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#### COVER PHOTO

The 2021 version of a rosary painted on the Media Center walls was inspired by rosary artwork originally displayed on the concrete floor during construction of the 800 Academic wing from 2011-2014. Read more about the rosary artwork on page 13.

Photo credit: Mike Panasuk (2021), Sally Dallas (2013).

**“Tale as old as time, Song as old as rhyme . . .”**



The October 2021 Student Studio  
production of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*

Check out the Theatre Alumni flashback on pgs. 16-17

# God Needs Storytellers!

Guerin Catholic Staff Retreat

August 5-6, 2021

Deacon Rick Wagner

## Welcome Story

Dear Guerin Catholic Community,

My name is Deacon Rick Wagner and I am proud to serve as the President of Guerin Catholic High School, assuming the role in July of this year. If I look familiar, you may remember me as the former Principal of the school, serving in that capacity from 2007-2013. I am happy to be back! The school is as faith-filled and engaging as I remember and I am honored to return in this new role.

I was asked to lead the GCHS faculty and staff retreat in August. I focused on the theme, *God Needs Storytellers*. My goal was to encourage all of us to be active evangelists for the faith. After all, the baptized are called to “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.” (Mark 16:15) We might shy away from that responsibility by using excuses such as “I’m not holy enough” or “I don’t know enough scripture or theology.” However, we can honor the call to evangelize by simply sharing our stories, sharing with others how we have experienced Jesus Christ in our lives. We all have such stories—dramatic life-changing moments, special people in our lives that have revealed the face of Christ, or simple encounters when we felt God’s loving presence.

Whether you are an alum, a current or past parent, or simply a friend of the school, I hope Guerin Catholic has had a hand in providing such moments for you. Jesus Christ is alive in our school. We try our best to live by the words of St. Mother Guerin: “Love the children first, then teach them.” When we do that effectively, it becomes not a task or duty, but rather who we are. It allows us to make an impact and send young people out into the world to do the same.

That’s why we share our stories with you, and it’s why we call this publication *Impact Magazine*. We use it as an opportunity to tell our story, to show how our students, staff and alumni are spreading the love of Jesus Christ and making an impact on the world. It is an opportunity to bring goodness and beauty into a world that is in such desperate need of it.

Thank you for taking the time to read this issue of *Impact Magazine*. Please share the Guerin Catholic story with others!

May God continue to bless you and your family.

Peace,



Deacon Rick Wagner  
President



# Graduation Stories



## CLASS OF 2021

Guerin Catholic High School celebrated its 15th Commencement exercises on Friday, June 4, 2021 with an in-person, outdoor ceremony for its 187 graduates. The Class of 2021 earned over \$34 million in college scholarship awards with 25 percent of the class earning an International Baccalaureate diploma. Speakers at the ceremony included student Katie LaReau '21 and beloved Science Department Chair, Dr. Jeanine Conklin, who challenged and inspired countless Golden Eagles during her 14 year tenure at Guerin Catholic. Dr. Conklin left at the end of the 20-21 school year to teach chemistry at Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN.





## CLASS OF 2021 STUDENT COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

“Our class is filled with future engineers, doctors, politicians and business leaders who will inevitably be faced with the moral challenges that accompany these innovations. Thankfully, our learning here at Guerin Catholic has indeed been tempered by faith. These past four years we have started and ended every day in prayer, attended annual retreats, celebrated Kairos and all-school Masses, prayed in adoration, taken enriching theology classes, and ‘honored our inner monk’ with **Mrs. Reichardt**. We have indeed been formed well in our faith, and for that we should be very thankful. Our world is in desperate need of leaders who have faith in God and knowledge of truth and what is good and right. Let us continue to grow that knowledge and love of the Lord even outside of the walls of Guerin Catholic. The continuation of our faith formation is now in our hands.

With a strong faith, we can indeed be a light in this world. As we go into a world that is very much darkened by sin, let us allow the light of Christ to shine through us. The world needs more smiles like those of **Macy Lips** and **Lucy Banter** and more laughs like **Delaney Klee’s**. The light of Christ is infectious, so let’s spread it!

As we move on from Guerin Catholic, we are all going our separate ways, but we will always be a family. A good family prays for one another, so let’s continue to pray for each other especially as we take these next exciting but uncertain steps into a new chapter.

Class of 2021, our time here at Guerin Catholic has come to an end, but our lives are only beginning. Let us never forget how short our life is here on earth and live each day with our eternal destination in mind. And remember these words of St. Catherine of Siena: ‘Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.’” ■



“Hopefully you realize that all problems—expected or unexpected—have solutions. Rely on the solid foundations you have been given here at Guerin Catholic to guide your actions and your attitude. Be prepared, be kind, develop your minds, show courage and persevere, maintain integrity . . . Be the solution to life’s problems.”

DR. JEANINE CONKLIN

CLASS OF 2021 FACULTY SPEAKER



# Campus Stories



## WELCOME CLASS OF 2025

**200**

CLASS SIZE AT START  
OF 21-22 TRIMESTER 2

**79%**

CATHOLIC FAITH

**48%**

RECEIVED FINANCIAL  
ASSISTANCE

**31**

SENDING  
SCHOOLS

### TOP 5 SENDING SCHOOLS:

1. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
2. St. Maria Goretti
3. St. Louis de Montfort
4. Clay Middle School
5. Westfield Middle School

**59%**

CATHOLIC  
GRADE  
SCHOOLS

**41%**

PUBLIC/  
PRIVATE  
GRADE  
SCHOOLS

**2007**

CLASS OF 2025 FRESHMEN  
WERE BORN THE SAME YEAR  
AS GUERIN CATHOLIC'S FIRST  
GRADUATING CLASS!

Guerin Catholic welcomed the Class of 2025 with the return of traditions like Nest Fest, All-School Welcome Mass and Freshman Retreat at St. Mary of the Woods.

Welcome to the Nest Class of 2025—we can't wait to see you soar as Golden Eagles!







## LIFELONG LEARNING WITH NEW GC LEARNER ATTRIBUTES

Beginning with the 2021-22 school year Guerin Catholic introduced the **GC Learner Attributes**. GC Learner Attributes focus on the whole child with an emphasis on lifelong learning.

Faculty and staff are using the GC Learner Attributes throughout the school year to guide conversations in Kairos, classrooms and other activities to help build upon shared school culture. Each month there is a focus on a different attribute, highlighting how students model it already or where areas of growth can be.

*The Holy See's Teaching on Catholic Schools* states the purpose of Catholic education: "The specific purpose of a Catholic education is the formation of boys and girls who will be good citizens of this world, loving God and neighbor and enriching society with the leaven of the gospel, and who will also be citizens of the world to come, thus fulfilling their destiny to become Saints."

"We are preparing and forming these souls who have been entrusted to us, not just for our world today, but for so much more," said **Mrs. Christine Williams**, Assistant Principal and Director of Academics. "Each and every soul has an eternal plan and that is why at Guerin Catholic we have a philosophy of education that is focused on the development of the whole child. The GC Learner Attributes guide us daily both in and out of the classrooms at Guerin Catholic." ■

## GC LEARNER ATTRIBUTES

### BALANCED

We understand the importance of balancing different aspects of our lives—spiritual, intellectual, physical, and emotional—to achieve well-being for ourselves and others. We recognize our interdependence with other people and with the world in which we live.

### COMMUNICATOR

We express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways. We collaborate effectively, listening carefully to the perspectives of other individuals and groups.

### PRINCIPLED

We act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and rights of people everywhere. We take responsibility for our actions and their consequences.

### REFLECTIVE

We thoughtfully consider the world and our own ideas and experience. We work to understand our strengths and weaknesses in order to support our learning and personal development.

### FAITHFUL

We know that we are created in the image and likeness of God, who calls us to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in the world. We dedicate time to prayer and study to discern God's will for our lives and strive to be servant leaders in the world.

### THINKER

We use critical and creative thinking skills to analyze and take responsible action on complex problems. We exercise initiative in making reasoned, ethical decisions.

### CARING

We show empathy, compassion and respect. We have a commitment to service, and we act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us.

### KNOWLEDGEABLE

We develop and use conceptual understanding, exploring knowledge across a range of disciplines. We engage with issues and ideas that have local and global significance.

### OPEN-MINDED

We critically appreciate our own cultures and personal histories, as well as the values and traditions of others. We seek and evaluate a range of points of view, and we are willing to grow from the experience.

### RISK TAKER

We approach uncertainty with forethought and determination; we work independently and cooperatively to explore new ideas and innovative strategies. We are resourceful and resilient in the face of challenges and change.

### INQUIRER

We nurture our curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research. We know how to learn independently and with others. We learn with enthusiasm and sustain our love of learning throughout life.



# BEAUTY AND THE BIKE

In February of 2021, Adrian DeBoy, Department Chair of Guerin Catholic High School's English Language Arts Department, was one of 101 educators across the State of Indiana to be awarded a Lilly Endowment Teacher Creativity Fellowship. Created in 1987, the Endowment's Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program gives Indiana's K-12 educators the encouragement and financial support to renew their commitment to their profession.



Owen, Maxwell, Megan, and Adrian DeBoy after kayaking Sechrist Lake (L) and on Dune Climb in Sleeping Bear National Recreation Area (R).





DeBoy has two years, rather than the customary one, to fulfill his proposal: “Embracing Beauty in Conservation, Creation and Conversation.” This entails commuting to school by bicycle, traveling with his wife, Megan, and two sons, Owen and Maxwell, to the State of Washington and back for 45 days of hiking, camping, and biking while reconnecting with distant friends and family, and promoting with students a “Bike to School Day” at Guerin Catholic through a student club.

With more time to realize the proposal, DeBoy scaled back the camping leg of the journey for the summer of 2021. “This past summer we camped and cycled up and down the Blue Star highway along Lake Michigan. Next summer, we’ll head to Bellingham, Washington by way of Colorado and Oregon and return through Montana and Minnesota.”

On the cusp of spring, eager to resume commuting by bike, DeBoy dusted off his 2006 Specialized Hard Rock on a 20 degree morning and began completing the 4.5 mile commute three days a week. “As I noted in my proposal, the timing was Providential. The city of Carmel

had recently completed upgrades along Gray road. My two boys are in kindergarten and second grade, so they are no longer disappointed by or even noticing my departure, and Guerin Catholic’s later start time made the transition as smooth as can be.” By May he was up to four days a week, and in the new school year DeBoy has managed five days a week. “My goal is to bike unless ice or subzero weather makes it dangerous. It’s been so good. Seeing the budding trees and the onset of fall, the occasional deer or family of ducks, moonsets and sunrises—encountering creation is a revitalizing way to bookend a day.”

DeBoy’s daily bike commute elevates his energy and attitude, better equipping him to serve students. He also knows that stories from his upcoming adventures will trickle into his teaching. Story has always played a big role in his practice—from building relationships, to providing comic relief, to anchoring a key concept in metaphor, or in an emotional response best evoked through anecdote. “One of the Guerin Catholic Learner Attributes is risk taker. With early attempts at the timed essay, I’m not asking students to take the same risk, but I am encouraging them to more consciously take a process-related or rhetorical risk with some sense of the reward it could reap. To punctuate this goal with an anecdote, I might ask kids to avoid, for example, taking an unconscious risk like, as a hypothetical example, that of some teacher biking through a forest north of Michigan’s Sleeping Bear Dunes, dressed in black and green, oblivious that it’s hunting season. The reward of looking all chic in green isn’t worth it, and he’s not even aware that he’s taking a risk at all. This is like the student submitting a timed essay with 25 minutes to spare. Why not instead risk over gathering evidence, or overplanning the scope and sequence of ideas, or over annotating the featured excerpt, or spending too long developing the body so that there’s not enough time for a conclusion or to proofread? Don’t be that guy in green biking amongst hunters! Take a strategic risk!”

Of course, God is the source of all beauty, and DeBoy is grateful for the varied abundance of beauty he has encountered in the community of Guerin Catholic over the past nine years and in the parents, colleagues, and students throughout his twenty years of teaching. He is also grateful to the Lilly Creativity Program for affording him and his family opportunities to encounter varied forms of beauty. God-willing, the adventure will help fuel another twenty years of teaching and lead to a constellation of goodness here and elsewhere. ■







## BOYS LACROSSE

# A SEASON TO REMEMBER

The 2021 boys lacrosse team will be remembered for years to come as the 1A state champion, as well as finishing with a 13-4 record and capturing the the Circle City Conference championship for a second consecutive year. **Luke Abell '21** was named Guerin Catholic's 3rd US Lacrosse All-American and the group of **Raph Rainey '21**, **Luke Abell '21**, **Cooper Navarro '24**, **Thomas Berger '21**, **Charlie Stordy '22**, **Max McGreal '21** and **Joseph Lafiosca '21** were named either All-State or All-Class.

After a Final Four appearance in 2019 and a canceled season in 2020, the boys lacrosse team remained at the top of the rankings all year. The tournament run included wins over Park Tudor, #5 Heritage Christian and #2 ranked South Bend St. Joseph in the state championship.

The team is led by Head Coach **Charlie Barry** and his staff members **Joe Gillis**, **Mike Mewborn**, **Rob Causey**, **Spencer Weller '14** and 2021 IHSLA Assistant Coach of the Year **Wally Schaefer**. ■





## SOFTBALL

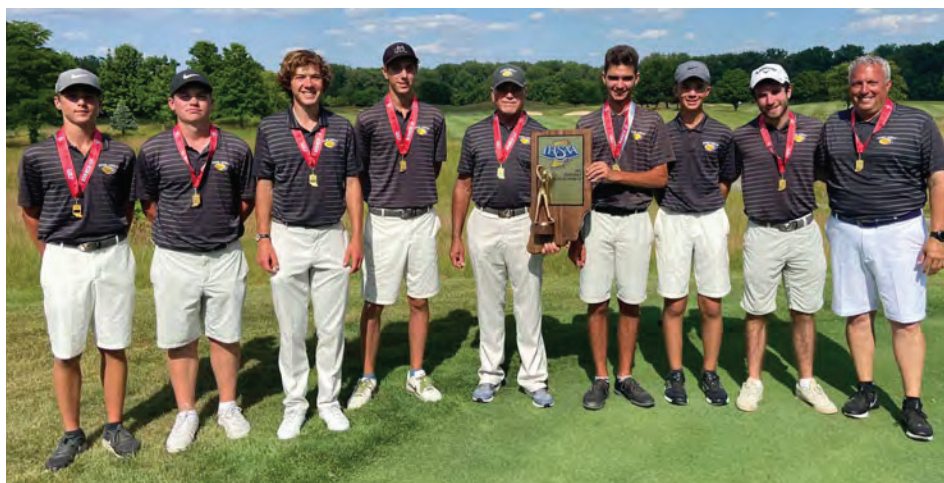
### CLASS 3A STATE RUNNER-UP

The softball team, led by Coach **Jeff Buckner**, made a dazzling run through the State Tournament and finished as the Class 3A State Runner-up at the State Finals in June. Buoyed by the stellar pitching of Hamilton County Co-Players of the Year **Alicia Flores '21** and **Izzy Kemp '22** and the play of fellow IndyStar Super Team members **Aliyah Dorsey '21**, **Ana Macha '21** and **Victoria Flores '21**, the Golden Eagles outscored their opponents 230-21 in 28 games. The team finished the best season in school history with a 25-3 record with all 3 losses coming to State Champions. ■

## BOYS GOLF

### STATE RUNNER-UP

Coach Mark Mathews and the boys golf team wrapped an unprecedented year in 2021 as the team won 8 tournaments, including the Circle City Conference, the State Preview held at Prairie View and Hamilton County. The team went 11-1 in 18 hole matches, spent much of the year ranked #1, won the Regional Championship



for the first time and finished runner-up at the IHSAA State Championship. The team was led by **Ben Burgan '21**, **Jack Sciaudone '21**, **Christian Hein '21** and **Andrew White '21**. The team had terrific play from underclassmen as well as **Connor McNeely '22**, **Jacob Modleski '23** and **Leo Wessel '24** all contributed in significant ways throughout the year. ■

## CLASS OF 2021 COLLEGE COMMITMENTS

The Class of 2021 had 13 student-athletes commit to play a sport in college:

**Austin Callahan** University of Dayton Cross Country  
**Elijah Edwards** Olivet Nazarene University Football  
**Kaleb Edwards** IUPUI Men's Basketball  
**Victoria Flores** Lee University Softball  
**Ellen Gardner** DePauw University Women's Tennis  
**Ana Macha** Lee University Softball  
**Quincy McMahon** UCLA Women's Soccer

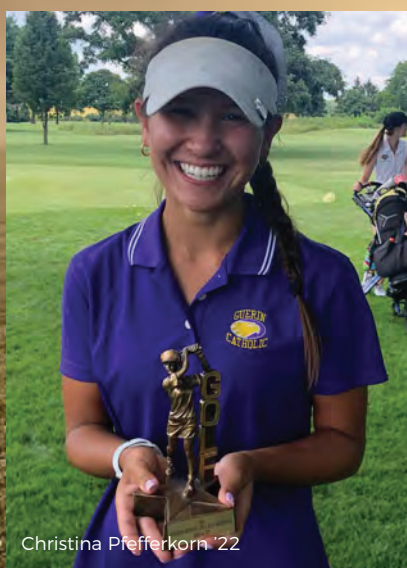
**Cole Metzger** DePauw University Men's Tennis  
**Gavin Morrow** Belmont University Cross Country  
**Lukas Pinon** University of Chester (UDA Soccer)  
**Jack Sciaudone** University of Evansville Men's Golf  
**Andrew White** Purdue University Men's Golf  
**Matthew Wright** St. Norbert College Men's Soccer



# Athletics Stories



Angelica Pfefferkorn '20



Christina Pfefferkorn '22



## GIRLS GOLF PFEFFERKORN SISTERS SET STANDARD FOR SUCCESS

Guerin Catholic graduate **Angelica Pfefferkorn '20** and sister **Christina Pfefferkorn '22** have been instrumental in the rise of the girls golf program over the past several years. Angelica finished 8th overall at the 2019 IHSAA Girls Golf State Finals and was a key contributor to the first State Finals appearance for the girls golf team in 2018. She also earned the 2020 Guerin Catholic Female Athlete of the Year award. Angelica is now playing at Oklahoma State where she earned the distinction of the 2021 Academic All Big 12 Rookie team with a 4.0 in Pre-Med Studies.

Christina wrapped up her Guerin Catholic golf career this past October at the IHSAA State Finals where she became the first student-athlete in school history to compete in the State Finals four years in a row. During the 2021 season, she finished as the medalist on 8 separate occasions with a 75.0 scoring average. While her college plans are undecided, her humble, yet competitive approach will leave a legacy on the girls golf team for years to come. ■



## COVER STORY: ROSARY ART

The Guerin Catholic Art Club was busy this summer painting a beautiful rosary around the walls of the Media Center. The rosary artwork was inspired by a similar rosary painted on the concrete floor of the 800 academic wing when it was built nearly ten years ago (see below). “During the final stages of construction of the 800 academic wing, students and staff painted a rosary with scripture verses on the concrete floor. They walked the halls saying the rosary to pray for the funds to complete the academic wing project,” said **Mrs. Marcia Murphy**, Media Specialist and Director of Fine Arts. “The rosary was eventually covered when carpet was installed. Telling the story of the matching rosaries lets current students know about the new rosary’s connection to the past. They may not know that the floor rosary still exists under the carpet where they walk daily to their classes in the 800 wing.”

## Stories of **Gratitude**

*Current and past Art Club members and faculty (top) Mrs. Beth Wagoner and Shaelyn Bulger '18, and (bottom) Sophie Adolay '24, Bailey Freese '24, Mrs. Stephanie Ganser and Lauren Wolfe '23 paint rosary beads using a hula hoop as a bead template around the walls of the Media Center. Painters not pictured include Sophie Allen '24, Kassidy Bell '24, Emily Demmings '23, Kait Gallagher '23, DJ Hinkle '24, Delaney McNamara '22, Micaela Mitchell '17, Meg Powers '22, Annabelle Snyder 25, Jonathon Snyder '23, and Lauren Wagoner '20.*



## FLASHBACK STORY: NOVEMBER 23, 2011

## 800 ACADEMIC WING GROUNDBREAKING

In 2011-12, Guerin Catholic had a growing enrollment and was in need of additional academic classrooms. On November 23, 2011, the Guerin Catholic community gathered for the groundbreaking of a new academic wing (see photo right). Classrooms in the existing 700 academic wing were being utilized as well as portable, temporary classrooms on campus. The new east 800 academic wing was completed in August 2014, adding 24 classrooms to the campus map.



*L-R then-Principal Deacon Rick Wagner, Bishop Timothy Doherty, Kaitlyn (Kennedy) McMackin '12, Alli (Kenney) Vanneman '12 and former President Deacon Paul Lunsford.*



# Stories of Gratitude

A NIGHT OF GRATITUDE

## 2021 GUERIN CATHOLIC GALA

Thank you to the sponsors and attendees of the 2021 Guerin Catholic Gala *A Night of Gratitude* on May 1, where the Guerin Catholic family came together to celebrate its mission and honor **Bill and Caroline Godfrey, Mark Duray, Leona Chianello** and **Joe Garcia '07** with the Bishop William L. Higi Leadership Award.

Thank you again for your support and love for Guerin Catholic High School! Join us for the 2022 Guerin Catholic Gala *Together We Soar* on Friday, February 11 at the Ritz Charles in Carmel.



2021 Bishop William L. Higi Leadership Award Recipients (Top L-R) Bill and Caroline Godfrey (Community Award); Mark Duray (Community Award); (Bottom L-R) Leona Chianello (Faculty/Staff Award), and Joe Garcia '07 (Alumni Award). Presenting with each award recipient is Deacon Rick Wagner, President (L), and Mr. James McNeany, Principal.

## GUERIN CATHOLIC GALA

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2022

LIVE MUSIC WITH *THE BISHOPS* | HIGI AWARD PRESENTATION | SILENT & LIVE AUCTIONS  
OVER 21 EVENT | GAMING LICENSE #011615 REFERENCE 155236



# Stories of Gratitude



Dear Guerin Catholic Community,

It is with a humble heart that I share with you and *thank you* for the extraordinary giving results for the fiscal year 2020-21 in support of Guerin Catholic

High School. During a year that was truly unprecedented, our community united as one, pivoted (so many times), persevered and stood strong, while being guided by our faith to continue our mission.

As true Golden Eagles, we soared through the turbulent winds of a global pandemic thanks to your generosity, love and prayers. Your gifts have positively impacted our students and their families by providing the much-needed tuition assistance and support for student life experiences, which were both in-person and virtual for the first time in our school's history. Who knew that "Zoom" would be such a big part of our vocabulary and way of life? We made the best of it and found blessings along the way!

Your gifts also supported one of our most critical resources—our Guerin Catholic faculty and staff—who are committed to providing the highest quality of teaching and learning. They are dedicated to our promise to *"Love the children first, then teach them"* (St. Theodore Guerin).

We ask for your continued prayers and support for the 2021-22 school year. There is still a high demand to continue the impactful work that makes our school accessible to all families seeking an authentic Catholic education. That work would not be possible without your help.

We pray for your health and safety in the year ahead. May God continue to bless you and your family.

St. Theodore Guerin—Pray for Us!

With Gratitude,

Lori Norris  
Vice President of Institutional Advancement



Thank you for all of your support and love for Guerin Catholic!  
**SCAN TO VIEW THE 2020-21 ANNUAL REPORT OF GIFTS**



## PROVIDENCE FUND ANNUAL DINNER KICK OFF

The Providence Fund dinner on September 22nd kicked off Guerin Catholic's Providence Fund (annual fund) and raised over \$445,000 towards the \$1.5 million 2021-22 goal to support tuition assistance, faculty and staff salaries and professional development, and student life experiences such as retreats and convocations. "In order to keep the cost of tuition stable and meet the operational needs of the school, we must raise nearly \$1.5M this year through the Providence Fund and other fundraising efforts," said **Deacon Rick Wagner**, President.

## NEW! LEADERSHIP GIVING SOCIETIES

Guerin Catholic Giving Societies are comprised of donors with cumulative annual gifts of \$1,000 or more to the Providence Fund and/or SGO. Leadership donors at the following levels receive an invitation to an annual Mass and breakfast with Guerin Catholic President, Deacon Rick Wagner. If you have questions about these new Leadership Giving Societies, please contact **Lynn Spartz**, Director of Annual and Corporate Giving, at [lsparz@guerincatholic.org](mailto:lsparz@guerincatholic.org).

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**ST. GABRIEL SOCIETY (MESSENGER)** \$2,000 - \$4,999

**OUR LADY OF PROVIDENCE SOCIETY** \$1,000 - \$1,999

**ST. JOSEPH SOCIETY PLANNED GIVING SOCIETY**  
*Legacy gifts through bequests and other planned gifts*



**SCAN TO GIVE TO THE  
2021-22 PROVIDENCE FUND**



## PROCLAIMING BEAUTY

# DEAR THEATRE ALUMNI:

**“God saw all that he had made, and it was very good” (Gn 1:31)**



Reflecting on the beauty of Guerin Catholic theatre over the last 17 years, it is really quite amazing to recall all of the amazing shows that have been written, directed, and performed all in our small cafetorium! So many shows, so many students, so many memories.

When I think back, many times I was flying by the seat of my pants. Although I have been in the arts all my life, Guerin Catholic provided the first opportunity for me to direct a show. During those early shows, I was so focused on the “*what*”—the acting, dancing, singing, building and performing—that I never took time to reflect on the “*why*.” When I became the Director of Fine Arts in 2018, I stumbled upon St. John Paul II’s 1999 *Letter to the Artist*. Over the last few years, I have spent time each week contemplating parts of this letter. The letter has not

only inspired me, but given me a better understanding of why what we do in art, music, and theatre is so important to a Catholic education and to the world!

Alumni—let me tell you now what I wasn’t capable of telling you then: You were creating beauty! Together we dipped our feet in the [...infinite Ocean of beauty where wonder becomes awe, exhilaration, unspeakable joy.]<sup>1</sup> St. Augustine said it best, “*Does God proclaim Himself in the wonders of creation? No. All things proclaim Him, all things speak. Their beauty is the voice by which they announce God, by which they sing, “It is you who made me beautiful, not me myself but you.”* In writing, directing, or performing in one of these shows you were able to participate in one of the greatest gifts that God shares with us—the ability to create! “With loving regard, the divine Artist passes on to the human artist a spark of his own surpassing wisdom, calling him to share in his creative power.”<sup>2</sup> By allowing us to create God shares some of the power He used when called the universe into being from the darkness. We were actively involved with the divine and we didn’t even know it!

Maybe after graduation from Guerin Catholic, you didn’t go on to become a great painter, a member of a band, or a performer on Broadway, but every day you have the opportunity to continue to participate in this great gift. In whatever career you landed, you create more than you realize. You cook, you sing, you take photos, and many of you have had children. Having a child allows you to reflect on the act of creation in a different way. And with your children, whether you know it or not, you help them participate in the act of creating beauty. I know it because I see it when you post videos of your children singing, post recital photos, or re-create scenes from their favorite movies! I love to see this legacy of creation continue with your children. It is truly the beauty that the world longs for.



Marcia Murphy  
Director of Fine Arts

<sup>1</sup> “Letter to Artists, (April 4, 1999): John Paul II.” Letter to Artists, (April 4, 1999) | John Paul II, April 22, 1999. [https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/letters/1999/documents/1999\\_04\\_22\\_let\\_23041999\\_artists.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/letters/1999/documents/1999_04_22_let_23041999_artists.html).

<sup>2</sup> *ibid.*





# THEATRE *throwback*

17 YEARS | 56 SHOWS AND COUNTING ...



## GUERIN CATHOLIC FINE ARTS SHOWS

Godspell (2005)  
 Women of Lockerbie (2005)  
 Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (2006)  
 Curtain Call (2006)  
 A Midsummer's Night Dream (2007)  
 Pirate's of Penzance (2007)  
 Final Dress Rehearsal (2007)  
 Jesus Christ Superstar (2007) **1**  
 Boys Next Door (2008)  
 West Side Story (2008) **2**  
 2112 (2008)  
 Dearly Beloved (2009)  
 Godspell (2009) **3**  
 Dames at Sea (Dec 2009) **4**  
 Radium Girls (2010)  
 Seussical (2010)  
 Who's Tony (2010)  
 Our Town (2011)  
 The Music Man (2011) **5**  
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# Alumni Stories



## KATIE (STARK) MORAN '10

### FOCUS Missionary at University of Alabama

One of my all-time favorite quotes is, “If you are who God created you to be, you will set the whole world on fire” by St. Catherine of Siena. Choosing to go to high school at Guerin Catholic was the beginning of me saying yes to being who God made me to be. I vividly remember the very first day of my freshmen year. My dad drove me to school and when we pulled up to the entrance I told him I didn’t want to get out of the car. I can’t imagine what my life would look like today if he hadn’t encouraged me to step out of the car and walk into the building. It was within Guerin Catholic’s walls that my heart for God and others developed. I found peers, my best friends to this day, that had different strengths and weaknesses than me, but challenged me to be the best version of myself. My worldview was slowly changed from facing internally to externally. The values that teachers exemplify to students, namely **Mrs. Shelley Horn’s** compassion or **Mrs. Marcia Murphy’s** joy, and the numerous service opportunities like the Because We Are Grateful day helped form this worldview. By the time I walked across the stage to be handed my diploma, I found myself asking questions to God like, “Why am I here today? What do you want me to do today to serve you? How do you want me to do it?”

These questions led me to ultimately taking a big detour from the plans I had after college (pursuing a Masters in Counseling), to instead saying yes to serving as a FOCUS Missionary. FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) is a Catholic collegiate outreach whose mission is to share the hope and joy of the gospel with college students. Through Bible studies, outreach events, mission trips, and one-on-one discipleship, missionaries inspire and build up students in the faith, teaching them how to share the good news.

## FOCUSED ON OUR MISSION

By Katie (Stark) Moran '10



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Students encounter many learning experiences during the college years, but the biggest growth often transcends that which students learn in a classroom. During these critical years of identity formation and personal growth, college students are looking for meaning and purpose to their lives. Students are experiencing true freedom for the first time, and are faced with big decisions. This is also the time in people's lives where they start asking important questions: "Who am I? What do I want to do with my life? What do I believe?"

"If you are who God created you to be, you will set the whole world on fire." I desire to help college students discover who God made them to be and become the best version of themselves, just like Guerin Catholic did for me. We live in a world that is thirsting for authenticity, for beauty, for truth. Our world has a thirst that can only be quenched by something that touches the deepest longing in our hearts: to know and be in relationship with God.

One thing I've always kept close to my heart is the story of our patroness, St. Theodore Guerin. Although she was born in France, she was convicted by her love for Christ to come to the great state of Indiana, a place she had never been, to serve a people she wasn't perfectly prepared to serve. Coming to Alabama, I felt the same way. Looking at the courageous example of Mother Guerin, I knew that I was capable of doing great things for God. My time at Guerin Catholic prepared me to be like her, a woman of courage, determination, and compassion. No matter what I came across, whether a student experiencing an unplanned pregnancy to another who was trying to understand where God fit in their life, I knew God was there providing for me just like He did with St. Theodore Guerin.

Through FOCUS I met my amazing husband, Joe. We reside in Tuscaloosa, Alabama where I serve as the FOCUS Team Director at the University of

Alabama (Roll Tide!). Six months into our marriage, we began trying to grow our

family with no success. For a few years we embraced many doctor's appointments, lifestyle changes, and a few surgeries to try and get to the root of what was wrong. It was a season of praying, crying, doubting, and declaring promises with faith. My time at Guerin Catholic was instrumental in teaching me who the person of Jesus is and how to have a relationship with Him. Because of this I had the foundation to make it through one of the hardest seasons I had ever experienced.

Eventually, Joe and I started to research, read, and google about all things adoption. The more we learned and prayed about adoption, it seemed as if we were stepping into this incredible, beautiful story that God had already written for us. In December 2019, we grew our family through domestic newborn adoption. In truth, God has blessed me with the family I had always hoped for. He has shown me that His plan is truly the best. In the times I'm tempted to doubt God's plan, I just walk over to Xavier and give him a big kiss on his squishy little cheek. If things had gone the way I wanted initially in our marriage, he wouldn't have ended up in our lives. After adopting Xavier, we knew that we would enter the adoption process again. We believe love makes a family, and our family has so much room to grow and more love to give. We are currently in the process of working towards adopting a second child!

I am genuinely grateful for my time at Guerin Catholic. While there are many things I could say, I will simply close with this: I don't think that I am yet fully the person that God has made me to be, but I am on my way. The education and formation that I received at Guerin Catholic undoubtedly enabled me to begin boldly down the path of becoming that person. ■





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## FROM GUERIN CATHOLIC TO FOCUS CAMPUS MISSIONARIES



### DENZEL CAMPBELL '12

#### FOCUS Missionary at West Virginia University

Since graduating from Marian University in 2016, Denzel has served full-time with FOCUS at West Virginia University. He credits the relationships he had at Guerin Catholic for leading him down this path. “The Guerin Catholic maintenance staff, the choir director, the librarian, the lunch lady, the principal, the president, the Chaplain, and the student who invited and brought me to the local youth group were all missionaries who (whether they knew it or not) changed my life. Guerin Catholic has always been oriented towards the faith! As a missionary, I tell the testimony of my faith on a regular basis and my time at Guerin Catholic is basically where that story was propelled into my life of faith.”



### DREW COBB '17

#### FOCUS Missionary at Grand Valley State University

Drew Cobb '17 is a 2021 graduate of DePauw University with a BA in English (Writing) and a Minor in Film Studies. He currently serves as a FOCUS missionary at Grand Valley State University (MI). He's thankful for the Guerin Catholic community for continuing to be a beacon of faith in the world. “I always speak about my Guerin Catholic experience when I talk about my journey now as a FOCUS missionary. The best thing GCHS ever did for me was put me in front of Jesus fully present in the Eucharist, as well as surround me with faithful and spiritually supportive faculty and friends. My time in college was made stronger by the knowledge that relationship with God and holy friendships were essential to my success as a man and disciple of Christ, and I don't think I would be a missionary today if it weren't for these experiences I was so blessed to have at Guerin Catholic.”



### MATTHEW '17 AND REILEY (HARRINGTON) '17 GODFREY

#### FOCUS Missionaries at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis

Matthew, a 2021 graduate of DePauw University, and Reiley, a 2021 graduate of the University of Dayton, joined FOCUS as missionaries at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis (IUPUI) in the Fall of 2021. Their goals while on campus are to invite students into a relationship with God and help them share the good news with others through Bible studies, individual mentorship, retreats, mission trips, and more. “It is such a blessing to serve college students through FOCUS. Please keep us in your prayers!”





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