the *Newman Studies Journal*. For his work on Newman, Father Ford was the inaugural recipient of the Gailliot Award for Newman Studies by the National Institute for Newman Studies at the University of Pittsburgh.

“An insightful, wise, and prudent man, John was ever generous in supporting his colleagues and students,” said Nelson Minnich, professor of church history. “He saw himself as a practitioner of historical theology, insisting that in order to understand Catholic doctrine one needs to know the historical context in which it was formulated.

“One of his major contributions to the School of Theology and Religious Studies was identifying early on the need to reach out to the Hispanic community. He perfected his Spanish, engaged in ministry among the Hispanics of the D.C. area, and offered courses in how to serve the pastoral needs of that community,” said Minnich.

After graduating from the University of Notre Dame in 1955 with a bachelor’s degree in philosophy, Father Ford went to Holy Cross College to earn his master’s degree in theology in 1959. He was ordained a priest on June 10, 1959. He earned his licentiate (1960) and doctorate (1962) in sacred theology from the Gregorian University in Rome.

In the 1960s, Father Ford taught theology at the University of Notre Dame and at Holy Cross College. In 1964, he was appointed assistant superior at the Foreign Mission Seminary and subsequently served as superior until 1968.

In 2018, he retired from the University and offered parish assistance and Hispanic ministry.

## ALUMNI CORNER

In Memoriam

**Sister Geraldine M. Goguen, P.M.**, M.S.W. 1970, Aug. 4, 2021.

**Barbara Kannappell**, M.A. 1970, Aug. 11, 2021.

**Marilyn W. Nickels**, M.A. 1970, Ph.D. 1975, Sept. 19, 2021.

**Thomas R. Callahan**, J.D. 1971, Aug. 5, 2021.

**Rev. Frederick F. Lukehart**, M.A. 1971, Dec. 29, 2021.

**John E. Mack**, Ph.D. 1971, Dec. 29, 2021.

**Kathleen A. Malloy**, B.A. 1971, Sept. 4, 2021.

**Robert Jacob Plowman**, Ph.D. 1971, Sept. 24, 2021.

**Sister Penny P. Proffit, O.S.F.**, M.S.N. 1971, Ph.D. 1975, Aug. 3, 2021.

**Loretta (Lorrie) Edwards Troyer**, M.S.N. 1971, July 14, 2021.

**Carmen Balthrop**, M.M. 1972, Sept. 5, 2021.

**Rev. Ronald E. Brassard**, S.T.B. 1972, Aug. 6, 2021.

**Leonard Cuddy**, M.M. 1972, Oct. 18, 2021.

**Lawrence J. Johnson**, M.A. 1972, Nov. 17, 2021.

**Jesus H. Hernandez**, M.A. 1973, Ph.D. 1978, Aug. 21, 2021.

**James V. Jolliff**, D.Engr. 1973, Jan. 4, 2022.

**Walter J. Krawczyk**, B.S. 1973, Aug. 5, 2020.

**John E. Matheson**, M.S. 1973, Dec. 12, 2021.

**John M. McCann Jr.**, M.Ch.E. 1973, July 22, 2021.

**Mary Elizabeth McIlvane**, M.A. 1973, Jan. 13, 2021.

**Karen Hastie Williams**, J.D. 1973, July 7, 2021.

**Mark H. Beck**, B.S. 1974, M.C.R.P. 1973, M.Arch. 1973, Dec. 16, 2021.

**Elisabeth S. Brodyaga**, J.D. 1974, Oct. 28, 2021.

**Hilda E. Forastieri**, M.S. 1974, Ph.D. 1977, July 15, 2021.

**Jeanne Geyer Sella**, M.A. 1974, Ph.D. 1979, Sept. 14, 2021.

**Todd William Corgill**, B.A. 1975, Dec. 10, 2021.

**Rev. Robert W. Thrasher**, J.C.B. 1975, J.C.L. 1977, J.C.D. 1979, Sept. 1, 2021.

**Norma J. Clemons**, M.S.W. 1976, Aug. 9, 2020.

**Rev. Dennis G. Volmi**, J.C.B. 1976, J.C.L. 1977, June 28, 2021.

**Kevin P. McVerry**, J.D. 1977, Jan. 18, 2021.

**Laurie E. Stackpole**, M.S.L.S. 1977, July 8, 2021.

**Laurane “LaLa” Sheehan**, B.A. 1978, Nov. 11, 2021.

**Ernest L. Airgood III**, B.S.Arch. 1980, Sept. 25, 2021.

**Robert S. Fuss**, B.Arch. 1981, Oct. 8, 2021.

**Michael W. May**, B.A. 1981, Sept. 10, 2021.

**David C. Rinebolt**, J.D. 1981, July 1, 2021.

**Nancy McDonnell**, B.A. 1982, Sept. 28, 2021.

**John L. Rennish Jr.**, B.A. 1983, Aug. 10, 2021.

**Charlyn E. Dalebout**, M.Arch. 1984, Aug. 25, 2021.

**Irene I. Vaslef**, Ph.D. 1984, Nov. 7, 2021.

**James D. Baker**, Ph.D. 1985, Sept. 3, 2021.

**Paul Donovan**, Ph.D. 1985, Oct. 26, 2021.

**Ruth A. Harris**, M.S.W. 1985, Dec. 27, 2021.

**Oscar S. Mayers**, J.D. 1985, June 29, 2021.

**Katherine A. Worthington**, J.D. 1985, Jan. 6, 2022.

**Daniel R. Addison**, J.D. 1987, Aug. 31, 2021.

**Karin Beckert**, J.D. 1987, March 29, 2021.

**Judith Sheagren**, Ph.D. 1987, Aug. 28, 2021.

**Rev. Gregory R. Hite**, S.T.L. 1988, Oct. 28, 2021.

**John A. Condon**, attended the University from 1992 to 1995, Dec. 7, 2021.

**Rev. G. Paul Herbert**, J.C.L. 1992, Sept. 9, 2021.

**Jacqueline A. D’Alessio**, Ph.D. 1994, Sept. 16, 2021.

**Rev. Luong Q. Tran**, J.C.L. 1996, Nov. 22, 2021.

**Rev. Robert L. Kincl**, J.C.L. 1997, Nov. 19, 2021.

**Timothy F. Jacques**, B.S.Arch. 2001, Sept. 12, 2021.

**Samantha L. Castronovo**, J.D. 2004, Nov. 23, 2021.

**Patrick H. McCormally**, J.D. 2009, Sept. 12, 2021.

**Geertruida de Moor**, Ph.D. 2011, Aug. 15, 2021.

**Kieran J. Kelly**, B.A. 2012, Dec. 26, 2021.

## ► FACULTY/STAFF

**James Binkley**, lecturer in the School of Architecture and Planning, who served for 32 years, Nov. 27, 2021.

**Mario J. Casarella**, professor emeritus and former chair of the Department of Mechanical Engineering in the School of Engineering, who served for 35 years, Dec. 22, 2021.

**Rev. John T. Ford, C.S.C.**, retired professor of theology and coordinator of Hispanic/Latino studies, School of Theology and Religious Studies, who served for 50 years, Dec. 29, 2021.

**Maria Huffer**, enrollment specialist in the Office of Student Accounts, who served for 59 years, Jan. 2, 2022.

**Ronald “Jay” Kabriel**, retired assistant professor, School of Architecture and Planning, who served for 50 years, Feb. 7, 2022.

**Alberto Martinez Piedra**, professor emeritus and former chair of the Department of Economics in the School of Arts and Sciences, as well as former



director of the Latin American Institute, who served for 36 years, Dec. 20, 2021.

**Rev. Jerry M. Sherba**, lecturer in canon law in 2002, Oct. 26, 2021.

**John D. “Jack” Sherman**, B.E.E. 1961, M.N.E. 1963, former assistant professor of engineering, who served for 39 years, March 4, 2022.

**Joan Sheehan Vorrasi**, director of Student Life and Special Events at the Columbus School of Law, who served for 46 years, Nov. 3, 2021.

**Thomas J. Young**, basketball coach from 1958 to 1967, March 20, 2022.

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## Politics Alumni and Faculty Contribute to New Book

*American Statesmanship: Principles and Practice of Leadership*, (University of Notre Dame Press, December, 2021) features several chapters written by authors with strong ties to The Catholic University of America. The principal editor of *American Statesmanship*, **Joseph R. Fornieri, Ph.D. 1996**, a professor at Rochester Institute of Technology, authored the book’s chapter on “Lincoln as Philosopher Statesman” and was the inspirational leader for the project. **Phillip G. Henderson**, former chair of the Department of Politics (2007 to 2014) and retired associate professor (1991 to 2018), authored the chapters on “John Marshall as Constitutional Statesman,” and “Dwight David Eisenhower’s Leadership”; **Michael P. Federici, M.A. 1985, Ph.D. 1990**, professor and chair of the political science department at Middle Tennessee State University, wrote the chapter on “Alexander Hamilton: Democratic Statesmanship, Spiritedness, and Audacity”; **Jeffrey Crouch, M.A. 2004, Ph.D. 2008**, assistant professor, American University, and **Mark J. Rozell**, former chair of the Department of Politics at CatholicU and current dean of the Schar School of Policy at George Mason University, co-authored the chapter titled “Presidential Statesmanship in the New Media Era.”

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Art Ciocca with his wife, Carlyse.

## Arthur Ciocca, Wine Magnate and Philanthropist

Arthur Ciocca, founder of The Wine Group and Busch School benefactor, passed away in December 2021 at age 84.

Following a Navy career, Ciocca charted a career as a marketing executive known for building brands. He was in charge of a group of three wineries owned by the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of New York when the company announced it was looking to divest its wine holdings. In 1981, Ciocca led a successful leveraged buyout and purchased the company with his five business partners.

As CEO for 26 years, he led The Wine Group to become the second-largest wine company in America with a portfolio of more than 50 brands – among them is Franzia, the largest wine brand in the world. Ciocca retired in 2014, and remained founder and chairman emeritus.

One of the rewards of Ciocca’s success was the ability to create a foundation with his wife of 40 years, Carlyse, who survives him. “She is my partner in philanthropy and that has brought us so much joy,” he told this magazine in 2017. Carlyse Ciocca is a member of the Franzia wine family.

The Arthur and Carlyse Ciocca Center for Principled Entrepreneurship at the Busch School of Business is funded by the Ciocca’s gift. The center’s mission is to bring together business professionals, academics, and students to address current business issues and develop projects to grow companies, lift communities, and allow individuals to flourish.

The Busch School “has the potential to become the world-class center for business education reinforced by Catholic Social doctrine,” said Ciocca.

“Art Ciocca embodies what we teach at the Busch School of Business,” said Andreas Widmer, director of the Ciocca Center at Catholic University. “He built a business by betting on people. And when the business got tough — as it inevitably does — good people and noble values prevailed. In an age of celebrity CEOs, he was happy to have the team shine. Working with Art was among the greatest privileges I will ever have. His legacy will be helping to define principled entrepreneurship, where business is a force for good.”

Ciocca frequently mentioned his Italian immigrant grandfather, a blacksmith, for the guiding advice to his life: “In America you can accomplish anything if you are willing to work hard, stay out of trouble, get a good education, and never, never give up.”

“Pretty simple advice,” Ciocca would note. “But it makes a lot of sense.”

## FROM THE VAULT

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### DON'T JUDGE THIS BOOK BY ITS COVER

This unique chorale book is still as popular a specimen from the Rare Books Collection as it was when pictured above in the 1960s.

A *graduale* originally from a convent in northern Italy, this book was hand made on parchment in 1532. It sits in the Rare Books section of Mullen Library, where it is often noticed by visitors due to its leather cover accented with metal spikes.

A *graduale* is a type of work intended for the choir to use during Mass, and contains both hymns and responses. It was originally gifted by Franciscan Bonaventura da Siggiano to a group of religious sisters in northern Italy.

The book was donated to Catholic University in the 1920s by Boston-area priest Monsignor Arthur Connolly. He donated thousands of books and nearly 50 pieces of art to the University, most of which remain part of the Rare Books and Museum Collections to this day.



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