



Annual Report 2020-2021

The Catholic High School of Baltimore



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Thank You

The Catholic High School of Baltimore is grateful for the continued support of our donors. This report includes gifts made during the 2020 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, and includes unrestricted and restricted gifts. Every effort was made to ensure the accuracy of this report.

If you have any questions about this report, please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement.



President's Message

Dear Friends of Catholic High,

Our 2020-2021 Green & Gold Fund Campaign, *Empowering Women ~ Transforming the World*, ended successfully on June 30, 2021. Although this was a year of unknowns and challenges, our Catholic High community persevered by learning new skills and routines and by constructing different approaches for staying connected. Our relationships remained strong as we creatively linked with our donors, alumnae, staff, parents, students, and members of the Board of Trustees, amazing me at the sincere commitment and love that our community and friends have for Catholic High.



I am proud of our alumnae and the significant differences they are making in our society. I watch them grow using their education, resilience, insight and vision to empower them through adversity – women readied to transform the world for the better!

Our Visual & Performing Arts, Law and Leadership in the *Franciscan Tradition*, Biomedical, Archangel, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Programs continue to attract innovative and visionary minds. These programs prepare our students to gain acceptance into top universities with significant scholarships and awards.

This year, 67 seniors from the Class of 2021 were awarded over \$12,000,000 in scholarships, grants, and awards, and accepted into colleges and universities such as Rochester Institute of Technology, Temple University, Virginia Tech, Howard University, Seton Hall University and many more.

In addition to being proud of our graduates' academic achievements, I am pleased to present this Annual Report acknowledging our many benefactors. Once again, our Board of Trustees, faculty, and staff achieved 100% participation in giving to our annual Green & Gold Fund. In addition, our Reunion Class Giving Program, Alumnae Awards recipients, and special events are highlighted in this report.

Your continued support and confidence in the *only high school sponsored by the Sisters of Saint Francis of Philadelphia since 1939* means a great deal to me and to everyone in the Catholic High community. It is only through the generosity of our committed donors that we continue to persevere – *educating future generations of young women in the Franciscan tradition*.

Lux Tua Luceat,

Barbara D. Nazelrod, Ph.D. '68
President



Catholic High Leadership

ADMINISTRATION

President — Dr. Barbara D. Nazelrod '68

Principal — Sharon Johnston, M.A.

Assistant Principal — Robert Wuenschel

Director of Finance — Robert Stead

Director of Institutional Advancement — Dr. Gwendolyn Grant

Director of Facilities & Operations — Gene Cockerham

Director of Mission — Sr. Ann Dutrow, OSF

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Coord. of Special Events & Annual Fund — Beth Frevel

Coord. of Marketing, Communications, & Alumnae Relations — Christine Gutowski Filippou '08

Marketing & Communications Specialist — Megan Morales '15

ANNUAL FUND LEADERSHIP

Major Gifts Chair — Patricia Bonner McElroy '78

Alumnae Division — Bonnie Kannler Hatami '99

Parent Division —

Senior: Maria Teresi '88, P'21

Junior: Karen Gracki Mitchell '92, P'22

Sophomore: Darrick Freeman, P'23

Freshman: Dr. Lisa Mattarazzo Ruth '95, P'24

Parents of Alumnae Division — Gerri DeJuliis, P '11

Grandparent Division — Thomasine Mannion Lange '50, GP'21, GP '24

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Patricia Bonner McElroy '78 (*Chair*), Michelle Yeager Streckfus '95 (*Vice Chair*), Cheryl Chizmar '67, Sr. Kathleen Dausen, OSF '61, Allison Profili Donaldson '99, Sr. Mary Katherine Farrell, OSF, Lou Forte, Jr., Bonnie Kannler Hatami '99, Kevin Healey, Sr. Anne Hefner, OSF '66, Carmel Kelly, Dr. Barbara D. Nazelrod '68, Christina Pappas, Esq. '90, MaryBeth Perry

New at Catholic High



JESSE JAMES HINSON BIOMEDICAL CLINICAL SIMULATION LAB

Our students shine more than ever before in the sciences with our new Jesse James Hinson Biomedical Clinical Simulation Lab. Catholic High students practice simulated clinical experiences with our mid-fidelity mannequins to introduce them to the real world of medicine.



DANCE STUDIO

In the Summer of 2020, Catholic High renovated the old home economics room into a brand new Dance Studio to complement the new Dance concentration in the Visual and Performing Arts Program. The Dance Studio is equipped with ballet barres, personal cubbies, and a sound system to play a variety of music for our students.



Alumnae Awards



BARBARA LECHERT McCULLY '66

Mother Mary Generosa McCafferty Distinguished Alumna Award

Mrs. Barbara McCully is the class ambassador for the Class of 1966. She consistently donates items for school raffles and auctions, attends many school events and fundraisers with her sisters, and has been a member of the Alumnae Executive Board for 7 years.

MOLLY WRIGHT BAXTER '07

Franciscan Heritage Award

Mrs. Molly Baxter graduated in 2007 from Catholic High. Mrs. Baxter earned her Bachelor's degree in Religious Studies and Philosophy from Notre Dame of Maryland University (NDMU) in December of 2010 and received multiple awards from the University in the area of Religious Studies & Theology.

Mrs. Baxter returned to her Alma Mater in 2016 to work as Campus Minister and Theology teacher.



LINDA LARKIN BROCK '65

Lux Tua Luceat Service Award

Mrs. Linda Brock, Class of 1965, assisted with the *80 Years Strong: Lighting Our Way Into the Future* Anniversary Assembly and *Diamonds and Pearls Gala* and volunteered at Catholic High's annual Wine Tasting event.

In 2018, Mrs. Brock started volunteering at Catholic High in the Department of Institutional Advancement working on mailings, special events, and fundraisers.

CAROL ROSENDALE SPEARGAS '63

Lux Tua Luceat Service Award

Mrs. Carol Speargas volunteers at University of MD St. Joseph Medical Center one day a week, assists with Red Cross blood drives at the hospital, and in 2018, she started volunteering at Catholic High in the Department of Institutional Advancement working on mailings, special events, and fundraisers.



VICTORIA SINGLE GWINN '08

Distinguished Recent Alumna Award

While a student at Catholic High, Mrs. Victoria Gwinn '08 was a member of the Honors Program, the lacrosse and field hockey teams, the National Honor Society, Athletic Association, Student Council, and was Salutatorian her senior year.

Mrs. Gwinn is a Registered Nurse in the Intensive Care Unit at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore City. As the Charge Nurse on her shifts, she leads her team of fellow nurses in caring for patients with complex medical illnesses, including acute respiratory distress syndrome, sepsis, and multi-organ failure.

MEGAN MORALES '15

Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee

Ms. Megan Morales '15, Catholic High's very own Marketing and Communications Specialist, made history and broke records during her time as a scholar athlete and member of the field hockey, lacrosse, and indoor track and field teams.

After graduating from Catholic High, Ms. Morales attended Notre Dame of Maryland University, where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing and Communications and played both Division III field hockey and lacrosse.

Ms. Morales is also the Head field hockey and lacrosse Coach for the Cubs.



NOMINATE AN ALUMNA!

Every year, Catholic High recognizes select alumnae for their recent professional accomplishments, dedication to Catholic High, and service to their community. Each alumna lets her let shine brightly in her workplace, community, and/or parish. These women who are chosen each year exemplify what it means to be true Daughters of Catholic High. Recipients are recognized before the Catholic High community at our annual Homecoming Weekend in October. The nomination forms can be found on Catholic High's website at www.thecatholichighschool.org/Alumnae.

To nominate an alumna, please print one of the forms and mail it to Alumnae Relations, *The Catholic High School of Baltimore*, 2800 Edison Highway, Baltimore, MD 21213 or scan and email to Mrs. Beth Frevel at bfrevel@thecatholichighschool.org.



Students of the Year



FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

Anastasia Gumbel '24

Anastasia Gumbel '24 earned the privilege of being named Freshman of the Year at Catholic High. As a Freshman, she was a member of the Student Ambassador Program, Mathletes, Green School Club, and Student Council.

After graduating from Catholic High, Anastasia aspires to attend college to study medicine in the field of dermatology. As Anastasia moves into the future, she plans to continue striving for greatness and wants to continue helping her peers strive for greatness as well!



SOPHOMORE OF THE YEAR

Sydney Leard '23

As a Sophomore at Catholic High, Sydney Leard '23 excelled at being a well-rounded, dedicated, and talented member of the school community. She stood out among her classmates and made a remarkable impression on the Students of the Year Committee.

Sydney is enjoying her Junior year at Catholic High and was thrilled to receive her class ring which officially made her an upperclassman.



JUNIOR OF THE YEAR

Audrey Russell '22

Junior of the Year, Audrey Russell '22, let her light shine brightly during the 2020-2021 school year within the classroom and the arts! Audrey's continuous love for the arts is present each day at Catholic High. She is a member of the Choir, A Cappella Choir, and Barbershop Club.

After graduating from Catholic High, Audrey plans to attend a college out of state and pursue a major in the arts. Audrey is excited to see what Catholic High has in store for her as she navigates her final year. She looks forward to becoming an alumna of *The Catholic High School of Baltimore* in May!

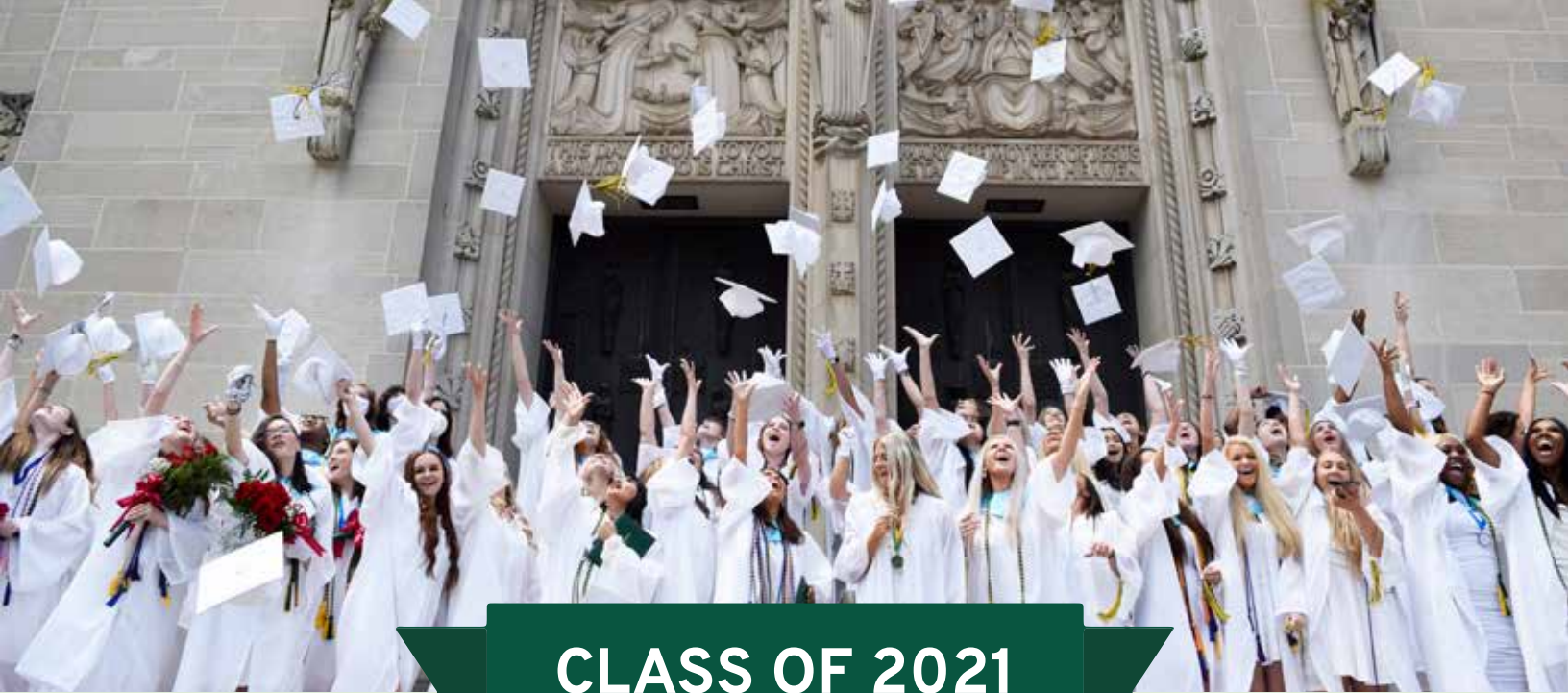


MISS CATHOLIC HIGH

Megan Triplet '21

Megan Triplet '21 let her light shine brightly at Catholic High as a multi-talented and accomplished student. Megan was a member of four honor societies, STEM Steering Committee, Green School Club, Mathletes, Ambassadors, was a Senior Editor of *Canticles*, and preformed in the Spring Musical.

Megan now attends Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where she is a double- major in computer science and mathematics. After she receives her Bachelor's degree, she intends to pursue a graduate degree in mathematics.



CLASS OF 2021

BY THE NUMBERS



3.84
average GPA
(weighted)



\$12,146,072
total class scholarship and
grant total



13
states attended
for college



67
students
graduated from
Catholic High in
2021



53%
of the class
participated in sports



77%
of students in TCHS
specialty programs



7,892.88
service hours
recorded over 4 years

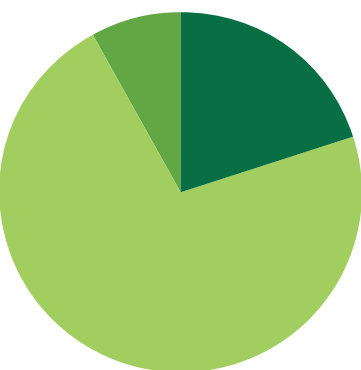




CUBS ARE BACK Following setbacks from the pandemic, the Cubs were able to resume a full sports season in the Spring of 2021.

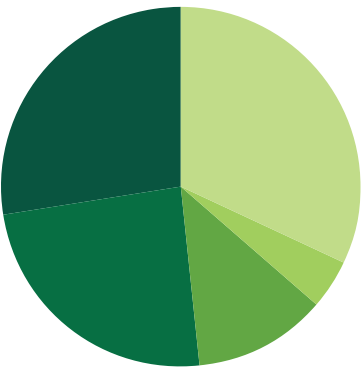
FINANCIAL REPORT 2020-2021

TOTAL DONATIONS - \$855,370.05



Unrestricted Funds

- \$253,750.70 (30%)
 - Special Events & Fundraisers \$49,545.06 (20%)
 - Green & Gold Annual Giving (Alumnae, Board, Staff, Current Students & Parents) \$82,926.74 (72%)
 - Parent Groups (VPA Boosters', Athletic Boosters', Mothers' & Fathers' Club) \$21,278.90 (8%)



Restricted Funds

- \$601,619.35 (70%)
 - Endowment/Donated Scholarships \$194,273.99 (32.2%)
 - Grants, Corporations, & Foundations \$25,515.00 (4.2%)
 - St. Clare Tuition Assistance Fund \$70,473.90 (12%)
 - Alumnae & Friends of Catholic High \$146,656.46 (24.3%)
 - Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia \$164,700.00 (27.3%)

Giving Levels

Bachmann
\$1,000,000 +

Neumann
\$500,000 - \$999,999

San Damiano
\$100,000 - \$499,999

Sisters of St. Francis
\$25,000 - \$99,000

St. Francis
\$10,000 - \$24,999

St. Clare
\$5,000 - \$9,999

Assisi
\$2,500 - \$4,999

Mother Generosa
\$1,000 - \$2,499

Troubadour Club
\$500 - \$999

Green & Gold Club
\$250 - \$499

Benefactors
\$100 - \$249

Patrons
up to \$99

Top Ten Classes

★ 1968 - \$12,455.21

★ 1973 - \$11,275.84

★ 1965 - \$10,049.30

★ 1955 - \$9,384.10

★ 1966 - \$6,995.00

★ 1956 - \$6,310.00

★ 1962 - \$6,165.00

★ 1954 - \$5,800.52

★ 1967 - \$5,109.67

★ 1990 - \$4,932.20

Class Gifts

CLASS OF 1944
\$150

Benefactors
Marjorie Paulus Ayd

Patrons
Frances Trinite Forte

CLASS OF 1945
\$400

Benefactors
Anna King Kielek
Lucille Bognanni Valle

Patrons
Rosalie Patti Corliss
Mary Thuman Doris

CLASS OF 1946
\$100

Benefactors
M. Evelyn King

CLASS OF 1948
\$2,875

Mother Generosa
Mercedes Stevens

Troubadour Club
Jacqueline Hieber Hart

Green & Gold Club
Mary Trageser Armstrong

Benefactors
Doris Eikenberg Argo
Elizabeth Svasek Beltz
Mary Robinson Gahagan
Bernice Kent Gordon
Bernadette Twardowski Huebler
Catherine Courtney MacKenzie
Marian Kralick Payer

Patrons
Victoria Silvestri Morisi

CLASS OF 1949
\$2,105

Troubadour Club
Rose Hartley Stedman

Green & Gold Club
Jeanne Cora Etzel
Ellen Creamer Linardi
Phyllis Whitney Wieser

Benefactors
Elizabeth Kwiatkowska Dougherty
Gloria Moran Franz
Dolores Dernoga Gremminger
Jean Lawler Gumnick
Dolores Childress Kelly

Patrons
Audrey Weber Bierley
Dorothy Dunnigan Gordon
Sr. Antonia Marie Groszkowski, CSSF
Bernadine Rybacka Hartlove
Dolores Irwin Kraynak
Mary Jean Heiderich Shuler
Cecilia Gaskin Slough
Charlotte Kurek Trageser
Eleanore Majerowicz Znamirovski

CLASS OF 1950
\$1,065

Green & Gold Club
Patricia Watkins Fellowes
Mary Lou Lubertine Jones
Thomasine Mannion Lange

Benefactors
Sr. Virginia Spiegel, OSF

Patrons
Regina Wesolowski Knight
Sr. Marie Michelle Michel, OSF
Norma Massey Reihl

CLASS OF 1951
\$4,450

Mother Generosa
Marian Sushinsky Altoz
Marilyn Lee Eser Bolton

Troubadour Club
Helen Kline Paulus

Green & Gold Club
Mary Catherine Debelius Robertson

Benefactors
Joan Bonnett Smith
Mary Loeffler Sobczynski
Theresa Marrocco Weiss

Patrons
Dr. Frances Torino Bond
Joan DeVoe Fiorino
Mary Jane Florence Hatcher
Dorothy Colburn Trimble
Sr. Jean Ustasiewski, OSF
Gloria Rabbitt Weber

CLASS OF 1952
\$1,355

Troubadour Club
Joan Valis Jirsa

Benefactors
Loretta Gajewski Becker
Jeannette Rabbitt Superczynski

Patrons
Mary Elaine Hohmann Gabor
Valeria Masaitis Gegorek
Rosemarie Liberatore

Margaret Miller O'Rourke-Trott

CLASS OF 1953

\$1,890

Mother Generosa

Angelina DiBlasio Baum

Green & Gold Club

Betty Piotrkowski

Benefactors

Aurelia Kolibob Hodge
Floraine Saboy Muffoletto

Patrons

Margaret McQuade Kraemer
Jean Beckman Maskol
Lillian Gaskin Mitchell
Lola Noonan Nadolny
Barbara Pfaff Payne
Geraldine Schwartzhaupt Pugh
Aurelia Kostin Whittington

CLASS OF 1954

\$5,800.52

Assisi

The Estate of Carole Boone Stolba

Mother Generosa

Antoinette Campagnoli King

Benefactors

Catherine Banz
Regina Hartman McConnell
Carol Eisenhower McGorray

Patrons

Margaret McKay Cox
Mary Oppelt Eikenberg
Marilynn Businsky Foster
Ann Miller Hayward
Marya Gryken Pazourek
Sr. Mary Schoberg, IHM

CLASS OF 1955

\$9,384.10

St. Clare

Joanne Clark Smith

Mother Generosa

Vilma Mecchia Lonsdale

Troubadour Club

Helen Walters Lenzenweger
Mary Zamenski Rutemiller
Mary Ellen Brailsford Sproul

Benefactors

Dr. Beverly Armsworthy Kohlhepp
Alma Cieslak Laufert
Carmela Obrigkeit Schildwachter
Geraldine Warnecker Smith
Jo Ann Merendino Streb
Frances Speer Villa
Eleanor Tallent Watts

Patrons

Carol Lannon Cheicante
Margaret Pollhein Colburn
Mary Silk FitzGerald
Catherine Hoover Generose
Mary Lou Schwarz Gerbes

Shirley Brandt Giunta
Joan Buck Kavounis
Angela DeSantis Kurek
Donna Callan Lichtenberg
Paula Hengemihle Moss
Patricia O'Neill Redmond

CLASS OF 1956

\$6,310

Mother Generosa

Anonymous
Marlene Brescia
Judith Fowler Fabella

Green & Gold Club

Patricia Terzi Potter

Benefactors

Anonymous
Veronica Annarino
Patricia Conroy
Helen Burness Dimock
Patricia Strycharz Fischer
Mary Jane Holmes Lauttman
Phyllis Smith Leonardo
Joan Ruzakowski Metz
Anna Buettner Persing

Patrons

Sr. Joan Dew, OSF
Viola Keuski Ironmonger
Joanne Picarella Kram
Janice May Miller
Kathleen Gossman Musciano
Jeannette Otremba Nesbit
Mary Hayes Treadwell
Mary Jane Marino Wildberger

CLASS OF 1957

\$1,360

Green & Gold Club

Dolores Majka Kyle

Benefactors

Tessiana Callahan Cunningham
Pat Hartley
Barbara Warns Hoey
Kathleen Porter McCloskey
Carol Baumiller McEvoy
Ida Barrett Petrilli
Judith Lind Rosenberger

Patrons

Barbara Amrein Barzyk
Barbara Duffy Baynes
Eda Camponeschi Di Julio
Doris Butt Dietz
Patricia Breeding Fedeli
Priscilla Huesman Glass
M. JoAnn Gillease Januszkiewicz
Joan Rys Lucas
Arleen Gudaitis Smith
Rosalie Brown Stonesifer
Mary Ellen McCullough Zimmerman

CLASS OF 1958

\$3,375

Mother Generosa

Kathleen Peters Martin

Troubadour Club

Mary Hohman Grau

Green & Gold Club

Ann Heether
Mary Joan Mastel Jordan
Bernadine Dannenfelter Seymour

Benefactors

Helen Trompeter Campbell
Joanne Speer Gamba
Anne Plumer O'Connor
Rosalie Nelson Taneyhill

Patrons

Patricia Spann Becker
Josephine Restivo Gieske
Lee Andrzejewski Hager
Marianna Marotta Haney
Joan Erhardt Karolkowski
Mary Sidlak Poliszczuk
Ann Mikula Quigley
Mary Contino Santoni
Patricia Kavanagh Slowikowski

CLASS OF 1959

\$4,395

Mother Generosa

Patricia Oates Merz

Green & Gold Club

Anonymous
Kay Erlbeck Adams
Miriam Wancowicz Clark
Lorraine Brigerman Soter

Benefactors

Elizabeth Rutkowski Ayd
Barbara Hagerman Davidson
Judith Nale Fee
Diane Lorber Fox
Marylee Neumann Hormes
Carolyn Squires Janney
Veronica Fabiszak Klein
Loretta Koch Knapp
JoAnne Mooney Nasuta
Louise LaMartina Petri
Janet Topa Rasinski
Dolores Tribull Real
Rosemary Aquilla Rogers
Kathleen Shealey
Mary Stasiak
Barbara Benda Vojik

Patrons

Evelyn Livingston Bull
Mary Jeanne Buschman
Margaret Apanovich Esenwine
Patricia Tracy Fleischmann
Rita Amelung Fuhr
Jeanette Zoltowski Guckenberger
Audrey Emala Harbeson
Sr. Elizabeth Kane, OSF
Sr. Elaine Martin, OSF
Loretta Eibner Michel
Laura Dziwulska Miller
Mary Schaefer Miller
Anne Rowan Thompson
Ruby Sheldon Wilson

CLASS OF 1960

\$3,685

Mother Generosa

R. Kathleen McDonough Perini



PROMS IN A PANDEMIC

Juniors and Seniors dance happily at their Proms. Catholic High was one of a few high schools in the area to hold in-person proms.

Benefactors

Carol Bartha
Stephanie Delvecchio
Patricia Isenock DiCarlo
Mary Joan Dieter Fink
Patricia Costa Haas
Regina Wrzesinski Hartka
Margaret Hennessey Hood
Josephine Wierzbicki LeBrun
Bonita Bures Lee
Regina Lent Miller
Madeline Dietz Moeser
Juanita Amey Neisser
Mary Elaine Hersfeld Opitz
Maria Muffoletto Poppe
Dorothy Wachter Sewell
Marsha Berkebile Sigwart

Patrons

Margaret Wessel Beverungen
Carolyn Kahler Cincibus
Catherine Friedel Haddon
Sr. Rose Marie Jasinski, CBS
Mary Todd Wawrzyniak

CLASS OF 1961

\$3,750

Troubadour Club

Joan Maxa Houseman

Green & Gold Club

Frances Jordan Shinker
Barbara Csar Tytus
Celia Twardowicz Wrisk

Benefactors

Dolores Puls Amrhein
Phyllis Silvestri Anderson
Barbara Zeiler Bockmiller
Carolyn Kaminski Budny
Nancy Heatterich Corkran
Carol-Ann Molino Cuneo
Joan Miller Drusano
Carol Shepperd McDaniel

Benefactors

Lynn Pivec Newill
Margaret Quattro Nicolaus
Margaret Winterling Ricci
Mary Squires Simon
Josephine Smink Smyth
Mary McCray Thayer
Mary Jane Biancucci Thomas

Patrons

Sr. Kathleen Dausen, OSF
Teresa Elligson
Mary Farrell
Laraine Martino Gregor
Louise Kiesling Handlir
Suzanne McDonald Hoffman
Gloria Campbell Lessner
Mary Witt McCormick
Jacqueline Nardone Short
Diane Loring Sperling
Mary Sturm

CLASS OF 1962

\$6,165

Mother Generosa

Anonymous

Troubadour Club

Michele Goldman Brustin
Linda Klink Czyryca
Mary Bowman Halpin

Green & Gold Club

Anonymous
Patricia Reusing Mank
Charlotte Bader Schaus
Mary Dietz Szeliga

Benefactors

Anonymous
Rosetta Dorsey Brightman
Mary Brisebois
Carol Faraino Coulthard
Susan Glenn Dean
Geraldine Szwabowski Delisle

Benefactors

Cecilia Walters DeSimone
Charlotte Winterling Macie
JoAnn Wilson McCracken
Patricia Malicki Mullen
Mary Aumiller Nocar
Carole Ruth Page
Mary Houston Plumer
Mary Lou Ringsdorf Vitrano
Roxana Dieter Weir
Beverly Turner Zimnoch

Patrons

Barbara Funk Brooks
Linda Manti Carper
Joanne Tezak Dove
Victoria Lombardi Falcone
Margaret Fee Glenn
Carolyn Mister Green
Bonnie Plumer Hannan
Mary Ann Parr Leard
Nancy Vierling Lenhoff
Patricia Paplauskas Mullauer
Mary Jacobson Nestor
Genevieve Marotta Sessa
Elizabeth Sears Smith
Beatrice Soul
Rosalee Nardi Velenovsky

CLASS OF 1963

\$4,693

Troubadour Club

Carol King
Diane Gangler Root
Janet Beinke Stankus

Green & Gold Club

Georgeanne Campbell
Marcella Shea-Frank

Benefactors

Carol Berg
Lynlee Jastremski Brock
Dr. Joann Hundt Ericson
Margaret Sweeney Larsen



STUDENT ARTWORK Artwork made by K. Kocur '24 (1), V. Schmidt '22 (2), K. Soberano '23 (3), and N. Russell '22 (4).

Anne Alluisi McDonough
Lillian Allen Mihm
Joyce Bartosz Reese
Charlotte Bradley Veneracion

Patrons

Anonymous
Pauline Dorsey Beine
Marjorie Imbach Culhane
Carole Uzel Doetsch
Margaret Donatelli Huth
Patricia Hofferbert Kellerman
Mary Lee Uhrin Raynor
Sharon Hennigan Rebbel
Barbara Ann Kosinski Shaffer

CLASS OF 1964

\$3,459.64

Mother Generosa

Carol Pyles Strohming

Troubadour Club

Carolyn Connors Jones

Benefactors

Antoinette Palumbo Decker
Stephanie Bazemore Ellis
Mary Lynn Wesolowski Hausmann
Diane Green Hinsche
Marie Frank Moudry
Susan Pitruzzella Reynolds
Mary Ann Tamberrino
Margaret Faherty Whipp
Lois Cox White

Patrons

Martha Amend Ailiff
Mary Ann Banz Borkowski
Joanne Prucha Brune
Mary Karle Carr
Bernadette Amedoro Crawford
Helen Cada Gontasz

Patricia Toggart Gregg
Rosemary Baynes Guido
Sharon Crews Hare
Melissa Cox Kadar
Barbara Doetsch Kuser
Carol Legg McNamara
Elizabeth Insogna Milwicz
Joan Sheldon Reinhardt
Josephine Maas Seling
Kathleen Shour Sievers
Dorothy Dudek Teipe
Barbara Skarda Thuman
Sr. Christopher Wagner, OSF

CLASS OF 1965

\$10,049.30

Assisi

Ina Hagerman Handlir
JoAnn Porter Lamp

Troubadour Club

Madeline Benny Buchanan
Nancy Carre Sushinsky

Green & Gold Club

Theresa Welkie Archambault
Geraldine Monczewski Williams

Benefactors

Maureen Lubinski Bandelin
Sr. Helen Budzik, OSF
Linda Miller Ciotola
Dianne Lorden Corkran
Linda League DeBlase
Sharon Lorber Enfield
Kathleen Carlock Greene
Barbara Jacksits Hall
Carole Dabrowski Hines
Elvira Caraffa Hirkala
Kathleen Knauer
Joan Silvestri Nelson
Sandralee Michno Petri

Carol Blachowicz Plum
Patricia Stasiak
Carol Merbach Wade
Barbara Brooks Zimmerman

Patrons

Patricia Waltrop Althoff
Carol Blamar Burns
Marleen Beczkowski Carabello
Gloria D'Amico Coco
Geraldine Williamson Coski
Maureen Wayman Danielczyk
Carole Guckert
Paula Herminau Hodges
Joyce Gunther Humphreys
Maria Marchiano Kowalevicz
Janice Gaynor Kurzmiller
Mary Ellen Knop Marshall
Barbara Thompson Nicholson
Mary Berkey Novak
Jane Novotny Oakjones
Claire Riedel Pellolio
Rosemary Benczkowski Rogers
Dorothy Braun Seal
Diana Organ Seufert
Joan Gerczak Silanskas
Sr. Patricia Smith, OSF
Dorothy Orbin Tyler
Barbara Preis Wall

CLASS OF 1966

\$6,995

Mother Generosa

Lorraine Thiess Flowers
Gertrude Beutgen Siemer

Troubadour Club

Barbara Lechert McCully
Maryann Helowicz Weiland

Green & Gold Club

Kathleen Anne Beres

Rose Klingelhofer Janicki
Kathleen Robinson Moritis
Paula Schulz Swindle

Benefactors

Anonymous
Mary Louise Turnbull Farrell
Catherine Schleicher Forstner
Patricia Gillease
Barbara Michalkiewicz Izzo
Elizabeth Hooker Lawton
Marian Petchik
Katherine Brisebois Roszkowski
Janice Miszkziel Sturgeon

Patrons

Rose Marie Severa Comella
Mary Kelly Donaldson
Elaine Foard-Rudolph
Mary Colleen Everd Gilpin
Mary Ann Chojnowski Hartka
Sr. Helen Jacobson, OSF
Andrea Manik Spacek
Marion Carey Suljak

CLASS OF 1967

\$5,109.67

Mother Generosa

Mary Vraný

Troubadour Club

Linda Jansky
Dr. Lois Therres Pommer

Green & Gold Club

Diane Barrows Korczynski
Janet Passapae-Sauer
Eileen Wagner Tramontano

Benefactors

Olivia Valle Bach
Christine Kern Bazemore
Regina Kain
Carol Moore Kibler
Colleen Tribull Klos
Susan Kuhn
Barbara Kleebauer Pallas
Peggy Murphy Priest
Angela Macomber Schiaffino
Antoinette Cada Schmidt
Joyce Shinsky
Sandra Hoffman Smith

Patrons

Kathleen Gallagher Appel
Patricia McMahon Baummer
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A Tribute to IND

May of 2020 came as a shock for all of Baltimore when the 173-year-old high school announced that the Institute of Notre Dame was officially closing its doors on June 30, 2020.

Many students were left scrambling to find new schools for the following school year. In the Fall of 2020, Catholic High welcomed 25 students from IND with open arms – 15 of the students of whom were rising Seniors.

On our annual Hello Day, current Catholic High students welcomed the IND transfer students with baskets filled with goodies, just as if they were walking into our community as Freshmen. Seniors were given blue Senior Bows to represent their past and connect with their new home away from home.

At Catholic High's Junior Ring Liturgy, three Juniors from IND received the traditional IND class ring. Their faces filled with joy as they were able to have receive one last memento of their beloved school.

In a sit-down interview conducted for Catholic High's 5-year Strategic Plan, Senior IND transfer student, Carlene Phillander '21, shared how Catholic High's welcoming community helped her transition to

a new school environment. As she reflected on Catholic High's Franciscan values, she shared, "I want students who come after me to experience the same amazing culture and friendships!"



The end of the school year was an emotional time for the IND Seniors, as they realized they would not be graduating from the school they chose their 8th grade year. Students learning in-person were able to wear their IND uniform on the final day of school for the very last time.

On May 25, 2020, fifteen students from the Institute of Notre Dame graduated from the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen as alumnae of *The Catholic High School of Baltimore*. During the Commencement Ceremony, Catholic High President, Dr. Nazelrod '68, asked all students, parents, family members, and friends with a connection to IND to stand to join in singing the IND Alma Mater. This came as a surprise for many. The kind gesture and tribute to the long-lasting history of the school brought tears to the congregation's eyes.

Catholic High looks forward to watching the remaining IND transfer students continue their high school journey as Cubs. But together, we are always "One Mind. One Heart."

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During the 2020-21 school year, the President of The Catholic High School of Baltimore, Dr. Barbara D. Nazelrod '68, celebrated her 20th anniversary as president, making her the longest tenured head of any secondary school in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Her bond with Catholic high was forged long before she became head and even pre-dates her attendance as a student of her beloved alma mater. To explain how her lifelong relationship with Catholic High has impacted her life and benefited the school under her leadership, she agreed to be interviewed this summer in honor of the 20th anniversary of her presidency.

What are your earliest memories of Catholic High?

I always wanted to come to school here. I grew up on Preston Street, slightly southwest of the school and from my bedroom window I could see the school and I remember asking my mom, "What is that?" And she said, "It's a Catholic high school for girls." And I remember saying to her, "Can I go to school there?" I was very small. That's my first memory. I also remember driving past the school with my family on the way home from various places because no matter where we went points north we had to come down Edison Highway to go home. I remember seeing the statue of the Blessed Mother. That has always been in my memory as I have always associated Catholic High with that statue. And I remember everyone in my family making the Sign of the Cross as we drove by. It always was there and very impressive to me. We moved from East Baltimore to the Towson area and I was the only student in my class at IHM who came here for high school. In many ways for me, coming here for high school was like a continuation of my childhood. My family was not wealthy by any means but my parents valued education and if I said that I wanted to go to Catholic High, they made it happen.

How did you go from Student to President of Catholic High?

Catholic High absolutely was the center of my life and my four years here as a student were just awesome. I lost touch with Catholic High after graduation, as many graduates do. I remember one day being in a class and my classmate behind me and I were talking. She said to me, "What do you want to do with your life?" I said, "I want to come back here to teach one day." So she drew up a certificate that had me coming back to Catholic High as a history teacher. Years later, while working for Baltimore County Public Schools, I saw in the alumnae newsletter that there was an opening for Head of School, it wasn't called President then. I didn't know if Head of School was the principal or if it was an academic position. I didn't know. But regardless, I figured I have experience in administration, in curriculum and instruction, and I had supervised teachers for 12 years, so I thought whatever it is I'll just give it a try. Sr. Margaret Lewis called me on a Sunday afternoon and was so happy to tell me. "You're our candidate!" And I declined. I said, "Thank you, but no

thank you. I can't accept it."

I had 28 years in Baltimore County and could retire with full benefits at 30. And I thought to myself, "Why give up this great career when I don't really know what I am getting myself into." I spent the next 48 hours in absolute misery. And I felt like I had a Saint Paul experience. I was driving out to Cockeysville Middle School the Tuesday after that Sunday and I knew I had to change my mind. When I got to Cockeysville Middle I asked the secretary for a

phone book and I looked up the number to Little Flower convent. I used the phone right there in the middle of the office and called Sr. Margaret. She answered the phone and I said, "I know I told you no, but may I change my decision? May I accept the job?" Well, she started to cry and said, "We were praying that you would change your mind! We were praying you would change your mind!"



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What memories standout to you most about your time at Catholic High?

It's a hard question because I did not know what I know now, of course, and I didn't know when I started here exactly what the school needed. I recognized that the school needed help in a variety of ways. Financially we were struggling. The enrollment then was higher than it is now but it was really low by comparison. The building and campus needed improvements. We had barbed wire around a chain link fence around the school—literally barbed wire wrapped around the chain link fence around the school. The building was very worn down, so I quickly knew I had to improve the look of the school. It needed a new roof because it was leaking everywhere. I took a three-pronged approach: improve the appearance and function of the school, strengthen the academics--which is why people come to school, and improve alumnae relations. The chain link fence and the barbed wire had to go. I was able to get a matching

grant from France-Merrick for the \$40k, we needed for a new fence. At that time, it could have been \$40m, and we raised 20 and France-Merrick matched the 20 so we were able to put this fence around the school, which greatly improved our appearance. I knew we had to strengthen the academic program and felt that Catholic High needed a signature program, a reason to come here. And it was another Holy Spirit moment, when I was sitting in a hotel lobby on the Eastern Shore waiting to meet

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a friend. It was then that I came up for the rationale for STEM. It made sense. Engineering was important and I wanted a program that was not traditionally for women. I knew that at that time there was no STEM program in Catholic high schools, so we put it in first.

How has Catholic High benefited from its relationship with Alumnae during your tenure as President?

The big challenge with our alumnae, which is a good challenge, is that we have multi generations of alums. So we have, from the very beginning, had to work very hard to come up with events that would appeal to older alums, middle age alums, the ones with children, the ones who are newly out of high school, and how to bring them back just to keep them engaged. I think we've been really successful with that. Our alumnae are very generous. There were so many things that needed 2 attention when I arrived, like almost immediately. And with the STEM program, we started bringing in young women from everywhere, every county, so we decided to create an engineering room. We needed 50 thousand dollars to equip the engineering room and I got a call from a widower of an alum who said, "Can I come in to see you? My sons and I want to make a gift to the school." Mr. George Kramer came with his sons and we sat out here on the porch, rocking in these rocking chairs. The next thing I know he's giving me a check for 50 thousand dollars. I asked, "Is it ok with you if we name the engineering room after your wife?" He loved the idea and to this day they still give money to the Joanne Liberatore Kramer '59 Engineering Room.

What do you tell people who ask, "Why should I send my daughter to Catholic High?"

All of the Catholic high schools overlap; we are all similar in many ways, our Catholic identity for sure. Catholic High has a different lens, a Franciscan lens. We get our identity and our mission and values from the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia. We are their only sponsored high school. For example, as a Franciscan school we are purposefully hospitable. We expect our students to greet people in the building, to welcome them. We are first and foremost a welcoming community. I think many people come in here and they feel it. But the education is excellent at Catholic High. Academics must be really strong to keep students. We also stress leadership and, at Catholic High, our young women can be engaged however they want. They often are front and center at Masses, at assemblies, common homerooms. Often the adults—the faculty and staff—take a back seat while the students lead. We make that a priority here and

we are proud that we are preparing young women to be future leaders.

How is Catholic High's location and diversity integral to its mission and a strength for the school?

We are the cornerstone of the Belair-Edison community and we have been since the 30s. We are very conveniently located so students from all parts of Greater Baltimore can get here. The really important thing, I think, is that we recognize the value of being in this community the same way the community recognizes our value of being a cornerstone of the community. We are an institution of strength for them and the fact that we are here complements them. I don't look at our being in the city as a negative, I view it as a plus. When our students come here they look around and they see this beautiful campus in the middle of this older neighborhood but they also recognize how important we are to the community. They're respectful, and the community is respectful right back. We have students from 78 zip codes, so we're like a hub here and they literally come from all directions. We have young women here whose parents are millionaires. We have young women here whose parents are at poverty level. And then we have everybody in between. We have a variety of races, ethnic backgrounds, academic abilities. They come from a variety of schools, both public and private. But when they come here in those uniforms...there's a sisterhood here, there's a community here. They come here and they become part of the community. I can't tell you how it happens, but it is like magic.

What is your hope for the students who graduate from Catholic High?

I would like to think each young woman who graduates from Catholic High is a young woman who is centered in her faith and who believes that she needs to do good in the world. That's what our mission statement talks about, responsible leadership. The world needs good, moral leadership. I can think of several students who graduated who have just done amazing things in spite of many odds, but they learned determination here, they learned confidence. They also learned that hard work will make a lot of things possible. I want them to leave here and to be good, just people and to advocate for others and to lead good lives.

Graduation Day is a hard day for me because my emotions are like right there. I love handing the graduates their diplomas and looking them in the eye and saying something to each one, something different, something about them I know. Of course, that's very fleeting and once they walk out of the Cathedral, they are scattered. And I worry about them. Honestly,



I do worry about them. Each year, I think, is becoming more 3 and more challenging. This year was the most difficult year with the pandemic. But for the big picture I want them to achieve their best, whatever that is, and I want them to know that education is a lifelong process and it changes the playing field forever.

You are now the longest-tenured Head of School in the Archdiocese. How is such consistent leadership a benefit to the school and how has 20 years of experience in the position made you a better leader today?

It's gone by fast. I do see it as a strength because I can fall back on a whole variety of experiences and situations and take a step back and look at whatever it is in front of me in that moment and try and figure out, "OK how do I handle this?" Every day is a challenge; I learn every day. But I'm also very excited every day to pull into my parking space. I've never regretted leaving my career in Baltimore County; I've never looked back. I do believe that Catholic High needs to build on its past but grow into the future and constantly be reinvented in some, maybe small way. I often say that we don't plateau. Like we put in the STEM program but we just didn't say, "There it is. It's good, we're going to leave it alone." We continue to change it, build on it. The Biomedical program sprung out of STEM. And then we had to balance that with something that wasn't Science-related, so we put in Law and Leadership in the Franciscan Tradition. Then we built on the Arts. We have a Performing Arts concentration, which includes theatre, vocal, instrumental and dance. We have a dance studio now. We are always looking to make it better. What can we do now? What are our weaknesses, what do we need to change, or do away with? And we have. We've abandoned some things because they weren't working but we keep trying to get it right. In my time we've upgraded the facilities. We've installed new boilers, the roof, windows, the fence, the auditorium, the library, the dining hall, and the engineering room. Another huge strength here is the administrative team. I don't micromanage them. I work a lot through my administrative team and through each of our employees. I keep my finger on the pulse of every department: academics, finance, institutional advancement. I work through every department of the school and if I needed to micromanage them then they shouldn't be here.

When you encounter a prospective student, what do you say to her to gauge whether Catholic High would be a good fit for her and her family?

When I meet with prospective parents, I'm often asked that question: "My daughter's not a Straight A student, she's not Catholic, we're not Catholic, can she come here?" But for me the barometer is, "Does your daughter want to come here and if she wants to come here we will make it happen." Whether that's financial or academic, even social, we will work with her. That's the barometer, does she want to come here.

People who work closest with you often mention your deep love for the school and how that seems to keep you energized for the job, even after two decades as President. How do you approach the job today and what are your hopes for Catholic High?

I want us to be open another 80 years. I want young women in Greater Baltimore to choose to come here. I want the school to continue to attract young women who still value a Catholic High education. And I want them to feel like a part of the school community and to have them engage with the school and with each other for years to come. But I also think that

schools can't just rest. You have to continue to make changes that reflect what is happening in our world. I think we've done that well over the last 20 years. And we are going to continue to do that. There are still several things that we discuss around the board room table regarding the future and where we go from here and I think we always have to have an outlook for the future that keeps the best interest of Catholic High in focus. I'll have older alums here for an event and they'll walk by a classroom and say, "Oh my gosh, I had Stenography here, do you still have Stenography." And I say, "No, but we have Engineering." Or they'll say, "Do you still have Bookkeeping?" I'll say, "No, we do have a clinical simulation lab and the former Home Economics classroom is now our dance studio."

I always say to members of my team, you have to ask the question: "What is the right thing to do for the school? That's what you do. If you put Catholic High first, you're not going to make a mistake." You could veer off a little bit but you'll always get back to center and that's doing 4 what's best for the school, not the brick and mortar of the school but the whole entity, the whole school community, and the amazing women who went

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to school here and the ones who are still here today and who will be here. It's a huge responsibility but I never feel like it's on me alone because I do have such a great team and I have, thank God, a great board that is extremely supportive. And the Sisters have been extremely supportive through the years in a variety of ways.

I feel very purposeful. I feel like I'm still doing good. I genuinely care about the school. I love the school. I love what it represents in Baltimore, in the Church, for the Sisters. I love what the school represents for all of our students and all of our alums and their families. I know we represent so much to so many people and that's our strength. It's not just an institution where you go to school for four years and then you're gone. It becomes a part of the fabric of people's lives.

This school will always be, as it has been, an integral part of my life. I can't think of my childhood without thinking of Catholic High. I can't think about my teenage years without thinking about Catholic High. And I can't think of my professional life without thinking about Catholic High. Even if I'm 95 years old and have the ability to remember, I will always remember and reflect on my time here, both as a child, but I think more importantly as a part of this great school community. Sister Ann said not long ago that I bleed green. I think she's right in many ways.

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