

ater Dei has been blessed with a support community of faithful, caring, and generous people whose commitment to Catholic education has strengthened our promise to educate, foster faith, and develop gospel values. With the support of so many, we are able to continue providing the opportunity for the young men and women of our area to become a part of the tradition of academic excellence at Mater Dei.

This Annual Report is our opportunity to express our gratitude to all those alumni, parents, friends, faculty, and students who helped make this past year so successful. The listing of all who impacted Mater Dei last year is a complex task. If we have omitted you or someone you know from our lists enclosed, please accept our sincerest apologies. Thank you again for your continued support and generosity, and with great pride we present the 2020-2021 Mater Dei Catholic High School Annual Report.

MATER DEI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL 2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT

State of the School

Dear Friends of Mater Dei Catholic High School,

Wow! What a year-and-a-half we just completed. Closing and to postpone the 2020-2021 school year, I have a great sense of contentment and satisfaction for the blessings upon us that helped us through the unprecedented time in our history. With all the challenges the pandemic brought this year, we were fortunate to be able to provide a quality Catholic education to all our students, through the efforts of our dedicated and professional faculty and staff. They adapted their teaching approaches and everyday duties to allow in-person instruction all year long, as well as streamed lessons for those students who needed to be in a more controlled environment.

In this annual report are listed the names of those who donated to the annual fund drive, scholarships, restricted gifts, in-kind gifts, and more. I sincerely thank those donors, without whom our efforts to provide a quality Catholic education would not be possible. Mater Dei's financial future looks bright, as your support, both through prayer and financial backing, has been remarkable!

The Mater Dei community wishes Dave Kohnen, '71, a 26-year faculty member, girls' basketball coach, and girls' cross country coach, good luck as he enters the world of retirement. I would also like to thank and extend our best wishes to Debbie (Fischer) Wilke, '77, who also, after 26 years of service to our school community in the office, retired as of June 2021.

I would also like to acknowledge two retiring board members: Paul Klostermann, '03, who served on the school board as the finance committee chair, and Matt Rakers,' 78, who served on the Foundation board, the last two years as president. These two men served our school community and represented their parish communities with professionalism and class.

As I reflect on the 2020-2021 school year, I realized what a wonderful story we have to share with the whole community. The hard work of both students and faculty has resulted in successes both in and out of the classroom. The mission of Mater Dei is being lived by our students and staff. Please be assured that our students are working hard to reach their goals

and to prepare themselves to become future leaders of their respective church and civic communities.

MISSION EFFECTIVENESS

A key to our comprehensive program is to develop a sense of service and alms giving in all of our students. Members of each class are expected to provide a part of their time to others through service, capped off by the Senior Service Project. Mater Dei students teach in local PSR classes, participate in the Big Brother/Big Sister program, adopt a mission and donate each week to that cause (over \$10,000 raised this year!), hold food drives, coat drives, and toy drives, all for others. Students in our St. Vincent de Paul Society chapter organize and direct the student mission projects and special collections for local needs. Our Teens for Life group continues to promote activities which highlight LIFE.



Debbie Wilke, right, hands over the keys to the office to Shelly Ritzheimer, left, who has been hired as Mrs. Wilke's replacement. The Mater Dei community wishes Mrs. Wilke best wishes for a happy retirement!

State of the School (continued)

SCHOLARSHIP

The academic success of our students continues. Mater Dei inducted 53 new members into the National Honor Society, had 14 seniors named Illinois State Scholars, and averaged over 48% of the student body on the Honor Roll. The Class of 2021's average ACT test score was 24.4, outscoring the national average by 3.3 points!

Mater Dei continues to walk with each student and his or her parents through our Campus Ministry, Academic Advisement office, Parent Portal, TEAMS and Schoology, and our peer tutoring program. Members of the Class of 2021 were offered over \$9,000,000 in scholarship money for their college education as a result of their high school experience. Our seniors are planning to attend 27 different schools across the country in the fall of 2021.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Last August, students were welcomed to a new and improved north parking lot, along with updated restrooms and improved Wi-Fi service throughout the campus. Classrooms were equipped with video streaming capabilities as well as Active Screens for each classroom. These upgrades allowed us to provide academic class in and out of the school building.

At the time of this writing, we are upgrading our track and circle drive, along with adding 35 new desktop computers for each classroom.

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

Our School Improvement plan is part of the Cognia accreditation process through which Mater Dei has been accredited for over 40 years.

Dual-credit classes, through the cooperation with Kaskaskia College, continue to offer our students an opportunity that cannot be gained in other area schools. Courses offered at Mater Dei for dual credit include English 101 and 102, Speech 103, Accounting, Advanced Computer Applications, Psychology 101, Psychology 103 and Child Development 101. Mater Dei has just been approved to offer dual credit through its Spanish Program, as well as Chemistry Honors and Chemistry II. Cisco IA and Cisco IB, Building Trades II, Small Business Management, and Weight Lifting have also offered students the opportunity to secure college credits during high school. Advanced Placement exams are offered in Spanish, Calculus, and American History.

STUDENT ACTIVITES

Students were limited due to the pandemic; however, we were able to stage *Blithe Spirits* and *Oklahoma!* as the fall play and traditional spring musical, respectively. This year our award-

winning Marching Knights competed virtually throughout the fall. The State of Illinois adjusted athletic schedules throughout the year, as the golf and cross country seasons were truncated, with very limited state tournaments. The basketball seasons for the ladies and men were scheduled in February and March, without a state tournament. The football and boys' soccer seasons were limited to March and April. Varsity cheerleaders, coached by Beth (Winkeler) Markus, '09, advanced to the IHSA virtual state finals during the shortened season. The girls' soccer team proved to be a force, once again, on the turf. In softball, the Knights were young and competitive, and the baseball Knights, under rookie head coach Jared Green, improved throughout the season but lost to the eventual state champions in the regionals. In track, coach Daniel Litteken, '04, saw two of his seniors Tommy Marron (800 meters) and Joe Goring (discus) qualify for the state track meet in Charleston. Marron medaled in the 800 meters. The Scholar Knights experienced success through the leadership of moderator, Scott Timmermann, '99. This group won the Clinton County Championship and the Catholic School Championship.

FINANCES

Please know how thankful we are for all the support we receive throughout the school year. The annual fund drive continues to grow, both in dollars and in participants. This is a great tribute to our entire school community. The support Mater Dei receives from local parishes is outstanding. Tuition for the 2020-2021 school year was \$5,651, and we thank everyone for helping us offer the best possible Catholic education at an affordable cost.

CHALLENGES

Just as the world adjusts to the new wave of COVID with the Delta variant, we, too, will adjust throughout the school year with the ever changing mandates and compliances and pray that with caution and care we will be able to keep in-person learning, activities, and athletics as "normal" as is allowed. The students, who have missed so much these past two years, are resilient and, along with their families and the Mater Dei community, we look forward to working with them to have a rewarding 2021-2022 school year.

Sincerely yours,

Dennis A. Litteken, Principal

Venni A. Littlew

The Honor in Memorials

What comes to mind when we talk about memorials for a loved one? The common memorials thought of are plaques, statues, or other objects. They are items for us to visit in memory of those who passed. Over time, memorials evolved and extended into the social media world such as Facebook where digital memorials allow for the collection of funds for a cause. I love this because it shows the selflessness of charity active in today's society.

Mater Dei's weekly faculty bulletin distributed in late March provided something that caught my attention. One of the daily reflections stated, "The root of all evils is self-centeredness; just as, on the other hand, the root of all virtues is charity" (Aelred of Rievaulx). What a powerful reflection when we think about the true message.

This past year has been trying for many. In the last year my husband and I lost both our grandparents within one week. As I spoke with many of their friends, they were filled with fond memories how loving and caring they were, always giving to the community. In their ending moments they left Mater Dei as their memorial wish. Their memorial donated \$2,000.00 to the Mater Dei Foundation, helping the sustainability of an education with Catholic values. When I thought about this, I

couldn't help but smile recognizing that their memorial was a last act that reflected exactly who they were... selfless and loving people who gave to others. What a wonderful way to remember them.

As we lose loved ones it is difficult to keep focused on God's plan amidst the grief. However, it is our faith that anchors us to push through. When you leave a memorial to the Mater Dei Foundation, you are not giving once. With the Foundation's process of investment of donations, you are giving a donation that leaves a lasting impression ... just like the memory of your loved on.

Thank you to all those families who named the Mater Dei Foundation as their memorial recipient. The selfless act of charity is how your loved one will always be remembered.



Amy Wobbe Planned Giving Coordinator Mater Dei Foundation

Memorials to the Mater Dei Foundation

*Ethel Albers Steve Balog

*Darlene Billhartz, '59

*Howard Boeckman, '59

Julaine Boeckmann, '62 *Monica Boeckmann Ronald Bottens

Eugene "Butch" Buehne **Dolores Cintalon**

*Barry Dixon

*Mary Eilermann

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*Gary Gerstner, '72

*Chuck Goestenkors

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*Harold Heinzmann Diane Hollenkamp David Huegen

*Andrew Huelsmann

*Lucille Hustedde

*Virgil Hustedde, '60 Barb Jansen, '75 Simon Kampwerth, Sr.

*Ken Keilbach

*Donald Koch

Charley Koerkenmeier

*Kevin Krebs Gene Kuhl, '59

Joan Lampe

Kathy Leimetter, '74

Rita Liening Martha Litteken

*Ruth Marquez

Michael Maue, '69

*Ann Mohesky, '63 Vera Netemeyer

*Rita Nordhaus, '59

Carole Nordike, '58 Bill Oertel

*Wilford Pendergrass

*Don "Duck" Perkes Karla Plage

Larry Pollmann, '65

*Betty Potthast Bill Rader

*Marvin Rakers

Jim Reilmann

Robert "Bud" Robben, '55

Robert Smith

Steven Street

*Annie Timmermann

Richard G. Timmermann **Drew Toennies**

*Jerry Toennies, '69

*Betty Usselmann

*Paul "Pete" Varel

*Jim Voss, '79

*Steve Voss, '77 Bill Walters

*Louis Wobbe

*Tom and Adrienne Wobbe

Joe Wojtowicz

Stanley Zarzecki

Memorials to Mater Dei Catholic High School

*David Hawthorne

*Harold Heinzmann

*Andrew Huelsmann

*Virgil Hustedde, '60

Barb Jansen, '75

*Ken Keilbach

*Dan Lampe, '58

*Ann Moheskey, '63

*Don "Duck" Perkes

*Annie Timmermann

*David Varel, '92

*Paul "Pete" Varel

*Steve Voss, '77

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^{*}Denotes deceased loved ones whose families named Mater Dei as a memorial recipient.

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Class of 1970

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Tanya Loepker
*Tricia Poettker
*Christian Schroeder
Kristen Von Bokel
*Kevin J. Voss
Ryan Winkeler

Class of 1994

*Paula Kampwerth
Travis Lewis
Ricky Loepker
Kara Lydon
Colleen McDermott
*Tracy Millard
Mindi Rickhoff
*Andy Zieren
Curt and Maria
Zurliene

Class of 1995

*Matt and Staci Becker
*Robin Dannegger
Nick Foppe
*Brennan Hitpas
*Lisa Napovanice
Jennifer Steinke

Class of 1996

Steve Wiegman

*Nathan Haselhorst
*Susan Heiligenstein
Mike Hustedde
Kurt Kalmer
Doug and Diane
Kuhl
Cheryl Luessenheide
*Troy Pingsterhaus
Jeff and Kate
Ripperda
*Aaron and Dawn
Rakers
Mark Rakers
*Brandon Wade

Class of 1997

*Jessica Andrews

John and Tammy
Beer
Jessica Dobrynski
Brad Eversgerd
*Eric Kues
*Tricia Litteken
*Shane Street

Class of 1998
Julie Bartel
John Becker
*Russell Budde
*Jason Fuehne
Diane Hodapp
*Bryan Holthaus
Angie Kohlbrecher
*Keith Langenhorst
Amanda Loepker
Matt Netemeyer
Karrie Rakers

Class of 1999

Melissa Becker

*Bryn Holevoet
Brad Jansen
Tim Koerkenmeier

*Jenna Kues
Sean Palas
Tammy Peters

*Nathan Porzukowiak
Dominie
Sabatino-Donat
Megan Sullivan
Scott Timmermann

*Julie Wade

Class of 2000

Lindy Camardella Abigail Jackson-Kuofie *Scott Wobbe

Class of 2001

Adam Barciszewski Lindsey Berry Beth Bohnenstiehl *Jennifer Budde Gail Haas Neil Kohnen Jason and Krystal Litteken Chris Poettker *Paul Rinella *Amanda Sauer

Class of 2002

Andy Buller
Joe and Brooke
Dierkes
Mia Friederich
Craig Heinzmann
* In Memory of
Sara Isaak
*Travis Koerkenmeier
Josh Mahlandt
Jon Rainey
Corey Richter
Ryan Voss
Jeni Wallenberg

Class of 2003

Jaclyn Albers Joel Beer Craig Benhoff *Dane Boeckman *Kyle Eversgerd *Blair Frank Eric and Michelle Gebke Chris Hemker *Allen Hodapp Paul Klostermann Brandon Knobeloch Lauren Melton Ienna Poettker *Bailey Rinella Alicia Uhring Randy Venhaus

Class of 2004

Jill Voss

Andy and Erica
Branz
Lauren
Heckenkemper
Stephanie Hemker
Braden Henze
Ben Hughes
Jill Klostermann
Chris Koentz
Luke Niemeyer
Angela Richter
*Keith and Kristen
Varel

Class of 2005

Colbey Voss

Amber Brooke
Devin
Heckenkemper
*Ryan and Shanna
Litteken
Courtney Mahlandt
Amy Ritzheimer
Josh Thole

Class of 2006

*Elizabeth Antonacci Patrick Connelly *Dustin Kehrer *Whitney Koerkenmeier Douglas Litteken Gavin Rehkemper Aaron Venhaus *Alex Wiegmann

Class of 2007

Casey Benhoff
Jacob Deiters

*Kelsey Eversgerd

*Lauren Gaudion
Ellen Huelsmann
Brittany Jansen
Bailey Rainey
Ryan Wiegmann
Alan Winkeler

Class of 2008

*Aaron Becker
Megan Benhoff
Samantha Connelly
Taylor Edmonds
Matt Feldmann
Patrick Henrichs
Blake Hudspeth
Erin Kasson
Emily Kohnen
*Kelsey Mack
*Haley Schnieder

Class of 2009

*Megan Frey
Stephen Gramlich
Hunter Hempen
*Robert Hoerner
Andrew Kampwerth
Jeremy Kueper
Laura Santel
Michelle Thole
*Justin Vonder Haar
Cortney Walker

Class of 2010

Carly Hovater
John Huelsmann
Brett Kruep
Leann Lohman
Morgan Pollmann
Nathan and Allyson
Vandeloo
Lacey Venhaus

Class of 2011

*Joey Deiters
Rocco Gonzalez
John Hampel
*Ian Heimann
Amanda Henrichs
Josh and Nicole
Hodges
Jacob Kampwerth
Savanna Maue
Zac Revermann
Cody and Karlie
Tebbe
Travis Timmermann
*Kaley Vonder Haar

Class of 2012

John Hemann
Kayla Hitpas
Corinne Holtmann
Alyssa Kampwerth
Lauren Koerkenmeier
Ally Pingsterhaus
Cody Ratermann
Nicole Ripperda
*Sarah Sudholt
Alex and Kristen
Toennies
Ellen Toennies
Abby Usselmann
*Alex and Larisa
Vandeloo

Class of 2013

Jordan Becker Clare Chiarolanza Luke and Emily Foppe Kelsey Hemann Maddy Hudspeth Kyle Kohnen Anna Lampe Connor Pollmann Clayton Rehkemper Kari Wiegmann Bailey Wilson

Class of 2014

Jessika Bossler Amanda Gall Philip Harper Nick Hitpas Reid Holtmann Danielle Kalmer Lexi Kohnen Anna Kuczka Heather Maue Walker Mondt Abby Niemeyer Blake Remmert Liz Sudholt Jared Thole

Class of 2015

Grace Chiarolanza Katie Foppe Elise Rainey Shannon Schuetz

Class of 2016

Tori Brokering Chandler Haake Joseph Heimann Will Kasson Kathryn Maue Clint Morris *Nick Pollmann Adam Rinderer Courtney Trame Ashley Vonder Haar

Class of 2017

Erica Hitpas Alyssa Ripperda

Class of 2018

Rachell Maue

Class of 2019

Abigail Brandenburger Caitlin Trame Dennis Trickey

Class of 2020

Zach Napovanice Troy Schroeder Katie Toennies

Class of 2021

Alex Brandenburger
*Spencer Gramann
Tyler Janota
Gavin Kampwerth

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*Anonymous AT&T *Anonymous Wells Fargo *Tony and Deb Antonacci Donald Becker Don and Beth Bedard *Jeanette Benhoff Arnie and Peg **Bodinet** Jim and Kathy Book Carol Carrillon *John Cavaletto *Clinton County Electric Coop *Community Bank of Trenton Kevin and Diane Connelly

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- *Beverly Conrad
- *Alvina Donnewald
- *Michael and Mary Kay Durbin
- *Jack and Mary Alice Etter
- *Excel Bottling Company
- Mary Lou Feldmann *Joe and Mary Lou
- Fischer *Mark and Rhonda
- Floyd *Ben and Linda
- Fuehne
- *Georgy Family Foundation
- *Christopher and Elizabeth Govero
 - Maryann
 - Grapperhaus
 - Jeff and Karen
- Greenstreet *Betty Gross
- *Germantown Trust
- and Savings Bank
- *Deron Haake Rich and Marcie
 - Hacker
 - Joe and Pat Hagen Barney Heiligenstein
 - Rich and Linda
 - Herbst
- *Mary Hogg
- Ron and Susan Holevoet
- *Nancy Housinger Agnes T. Huelsmann Andy Huelsmann
 - Marcellus and
 - Dolores
 - Huelsmann
- *Ray and Rose
- Husmann Tom and Jan
- Hustedde
- *Iim and Bernadette
 - **Jansen**
 - Millie Johnson
 - Jim Karpel

- **Doris Kauling** Kim Kimberlin Roman Kloeckner
- *Clarence and Ioan Kohlbrecher
- *Janet Kohlbrecher
- *Dolores Krebs Lavern and Rose Kuhl
- *Robert and Mary Kuper
- *James and Joanne Lampe
- *Ralph and Ruth Ann Langhauser
- Lucille Loepker
- *Marian Luebbers
- *George and Phyllis Marron
- *Iim and Kathleen McDermott
- *Scott Monette
- *Dave and Kathy Mulvin
- Joyce Niemann
- *Greg and Marie
- Niemeyer Lorene Niemeyer
- *Steve and Susan Normansell
- *Pat and Esther
- Norrenberns
- *Norb and Alice Pingsterhaus
- Ray and Judy Rainey
- *Lawrence Rakers
- *Mark Renschen
- R. Joe and Barb Richter
- *Dr. and Mrs. Renato Rivera
 - John and Angie
 - Schlimme Frances Schnieder
 - David and Cathie Schroeder
 - Roland and Carlene Schuhler
- *Andrew Schuler
- *Pete Schumacher

- *Ken and Neide Steiner
- Marge Tebbe
- *Joan Theising
- *Bill Timmermann Bob and Debbie
 - Vance
 - Glen and Norma
- Von Bokel *Barbara Voss
- *Ted and Laura Voss
- Richard Wagner
- *Andrew and Dana
 - Weh
- *Neal Welz
- Barbara Wick
- Cecilia Wilke
- Robert and Carolyn
- Wilson
- Andrew Winkeler Dorothy Zinn

Faculty

- Tammy Carroll Deb Foote
- *Christine Gramann Celia Kannell
 - Melissa Kunkle
- Dennis Litteken *Joe McNamara
- Vicki Moylan
 - Scott and Emily
- Timmermann *Rev. Charles Tuttle
- *Pam Zurliene

Staff

- Beth Grapperhaus Kathy Huelsmann
- Colleen McDermott
- Mary Miesner
- Donna Peek *Deb Ratermann
- Cristy Stone
- Bob Strieker Debbie Wilke
- Maria Zurliene

- Jaclyn Albers *Patrick Holtgrave
- *Keith Kampwerth
 - *Paula Kampwerth Paul Klostermann

School Board

- *Ioe Millard
- *Brian Patton
- *Roger Toennies

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- Kathy Dierkes
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- *Tricia Poettker
- *Matt Rakers
- *Lee Rinderer
- *David Schmitz
- *Amy Wobbe
- *Andy Zieren

Organizations

- *Bishop Althoff
- 4th Degree *Catholic Holy Family
 - Council #82-Breese Catholic Holy Family
 - Council #85-
- Beckemeyer *Knights of Columbus
 - Council
- #2869-Breese
- *Knights of Columbus Council #1580-
 - Highland
- *Poor Handmaids of
- Jesus Christ *St. Anthony-St Ann
- Sodality, Beckemeyer St. Anthony's Catholic
- Church, Oakdale, IL
- *St. Augustine Holy Name Society, Breese
- *St. Augustine-St. Monica
- CCW, Breese *St. Charles Borromeo
 - **DuBois**

Catholic Church,

- *St. Damian Church, Damiansville
- *St. Michael Church, Radom

Pastoral Leaders

- Deacon Stephen
- AuBuchon
- *Phyllis Berndsen
- *Rev. James Buerster
- *Rev. Iim Deiters
- *Fr. Adrian Fischer, O.F.M.
- *Deacon John Fridley
 - Deacon John
 - Hempen Sr. Linda Jansen,
 - SSND Deacon Linus
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- *Deacon Steve Lemons
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 - Rev. Dale Maxfield
 - Deacon John Mote Sr. Dorothy Niemann,
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 - Rev. Joseph Rascher Sr. Barbara Rupp,
 - **SSND** Rev. Edward
- Schaefer *Deacon Kevin
- Templin *Rev. Charles Tuttle

MATER DEI ANNUAL FUND DRIVE SUMMARY OF CLASS PARTICIPATION

Class year	No. Students		% class giving	No. gifts	Average gift	Class total
1955	52	5 13	10%	7 19	\$1,878.57	\$13,150.00
1956	40		33%		\$80.79	\$1,535.00
1957	50	5 8	10%	7 10	\$76.43	\$535.00
1958 1959	68 132	24	12% 18%	35	\$88.75 \$192.43	\$887.50 \$6,735.00
1960	127	19	15%	26	\$112.31	\$2,920.00
1961	133	24	18%	27	\$152.87	\$4,127.50
1962	140	36	26%	54	\$116.25	\$6,277.50
1963	150	35	23%	41	\$102.62	\$4,207.50
1964	190	32	17%	40	\$102.50	\$4,100.00
1965	234	43	18%	50	\$264.45	\$13,222.50
1966	246	35	14%	45	\$129.61	\$5,832.50
1967	270	23	8%	29	\$151.21	\$4,385.00
1968	286	42	15%	53	\$247.12	\$13,097.50
1969	289	33	11%	37	\$168.10	\$5,547.50
1970	281	34	12%	40	\$119.38	\$4,775.25
1971	254	25	10%	28	\$116.87	\$3,272.50
1972	212	25	12%	29	\$164.65	\$4,775.00
1973	209	30	14%	37	\$222.02	\$8,215.00
1974	185	30	16%	34	\$157.86	\$5,367.50
1975	197	28	14%	34	\$214.41	\$7,290.00
1976	177	33	18%	38	\$289.93	\$11,017.50
1977	166	30	18%	36	\$102.24	\$3,680.85
1978	164	39	23%	47	\$200.84	\$9,439.78
1979	169	38	22%	58	\$81.16	\$4,707.50
1980	159	26	16%	35	\$183.49	\$6,422.28
1981	163	29	18%	33	\$198.86	\$6,562.50
1982	172	34	19%	40	\$91.51	\$3,660.50
1983	150	24	16%	25	\$118.00	\$2,950.00
1984	164	25	15%	30	\$101.08	\$3,032.50
1985	149	17	11%	17	\$85.44	\$1,452.50
1986	150	25	16%	41	\$84.15	\$3,450.50
1987	157	20	12%	28	\$115.12	\$3,223.48
1988	174	22	12%	29	\$133.96	\$3,885.00
1989	139	15	11%	23	\$131.95	\$3,035.00
1990	151	15	9%	21	\$157.90	\$3,316.00
1991	146	10	7%	11	\$121.36	\$1,335.00
1992	125	7	5%	9	\$183.33	\$1,650.00
1993	155	9	6%	26	\$141.24	\$3,672.47
1994	149	10	7%	11	\$169.09	\$1,860.00
1995	143	7 13	5%	11	\$116.81	\$1,285.00
1996 1997	132 155	8	10% 5%	16 8	\$142.18 \$163.75	\$2,275.00 \$1,310.00
1997	131	10	7%	o 22	\$87.50	\$1,925.00
1999	113	11	9%	37	\$54.89	\$2,030.98
2000	146	3	2%	3	\$150.00	\$450.00
2001	147	9	6%	9	\$108.33	\$975.00
2002	152	12	7%	12	\$49.58	\$595.00
2003	139	17	12%	36	\$88.09	\$3,171.50
2004	149	13	8%	13	\$63.46	\$825.00
2005	146	6	4%	6	\$91.66	\$550.00
2006	115	8	7%	11	\$129.54	\$1,425.00
2007	128	8	6%	9	\$120.83	\$1,087.50
2008	106	9	8%	11	\$90.45	\$995.00
2009	128	10	8%	10	\$121.00	\$1,210.00
2010	124	8	6%	9	\$32.77	\$295.00
2011	132	14	10%	25	\$55.00	\$1,375.00
2012	123	15	12%	16	\$60.62	\$970.00
2013	124	12	9%	14	\$73.76	\$1,032.65
2014	107	14	13%	17	\$47.35	\$805.00
2015	109	4	3%	4	\$67.50	\$270.00
2016	112	10	9%	10	\$51.50	\$515.00
2017	118	1	1%	1	\$25.00	\$25.00
2018	99	1	1%	1	\$20.00	\$20.00
2019	95	3	3%	4	\$27.50	\$110.00
2020	108	3	2%	3	\$41.66	\$125.00
2021	99	4	4%	4	\$27.50	\$110.00
Friends		123		184	\$252.58	\$46,474.62

TOTAL \$270,845.86

Why Should I Make a Contribution to Mater Dei Catholic High School?

We are continually confronted with numerous appeals to consider when asked to make a contribution. In judging an appeal's effectiveness, we often deliberate on how much good and how many individuals it will benefit. We also ponder our own familiarity with a program and what percentage of the donation will actually be used beyond administrative costs. After all, we what our hard earned money to go as far as it can for those causes we want to support.

So what sets Mater Dei Catholic High School apart from the rest? Let's look at some of the unique aspects that make Mater Dei stand out. When the idea of Mater Dei was first proposed, no one could have imagined what Mater Dei would evolve into as a Catholic secondary high school: how its curriculum would fit the academic needs of students as they faced the challenges of an ever changing world; how its spirituality would develop questioning and sometimes even rebellious teenagers into mature, responsible, and influential leaders involved in their parishes; how its athletic and other extra-curricular activities would build integrity, shape character, and teach lasting values that would enhance our communities and nation.

Now in its 68th year, Mater Dei has produced a well-spring of graduates who have gone forth into the world in every conceivable vocation, occupation, career, and profession. Our students and alumni have made their own unique contribution to society and have lived the Mission that they first encountered at Mater Dei. For the greatest asset that they were taught and have brought to society is their quest to be of service to others.

Therefore, the answer to the question posed in the title of this year's letter is self-evident. We make a contribution to Mater Dei Catholic High School because the investment we have been making has paid tremendous dividends in our parishes, communities, and the nation. Let us be proud that we can continue to be part of what is the result of an education at Mater Dei Catholic High School because we chose Mater Dei as a recipient of our annual giving.

Donation options to Mater Dei and the Mater Dei Foundation:

- ANNUAL FUND DRIVE Educational Fund, Foundation, Student Tuition Assistance, and Capital Improvement
- MAJOR GIFTS \$250.00 or more
- PLANNED GIVING Planned gifts, deferred gifts, estate gifts
- MATCHING GIFTS
- EMPLOYEE GIVING Payroll deductions
- RECURRING ONLINE GİVING
- WILLS OR TRUSTS
- MEMORIALS
- SCHOLARSHIPS
- CASH ALTERNATIVES life insurance, annuities, stocks, real estate, farm property, art or business interests
- IRA DISTRIBUTIONS
- CHARITABLE ANNUITIES
- RETIREMENT BENEFITS

For three generations, Mater Dei has provided a caring environment in which students have been challenged to experience God in themselves and in others through a cultivation of respect and a commitment to service. Without the sustained dedicated support of our benefactors, Mater Dei could not accomplish its Mission and our parishes would not have the lay leadership they so drastically need.

And so, as we begin the 2021-2022 fundraising campaign, please know how much of an impact your generosity makes on what we are able to accomplish for this school. Our gratitude is immense. The outlook for Mater Dei is positive and productive with all of us contributing!

Fr. Chuck Tuttle

Antho Charles Juttle

Director, Office of Advancement

Gifts Made in Honor of

Dedicated Staff of MDHS Tom, '78, and Maribeth, '78, Detmer 60th Birthdays

Art and Sylvia Henken

- Carlyle Scholarship Larry, '64, and Rose, '66, Jansen

- 50th Wedding Anniversary

Anita Rakers, '59 – 80th Birthday Fr. Joe Rascher, '73 – 40th Anniversary of Ordination

Don Schomaker, '74 – Birthday

Gifts made in Memory of

Jean Becker Mary Kay Boeing, '61 Janice Buehne, '80 Sara Isaak, '02

David and Joan Neff George and Leona Richter Mary Ann Schmitz Andrew Wesselmann, '63

Class Gift

Antoinette Feldmann Estate

Two New Scholarships Announced

Mater Dei is excited to announce the creation of two new scholarships to help families who wish to send their children to Mater Dei be able to do so.

The first new scholarship is the Carlyle-Area Mater Dei Alumni Scholarship. It was created with the expectation that ten full-tuition scholarships per year would be awarded to students who graduated from Carlyle Junior High School and want to attend Mater Dei. The scholarships are renewable for four years. The Carlyle-Area Mater Dei Alumni Scholarship was established with the purpose to have MD alumni who graduated from Carlyle Junior High School or St. Mary Grade School help fund this scholarship to honor their parents who sacrificed to send their children to Mater Dei. It was because of these many faithful families in Carlyle and Breese that the decision was made to create a unified Catholic high school through the merger of

St. Mary High School and St. Dominic High School, forming Mater Dei Catholic High School in 1955.

Mr. Litteken stated, "It is important that Carlyle students continue to have a presence at Mater Dei. The exceptional generosity of Carlyle-area alumni will ensure that present and future Carlyle students are able to attend Mater Dei, regardless of family finances. We are truly grateful!"

The second new scholarship is the Juan Diego Helping Hands Scholarship which has been created to award scholarship money to area Hispanic students and their families who wish to send their children to Mater Dei.

For additional information regarding Mater Dei and the scholarship applications, contact Director of Enrollment Maria Zurliene at mzurliene@materdeiknights.org or Dennis Litteken at dlitteken@materdeiknights.org.

Please consider making a donation to one or both of these scholarships. We are blessed to have benefactors who have initiated the funding for both scholarships, but it will take the generosity of the entire Mater Dei Community to sustain and grow the benefits these scholarships provide.

We make a direct plea to Carlyle-area MD graduates and Carlyle-area parents and friends who may not have graduated from Mater Dei, to consider honoring your loved ones with donations to the scholarship in their names. A list of honorees will be included in our VITA and/or the Annual Report.

A donation to the Juan Diego Helping Hands Scholarship helps diversify our school community and offers families the opportunity for a Catholic secondary education and all the benefits of a Mater Dei experience.

Participation Needed for Strategic Planning Process

Mr. Litteken is pleased to announce that plans are underway for the development of the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan. The strategic planning process allows the Mater Dei community to evaluate, to plan for, and to commit to the various aspects of our Mission for the next five years.

As the chairman, Mr. Litteken will guide seven committees: Advancement, Catholic Identity, Curriculum, Enrollment and Student Activities, Facilities, Finance, and Governance and Staffing. Following their initial work, the committees will then convene for the strategic planning retreat.

Members of the Mater Dei community are invited to serve as committee members, who gather information through surveys, research, and group discussions. Committee members will attend three to five meetings, as well as the strategic planning retreat on December 11.

Please contact Mr. Litteken by October 4 to volunteer as a committee member for the strategic planning process, which plays a vital role in the future of Mater Dei. As always, Mater Dei appreciates your active involvement.

Class of 2021 Pay It Forward Scholarship Donors

Established in 2017, the Pay It Forward Scholarship provides the senior class with the opportunity to begin its tradition of donating for the benefit of future Knights, just as the generous donations of alumni and benefactors helped provide the spiritual, academic, extracurricular, and social opportunities they experienced at Mater Dei. We offer our sincere gratitude to the 75 donors (71%) in the Class of 2021 who provided the funds for a \$2,021 Pay It Forward Scholarship for a member of the incoming freshman class.

Ellen Antonacci Elizabeth Beckmann Macie Beer Ian Berndsen Konor Book Rebekah Boyer Alex Brandenburger Alayna Brandmeyer Abby Brandt Reed Braundmeier Trina Brokering Brett Buehne Antoine Colin **Grant Cox** Ethan Deerhake Emerson Dermody **Connor Dorries** Nolan Foppe Emma Gebke Ryan Gerdes

Spencer Gramann Mitchell Haake Olivia Hemker Garrett Hodous Zachary Holtgrave Quinton Holzinger Alexander Horstmann Abigail Imming Tyler Janota Tyler Jasper Kyler Johnson Parker Johnson Christopher Kalmer Gavin Kampwerth Steven Kaufman Brennan Kehrer Blake Kloeckner Adam Klostermann Ella Klostermann

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Joshua Schmitt Mason Schrage Zachary Shemonic Kailyn Skinner Camden Snow Evan Stone **Nicholas** Timmermann Rhett Timmermann Jackson Von Bokel Allison Vonder Haar Christian Wascher Shelby Wesselmann Alyse Wilken Olyvia Wilken Alyssa Willman Ashley Wuebbels

Recently Deceased Alumni

James L. Reilmann - 1955 James F. Deien - 1957 James A. Jansen - 1957

Nancy A. (Frerker) Wessel - 1957

Jacquelyn Knue - 1958 Howard P. Boeckman - 1959 Charles J. Koerkenmeier - 1959 Thomas E. Kruse - 1959

Rita T. (Fischer) Nordhaus - 1959

Virgil H. Hustedde - 1960 Rita A. (Menkhaus) Wheelan - 1960

George J. Winkeler - 1960 Dennis H. Fischer - 1961

Julaine M. (Peters) Boeckmann - 1962

Dorothy M. (Elling) Cunningham - 1962

Ann M. (Holtgrave) Mohesky - 1963

James H. Robke - 1963 Thomas J. Hughes - 1964 Duane J. Kapp - 1964 Corla A. Schaefer - 1964

Bill J. Hummert - 1965 Larry H. Pollmann - 1965

Elaine F. (Ratermann) Brammeier - 1966

Mary E. (Bitter) Schleper - 1967

Michael T. Maue - 1969 Charles V. Poettker - 1969 Jerry M. Toennies - 1969

Sharon K. (Williams) Wilken - 1969 Marcie A. (Holthaus) Deiters - 1970

Charles E. Becker - 1971

V. Edward Guinzy - 1971 Michael Heimann - 1971

Karen S. (Pryor) Munyon - 1971

Gary L. Gerstner - 1972

Kathleen (Becker) Leimetter - 1974

Barb J. (Winkeler) Jansen - 1975

Kevin J. Dulle - 1976 Steven J. Voss - 1977 James F. Voss - 1979

Kenneth B. Becker, Jr. - 1990 Joseph Metzger - 1991

David Varel - 1992 Derick J. Carrico - 2001 Jason M. Gourley – 2002

Please contact Mater Dei (knights@materdeiknights.org) if we have missed the recent passing of a Mater Dei alumnus/alumna. The Mater Dei community prays for its deceased alumni at all school masses.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Student Ambassadors Share Their Mater Dei Spirit

At Mater Dei, we have much in which we take great pride: dedicated students, administration, faculty, and staff; supportive parents; and loyal alumni and benefactors. However, the experiences of our students and the stories they share are the true testament of our successful fulfillment of our Mission. For this reason, student ambassadors play a vital role in numerous aspects of our recruitment process.

Recognizing the differing interests, skills, and personalities of our students, Director of Enrollment Mrs. Maria Zurliene provides ambassadors with a variety of opportunities to serve. "The extensive nature of our recruitment process allows both the most outgoing and the most reserved students to join Student Ambassadors and to serve in roles with which they are comfortable," stated Zurliene.

In the fall, for example, ambassadors visit elementary schools and Youth Faith Formation (YFF)/Parish School of Religion (PSR) programs to present information to and answer questions from students enrolled in grades 5-8. To do so most effectively, they share personal stories. Jessie Timmermann '21, who most often discussed the faith aspect of Mater Dei, stated, "I enjoyed sharing my many positive experiences at Mater Dei and giving a student's perspective to help the prospective students make an educated decision about attending Mater Dei."

Those ambassadors who fear presenting to large groups, but enjoy sharing information and their personal stories, may instead choose to serve as a tour guide for our Open House, which is held in the fall for families of students enrolled in grades 5-8. As Open House tour guides, ambassadors interact with both prospective students and their families, but in smaller groups of six to eight guests. Of course, there are essential roles for ambassadors

who prefer to remain "behind-the-scenes," which include preparing mailings for prospective families, serving as greeters at our Open House and Parent Information Night, writing welcome cards to incoming freshmen, and assisting with Junior Knights events. Mrs. Zurliene stated, "With nearly fifty Junior Knights members at each event throughout the year, I rely heavily on ambassadors who enjoy spending time with children. To our Junior Knights, who typically range in age from two years to fourth grade, spending time with high school students is like spending time with superstars. I truly enjoy watching the excitement on their faces!"

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, through their experiences with Student Ambassadors, students utilize and further develop a variety of interpersonal skills. Audrey Lampe '21 stated, "With the help of Student Ambassadors, I became more confident and well-spoken in front of an audience, which are characteristics I will continue to use in the future."

Mrs. Zurliene echoed those sentiments in her final thoughts: "The most unique aspect of Student Ambassadors, and admittedly my favorite aspect, is the growth students experience through their involvement. I observe growth in their knowledge of and pride in Mater Dei, growth in their willingness to serve for the benefit of others, and, most rewarding, grow th in their confidence and recognition of their talents. Thus, our Student Ambassadors program benefits not only our prospective students and their families, but also our student ambassadors themselves."



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Mater Dei is transitioning to a different logo and theme. The previous theme was "Teach us Wisdom, Teach us Love." As Mr. Litteken explains, "We have learned to love, now we want to push that love into action. We will put our focus on being the hands of Christ."

Elements of the new logo include the middle crest, which first appeared on the cover of the 1969 yearbook, encircled by the school name and the year the school opened. Also added to the logo was a ribbon with the Latin phrase which translates to "Be the Hands of Christ."

