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The Guerin Catholic High School student section sported a patriotic theme for this year's Homecoming game against Greenwood High School on September 23.

MISSION STATEMENT

Guerin Catholic High School is a Roman Catholic college preparatory school serving students from diverse backgrounds and preparing them to be servant leaders through authentic faith formation, academic excellence and student life opportunities.



Lead with Humility
Serve with Love
Trust in Providence

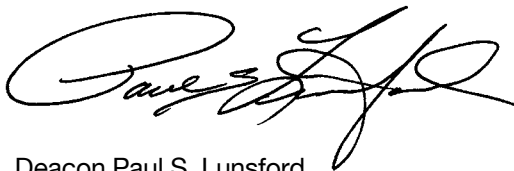
President's Message

One of the most powerful philosophies at Guerin Catholic is this: **“It is dangerous to form a child’s God given intellect without introducing the child to God.”** WHY? Because if we are introduced to God credibly by men and women who model the faith, there is a good chance we can learn from them what it means to become what God created us to be.

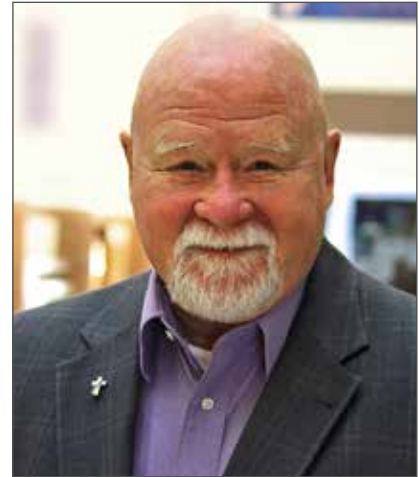
In this issue of *IMPACT Magazine*, I am so proud to be able to point to the above truth and say it is in action at Guerin Catholic! What better model of our faith than **St. Teresa of Calcutta**? How blessed we were to be able to lead a mission trip to her Canonization! Enjoy reading about it in this issue: I hope it inspires you as it has inspired me that the future of our community is in good hands. The students of Guerin Catholic are striving to become what God intends. An example is the profile featuring music teacher **Joey Garcia '07**. Joey started at GC in our very first year in 2004 and is now an educator at the school. Joey is a wonderful example of a credible, faith-filled, exciting leader who is changing the lives of our students.

The circle of life is alive at Guerin Catholic! This accelerates our mission! And it is all because of you that we can do the great things God wants us to do. Thank you for supporting us with your children, your prayers and your financial gifts. You are having a powerful impact with your investment. At Guerin Catholic we believe we can change the world if we simply become what God created us to be.

May God continue to bless you,



Deacon Paul S. Lunsford
President



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Simply Blessed

Presidential Award

Congratulations to Guerin Catholic's **Hugh Ross** who was recently awarded The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). The PAEMST is awarded to outstanding K-12 science and mathematics teachers from across the country. Hugh was Indiana's recipient for science.

We are so proud of you Mr. Ross!



Outdoor Campus



Due to a single donor's generous gift, construction is complete on a new regulation sized artificial turf field for our girls' and boys' soccer and lacrosse teams.

In addition, donors have also fully funded the completion of the tennis complex, improvement to the practice football field, the baseball and softball diamonds and maintenance of the beautiful Bermuda grass on the football competition field. **We are truly SIMPLY BLESSED!**

Circle City Conference



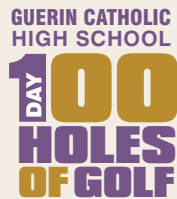
Guerin Catholic is honored to be a charter-member school of the newly formed **Circle City Conference**. This fall is the first athletic season for the CCC. Other members of the conference are Brebeuf Jesuit, Roncalli and Bishop Chatard. Heritage Christian will join the conference beginning in the 2017-18 season.

Congratulations Class of 2016



The 166-member class was awarded nearly \$23 million in college scholarships and 83% of the class participated in the International Baccalaureate Program. The Valedictorians were (L-R) **Lauren Sailor** (Purdue University), **Brady Kimmel** (University of Notre Dame), and **Susanna Peredo-Muniz** (University of Cincinnati). The Salutatorian was **Neal Ottinger** (Purdue University).

100 Holes of Golf



After all the divots were repaired and the 100 holes were complete, thanks to your generosity, over \$150,000 was raised for our athletic programs at Guerin Catholic. Thank you to all of our golfers who endured 100 Holes of Golf on June 7!



Camp Purple



Camp Purple 2016 hosted fourteen athletic camps and seven enrichment camps for students in grades 1-8 over June and July, welcoming 725 campers to campus—137 more campers from

2015! Guerin Catholic was also a host school for the first time to Camp Invention® and Invention Project® by the National Inventors Hall of Fame. “It was neat to see all the campers so excited to learn new skills and interact with our high school student volunteers,” said **Emily Stanisz '10**, Camp Purple Site Director. “Camp Purple is a wonderful opportunity for younger students to visit our campus and introduce Guerin Catholic to the greater community.”



Fine Arts visits NYC

The GC Fine Arts Alliance made its mark on the Big Apple during a trip to New York City from April 20-24. Choir and band students performed at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Hell’s Kitchen and at the Most Precious Blood Parish in Little Italy. The trip also included an impromptu performance that garnered large crowds in Central Park, as well as sightseeing experiences and the Broadway smash, *Les Miserables*.



Four Star School



This past spring, Indiana State Superintendent Glenda Ritz announced the list of schools receiving Indiana’s 4-Star designation and Guerin Catholic was again recognized. In order to achieve this designation, a school must be in the top 25th percentile of schools in ISTEP+ testing results.

GC Pilgrimage



Guerin Catholic Pilgrims in St. Peter's Square Front Row L to R: Kacey Frenzel '19, Pam Frenzel, Lauren LaCoy, Dan Nickander, Lexi Moss '19, Maria Frenzel '15, Jack Haddad '18, John Ritchey '20; Back Row: Glen Ritchey, Jill Folstrom, Kim Ritchey, Anna Ritchey '16, Leona Chianello, Brigid Carr '19, Bonnie Nickander '19, Brian Farrell '17, Fr. Thomas Haan, Matthew Farrell '18, Samantha Farrell '19, Christine Moss. Not pictured: Scott McNamee and Lynn Neiers.

by Fr. Thomas Haan
Guerin Catholic Chaplain



Rome Italy

There is nothing more attractive than holiness. How else can you explain the universal appeal of a five-foot-tall Algerian nun, raised in Yugoslavia, who lived and worked in the slums of India? Why else would over 125,000 people from across the globe flock to St. Peter's Square in Rome to participate in the canonization of **St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta**, including a group of twenty-two people from the Guerin Catholic community?

Each of us were drawn to take part in this pilgrimage to Rome because of Mother Teresa's own love for Jesus, and the way she loved Jesus in the distressing disguise of the poorest of the poor. The recognition by the Church that she is indeed in heaven interceding for us as a saint would be the climax and capstone to the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis, and we were determined to be a part of it.

After arriving in Rome and celebrating Mass near the tombs of the early Christian martyrs in the catacombs of St. Callixtus, we made pilgrimage to each of the Holy Doors in the four major basilicas of St. Peter's, St. Mary Major, St. John Lateran, and St. Paul Outside the Walls. We attended the Wednesday General Audience with Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square, where he spoke of Christ's mercy toward the woman with the hemorrhage in Matthew's Gospel, and how we must have similar courage to approach Him for healing and salvation.

GC Pilgrimage



We also made pilgrimage to Assisi, where we had Mass at such places as the tomb of St. Francis, the tomb of St. Clare, and the Church of San Damiano where he received his call from Christ to “rebuild my Church, which has fallen into ruin.” A highlight in Assisi was crossing paths with Guerin Catholic alumnus **Gino Carnevale '13**, who joined the group for Mass. The beauty of the Umbrian countryside, along with the blessed places of the life of St. Francis, brought a true peace and joy over the entire group.

Although we had secured tickets, we decided to wake up early and be in line by 3 am on Sunday, September 4 to ensure that we would have a spot in St. Peter's Square for the canonization Mass. The day was hot and the wait was long, but none of that mattered when Pope Francis, seated on the Papal chair, proclaimed to the throngs of pilgrims that Mother Teresa was now counted among the saints.

The students, staff, and parents who took part in the canonization pilgrimage returned home to Guerin Catholic inspired by the impact of the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta, and by the warmth and enthusiasm of our Holy Father, Pope Francis. **There really is nothing more attractive than holiness!**

“The complete focus of our trip was on God. I loved having daily Mass and prayer without trying to “fit it in,” but instead it was the biggest part of my day. By attending the canonization, I realized what it means to be a part of a universal church while we stood there surrounded by people from all over the world. I have noticed that since returning home, I have been more open to making God a part of every single part of my day and openly talking about Him with my friends as I wouldn't have done before.”

- Kacey Frenzel '19, pictured with her sister Maria Frenzel '15 and mother Pam Frenzel



“Our Blessed Mother Mary has always been my hero. So the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore, which holds a relic of the Holy Manger of Christ, was dearest to me. But I also feel especially blessed to have walked through each Holy Door in this Year of Mercy. I paused before I crossed through each Holy Door, ready to feel the presence of each saint come alive, inspiring me to ask for the gracious mercy of our Lord upon myself and all those I love. This journey is forever embedded in my heart.”

- Leona Chianello, Guerin Catholic Registrar

Alumni Spotlight

Guerin Catholic Class of 2011
New York University Class of 2015



“What I found was a modest, unpretentious community with the resources of NASA—not in facility, but in faculty.”

— John McLean '11

John McLean '11

I didn't go to Guerin Catholic by choice. I know that's probably not how you expected this article to start. The truth is, most of my friends from grade school were going to a different high school. But, I didn't have that option. My sister was already attending Guerin Catholic, and my parents were pretty adamant about me following her there. It made sense. But to a graduating 8th grader, sense wasn't the first thing on my mind.

I walked in ready to dislike the school. I knew almost no one, save for a few of my 8th grade comrades. But, my first period was my elective, and it was possibly the one thing I had looked forward to: **Mr. Mike Panasuk's** acting class. We quickly dove into beginning methods of Stanislavski and Strasberg, and I was hooked. I had come looking for reasons to dislike this establishment. What I found was a modest, unpretentious community with the resources of NASA—not in facility, but in faculty. In particular, the faculty that ran the Fine Arts Programs. I developed relationships with a few teachers in particular who very much helped shape me into the man I am today—**Mrs. Marcia Murphy** through her constant support and encouragement, as well as her knowledge and zest for life and art; Mr. Panasuk through his tough but fair coach attitude, and unexpected outbursts of comedy. Not to mention the opportunity he gave me to act. I walked in freshman year with a passion for acting that grew into my college major because of his plays and his guidance. **Mr. Mark Duray** got a hold of me my first year as well, with speeches of Truth and Beauty that were reminiscent of a southern preacher. He was taller on his soapbox, but that isn't a dig. It made it easier for us to hear him. He provided the hammer to knock in some information that teenagers desperately need to hear sometimes. He also fostered my musical sensibility and my voice. I wouldn't have the confidence or ability that I have today without any of these people.

Which brings me to the point that drives this pen to paper (finger to keyboard?). The Fine Arts Program at Guerin Catholic is something special. It is a resource, a guide, and inspiration that cannot be measured by grade point average or standardized testing. It is so much bigger than that. It provides the stressed and the weary with an outlet for emotion in a world where we are so often told to stifle and conceal our feelings.

After my graduation from Guerin Catholic, I attended New York University's Tisch School of the Art, one of the top undergraduate acting programs in the country. I can honestly say, without Guerin Catholic, none of that would be possible.

The Fine Arts Program at Guerin Catholic isn't just a director and actors, or a music director and singers or musicians. It's not a sit down and listen mentality. It lifts people up into their best version of themselves. It sets a challenge in front of you, and gives you the opportunity to meet it. It gives students an outlet and a canvas on which to create their own curriculum of growth. It creates the occasion for which you rise. It changed my life. It changed the lives of my fellow students. It changes lives now. And, it will continue to change lives.

Faculty Spotlight

Joey Garcia '07

Guerin Catholic Class of 2007
Marian University Class of 2011
Guerin Catholic Music Teacher

I remember vividly the moment that I knew that I was called to teach music. **Mr. Mark Duray** pulled me into his office and told me, "I am going to be out of the building in a couple of weeks and I need your help. There is an All-School Mass that will be happening while I'm out," he said this in a very Mark Duray-kind-of-way with a point of his finger and then said, "and I need you to lead Golden Voice for that Mass." My response "...OK, I'll do it." I didn't know exactly how to do it and honestly I was super anxious upon accepting the job, but it is going to work out because it was going to be the best I could do.

What I understood from being a student in those beginning years of Guerin Catholic was that there weren't a lot of students to begin with—my class of 2007 only had 23 graduates! I knew that when a teacher, coach or director asked me to do something, I humbly accepted the job knowing that if I didn't do it then it might not happen. Much like many of my mentors back then, Mark believed and encouraged me to serve at a pivotal time in my life.

During the proceeding rehearsals, I'm not exactly sure how they really went but in my head I was a complete wreck! I was trying to figure things out musically and leading the whole group at the same time as best I could. Even just trying not to trip over my words became a challenge. I felt exhausted after rehearsals, coming out with a racing heart rate and sweating profusely because of the anxiety. Even though it was all completely overwhelming, the Mass went well! After Mass was done I looked at how I helped lead by serving and I was hooked. In the midst of all the chaos, a teacher was born.

I like to look back on this moment for a couple of reasons. Leading like that was so tiring because I wanted to create a beautiful and meaningful experience through music during the most meaningful event for Catholics—experiencing Christ in the Eucharist in the Mass. Providing music at liturgies is one of, if not the most important thing that we do in the music department. We strongly believe that when creating truth in beauty in and out of the Mass undeniably warms people's hearts and moves our community. Secondly, I look back on this moment because it is so impactful when a student becomes empowered by realizing that the gift that he has is meant to providentially change the world. Empowering students is one of my favorite things to do as a teacher. Just as Mark Duray empowered me in that moment, we strive to continue to help students discern and empower them through opportunities in music.

Then . . .



. . . and Now

RockingOut@BallStateU

Guerin Catholic Music teacher **Joey Garcia '07**, and GC alumnus and current Ball State student, **Ryan Brinkworth '13**, organized a field trip for a group of Guerin Catholic students to Ball State's Music Media Production Studios in the spring. The session, which was part of Ryan's senior project, gave members of Guerin Catholic's House Band an opportunity to record some of their recent work. Throughout the school year, House Band had been practicing and performing for different sporting venues at Guerin Catholic and had developed an impressive repertoire. "The group and sound engineers did an awesome job collaborating together to make some spectacular music," said Garcia.



To view a video of their experience, visit GuerinCatholic.org/fine-arts.

Mission Trip

By Katie Gauker, Class of 2018
and Molly Spitznogle, Class of 2019



Costa Rica

Rainforests and waterfalls; culture and language; service and adventure: the perfect Spring Break! This past April, sixteen Guerin Catholic students embarked on the trip of a lifetime—spending ten days in the wildly beautiful country of Costa Rica. Students not only forged relationships with each other through various team-building activities, but also with the members of Sitio Mata, a small village outside of Turrialba, through a five-day homestay experience. During this time, the students learned what it was like to truly be a member of a Costa Rican family—speaking Spanish, eating local food, and making traditional crafts. By touring a local organic farm, students learned about the various crops grown in Costa Rica—including bananas, papaya, guava, sugar cane, macadamia nuts, and coffee! Students also had the opportunity to serve the community by helping with construction projects at the local church and soccer field—the two most important places in town! In the evenings, students immersed themselves in cultural activities such as cooking lessons and dance classes led by residents of Sitio Mata. Following the homestay experience, students channeled their inner adventurers through hiking, whitewater rafting, zip-lining, snorkeling, and surfing—and of course some much deserved rest and relaxation on the beach!

- ▶ **What do you feel you learned or noticed about yourself while you were in Costa Rica?**
I learned that I need to take more time to admire what’s around me instead of thinking about what else I have to do today. Costa Rica was so beautiful and it made me stop and realize how many problems I didn’t need to worry about. I think it helped me spiritually too because it was incredible to see how God was working in the community and in the Church where we helped during our service project.
- ▶ **Did you experience anything on the trip that helps you to see your home culture differently?** I did, especially in the homestays. Costa Ricans considered traveling going into the city, which was only 30 minutes away! They also had cold showers everyday, and I wasn’t used to that. It helped me appreciate my life so much more.
- ▶ **Did your feelings of studying a second language change during this trip? In what way(s)?**
Yes! This trip has inspired me to pay more attention in Spanish and I now want to learn the language as soon as possible. After being in Costa Rica, I realized I want to minor in Spanish in college, and I might even apply for the Indiana University Honors Program.
- Katie Gauker '18

- ▶ **What part of the Costa Rica trip made the biggest impression on you?**
I think that the biggest impression on me was just the different lifestyle. I always think that most people live exactly like the people in the United States. Houses, food and the lifestyle are very different compared to what it is at home.
- ▶ **What do you feel you learned about yourself while you were in Costa Rica?**
In Costa Rica I think I gained “skill” in culture. Culture is something that you can’t just read out of a textbook, you have to experience it and it is something that is hard to explain. I think the culture in Costa Rica is something that has no words and is completely different from something that I have ever experienced before.
- ▶ **Did you experience anything on the trip that helps you to see your home culture differently?** It helped me see that not everyone has the same structure of house and we are really blessed to have nice beds and things in our homes. My homestay wasn’t very fortunate to have all the things that I take for granted, such as a washing machine, air conditioning and warm water. Most of the time we expect these things to come to us from a push of a button.
- Molly Spitznogle '19

Welcome to The Nest



On August 11, Guerin Catholic opened its doors for its 13th school year to 191 incoming freshmen in the Class of 2020. Prior to the first day, freshmen attended

Nest Fest as their first class event of the school year. Seniors spent time with freshmen talking about what it means to be a Golden Eagle in areas of Faith, Academics, and Student Life Opportunities. Freshmen also attended their first All-School Mass on August 15. *Top: Current students welcome the Class of 2020 at Nest Fest in August. Bottom: First All-School Mass of the 2016-17 school year.*



Future Golden Eagles

Tuesday Tours November 1 | December 6

Parents are invited to join us during the school day! Plan to stay for around an hour to visit classrooms and tour the building. Arrive anytime between 8-9 am.

High School Placement Tests November 19 | December 3 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Golden Eagle for A Day Select dates available online

The Golden Eagle for A Day will give your 8th grade student the opportunity to spend a day attending classes, meeting other students and teachers, eating lunch in our cafeteria and experiencing high school life at Guerin Catholic.



Open House November 6, 1-3:30 pm

Join us at the Guerin Catholic High School Open House on **Sunday, November 6**. Kickoff is at 1 pm in the gym, followed by student or parent-led tours through our classrooms, Grotto, cafeteria, chapel, outdoor courtyard and more! Meet teachers and administrators while getting a first-hand look at our 72-acre campus. Observe GC students in action in the science lab or Fine Arts studios, and check out our many athletic, student life, and campus ministry opportunities. **All grades welcome!**

Financial Aid Deadline December 1

Application Deadline December 15

To register for our admissions events, or for more information, visit GuerinCatholic.org



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UPCOMING events

KEY DATES

Open House
Sunday, November 6

Community Service Day
Thursday, November 10

Because We Are Grateful
Tuesday, November 22

Alumni Mass and Breakfast ▶
Tuesday, December 20

Home for the holidays? Alumni are invited to an All-School Mass at 9 am and breakfast immediately following. More information and registration at GuerinCatholic.org.

