

# SENTINEL OF THE SAINTS



## Students—Life of the Family

Dear Friends and Benefactors,  
Acknowledging the principle that *one cannot give what one does not have*, it stands to reason that without good marriages one cannot have good children. *The apple does not fall far from the tree* as the adage goes. We hope and pray that the opposite takes place in this Academy: from good marriages come good children!

In this issue we wish to consider the students and their life at the Academy. The students possess lots of energy, so much so that the adults wonder from time to time how they could bottle the excess energy for future use (for adults and not children!). It is worth our time to look at the students of this active Academy and share with you some captured moments. They are precious to us — and hopefully to you!

“You are going to be pouring out the grace of the sacraments in order to sanctify families. You are also going to be helping parents in the sanctification of their children for their own mission. ... It is by the grace of God that you are truly going to sanctify souls, the souls of all the members of a Christian home, the parents as well as the children.”<sup>1</sup>

Let us take these words of Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre and replace the term “family” with “academy” for the sake of explaining the link

to Mater Dei. Any academy is meant to be a family, wherein the hierarchy helps transmit knowledge and provide formation to the students who follow the principles laid out. It was the intention of the Archbishop that schools be established so that souls be saved. “Schools, really free from any constraint so as to be able to give a thoroughly Christian education to the young, will be fostered and even founded by members of the Society [of St. Pius X.] From these schools will come vocations and Christian homes.”<sup>2</sup> Let us not forget that over 80% of SSPX vocations come from our active and energetic schools — through the collaboration of the priests, parents, staff, and students!

Following the Christmastide and opening a new year, I wish to extend to you my heartfelt gratitude for your support. We rest upon your goodwill — *peace to men of goodwill!*<sup>3</sup>

Rest assured of our prayers!

In Jesus and Mary,

*Fr. Richard Boyle*  
**Fr. Richard Boyle**  
**Principal**

<sup>1</sup>Priestly Holiness page 346

<sup>2</sup>SSPX Statutes page 4

<sup>3</sup>Luke 2 — Gospel of Christmas Midnight Mass



# TESTED—TRIED AND TRUE



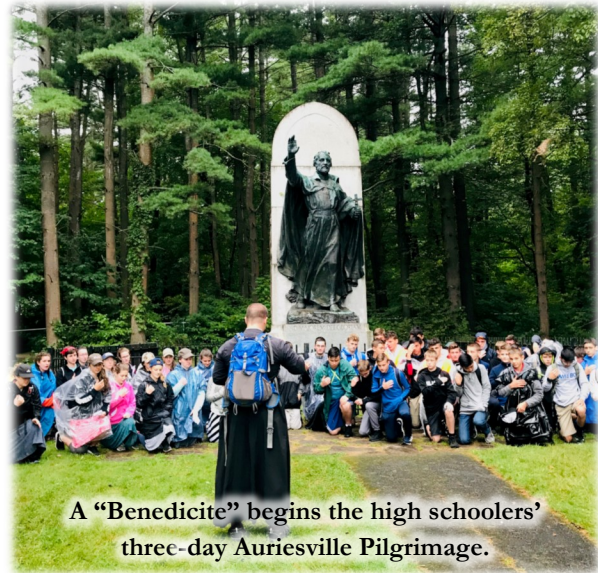
A first grader releases her pet hatched in Science.

Part of the formation within a school is test-time! From the beginning of the day until the end there are innumerable tests being given and being taken. Within and without the classroom, from entry through the doorway to exiting stage left, the students undergo tests which prove their determination to achieve the goals set for them by their superiors. As the Christmas message states, “As long as the heir is a child, he differs nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; but is under the tutors and governors, until the time appointed by the father; so we also, when we were children, were serving under the elements of the world.”<sup>4</sup>



A class in etiquette is held for the girls.

*“The Students are the heirs of the Truth, which will set them free.”*



A “Benedicite” begins the high schoolers’ three-day Auriesville Pilgrimage.

The students are the heirs of the Truth, which will set them free. But that does not allow them to escape the natural progression from servant to heir, a period of training and trial. As the teachers issue test upon test in different forms, the goal is that the students will be lords (leaders) in the future and form other lords themselves. “Though he be lord” means that the students have the potential to be great but are still in formation; the “tutors and governors” are the teachers; the “appointed time” is graduation; the “father” is the Principal; and “under the elements of the world” is an image of test-time!



The chess team dominates its home tournament.



Selected juniors and seniors pose for their induction into the National Honor Society.



Cuneiform accompanies the study of Ancient History.

<sup>4</sup>Galatians 4 — Epistle for Sunday within Octave of Christmas

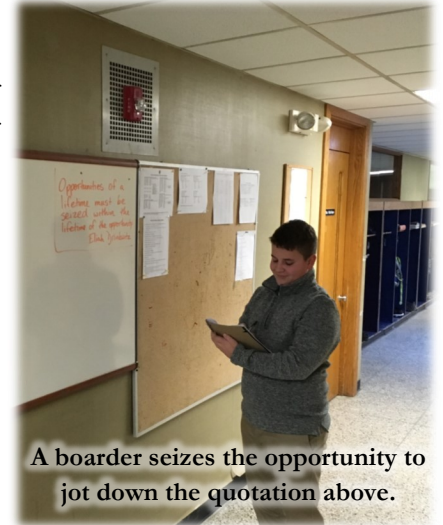
# OPPORTUNITIES WORTH TAKING

*“Opportunities of a lifetime must be seized within the lifetime of the opportunity.”<sup>5</sup>*



A senior leads the Schola in Gregorian Chant on First Friday.

Parents are given a limited number of years to bear children and a defined time within which to form their offspring into heirs of Heaven. A large part of this formation typically takes place in the context of a school. There are endless opportunities for the students to learn skills and prove themselves for the next step on their journey. If parents encourage the use of their children’s God-given talents and set the bar high the options remain endless. In the end, each person must choose to cooperate with the opportunities offered within the time allotted. The above quotation is one aspect of the weekly routine that allows the students to take words from successful people and make their glory a means to THE Glory.



A boarder seizes the opportunity to jot down the quotation above.

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Day by day, week by week, month by month, and year by year the students undergo similar trials that are only slightly different from the previous ones. Some aspects of life do not seem as important or useful as others, but in the end, the time allotted was for a purpose and tasks assigned were opportunities for moving closer to the final goal. From singing in concerts to learning Latin, from Physics class to recess, from serving Mass to making crafts, all the details involved allow the teachers to form the student into a well-prepared heir of Heaven.



All classes participate in the Christmas Concert.



The seniors fundraise in Pittsburgh, PA.



N.Y. offers a scenic route to half-marathoners.

<sup>5</sup>Elijah Drinkwitz

# THE RUN FOR FUNDS

Each academic year, events are planned and excitement grows. Surprisingly, no one seems too enthusiastic about the “fundraising season!” Here is one of the many reasons academies like ours continue to host these undesirable events. May God reward all those who endure them!

There was a student who passed a beggar on the street and was caught by his appearance and was struck with pity at his unfortunate status. The poor student thought that he would offer what he could to provide some food for the needy man. This beggar was only requesting a small portion of charity when the student reached into his pocket and offered \$10.00. Before the student departed after some time of conversation with this unusually loquacious and seemingly educated, kind beggar, he asked for the address of the student. Without thinking, he gave his address and left with peace, knowing that he helped a needy person.

After some time, the student received a note in the mail. He opened this note which contained in it the following words: “Due to your charity, I wish to offer you the enclosed check. I made a bet with my fellow workers that no person these days has enough charity to stop and show pity on the poor and unfortunate. I was so convinced that I would win the bet, I put \$10,000 down on this. You proved me wrong! I am grateful for your virtue and wish you the best. Please use the enclosed amount for a good cause.”



Mr. Tucker tallies his record-setting laps.

This is a true and amazing story! Thank you to all the benefactors who give so generously to the students who sacrifice the time and effort to solicit funds needed to form heirs of Heaven. The unpleasant task can sometimes reap an unexpected reward.



Fr. Boyle rallies the runners.

## *Upcoming Events:*

- ✓ March 6<sup>th</sup> : Speech Competition
- ✓ March 6-8 : The SSPX boarding school from Canada, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, visits the Academy
- ✓ March 21-22 : High School Girls' Play
- ✓ May 15<sup>th</sup> : 1st Annual R & R (Rowe Run)
- ✓ June 6<sup>th</sup> : Graduation
- ✓ November 1<sup>st</sup> : Plan to join Mater Dei in its celebration for the Golden Jubilee of the SSPX. In the months preceding this celebration, the Academy will periodically host events to promote the Society's work and spirit.

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# ALUMNI NEWS

## ***Congratulations to...***

- MADELINE HALL (Class of 2018) for receiving LeMoyne College's Top Accounting Student of the Year
- ZACHARIAH ZALLO (Class of 2010) on being sworn into the New York State Bar
- ELIZABETH (HATTY) LESAGE (Class of 2012) and Philip LeSage united in Holy Matrimony on January 3, 2020 at St. Cecilia's in Solvay, New York



Marie (Minehart) Gaitan, 2004, is a clinical research RN for Pancreatic Cancer Research at the University of Pennsylvania Abramson Cancer Center.



The newlywed couple,  
Mr. And Mrs. Philip LeSage

## ***A Special Honorary Mention to...***

*all graduates involved in caring for others through their work, past or present, within the medical field.*

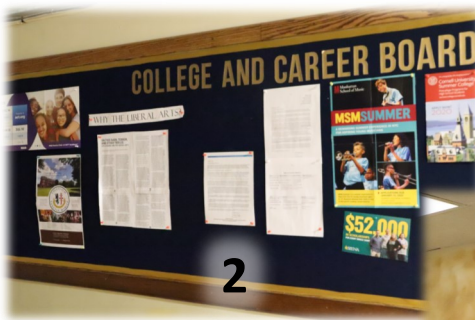
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| • Marie (Minehart) Gaitan 2004         | • Virginia (Reilly) Burns 2012 | • Damian Hall 2016      |
| • Elizabeth (Mariani) Delmanowski 2007 | • Cathryn Reid 2013            | • Rita Summers 2017     |
| • Maria Mariani 2010                   | • Mariana Zallo 2013           | • Bridget Halligan 2019 |
| • Mary Flannery 2010                   | • Michael Hall 2013            | • Anne Hanson 2019      |
| • Stephanie (Ferrelli) Rice 2011       | • Bridget Hable 2015           |                         |

Are you an alumnus/alumna with news you would like to share with your classmates, alumni and the Mater Dei Academy Community? Weddings, births, degrees, career advancement? Please share your exciting news with a submission to [alumni@materdei.academy](mailto:alumni@materdei.academy).

## ***Mater Dei's ongoing updates....***



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Coming soon with alumni help:  
new gymnasium seats!



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1. The Graduating Class of 2019 gifts the Academy with the renovation of the café.
2. The College Board grows with future paths and opportunities.
3. The Cook poses with a new view in the kitchen with the artist.