

Sentinel of the Saints

The Newsletter of BVM Academy

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Doors Being Opened— Ground Being Covered

Dear Friends & Benefactors,
As I type these words, just having made my annual visit to the District Office and now traveling back from the reception of the cassock and tonsure ceremony at the Seminary in Dillwyn, VA, I am honored to share with you the blessings that have been shed on our beloved academy. The (BVMA) Saints are marching on due to your generous prayers and sacrifices. After the September 2017 issue of this newsletter, much has taken place — some expected but others more miraculous!

The students and staff are reviewing constantly the theme of this year — P.O.T.E.N.T.I.A.L. and seeking to remain faithful to the Sentinel Creed presented last issue — “*My dedication to this sacred duty is total and wholehearted...*”. The energy exhibited initially has remained and spread to the four winds of BVMA! A torch has been passed and a natural pride has motivated others to partake in carrying it and passing the flame on to their friends. As you are a friend of BVMA, we wish to include you in this process.

Aside from the accomplishments which have been made in academics and sports, a simple but impressionable event took place. The girls’ high school, under the direction of their chaplain, Fr. Brown, took a trip to the March for Life in Washington D.C. Amidst the memorable and striking presentations, our students sang the National Anthem in the Smithsonian, attracting by-standers and receiving numerable compliments. Such a display is not rendered in public often for all to hear. It was a shock which was clearly a joy to perceive!

In addition to this, when our students host the visiting teams in sports, we sing the National Anthem in harmony. It is a sight to see...the opposing teams do not know what to think when the same persons who sing so well then play just as well in the game. This balance of experience and well-formed talents is a pride for BVMA! Congrats to the music teachers, coaches, and athletic director for making this possible.

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Sr. Mary John and Treasurer Dan Halligan honored for their years of service.



Fr. Brown with the high school girls at the March for Life in Washington, D.C.



Fr. Mönckeberg from the SSPX Seminary in La Reja, Argentina visiting the 3rd Graders.

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Something which we do not wish to keep under our hat is the topic of vocations. This year marks the first official vocation board (just made and hung in our chapel hallway). It will contain the many vocations which have come forth from this church and academy. Thankfully many will fill the large space — but more to come we pray! To note, Connor Edwards just took the cassock on February 2nd. We will have a priestly ordination this June 22nd. Rev. Mr. Fabula will receive the grace of the priesthood and bless us with a First Mass in July. Just behind him is James Durbin, who will, God willing, take the step of *no return* (the subdiaconate) this March 17th. We also had the extraordinary occasion to witness 10 men from various classes and areas of BVM enter the Seminary this past October. Some have since departed to pursue the manifest will of God for them, but many still remain. We pray they persevere!

The current list of Seminarians in Dillwyn, VA who have gone through BVMA:

- Rev. Mr. Samuel Fabula, Class of 2011
- Mr. James Durbin, Class of 2011
- Mr. Phillip De Lallo, Class of 2012
- Mr. James Hewko, Class of 2012
- Mr. Joseph Caley, Class of 2014
- Mr. Connor Edwards, Class of 2016
- Mr. Dominic Caley, Class of 2016
- Mr. Benedict Fullerton, Class of 2016
- Mr. Steve Hanson, Class of 2016
- Mr. John (Jack) Hatty, Class of 2017
- Mr. Jeff Koulik, Class of 2017

Please visit the vocation board periodically for updates and reminders of the prayers we ought to say for these special forces of the Church Militant. They need and deserve our prayers. The return on investment is greater than imaginable!

The class of 2018 is working hard to prepare their gift (a/k/a Senior Project). In this process they have enshrined a statue of St. Philomena, their class patron, at the corner of the building where all aspects of BVM(A) converge: the academy, church, priory. By this action, this class wishes to express not only their devotion to the B.V.M. saint (beautiful, virgin, martyr), but that which all at BVM (A) should have. Her intercession is often sought for financial reasons. She was petitioned during our last campaign and we were able to break an all-time record! Thus she deserves the veneration of each BVM(A) soul. We will take her as a particular patron for our endeavors moving forward. For any financial gain we make, it is she we must thank.

As we celebrate 25 years for the academy (our 10th year in Warners), we wish to uncover one of the incredible treasures we have received — the blessing of benefactors. God clearly is answering our prayers. If we wish to accomplish all we have planned, we will need an enormous amount of money. Although the walls of BVMA are coated with names of those who have made it possible for us to celebrate this Silver Jubilee, now we need more assistants who will carry on the preservation of traditional formation for our youth. This will come from many hands and God seems to have sent us two particular sets of hands already. Please pray for them. One even attended the Warners School (the same location we currently possess!!) and looks forward to a visit in the spring.

As spring approaches, so does another topic. Following the custom, this issue will present a fundraising enterprise. Yet it will not be a typical one... Although we are still moving forward locally with the raffle, we need to go public with a matching donation campaign. As mentioned in the September issue, we are setting aside funds to replace all of the exterior windows of the building. This will secure the building for the much-needed boiler repair. Unless we complete the windows first, the heat will continue to escape — at a great expense! (More on the campaign on the last page.)

Looking to the future, we wish to invite you all to the special event of the Auriesville Pilgrimage. September 8, 2018 will mark the 25th anniversary of the SSPX making this penitential trek venerating the North American Martyrs. Although this is being organized through the Ridgefield, CT priory, BVMA will take a leading role in inspiring the youth to make the sacrifice in imitation of these saints of old and seek to enkindle in fellow Americans the fire of Divine Love. Here we wish to invite you to the historical anniversary and encourage you to circle the date — so not to forget.

Other dates of note:

- National Religion Exam = February 28th (8th & 12th graders)
- St. Joseph's Table = March 18th
- Speech Competition = April 25th
- Raffle Drawing = May 10th
- Graduation = June 3rd

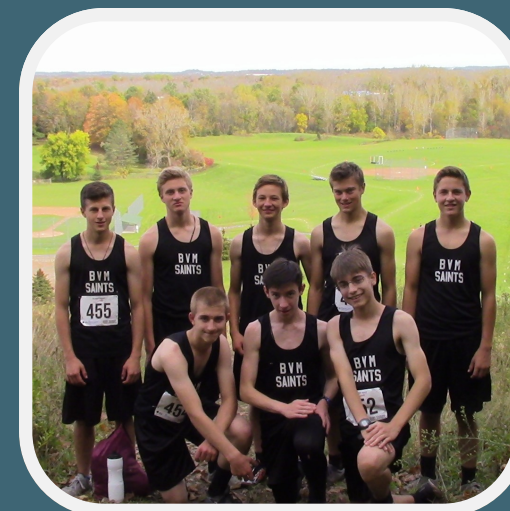
Thank you for generous assistance. You have our spiritual support! Until next time, I pray that we all have a beneficial Lenten Season.

May God bless you and your families!

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Richard Boyle

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Principal



The Cross Country team at the Weedsport Invitational.

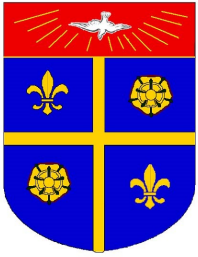


The Boys Varsity basketball team playing stiff defense.



The High School boys joyfully carrying Our Lady's statue at the Rosary procession through Syracuse.





THE SILVER OPERATION

BVM ACADEMY'S WINDOW CAMPAIGN!

God is good! One of the above-mentioned benefactors has offered a donation which we need to match... \$150,000 has been set aside for us if we raise the same amount ourselves. Daunting it seems but a reality it will be! Thanks to the generous work for all in October, we have seed money for this matching campaign. We will start this \$150,000 drive with \$25,000 in the pot. Another \$5,000 will be sent to this fund if we reach our raffle goal. The remaining \$120,000 must be gathered by December 31, 2018. We wish then to have the new windows installed by graduation 2019!

Considerations — Recommendations

- **Pledge \$25 / month for one year**
equivalent of only \$0.83/day
total donation= \$300
- *(If we gather 400 such "silver" pledges, we will reach our goal!)*

- **One time donations are greatly welcome:**
\$250
\$2,500
\$25,000
other = \$ _____

Over the last few months, BVMA and its extended family has proved that nothing is too great to achieve. This matching campaign, which we will coin as the *Silver Operation* (as we are celebrating our 25th anniversary this year) will be accomplished and yet another victory mark will be noted in which all can rejoice.

Please join us in the fulfillment of a much-needed advancement. Once this window project is complete, we can retain the heat which will allow students and staff to pray, think, and work more productively, and then help us proceed to the next essential part of our renovation of BVMA.

OLD WINDOWS



NEW WINDOWS

