

Pirates' Treasure



New instructional models benefit students

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ON THE COVER: New educational instructional choices—including full-time in person, part-time in person, and full-time online—at St. Mary's have allowed Maryn Pierce the flexibility to pursue her figure skating dreams.

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From the President



"St. Mary's High School exists to educate students in the Catholic Tradition to be responsible, moral, critical thinkers and leaders well-prepared for college and life." The words of the St. Mary's Mission are easy to understand and simple to see in action. However, eight months ago the educational status quo at St. Mary's, and across the world, changed dramatically.

Historically, we executed our mission primarily in the classroom and on the athletic fields; and it followed a predictable program and adhered to roughly the same template as the one the Sisters of Loretto used in 1885. Students enrolled and graduated, teachers came and went; but we all walked into the school, were in a classroom, followed a bell schedule, etc. There was a comfort that flowed from the familiar.

And then... This malicious force known as COVID-19 was unleashed on the world. It did not ask, it demanded that we re-examine every part of how we "educate students in the Catholic Tradition..." How do we live our mission if we cannot walk into the building? If we cannot celebrate the Mass? If we cannot compete on the athletic fields?

First, we note that COVID-19 is not the first malicious force unleashed on the world. Sin has that dubious distinction. Just as we battle sin through our faith in God and in the choices we make, so too goes our battle with COVID-19. We choose to stay faithful. We choose to address those things we can influence, and we spend less time raging against the uncontrollable. Being angry at COVID-19 is like being angry at the weather.

Then, with great discipline, we avoid the paralysis that accompanies the false nostalgia of waiting for things to "get back to normal." Students need to learn now, teachers need to teach now, we all need to live now. We are not waiting for some ideal set of circumstances beyond our control to line up and make it all better. Adapt, adjust, succeed; and then do it all over tomorrow when everything changes again.

Importantly, how do we act in FAITH, to ensure we are delivering KNOWLEDGE, to a COMMUNITY that needs St. Mary's more than ever? Well, we start with a foundation of prayer, and on top of that we add an unprecedented level of creativity, and we bind all that together with a whole lot of work.

I hope all of you are as proud of our students, parents, teachers and community members as I am. We may not know why God is allowing all of this craziness in our world, but there is a purpose; and we have all been given an opportunity to live out our Faith, our Mission, with patience and gratitude.

Respectfully,

Deacon Robert J. Rysavy II
President, St. Mary's High School

Campus Sprayed to Protect Students

While safety has always been a priority at St. Mary's, now the school is looking for new ways to keep our community safe. In August, we contracted with Jan*Pro to have the campus sprayed with EnviroShield Endure, an antimicrobial coating. The EnviroShield® Endure disinfectant system is the newest technology available that can properly disinfect an entire building. The system uses a disinfectant that is EPA-rated as the safest in its class while being powerful enough to kill 99.99 percent of harmful bacteria and viruses.

Theater Productions

St. Mary's is finding innovative ways to continue our Pirate traditions during this global pandemic. This summer the theater department produced "Everyman," a Middle Ages morality play sanctioned by the Church to teach the audience how to get into heaven. Its author is unknown. Then in October the Pirate drama club performed an adaption of Sherlock Holmes via livestream.

Boys Cross Country

The St. Mary's boys cross country team finished fourth at the

state championships in October, marking the team's best finish in at least 30 years. The team of five--[Dylan Brush '22](#), [Jackson Neppi '23](#), [Lyndon Gotelaere '23](#), [Jacob Limb '22](#), and [Alex Bodnar '23](#) did what no St. Mary's team has done since 1991 (according to one parent's research on MileSplit). The most recent previous best was 12th place, awarded last year to the same five boys. The team took first place at regionals on Oct. 9. That win was led by Brush's second place finish and Neppi's third place finish. Brush and Neppi were named to the CHSAA 2A All-State First Team, while Gotelaere received an honorable mention.

Boys Golf

The boys golf team finished second in the CHSAA 3A Golf Tournament, with [Luke Calvin '21](#) finishing highest in the individual standings in fourth place. The team won regionals and seniors [Peter Stinar '21](#), Calvin, and [RJ Davis '21](#) competed at the state championships. Congratulations to the team, including [Dillon Barrett '23](#), on a great season! Congratulations also go out to coach Joe Davis who was named Tri Peaks League Boys Golf Coach of the Year.



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Now participating in St. Mary's online instructional option, Maryn Pierce is able to train for the competitive skating season while limiting possible exposure to the virus. Above, students formed a spirit tunnel for Maryn in January 2020 on her last day on campus before competing in the US Figure Skating Championships in Greenville, North Carolina.

Instructional Options

Families Now Have Three Ways to Access a St. Mary's Education

When Maryn Pierce '21 began attending St. Mary's High School half way through her high school career, her family was excited to have a Catholic school environment that would work with Maryn's figure skating practice schedule. The Pierce family moved to Colorado Springs from Texas so Maryn could train under Tom Zakrajsek, a top coach in the sport, and Becky Calvin.

Maryn trains before and after school, with St. Mary's assisting in the pursuit of her skating goals by working with her through the competitive travel season. Maryn was learning on campus in-person whenever possible, and was involved in campus clubs such as National Honor Society. Even while training at a national level, Maryn strives to have a typical high school experience.

Of course, in the spring of 2020 the educational landscape changed due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. When students returned to campus in the fall for the 2020-2021 school year, they came back to a hybrid schedule that included two days of online instruction and two days of in-person instruction with the student body divided into two groups.

OPTIONS FOR INSTRUCTION

Maryn started her senior year in this hybrid model of instruction, like most of the student body. Maryn said she was grateful to be able to start the school year with an opportunity to meet and get to know her teachers in person, especially since St. Mary's had a couple of new teachers join the faculty this year.

“I really enjoyed the hybrid model,” Maryn said. “I got to see everybody but it still allowed me time to train and stay on top of my school work.”

Midway through the fall semester, the Pierce family decided Maryn should move to attending school 100 percent online. With the competitive skating season coming up, they felt it was safest if Maryn limited the possibilities of exposure to the virus.

From the beginning of this school year, St. Mary’s has supported families that decide the best course of instruction for their family is 100 percent online. Some families have members at home who are in high risk groups. When the cross country team made the state championships, the team members decided to all move to full online instruction to limit any possible exposure that could jeopardize them competing, and the administration was in full support of that decision.

“The teachers have been absolutely amazing,” Maryn said. “I had a theology test recently and I was online with Mr. Champion as I took the test at the same time as my class. A couple of times, the students would look up and wave and say hi. Sometimes I’m the only one joining via Google Classroom and everyone is thoughtful in making me feel included.”

When the St. Mary’s administration was approached by families who felt their students would benefit from being on campus full time instead of in a hybrid instruction model, the school responded. Administrators looked at each situation and made adjustments to schedules to best accommodate those students.

Much about this school year is difficult for the students and teachers. The fact that at any moment the entire student body may have to move to complete online instruction if someone in the community tests positive for COVID-19 is a constant stress. The loss of the normal high school experience—weekend activities, sports, and other community building events—only adds to the stress. But the administration is trying to accommodate the needs of the families in an effort to ease some of that anxiety.

Maryn feels that while the uncertainty is stressful, she tries to focus on what she can control, such as doing well in school, training and checking in on her friends using technology.

“I believe God has a plan and I try to go with the flow,” she said. “I mostly have a positive outlook. I can’t change anything that is happening so I try to make the best of it.”

BENEFITS TO STUDENTS

While much of the normal high school experience has been lost for students this year, even the darkest clouds have silver linings. Susan Pierce, Maryn’s mother, said she feels that the new hybrid and online educational models are teaching students to be more responsible for their academic success.

“I think these options are helping students learn to be more accountable for their assignments, more like what they will



photos courtesy Pierce Family

In January 2020, Maryn joined with St. Mary’s National Honor Society to host a skating night for St. Mary’s families in conjunction with a coat drive for the area’s homeless.

experience in college,” she said. “They are having to learn to communicate better with their teachers and manage their time on their own because they don’t have as much direct supervision. They are learning to be prepared.”

Maryn agreed. Normally an outgoing student who is eager to participate, she said adapting to being online, especially when she is often the only one online, has challenged her at times to speak up. But, she said, it has been good to learn to participate and assert herself in a different environment.

The variety of options still allow students to participate in on-campus activities, such as clubs, whenever possible, thus giving them back some of the high school experiences they have been missing.

“It’s great for families to have options,” Maryn said. “It’s wonderful that parents can make decisions based really on the best interest of their students and incredible that new doors have opened to different ways of learning.”

The challenges and solutions that are being developed are prime examples of Catholic education, according to the Pierces. Maryn’s older brothers, Mason and Merek, both graduated from a Catholic high school in Texas before the family relocated to Colorado.

“Being in a Catholic environment is very important to me,” Maryn said. “My faith is very important to me. I just feel that a Catholic education is truly about learning to be the best self you can be.”

You can read more about Maryn’s figure skating career on our blog at <https://stmaryspirates.wordpress.com/2020/11/10/st-marys-senior-pursues-figure-skating-dream/>.

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 Mr. Gary Welch & Mrs. Donna
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 Mr. John P. Wickersham '57
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 Mrs. M. Kathleen Yadrick '66
 Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Young
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 Mrs. Rita M. Coakley
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 Mr. Benjamin F. Davis, D.D.S. '60
 Mr. Robert DeFelice '48 & Mrs.
 Bertha Aragon DeFelice '50
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 Ms. M. Geraldine Dobson
 Mr. Alexandru DuDu '20
 Ms. Caroline Duffy
 Mrs. Ann Marie Eagan
 Mrs. Ilona Ellis
 Mr. Dale & Mrs. Gayle D. Fauson '81
 Ms. Linda M. Fenney
 Mr. Joshua Fowler '16
 Mrs. Jerry L. Gagnon
 Mr. Michael & Shari Owens Galvin '74
 Mr. Robert Gamble
 Ms. Michelle Garcia
 Mr. & Mrs. Paul Garduno
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 Ms. Natasha Garver
 Mr. & Mrs. Jack German
 Mr. Jeffrey L. Goodwin
 Mr. James R. Gorman '63
 Mrs. Mitzi J. Gramly
 Dr. John R. Griffin
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 Mrs. Jeanne Herbst '59
 Mr. Cameron R. Hickert '12
 Mr. Adam & Mrs. Rebecca '09 Hoefler
 Mr. & Mrs. Brian Horvath
 Mr. & Mrs. Albert Hrovat
 Ms. Virginia Hucks
 Mr. David J. Hyland III '07
 Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Indovina
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 Mrs. Myriel C. Velez-Jenkins
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 Mr. Ron Kearns
 Father Jason Keas
 Ms. Carol King
 Ms. Judith A. Kuwata
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 Mr. & Mrs. Christopher A. Loetscher '66
 Mr. & Mrs. Donald Logan Jr.
 Mrs. Cathy A. Maes '70

Ms. Julie Malone
 Mrs. Kathleen Mattarocci '65
 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Matthews
 Mr. & Mrs. John McGrath '84
 Mr. Larry McNerthney
 Ms. Shelly Michas
 Mr. Gregory Miranda '94
 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Morgan
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 Mr. & Mrs. Brandon Nathan
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 Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Ortiz
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 Ms. Joan Scott
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 Mr. Robert M. Sickles '77
 Mr. John M. Smentowski '68
 Mr. & Mrs. Michael B. Sullivan
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 Col. & Mrs. Robert Swedenburg
 Ms. Julia A. Torrence
 Mrs. Laveta V. Turpin
 Ms. Maria Valdez
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 Ms. Megan Vrooman
 Mrs. Beatrice Vrtis '58
 Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Wallau
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 Mr. & Mrs. Larry C. Walz
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 Mrs. Lynn A. Weatherby '68
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Total Given: \$173,345.40

1940s CLASSES

Mrs. Catherine Miller '42
 Mrs. Rosemary Tynan '46
 Mrs. Jean Zecha '46
 Mr. Robert DeFelice '48
 Mrs. Margaret M. Clark '49

1950s CLASSES

Mrs. Bertha Aragon DeFelice '50
 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bonelli '51
 Mr. William Esch '52
 Mrs. Connie Esch '52
 Mrs. Anne E. Gonski '52
 Mr. & Mrs. Jerry L. Gagnon '53
 Mrs. Janice M. Hendley Baker '53
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 Mr. & Mrs. Charles J. Murphy Sr.
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 Mrs. Shirley A. Plush '54
 Mrs. Mary A. Rock '54
 Mrs. Carol Cool Stratton '54
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 Mrs. Barbara A. Claypoole '56
 Mr. Don J. Cox '56
 Mr. Theodore J. Barth '57
 Mr. John P. Wickersham '57
 Mrs. Marianne Smentowski Berdon
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 Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence E. Browning
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 Mr. Thomas M. Conley '58
 Mrs. Kathy Patrick Cox '58
 Msgr. David Croak '58
 Mr. Don Shanks '58
 Mrs. Vivienne C. Smith '58
 Mrs. Beatrice Vrtis '58
 Mr. Patrick Bottini '59
 Mr. William L. Gieck '59
 Mrs. Jeanne Herbst '59
 Mr. Dennis & Mrs. Jane Young '59

1960s CLASSES

Mr. Benjamin F. Davis, D.D.S. '60
 Mrs. Mary A. Barth Haga '60
 Mrs. Linda J. Lamke '60
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 Rev. George V. Fagan Jr. '62
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 Mr. & Mrs. James T. Cannon '64
 Dr. Kathleen Collins Beyer '64
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 Mr. & Mrs. J. Patrick McDelderry Sr. '64
 Mr. & Mrs. Dale E. Schendzielos '64
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 Dr. Needham & Mrs. Diane Ward '64
 Dr. Patrick O. Faricy '65
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 Mrs. Kathleen Mattarocci '65

Dr. Carmel P. Perry '65
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Mr. Edward J. Schlalotnick '65
Lt. Col. (Ret.) & Mrs. David. E. Smith '65
Ms. Mary E. Bernard '66
Mr. Michael Biondini '66
Mrs. Patty (Haney) Biondini '66
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher A. Loetscher '66
Mr. Paul W. Nachtrab II '66
Ms. Linda C. Trzyna '66
Mrs. M. Kathleen Yadrack '66
Mrs. Mary Anne Aragon '67
Dr. William J. Bertschy '67
Mrs. Christina Brims '67
Mrs. Mary L. Cichello '67
Mr. Douglas D. Clark '67
Ms. Cheryl A. Loetscher '67
Dr. Mark Ryan '67
Mrs. Mary R. Williams '67
Mr. Frank Crump '68
Ms. Suzanne K. Ferguson '68
Mr. Anthony K. Merola '68
Mr. & Mrs. Charles M. Pavlica '68
Mr. John M. Smentowski '68
Mrs. Lynn A. Weatherby '68
Mr. George Jachim '69
Mr. & Mrs. John P. McGrath '69

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Mr. Michael & Mrs. Betty Faricy '70
Mrs. Cathy A. Maes '70
Mr. Edward J. Rivera '70
Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Schneebeck '70
Mayor & Mrs. John Suthers '70
Mrs. Jude Sacry '71
Mr. Pete Steinmeyer '71
Dr. & Mrs. Joel A. Ernster '72
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Magill '72
Mrs. M. Ann Besson '73
Mr. Mark G. O'Donnell '73
Mr. Michael & Shari Owens Galvin '74
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Mr. Daniel Weigel '74
Mr. Ralph B. Hawkins Jr. '75
Mrs. Kathy. O'Donnell '75
Lt. Col. (Ret.) & Mrs. Roman J. Bonczek '76
Mr. & Mrs. Gregory A. Ernster '77
Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Gray '77
Mr. Harold & Mrs. Tina Marvray '77
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Mr. Robert M. Sickles '77
Mr. Gary Welch & Mrs. Donna Welch '77
Mr. Kevin & Mrs. Joy Baker '78
Mr. Greg Burrell '78
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis L. Kelly '78
Mr. Thomas A. McClerman '78
Mr. Daniel M. Mientka '78
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony W. Raskob Jr. '78
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Muehlbauer '79
Mr. David R. Santistevan '79

1980s CLASSES

Mr. Brian J. Murphy '80
Mr. & Mrs. Paul T. Carroll '81
Mr. Dale & Mrs. Gayle D. Fauson '81
Mr. & Mrs. Tim Raskob '81

Ms. Teresa M. Smith '81
Mrs. Sandra Murphy '83
Mr. Todd & Mrs. Amy Thomas '83
Mr. & Mrs. John McGrath '84
Mr. Timothy J. Fogle '85
Mr. Paul & Mrs. Monique Hartman '85
Mr. Andy P. Newell '86
Dr. & Mrs. L. Lee Smith II '86
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Mr. Tom & Mrs. Cherie Barrett '90
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Dr. Oswaldo A. Grenardo '91
Mr. & Mrs. Michael J. Pepper '92
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Mr. Bryan Benbow '94
Mr. Gregory Miranda '94
Mr. Zachary A. Benbow '97
Mr. Thomas H. Martinez III '97
Ms. Rhiannon L. Sunday '97
Mrs. Sarah Darneal '98
Mr. Kevin Jones '98
Mr. Christopher McGinnis '98
Mr. Thomas G. Darneal '99
Mrs. Margaret Swanger '99

2000s CLASSES

Mrs. Colleen E. Paap '01
Mr. & Mrs. William D. Gohl '06
Mr. Marlon P. Suyu '06
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Garcia '07
Mr. David J. Hyland III '07
Mr. Thomas Kraus '07
Mr. Sean O'Keeffe '07
Mr. Anthony W. Raskob III '08
Mr. Adam & Mrs. Rebecca Hoefler '09
Mr. Kevin N. Tornes '09
Mr. Dylan M. Tyboroski '09

2010s CLASSES

Dr. Kathleen M. Raskob '10
Mr. Anthony J. Pagano '11
Mr. Cameron R. Hickert '12
Ms. Molly K. Tornes '12
Ms. Paulina M. Menichiello '13
Mrs. Kelly Denhard '14
Mr. Joshua Fowler '16
Ms. Kathleen Resman '16
Mr. Nicholas Baca '19
Ms. Marie Resman '19

2020s CLASSES

Mr. Alexandru DuDu '20

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Total Given: \$16,794.67

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Mr. & Mrs. Greg J. Krasovec
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GRANDPARENTS GIFTS

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Mrs. Vivienne C. Smith '58
Major (Ret) & Mrs. Joseph M. Trechter
Mrs. Patricia E. Van Matre
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FACULTY/STAFF GIFTS

Total Given: \$22,018.57

Mrs. Mary Anne Aragon '67
Mr. Dennis Archuleta
Mr. Adam Bayer
Mr. Michael Biondini '66
Mr. Dusty Campbell
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Deacon Rob Rysavy
Mrs. Holly Taylor
Mr. Joseph Trechter
Mrs. Colleen Wilkes

HONOR & MEMORIAL GIFTS

Total Given: 12,255

In Memory of Theodore J. Barth '57
Mrs. Mary A. Barth Haga '60

In Memory of Laymon J. Berndsen '58
Mrs. Dorothy Boschert Berndsen

In Memory of Lawrence Blackford
Ms. Joan Scott

In Memory of Jacob C. Calhoun '13
Mr. & Mrs. Mike W. Fowler
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Mr. & Mrs. Mark Plush

In Honor of Christine Dawson-
Glaser '88
Mr. Patrick Dawson '62

In Memory of Mary Dawson '29
Mr. Patrick Dawson '62

In Honor of Michael C. Dawson '89
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In Memory of Pat Dawson '22
Mr. Patrick Dawson '62

In Memory of Dorothy J. Defebaugh
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In Memory of Margaret (Healy)
Ebel '48
Mrs. Rosemary Tynan '46

In Memory of Mr. Ashely P.
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Mrs. Janice M. Hendley Baker '53

In Memory of Jim Hopkins
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Mrs. Barb A. Draper '70
Col. & Mrs. Mark Ewig
Ms. Latisha Grijalva
Mrs. Mary Laura Hopkins
Mr. Jerome Keating
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Ms. Martha M. Wood

In Honor of Matthew T. Keuhlen
Capt. & Mrs. Daniel T. Keuhlen

In Honor of Michelle Moure
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Moure

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Mrs. Christina Brims '67

In Memory of James Pepper
Deacon & Mrs. Robert L. Waller

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In Memory of Mary Reeve

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In Honor of Edward J. Rivera

The Ray Rivera Family

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Lt. Col. (Ret.) & Mrs. David E. Smith '65

In Memory of Teryl Ann Smith '64

Lt. Col. (Ret.) & Mrs. David E. Smith '65

In Memory of John Speiser '84

The Speiser Family

In Memory of Laveta V. Turpin

Mrs. Sally Potts
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Resman

GIFTS FROM THE HEART

Total Given: \$103,070.00

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Aguilar
Mr. & Mrs. Bradley M. Barney
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Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Barta
Mr. & Mrs. Andy Barton
The Bell Family
Mr. & Mrs. Ross Berry
Dr. Andrew & Dr. Megan Berson '90
Mrs. M. Ann Besson '73
Deacon Dick Bowles
Mrs. Christina Brims '67
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Mr. & Mrs. Mike Burkett '71
Mr. & Mrs. John Butler
Mr. & Mrs. Paul T. Carroll '81
Dr. & Mrs. John V. Cichon Jr.
Mr. Douglas D. Clark '67
Mr. & Mrs. James Clavenna
Mr. & Mrs. Randall L. Cloud
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Connors
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Mr. & Mrs. Michael Cornella
Mr. James M. Cristelli
Dr. & Mrs. J. Thomas Cross
Dr. & Mrs. Kevin Cuccinelli
Ms. Lisa Czelatdko
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Father Joe Dygert
Mrs. Elizabeth L. Elliott
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Mr. & Mrs. Gregory A. Ernster '77
Dr. & Mrs. Al J. Ernster
Mr. & Mrs. Michael O. Faricy
Mr. & Mrs. L. Al Farr
Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Garcia
Ms. Michelle Garcia
Mr. & Mrs. David Greenway
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Mr. & Mrs. Joseph S. Hickert
Mr. & Mrs. Robert W. Hoette
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Mr. & Mrs. John Hughes
Mr. & Mrs. Domenic Incitti
Mrs. Myriel C. Velez-Jenkins
Mr. Robert & Mrs. Lynn Jones '65
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Kaelin
Father Jason Keas
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Kellick
Most Reverend Gregory Kelly '74
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Klein
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Kloenne
Mr. Jeffery & Mrs. Robin Knoepke
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen G. Koerner
Mr. & Mrs. Greg J. Krasovec
Mr. Greg & Dr. Roberta Kraus
Mr. & Mrs. George Kreigler III
Mr. & Dr. Jason Kutz
Mr. & Mrs. Charles L. Lavezzi
Mrs. Carol M. Lenahan
Mr. & Mrs. Kelly McCarthy
Mr. & Mrs. Ky McCarty
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Mersman '77
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Mills
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph A. Morales
Mr. Brian J. Murphy '80 & Mrs. Sandra Murphy '83
Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Nelson
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph M. Niebur
Mr. & Mrs. John Noack
Mr. Mark G. O'Donnell '73 & Mrs. Kathy O'Donnell '75
Mrs. Kathleen O'Keeffe
Dr. & Mrs. P. T. O'Rourke
Mrs. Colleen E. Paap '01
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Padrnos
Mr. & Mrs. Michael J. Pepper '92
Mr. & Mrs. Andres G. Pico
Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Pinterpe
Mr. & Mrs. Gregory W. Polnasek
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Priddy
Mr. & Mrs. Nader Ramzy
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony W. Raskob Jr. '78
Mr. Anthony W. Raskob III '08
Father Randy Rentner
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Resman
Ms. Kim Routh
Ms. Carol Rysavy
Deacon & Mrs. Rob Rysavy
Mr. Scott Schneider & Mrs. Robin Schneider
Mr. & Mrs. John J. Sheehan
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Shevock
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Dr. & Mrs. L. Lee Smith II '86
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Mr. & Mrs. Tim Tapparo
Mr. & Mrs. Zachary Taylor
Mr. Fred Beer & Mrs. Kimberley Taylor-Beer
Ms. Molly K. Tornes '12
Col. (Ret.) & Mrs. Curt Torrence
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph M. Trechter
Ms. Linda C. Trzyna '66
Mrs. Rosemary Tynan '46
Mr. & Mrs. William Uhl
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Ms. Megan Vrooman
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Wahl
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Wallau
Deacon & Mrs. Robert L. Waller
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Wallis
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ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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Ernster-Blichmann Family Endowed Scholarship

Dr. & Mrs. Al J. Ernster
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Emergency Relief Fund

The Emergency Relief Campaign in June 2020 provided \$30,000 to start this endowed fund. Thank you to all who supported the Emergency Relief Fund effort. Specific estate gifts were directed to the Emergency Relief Fund from:

Mr. Robert O. Clark '48
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Tafolla Family Fund

Dr. & Mrs. Jerome Tafolla

Tom Kelly Fund

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The Annual Fund at St. Mary's High School is the endorsement of the school's mission by people who value the importance of affordable Catholic, college preparatory education for Southern Colorado. The Annual Fund supports all facets of student life at St. Mary's, from academics to athletics to the arts, by filling the gap between the tuition paid by St. Mary's families and the amount of money it actually takes to educate each student. Without the Annual Fund,

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St. Mary's Catholic Education Foundation

Contributing Supports Now, Future

The 1885 Fund

Established at the 125th Anniversary Gala in 2010, the 1885 Fund honors those whose leadership, commitment and dedication have ensured the school's continued success for its first 125 years and beyond. Honorees of the 1885 Fund include the Sisters of Loretto who founded the school in 1885; Monsignors Raber, Kipp, Kelly, and Hoffman, who guided the school as pastors, superintendents and principals; lay leaders such as [Leo Smentowski '54](#), Tom Kelly and Andy Middlemist and, of course, the hundreds of faculty, staff and religious, including Fr. Rawley Myers, who served the school unselfishly over the decades. The fund provides ongoing general operating support of St. Mary's High School.

The Ertel Family Endowed Scholarship

On an ordinary Friday afternoon in the spring of 2002, [Patrick Ertel '68](#) walked into SMHS and made an extraordinary gift. "I want the school to have this for scholarships for those in need," he said as he handed over an envelope. "These are some investments I inherited from my family. I managed them for some time, but have lost interest in them and have decided that they would be best used for this purpose." Upon graduating, Ertel entered the seminary, but ultimately discerned that he did not have a calling to the priesthood. His love of the church and of SMHS, however, continued to grow as he spent the next 35 years in various forms of service to others, first in the Peace Corps and then as a community volunteer. Grateful for the education that he received SMHS, Ertel decided to create an endowed fund in his family's name. The Ertel Family Endowed Scholarship Fund provides a lasting revenue for financial aid. Ertel hopes to add to the fund in the years ahead.

The Ernest J. Golobic Endowed Scholarship

Ernest J. Golobic moved to Colorado Springs more than 20 years ago upon retiring from the USPS in Chicago. Though he and his wife, Catherine, had no formal connection to SMHS, they valued Catholic education and supported the school with yearly gifts to the Annual Fund. When Mr. Golobic's sister-in-law, Margaret A. Rick, passed away she left him a modest inheritance. To honor his sister-in-law for her generosity and his wife's commitment to Catholic education, Mr. Golobic chose to create the Margaret A. Rick Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund to support the school's financial aid program. This permanent fund provides the school with revenue to help ensure that SMHS will be available to those in need. Shortly before his death in 2004, Mr. Golobic contributed some of his own assets to the scholarship fund and, with his daughter's encouragement, changed the name of the fund to The Ernest J. Golobic Family Endowed Scholarship Fund.

The Ernster-Blichmann Family Endowed Scholarship

[Greg Ernster '77](#) and his wife, Suzanne Blichmann Ernster, parents of [Lauren '06](#) and [Paul '08](#), established the Ernster-Blichmann Family Endowed Scholarship to provide need-based tuition assistance to students, particularly those interested in math, the sciences, sports, and/or debate. When possible, the gifts follow the receiving students for their four years so long as their need is proven to the foundation each year.

The Tom Kelly Scholarship Fund

The St. Mary's Catholic Education Foundation has established the Tom Kelly Scholarship Fund in memory of Tom Kelly, who faithfully served the St.

Mary's High School community as a member of the school board, foundation board, and in advisory capacity for more than 25 years. The fund benefits scholarship and financial aid programs of St. Mary's High School.

The Clergy Fund

The St. Mary's Catholic Education Foundation established the Clergy Fund to assist with the funding of the clergy office at St. Mary's High School, including the salary of a school chaplain and supplies needed to carry out the office's mission.

The Tafolla Family Fund

Patrice and Jerry Tafolla established the Tafolla Family Fund endowment in gratitude for all SMHS has provided their family, including an excellent education for their daughter, [Sarah '13](#), and son, [Michael '15](#). Their association with the school is a lifelong relationship rooted in faith, community, and a sense of belonging. The Tafolla Family Fund is a legacy gift, providing permanent funding for debt relief and tuition assistance. At the end of each fiscal year, 5 percent of the balance of the fund is available to the school for the following school year. The Tafollas intend to be lifelong supporters of SMHS, through the Annual Fund and events like the Golf Classic and the Gala, and by adding to the endowment fund. They encourage other families to consider a gift that will provide for the financial future of the school.

Emergency Relief Fund

Emergency Relief Fund was started in 2020 as a way to honor the class of 2020, who finished their high school career during a global pandemic. These funds will be used to help both St. Mary's families and the school itself by providing for future emergencies our community might face.

Crossover for Change

Lady Pirates, Friends Form

When the perfect combination of ideas, connections, and desire to serve come together it can have a positive effect on the world. Such was the case this year when a group of local Colorado Springs college and high school athletes formed the Crossover for Change Foundation with a mission to make a difference in the lives of girls in Uganda.

The idea started with a group of friends, many of whom have known each other since playing together on a soccer team in the first grade. The friends, all athletes, were interested in finding a way to give back what the sports experience has given them. So when one of their dads mentioned an opportunity to work with girls attending boarding schools in Uganda, the friends felt they had found their calling. He put them in contact with a coach in Uganda and the foundation was born.

The seven friends got the foundation started by holding meetings over Zoom during the quarantine earlier this year. The group feels that sports, in general, bring people together and provide a sense of belonging, something they hope Crossover for Change basketball camps will encourage in Uganda.

“When I was playing basketball at St. Mary’s, I felt empowered by the community surrounding me,” said Josephine Howery, a 2020 graduate of St. Mary’s High School. “I had confidence in what the team was and what we stood for. Women need community and a sense of belonging and we hope we can help foster that for the girls in Uganda.”

Howery said the faith-based teachings instilled by her years of Catholic education influenced her desire to get involved in a group that would be giving back in some way. She attended Divine Redeemer Catholic School for kindergarten through eighth grade and then continued at St. Mary’s High School, where she was a member of the two-time state championship girls basketball team.

“My Catholic education emphasized living out your purpose and living it out through service to others,” she said. “The community service and volunteering done through school was helpful in showing me that I need to use my talents to serve others.”

Crossover For Change plans to host two basketball camps in the summer of 2021, one at Maryhill High School in Mbarre and the other at Immaculate Heart Girls School in Nyakibale. The foundation has raised funds to begin construction on a basketball court at the Immaculate Heart Girls School, which will be used for both camps.

The foundation is currently raising money to fund the camp activities and complete the basketball court. Fundraising efforts



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The board of directors for Crossover for Change is made up of seven young Colorado Springs women, including Pirates **Josephine Howery** '20, back row second from right, and **Cameron Richter** '23, front row second from right.

included a virtual Spooky Season 5K at the end of October.

Hosting next summer’s camps are the short-term goal of the foundation, Howery said, chosen as a way to teach the girls the fundamentals of basketball while helping them to build confidence and help show them their purpose in the world. The long-term goal is to host camps each year and get more people and groups involved in supporting the mission of the foundation.

“The more people involved, the more potential we have to help the girls in Uganda build confidence and feel empowered,” Howery, who is now a freshman at Colorado School of Mines, said. “Everyone has a purpose in this world and we believe that women should have the same opportunities as men. We hope that a sense of empowerment is something we can help give the girls.”

The board of directors for Crossover for Change is made up of seven young Colorado Springs women. Three of them are currently high school students, including St. Mary’s High School sophomore Cameron Richter. The other four, including Howery, are 2020 graduates from Colorado Springs area high schools. Dennis Katungye, a teacher and basketball coach at Maryhill High School, serves as vice chair of Crossover For Change and has helped the board formulate their plans based on the needs of the Ugandan students and schools.

Howery has years of experience with basketball camps, both as a participant and helping run camps hosted by St. Mary’s High School. She said she enjoys interacting with the younger

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Crossover for Change plans to host basketball camps for girls from two Ugandan schools—Maryhill High School in Mbarre and Immaculate Heart Girls School in Nyakibale—in June 2021. The goal is to promote a sense of empowerment among the girls using basketball as a tool.

players, but never expected to be able to give back to someone half a world away.

“I grew up looking up to the girls who help run the camps I participated in and it’s been fun to be that for younger girls,” she said. “Now It is amazing to think about helping girls across the world who share a passion for basketball and encourage them to become strong young women.”

For more information, visit their website at crossoverforchange.org.



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Georgiana Smith '46 reports from Salida, Colorado, that she is still alive and kicking at 91 years old.

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Dr. Jesse Driller '04 is working at Memorial Central in Colorado Springs as a physical therapy specialist in neurology. He has been working on the trauma and neurology units.

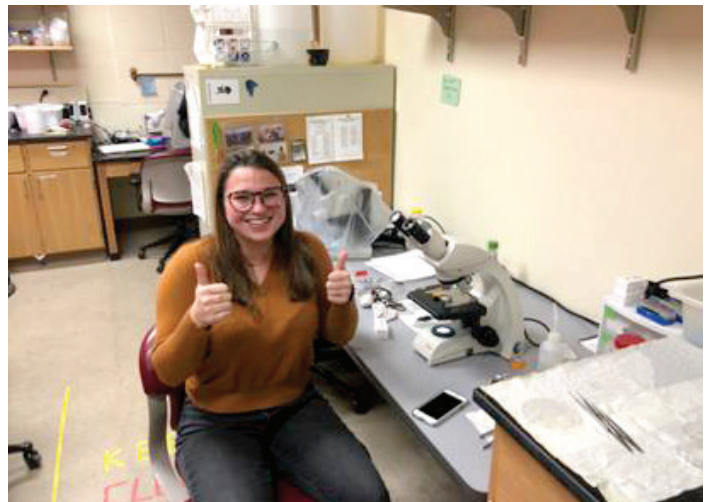
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Patrick Trentman '10, a 2014 graduate of the US Air Force Academy, will graduate pilot training in December and move Oklahoma City to fly the AWACS aircraft.

Jacob Resman '12 and Marykate (Knapp) Resman '12 welcomed their second child, Luke, November. 2019

Jake Keuhlen '12 and Amy (Resman) Keuhlen '13 welcomed their first child, Theo, last March.

Anna Snizek '17 tied for the award of “Best Undergraduate Research Presentation” at the Rocky Mountain Parasitology Conference in September for her presentation titled “Prevalence of Chordodes morgani Cysts in Heptageniidae over Time.” She is currently working on a submission for the Journal of American Parasitology. Anna is a psychology major with a minor in biology. She will graduate in the spring then will take gap year to apply to dental schools.



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Sarah Shoulders '19 is currently attending Colorado Christian University, where this year she adjusted her academic path to pursue a degree in elementary education, with an endorsement through a minor in English and added a minor in pre-law. After graduation from college, she hopes to teach high school English. She has been actively working in the classroom as an aide or a student teacher.

44th Golf Classic Is Best Event to Date

When St. Mary's High School staff started planning the 44th Annual Golf Classic a few months ago, no one really knew what to expect. So much is different since March, as this year has brought changes to daily life that no one could have anticipated. Those changes have made it hard to use the metrics from past years to anticipate anything. So as the number of golfers continued to grow, the St. Mary's staffers were surprised and excited.

All told, this year's Golf Classic hosted 152 golfers, a record for the event that grossed more than \$60,000 for St. Mary's tuition assistance program. By all accounts, it was the biggest and most successful Golf Classic in the event's history.

"We are thrilled that the St. Mary's community turned out in force to drive us to our biggest event in the history of our golf tournament," said Rob Rysavy, St. Mary's president.

Indeed, it is the community that sets St. Mary's High School apart in the sea of educational choices in southern Colorado. Alumni traveled from other states to participate in the event, and the generous sponsors once again showed up to support St. Mary's mission. Mortgage Solutions Financial, helmed by Roy and Rob Clennan, once again



Winners of the 44th Annual Golf Classic were: Andy Blackford '90, Courtney Eastlack '90, Jim Hamel '89, and Steve Smith '88.

signed on as the Event Sponsor for the Golf Classic, continuing their long-term support of not only this event but the school. Murphy Constructors also again partnered with St. Mary's as the dinner sponsor. Numerous other businesses supported the event as team sponsors, tee sponsors, and supporting sponsors.

"We heard from our diehard golfers that quite a few charitable tournaments were either canceled, postponed, or were just unable to deliver a high-quality experience, so we were really committed

to making this tournament as great of an experience as possible," Rysavy said. "I was delighted by the tournament, and I am also deeply grateful to all of our sponsors, especially Mortgage Solutions Financial and Murphy Constructors, for their dedicated support in making the day a reality."

The competition at this year's Golf Classic came down to the wire, with the top two teams actually tying in score and the winner being decided by scorecard playoff. This year's winning team were all

2020 Prize Winners

1st Place Team:
Andy Blackford '90, Courtney Eastlack '90,
Jim Hamel '89, and Steve Smith '88
2nd Place Team
Deacon Greg Papineau, Tyler Atkins, Bud
Rainberger, Marc Nelsons
3rd Place Team:
Patrick Barrett, Keith Logeman, Scott Stover,
Kristine Barrett
Longest Drive:
Debbie Hendrix, Chris Beham
Closest to the Pin:
Kenzie Fontana, Tim Bussey

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Each year the Golf Classic brings together members from across the St. Mary's community, from alumni, such as **Mark O'Donnell '73** (left), to parents of alumni, like **Patrick and Kristine Barrett** (above), faculty, staff and more.

alumni, coming from as far as Virginia to participate. They were Andy Blackford '90, Courtney Eastlack '90, Jim Hamel '89, and Steve Smith '88.

Events Director Dr. Raquel Krasovec said she continues to be humbled and in awe of the St. Mary's community. She and Rysavy said that the feedback they receive from the golfers each year is that the Golf Classic is a tournament they love to play both for its support of the school and its great venue at Kissing Camels Golf Course at Garden of the Gods Resort.

"The world seems to be in a bit of turmoil right now, so it was just a delight to give our community a chance to come together, play some golf, enjoy a beautiful day on an awesome golf course, and support this amazing school now in its 136th year," Rysavy said. "I couldn't be more proud of our Events Director, Dr. Raquel Krasovec, and our Advancement Director, Joe Trechter, for all their work in making this such an amazing event for our community."

2020 Emergency Fund Helps St. Mary's Prepare for Future

In June, to honor of the graduating class of 2020, St. Mary's conducted an Emergency Relief Fund Campaign to raise funds to help St. Mary's and our families navigate these pandemic times.

When the campaign was complete, 117 donors had contributed and we were able to provide financial relief to multiple families who have been severely impacted by COVID-19 job losses or who have faced serious health issues. In all, we received gifts and pledges equaling \$100,000 and all but a handful of donors have already fulfilled their pledges.

This fall, we also contracted with a company to apply a special polymer that kills viruses for at least 6 months throughout the campus (on desks, counters, and other high-touch surfaces). While this treatment was not a trivial cost, your generous giving to the Emergency Relief Campaign made the treatment possible. Additionally, we purchased computer equipment, personal protection gear, and disinfecting supplies to help us safely start the school year.

An important part of the campaign was setting aside funds for an endowed Emergency Relief Fund as part of our St. Mary's Catholic Education Foundation. We started the endowed Emergency Relief Fund with \$30,000 from the funds raised during the campaign that will help provide for future emergencies our school might face.

We thank you for your generous support of this important campaign!





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The 1885 Society Needs Your Legacy Help!



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What is the 1885 Society?

The 1885 Society is a recognition of the St. Mary's Catholic Education Foundation (SMCEF, a 501c3 non-profit organization) given to benefactors who have remembered St. Mary's High School (SMHS) in their Estate Plan and/or have made a sustaining gift to the Foundation.

Why 1885 Society Needs Your Legacy Help.

Until recently in SMHS's 130 year history, our beloved high school had never sought an endowment to provide for tuition assistance for our students. Like most Catholic schools, SMHS had always depended on the Lord to provide through Diocesan and Parish Budgets, annual fundraising, and modest tuition. With the virtual elimination of Teaching Orders in our Church, and with the rise of State sponsored Charter schools (Government money used to open specialty public high schools competing with private high schools) tuition has increased, putting our students' families in greater need for tuition assistance in order to attend the only Catholic high school in Colorado Springs.

What Can You Do for the 1885 Society?

By remembering SMHS in your Estate Plan with a gift of assets, you can craft a life-changing legacy that will impact St. Mary's, Catholic education, and deserving students long beyond your lifespan.

How Can I Get Started and Help SMHS through the 1885 Society?

SIMPLE, Just call St. Mary's High School Development Office at 719-635-7540, ext. 38, and let them know you'd like to speak with the Foundation Board President, and I will call you back to discuss your desire to help our beloved St. Mary's High School!

Thank you for your help!
Randy Cloud, President

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