

Sentinel of the Saints

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Teamwork Leads to Success

Dear Friends and Benefactors,
On July 18, 2018 there was an event that took place in Warners, NY. It began with one person but grew in the end to involve numerous souls, amounting to an inestimable number if the truth be told. A young man went out to run from the BVMA campus towards the Erie Canal. This would be the longest run he had taken in his life up to this point. Never having undergone this degree of endurance before, he stopped by the chapel to seek assistance from God, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and offered his intentions of sacrifice — in the event he would have no energy during the course of the trek to think of such!

After a few miles, it was apparent that things were going well. No difficulties, little exhaustion, but many more miles to go! The pace was right, time was ticking, and nothing seemed to get in the way of completion. Throughout the course of travel, the mental game was being waged. Concentration was practiced, adjustments were made, principles were followed. There had been many elements of advice given leading up to this run and now was the time to ensure things were applied. Water was consumed from a Camelback, stretches were made, breathing was measured, and posture was kept. Evidently . . . something was going right!

More miles were behind him and more to go, but now it was time for a short rest to digest an outside energy source. Electrolytes were consumed in small amounts along the way in order to replenish the loss of nutrients. These came to be a game-changer as would be seen in the end.

All things considered — prayer, intercession, actual grace, intentions, advice, aids, virtue, and the collection of these within a part of a whole, made all the difference. Once eight (8) miles were completed, another short rest was taken to gain the final ounce of strength to carry forward. Then came a very interesting, symbolic, and perfect finale. The last portion of the run would cycle around a cemetery. There was a need to seek merit by praying for the souls in purgatory (cf. Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Gospel — Luke XVI — where we need to make friends to follow them into their everlasting dwelling; these will end in Heaven) by stopping for a brief moment (while time kept going).

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Fr. Fabula gives his first blessing to the children of the parish.



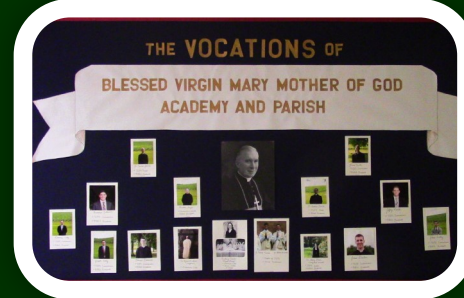
Fr. Fabula consecrates the Precious Blood of Our Lord.



Fr. Fabula processes attended by Fr. Andrew Ferrelli and Seminarian Mr. James Durbin.



The choir for Fr. Fabula's First Mass included several seminarians, Joseph Caley and Jack Hatty.



The new Vocations board in the Chapel hallway, asking for prayers for all our priests, seminarians, brothers, and sisters.



Fr. Boyle joins Fr. Fabula for a picture along with the current alumni seminarians of BVMA.



Our newly renovated confessional in the chapel.



The new boys' dormitory floor with LVT flooring!



The new senior room for the boys' dorm.



New science lab with LVT flooring and wash basins.

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Low and behold...while trying to drink a few drops of water from an uncooperative Camelback, a piece of it fell on the ground. For some, this would be irritating, for others a nuisance, but in God's eyes all is for a purpose. When picking up the item...there was seen a row of gravestones listing from left to right: *Mary - Mother - Father*. Was not this a reward and encouragement for the end of the arduous event? May we not take this as a reminder that Our Lady will help us throughout and especially in the end as a mother (supportive) and father (guiding)? Such was the case!

The last five miles were completed with an ease that was not known to the person shouldering the task to finish a half-marathon. As there is a reason for everything, so with this event. What was the cause of such achievement?

Looking back over the course of the run, the amounting details show us that it takes teamwork to lead to success. From advice to implementation, from water to prayer, all was needed — not one or some, but all. This is what happened on July 18th, only two (2) weeks after said person having run eight miles in extreme exhaustion. God permitted the humidity to be less this time around and the team of helpers to assist from all sides was present — that made all the difference!

May we take this example to heart as we consider the plethora of work done this past summer at BVMA. Hats off to one and all. It was not possible for a leader to direct such accomplishments. As in any worthwhile endeavor, it is not only a few people who could have done all the work. It took many members to collaborate and persevere in working hand in hand, day by day to make sure all the stages were addressed properly. Looking at this academy now, what an impressive sight! Thanks be to God for providing such a successful team!

We hope that you enjoy the pictures of the members — whole and in part. It was a blessing to have many visitors and gatherings during these past months. First Masses, vacations, apostolates brought religious and alumni; work days brought the youth and energetic. The professionals and the experienced came to the fore, taking the leadership roles in specific jobs that were crucial to this summer project. Yet the work was not all laborious . . . there was a balanced plan which was followed and thus we are reaping the fruits.

Historical Summer 2018 Schedule at BVMA:

- Monday (6 pm - 7:30 pm) = work-out with Fr. Brown
- Tuesday (5 pm - 9 pm) = work session for Academy
- Wednesday (6 pm - dark) = parish softball and volleyball
- Thursday (7 pm - 9 pm) = work session for Academy — music / singing for all interested
 - confessions unlimited for saints and sinners
- Friday (6 pm - 7:30 pm) = work-out with Fr. Brown
- Saturday (9 am - 5 pm) = work session for Academy
- Sunday = REST

As we have now transitioned into the beginning of the academic year, please join us in the events this fall. The central event will be Homecoming Weekend, from October 11-13. Also, please assist us in prayer as we enter the final stretch of the Silver Campaign. As read above, it takes a team to succeed. We pray that more members may enter the line of those helping our new windows become a real image of the Academy.

Thank you for your generous responses throughout the years and most especially this year. I take this opportunity to mention that you will be remembered in my Mass every First Saturday of the month in gratitude for your benevolence. From August 2018 until God calls me elsewhere, my Mass — no matter which chapel I offer Mass in that day — will be for the benefactors of the Saints.

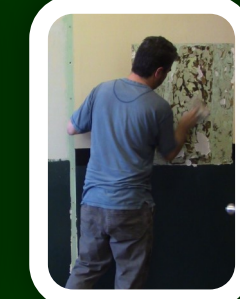
As a closing note, may this be a dose of encouragement for all you do: "God's ineffable and boundless goodness hath taken care that our labors be quickly at an end, whereas the reward for what we have done, endureth forever." — St. Bede

May God bless you and your families!

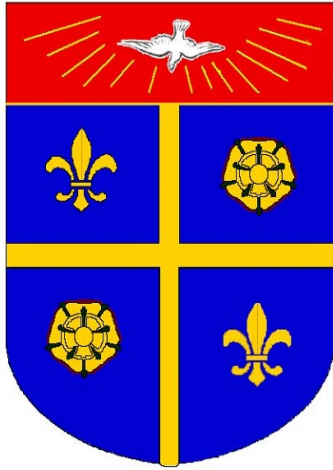
In Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Richard Boyle

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Principal



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BVM Academy's 2018 Jog-a-thon!

On **Saturday, October 13, 2018**, BVM Academy will host its 18th annual Jog-a-thon. The goal of this event is set at **\$100,000**. Our Academy's future relies on these important yet arduous occasions. Would you please help us — spiritually and/or financially? **You can contribute via www.bvmacademy.org by clicking the **Donate** button**, or send a check by mail to BVM Academy, **2656 Warners Road, Warners, NY, 13164**, payable to **BVM Academy**.

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