

ORCHARD LAKE GOOD NEWS



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In this year, 2009 A.D., we celebrate our first one hundred years on the shores of Orchard Lake ... while we anticipate the 2010 A.D., Quasquicentennial of the Establishment of the Orchard Lake Schools in 1885 A.D., on St. Aubin St., in Detroit by our Founder, Fr. Joseph Dabrowski. Be assured that we are praying for you daily at Orchard Lake.

We invite you to come pray with us.
We invite you to come celebrate with us!
It's our very Happy Anniversary!

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The Orchard Lake Schools, a private, Catholic center of formation and education, are located on the eastern shore of Orchard Lake, 25 miles northwest of Detroit at the corner of Orchard Lake and Commerce Roads in the City of Orchard Lake Village. The 115-acre campus, which encompasses SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary, St. Mary's Preparatory, the Orchard Lake Polish Mission, as well as Madonna University's Orchard Lake Center, has been designated a Michigan Historical Site and placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Established in Detroit in 1885 as an American Polish Seminary by Rev. Joseph Dabrowski, today the Orchard Lake Schools are united by their tri-cultural – Catholic, Polish, and American – heritage, as well as their shared commitment to faith formation through Catholic education, tradition, and community service.

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ORCHARD LAKE LEADERSHIP

Following his election as Chairman of the Orchard Lake Schools Board of Regents in October 2008, Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. (H'00), has been often seen on campus in this capacity and as an active OLS supporter. An Orchard Lake Ambassador, he is an active leader, who frequently attends the weekly Executive Committee Meeting on campus. In early May, he joined staff, faculty, and friends at the SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary 120th Commencement Exercises in the SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary Chapel. When asked about his hopes as the new leader of the Orchard Lake Schools, he said, "I would hope to see a strengthening of our ability to attract high quality young men to expand the population in the Preparatory and the Seminary, while becoming more successful in attracting groups and individuals to visit our campus, enjoy learning about our many treasures, and make use of our resources. We are here for the Catholic community, the people of Polonia, and of course, the local residents. Expanding these areas will create a greater outreach for us and ultimately help us fulfill our mission of education and service — which has remained constant for nearly 125 years."

Drobot served as Treasurer of Wall Colmonoy Corporation for 22 years, before retiring in March of last year. He was responsible for direct administration of banking and cash management for the multi-million dollar, international materials engineering company with foundry operations in the U.S., Canada, U.K., and France.

Prior to Wall Colmonoy, Drobot had gained more than 20 years experience in the banking and finance industry at Michigan National Bank, the Bank of New England, and as a member of the Detroit Stock Exchange. After completing his B.S., Accounting, at the University of Detroit (U-D) in 1962, he earned his M.A., Economics, in 1964 from U-D as well.

Since becoming an OLS Regent in 1991, Drobot has served as Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Budget Committee Chair. He is also a member of the Budget and Grievance Committee of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America (PRCUA), member of the Board of Directors at Freedom House in Detroit, and a member of the Finance Committee of the Lourdes Senior Center in Waterford.

Residents of Bloomfield Hills, Drobot and his wife, Judy, of 44 years, have four children and seven grandchildren. They are members of St. Regis Parish in Birmingham. In their spare time, the couple performs Karaoke singing for residents of senior centers and nursing homes throughout metro Detroit.



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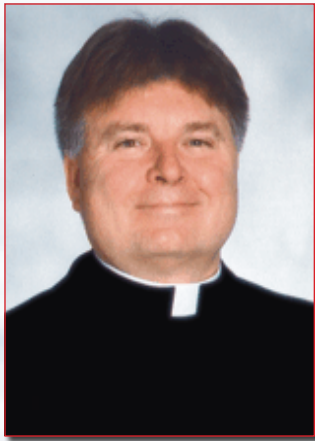
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FATHER TIMOTHY F. WHALEN
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THE OLS CHANCELLOR ON THE ANNIVERSARIES: THEN AND NOW

Q. *Fr. Whalen, the Orchard Lake Schools are enjoying the 100th Anniversary of our move to the beautiful shores of Orchard Lake. In your reading and studies as Chancellor, what have you found in archival reports that explain Fr. Buhaczkowski's monumental decision to move the Schools from the comparative safety of St. Aubin Street in Detroit, to this property, which in 1909, would have been an extremely remote location, some 25 miles from civilization?*

A. Moving to Orchard Lake in 1909 from our original building on St. Aubin was not a luxury. It was a much-needed solution to a desperate space situation in Detroit. The decision was made out of necessity,



Seminaryum Polskie, Detroit, Mich.

caused by an *explosion* of students which paralleled Polish immigration to the United States at the time. In 1887, when the first official academic year commenced, enrollment stood at 25 students. By 1903, when Fr. Buhaczkowski succeeded Fr. Dabrowski, becoming the second rector, enrollment reached 205. The Seminary was in the middle of its first major expansion, which included a new Chapel. In 1909, the Seminary expanded a second time, with the construction of a classroom-gymnasium building on Garfield Ave. This provided little relief, however, for the overcrowding caused by 300 students and 20 resident faculty members. Under Fr. Buhaczkowski, trunk and assembly rooms were transformed into temporary dormitories and students were forced to use the chapel and refectory in shifts. Because of the miserable

conditions caused by overcrowding, more and more students were being turned away. At this point, with similar growth in the neighborhoods, there was no space in proximity to plan yet a *third* expansion to the original facility.

When news of the availability of the grounds and buildings of the former Michigan Military Academy (MMA) reached Fr. Buhaczkowski in 1909, it must have been the answer to his many prayers and novenas. As for the students, they were familiar with the property at Orchard Lake because they had competed against the MMA in baseball. Unfortunately, the students learned about the purchase when they read the front page of the May 13, 1909 edition of *The Detroit News*, which someone had brought to a baseball game. To the coaches' dismay, the game was forfeited within minutes, when about 100 students rushed back to the Seminary to confirm the good news. By 1910 when the Apostolic Delegate came to the Orchard Lake campus to officially dedicate the new Seminary, enrollment was at 550. By this time students were applying for admission from all over the United States.



Q. *Thank you, Fr. Whalen. So, it sounds like moving to Orchard Lake was the perfect answer. Did the neighborhood people help the seminarians pack? How long did it take? How did they physically move lock, stock, and barrel up to Orchard Lake in those days? What was unusual or interesting about the trip?*

A. When Fr. Dabrowski began going door to door in 1884 in the Polish neighborhood, collecting money to build his Seminary and then helped to construct the building by laying bricks and doing carpentry with his own hands, the area around St. Aubin and Forest Streets was still fairly open for development. However, 25 years later, *The Detroit News* reported, "Factories have sprung up on all sides, and the close proximity of the block occupied by the Seminary to the tracks of the Grand Trunk Railway makes its location highly desirable as a site for another factory. In every way, therefore, the Diocese stands to gain by the removal of the Seminary to Orchard Lake."

This fact, combined with the uncomfortable, crowded conditions within the building, despite two major expansions, would lead you to believe that everyone would have supported the decision to move the Seminary to Orchard Lake. However, the neighborhood *Poletown* residents felt betrayed when they learned that the school was moving 25 miles away. Because they had responded to Fr. Dabrowski's solicitations for funding, had contributed to the Seminary's construction, and because their own sons were being educated within its walls, they felt a sense of ownership. Still, no one could have imagined what would happen to this bustling and vibrant community in the decades to follow. If Fr. Buhaczkowski had listened to his critics, the dream of Fr. Dabrowski would have died in Detroit. Clearly, it was God's will that the Seminary leave St. Aubin Street and move to Orchard Lake — even though the last addition to the building, which included classrooms and a gymnasium, had just been completed.

And so, as soon as the equipment and furnishings of the Michigan Military Academy were auctioned off and removed on July 20-21, 1909, the Seminary students and faculty began loading up flat cars on the railroad tracks that lay next to their building to transport all the Seminary furnishings to their new campus in the country. The railroad tracks, which now serve as a walking trail on the perimeter of our OLS campus, became a life-line. The move was a huge undertaking and an arduous one. It took 11 trips, made between 2 AM and 4 AM, when the tracks were not being used for commercial purposes, to move desks and beds and statues and altars from one world to another. History would prove, however, that it was worth the hard work . . . and that the \$83,000 that Fr. Buhaczkowski paid for the Orchard Lake property would be a visionary and priceless investment.

Today Fr. Buhaczkowski and Fr. Dabrowski rest next to each other at Mt. Elliot Cemetery. When they first met and Fr. Dabrowski named Fr. Buhaczkowski his Vice-Rector, neither priest realized how their lives would be entwined for eternity.

(CHANCELLOR'S Q & A CONT'D ON P. 6)



LEFT: IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG FOR THE SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS SEMINARIANS TO HAVE FUN WITH THEIR NEW ENVIRONS. AT LEFT, FROM THE CIRCA 1910 OLS ARCHIVES, AN OLS STUDENT LITERALLY GOES OUT ON A LIMB FOR THE PHOTOGRAPHER.

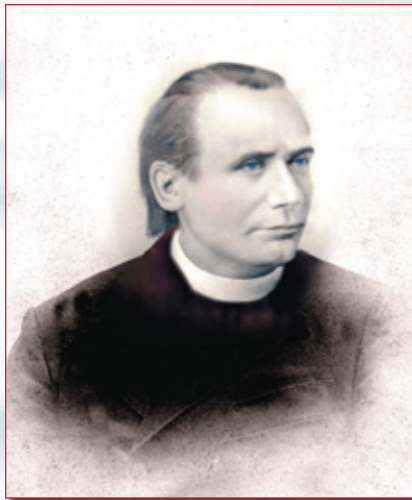
OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM RIGHT: TODAY SEMINARIANS AND PREP STUDENTS OFTEN TAKE A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION ALONG THE SHORES OF ORCHARD LAKE. SAME BEAUTIFUL LAKE, SAME BEAUTIFUL VIEW, SAME DEEP FAITH DRAWING THEM TO PUT THEMSELVES IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD.

Q.

This month, June 2009, we also begin the Inaugural of the 125th Anniversary of our Founding in 1885 by Fr. Joseph Dabrowski. Fr. Whalen, would you please put yourself in his shoes and tell us what similarities there would have been in your responsibilities as Chancellor today and those of Fr. Dabrowski, the head of the Schools in 1885? Perhaps you can point out some differences between his role and yours as we consider the Anniversary — parts of your respective roles that are not immediately obvious to us?

A.

My love and my respect for Fr. Joseph Dabrowski, our Founder and the Founder of the Polish American Parochial School System, grew tremendously in 2003 when we celebrated the Centennial Anniversary of his death. I had translated and read everything I could find about him, so that I could speak about him knowledgably, and, in the process, I think I came to understand his heart and spirit. When Fr. Leopold Moczygmba, the Founder of Panna Maria, Texas, (First Polish American Settlement), asked Fr. Dabrowski to take



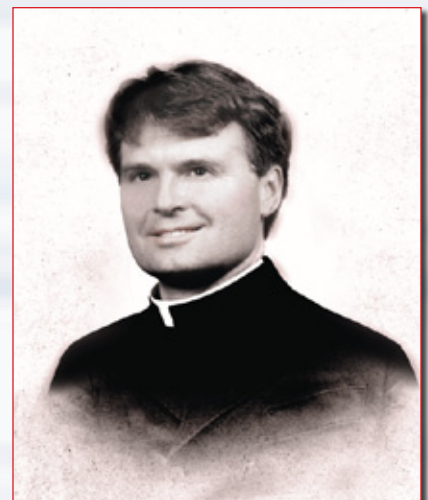
FR. JOSEPH DABROWSKI
FOUNDER AND FIRST CHANCELLOR*,
(PORTRAIT, CIRCA 1887,
ORCHARD LAKE POLISH ARCHIVAL COLLECTION)

on the work and responsibility of building the Seminary, which was originally planned for Nebraska, Fr. Dabrowski, who was already starting to experience failing health, could have very easily declined. Instead, he accepted this tremendous responsibility because I believe he came to understand that if this undertaking was God's will, then God would see it through to completion. As I told Archbishop Allen Vigneron recently, in my first meeting with him, I would never have come to Orchard Lake in 2000 if I hadn't believed that God has a plan and a purpose for Orchard Lake, and it was His will that I return here. I think that both Fr. Dabrowski and I recognized our weaknesses and the tremendous challenges that lay ahead of us when we accepted our leadership roles, but both of us also had enough grace-filled experiences in our lives and ministry to believe that *nothing is impossible for God*.

I believe that Fr. Dabrowski and I could also commiserate that *finances* and *conflict resolution* on campus are two unpleasant issues we face daily. Fr. Dabrowski had to build the original Seminary building, and from the day I stepped onto campus I knew that we had to build a multi-million dollar library, in order to keep the Seminary in operation. God has blessed our Schools with many generous benefactors over

the years, mostly from within Polonia, but our need to build, improve, and renovate never seems to end. We could spend millions of dollars in 24 hours. Of course, both of us would understand fully, that we could never do enough to plan for the future. He probably dreamt that the Mission of the Schools would continue into the 21st century, and we have to plan for the Schools to continue to thrive as centers of Catholic formation, academic excellence, and Polish culture into the 22nd century — God willing!

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10TH CHANCELLOR*
(PORTRAIT, CIRCA 2000, UPON ARRIVING AS
CHANCELLOR OF THE ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS,
ORCHARD LAKE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COLLECTION)

[* IN THIS CASE, THE USE OF THE WORD CHANCELLOR, IS TO MEANT TO DESIGNATE COMPARABLE ROLES AS PRIEST-IN-CHARGE, OR OVERALL LEADER OF THE SCHOOLS AND CENTERS. FOR MANY YEARS, RECTOR AND THEN, RECTOR-PRESIDENT WAS USED. — EDITOR]

☞ CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY – 2009 ☞

100 YEARS ON THE SHORES OF ORCHARD LAKE

☞ QUASQUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY – 2010 ☞

125 YEARS – FOUNDING OF THE ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS

CENTENNIAL & QUASQUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARIES CALENDAR

JUNE 2009

- ☞ 19 – Anniversaries Kickoff Event with Founder's Day 2009
Founder's Day presents CENTENNIAL/100TH ANNIVERSARY THEME
- ☞ 20-21 – Alumni Reunion Weekend

JULY 2009

- ☞ 5 – Polish Sunday; CENTENNIAL/100TH ANNIVERSARY THEME
- ☞ 24-26 – Orchard Lake Fine Art Show

AUGUST 2009

- ☞ 2 – Polish Sunday; CENTENNIAL/100TH ANNIVERSARY THEME
- ☞ 28-30 – Hosting of the Polish Rectors Symposium
- ☞ 30 – Women's Council Ladies Day Dinner Gala – Theme is *Quasquicentennial/125th Anniversary of the Founding of the Orchard Lake Schools*

SEPTEMBER 2009

- ☞ 4 – 70th Anniversary and Commemoration of September 1, 1939; Tribute to Poland's Military Forces in WWII
- ☞ 5 – Grand Opening of History Studio; Polish Home Army Workshops
- ☞ 6 – Polish Sunday Mass; Opening of Research Room featuring WWII Military Records
- ☞ 13 – 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off & All English Battle of the Brits Car & Motorcycle Show. Features beer, chili, Inflatable Planet
- ☞ TBD – Campus Anniversary Mass w/guest celebrant, homilist

OCTOBER 2009

- ☞ 2 – One Hundred Years: Pictorial History of Orchard Lake Campus; CENTENNIAL/100TH ANNIVERSARY THEME
- ☞ 3 – *RECTORS OF ORCHARD LAKE* Book Launch, Lectures, *History of Orchard Lake Polish Priests: Their Parishes and Their Gifts; Historical Harvest Festival (Dozynki)*
- ☞ 4 – Sunday Polish Heritage Mass; Opening of Research Room featuring Jubilee Books and Benefactor Memorabilia
- ☞ 16 – Anniversary of the Election of Pope John Paul II the Great
- ☞ TBD – Campus Anniversary Mass w/guest celebrant, homilist

NOVEMBER 2009

- ☞ 1 – Polish Sunday; CENTENNIAL/100TH ANNIVERSARY THEME
All Saints Day; Visitation to the gravesites of Founder, Fr. Joseph Dabrowski, and other deceased OLS Faculty.
- ☞ 11 – Polish Independence Day
- ☞ TBD – Campus Anniversary Mass w/guest celebrant, homilist

DECEMBER 2009

- ☞ 6 – Polish Sunday; St. Nicholas Visit
- ☞ 11 – Campus Wigilia celebrating *Quasquicentennial/125th Anniversary of the Founding of the Orchard Lake Schools*
- ☞ 13 – Chancellor's Senate Recognition Dinner at Pine Lake Country Club; theme is: *Quasquicentennial/125th Anniversary of the Founding of the Orchard Lake Schools*
- ☞ TBD – Campus Anniversary Mass w/guest celebrant, homilist

JANUARY 2010

- ☞ 3 – Polish Sunday
- ☞ 16 – Ambassadors Ball at the Westin Book Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, celebrating *Quasquicentennial/125th Anniversary of the Founding of the Orchard Lake Schools*
- ☞ TBD – Campus Anniversary Mass w/guest celebrant, homilist

FEBRUARY 2010

- ☞ 14 – Polish Sunday; SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary Patronal Feast; Academic Day; 25th Anniversary of the Dedication & Blessing of the Polish Panorama Room and Historical Figures
- ☞ 15 – 107th Anniversary of the Death of the OLS Founder, Fr. Joseph Dabrowski
- ☞ TBD – Campus Anniversary Mass w/guest celebrant, homilist

MARCH 2010

- ☞ 7 – Polish Sunday
- ☞ 19 – Eucharistic Day of Prayer for *Quasquicentennial/125th Anniversary of the Founding of the Orchard Lake Schools*
- ☞ TBD – Campus Anniversary Mass w/guest celebrant, homilist

APRIL 2010

- ☞ 2 – Good Friday: 5th Anniversary of the Death of the Servant of God, Pope John Paul II
- ☞ 11 – Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration; Polish Easter Banquet
- ☞ 12-16 – PAPA Convention at Orchard Lake celebrating *Quasquicentennial/125th Anniversary of the Founding of the Orchard Lake Schools*
- ☞ TBD – Campus Anniversary Mass w/guest celebrant, homilist

MAY 2010

- ☞ 1 – 121st Seminary Commencement Ceremonies
- ☞ 2 – Polish Sunday; Polish Constitution Day Theme
- ☞ 16 – 121st St. Mary's Prep Baccalaureate and Commencement
- ☞ 28-31 – St. Mary's Moms & Dads Polish Country Fair with theme of *Quasquicentennial/125th Anniversary of the Founding of the Orchard Lake Schools*
- ☞ TBD – Campus Anniversary Mass w/guest celebrant, homilist

JUNE 2010

- ☞ 7-10 – Priests Retreat in the Polish Language
- ☞ 9 – Clergy Appreciation Day celebrating *Quasquicentennial/125th Anniversary of the Founding of the Orchard Lake Schools*
- ☞ 18 – Founder's Day celebrating *Quasquicentennial/125th Anniversary of the Founding of the Orchard Lake Schools*
- ☞ 19-20 – Alumni Reunion celebrating *Quasquicentennial/125th Anniversary of the Founding of the Orchard Lake Schools*
- ☞ TBD – Campus Anniversary Mass w/guest celebrant, homilist

JULY 2010

- ☞ 22 – *Quasquicentennial/125th Anniversary of the Founding of the Orchard Lake Schools*: Main Observance & 125th Anniversary Closing Celebration: 2 PM Mass in the Ice Arena; 4:30 PM Ticketed Tent Reception and Banquet Gala
- ☞ 23-25 – Orchard Lake Fine Art Show



THE GOOD NEWS FROM –

SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS SEMINARY



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The SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary (SSCMS) Winter Semester of 2009 has been one of many blessings.

The Seminary completed its *Pauline Presentation Series* with two presentations held in the Adam Cardinal Maida Alumni Library, by Fr. Richard Cassidy, Ph.D., and Fr. Jan Liesen, S.S.L., S.S.D., respectively. [See related story, p. 10]

Fr. Cassidy, a Professor of Sacred Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, gave an interesting and well-attended presentation entitled, *Paul: Persecutor, Apostle, and Prisoner*. Completing the *Pauline Presentation Series* with the fourth and final lecture, *St. Paul's Letter to the Romans*, was Fr. Jan Liesen, S.S.L., S.S.D., Vice-Rector at the Seminaire Rolduc, Kerkrade, Netherlands. SSCMS is very grateful to each of the four local, national, and international scholars who enriched our lives and graced our campus with their programs in the *Pauline Presentation Series* in this, the *Year of St. Paul*, which had been designated such by Pope Benedict XVI for the year running June 28, 2008 to June 29, 2009. In a related note, we have learned that the Holy Father has designated the coming year as the *Year of the Priest*. The Pope

will open the special year with a vespers service at the Vatican on Friday, June 19, 2009 – the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the day set aside for the sanctification of priests. This date is also our *Orchard Lake Schools Founder's Day* and the kickoff of our Anniversaries' celebrations. Pope Benedict will close the celebrations during a *World Meeting of Priests* in St. Peter's Square June 19, 2010. SSCMS is currently planning events and preparing for celebrations for the *Year of the Priest*, especially in light of the *Seminary's Anniversaries*.

Of course, we are very excited about our upcoming *Anniversary Celebrations – 100 Years on the Shores of Orchard Lake* and *125 Years Since Our Founding* by Fr. Joseph Dabrowski. SSCMS is hosting a special *Symposium on Priestly Formation* at the end of August. Many of the Rectors from Seminaries in Poland are coming to participate. In conjunction with the Orchard Lake Polish Mission, we are preparing an exhibition to highlight the history of SSCMS. [See story, p.13]

AT RIGHT: SEMINARIANS VISITED ARLINGTON CEMETARY AND OTHER NATIONAL MONUMENTS WHILE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR THE ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE. FROM LEFT ARE DAWID WEJNEROWSKI, ŁUKASZ Blicharski, Sebastian Kos, and Tomasz Górny. In all, six seminarians joined SSCMS vice rector Fr. Mirosław Król for the trip.



In celebration of our heritage in October, Polish Heritage Month, SSCMS will be leading a Pilgrimage to Poland. Some, but not all, of the highlights of the trip will be stops at places significant in the life of the Servant of God, Pope John Paul II. Everyone — especially Orchard Lake Schools alumni, friends, and supporters — is welcome to join us. We encourage *ORCHARD LAKE GOOD NEWS* readers to review the particulars of this Pilgrimage. [Please see pp. 66-67.]

Another highlight of our *Anniversaries Calendar* will occur in April 2010 when the Orchard Lake Schools host the *Annual Polish American Priests Association (PAPA) National Convention* on campus.

On February 13, the Vigil of the Seminary's Patronal Feast, the Most Rev. Arthur Serratelli, Bishop of Paterson, conferred Candidacy upon five of our seminarians at the Vespers service. On the next day, the Feast of SS. Cyril & Methodius, Bishop Serratelli instituted three seminarians as Lectors and four as Acolytes. [See related story, p. 11]

Seminary faculty are very happy about the ordinations for this year. As you read this, two of our 2009 SSCMS Grads and one of our former students will have received the Sacrament of Holy Orders, becoming priests — one each for the Diocese of Memphis, Tennessee, the Archdiocese of Hartford, Connecticut, and the Diocese of Paterson, New Jersey. By late fall, eight of our seminarians will have been ordained into the Transitional Diaconate for their respective dioceses. [See related story, p. 15]

For the third consecutive year SSCMS had seminarian and faculty representatives participating in the January *March for Life*. SSCMS Alumnus priest, Fr. Łukasz Willenberg (S'08), who graduated last year and was subsequently ordained, brought a group from his own parish in the Diocese of Providence, RI, primarily as a result of his fond memories and experience of being there as a seminarian. Priests certainly need to be leaders in proclaiming the Gospel of Life. I believe that we are accomplishing this and having success in preparing our graduates for this task. [See photos below and related story, p. 20]

Every day at Orchard Lake we give thanks for our alumni, friends, and benefactors who faithfully pray and generously support our important mission in preparing future priests and lay ministers for the Catholic Church.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Very Rev. Msgr. Charles Kosanke, S.T.D., Rector/President

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BELOW LEFT: IN THE THICK OF IT. SSCMS REPRESENTATIVES INTERACT WITH INTERESTED CROWD MEMBERS AS THEY CARRY THEIR SIGN, *POLISH SEMINARIANS FOR LIFE*, IN THE JANUARY 2009 MARCH FOR LIFE. IN THE CROWD FROM LEFT, KAROL KSIĄŻEK, ADAM KOTAS, FR. KRÓL, AND ŁUKASZ Blicharski can be seen.

BELOW RIGHT: *CATHOLICS RESPECT LIFE*, *GOD LOVES UNBORN BABIES*, AND OTHER GOSPEL OF LIFE SIGNS WERE ABUNDANT AS MARCHERS APPROACHED THE U.S. CAPITOL DURING THE *RALLY FOR HUMAN LIFE*.



SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS SEMINARY

MISSION STATEMENT

SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary (SSCMS) is a Roman Catholic seminary under the patronage of these two great missionaries to the Slavic peoples. The Seminary offers a formation program that prepares men, primarily from Poland, for the ordained priesthood. The Seminary also offers theological degree programs for lay people. Deeply rooted in its American and Polish heritage, the Seminary shares in the Mission of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the Church to form evangelizers in the Third Millennium.

FOR THE DESIGNATED PAULINE YEAR, SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS SEMINARY CONTINUED –

THE SERIES ON ST. PAUL



The Adam Cardinal Maida Alumni Library was the venue for the Seminary's final two lectures in the *Series on St. Paul*, presented by Fr. Richard Cassidy, Ph.D., and Fr. Jan Liesen, S.S.L., S.S.D., respectively.

Fr. Cassidy gave an interesting and well-attended presentation entitled, *Paul: Persecutor, Apostle, and Prisoner*. A Professor of Sacred Scripture at Sacred Heart



Major Seminary in Detroit, Fr. Cassidy has published many articles on the NEW TESTAMENT and has authored four books: **CHRISTIAN AND ROMAN RULE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT**; **FOUR TIMES PETER: PORTRAYAL OF PETER IN THE FOUR GOSPELS AND AT PHILIPPI**; **PAUL IN CHAINS: ROMAN IMPRISONMENT AND LETTERS OF ST. PAUL**; and **JESUS, POLITICS & SOCIETY: A STUDY OF LUKE'S GOSPEL**.

Completing the *Series* with the fourth and final lecture, *St. Paul's Letter to the Romans*, was Fr. Jan Liesen, S.S.L., S.S.D., Vice-Rector at the Seminaire Rolduc, Kerkraade, Netherlands. Fr. Liesen has written two books, **FULL OF PRAISE: TEXTUAL CRITICISM OF SIRACH 3:15C-35** and **HISTORY AND IDENTITY: HOW ISRAEL'S LATER AUTHORS VIEWED ITS EARLIER HISTORY**. He was appointed by John Paul II to serve as a member of the International Theological Commission in Rome.



FR. RICHARD CASSIDY, PH.D.

SSCMS is currently planning events and preparing for celebrations for the upcoming year, which has been designated by Pope Benedict XVI as the *Year of the Priest*, especially in light of the Seminary's anniversaries: *100 Years on the Shores of Orchard Lake* and *125 Years Since Our Founding*. For more information, visit: www.SSCMS.edu



FR. JAN LIESEN, S.S.L., S.S.D.



BISHOP SERRATELLI ACCEPTS FIVE SEMINARIANS AS CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS

On February 13, 2009, the Vigil of the Feast of SS. Cyril & Methodius, the Seminary's Patronal Feast, the Most Rev. Arthur Serratelli, Bishop of Paterson, accepted the following seminarians as candidates for Holy Orders at Vespers in the Seminary Chapel: Tomasz Górny, Sebastian Kos, Piotr Pawlus, Grzegorz Podolowski, and Artur Przywara.

FROM LEFT ARE ARTUR PRZYWARA, GRZEGORZ PODOLOWSKI, SSCMS VICE RECTOR FR. MIROSLAW KRÓL, BISHOP ARTHUR SERRATELLI, SSMCS RECTOR/PRESIDENT MSGR. CHARLES KOSANKE, PIOTR PAWLUS, TOMASZ GÓRNY, AND SEBASTIAN KOS.



BISHOP SERRATELLI CONFERS MINISTRIES OF ACOLYTE AND LECTOR ON PATRONAL FEAST

On February 14, 2009, the Feast of SS. Cyril and Methodius, the Patronal Feast of Seminary, the Most Rev. Arthur Serratelli, Bishop of Paterson, conferred the Ministry of Lector upon three seminarians at the morning Mass in the Seminary Chapel. These included: Daniel Cymer,



Sebastian Gargol and Dawid Wejnerowski. At the same liturgy, the Bishop conferred the Ministry of Acolyte upon the following four seminarians: Łukasz Blicharski, Marcin Michalowski, Sebastian Kos, and Krzysztof Pelczar.



ABOVE RIGHT, NEWLY CONFERRED ACOLYTES ARE FROM LEFT SEBASTIAN KOS, ŁUKASZ Blicharski, KRZYSZTOF PELCZAR. AND MARCIN MICHALOWSKI.

AT LEFT. NEWLY CONFERRED LECTORS FROM LEFT ARE SEBASTIAN GARGOL, DAWID WEJNEROWSKI. AND DANIEL CYMER.



ANNUAL RETREAT FOR PRIESTS IN THE POLISH LANGUAGE HELD JUNE 1-4

The Annual Retreat for Priests in the Polish Language at SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary in June was very well-attended. Led by His Excellency Bishop Stanisław Budzik, the 2009 Retreat focused on the teachings of St. Paul, in keeping with the Pope Benedict XVI's designation of the last 12 months, as the *Year of St. Paul*. Bishop Budzik conducted in-depth reflections on the men's vocations as priests, using the *New Testament* passage, *1 Corinthians 1: 26*. "Consider your own calling, brothers. Not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth."

A priest for 32 years, Bishop Budzik was ordained a Bishop on April 4, 2004, becoming Auxiliary Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Tarnów, Poland. According to Church statistics, the Tarnów Diocese is the most religious diocese in Poland, with 72.5% weekly Mass attendance. Two years ago, Bishop Budzik was elected the Secretary General of the Polish Episcopal Conference,

SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS SEMINARY PRESENTS 2009 GRADUATES

On Saturday, May 7, 2005, six candidates of SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary (SSCMS) participated in the institution's 120th Annual Commencement – this year held in the SSCMS Chapel. Chancellor Fr. Timothy Whalen and SSCMS Rector Msgr. Charles G. Kosanke conferred degrees upon the candidates, who were presented by SSCMS Academic Dean Fr. Greg Tokarski, Ph.D.

Graduating with a MASTER OF DIVINITY were Deacon Jacek Łukasz Kowal of the Diocese of Memphis, Tennessee; and Deacon Marcin Walka of Diocese of Paterson, New Jersey. Earning a MASTER OF ARTS IN PASTORAL MINISTRY was Deacon Bernard Chojnacki of the Diocese of Venice, Florida. Joyce Naomi Brouillette of White Lake, Michigan; Rev. Nicholas Coffaro of the Diocese of Saginaw, Michigan; and Francis J. Fodale of Commerce Township, Michigan graduated from SSCMS with a MASTER OF ARTS.

Rev. Stanley A. Ulman, S.T.L., delivered a compelling Commencement Address, concluding with “Graduates, if you leave SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary with anything, I pray it’s the conviction that you are agents of change for the good. In a culture of death, promote life; in a society that values producing over being, declare the inestimable worth of every human person; in a world filled with wars, terrorists, pirates, addictions, and hopelessness, offer truth, forgiveness, and community. Choose love and gratitude. Go in peace to serve. The people of God need and await you.”

Fr. Ulman, a native of Hamtramck, is a graduate of St. Mary’s Preparatory (‘64). He received his B.A. in Philosophy and Polish Studies from St. Mary’s College (‘68). Fr. Ulman did his graduate work in Theology at the Gregorian University in Rome earning his Licentiate in Sacred Theology (S.T.L.) He completed course studies in the Doctorate of Ministry through St. Mary’s University in Baltimore. Ordained in 1973, he held numerous pastoral assignments until July 2004, when Adam Cardinal Maida assigned Fr. Ulman pastor of St. Mary of the Hills Parish, Rochester Hills. Fr. Ulman served as Vicar of the SERF and North Central Vicariates, as well as on the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council on which he is the current chairman. Active in the Polish-American community, he is the moderator of the Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland and Vice-President of the Priests’ Conference for Polish Affairs. He is a member of the Orchard Lake Schools Board of Regents and the SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary Board of Trustees.



ABOVE FROM LEFT ARE 2009 SSCMS GRADUATES: DEACON JACEK KOWAL, DEACON BERNARD CHOJNACKI, DEACON MARCIN WALKA, JOYCE BROUILLETTE, AND FRANCIS FODALE AT THE FRONT STEPS OF THE SEMINARY BEFORE THE BACCALAUREATE MASS. [NOT PICTURED: FR. NICHOLAS COFFARO, WHO GRADUATED IN 2008 WITH THE MASTER OF DIVINITY, BUT ADDED THE MASTER OF ARTS WITH THE CLASS OF 2009.]

MAY 2009 SEMINARY GRADUATION: CLOSING PRAYERS SUNG AT THE LOURDES GROTTA

After the 120th Annual SSCMS Commencement, the Graduates’ Final Farewell (SEE PHOTO OPPOSITE PAGE) takes place at the Orchard Lake Schools Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. To express the tri-cultural Polish-American-Catholic heritage of the Orchard Lake Schools, graduates and faculty sing the *Hail Mary* in English, Polish, and Latin. Then they sing the traditional Polish farewell song, *Jak szybko mijają chwile, How Swiftly Pass the Moments*.

POLISH RECTORS TO VISIT ORCHARD LAKE FOR ANNIVERSARY, SYMPOSIUM

Two years ago on a visit to Poland, Bishop Francis Reiss, Vice Chairman of the SSCMS Trustees, Rector-President Msgr. Charles Kosanke, and members of the SSCMS Formation Team invited the *Conference of Polish Rectors* to come to Orchard Lake for a *Symposium on Priestly Formation*, as a way to begin SSCMS' Anniversary celebrations. More than 30 rectors have responded to the invitation with word that they will be coming to the Orchard Lake Schools Campus to participate in the *Symposium*. The emphasis of the *Symposium on Priestly Formation*, which will be held August 28-30, 2009, is pastoral formation for priestly service to American Polonia.

Tentative topics include:

- Preparing Seminarians for Parish Ministry in America
- A Special Ministry: Polonia in America
- The Role of SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary and the Orchard Lake Schools for American Polonia
- The Pastoral Role of the Sacrament of Penance.

About the *Symposium*, Msgr. Kosanke said, "The future possibilities that may result from *The Symposium* are very exciting to consider. We are looking to *The Symposium*, which will be the Seminary's kick-off of the *Centennial and Quasquicentennial Anniversary* events, to strengthen our relationship with the Rectors from Poland. Hosting our priest-colleagues from across the Atlantic will give them a small taste of what the young men, whom they recommend to us as missionaries for the Church in the United States, actually experience as students of our Seminary and residents of Orchard Lake."

[For an overview of other campus events and activities which are scheduled in celebration of the Quasquicentennial and Centennial Anniversaries of the Orchard Lake Schools, please see the list of Anniversary events, by month, on p. 7.]



SSCMS STUDENTS COMPLETE STUDIES, ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD



FATHER JACEK KOWAL

✠ *Rev. Jacek Lukasz Kowal* was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Memphis, Tennessee, on Saturday June 6, 2009, by the Most Rev. J. Terry Steib, S.V.D., Bishop of Memphis, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Memphis. Fr. Kowal celebrated his first Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, June 7, 2009, at St. Ann Parish, Bartlett, and then visited family and friends in Poland before accepting his assignment as Associate Pastor at St. Ann Church, in Bartlett, Tennessee, on June 24, 2009. Fr. Kowal, 28, earned a Master of Divinity from SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary, in May 2009. Originally, Fr. Kowal is from Stalowa Wola, Poland, which is part of the Diocese of Sandomierz. He is the son of Jerry and Elizabeth Kowal.

✠ *Rev. Marcin Walka*, 29, was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Paterson, New Jersey, on Saturday, May 23, 2009, in the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, by Most Rev. Arthur Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D., Bishop of Paterson. Fr. Walka is from Waganiec, Poland, in the Diocese of Torun, and is the son of Irena and the late Julian Walka. About his call to the priesthood, Fr. Walka said, "I remember always feeling happy going to Mass. It was a joy to serve at the altar and later as a lector." Fr. Walka said he met Adam Cardinal Maida, the former Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit, at his former seminary in Włocławek. From that moment he said he knew God wanted him to serve Him in the U.S. The following summer he arrived at SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary. Fr. Walka earned a Master of Divinity from SSCMS, graduating with the Class of 2009.



FATHER MARCIN WALKA

✠ *Rev. Marcin Piotr Pluciennik* was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Hartford, Connecticut, on Saturday, May 9, 2009, in the Cathedral of St. Joseph, by the Most Rev. Henry J. Mansell, Archbishop of Hartford. Originally from Pruszkow, Poland, in the Archdiocese of Warsaw, he is 31. Fr. Pluciennik studied for two years at SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary before transferring to Catholic University of Lublin in Poland. Msgr. John J. McCarthy, Chancellor of the Archbishop of Harford has announced that, effective May 17, 2009, Fr. Pluciennik was appointed by Archbishop Mansell to Continuing Studies, Catholic University of Lublin, Lublin, Poland.



FATHER MARCIN PLUCIENNIK

PRAYER FOR SEMINARIANS

Dearest Lord Jesus Christ, please grant Your special blessing on all those men preparing for the Holy Priesthood in our Seminary. Watch over them, guide them, and help them to grow in faith, hope, and love. Be with them as they prepare to serve You and Your Church with open hearts and minds. Help them to continue hearing Your call and answering. When they are anxious and battling doubt, comfort them. Fill their hearts with the fire of Your love and their souls with the peace that comes from trusting You in good times and in bad. Make them courageous and wise in spirit. Give them the strength to persevere through every challenge — mental, physical, and spiritual — that they encounter on the road to Your Holy Priesthood. Dearest Jesus, bless them and keep them faithful and holy, today and every day. Amen.

EIGHT SSCMS STUDENTS PREPARING FOR ORDINATION TO THE TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE

- ✠ *Adam Kotas* was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on April 23, 2009, by Most Rev. Daniel F. Walsh, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Santa Rosa, California, at the Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake, Orchard Lake, Michigan.
- ✠ *Bernard Chojnacki* was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on May 8, 2009, by Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice, Florida, at Epiphany Cathedral, Venice, Florida.
- ✠ *Karol Książek* was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on May 9, 2009, by Most Rev. William E. Lori, Bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport, Connecticut, at St. Gabriel Parish, Stamford, Connecticut.
- ✠ *Grzegorz Podolowski* was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on May 17, 2009, by Most Rev. John J. Myers, J.C.C., D.D., Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey, at the Cathedral Basilica of Sacred Heart, Newark, New Jersey.
- ✠ *Artur Przywara* was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on May 23, 2009, by Most Rev. Robert E. Guglielmone, Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston, South Carolina, at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Charleston, South Carolina.
- ✠ *Tomasz Górny* will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on August 15, 2009, by the Most Rev. Timothy A. McDonnell, Bishop of the Diocese of Springfield, Massachusetts.
- ✠ *Piotr Pawlus* will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on August 15, 2009, by the Most Rev. Timothy A. McDonnell, Bishop of the Diocese of Springfield, Massachusetts.
- ✠ *Sebastian Kos* will be ordained in late November to the Transitional Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Hartford, Connecticut, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, by the Most Rev. Henry J. Mansell, Archbishop of Hartford.

ON THURSDAY, APRIL 23, THE FEAST OF ST. ADALBERT, BISHOP & MARTYR, SSCMS' ADAM KOTAS WAS ORDAINED TO THE TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE BY THE MOST REV. DANIEL F. WALSH, D.D., BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA, IN THE SHRINE CHAPEL OF OUR LADY OF ORCHARD LAKE. DEACON KOTAS IS THE FIRST OF EIGHT FROM THE SEMINARY WHO WILL BE ORDAINED DEACONS FOR VARIOUS DIOCESES IN THE UNITED STATES DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2009. THE ENTIRE STUDENT BODY FROM ST. MARY'S PREPARATORY ATTENDED THE ORDINATION MASS, AND IN KEEPING WITH A LONG-STANDING ORCHARD



LAKE TRADITION, THE BISHOP GAVE THEM TIME OFF FROM SCHOOL. IN THIS CASE, IT WAS NOT THE TYPICAL "DAY OFF." TO THE PREP STUDENTS' DELIGHT, SO IMPRESSED WAS BISHOP WALSH WITH THE PREP BOYS' ATTENTION AT MASS, THAT HE TOLD HEADMASTER JIM GLOWACKI TO GIVE THE YOUNG MEN OF ST. MARY'S ONE AND ONE-HALF DAYS! FROM LEFT ARE DEACON KOTAS, BISHOP DANIEL WALSH, AND SSCMS RECTOR MSGR. CHARLES KOSANKE AFTER THE ORDINATION MASS.

SSCMS LENTEN RETREAT MASTER PREACHES SACRIFICE, LOVE, AND COMMUNITY IN CHRIST

Fr. Mariusz Koch, OFM, a member of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (Grayfriars) conducted the Annual Lenten Retreat for our seminarians from Thursday, March 12, through Sunday March 15, 2009. The retreat provided an opportunity for the seminarians to learn together through prayer the virtues necessary to Christian living, specifically in the priesthood.

Fr. Koch was ordained in 1969 for the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey. He received his M.Div., at the Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, New Jersey, and his M.A., in Spiritual Theology at the Angelicum, Rome. He served as a parish priest, pastor, Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Newark, and in Campus Ministry and Rector of the College Seminary at Seton Hall University. Fr. Koch has been a member of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal since 1998, when he received permission to leave the diocese and enter the Community of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, (CFR), taking the religious name of Mariusz. His decision to join was grounded in the *absolute fidelity* toward the Church and the *authentic renewal* that he observed in the community.



SSCMS WELCOMES NEW FACULTY, ANNOUNCES STAFF ASSIGNMENTS

✦ *Caryn Noel* was named Director of the Adam Cardinal Maida Alumni Library in March 2009. Originally from Twin Mountain, New Hampshire, she earned an M.L.I.S. from Wayne State University, with specializations in Academic Libraries and Special Libraries. Noel has also studied at the University of Arizona, completing undergrad studies with a Bachelor of Arts in Creative Writing. While reference and bibliographic instruction are two areas of librarianship upon which Noel concentrates, she maintains a special interest in information literacy, serving on a Michigan Library Association workgroup dedicated to this issue. She maintains that in this ever-shifting, data-driven society, both traditional and non-traditional methods of information seeking are vital. Noel has memberships in the American Library Association, Special Libraries Association, Michigan Academic Libraries Council, and the American Theological Library Association. She remains passionate about reading and writing in many various forms and enjoys gardening, skiing, cooking, travel, and music in her spare time. Noel and her husband, Rick, are residents of Royal Oak.

✦ Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit and Chairman of SSCMS Board of Trustees, has named *Msgr. John Kasza* as the new Academic Dean of the Seminary, effective July 1, 2009. Ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Detroit in 1993, Msgr. Kasza holds a B.A., in History from Wayne State University,

Detroit, and an M.Div., from Sacred Heart Major Seminary. After three years as Parochial Vicar at St. Frances Cabrini Parish in Allen Park, he was assigned as Parochial Vicar at Sacred Heart Parish in Dearborn, Michigan. In 1996 he was sent to Pontifical Athenaeum Sant'Anselmo in Rome, where he earned his License in Sacramental Theology in 1998 and subsequently his Doctorate in Sacramental Theology in 1999. Msgr. Kasza's dissertation was published as a book, entitled, *Sacrament of Healing (Anointing and Viaticum)*. His

Eminence Adam Cardinal Maida assigned Msgr. Kasza to the Sacred Heart Major Seminary faculty in Detroit, when he returned from Rome. In 2005 he was appointed Priest Secretary to Cardinal Maida. Msgr. Kasza has been a weekend Pastoral Associate at St. Aidan Parish in Livonia since 1999. Msgr. Kasza's academic and administrative talents will be a great asset to SSCMS. He succeeds Fr. Grzegorz Tokarski, who has been assigned as Pastor, St. Clare of Assisi Parish, Farmington Hills, Michigan, as of July 1, 2009.

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MSGR. JOHN KASZA



ABOVE LEFT: FR. KOCH RAISES THE EUCHARIST AT MASS DURING THE LENTEN RETREAT.

BOTTOM LEFT: ON THE CLOSING NIGHT OF THE RETREAT, SSCMS FACULTY AND STUDENTS GATHERED FOR A GROUP PICTURE IN THE SS. CYRIL & METHUDIUS SEMINARY CHAPEL. SURROUNDED BY THE SSCMS COMMUNITY, FR. KOCH IS AT CENTER IN THE GRAY, CRUCIFORM HABIT OF HIS RELIGIOUS ORDER.

ABOVE: FROM LEFT FR. MARIUSZ KOCH IS PICTURED WITH HIS WELL-KNOWN, BROTHER PRIEST IN THE GRAYFRIARS, FR. BENEDICT GROESCHEL, AT THEIR HOME IN THE BRONX.



SEMINARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES HAS NEW CHAIRMAN

Most Rev. Allen H. Vigneron, was installed as the new Archbishop of Detroit on the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, January 28, 2009. By virtue of this position, Archbishop Vigneron becomes the new Chairman of the SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary Board of Trustees. Msgr. Charles Kosanke, Rector, expressed joy at the appointment of Archbishop Vigneron, saying, "I worked closely with him for eight years when he was Rector of Sacred Heart Major Seminary (SHMS). At the time, I was the Dean of Administration, the Director of Undergraduate Formation and the New Testament professor." Msgr. Kosanke added, "Archbishop Vigneron is very supportive of seminaries and takes his responsibilities seriously. He is a kind and intelligent person."

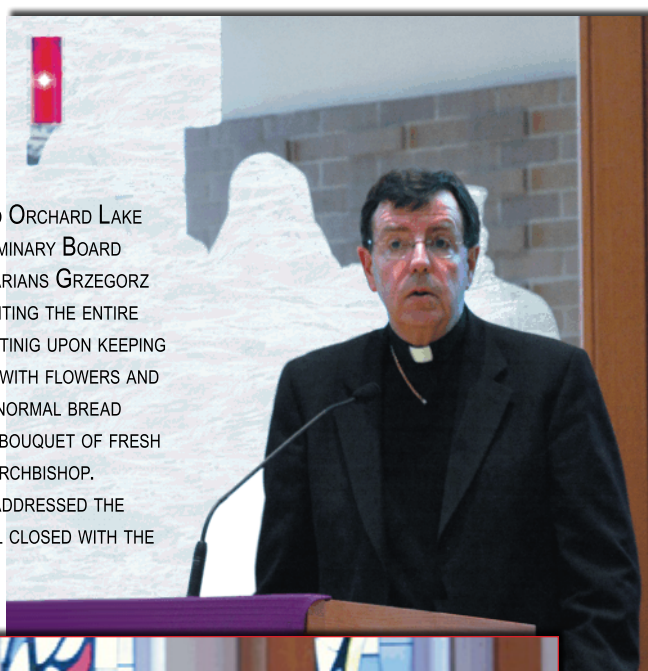
BOTTOM LEFT: ARCHBISHOP ALLEN VIGNERON VISITED ORCHARD LAKE TO SPEAK WITH SEMINARIANS AND CHAIR HIS FIRST SEMINARY BOARD MEETING. BEFORE GIVING HIS TALK, HOWEVER, SEMINARIANS GRZEGORZ PODOLOWSKI AND ADAM KOTAS (AT AMBO), REPRESENTING THE ENTIRE STUDENT BODY, SURPRISED HIS EXCELLENCY BY INSISTING UPON KEEPING THE POLISH TRADITION OF PRESENTING NEW VISITORS WITH FLOWERS AND FOOD. KOTAS APOLOGIZED FOR NOT PRESENTING THE NORMAL BREAD OFFERING, BUT HOPED THE OFFERING OF A BEAUTIFUL BOUQUET OF FRESH FLOWERS AND PLANTS WAS ENOUGH TO PLEASE THE ARCHBISHOP. CENTER AND BOTTOM LEFT: ARCHBISHOP VIGNERON ADDRESSED THE SEMINARIANS. THE MEETING IN THE SEMINARY CHAPEL CLOSED WITH THE SINGING OF A POLISH MARIAN HYMN.

Archbishop Vigneron visited SSCMS on Monday, March 9, 2009. During his meeting with the seminarians he expressed his desire to meet with them and with the SHMS seminarians at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit, at least once each semester.

Following his talk with the seminarians, the Archbishop chaired his first meeting of the SSCMS Board of Trustees. In it he affirmed the validity of the mission of SSCMS as a free-standing seminary.

By virtue of his position as the Archbishop of Detroit, Archbishop Vigneron is also a member of

the Orchard Lake Schools Board of Regents. He expressed his intention to participate in every meeting, whenever and as much as a possible.



SSCMS WELCOMES NEW FACULTY, ANNOUNCES STAFF ASSIGNMENTS

— *New Faculty cont'd from p. 17*

✠ *Rev. Canon Sławomir Jakubiec, Th.D.*, a priest of the Archdiocese of Lublin, and currently Director of Spiritual Formation at SSCMS in Orchard Lake, has been appointed Spiritual Director of SSCMS in Kraków, Poland, where he will assist Fr. Michal Mierzwa, Rector. Upon completing studies in Civil Law at the University Marii Curie Skłodowska in



REV. CANON SŁAWOMIR JAKUBIEC

Lublin, he entered the Seminary at KUL, Lublin. He received a Masters and Licentiate Degree in Pastoral Theology and subsequently his Doctorate in Fundamental Theology, with an emphasis on Anthropology. Ordained in 1976, he became a missionary, serving the the

Church in Zambia, Central Africa, and New South Wales, Australia. Fr. Jakubiec has made a significant contribution at Orchard Lake and will be a great help to the priesthood candidates in Kraków as they transition to the Seminary in Orchard Lake.

✠ *Fr. Robert Marczewski, S.T.L.*, has been appointed Dean of Spiritual Formation for SSCMS. Originally from Gdansk, Poland, he transferred to SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary as a seminarian in 1990. In 1995 he was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Fr. Marczewski has served in five parishes as Parochial Vicar: St. Christopher Parish (1995-97), Corpus Christi Parish (1997-98), St. Adalbert Parish (1998-2001), St. Francis of Assisi Parish (2001-05), and Nativity of Our Lord Parish (2005-2009). Fr. Marczewski earned a License in Spiritual Theology from the Pontifical Academy of Theology in Kraków in 2008. He has been active in the Catholic Youth Organization and has been serving as confessor to the Missionary Sisters of Charity and the Carmelite Sisters in Philadelphia. Fr. Marczewski's extensive parish experience and his experience as a confessor will be an asset as he assists SSCMS seminarians in matters concerning their spiritual growth.

✠ *Fr. Marek Biegun (S'05)* has been named Dean of Students for the Seminary at Orchard Lake. Fr. Biegun began his seminary studies for the Archdiocese of Kraków. He earned a Master's Degree in Theology from the Pontifical Academic of Theology in Kraków. Continuing his priestly studies at SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake, Michigan, he was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Paterson, New Jersey, in 2005. In addition to his responsibilities as Dean of Students, Fr. Biegun will continue his studies toward a License in Sacred Theology (S.T.L.) He succeeds Fr. Mirosław Król, S.T.L., who continues as SSCMS as Vice-Rector as well as Director of Liturgy and Director of Admissions.



REV. MAREK BIEGUN

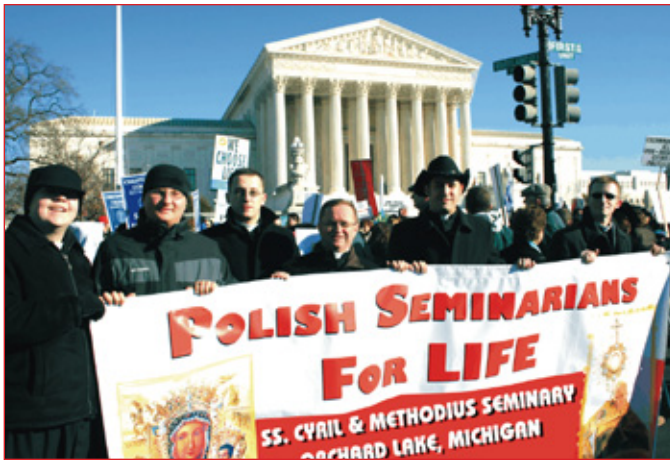
**POLISH AMERICAN PRIESTS
ASSOCIATION (PAPA)
21ST ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION**
WHERE: ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS
WHEN: APRIL 12-16, 2010
**WHY: CELEBRATING QUASQUICENTENNIAL:
125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING
OF THE ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS**
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SEMINARIANS PARTICIPATE IN 36TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON

SSCMS Vice Rector Fr. Mirosław Król led six seminarians to Washington, D.C. to participate in the Annual March for Life on January 22, 2009 and the Mass for Life at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The Annual March for Life, a peaceful protest of the Supreme Court's 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision, began with a Rally on the Mall, after which the pro-life group marched to the steps of the Supreme Court.

This is third consecutive year that Orchard Lake seminarians have participated in the Annual March for life. SSCMS recent grad Fr. Łukasz Willenberg (S'08), organized a group from his parish to participate saying, "My inspiration for organizing this group from my parish is a result of my having participated in the March as a seminarian at SSCMS."

The SSCMS delegation also visited the the Embassy of the Republic of Poland where they met with Hon. Ambassador Robert Kupiecki, Ph.D., the Polish Ambassador to the United States. Ambassador Kupiecki welcomed the visitors, showing them traditional Polish hospitality.



LEFT TOP: CONCLUDING THE MARCH FROM THE MALL TO THE SUPREME COURT ARE ADAM KOTAS, DAWID WEJNEROWSKI, KAROL KSIĄŻEK, FR. MIROSLAW KRÓL, ŁUKASZ Blicharski, AND SEBASTIAN KOS.

ABOVE RIGHT: THE CONTINGENT BRAVED THE JANUARY COLD TO JOIN THE MARCH FOR LIFE. FROM LEFT ARE ADAM KOTAS, FR. MIROSLAW KRÓL, KAROL KSIĄŻEK, DAWID WEJNEROWSKI, SEBASTIAN KOS, AND TOMASZ GÓRNY.

ABOVE: THE GROUP ENJOYS THE POLISH HOSPITALITY OF AMBASSADOR ROBERT KUPIECKI AND HIS AIDE AT THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

AT RIGHT: SSCMS VISITORS FLANK THE AMBASSADOR. FROM LEFT ARE ŁUKASZ Blicharski, FR. MIROSLAW KRÓL, DAWID WEJNEROWSKI, TOMASZ GÓRNY, AMBASSADOR KUPIECKI, ADAM KOTAS, KAROL KSIĄŻEK, AND SEBASTIAN KOS.



FR. WILLENBERG RETURNS TO OFFER MASS WITH SEMINARY COMMUNITY

Fr. Lukasz Willenberg (S'08), who was ordained for the Diocese of Providence, Rhode Island, in June 2008, returned to the SSCMS Chapel to offer Mass with the Seminary Community on October 24, 2008. Deacon Jacek Kowal assisted.

BELOW FROM LEFT: SSCMS VICE RECTOR FR. KRÖL, RECTOR MSGR. KOSANKE, AND ACADEMIC DEAN FR. GREG TOKARSKI LISTEN WITH *FATHERLY* SATISFACTION AS FR. WILLENBERG DELIVERS HIS HOMILY.

AT RIGHT: FR. WILLENBERG ELEVATES THE CHALICE OF PRECIOUS BLOOD AFTER THE CONSECRATION. SEMINARIAN BERNARD CHOJNACKI PRAYS IN BACKGROUND.



PRIESTS, SEMINARIANS CELEBRATE YEAR OF ST. PAUL AT OUR LADY QUEEN OF APOSTLES IN HAMTRAMCK

In keeping with the current *Year of St. Paul*, SSCMS celebrated a Holy Hour during Lent for the people of Our Lady Queen of Apostles in Hamtramck. OLS Chancellor Fr. Timothy Whalen, the presider and homilist, also led a Eucharistic procession throughout the beautiful church. Rector Msgr. Charles Kosanke. Academic Dean Fr. Greg Tokarski, and several seminarians also participated.



ABOVE: AFTER LEADING THE EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION AT OUR LADY QUEEN OF APOSTLES IN HAMTRAMCK, OLS CHANCELLOR FR. TIMOTHY WHALEN BLESSES THE PEOPLE WITH THE EUCHARISTIC LORD. AT RIGHT: DEACON JACEK KOWAL (L) ASSISTS WHILE FR. WHALEN INCENSES THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

THE GOOD NEWS FROM —

ST. MARY'S PREPARATORY

Dear Friends, Alumni, and Parents,
I always enjoy composing this column for the *Orchard Lake Good News* because it forces me to stop a moment and take stock of all the blessings God has bestowed upon St. Mary's Preparatory. As we go through the crazy days of administration, reacting to every new situation, and trying to solve every unique problem, sometimes we do not take the time to properly appreciate the many great things that are happening at OLSM. *The Headmaster's Letter* gives me an opportunity to not only turn introspectively toward my Alma Mater and my career, but to share those musings with you — our loyal alumni and friends.

It seems strange to be sitting at my computer screen in late Spring without a single state championship under our belts. We have been spoiled by our successes to the point that we expect greatness and dominance in every season. In my ten years as Headmaster, we have been unbelievably blessed with nine state titles. I must constantly remind the students that this winning streak is an anomaly, not the norm. We all have to remember that from 1933 to 1977, we didn't earn a single state title. Suffering a 44-year drought is not easy for any school, but it goes to show that great teams with great programs don't always make it to the big dance.

Spring sports are wrapping up. Once again our teams have risen to the top like cream. After rebounding from two horrific seasons in 2006 and 2007, with a winning record in 2008 under new Coach Greg Normand, Eaglet Lacrosse is on the rise this season.

THE ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY'S PREPARATORY CLASS OF 2009 STAND BEFORE THE SHRINE CHAPEL OF OUR LADY OF ORCHARD LAKE PRIOR TO PRACTICE FOR THEIR BACCALAUREATE MASS.



Lacrosse is enjoying a level of success that we have not seen for more than ten years – the Eaglets are serious contenders for a state title. (SEE P. 41) Adopting Coach John Ray’s penchant for hard work and solid technique, OLSM Rowing is once again tops in Michigan and a force with which to be reckoned in Midwest and National regattas. Eaglet Golf, under seasoned Coach Kris Daiek, looks capable of improving upon last year’s third place finish in the state tournament (SEE P. 40). Coach Mark LeFevre’s Track team, though few in number, has been competitive in dual meets and invitationals. After winning the regional championship, Track is also a serious contender for a state title. Playing in the absolute toughest league in the state, Eaglet Baseball, under Coach Nick Di Ponio, is preparing for its *second season*, the state playoffs. (SEE P. 40).

What we have done this year is to put out incredibly competitive and sportsmanlike teams in every sport with some top notch athletes, who have garnered a myriad of wonderful, personal accolades. At the conclusion of Hoops, Dion Sims finished fourth in the state voting for *Mr. Basketball* – though he will always be *number one* in our book. Jordan Kieltyka was named the *Best Scholar-Athlete* in all of Michigan high school Hockey. Kieltyka is our fourth such player to receive that distinguishing honor in nine years. Saving the best for last, Ryan Anderson is perhaps the greatest athletic-scholar that the state of Michigan has ever seen. His cross country and track careers have been punctuated by a perfect score on the ACT, two perfect scores on the SAT II, a National Merit Scholarship, and the recognition of being one of the top 100 high school mathematics performers in the United States (SEE P. 30). Now he takes his talents to the international level of competition.

As the acceptance letters from major universities continue to arrive for our seniors (SEE P. 28), OLSM touts four appointments from the Class of 2009 to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. This feat has allegedly never been rivaled by any high school in the Midwest. The Naval Academy administration has told us that four appointments might happen once a decade in a handful of prep schools in and around Washington, D.C., typically where congressmen’s children are enrolled, but it does not happen in a little, 500-student, all-male, Catholic school in Michigan. *Bret Anstett, Gabriel Charette, Pierce Niemiec, and Eric Peart* were thrilled at the Honors Convocation in May, when a visiting U.S. Naval officer presented them with their written appointments in front of the entire student body (SEE P. 25). What could be more spectacular than seeing these young men offering their talents and courage to defend the United States of America?

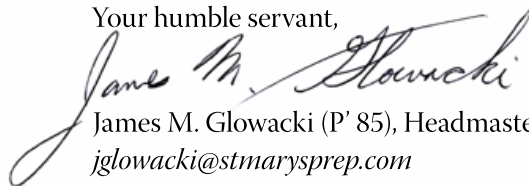
OLSM alumni also continue to do great things. Michigan State University’s point guard and *Big Ten Player of the Year* and MVP Kalin Lucas (P’07) led his Spartans to the NCAA Men’s Basketball Championship *Final Four*, as a sophomore (SEE P. 71). His talents have helped bring light to the Prep and the Our Blessed Mother’s holy name, *St. Mary’s* – hundreds of times in the national and local media. His poise, talent, and character bring pride to all of us associated with “*OLSM! #1 in Michigan!*” as well as glory to his Alma Mater. Did you know that Kalin takes time to call his former coaches and teachers to thank us for *the right start* that St. Mary’s

Preparatory has given him and the guidance that faculty and staff provided? Every alumnus takes equal pride in Kalin’s performances, and although he and the Spartans fell just short of a National Championship, it was a spectacular run.

As he graced the cover of *SPORTS ILLUSTRATED* in early March, I think each of us longed for the days when he wore the red and white of the Eaglets. St. Mary’s Preparatory is not without its needs and has seen enough tough times in its 124-year history. Just the other day someone asked me, “How are you ever going to survive this economy?” Answering was easy, “The same way we always have – only by the grace of God and with the certainty that we have many great young men that represent us wherever they go and in whatever they do.”

And that is all we really need.

Your humble servant,


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ST. MARY’S PREPARATORY



ST. MARY'S PREPARATORY MISSION STATEMENT

St. Mary's Preparatory is a Catholic, all-boys, college preparatory high school with a Polish-American heritage and legacy. Our mission is to provide deserving young men the moral guidance, the discipline, and the education necessary to become Christian gentlemen, scholars, and men of service and leadership for the world. By completion of our spiritual and educational model these young men can gain the fortitude, reverence, character, and preparation to meet all challenges for the greater glory of God and their Alma Mater.

REPORTING ON A DECADE OF EXCELLENCE

ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY'S PREP ACT PROFILE VS. STATE AND NATIONAL NORMS

<i>Class of...</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Math</i>	<i>Reading</i>	<i>Science</i>	<i>COMP</i>
OLSM 2000	21.4	21.5	21.4	21.9	21.6
National 2000	21.6	21.8	21.5	21.8	20.0
State 2000	21.6	21.9	21.6	19.8	20.1
OLSM 2001	23.0	22.1	22.2	22.4	22.6
National 2001	21.4	21.8	21.4	21.8	21.9
State 2001	20.5	20.5	21.0	21.6	21.8
OLSM 2002	24.3	22.9	22.7	22.8	23.3
National 2002	20.5	20.7	21.3	21.0	21.0
State 2002	20.5	21.1	21.7	21.6	21.3
OLSM 2003	24.8	22.9	24.6	22.7	23.8
National 2003	20.2	20.6	21.1	20.8	20.8
State 2003	20.4	21.2	21.7	21.6	21.3
OLSM 2004	24.9	23.9	24.8	23.8	24.4
National 2004	20.8	20.4	21.4	21.1	21.1
State 2004	20.8	21.0	21.8	21.1	21.8
OLSM 2005	25.8	23.8	25.0	24.8	24.8
National 2005	20.4	20.7	21.3	20.9	20.9
State 2005	20.7	21.2	21.8	21.6	21.4
OLSM 2006	25.9	24.0	25.0	24.9	24.9
National 2006	20.7	20.8	21.1	21.1	21.0
State 2006	21.5	20.7	21.2	21.8	21.7
OLSM 2007	26.0	24.1	25.4	25.1	25.2
National 2007	20.8	20.7	21.1	21.4	21.1
State 2007	21.4	20.8	21.1	21.7	21.5
OLSM 2008	25.8	24.1	25.1	25.2	25.1
National 2008	20.6	21.0	21.4	20.8	21.1
State 2008	18.7	19.5	19.8	19.9	19.6
OLSM 2009	25.8	24.2	25.1	25.1	25.1
National 2009	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
State 2009	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

In Addition: 87% of the members of Orchard Lake St. Mary's Preparatory Class of 2009 exhibited College-Readiness-Proficiency on their ACT ESSAY-WRITING COMPONENT.

Data compiled based on each graduate's BEST score, in each Test Section of the ACT, for the graduating Senior Class shown above.

HONORS CONVOCATION RECOGNIZES OLSM'S BEST



FROM LEFT KANDOR SCHOLARS ARE PARKER BENGRY, JORDAN KIELTYKA, SEOK-JAE HONG, BRET ANSTETT, JEFFREY WARANIAC, HENRY KOOK, KEVIN MERCHAK, ERIC PEART, RYAN ANDERSON, AND BRANDON ASELAGE, WITH VICE-HEADMASTER AND DEAN OF ADMISSIONS LEONARD KARSCHNIA.

The top ten seniors from St. Mary's Preparatory Class of 2009 each received a \$2,500 scholarship from the *Louis and Ella Kandor Memorial Foundation* to assist with college tuition. Mr. Kandor, a local Jewish businessman and philanthropist, who died in 1996, established the scholarship program with the provision that scholarships should be awarded annually to the top ten academic students at St. Mary's Preparatory.

In order of GPA (highest first), the recipients, their place of residence, and colleges they will attend in Fall 2009 are: Ryan Anderson, 4.642, Commerce Twp., **University of Michigan**; Kevin Merchak, 4.59, West Bloomfield, **University of Michigan**; Eric Peart, 4.39, Davisburg, **United States Naval Academy**; Jeffrey Waraniak, 4.31, West Bloomfield, **University of Michigan**; Jordan Kieltyka, 4.224, Rochester, **University of Michigan**; Henry Kook,

4.2208, Commerce Twp, **University of Michigan**; Seok-Jae Hong, 4.15, Novi, **University of Southern California**; Bret Anstett, 4.10, Bloomfield Hills, **United States Naval Academy**; Brandon Aselage, 4.05, White Lake, **University of Michigan**; and Parker Bengry, 4.03, Auburn Hills, **Columbia College**, Chicago.

UNHEARD OF FEAT FOR SMALL CATHOLIC MIDWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL –

FOUR APPOINTED TO U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

An historical achievement? Everyday life at Orchard Lake St. Mary's. Headmaster Jim Glowacki reports that the Class of 2009 has bragging rights for the first time ever in a small, Catholic, 500-student, Midwestern prep school. Four of this year's OLSM graduates have received appointments to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. All reports indicate that this feat has never taken place at any high school in the Midwest. Naval Academy administration staff has advised OLSM that having four appointments might happen once a decade in a handful of prep schools in and around Washington, D.C., where congressmen's children are enrolled, but never in a little, 500-student, all-male, Catholic school in Michigan. OLSM's Bret Anstett, Gabriel Charette, Pierce Niemiec, and Eric Peart are headed for Annapolis. They received their appointments before the entire student body at the Honors Convocation on Friday, May 1, 2009 from visiting U.S. Naval officer Capt. John Bissa, USN.



FROM LEFT, GABRIEL CHARETTE, BRET ANSTETT, PIERCE NIEMIEC, AND ERIC PEART WERE THRILLED WHEN CAPT. JOHN BISSA, USN (BACK ROW) PRESENTED THEM WITH THEIR WRITTEN APPOINTMENTS AT THE HONORS CONVOCATION. (SEE RELATED STORY, PG. 32)

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RYAN ANDERSON, CLASS VALEDICTORIAN AND 2009 IRON MAN ENJOYS A MOMENT WITH HEADMASTER JAMES GLOWACKI (P'85) AFTER THE HONORS CONVOCATION. ANDERSON IS PICTURED ON THE STAGE WITH SOME OF HIS OTHER AWARDS.

RYAN ANDERSON LEADS CLASS OF 2009 IN ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS, HONORS

Owing to his dedication, untiring work ethic, academic prowess, and many God-given talents, OLSM senior Ryan Anderson collected the lion's share of awards at the Honors Convocation on Friday, May 8, 2009 in the Fr. John Rakoczy Gym. Not only was Anderson the class valedictorian with his GPA of 4.642, he graduated *Summa Cum Laude* (gold cord) as a *Kandor Scholar*, and a member of the National Honor Society. He scored a perfect 36 on the ACT, and beat the SAT with a score of 2270. Anderson was named an *Eccentric Newspapers Academic All-Star*, and earned the *Iron Man Award* as the top graduating scholar-athlete at St. Mary's Preparatory. He also received the *Senior Theology Award*, and the *Karen Stewart Award*. Anderson was a nominee for both the *MHSAA Scholar Athlete Award*, and for the *WXYS Channel 7 - Best and the Brightest Award*. He will attend the University of Michigan.



PROCESSING INTO THEIR LONG-AWAITED BACCALAUREATE MASS IN THE SHRINE CHAPEL OF OUR LADY OF ORCHARD LAKE ARE VALEDICTORIAN RYAN ANDERSON (L) AND SALUTATORIAN KEVIN MERCHAK (R). THE CLASS OF 2009 BACCALAUREATE MASS AND COMMENCEMENT TOOK PLACE ON SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2009.



JEFF WARANIAK RECEIVES THE HEADMASTER'S AWARD FROM HEADMASTER JAMES GLOWACKI (P'85) AT THE HONORS CONVOCATION. WARANIAK'S RECEPTION OF THIS OLSM DISTINCTION IS THE 21ST SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1988.

EAGLETS

2009 HONORS CONVOCATION – MORE AWARD WINNERS

St. Mary's 2009 Honors Convocation was held Friday, May 8, 2009, in the Fr. John Rakoczy Gym. Below is a listing of some (but not all) students' prestigious honors at several levels for their accomplishments this year.

SENIOR ACADEMIC AWARDS

Summa Cum Laude: 4.0+ for the Gold Cord

Ryan Anderson, Bret Anstett, Brandon Aselage,
Parker Bengry, Samuel Fusini, Seok-Jae Hong,
Jordan Kieltyka, Trevor Kieltyka, Anthony Konja,
Henry Kook, Kevin Merchak, Eric Peart,
Adam Schumaier, Jeffery Waraniak

Magna Cum Laude: 3.7–3.99 for the Red Cord

Andrew Biebuyck, Jason Bojczyk, Christian Brandt,
Bradley Burns, Andrew Cloonan, Samuel Fioroni,
Timothy Garmo, Mathieu Gervais, Jason Hatchard,
Chang Won Kang, Min Uk Kim, Jae Ho Lee, Pierce Niemiec,
Thomas Pellerito, Christopher Sarnacki, Shane Seelig

Cum Laude: 3.30 – 3.69 for the White Cord

Maxwell Borchers, Gabriel Charette, Frank Ciccone,
Robert Clemente, Robert D'Agostini, Geoffrey Farrell, Adam
Hatchard, Rami Jamil, Patrick Kenrick, Jun Bum Kim,
Young Seung Kim, Stephen Knoblock, Scott Koenigsknecht,
Joseph Laflamme, Paul Olexa, Maxwell Oslund,
Tayler Peruski, Kyle Sahutske, Steven Schnelz,
Steven Schumacher, Nathan Tajima, Patrick Turner,
Jung Wook Yu, Alexander Zanetti, Dominic Zerki

STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Freshman: Aaron Buckley
Sophomore: Mark Stanisz
Junior: Andrew McIntyre
Senior: Scott Koenigsknecht

NOMINEES FOR MHSAA SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARDS

Track: Tayler Peruski
Soccer: Kevin Merchak
Hockey: Andrew Cloonan
Football: Sam Fioroni
Wrestling: Andrew Biebuyck
Cross Country: Ryan Anderson

ECCENTRIC NEWSPAPERS ACADEMIC ALL STARS

Ryan Anderson, Eric Peart

STATE OF MICHIGAN KEY CLUB AWARD

Dominic Zerki

SENIOR THEOLOGY AWARD

Matt Clark, Ryan Anderson

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ROTC SCHOLARSHIP

Kyle Sahutske

MOST VARSITY LETTERS

Josh Abbott, Shane Halaas, Suave LaVallis,
Pierce Niemiec, Tayler Peruski

HIGHEST ACT SCORE

Ryan Anderson – 36

HIGHEST SAT SCORE

Ryan Anderson – 2270

HONORABLE MENTION ACT SCORES

Michael Christen, Sophomore – 35
Matthew Johnson, Junior – 34
Donald Wright III, Junior – 34
Kyle Anderson, Freshman – 31

EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

Zach Dorchak, Sean Johnston, Eric Peart

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD

Brandon Aselage, Bradley Burns, Pierce Niemiec, Nathan
Tajima, John Thiede, Patrick Turner

DEAN OF RESIDENCE AWARD

Samuel Fusini

DEAN OF STUDENTS AWARD

Samuel Fioroni

ADMISSIONS AWARD

Gregory Harrison, Austin Henry

VICE HEADMASTER'S AWARD

James Huddleston, Adam Hatchard,
Jason Hatchard

NATIONAL MEDICAL

ARTS AWARD

Christopher Vucinaj

PAUL ZIEMBA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Matthew Johnson

TIM ZEBARI AWARD

Scott Koenigsknecht

PATRICK DANELUK UNSUNG HERO AWARD

Bret Anstett, Anthony Carlini, Andrew Cloonan,
Chang Won Kang, Steven Kassab, Joseph Laflamme,
Brooks Laimbeer, Max Neumann, Justin Wicher,
Alex Zanetti, Tae Hyun Ahn, Bradley Burns, Henry Kook,
Garrett Lang, Trevor Keiltyka, Kyle Sahutske, Suave Lavallis

OLSM SPIRIT AWARD

Christian Brandt, Keegan Dupack, Shane Irmen,
Patrick Kenrick, Thomas Pellerito



EAGLETS

ST. MARY'S PREPARATORY CLASS OF 2009

WHERE THEY'RE HEADING . . .



ABOVE: SCOTT KOENIGSKNECHT ACCEPTS HIS DIPLOMA FROM CHANCELLOR FR. TIMOTHY WHALEN (P'70) AT THE 2009 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES HELD IN THE SMAC ON SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2009. KOENIGSKNECHT, A CUM LAUDE MEMBER OF THE NAT'L HONOR SOCIETY, RECEIVED THE STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR THE SENIOR CLASS.

Adrian College: Shane Halaas, Jeffrey Jones, Joseph Laflamme, Frank Notturmo; *Albion College:* Robert D'Agostini, Eric Posa, Steven Schumacher; *Aquinas College:* Shane Seelig; *Arizona State University:* Daniel Pernicano; *Berkley College of Music:* Alexey Musatov; *Boston University:* Jungwoon Shin; *Brown University:* Bradley Burns; *Case Western Reserve University:* Chang Won Kang, Jae Ho Lee; *Central Michigan University:* William Chorkey, Luke Davis, Keegan Dupack, Maximilian Golec; *Columbia College Chicago:* Parker Bengry; *Denison College (OH):* Samuel Fioroni; *Full Sail University (FL):* Gerrit DeBruin; *Grand Valley State University:* Aaron Glidden, Luis Gonzalez-Prendes, Suave LaVallis, Andrew Stromski; *Henry Ford Community College:* Max Neumann; *Hillsdale College:* Stephen Knoblock, Thomas Pellerito; *John Carroll University:* Paul Olexa; *Inver Hills Community College:* Brian Gould; *Iowa State University:* David Hagopian, Jason Hatchard; *Lake Superior State University:* Jason Bojczyk; *Marietta College:* Sean Johnston; *Mercyhurst College:* John Theide; *Miami University (OH):* Justin Semmes; *Michigan State University:* Maxwell Borchers, Jae Woo Choi, Andrew Cloonan, Ethan Daley, Geoffrey Farrell, Mathieu Gervais, Dae Hee Jang, Patrick Kenrick, Young Seung Kim, Scott Koenigsknecht, Maxwell Oslund, Kyle Sahutske, Eric Schumann, Jonathan Sheahan, Dion Sims, Nathan Tajima, Matthew Uhrin, Guenho Yang; *Mount St. Mary's College (MD):* Joshua Abbott, Kevin DiSalle; *Northwestern Michigan College:* Zachary Walterhouse; *Oakland Community College:* Cameron Bahri, Steven Feldman, James Jacobs, Jeffrey Jay, Alexander Jeffery, Derek Kissick, Devon Kissick, Patrick Martin, Austin Miller,



DeAndre Perkins, Devon Shadwick; *Oakland University:* Preston Atisha, Dominic Bacall, Anthony Carlini, Aaron Clark, Garrett Lang, James Maher, Thaddeus McConkey, Dane Muller, Christopher Sarnacki; *Ohio Wesleyan University:* James Huddleston; *Otterbein College (OH):* Adam Hatchard; *Pennsylvania State University:* Min Uk Kim; *Schoolcraft College:* Aston Williams; *Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts:* Joshua Rock; *Syracuse University:* Jun Bum Kim, Jung Wook Yu; *University of Detroit Mercy:* Frank Ciccone; *University of Findlay (OH):* Joseph Murphy; *University of Kentucky:* Matthew Clark, Brooks Laimbeer;

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AT LEFT: FROM LEFT KYLE SAHUTSKE RECEIVES A FULL TUITION SCHOLARSHIP TO THE U.S. ARMY ROTC AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY FROM MAJ. R. V. WAGH. ACADEMIC DEAN CORMAC LYNN JOINS IN THE \$69,500 CHECK PRESENTATION AT THE HONORS CONVOCATION.

University of Massachusetts: Samuel Fusini; *University of Michigan:* Ryan Anderson, Brandon Aselage, Andrew Biebuyck, Christian Brandt, Robert Clemente, Jordan Kieltyka, Trevor Kieltyka, Henry Kook, Kevin Merchak, Adam Schumaier, Jeffrey Waraniak; *University of Michigan-Dearborn:* Steven Schnelz, Justin Wicher; *University of Michigan-Flint:* James Vyskocil; *University of Nebraska:* Tayler Peruski; *University of Southern California:* Seok Jae Hong; *University of Tampa:* Alexander Zanetti; *University of Texas, San Antonio:* Ming Tai Chin; *United States Naval Academy:* Bret Anstett, Gabriel Charette, Pierce Niemiec, Eric Peart; *Utah State University:* Shane Irmen; *Washington State University:* Tae Hyun Ahn; *Wayne State University:* Justin Alkatib, Timothy Garmo, Rami Jamil, Anthony Konja, Sarkis Manavdjian, Darren Naimi, Dominic Zerki; *Xavier University:* Patrick Turner.

— OTHER SERVICE/EDUCATIONAL PURSUITS —

Hargrove Military Academy: Rodney Woodland

U.S. Army: Guadalupe Ortez



ABOVE: AT MASS IN THE SHRINE CHAPEL OF OUR LADY OF ORCHARD LAKE ON AN OLSM RED & WHITE SPIRIT DAY ARE 2009 GRADS GABE CHARETTE AND SEAN JOHNSTON. NAVAL ACADEMY APPOINTEE CHARETTE PLANS TO CONTINUE ROWING IN COLLEGE AS WILL EAGLE SCOUT AWARDEE JOHNSTON AT MARIETTA COLLEGE IN OHIO.

BELOW: TRADITIONAL FINALE — GRADUATES OF ST. MARY'S PREPARATORY CLASS OF 2009 GATHER AT THE ORCHARD LAKE GROTTO OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES TO RECITE THE FINAL *HAIL MARY*, AS A SENIOR CLASS, AND THEN SING A FINAL *IMMACULATE MARY*.



ABOVE: THE THREE ALUMNI PICTURED ABOVE SERVED THE CLASS OF 2009 AS OFFICIAL LEADERSHIP FOR GRADUATION DAY. FROM LEFT ARE OLS CHANCELLOR FR. TIM WHALEN (P'70), COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER COL. BURT BIEBUYCK, USA (P'82), AND HEADMASTER JIM GLOWACKI (P'85) AT THE GROTTO.

COL. BIEBUYCK WAS VALEDICTORIAN OF THE ST. MARY'S PREPARATORY CLASS OF 1982. HE WENT ON TO GRADUATE IN 1986 FROM THE U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT. CURRENTLY SERVING AS CHIEF, POLICY AND PLANS DIVISION, J5, JOINT FUNCTIONAL COMPONENT COMMAND, NETWORK WARFARE, FORT MEADE, MD. COL. BIEBUYCK ALSO RECEIVED A M.S., COMPUTER SCIENCE, FROM INDIANA UNIVERSITY IN 1997, AND A M.A., STRATEGIC STUDIES FROM THE U. S. ARMY WAR COLLEGE IN 2008.



PREP STUDENTS TEST MATH PROWESS IN NATIONAL COMPETITION

Thirty-five St. Mary's Prep students participated in the American Math Competition (AMC) in late February. Sponsored annually by the Mathematical Association of America, the 2009 event enjoyed the participation of more than 2,400 schools and 220,000 students across the nation. The competition is divided into two tests: the AMC 10, for Freshmen and Sophomores, and the AMC 12, for Juniors and Seniors.

Overall, OLSM students performed very well compared to the national average. Freshman Pranav Chintala scored 106.5 on the AMC 10 Exam, for which the national average was 71.6. Chintala's was the highest score among OLSM

students for the AMC 10. Pranav's score also ranked higher than the national average for high score, within a school.

The St. Mary's Preparatory *team score* for the AMC 12 Exam was 307, well above the national team average of 268. Two students, Sam Feldman and Ryan Anderson, scored in the top 5% nationwide and were invited to participate in the American Invitational Mathematics Exam.

OLSM's participation in the AMC Exams was largely the result of the dedication and efforts of OLSM Math Department Instructors, Kathleen Tajima and Alan Maestri, who worked tirelessly with Prep students, preparing them for the AMC Exams.

MICHIGAN MATHEMATICS PRIZE COMPETITION

Hasan Al-Halees, director of the *Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition*, announced that St. Mary's Preparatory senior Ryan Anderson finished in the top 100 and was honored at an awards banquet in March at Saginaw Valley State University. In addition, OLSM junior Dae Han Kim scored in the top 150, while OLSM senior Seok Jae Hong,

finished in the top 1,000 of the 10,000 students who took the test in Michigan.

OLSM's Ryan Anderson and Sam Feldman, also finished in the top group of those taking the American Mathematics Competition, and went on to take the American Invitational Mathematics Examination in April of this year.

[RESULTS UNAVAILABLE AT PRESS TIME. — ED.]



BELOW: THE MAY 2009 HONORS CONVOCATION AS SEEN FROM THE UPPER LEVEL OF THE FR. JOHN RAKOCZY GYM. STUDENTS, PARENTS, VISITING PRESENTERS, FACULTY, AND STAFF ENCIRCLE THE STAGE, LISTENING ATTENTIVELY TO OLS CHANCELLOR FR. TIMOTHY WHALEN'S INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.



PREP STUDENTS EAGERLY ACCEPT CHALLENGE OF ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASSES AND EXAMS

As a Catholic prep school, St. Mary's Preparatory constantly searches for ways to challenge our students. One way is Advanced Placement (AP) courses. AP courses provide an opportunity for students to earn college credits before setting foot on a college campus. A strong sign that our students understand the importance of establishing themselves as committed students while thinking about their academic careers and beyond, has recently been apparent — OLSM is witnessing an increased demand for AP classes from the student body.

AP classes help students determine if a particular subject may be of interest for future pursuit in college as a major or minor course of study. AP courses are designed to accurately reflect an introductory college class. OLSM Instructors must submit a syllabus that

reflects the rigor of the class to the State College Board for approval. Only when the course has been approved by the College Board can school transcripts indicate that a class is, in fact, an Advanced Placement course.

Each May, OLSM teachers conduct AP exams in many subjects, including English, Science, Spanish, Math, and Social Studies. Tests are scored on a scale of one to five. Most colleges and universities will give a student full credit for a class if they earned a four (4) or five (5) on the AP exam. The test scores help St. Mary's Preparatory in two important ways: (1) by determining if current course content challenges our students; and (2) by ensuring that our content is appropriate and that it increases students' readiness for the academic environment at the college level.

ST. MARY'S PREPARATORY NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Academic excellence has always been at the center of life at St. Mary's Preparatory. In early April, the OLSM community recognized the continuation of academic achievement by inducting 25 students into the National Honor Society. Eligibility begins with a student's cumulative GPA of 3.65 or higher. Students must also demonstrate a commitment to community service and have exceptional personal character. Eligible students submit a mandatory application, which is reviewed by a committee of faculty members. The 2009 OLSM inductees are recognized in a brief ceremony following a Prep weekday morning Mass in the Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake. The annual event allows the Prep to honor those students who have worked to provide a positive influence in the classroom and in the community.

Membership in NHS requires an active role in service to the community. NHS members provide tutoring to students in every grade level. The tutoring process allows members to interact with students of different grade levels and develop friendships that often transcend those grade levels. The OLSM-NHS currently works with Our Lady of Refuge Parish School (OLR) in a program in which NHS members regularly visit classes at OLR to interact with elementary and middle school students. A pilot version of the program is underway due to the work of Thomas Oppat, OLSM Campus Minister and Academic Dean. The goal is to create teams of Prep students who will work in the same OLR classroom twice each month.



2009 SCHOLASTIC ART AWARD WINNERS

The College for Creative Studies hosted the 2009 Scholastic Art Awards on Saturday, February 14, 2009, at the Walter B. Ford II Building in Detroit. An exhibition of the students' art was featured from February 15 through March 6, 2009. St. Mary's Preparatory students received the following awards:

Jungwoon Shin:	<i>Gold Key Certificate in Jewelry</i>
Nathan Tajima:	<i>Gold Key in Product Design Certificate in Sculpture</i>
Gerrit DeBruin:	<i>Silver Key in Ceramics Certificate in Jewelry</i>
Brian Gould:	<i>Certificate in Ceramics</i>
Drake Chwalibog:	<i>Silver Key in Sculpture</i>
Kyle Mohn:	<i>Silver Key in Jewelry</i>
Shane Seelig:	<i>Certificate in Drawing</i>
Devon Kissick:	<i>Certificate in Drawing</i>

ANNAPOLIS-BOUND OLSM SENIORS RESPOND TO *ORCHARD LAKE GOOD NEWS* QUESTIONS

At the *St. Mary's Preparatory Honors Convocation* on May 8, four Eaglet seniors, Bret Anstett, Gabriel Charette, Pierce Niemiec, and Eric Peart, received congressional appointments to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland [SEE PHOTO P. 25]. *THE ORCHARD LAKE GOOD NEWS (OLGN)* interviewed the appointees to give readers an insight as to who these young men are, as well as the whys and wherefors of their journey leading their prestigious achievement. Answers are combined from each appointee under the interview questions.

OLGN: *Why did you choose St. Mary's?*

Bret Anstett: St. Mary's first came to my attention while watching my younger brother play hockey at St. Mary's Ice Arena. I learned that St. Mary's was actually a high school. I decided to take a closer look and shadowed a student for a day — it automatically felt like home.

Gabriel Charette: I chose St. Mary's for its Catholic education and athletics. My brother also attended St. Mary's prior to me. He spoke very highly of his experiences at St. Mary's.

Pierce Niemiec: I chose St. Mary's because I wanted to go to a school that had good academics, competitive sports, and a focus on the development of each student's character.

Eric Peart: My dad is a teacher at St. Mary's and it is a good school.

OLGN: *What course of study will you pursue at Annapolis?*

Anstett: I am undecided at the time, but would like to pursue classes that would support my interest in engineering and medicine. Medical School would be an option in the future. The Naval Academy only offers Bachelor of Science.

Charette: I am interested in studying foreign affairs at Annapolis.

Niemiec: Every student that graduates from the Naval Academy receives a BS degree, but I haven't decided what major I will end up declaring.

Peart: I will most likely study math, physics, or engineering.

OLGN: *Do you have any relatives who are OLSM Alumni? If yes, what are their names and years of graduation?*

Anstett: No. I am the first one from my family and my middle school to ever attend St. Mary's. My Dad went 12 years to Allen Park St. Frances Cabrini.

Charette: Yes. My brother, Alex, is an alumnus, Class of 2007.

Niemiec: Brother Austin, Class of 2004; cousin Jacob Croitori, Class of 2003; Cousin Chad Abbuhl, Class of 1994.

Peart: No, none of my relatives are alumni of St. Mary's Preparatory.



ABOVE FROM LEFT ARE ERIC PEART IN THE ST. MARY'S DINING ROOM, BRET ANSTETT AT MASS; PIERCE NIEMIEC RECEIVES HOLY COMMUNION; AND BEHIND NIEMIEC, GABE CHARETTE APPROACHES FOR A BLESSING.

OLGN: *Do you have any siblings? If yes, names and ages? Any brothers coming through OLSM?*

Anstett: Yes, my brother, Cooper, 14. He is coming to St. Mary's next year as a freshman.

Charette: Yes. My brother, Alex, 20, and sister, Emily, 26.

Niemiec: I have a sister, Chelsea, 24; brother Austin, 23; brother Grant, 14.

Peart: I have a brother, Kevin, 13, and a sister, Rebecca, 8. My brother will be attending St. Mary's.

OLGN: *Where do you live? If you are a member of a Catholic parish, which one?*

Anstett: Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. I am an Episcopalian and attend St. James Episcopal Church in Birmingham, Michigan. Of course, I have a lot of instruction and experience in Catholicism at St. Mary's. In many ways, these two faiths are very similar.

Charette: Wolverine Lake Village, Michigan. We attend Mass at the Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake at St. Mary's.

Niemiec: Commerce, Michigan. We are members of St. Patrick's Parish in White Lake.

Peart: I live in Davisburg, which is near Clarkston. I go to Davisburg United Methodist Church, since 1996.

OLGN: *Where did you go to grade school for elementary education?*

Anstett: Birmingham Covington School (B.C.S.)

Charette: Mary Helen Guest Elementary.

Niemiec: St. Patrick's Catholic School, White Lake.

Peart: Springfield Plains Elementary School, in Clarkston.

OLGN: *Have you taken any special courses, classes, or camps outside the regular curriculum which broadened your ability, making you stand out as an applicant?*

Anstett: College Calculus I and II at Madonna University

Charette: I stood out as an applicant because of my sports experiences. Sports instill the moral foundation that the Navy wants in an applicant. I have been in the National Honor Society, which demonstrates traits they require..

Niemiec: I was involved in a mission group, *Youth for the Third Millennium (YTM)*. Through YTM, I was able to make mission trips to serve in rural Mexico.

Peart: As a junior, I jumped ahead of the game, taking Calculus I and II through Madonna University. — CONT'D ON P. 33

OLGN: *Apart from academics, what are your interests or hobbies?*

Anstett: Varsity rowing, varsity skiing, amateur piano.

Charette: Varsity football, and varsity rowing for St. Mary's. Aside from school sports, I like to play ice hockey and golf.

Niemiec: Football, crew, working-out, hanging with my friends.

Peart: I played football throughout high school and this spring joined the St. Mary's Crew Team. I am also an Eagle Scout, and a member of the Youth Group at my church.

OLGN: *What did you most like about your preparatory education at OLSM?*

Anstett: What I loved most about my St. Mary's education was the brotherhood that my fellow students and I gained through the four years of being with each other through As and Bs and wins and losses. They are, and always will be my brothers. I will be in contact with them throughout my life.

Charette: I loved the unique camaraderie that St. Mary's students share. I made a lot of great friends at OLSM.

Niemiec: The great friends I have made, and the unique and interesting faculty from whom I was able to learn much.

Peart: I liked that it was a Catholic education. I also liked the opportunity to take college classes through Madonna University on the St. Mary's campus. St. Mary's is a great school, with firm values and no middle ground between right and wrong.

ST. MARY'S PREPARATORY KEY CLUB REPORTS IMPRESSIVE YEAR

St. Mary's Key Club had an active year in 2008-09 with numerous fund-raising and service projects. Total money raised was \$14,603. Total spent was \$14,274. Balance remaining for operations next year is \$329.

Key Club fund-raisers included: *Paczki Day Sales, Donut Day Sales, The Alex Lemonade Stand, Kiwanis Peanut Sales, Breast Cancer Walk, Kiwanis Bike Rally, DCON, ICON, PATH, Make-A-Wish, Muscular Dystrophy Association, and Bake Sales.*

Service projects included: Help for Mexico Missionary; Three (3) Blood Drive Lunches provided to the workers, service at Mrs. Ciaverrela's funeral, 201 Easter Baskets collection, assembly, and delivery to Oakland County Jail, Campus Clean-up, Kiwanis Arts & Apples, Lighthouse Thanksgiving, Capuchins, Graduation, Christmas Mass, Christmas Dorm Decorations, Veterans Day Staff Program, Dorm Halloween Party, Clothing Drive, UNICEF, Bracelets for Children, Book Drives for Children.

Incoming *St. Mary's Key Club Officers for 2009-10* are: President, Joe DeFever; Vice-President, Kyle Anderson; Secretary, Dillon Zerki; Treasurer, Dylan Buckley; Activities Director, Robbie Minielly; Chaplain, Christopher Koski; Sargeant-at-Arms, Michael Wyderko; and Bulletin Editor, Perrin Atisha. Julie Owens is the St. Mary's Key Club Advisor. Michigan Division 15 Lt. Gov. is Michael Christen.

At the Kiwanis Michigan District Conference, held March 19-22, 2009, at the Treetops Resort in Gaylord, Michigan, the OLSM Key Club received recognition in many forms. These included: Governor's Project Award, District Project Award, 3rd Consecutive Year Forum Participant, Making Magic at Meetings, Single Service Award, Membership Growth Award, Kiwanis Family Relations, and Most Distinguished Club Award. The *Kiwanis Int'l Sandy Nininger Key Clubber of the Year for the State of Michigan* was OLSM Senior Dominic Zerki, outgoing District 15 Lt. Governor. This prestigious award is highly coveted by high school Key Clubs everywhere.

OLGN: *Why do you want to attend Annapolis?*

Anstett: The Naval Academy will mould me into the best man I can be and will give me the skills to serve my country. On top of everything else, the Naval Academy reminds me of St. Mary's with the uniforms, the discipline, the regimented class schedule, and most of all the brotherhood and exemplary tradition.

Charette: I want to experience a college life that transcends my mental, moral, and physical capabilities.

Niemiec: I want to go to the Naval Academy to be broken down and then built back up into the best person I can possibly be.

Peart: My goal is to be an officer in the United States Marine Corps. I have wanted to be an officer in the Marines since I was a child. One of my favorite quotes is by the President Ronald Reagan: "*Many people spend their lives wondering if they've made a difference. The Marines never have this problem.*" I love my country. I love the principles that made this country unique among nations — that your life belongs to you, that your individual rights are sacred. America is the noblest, most moral country in the history of the world. Defending her will be an honor that I could not possibly have deserved. The words in our Constitution are more than mere words.

To me, these are **HOLY** words. And to anyone reading this, I'll say: "*The Holy words will be obeyed; I swear it.*"



OLSM SENIOR DOMINIC ZERKI, OUTGOING DISTRICT 15 LT. GOVERNOR, BROUGHT HONOR TO THE PREP, WHEN HE WAS NAMED *KIWANIS INT'L SANDY NININGER KEY CLUBBER OF THE YEAR FOR THE STATE OF MICHIGAN*

KAIROS: THE LORD'S TIME



DOMINIC BACALL, STUDENT LEADER FOR THE LENTEN *KAIROS*, GUIDES A REFLECTION AT THE SECOND RETREAT ON MARCH 18, 2009 AT THE COLUMBIERE JESUIT RETREAT CENTER IN CLARKSTON, MICHIGAN.

STUDENT REFLECTIONS ON KAIROS

Keegan Dupack, Senior: "KAIROS has left me speechless . . . it is an experience I will always remember."

Andrew Cloonan, Senior: "KAIROS was one of the best experiences of my life. I would not have been able to attend if someone hadn't sponsored me. I will be truly ever grateful to the person who found it in their heart to pay for me to go."

Drew Schupbach, Junior: "I never have felt more connected to St. Mary's than at KAIROS. I can't wait for next year to be a student leader to bring others closer to the Lord."

St. Mary's Preparatory Campus Minister and Academic Dean Tom Oppat reports that OLSM and Chancellor Fr. Timothy Whalen hosted two *KAIROS* retreats this school year at Colombiere, the Jesuit Retreat House in Clarkston. Thirty-five junior/senior candidates, seven student leaders, and six faculty leaders attended *KAIROS* in December. The March *KAIROS* was home to 34 junior/senior candidates, seven student leaders, and five faculty leaders for three days during Lent.

KAIROS focuses on removing oneself from the secular world to concentrate on personal relationships with God, family, others, and, most importantly, self. An interesting twist to *KAIROS* is that students' timepieces, including cell phones, laptops, and ipods, must remain at home, so worldly interruptions don't interfere with the *KAIROS* encounter. Many students have difficulty with the concept, initially, but by the conclusion of *KAIROS*, they understand and truly appreciate the *down time*, *THE LORD'S TIME*. Oppat collected several students' comments about *KAIROS*; review them on these pages.

Oppat and Fr. Whalen plan two *KAIROS* retreats during the next school year, as well.

STUDENT REFLECTIONS ON KAIROS

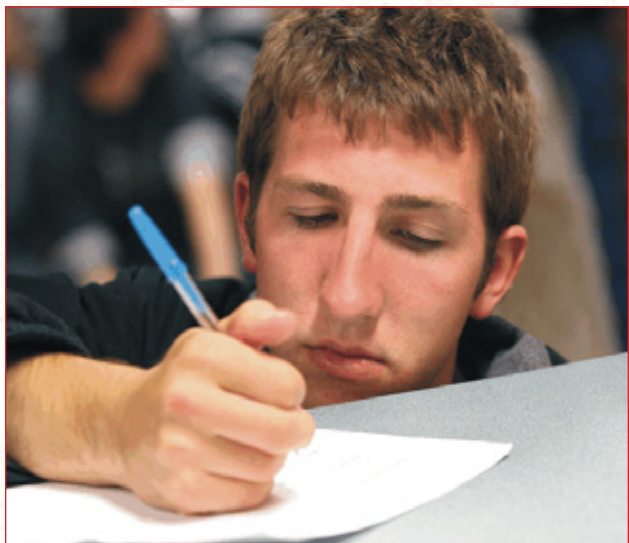
Scott Koenigs knecht, Senior, Student Leader:

"KAIROS is an experience beyond anything to which most adolescents have ever privy. I continue to be amazed by how every retreat turns skeptics (of the retreat) into guys that afterwards have only praise for the experience. As a retreatant, my first Kairos was so great that I felt honored to be selected to lead the next Kairos. High school is an important time in our lives. Yet we are trying to determine what our next steps will be or which path to take, so taking time out our busy lives to have a retreat experience is extremely valuable. Being a captain of a sports team does not even compare to the leadership position I was able to have on Kairos. This was the most memorable experience thus far in my life."

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STUDENT REFLECTIONS ON KAIROS

Patrick Turner, Senior: "KAIROS was an amazing experience. I am so happy that St. Mary's afforded me the opportunity to go on this wonderful retreat. It has changed the way I view myself. The experience developed my relationships with other students and teachers. This was a memory I will have for the rest of my life."



ABOVE: SENIOR ANDREW CLOONAN CONCENTRATES ON HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD IN RESPONDING TO QUESTIONNAIRE AT THE MARCH KAIROS.

STUDENT REFLECTIONS ON KAIROS

Cameron Taylor, Junior: "We left for KAIROS on a beautiful winter day, not exactly knowing what to expect. Rumors had been thrown around about what we were going to do there, but no one knew. By the time I had left the Columbiere Center to head back to St. Mary's on the fourth day, I was a changed man. So far, KAIROS is the greatest experience in my life. The retreat changed some of my thoughts, actions and most importantly my behaviors – these changes I feel are only for the better. Throughout the retreat, I was able to mend broken friendships, gain new friends, meet new guys from the Prep that I had never talked to and grow in my relationship with God. KAIROS is not just four days of constant prayers and worship to God. It is a time spent away from all the noise, chaos and problems of the world in a true Christian community. In this time, you gain a stronger relationship with other people, your family, yourself and God. It is an opportunity to break down barriers that are normally created in a school of all guys, and replaces them with a closer understanding of each other. KAIROS has helped me be less myopic, more open to others' views, to be less judgmental, less sarcastic and less harsh. I would encourage everyone to experience KAIROS."

BELOW: THE 2009 ST. MARY'S PREPARATORY KAIROS PARTICIPANTS AT COLUMBIERE, JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE IN CLARKSTON, MICHIGAN.





LEFT: ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS CHANCELLOR FR. TIM WHALEN (P'70) LEADS A SPIRITUAL REFLECTION AT THE ANNUAL SENIOR RETREAT AT CAMP OHIYESA IN HOLLY IN APRIL 2009.



TWICE WEEKLY MASS FOR ALL PREP STUDENTS PROVIDES NECESSARY TIME FOR GOD IN THE LIVES OF THE ST. MARY'S MEN

Priests on the campus of the Orchard Lake Schools provide All School Mass for the boys of the Prep, faculty and staff each Wednesday and Friday in the Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake. St. Mary's Preparatory students attend Mass twice weekly during both Semesters. St. Mary's Preparatory is one of two Catholic High Schools in the Archdiocese of Detroit that requires and provides weekday Masses more often than once per week.

SS. Cyril & Methodius seminarians, who celebrate daily in the SSCMS Chapel, join Prep students each Wednesday morning for Mass in the Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake.

BELOW: AFTER RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION, (FROM LEFT) SENIORS SAMUEL FUSINI, BRAD BURNS, AND CAMERON BAHRI QUIET THEMSELVES TO A PRAYERFUL, RECEPTIVE STATE AT A WEEKDAY, ALL-SCHOOL MASS IN THE SHRINE CHAPEL OF OUR LADY OF ORCHARD LAKE.

SENIOR PREP STUDENTS DRAW CLOSER TO GOD, ONE ANOTHER AT ANNUAL SENIOR RETREAT

Each year in Spring, a large contingent of seniors join Chancellor Fr. Timothy Whalen, as a class, for an end-of-the-year spiritual retreat. The Senior Retreat brings students closer together in prayer which leads them to God and to one another. Many friendships are solidified, as well as amends made, issues resolved, understandings reached. The four-day, overnight retreat is optional, though a large majority of seniors typically participate. The experience includes individual and group challenges, dialog and exchange, as well as quiet time with nature.

BELOW: FOUNDERS' MONUMENT NEXT TO THE CASTLE, REPRESENTS THE LEADERS WHOSE ACTIONS THE ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS CELEBRATE FOR THE ANNIVERSARY YEARS, 2009 AND 2010. ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO IN 1909, FR. BUHACZOWKOWSKI MOVED THE SCHOOLS TO THE SHORES OF ORCHARD LAKE. THE YEAR 2010 MARKS 125 YEARS SINCE THE OLS FOUNDING BY FR. JOSEPH DABROWSKI IN DETROIT, IN 1885.

BOTTOM RIGHT: OLSM SENIOR JOHN THIEDE, A MEMBER OF THE PREP WORSHIP TEAM, STEPS UP TO SERVE AT A WEEKDAY MASS. THIEDE WORKED WITH FR. WHALEN AND GOOD NEWS EDITOR, DENISE STEARNS, TO DEVELOP THE CONCEPT ART FOR THE ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS ANNIVERSARY LOGO, WHICH IS SHOWN ON THE COVER OF THIS EDITION OF THE *GOOD NEWS*.



OLSM MUSIC DIRECTOR JOSH JAMES INSPIRES MUSICIANS WITH ACTIVITIES

The St. Mary's Preparatory Music Department continued to grow and improve during the 2008-09 school year, under the capable, inspirational, and highly motivated leadership of Director Joshua James. A myriad of bookings and events kept the young musicians' schedule full and their instruments well-tuned.

In mid-December, the Preparatory Orchestra performed in conjunction with the Preparatory Choir at the 2008 Christmas Musicale in the Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake. Invigorating the spectators in the stands with Eaglet school spirit through music, the Pep Band performed at a number of football and basketball games.

In February, the St. Mary's Preparatory Band was the recipient of proceeds from a special *Dueling Pianos Fun-draiser* at JD's Key Club in Pontiac. The Band received 100% of all ticket sales, half the bar sales, and half the cash of 50/50 Raffles, which were held every half hour during the event.

The OLSM Jazz Ensemble came into its own this year, traveling to Ohio for the *Tiffen Jazz Festival*, from which it came away with many awards. Led by James himself on tenor saxophone, the Jazz Ensemble, includes Luigi Murri on keyboards, Parker Bengry on lead guitar, Aaron Clark on guitar, Chris Sarnacki on drums, and dynamic lead singer Alexy Musatov.

St. Mary's Prep Band's held its *3rd Annual Spring Swing* in mid-May in the SMAC Banquet Center above the Ice Irena. Tickets, which were \$55 per person, covered an evening of fine dining (hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, and dinner), dancing, and the sweet sounds of the local favorite, OLSM's own St. Mary's Prep Band, led by James.

Not to be outdone, the Jazz Ensemble made an appearance on the *Fox 2 Morning News Jazz Café* to promote the St. Mary's Polish Country Fair on Friday, May 22, 2009, the opening day of the Fair. A video stream of their performance is online at:

http://www.myfoxdetroit.com/dpp/mornings/weekend/St_Marys_Polish_Country_Fair

where users can watch and listen as Musatov belts out the vocals of *I Love You Too Much*. (Once the website comes up, click on the video tab and press play.) The Jazz Ensemble went on to perform at the Fair itself, as well as at several outside jazz venues.

Throughout the year, James ensured that all his talented musicians had opportunities to play. Accomplishing that objective, James booked performances at *Founder's Day*, *Ladies' Day*, the *Fall* and *Spring Prep Open Houses*, and *Graduation*.



ABOVE: THE ST. MARY'S PREPARATORY ORCHESTRA PERFORMS AT THE ANNUAL SPRING SWING IN THE UPPER BANQUET ROOM OF THE SMAC.

LEFT: PLAYING GUITAR AT CHRISTMAS MUSICALE IN THE SHRINE CHAPEL OF OUR LADY OF ORCHARD LAKE ARE SENIORS SEOK-JAE HONG (L) AND PARKER BENGRY (R).

OLSM THEOLOGY INSTRUCTOR MARKS

25TH JUBILEE OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

St. Mary's Preparatory Theology Instructor, Fr. John J. Kiselica, celebrated the *25th Anniversary of His Ordination to the Priesthood* for the Society of Mary (Marists), on June 3, 2009. A member of the OLSM faculty since August 2006, he also serves as the High School Chaplain. Fr. Kiselica, a native of Hartford, Connecticut, earned a B.A., European History, from Boston College. In 1983, he received a Master of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School. He holds a Master's in Catholic School Leadership from Madonna University. For 16 years he taught at Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods, before becoming principal of Divine Child High School, Dearborn, where he served for five years. He was incardinated into the Archdiocese of Detroit on August 5, 2004.

RIGHT: DURING A WEEKDAY MORNING ALL-SCHOOL MASS, FR. JOHN KISELICA ELEVATES THE CHALICE OF CHRIST'S PRECIOUS BLOOD, AFTER THE CONSECRATION.





PREP SPORTS COLLECTION

WINTER 2008-09 SPORTS RECAP

— Hoops —

The 96th season of Eaglet basketball began with two losses in the first four non-league games. Though not picked to win the Catholic League for the fourth consecutive year, St. Mary's was still a force to be reckoned with despite losing considerable senior experience to the 2008 graduation. All-State forward Dion Sims



returned but had to shoulder inside responsibility because the team lacked experienced height. Coach George Porritt revamped his offense and defense to take advantage of what he did have: plenty of speed and outside shooting. The Eaglets' finished fourth in the CHSL Central Division at 6-4, and lost by three to De La Salle in the CHSL semifinals. St. Mary's won its 39th District Title, however, only to lose to Hartland at the buzzer in the MHSAA Class A Regional Semifinal. Dion Sims was named 1st Team All-American, 1st Team All-State, 1st Team All-Area, 1st Team All-Metro North, Oakland County Dream Team, CHSL All-Catholic, and was a finalist for the coveted Mr. Basketball award. Gary Hunter was named CHSL All-League, and Jeff Jones was named CHSL All-Academic.

— Mats —

Under new coach Jeff Hoffman (P'02) and assistant Chris Brecht (P'00), the Eaglet wrestlers went 9-10 in dual meets, finishing 4th in the Catholic League Championship, and were runners-up in the Team Districts to Oxford. The team was led by senior Andrew Biebuyck, who became the sixth Eaglet to have 100 or more career wins. Biebuyck, Eric Stock, RJ Bayne, and James Huddleston were named All-Catholic, and Biebuyck was also named All-District.

LEFT: EAGLETS DION SIMS (#5) AND MIKE FURLONG BATTLE JONATHON SIMONS OF DIVINE CHILD FOR REBOUND ON JANUARY 20, 2009. ST. MARY'S WON 70-54.



BOTTOM RIGHT: FROM LEFT IN THE HEADMASTER'S OFFICE OF ST. MARY'S PREPARATORY, ARE JUSTIN SEMMES (MIAMI OF OHIO), JOE MURPHY (U. OF FINDLAY), SUAVE LAVALLIS (GRAND VALLEY STATE), AND DION SIMS (MICHIGAN STATE) AS THEY SIGN NATIONAL LETTERS OF INTENT TO PLAY COLLEGE FOOTBALL ON NATIONAL SIGNING DAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2009.

WINTER 2008-09 SPORTS RECAP

— Icemen —

The defending Division 1 State Champion Eaglets opened their season against co-champion Marquette in *Champs for Charity* to benefit Make-A-Wish Foundation with a 2-1 victory. The Eaglets went on to win 20 more games to finish the season 21-6-1, the most wins since the 2004-05 state championship season. Coach Brian Klanow's team also won the Regional Championship for the fifth consecutive year (1 in Division 3, 4 in Division 1). Near the end of the regular season, St. Mary's won the Traverse City Tournament, both games in the Trenton Showcase, and entered the state playoffs on a five-game win streak. The Eaglets outscored their opponents in the regional, 12-4, but came up short against Grosse Pointe North, 4-1, in the state quarterfinals. Senior Shane Halaas and junior Michael Szmatala were named CHSL All-Catholic, senior Dane Muller and junior Nick Czinder were named CHSL All-League, and senior Andrew Cloonan was named CHSL All-Academic. Senior Shane Halaas was named 2nd Team All-State, 2nd Team All-Area, and All-County Honorable Mention. Five Eaglet seniors were named All-State Academic: Maxwell Borchers, Andrew Cloonan, Maxwell Oslund, Matthew Uhrin, and Player of the Year Jordan Kieltyka (4.3 GPA). Kieltyka is the fourth Eaglet to be named as All-State Academic Player of the Year since 2004.

— Slopes —

The Eaglet skiers enjoyed another successful season, going 7-2 in dual meets, finishing second in the Divisional, third in the Catholic League Championship, 8th in the Regional Championship, and 7th in the SEMSL Championships. Coach Scott Hoose's team was led by juniors Alex Stoick and Matthew Valassis in the Giant Slalom and by junior Eric Goeckel in the Slalom. Stoick, Valassis and Goeckel were each named to the All-Area Honorable Mention team.



ABOVE: ST. MARY'S HOCKEY SENIOR GOALIE MAX OSLUND (#33) WAITS AS JUNIOR FORWARD ALEX ZERBO (#96) AND SENIOR DEFENSEMAN DANE MULLER (#10) PREPARE TO CLEAR THE PUCK AGAINST BIRMINGHAM UNITED IN THE REGIONAL FINALS ON MARCH 7, 2009 AT THE TROY SPORTS CENTER.



THADDEUS MCCONKEY, MATT UHRIN, DANE MULLER, HEAD COACH BRIAN KLANOW, MAX BORCHERS, AND MAX OSLUND. BACK ROW, FROM LEFT, ANDREW CLOONAN, SHANE HALAAS, JORDAN KIELTYKA, ASST. COACH RAY MARKHAM, STUDENT MANAGER JUSTIN WICHER. THE EAGLETS SKATED TO VICTORY ON SENIOR NIGHT, DEFEATING THE IRISH 4-3.



ABOVE: THE 2008-09 ST. MARY'S HOCKEY EAGLET SENIORS GATHER WITH THEIR COACHES BEFORE THE SENIOR NIGHT CONTEST AGAINST PONTIAC NOTRE DAME PREP ON FEBRUARY 11, 2009. FRONT ROW, FROM LEFT, JOSH ABBOTT,

SPRING 2009 SPORTS RECAP

— *The Boys of Summer* —

It became a *tale of two seasons* for Coach Nick Di Ponio's Varsity Baseball Eaglets, a talented squad with mostly sophomores and juniors. Outside the Catholic League Central Division, St. Mary's was 7-4, and in league play, 5-15. The Eaglets put it all together to win their seventh consecutive District title by shutting out Bloomfield Hills Andover, 7-0, after beating Notre Dame Prep, 3-2, in eight innings in the semifinal game. In the Regional Tournament, the Eaglets beat Richmond, 10-1, and St. Clair Shores Lakeshore, 4-3, to advance to the Division 2 Quarterfinals against Detroit Country Day, whom they defeated 10-3. As the *ORCHARD LAKE GOOD NEWS* went to press, St. Mary's advances to the Division 2 Championships at Battle Creek.



VARSITY BASEBALL EAGLETS: FRONT ROW FROM LEFT ARE JOE CAMPBELL, MALIK JACKSON, DOMINIC CARLINI, MATTHEW JOHNSON. MIDDLE ROW FROM LEFT ARE DAN PERNACANO, MAX NEUMANN, SAM FIORONI, SHANE HALAAS. BACK ROW FROM LEFT ARE ASST. COACH DOMINIC CARMOSINO, THEO PICCIRILLI, JAMES EDWARDS, DEVAN AHART, JOSH PAYZANT, KOREY HALL, BLAISE SALTER, CHRISTIAN BLACK, CHRIS ELLIOT, AND HEAD COACH NICK DI PONIO.



VARSITY EAGLET GOLF: IN FRONT FROM LEFT ARE LUKE OTTINGER (SO.), MIKE HAASE (JR.), AND JOSH ROYAL (SO.). BACK ROW FROM LEFT ARE COACH KRIS DAIK, SEAN HICKEY (JR.), STEVE SCHUMACHER (SR.), ALEX ZANETTI (SR.) THE 2009 TEAM WON THE DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP.

— *Links* —

After winning the CHSL AA Division in 2008, the Eaglets were moved up to the Central Division in 2009. Match victories were harder to come by, but the Eaglets more than held their own against the Warriors, Shamrocks, Cubs, and Pilots. The Eaglets finished third in the Catholic League Championship, but senior Alex Zanetti garnered medalist honors by shooting 70. St. Mary's finished sixth in the Oakland County Championship, and after taking some time off, had four golfers shoot under-80 to win the District Championship. A second at the Regional put the Eaglets into the Division 2 State Tournament, where after tied for second on day one, ended up finishing seventh. Senior Alex Zanetti capped a great season by capturing the state individual title.



— *Track & Field* —

After a winless but competitive dual meet season, the Eaglet Track squad finished second in the Catholic League Championships, and won its regional title. At the Division 2 State Championships, the team finished 16th. Tayler Peruski finished third in the 400M to be named All-State. Rodney Woodland finished fifth in the 100M and eighth in the 200M after winning both events in the regional. The 800M Relay team (Rodney Woodland, Gary Hunter, Robert Bolden, and Tayler Peruski) ran a season-best 1:30.48 to finish seventh. Tayler Peruski broke his school record in the 400M with a time of 48.9 against Catholic Central.

OPPOSITE PAGE AT RIGHT: BEN MILLER OF WARREN DE LA SALLE CAME FROM BEHIND TO BEAT SENIOR EAGLET RUNNER TAYLER PERUSKI AND WIN IN 1:57.9. PERUSKI RAN A 1:59.0 (SEASON BEST) FOR SECOND, AND 3 1/2 SECONDS SLOWER THAN HIS SCHOOL RECORD.

IT WAS AN UPSET NO ONE EXPECTED. PERUSKI, WHO FINISHED THIRD IN THE DIVISION 2 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN THE 400M, HAS BEEN NAMED ALL-STATE.

SPRING 2009 SPORTS RECAP

— *Lax* —

After finishing 10-9 in 2008, the Eaglets were primed for a better season, and broke from the gate quickly, winning eight of their first nine games, and then barely lost to Brother Rice by one. The Eaglets' only losses were to CHSL Central Division teams, and entered the state playoffs seeded No. 1 in their region. Second year coach Greg Normand preached speed and pressure on offense, and lock-down defense to go with steady goaltending. Advancing to the Division 2 state semifinals for the first time since 2004, the Eaglets beat Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central, 13-12, in OT. In the Division 2 State Championship for the first time since 1998, the Eaglets never trailed in the game, but allowed East Grand Rapids to tie the game late to send the game into overtime. In the overtime period, St. Mary's had two chances to win stopped by the Pioneer goalie, and then with 1:36 left, the Pioneers scored the championship goal for their third consecutive title. St. Mary's loses 12 seniors, but returns a core of underclassmen that contributed heavily to this season's success.

TOP RIGHT: ST. MARY'S VARSITY LACROSSE PLAYERS ANTICIPATE THE START OF A MATCH AGAINST ARCH-RIVAL AND LACROSSE FAVORITE BIRMINGHAM BROTHER RICE. FROM LEFT ARE: JOSH ABBOTT, SCOTT KOENIGSKNECHT, TOM PELLERITO, KEEGAN DUPACK, DRAKE CHWALIBOG, AND TAYLOR DOCKING.



ABOVE: ST. MARY'S JUNIOR DREW SCHUPPBACH (#21) ON THE ATTACK AGAINST GRAND RAPIDS FOREST HILLS CENTRAL ON JUNE 3, 2009. SCHUPPBACH SCORED THE GAME-WINNER IN OVERTIME TO GIVE ST. MARY'S A 13-12 VICTORY AND THE RIGHT TO PLAY EAST GRAND RAPIDS ON JUNE 6 IN THE MHSAA DIVISION 2 BOYS LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIP.



— *Oarsmen* —

The Eaglet Crew followed up a very successful fall season with an even better spring season. Crew won for the 17th time at the 45th Hebda Memorial Challenge Cup, received seven medals in eight finals at the Greater Chicago Junior Rowing Championships, and finished second to Cleveland St. Ignatius in the Midwest Scholastic Championships, its best finish since 2006, qualifying three boats for the U.S. Nationals. May 16 saw Crew win a *mystical* Michigan state championship (the 2008 championship was not completed due to the weather). All three boats sent to the U. S. Scholastic Nationals advanced to the finals, with the Men's Junior 4+ winning silver. At the Canadian Scholastic Nationals, the Men's Sr. 8+ advanced to the finals and finished fifth.

— PLEASE SEE ST. MARY'S PREPARATORY ROWERS IN THE SHRINE CHAPEL OF OUR LADY OF ORCHARD LAKE, AS THEY PARTICIPATE IN THE BLESSING OF THEIR NEW SHELL; PHOTO ON PAGE 42.

EAGLETS

THE GOOD NEWS FROM —

ST. MARY'S PREPARATORY MOMS & DADS CLUB

10TH ANNUAL STARRY NIGHT AUCTION, *WINTER WONDERLAND: NOVEMBER 7, 2009*



2009 is the year for anniversaries! The 2009 St. Mary's Prep Starry Night Auction, *A Winter Wonderland*, will be the 10th Annual. Set for Saturday, November 7, at 5 PM in the SMAC, the event promises to be another spectacular evening — once again headed by Chairman Tony Koterba (P'68). Tickets are \$75 per person. Contact Tony Koterba at 734-207-8340 for more details

Mark Your Calendars! The Pre-Auction Wine Tasting Party will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2009, beginning at 4 pm in the SMAC. Bring a special item to donate; see if yours will be the most unique. Tickets are \$35 per person. Special benefits for Alumni!

UNDER THE STRONG AND CAPABLE GUIDANCE OF VOLUNTEER CHAIRMAN TONY KOTERBA (P'68), PROCEEDS FROM THE 9TH ANNUAL ST. MARY'S STARRY NIGHT AUCTION, *HOLLYWOOD NIGHTS*, BROKE ALL RECORDS PREVIOUSLY SET FOR THE ANNUAL EVENT. ABOVE, OLS CHANCELLOR FR. TIM WHALEN (P'70) SHOWS THE ENVELOPE HOLDING A \$150,000 CHECK FROM TONY KOTERBA AT THE CHRISTMAS MUSICALE IN THE SHRINE CHAPEL OF OUR LADY OF ORCHARD LAKE, THE TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION WHERE THE AUCTION CHAIRMAN PRESENTS THE PROCEEDS TO THE CHANCELLOR IN SUPPORT OF THE PREPARATORY.

BELOW: ON FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 3, 2009, AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE REGULAR, ALL-SCHOOL MASS, FR. TIM WHALEN (P'70) (AT CENTER) BLESSED THE NEW CREW SHELL SPONSORED BY *THE BOTTLE CREW*, A WEST BLOOMFIELD PACKAGING COMPANY THAT SUPPORTS COMMUNITY CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS AND PROJECTS. ASSISTING FR. WHALEN IS CAMPUS MINISTER TOM OPPAT (AT RIGHT). REPRESENTING THE BOTTLE CREW IS CEO JOEL JACOB (SECOND FROM LEFT BEHIND FR. WHALEN). OLSM ROWING COACH JOHN RAY (FAR RIGHT) AND JACOB ARE LONGTIME FRIENDS AND ROWERS. THE NEW SHELL IS AN EIGHT-MAN RESOLUTE MADE IN RHODE ISLAND, CONSIDERED ONE OF THE BEST IN THE U.S. FOR SPEED AND DURABILITY. ST. MARY'S CREW COMPRISES 50 ROWERS AND FIVE COACHES.



THE MOTHER SON DANCE ON SUNDAY EVENING, MARCH 1, 2009 WAS ONCE AGAIN A SELL-OUT. EVERY MOM AND HER DATE CHERISH THE TIME TOGETHER. ABOVE: THIS ONE EVERYBODY KNOWS — ATTENDEES DANCE TO THE VILLAGE PEOPLE'S POPULAR HIT, *YMCA*, IN THE SMAC BANQUET ROOM ON MARCH 1, 2009.



ABOVE: SENIOR SAM FIORONI AND FORMER ALL STAR AND DETROIT TIGER PITCHER, THE LATE MARK "THE BIRD" FIDRYCH, ENJOY A MOMENT AT THE FATHER-SON LUNCHEON ON FEBRUARY 8, 2009. FIDRYCH WAS THE FEATURED SPEAKER AT THE POPULAR, ANNUAL EVENT.

PERFECT SPRING WEATHER BOOSTS PROFITS AT ST. MARY'S POLISH COUNTRY FAIR

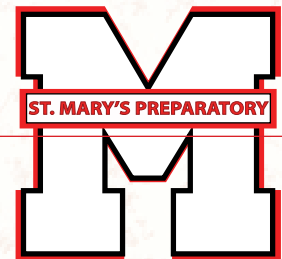
THE PERFECT END TO A PERFECT WEEKEND. THE TYPICAL CLOSING OF THE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AND THE 37TH ANNUAL ST. MARY'S POLISH COUNTRY FAIR. IS THE ST. MARY'S MOMS & DADS CLUB CHECK PRESENTATION, IN WHICH THE EVENT CHAIRMEN PRESENT A CHECK IN SUPPORT OF THE PREPARATORY. AT THE 2009 PRESENTATION, CHANCELLOR FR. TIMOTHY WHALEN AND OLSM HEADMASTER JIM GLOWACKI RECEIVE A MOCK CHECK FOR \$350,000 REPRESENTING THE PROCEEDS FROM THIS YEAR'S EVENT. FROM LEFT ARE MSGR. STANLEY MILEWSKI, P.A. (P'47, C'41), BEVERAGE COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR KATHY HAGOPIAN, PCF GENERAL CHAIRS RON AND DIANE POSA, BEVERAGE COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR EMIL HAGOPIAN, FR. TIM WHALEN (P'70), AND HEADMASTER JIM GLOWACKI (P'85).



2009 ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY'S VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



EAGLETS



DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, August 27	East Grand Rapids	East Grand Rapids	7 PM
Friday, September 4	Highland Park	Msgr. Stanley E. Milewski Field	4 PM
Saturday, September 12	Melvindale Tech & Prep	Msgr. Stanley E. Milewski Field	1 PM
Saturday, September 19	Warren De La Salle	Msgr. Stanley E. Milewski Field	1 PM
<i>HOMECOMING</i>			
Saturday, September 26	Detroit Jesuit	Ferndale HS	1 PM
Sunday, October 4	Novi Catholic Central	Novi	1 PM
<i>BOYS BOWL</i>			
Saturday, October 10	Birmingham Brother Rice	Msgr. Stanley E. Milewski Field	1 PM
Saturday, October 17	Davison	Msgr. Stanley E. Milewski Field	1 PM
Saturday, October 24	<i>CHSL Prep Bowl</i>	<i>Ford Field (Detroit)</i>	<i>TBD</i>
Friday, October 30	<i>MHSAA Playoffs</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>

Go 2009 VARSITY FOOTBALL EAGLETS! PRAY FOR OUR NEW CAPTAINS: ROBERT BOLDEN, GARY HUNTER, PHIL SCHOOF AND MIKE PADULA. MAY THEY LEAD WELL, LEAD BY EXAMPLE, LEAD TO VICTORY! OLSM #1 IN MICHIGAN!

THE GOOD NEWS FROM –

ORCHARD LAKE POLISH MISSION

Happy 100th Anniversary to the Orchard Lake Schools Campus! In 1909, Rev. Witold Buhaczowski, the second rector of SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary, had the foresight to move the Seminary from Detroit to Orchard Lake. Now, 100 years later, the goal of the Polish Mission is to remain committed to the mission of our founder, Father Józef Dabrowski, while adapting to meet the challenges of the 21st Century. In the past six months, the progress of the Orchard Lake Schools (OLS) Polish Mission has been significant. Aware of our responsibilities to promote Polish and Polish American culture, tradition, and history for present and future generations, we rise to this challenge in light of the current global crises impacting the United States and Poland.

The Polish Mission organizes programs and events that highlight Polish and Polish American culture and accomplishments. To strengthen our position, we await approval from the IRS of our not-for-profit status under the OLS Board of the Regents. Becoming a 501(c)(3) corporation would open doors to state and federal funding, allowing donors to earmark tax-deductible contributions to the Polish Mission.

Under the direction of attorney Richard Walawender, as well as his fellow members of the OLS Board of Regents, Paul Ostrowski and Michael Obloy, the Polish Mission Board is taking shape. We are completing short and long-term goals and objectives for the Polish Mission to streamline collections and preclude ambiguities.

At this point I sincerely thank all Polish Mission supporters, who have donated time and money to our cause. Your generosity is extremely important, especially in these uncertain times. I am especially grateful for support of Bogdan Zdrojewski, Minister of Culture, and Jacek Miler, Director of the Department of National Heritage of the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage in Warsaw, Poland. A sincere thanks to OLS Chancellor Rev. Timothy F. Whalen and SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary Rector/President Msgr. Charles G. Kosanke, as well as St. Mary's Preparatory Headmaster James M. Glowacki for their untiring and continuous assistance.

Polish Mission Archivist Dr. Karen Majewski has diligently organized our archives, preparing the first shipment of publications for processing and cataloging by the Bentley Historical Library of the University of Michigan.

Dialogue continues with other Polish institutions in both the U.S. and Poland as we explore possible future strategies to help us accomplish our mission. During a month-long visit to OLS, Joanna Pasztelnic Jarzynska, staff member at the Polish National Library, evaluated our library collections. Her report will greatly affect future decision-making of the Polish Mission Board. We are also expecting advisors from the Polish Central National Archives and the National Museum to make campus visits during upcoming months. Their expertise will help ensure the success of future Polish Mission plans and programs.



MARCIN CHUMIECKI
DIRECTOR

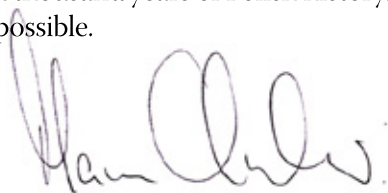
ORCHARD LAKE POLISH MISSION

ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS POLISH MISSION STATEMENT

The Polish Mission of Orchard Lake Schools, founded in 1885 by Polish immigrants, is to preserve and promote Polish and Polish-American culture, tradition, and history for present and future generations. The Polish Mission organizes programs, courses, and events that highlight Polish and Polish American culture and accomplishments. The Polish Mission ensures a repository for artifacts, archival materials, works of art, and publications.

With special pride we announce the opening of the Polonica Americana Research Institute (PARI). Cecile Jensen, PARI Executive Director, is a certified Genealogist™, writer, educator, and researcher and the co-author of this project. She has documented her own Adamski, Przytulski, Wendt, and Zdziebko ancestors back to the late 1600s in Poland. One of our goals for PARI is to establish the first professional Polish genealogical center in the United States and offer a convenient and central place for finding Polish family roots, whether on-campus or online. We are in negotiations with *The Generations Network*, an online data base and owner of www.ancestry.com to bring Polish data and history to mainstream America. Our vast historical holdings, which include a collection of more than 2,000 priests and their respective parishes, are of interest to all genealogical societies. When the priests, who studied on campus, sought a library or archives for their personal and parish collections, they turned to their alma mater. We look forward to sharing our technological expertise and collaborating with regional and national genealogical societies who have an interest in Polish heritage. With this in mind, we have completely redesigned www.polishmission.com. It gives us pride to congratulate and thank our webmaster, Sebastian Tkaczyk (C'05), who has donated his time and talent in designing a state-of-the-art website for this purpose.

Please continue to read about our progress on our website. I invite you to join us in our projects, visit us on campus, and contact us by phone or email. Please participate in our important strategic matching grants program, *Become a Guardian Angel*. We need your financial support for the restoration of the Panorama figures and the renovation of the Fr. Andrew Wotta Center, which houses the Panorama and many of the Orchard Lake Schools Archives. The Panorama, created in 1985, displays 106 historical figures representing a thousand years of Polish history. (See story p. 36) Please contact us to become a *Guardian Angel* as soon as possible.



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LINEN TAPESTRY, ENTITLED MESSENGER — JOHN PAUL II, BY JADWIGA HEJMO-ZAJAC, WHICH GRACES THE ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS GALERIA AND SHOWS THE WIDE EMBRACE THE MAN HAD FOR PEOPLE OF ALL NATIONS, WAS A GIFT OF THE HOLY FATHER, HIMSELF, TO THE ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS.



POLISH PANORAMA IN ITS 25TH YEAR

The *Polish Panorama* in the Fr. Andrew Wotta Center officially opened on February 14, 1985, as a major part of the Orchard Lake Schools Centennial Celebrations. The late Leo A. (H'66) and Bernice Obloy were the principal benefactors of the project. Others who contributed were joined by the late William (H'80) and Mary (H'85) Lyons, the late Robert (H'76) and Joan Slawsky, Richard (H'85) and Theresa Mazur, Joseph and Mrs. Knott, Stanley (H'60) and Nina Krajewski, and Frank (P'28) and the late Mary Padzieski.

The *Polish Panorama* is a moving diorama of the history of Poland with one figure following another on an automated system. Each 30-inch high figure is clothed in an authentic costume. Completion required hundreds of hours in research and sewing. In Poland, Zbigniew Baran directed the design and production, then later supervised the construction of the motorized set.

For 25 years, the *Polish Panorama* has brought its viewers a broader consciousness of the faith, courage, and indestructibility of the Polish nation. The presentation dramatizes the history of Poland from its early beginnings, which are shrouded in legend, through modern world events, including the election of Pope John Paul II and the subsequent rise of the Solidarity movement. The *Panorama's* 106 characters are drawn from the struggles of writers, peasants, saints, statesmen, soldiers, and artists who were passionate about remaining faithful to the ideals of Catholicism and the Christianity of the Polish nation. Their story, extended by immigrants to America in the 20th Century, is indispensable to understanding the impact of Poland on the modern world.



POLES IN THE REGIONAL PEASANT COSTUME OF PODLASIE

The years have taken their toll on the components of the *Panorama*. The narration is badly in need of modern technology. With this, the 100th Anniversary of our Presence on the Shores of Orchard Lake and as we quickly approach the 125th Anniversary of our Founding, we invite you to be an angel and donate to the matching grant fund which has been established to give the *Panorama Room* the new life and restoration that it needs. Your donations will help

conserve the figures, add digital special effects, as well as updated narration and background music in a new sound system. Protecting the figures requires climate control.

The Polish Mission is refurbishing the *Polish Panorama Room* to house the *Polonica Americana Research Institute (PARI)* as well. Together, the *Polish Panorama* and *PARI* will bring the roles and contributions of the history and culture of Poland and Polish America to campus visitors.

PARI and the *Polish Panorama* materials will be a virtual reality on the Polish Mission website in the near future. It will feature interactive tools and attractive lesson media to bring 1,000 years of Polish and Polish American history to the world.

For more information, please visit:
www.polishmission.com



BOLESŁAW I CHROBRY, THE BRAVE, 967-1025, WAS DUKE OF POLAND FROM 992-1025 AND WAS CROWNED THE FIRST KING OF POLAND IN 1025.



RICH FARMLAND IS A NATURAL RESOURCE IN MANY AREAS OF POLAND. FATHER AND SON IN MEDIEVAL PEASANT GARB REPRESENT THE TYPICAL LOOK OF THE NORTHERN POLISH PEOPLE.



LTGEN. WŁADYSŁAW ANDERS CB, AUGUST 1892–MAY 1970, WAS A GENERAL IN THE POLISH ARMY. LATER IN LIFE HE WAS A POLITICIAN WITH THE POLISH GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE IN LONDON, ENGLAND.



ST. MAXIMILIAN MARIA KOLBE, JANUARY 1894 – AUGUST 1941, KNOWN AS APOSTLE OF CONSECRATION TO MARY, WAS A POLISH CONVENTUAL FRANCISCAN FRIAR WHO VOLUNTEERED TO DIE IN PLACE OF A STRANGER IN AUSCHWITZ, A NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMP IN POLAND.



SERVANT OF GOD POPE JOHN PAUL II, BORN IN KRAKOW IN MAY 1920, WAS THE LEADER OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH AND THE CHRISTIAN WORLD FROM 1978 UNTIL HIS DEATH IN APRIL 2005.



THE ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS POLISH PANORAMA IS ONE OF THE FINEST REPRESENTATIONS OF POLISH HISTORY AND CULTURE IN THE WORLD. IN UNIQUE ARTISTRY, IT GIVES THE HISTORY OF POLAND FOR 1,000 YEARS. THERE ARE 106 FIGURES, EACH 30-INCHES HIGH AND EACH CLOTHED IN AUTHENTIC COSTUMES. THE PANORAMA TOOK HUNDREDS OF HOURS TO RESEARCH AND SEW. THE PRESENTATION WAS DESIGNED AND PRODUCED IN POLAND UNDER THE DIRECTION OF ZBIGNIEW BARAN. HE ALSO SUPERVISED THE CONSTRUCTION AND ASSEMBLY OF THE MOTORIZED SET. THE POLISH PANORAMA IS IN NEED OF GUARDIAN ANGELS TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR ITS RESTORATION AND REFURBISHING.



POLISH MISSION STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS REFINE ORGANIZATION OF OLS RARE BOOK COLLECTIONS

Since September 2008, the Polish Library and Polish Rare Book Collection staff and volunteers have been working on a massive project: the organization of books that have been stored for decades in many obscure nooks and crannies of our historic campus. With an abundance of volunteer hours, to date more than 800 boxes — about 20,000 books — have been collected, processed, and readied for transport to the Adam Cardinal Maida Alumni Library. These 20,000 books have come from 25 different rooms in three separate buildings. Staff reports there are nearly 20 rooms whose books still need collection. This work describes the first phase of the Rare Book Collection project.

Once the books from the remaining 20 rooms are packed and brought to the Library, they will be checked against the Orchard Lake Schools existing catalog. At that point, new titles will be added to enhance the main Library's offerings. With the Adam Cardinal Maida Alumni Library catalog available for research online, even more of the Orchard Lake Schools' important resources will become available to campus scholars and those interested in their contents from anywhere in the world.

AT LEFT: COMPLETED SHELF IN LIBRARY'S RARE BOOK ROOM.

BOTTOM LEFT: CLOSE-UP OF CENTURIES-OLD POLISH ENCYCLOPEDIA;

BELOW: SET OF ARCHIVAL SLAVIK LOGIC BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY'S POLISH RARE BOOK ROOM



FORMER DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF POLAND'S NATIONAL LIBRARY EXAMINES OLS ARCHIVAL AND BOOK COLLECTIONS

The Polish Mission reports that Joanna Pasztaleniec-Jarzynska, former Deputy Director of the National Library of Poland, was sent to the Orchard Lake Schools during April and May by the Polish Ministry of Culture — primarily to support the continuing effort of the Polish Mission to evaluate archival collections while developing long-term plans for their management and preservation. Pasztaleniec-Jarzynska examined pieces and compared their condition to reports submitted previously to the Polish government. She visited the OLS Polish and Rare Book Collections and prepared an official, detailed report, which will be offered to interested organizations who are curious about the condition of collections housed at OLS. OLS Polish Mission Director Marcin Chumiecki remarked, "The Polish Mission has continued to benefit from the support of the Polish Ministry of Culture and especially from Joanna's recent visit."



JOANNA PASZTALENIEC-JARZYNSKA

12TH PODOLIAN LANCER REGIMENT AND OLS POLISH MISSION TO STAGE REENACTMENT OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1939

The 12th Podolian Lancers Regiment (12th Regiment) of the WWII Polish Army Historical Association, is a non-profit organization in Chicago. The 12th Regiment connects history enthusiasts with a special interest in the history of World War II Polish military, especially of the II Polish Corps, by organizing public exhibitions, bringing collections to schools, and staging historical events.

Polish Mission Director Marcin Chumiecki recently met with the organization to collaborate in bringing history to life. The result will be the establishment of a branch of the 12th Regiment on the Orchard Lake campus as part of the Polish Mission. Currently the mutual goals include:

- ☛ To educate the American public and Polish youth about what was, at the time the most prestigious division of the Polish Army, and
- ☛ To cultivate and capture the specifics of this time in Polish history.



THE 12TH PODOLIAN LANCERS REGIMENT OF THE WWII POLISH ARMY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION'S MEMBERS DEMONSTRATE LIFE IN THE II POLISH ARMY CORPS. ABOVE: OFFICERS TOAST WITH VODKA THE NIGHT BEFORE THE DEADLY BATTLE AGAINST THE NAZIS. RIGHT: A SOLDIER AND HER COMMANDER FIND COFFEE IN THE MESS HALL. AUTHENTIC COSTUMES, WEAPONS, AND KITCHEN UTENSILS ARE PART OF THE 12TH PODOLIAN LANCERS REGIMENT'S UNIQUE HISTORICAL REENACTMENTS.



The 12th Regiment is the only U.S. organization which offers public exhibitions and reenactments from WWII. The WWII Polish Army Historical Association is currently planning the Grand Reenactment Event to Commemorate 70th Anniversary of WWII, which promises to be a precise model of the September 1, 1939 Battle. The Grand Reenactment Event, of which the OLS Polish Mission will be a part, takes place on August 29, 2009 in Stonehouse Park in Earville, Illinois, 60 miles west of Chicago. Visitors will see authentic uniforms, vehicles, guns, military tents, kitchen gear, radio stations, and more. Most importantly, those who attend will experience a unique encounter with Polish history that will place them at the scene, where the nobleness of the Polish soldiers who lost their lives for Poland and world freedom will be encountered and honored.

Polish Americans, their families, children, grandchildren, as well as people of all backgrounds, will benefit and enjoy this day of hands-on education and entertainment. For more information, call OLS Polish Mission office at (248) 683-0412 or visit:

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AMERICAN POLISH ENGINEERS LEARN ABOUT ARCHIVAL TECHNOLOGY

On March 18, 2009, Marcin Chumiecki, Director of the Polish Mission at the Orchard Lake Schools, was the featured speaker at the American Polish Engineering Association's (APEA) General Membership Meeting, held at the American Polish Cultural Center in Troy, Michigan. Chumiecki gave a presentation, entitled *Archiving Your Treasures*, focusing on the proper preservation and storage of treasured articles, photographs, and heirloom keepsakes for viewing and appreciation by future generations. He also provided information on methods for tracing a person's genealogy. Paul Ostrowski, a member of the Orchard Lake Schools Board of Regents, as well as a member of APEA, introduced Chumiecki to his fellow engineers.



PARI AND ITS DIRECTOR SEARCH FOR POLISH ROOTS

The Polonica Americana Research Institute (PARI) a new department of the OLS Polish Mission, has been created to serve family historians as they document their Polish heritage. The PARI department operates under the direction of Certified Genealogist™ Cecile "Ceil" Wendt-Jensen.

Author, educator, and researcher, and native Detroit, Wendt-Jensen is a board member of Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan. As such, she is their representative to the Federation of Genealogical Societies. Wendt-Jensen, a Michigan State University graduate, spent 30 years in K-12 education, pioneering the use of multimedia technology in the classroom. In 1998, she brought these skills to professional genealogy.

Wendt-Jensen's interest in her Polish ancestry began when she interviewed her father, Frank Wendt (Wenta), as part of an elementary school project. He showed her the birth certificate carried by her grandfather for his passage to America. Months later, her father's untimely death inspired her to continue her research to discover her family's origins. Research revealed that her maternal and paternal ancestors arrived in Detroit in the 1880s from the Prussia, Posen, Galicia, and Russian regions of Poland. In the late 1890s, her family was helped by OLS Founder Fr. Józef Dąbrowski. Fr. Dąbrowski assisted grandmother Cecilia Wojtkowiak-Przytulska and her paternal aunt, Zofia Zdziebko, cousin Louise Wilmowitz (who would become Sr. Mary Electa OSF), and others. All were *half orphans* or *inmates* at the Guardian Angel Home on the corner of St. Aubin and Canfield. Wendt-Jensen's Aunt Katherine Wojtkowiak-Topolewski told her of Fr. Dąbrowski's demonstration at school of the electricity he had installed. The students gathered round a single light-bulb. When he flipped the switch, they all shouted "*Elektryka!*"

Wendt-Jensen's has documented her ancestry to the 1600s and has become a featured international speaker. She shares her vision of bringing Polish genealogy to the mainstream to guide ten million Polish-Americans to the knowledge of their roots. She presents information dispelling the myth that records were destroyed during the World Wars and that language barriers make research impossible. She has successfully conducted research in Poland at libraries, civil and diocesan archives, as well as in local Polish parishes.

Articles by Wendt-Jensen have appeared in *National Genealogical Societies Magazine*, *Ancestry Magazine*, *FEFHHS Journal*, *Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan's Polish Eaglet*, and online with *Gen Dobry*. Three titles, *Detroit's Polonia (2005)*, *Detroit's Mount Elliott Cemetery (2006)*, and *Detroit's Mount Olivet Cemetery (2006)* have been released by Arcadia Publishing. She has collaborated on the DVD production of *Our Polish Story (2007)*, and is the 2008 recipient of the Michigan Genealogical Council's Lucy Mary Kellogg Award and the MTU Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections 2008 Research Travel Award.



CECILE WENDT-JENSEN
DIRECTOR OF OLS POLISH MISSION'S
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OLS POLISH MISSION HOSTS

1ST ANNUAL WIGILIA

On Sunday, December 7, 2008, the Polish Mission at the Orchard Lakes Schools hosted its *1st Annual Wigilia Dinner* at the Orchard Lake Schools. The afternoon event began with a Polish Mass in the Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake and was followed by dinner in the Banquet Center.

The traditional Wigilia dinner is always meatless and begins with the sharing of oplatek. The menu consists of barszcz z uszkami, pickled herring, noodles with poppy seed, meatless stuffed cabbage, fish, mushroom and sauerkraut pierogi, vegetable salad, fruit compote, rolls, bread and desserts.

After dinner, traditional Polish Christmas carols, or Koledy, were provided by Steve Frayer. About 75 people attended the Polish Mission *1st Annual Wigilia Dinner*.



POLISH MISSION MUSEUMS AND ARCHIVES PLAN CELEBRATIONS FOR 100TH ANNIVERSARY ON THE SHORES OF ORCHARD LAKE



AUTHENTIC UNIFORMS OF THE II POLISH ARMY ARE ONLY ONE OF THE HISTORIC TREASURES ON DISPLAY IN THE OLS MUSEUMS.

Seventy years ago mankind started what became the bloodiest and most merciless war ever. It was a war that claimed millions of victims, a war that changed political, economical, and social systems forever. It left scar on the human race that may not heal for centuries.

WWII began on September 1, 1939 in Poland, the first country that stood up to an invasion by Nazi Germany. Poland was also attacked by Soviet Russia – yet she defended herself for 37 days, the longest resistance to the Nazis in Europe. The Poles never surrendered and never



FLAG OF THE POLISH AIR FORCE IS RED AND WHITE AND SHOWS THE POLISH WHITE EAGLE.

collaborated with their occupiers. Instead they paid the ultimate price: their beloved country ceased to exist on the political map. However, Poland's sons and daughters continued the fight on every European battlefield and in Africa.



UNIFORMS, WEAPONS, AND ARTIFACTS OF THE POLISH HOME ARMY FILL A LARGE ROOM AT THE OLS MUSEUMS IN THE ARK (BLDG #9).

In this, it was the only allied nation who fought for its right to exist for six years – the entire length of the war on the European front.

The Orchard Lake Schools have maintained seven museums on campus related to World War II. These museums hold survivors' oral histories (analog), art work, diaries, documents, arms, photos, maps, uniforms, and related ephemera.

On September 4-6, 2009, as part of the *Orchard Lake Schools Anniversary* events, the Polish Mission will commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the *Invasion of Poland* by honoring the brave Poles who fought for freedom. The honorees include members of the Polish Home Army, the Polish Air Force, and General Anders' 2nd Polish Corps, who captured Monte Cassino in Italy, as well as the Polish American soldiers who fought on the Eastern and Western Fronts,

as well as in the Mediterranean and the Pacific Ocean Theaters of the War. Michigan is home to veterans from each of the fighting units – the Polish Mission has confirmed their attendance at the commemoration event.

The Polish Mission will also present a lecture and exhibit of the artwork of Jan Kowski (1915 -2002), a retired *Washington Post* artist who, during five years of World War II, survived five concentration camps in Poland and Germany. In 1949, after four years in displaced-persons camps in Germany, Kowski emigrated to the United States. He continued painting and drawing until shortly before his death, producing art scenes of death, barbed wire torture, brutality, and starvation from the concentration camp years, 1940-45. His work has been displayed at the Auschwitz Memorial Museum in Poland and at Holocaust Memorial Shows in Houston and Chicago. Some of Kowski's art makes up the Orchard Lake Polish Mission collection.

The following month, as part of *National Polish Heritage Month*, the Polish Mission will present a lecture and pictorial history showing the grounds of Orchard Lake using vintage pieces from the Polish Mission Archives and the Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society. The lecture, scheduled for Friday, October 2, 2009, will begin with the history of the Michigan Military Academy and end with a salute to the priest alumni of SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary and the parishes they established.

For more information, call OLS Polish Mission office at (248) 683-0412 or visit: www.248-683-0412 or visit:

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OLS POLISH MISSION PRESENTS PICTORIAL ALBUM TO STANISŁAW CARDINAL DZIWIŚZ

Photography and testimonials from last summer's *Pastoral Visit of His Eminence Stanisław Cardinal Dziwiśz to Orchard Lake* were arranged into an album by Marcin Chumiecki, Director of the Polish Mission. Filled with Chumiecki's photography from June 26, 2008, the day of the *Pastoral Visit*, as well as that of OLS photographer Gregg McIntosh, the album is entitled, *Wspomnienia, [in English: Recollections — Ed.]*. The album also includes a description of the Orchard Lake Schools, as well as handwritten dedications from Chancellor Fr. Timothy Whalen and Rector/President of SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary, Msgr. Charles Kosanke. On April 17, 2009, during their visit to Kraków, Poland, OLS Polish Mission supporters, Tadeusz and Eugenia Gorecki, of West Bloomfield, presented the album as a gift from the Polish Mission for the Cardinal's 70th birthday which was coming up on April 27. The Gorecki's also brought a second copy of the album with a page upon which His Eminence could write his thoughts, if he so desired. Graciously Cardinal Dziwiśz inscribed a message to the Orchard Lake Schools about his visit, the Schools, the importance of the work of the Polish Mission, as well as his delight with the album. Eugenia Gorecki has volunteered for seven years at the Fr. Joseph Dabrowski School of Polish Language for Children.



EUGENIA GORECKI AND CHANCELLOR FR. TIMOTHY WHALEN REVIEW CHUMIECKI'S *Wspomnienia*, BEFORE THE GORECKI'S TRIP TO POLAND.



RIGHT: TADEUSZ AND EUGENIA GORECKI SHARE AN AUDIENCE WITH HIS EMINENCE STANISŁAW CARDINAL DZIWIŚZ, AT WHICH THEY PRESENT *WSPOMNIENIA*, ON BEHALF OF THE ORCHARD LAKE



SCHOOLS POLISH MISSION. FAR RIGHT: CARDINAL DZIWIŚZ INSCRIBES A MESSAGE IN A SECOND COPY OF THE PICTORIAL ALBUM FROM HIS *PASTORAL VISIT TO THE ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS*, EXPRESSING HIS THOUGHTS ABOUT THE ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS, THEIR MISSION, AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

MICHIGAN HUMANITIES COUNCIL AWARDS \$15,000 GRANT TO POLISH MISSION

Chancellor Fr. Timothy Whalen has announced that the Polish Mission at the Orchard Lake Schools is the proud recipient of \$15,000 to support two key programs coming up in September and October, 2009: 1) the Polish Mission's *Commemoration of 1 September 1939* and, 2) the Polish Mission's 100th Anniversary event, *A Celebration of SS Cyril & Methodius Seminary 1909-2009*.

The funds will be used by the Polish Mission to increase community awareness of Poland's suffering and strength during World War II and to spotlight SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary's 100th Anniversary at Orchard Lake, its alumni, and their accomplishments. The grant will also fund the creation of a publication and special events, featuring museum holdings, which were created for public display by Polish war veterans, who arrived in

Michigan as *displaced persons* and lived their post-war lives locally in Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb Counties.

The Michigan Humanities Council awards National Endowment for the Humanities grants to Michigan non-profit organizations. The Polish Mission at Orchard Lake received the news in early May 2009.

CONSTITUTION DAY PHOTOS (OPPOSITE PAGE)

BOTTOM LEFT: *GENEALOGY PICNIC* GREETER MICHELLE CHUMIECKI WELCOMES FAMILIES. CENTER BOTTOM: STUDENTS FROM THE FR. JOSEPH DABROWSKI POLISH LANGUAGE SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN LOSE THEIR BUTTERFLIES AS THEY PREPARE TO GO ON STAGE. TOP CENTER: MEMBERS OF THE POLANIE FOLK DANCE GROUP PERFORMED SEVERAL DIFFERENT REGIONAL NUMBERS ON POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY. BOTTOM RIGHT: OLS CHANCELLOR FR. TIM WHALEN AWARDS FIRST PRIZE TO YOUTH ART COMPETITION GOLD MEDALIST DAN FAIRBANKS OF LIVONIA, FOR HIS WORK ENTITLED, *DAVID FISCHER*.

MAY 3: POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY AT ORCHARD LAKE

Hosted by the Orchard Lake Polish Mission, the Polonica Americana Research Institute (PARI), and the Polish American Congress (PAC) Michigan Division, the 218th Anniversary of the Polish Constitution was celebrated on *Polish Sunday, May 3, 2009*, at Orchard Lake. This year's guest of honor was Joanna Pasztelnic-Jarzynska, M.A., who represented the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage as well as the National Library of Poland in Warsaw. The day was filled with many exciting activities for Polonians.

The day began in the Fr. John Rakoczy Gym with the Polish and American National Anthems, while the Polish Scouts provided the Color Guard, as each was played. The Fr. Joseph Dabrowski School of Polish Language for Children presented a program in which included speeches, literary offerings, dance performances, and then award presentations to the best of each. Student artistic performances were led by Urszula Mackiewicz. The Polanie Folk Dance Group, whose membership consists mainly of university students and high school upper classmen, performed several different Polish regional dances onstage. Listeners enjoyed the Polish Language Competition, after which Jolanta Gmurowska, Director of Adam Mickiewicz School, announced the winners. When the Color Guard departed, signaling the close of the program, those in attendance walked to the Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake for Sunday Mass in Polish.

After Mass, participants strolled to Polish Panorama Room of the Father Andrew Wotta Center for the *Picnic with Genealogy* for kids, parents and grandparents, sponsored by the Polonica Americana Research Institute (PARI). Arriving at the *Picnic*, families and children were greeted by Michelle Chumiecki, wearing the regional dress of Kraków. She offered refreshments of juice and cookies to the children. Art instructor Kasia Adilman, M.A., had prepared many hand-on activities for the children including puzzles, painting, and bubbles, before they sat in front of the Panorama stage, mesmerized,

as each of the colorful, historic figures passed. PARI Director Ceil Wendt-Jensen and Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan (PGSM) members Betty Guziak, Joe Guziak, and Brenda Kociemba, prepared and directed the *Picnic with Genealogy*, impressing those in attendance and answering genealogy questions. They also helped translate records and letters family historians had brought in for review.

The culminating activity of *Polish Constitution Day* was the 19th Annual Youth Art Competition in the Galeria. The event, sponsored by the Orchard Lake Schools and the Friends of Polish Art (FPA), encourages future artists. OLS Chancellor Fr. Timothy Whalen (P'70), FPA President Carolyn L. Meleski, and FPA Director Evelyn Bachorski-Bowman made presentations as well as did FPA's Susan Nash.

The Polish Mission's *Polish Constitution Day/3rd of May Occasion* enjoyed visits from Rev. Leonard F. Chrobot, Ph.D. (P'56, C'60, S'64), Past President of St. Mary's College and OLS Fidelitas Medalist, Anthony Walawender (P'48, C'52), noted teacher, and Polish American Social Studies Award Winners, Barbara Lemecha and Henrietta Nowakowski, Orchard Lake Schools supporters and representatives of the American Council for Polish Culture (ACPC).

Those interested in pursuing their genealogy or bringing their families to enjoy the Polish Panorama Presentation may call 248-683-0412, or visit:

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THE GOOD NEWS FROM – CFO & DEVELOPMENT/ALUMNI DIRECTOR

Twenty-eight years ago, when I graduated from St. Mary's Preparatory, I never could have dreamed that I would be doing something as personally appealing and enthralling as this: I have officially begun working for our Alma Mater.

My role at the Orchard Lake Schools (OLS) is a bit unusual. Not only I am responsible for financial operations and accounting, I am responsible for directing Development and Alumni Relations, as well. As such, I am anticipating the opportunity to participate as fully as possible in the celebrations of our 100th Year on the Shores of Orchard Lake in 2009, and in 2010, our 125th Anniversary of the OLS founding by Fr. Joseph Dabrowski in Detroit in 1885. I am experiencing the unique blessing of being in a position to help our Alma Mater.

So many years have passed by, just as so many young people have passed through the halls of the Orchard Lake Schools. We all have our memories of the many days we spent on this beautiful campus.

I can remember my first official week on campus. It began on Sunday, August 14, 1977, when my parents brought my oldest brother and me to campus for football practice, which at the time was called, *hellweek*. My dream had come true. I couldn't believe that I was really practicing with guys I had been watching from the sidelines for the past two years – guys who had become my heroes. This was the first time that I had ever formally practiced football and in those days, during *hellweek*, practice was three times each day. It was a lot to ask of a 14-year-old. Needless to say, I didn't last very long. On my second day, during the second practice, a big senior, starting lineman, Jim Rozycki, rolled on my thumb and broke it. I was in pain and devastated.



My start at St. Mary's was not what I had envisioned. Thinking I let my oldest brother down, I was really hurting inside as well. Then, to make matters worse, on my way to the hospital, the radio announcer said, "The King had died." Later, I learned that my brother was more upset about losing Elvis, than about my thumb. Back then, my dad worked both day and night to find the money to send three of us to Orchard Lake. My mother never drove, and till this day, still does not. One of the assistants drove me to the hospital, where I had x-rays taken and was fitted with a plaster cast. Afterward, we headed back to Orchard Lake for the end of the second practice. By the grace of God, I can say that I had the fortitude to never miss attending a practice, even when I couldn't play. I remained on campus everyday and helped the team any way I could, until weeks later I was cleared for football. It turned out that the 1977 OLSM Football Season was an incredible success – we won our school's first-ever, state football championship. At the State Championship Game at the Pontiac Silverdome, I played quarterback the entire fourth quarter.

Today, 32 years later, I am back at Orchard Lake. So many things have changed since I was a student here, and yet many have also remained the same. Even though there are new buildings, new faces, and new uniforms, Dombrowski Fieldhouse is still the same, as are Msgrs. Ziemba (P'44, C'47), Milewski (P'47, C'51), and Koper (P'63, C'67) – and Fr. Jim Mazurek (C'69). They're all still here and going strong –after all those years. How could I forget Robin Goddard (C'80)? Everyone enrolled at St. Mary's since the late 70s remembers Robin.

MARTIN VUCINAJ, AS AN OLSM SENIOR IN 1981 SETS UP FOR A FREE THROW, WHILE CLASSMATE EDDIE BONK (P'81) PREPARES TO DEFEND AGAINST THE REBOUND IN AN EAGLETS BASKETBALL GAME AGAINST THE IRISH OF ANN ARBOR GABRIEL RICHARD.



MARTIN VUCINAJ (P'81)
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
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As I embrace my new responsibilities and face the challenges before me, I ask each of you, my fellow alumni, to pray for me and allow me to serve you through my service to the Schools, that we all love. I promise to offer many and varied alumni events to entice you back to our campus, to one another. Each year we will have the *Alumni Basketball Night*, an *Alumni Hockey vs. Current Hockey Game*, an *Alumni Flag Football Match* to kick-off the 2009 football season, an actual *Alumni Basketball Game* in 2010, *Alumni Texas Hold'em Parties*, *Quarterly Alumni Newsletters* (to supplement the *ORCHARD LAKE GOOD NEWS*), an updated, secure, interactive *Alumni Website*, and *Visits to College Campuses* (to see our recent grads). Please get in touch with any suggestions you may have.

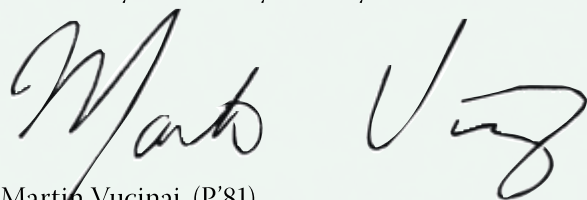
Raising money to support OLS is a key objective for me. Obviously I would be remiss if I did not request a donation in this message. *We need your financial help.* I am not asking for hundreds of thousands of dollars, but I do want you to use the envelope at the center of this issue of the *GOOD NEWS* to show your support, no matter the size of your check. I challenge each of you individually and as members of your specific OLS Graduating Class. Since we are celebrating our 100th Anniversary on this 115-acre campus, let's strive for 100% participation from each alumnus in The Annual Alumni Fund (TAAF) drive for 2009. Join the competition. Let's see which class year achieves 100% participation first. We can publish results in our *WINTER 2009 GOOD NEWS* as well as in the launch issue of our quarterly newsletter.

I want to thank many of you for already having contributed in support of TAAF and other OLS endowment programs. What you may not realize, however, is that we have not made formal TAAF requests for years, due to our solicitations for other capital campaigns.

Proceeds from TAAF are used to fund scholarships and day to day educational activities at the Orchard Lake Schools. Any contribution to TAAF benefits your specific Alma Mater. If you're like me, as graduate of OLSM, your contribution will specifically go to help St. Mary's Preparatory. Note on the envelope that you want your TAAF donation to go to the Prep, and I will see that it happens.

Our late Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, the Servant of God, once told an audience that, "*If the Orchard Lake Schools did not exist, it would be necessary to establish them.*" With your willingness to help, we will maintain, improve, and ensure that this wonderful place will be here for future generations. Please pray for all of us at Orchard Lake. Each day, one of the Orchard Lake priests offers a daily Mass for your intention. I pray for each and every one of you, everyday, as well..

It is with much enthusiasm that I anticipate getting you re-connected with your Alma Mater. May God bless you and yours.



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2008-09 FOUNDER'S DAY CHAIRMAN MARTIN VUCINAJ AND MARY, HIS WIFE OF 22 YEARS, AT THE 56TH ANNUAL FOUNDER'S DAY IN THE SMAC.

MARTIN VUCINAJ (P'81) TAKES THE REIGNS AS OLS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND DEVELOPMENT/ALUMNI DIRECTOR

OLS Chancellor Fr. Timothy F. Whalen has announced that Martin Vucinaj, C.P.A., (P'81), has been named Chief Financial Officer and Development/Alumni Director for the Orchard Lake Schools. For Vucinaj, coming back to Orchard Lake in this capacity has been like returning home, where one has only the fondest of memories.

"I am very excited to return to Orchard Lake as Chief Financial Officer and Development/Alumni Director. I finally have a chance to give my full efforts and talents back to the school that I have loved since I first stepped on campus in the summer of 1976. I'll never forget that day. My oldest brother had begun his freshman year and I couldn't wait for my chance to be here, too. I have wonderful memories of my years at Orchard Lake St. Mary's and of the many, great friendships that were formed," Vucinaj said.

Senior Class President in 1980-81, Vucinaj was Vice President of the National Honor Society and graduated Cum Laude. For each of his four years he lettered in baseball and football; in basketball he lettered two years. Vucinaj was selected All-Catholic and All-Oakland County in both football and baseball, and All-League in basketball as a senior.

Since his graduation from the Prep, Vucinaj has maintained an active relationship with the Orchard Lake Schools. Fellow alumnus, Jeffrey J. Skibinski (P'81) asked him to be best man at his wedding. Skibinski is Godfather to Vucinaj's oldest son, Christopher, a senior at St. Mary's Preparatory. Vucinaj reports that he has also had the privilege of OLS Vice Chancellor Fr. James Mazurek's (C'69) presiding at his wedding to Mary, his wife of 22 years, at St. Fabian Catholic Church, and baptizing all four of Vucinaj's children – Christopher, as well as the couple's triplets, Jacob, Jason, and Jessica, who will begin second grade at St. Fabian Catholic School in Farmington Hills, Michigan.

Vucinaj, who has served on the Founder's Day Committee for ten years, is Chairman for the 57th Annual Founder's Day this year, as he was in 2008. In 2007, he acted as Vice Chairman for this extravagant golf and festive day-long event. He and Mary are members of the Chancellor's Senate, the oldest, most-storied giving program at the Orchard Lake Schools. Their names can also be found on the Honor Roll of Orchard Lake Schools Ambassadors, an annual endowment program.

Vucinaj earned a B.S., Accounting, graduating Cum Laude from the University of Detroit in 1986. Having satisfied state requirements for licensure, he became a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in 1990. Vucinaj has more than 23 years experience in Accounting, Finance, and Business Development, and has worked for several companies during his career: PriceWaterhouseCoopers, MCN Energy (MichCon), Kmart Corporation, and most recently Pfizer Pharmaceutical, where he served as Controller/Project Costs. He holds memberships in American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, and the Knights of Columbus. At his parish, St. Fabian Catholic Church, he serves as Associate Athletic Director of CYO Board.

Born in Tuzi, Titograd, Yugoslavia (now Montenegro), Vucinaj is the third of five children born to Fran and Gjyste Vucinaj. His younger sister, Dila, died as an infant before the family relocated to the United States in 1970, to an area of Eastside Detroit, known as Conant Gardens. Members of Resurrection Parish in Hamtramck, from 1970-1994, Vucinaj's parents provided their boys a solid, Catholic education, initially sending them to Our Lady Queen of Apostles. Vucinaj's two older brothers, Nua (P'79) and Pjeter (P'80), also graduated from St. Mary's Preparatory. His youngest brother, Paul, the only family member born in the United States, graduated from St. Florian High School, Hamtramck, in 1989. When Mr. Fran Vucinaj died at age 56, in 1991, Vucinaj's mother and Paul, moved to Warren, Michigan. His mother still resides there today.

Vucinaj is primarily accountable to SSCMS Rector/President Msgr. Charles Kosanke, who is the Treasurer of the Orchard Lake Schools, as designated by the Board of Regents. Vucinaj succeeds Joseph Lentine, who was recently elected to the OLS Board of Regents and has been spending more time at DENCAP and with his family as he transitions to retirement. (SEE *ORCHARD LAKE GOOD NEWS*, WINTER 2008, No. 82)





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— TAAF Purpose: Operations —

TAAF began in 1962 as a means to request gifts from OLS alumni willing to contribute back to their Alma Mater to support ongoing operations. Gifts to TAAF may be made in any amount, earmarked for one of the schools or for a specific program. A new component of TAAF, *A Candle at the Grotto*, was initiated recently as a means for younger alumni (but not exclusively) to give at the \$50 level, requesting to have a candle lit for one's intention or that of a loved one at the Orchard Lake Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes.



AT LEFT: CATCHING UP ON CURRENT ACTIVITIES, OLS FRIENDS ENJOY CONVERSATION AT THE 2008 CHANCELLOR'S SENATE. FROM LEFT, JOE AND CHERYL RUFFOLO, MARY AND MARTIN VUCINAJ (P'81), AND TONY KOTERBA (P'68) AT THE PINE LAKE COUNTRY CLUB IN WEST BLOOMFIELD.

TRADITIONAL, NEW, AND VARIETY OF 2008-09 ALUMNI EVENTS INCLUDE HONORING FRANK JANOSZ (H'91)

When Martin Vucinaj joined the Administration Team at OLS, he already had been active on committees volunteering to ensure the success of several alumni-related events. A list of those are shown on the opposite page. Events are identified as specific to Vucinaj's plan to bring alumni of all class years to the OLS campus, to provide an environment where they can re-connect with one another, and to avail them of the many opportunities to get involved in support of their Alma Mater, whether it be Prep, College, or Seminary.



FRANK JANOSZ (H'91) RECEIVED A MUCH DESERVED CELEBRATION IN HIS HONOR AT THE BANNER HONOREE NIGHT AT THE DOMBROWSKI FIELDHOUSE.

2008-09 ALUMNI EVENTS

Homecoming 5th Quarter Alumni Party, Saturday, October 4

Immediately following the varsity football game against Catholic Central, Eaglet alumni and friends gathered in the Lake Level Conference Room of the Adam Cardinal Maida Alumni Library to eat, drink, and reminisce.



Banner Honoree Night – Tuesday, January 13

The Dombrowski Fieldhouse rocked on a Tuesday night, when a special banner was unveiled for one of Orchard Lake's finest, Frank Janosz (H'91). OLS was very proud to recognize that Janosz has served OLSM for more than 31 years, as a football coach, alumni parent, Chairman of St. Mary's Preparatory Board of Trustees, OLSM Growth Vision Plan Co-Chair, as well as an Honorary Alumnus. Janosz, the owner of English Gardens Nursery, earned his B.S., from Ferris State and his M.S., from Central Michigan University. He and his wife, Juliana, are residents of West Bloomfield. The couple has two children, Jason (P'90) and Jenna. A reception, held in the SMAC in Janosz' honor, followed the game.

Alumni Night – Friday, February 13

Another one of Orchard Lake's finest was honored on a cold winter night in the Dombrowski Fieldhouse, as David Bowens' banner was raised to the rafters. The standing-room-only crowd, which included several members of the Bowens family, joined in the celebration. Bowens graduated from St. Mary's Preparatory in 1995. He was an All-American in football in 1994 and has played professional football for more than eight years. He recently signed a free-agent contract with the Cleveland Browns. At the reception that was held in the SMAC, there were more than 200 attendees, which included many alumni and parents. Everyone had an exceptionally good time — looking forward to more chances to see one another.

Alumni Vegas Night – Saturday, March 21

Fun and games were prime ingredients at our first Alumni Vegas Night. All alumni were given a special discount upon entering and a double discount if wearing Alma Mater attire. The event was a combined effort of the Alumni Office and the St. Mary's Preparatory Moms & Dads Club, which handled all the festivities and refreshments.



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2008 Alumni Visit

Rev. Timothy Whalen (P'70) and Martin Vucinaj (P'81) traveled to Denver to meet with alumni in Colorado in December 2008. An Alumni Mixer, held at Pilfer's Sports Tavern, was sponsored by gracious alumnus host, Eric Zolkower (P'98). The event, which provided an impetus for establishing a Colorado Alumni District, was uplifting, beneficial, and re-connected OLS Alumni, who are residents of the Centennial State. SEE PHOTO AND CAPTION ON OPPOSITE PAGE.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

57th Annual Founder's Day — 100th Anniversary Celebration Kick-Off — June 19, 2009

Alumni Reunion Weekend — June 20 – 21, 2009

Alumni Flag Football Game/Varsity Red & White Game — Fall 2009

Homecoming Football Game vs. De La Salle & Alumni Reception — September 19, 2009

Alumni Texas Hold'em Tournament — October 2009

Alumni Hockey vs. Red Wing Alumni — November 27, 2009

Alumni Basketball Bash — December 2009

Alumni Honoree Banner Night — February 2010

Alumni Vegas Night — March 2010

Alumni Basketball Tournament — March 2010



PIZZA! PIZZA! OLSM ALUMNI BROS DO WELL IN THE WEST

AT LEFT, FROM LEFT BROTHERS MIKE (P'00) AND ADAM (P'04) SCRUGGS STAND PROUDLY BEFORE THE LITTLE CAESARS LOGO WALL AT ONE OF THEIR STORES. THE SCRUGGS, WHO ARE CURRENTLY LIVING IN COLORADO SPRINGS, ATTENDED THE OLSM ALUMNI MIXER IN DECEMBER 2008. THEIR FAMILY BUSINESS, COLORADO PIZZA INVESTMENTS, INC., OPENED A SIXTH LITTLE CAESARS FRANCHISE IN MAY 2009 AND PLAN TO OPEN TWO MORE THIS YEAR.

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NEW SENATORS WELCOMED AT PINE LAKE COUNTRY CLUB – 29TH ANNUAL CHANCELLOR'S SENATE RECOGNITION DINNER

On Sunday, December 14, 2008, as part of the festive December holidays, the Orchard Lake Schools Chancellor's Senate held its 29th Annual Recognition Dinner at Pine Lake Country Club in West Bloomfield, Michigan. John K. Woch (P'65) chaired the event for the sixteenth consecutive year. New Senators for 2008 include:

Summa Cum Laude (Perpetual Membership)

- †Wanda C. Grzymala
- †Ms. Stasia K. Harchut

Summa Cum Laude

- Mr. & Mrs. Mark Mitchell, Orchard Lake, Michigan
- †Rev. Francis Nazimek (C'43)
- Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Sieloff, Ypsilanti, Michigan

Cum Laude

- Dr. & Mrs. Roland J. Brandt, West Bloomfield, Michigan
- Rev. Zbigniew Grankowski (H'91), Dearborn, Michigan
- Paul (P'76) and Joan Kuligowski, Washington, Michigan
- Rev. Francis B. Lachowicz (P'52), White Oak, Pennsylvania
- Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Pomnichowski, Wyandotte, Michigan
- Mr. Kurt E. Sutton (P'00), New York, New York
- Dr. & Mrs. Bud Tishkowski, Orchard Lake, Michigan
- Martin (P'81) and Mary Vucinaj, Farmington Hills, Michigan
- Mr. Adolph Wontrobski, Floral Park, New York
- In Memory of Wife, Joan



TOP LEFT, FROM LEFT NEW SENATORS MARK MITCHELL, CHANCELLOR FR. TIM WHALEN (P'70), AND DEBBIE MITCHELL.

ABOVE FROM LEFT ARE MARTIN VUCINAJ (P'81), FR. TIM WHALEN (P'70), MARY VUCINAJ, AND JOHN WOCH (P'65).

ABOVE CENTER FROM LEFT ARE FR. TIM WHALEN (P'70), JOAN AND PAUL KULIGOWSKI (P'76).

AT RIGHT: OLS SUPPORTERS REPRESENTING FR. ZBIGNIEW GRANKOWSKI (H'91) RECEIVE THE SENATOR'S PLAQUE FROM FR. TIM WHALEN (P'70).





ABOVE FROM LEFT ARE MARY ELLEN TYSZKA ('68), CAROL KOSNIK, ANN AND PAUL DYHDALO.



AT LEFT ARE FROM LEFT, MIKE (H'76) AND JO OBLOY, 2009 FIRST AMBASSADORS WITH PATRICK (H'76) AND STEPHANIE KERZIC, AND MSGR. WALLY ZIEMBA (P'44)., ENJOY CHRISTMAS CHEER AT THE CHANCELLOR'S SENATE.

BELOW LEFT, FROM LEFT FR. TIM WHALEN (P'70) GREETES TERRY AND MARK MEGGE (P'66) AT THE 2008 CHANCELLOR'S SENATE.



AT LEFT, CAUGHT UNDER THE MISTLETOE ARE PREP ALUMNI PARENTS CHERYL AND DAN SHUBERT

**30TH ANNUAL CHANCELLOR'S SENATE RECOGNITION DINNER:
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2009, PINE LAKE COUNTRY CLUB: CALL 248-683-0401**

36TH ANNUAL ORCHARD LAKE AMBASSADORS BALL HELD AT ROYAL PARK HOTEL, ROCHESTER, MICHIGAN



LEFT: STEVE NEMER AND THE 2010 FIRST AMBASSADOR ANNE NEMER AT THE 36TH ANNUAL AMBASSADORS BALL AT ROCHESTER'S ROYAL PARK HOTEL.

The 36th Annual Orchard Lake Ambassadors Ball was held on Saturday, January 17, 2009, at the Royal Park Hotel, Rochester, Michigan. 2009 First Ambassador Michael Obloy (H'76), (SEE PHOTO P. 51) offered welcome remarks, before introducing Chancellor Fr. Timothy F. Whalen (P'70), who chaired the *Gratitude and Presentation of the 2009 Class of Orchard Lake Ambassadors in Attendance*.

Before dinner, Wallace Ozog (H'85), National President of the *Polish Roman Catholic Union of America*, presented a check for \$35,000 to Fr. Whalen in support of SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary. Entertainment was provided by the *M & M Strolling Strings* and the *Mark Phillips Band*.

Anne Nemer and Catherine Edwards, 2010 First Ambassadors, announced that the 37th Annual Orchard Lake Ambassadors Ball will be held on Saturday, January 16, 2010, at the Westin Book Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, Michigan.

All donations to the *Ambassadors Permanent Endowment Fund* are designed to provide for the future of the Orchard Lake Schools and Centers. The principal is untouched; only the interest from it may be used to provide the Schools and Centers a definite and ever-increasing annual income. As the funds grow, so will the income.

NEW ORCHARD LAKE AMBASSADORS FOR 2009, BY CATEGORY

Extraordinary Ambassadors

Mrs. Loretta Ciemniak & Family, Shelby Township, Michigan
In Memory of Marvin Ciemniak, Sr. (P'48)
Michael (H'76) and Jo Obloy, Rochester Hills, Michigan

Perpetual Ambassadors

Mr. Chester Kolo, Livonia, Michigan
Michael (H'76) and Jo Obloy, Rochester Hills, Michigan
In the Name of St. Helena Parish, Wyandotte, Michigan

Annual Ambassadors

Stephen and Maureen Gross, Orchard Lake, Michigan
James and Jacqueline Hicks, Clarkston, Michigan
Anthony R. Koterba (P'68), Plymouth, Michigan
Martin (P'81) and Mary Vucinaj, Farmington Hills, Michigan

RIGHT: FR. TIM WHALEN (P'70), PRESENTS THE ANNUAL AMBASSADOR'S PLAQUE TO JACQUELINE AND JAMES HICKS, ONE OF FOUR ANNUAL AMBASSADORS INSTALLED AT THE 36TH AMBASSADOR'S BALL.



ORCHARD LAKE FIRST AMBASSADORS

+ Leo Obloy (H'66)	1974, '75
+ Edward Arcy, Sr. (H'76)	1976
+ Joseph Daiek (H'72)	1977
+ John Ciemiak (H'68)	1978
+ Dr. Stanley Ozog (H'68)	1979
Frank Padzieski (P'28)	1980
Dr. Leo Figiel (H'85)	1981
+Edwin Dyjak	1982
+Edwin Lukas	1983
London Morawski (H'78)	1984
+Dr. Peter Nowosielski	1985
Leo Peterson (H'74)	1986
+William Lyons (H'80)	1987
+Gregory Obloy (H'74)	1988
Dr. Leonard Glinski (H'82)	1989
John Woch (P'65)	1990
Virgina Sikora (H'80)	1991
+Rev. Msgr. Joseph Krysztofik (P'42, C'46)	1992
Robert Bielenda	1993
Ted Klamerus (H'74)	1994
Dr. Stanley Majewski (P'56)	1995
Dr. Michael Bonczak (H'76)	1996
Rita Margherio	1997
Rev. Canon Anthony Iwuc (C'49, S'53)	1998
Al Jadach	1999
Dr. Edward Loniewski (H'00)	2000
Rev. Walter Ptak (C'83)	2001
Dr. Hanna Obertynski (H'00)	2002
Mark Megge (P'66)	2003
Leo Peterson (H'74)	2004
Virgina Sikora (H'80)	2005
Dr. Thomas Carson	2006
Ronald Ozog	2007
Andrew Harrington (P'87)	2008
Michael Obloy (H'76)	2009
Anne Nemer, Catherine Edwards	2010



2011 FIRST AMBASSADORS PHIL AND NANCY CUSHMAN

Ambassadors Purpose

— *Endowment* —

The Ambassadors Program was initiated to create a permanent endowment fund to support the Schools. To date, this annual endowment fundraising program has raised nearly \$7 million. The principal remains untouched; the interest provides the Schools a definite, ever-increasing annual income.

— *Ambassadors Levels of Giving* —

Annual Ambassador: Annual gift of \$1,000

Perpetual Ambassador: One-time gift of \$10,000

Extraordinary Ambassador: Accrued or one-time giving of \$20,000 or more.

— *Ambassadors Program Benefits* —

1. Invitation for two to the Annual Ambassadors Ball
2. Individual recognition with a walnut plaque, and on the Orchard Lake Campus with a permanent plaque
3. Annual Published Roster: *An Honor Roll of Ambassadors* is published annually.

37TH ANNUAL AMBASSADORS BALL:
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We hope you will be able to join us on this pilgrimage of a lifetime!

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Fr. Timothy Whalen, Msgr. Charles Kosanke, and Fr. Mirosław Król

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- Arrangements of Daily Mass
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SS. Cyril and Methodius Itinerary*

Friday, October 9th

Transatlantic flight to Warsaw

Today we board our transatlantic flight to Warsaw. Dinner and breakfast served during flight.

Saturday, October 10th

Warsaw

(D)

Upon arrival at Chopin Airport, Warsaw, we will be met by our tour guide and transferred to our hotel in the heart of Warsaw, where we will have some time for relaxation. This afternoon, **celebrate Mass at the Church of St. Stanislaw Kostka**, and visit the tomb of Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko, chaplain and martyr of the *Solidarity Movement*. After Mass, tour the museum of Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko. Next, see the reconstructed Old Town featuring colorful houses, art galleries and quaint restaurants. Afterward, enjoy a festive Welcome Dinner in the Old City. Overnight Warsaw.

Sunday, October 11th

Warsaw

(CB)

Today, a city sightseeing tour of the most important sights of the capital city of Poland, which was raised from the ashes of World War II. Begin tour at St. John's Cathedral where Servant of God, Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski, is buried. **Celebrate Mass at the Cathedral**. After Mass, continue to the Royal Castle Square, which features the magnificent royal residence and Sigmund Column. Free time for lunch on your own. Next, tour the Jewish Quarter and Warsaw Uprising Monument and Museum. Late afternoon, see the beautiful Lazienki Park and Palace, former summer residence of the Polish kings and location of the Chopin monument. *Later, attend a private Chopin concert at the Palace on the water* followed by a dinner on your own in the Park restaurant. Overnight Warsaw.

Monday, October 12th

Warsaw/Niepokalanów/Czestochowa

(CB, D)

In the morning, leave Warsaw for Czestochowa. Enroute, stop at Niepokalanów (*Immaculata*, as founded by St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe). **Celebrate Mass in the original chapel built by St. Maximilian, the Martyr of Auschwitz**. Lunch on your own. Late afternoon, arrive in Czestochowa, the center of Poland's religious life and home of the famous icon of the Black Madonna. Check into hotel. Dinner at the hotel. At 9:00 pm we can participate in closing ceremony, which covers the icon for the night. Overnight Czestochowa.

Tuesday, October 13th

Czestochowa/Auschwitz/Zakopane

(CB, D)

In the morning, **celebrate Mass at the Icon of the Black Madonna**, followed by a guided tour of the Shrine. Then, depart for Auschwitz, the largest World War II concentration camp in Europe. Lunch on your own. Then, guided tour of the camp. After, travel to the resort town of Zakopane, located on the beautiful mountainside, which was Pope John Paul II's favorite vacation spot. Check into hotel. End the day with dinner and entertainment by the local highlanders, the Górale. Overnight Zakopane.

Wednesday, October 14th

Zakopane/Stawisza/Kraków

(CB)

This morning, tour of Zakopane with a stop at **Krzepiówki**, the unique, all-wooden church, built as a gift to Our Lady of Fatima for saving the Holy Father from near-fatal assassination attempt in 1981. After, depart for Kraków by way of the little village of *Stawisza*, hometown of Fr. Król, and meet the villagers. **Celebrate a Polish/English Mass in the village church**. Then, continue to Kraków for check-in and dinner on your own. Overnight Kraków.

Thursday, October 15th

Kraków

(CB, D)

In the morning, **celebrate Mass at the Mariacki Church**. After Mass, possibility of an audience with Stanislaw Cardinal Dziwisz, the Archbishop of Kraków, and former secretary of John Paul II. Remainder of day at leisure to explore the shops, churches, sights and sounds of Kraków. Dinner tonight at the famous fourteenth century restaurant, "Wierzynek," where kings and presidents have dined. Overnight Kraków.

Friday, October 16th

Kraków

(CB)

Today, celebrate the 31st anniversary of the historic election of Karol Cardinal Wojtyła, Archbishop of Kraków, to the papacy. This morning, visit the Wawel Hill and Cathedral, to see the tombs of St. Stanislaw and St. Hedwig, as well as the final resting places of Polish kings, poets and national heroes. Wawel Cathedral where John Paul II was ordained a priest and celebrated his first Mass, was also his cathedral as Archbishop of Kraków. Attend the opening of the *Witt Stwosz altar* at the Mariacki Church (St. Mary's Church). Lunch on your own in one of the restaurants at the Main Square. Next, travel to the tomb of St. Faustina Kowalska, where we will **celebrate Mass and pray the Divine Mercy Novena**. Tour of the convent and the Basilica of the Divine Mercy, which was consecrated by the Servant of God John Paul II during his last trip to Poland. Dinner tonight on your own. *Remember: in Poland Friday is a day of abstinence but you can enjoy many good meatless dishes.* Overnight Kraków.

Saturday, October 17th

Kraków/ Wadowice/ Wieliczka/Kraków

(CB, D)

In the morning, travel to Wadowice, the birthplace and hometown of Pope John Paul II. Visit his house, now a museum (*The house will be under renovation in 2009 and may be closed to visitors. Tour is pending confirmation.*) **Celebrate our Mass in the Basilica of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** and see the baptismal font where John Paul II was baptized. Lunch on your own. Afterwards, continue on to the famous salt mine of Wieliczka, known for its beautiful and unique underground constructions made of salt. Then, return to hotel in Kraków, for some free time for shopping or relaxation. Tonight, dinner in the medieval-style restaurant, the "*Chlopskie Jadło*". Overnight Kraków.

Sunday, October 18th

Kraków/USA

This morning, **celebrate early Mass in the hotel before** departing for the John Paul II airport in Kraków and return flight home.

ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS ALUMNI NEWS

1930s Alumni

✚ **Rev. Jerome A. Herman (P'36, C'40)** observed the 65th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on December 18, 2008. He is retired and living in Livonia.

✚ **Rev. Joseph A. Janiga (P'38, C'42)** observed the 63rd Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on October 27, 2008. He served on the faculty of St. Mary's Preparatory from 1945-77.

1940s Alumni

✚ **Rev. Henry S. Kreft (C'41)** observed the 64th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on February 24, 2009.

✚ **Rev. Edward F. Konopka (S'45)** observed the 63rd Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on October 27, 2008.

✚ **Rev. Fabian B. Slominski (S'48)** observed the 61st Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on May 22, 2009.



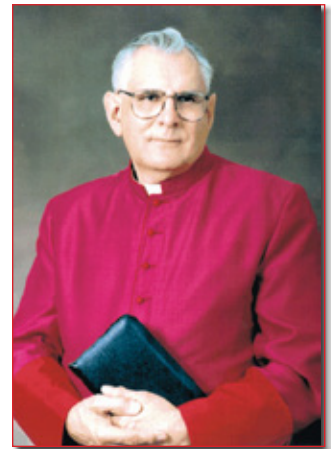
COL. BURT BIEBUYCK, AUS, (P'82) ADDRESSES THE CLASS OF 2009 AT COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES.

1950s Alumni

✚ **Rev. Joseph M. Horanzy (C'54, S'58)** celebrated the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on February 21, 2009. He is retired and living in Dunmore, Pennsylvania.

✚ **Rev. Richard S. Rakoczy (C'55)** observed the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on June 6, 2009.

✚ **Rev. Msgr. Mecislaus S. Wendzikowski (C'55)** celebrated the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on April 19, 2009 with a Mass of Thanksgiving and reception at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church, Cheektowaga, New York. He was ordained on February 21, 1959, and was named a monsignor by Pope John Paul II and given the title Prelate of Honor in 1993. He is retired and living in Buffalo, New York. (AT RIGHT)



✚ **Rev. Clifford Ruskowski (C'58, S'62)** received the Msgr. Daniel Ryan Award, awarded to an outstanding former faculty member by Sacred Heart Major Seminary, where he was professor of homiletics from 1989-92 and 1997-98. Formerly pastor at St. Owen Parish, he received senior priest status in 2007. He was OLS Vice Chancellor from 1981-86.

✚ **Dr. Stanislaus Majewski (P'56)**, member of the Board of Regents of the Orchard Lake Schools, was appointed the Fleet Surgeon of the Detroit Yacht Club for 2009, and was also elected as a Trustee of the Yacht Club. (BELOW)



ALUMNI NEWS

The Orchard Lake Good News welcomes news items and photos from all alumni. Please include your name, street address, e-mail address, degree and year of graduation. Mail to *Orchard Lake Good News*, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake, MI 48324 or email to:

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Please note that, because of our production schedule and the heavy volume of submissions, it may be a few months before your notice appears. Thank you!

ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS ALUMNI NEWS

1950s Alumni (cont'd)

✂ **Thomas F. Dembski (P'52)** was visited at his home in Kailuna Kona, Hawaii, in June 2008 by classmates **Joseph La Bella (P'52)** of Barnegat Light, New Jersey, and **Frank Urbaniak (P'52)** of Marlboro, New Jersey, along with **Rev. John Stawasz (C'49, S'53)** of St. Michael's Catholic Church of Kailuna Kona, Hawaii. [PHOTO P. 71]

1960s Alumni

✂ **Gerald "Jerry" J. Berndt (P'60)** is chairing the organizing committee for the 40-year class reunion set for June 2010.

✂ **Rev. Jerome A. Brzezinski (P'61, C'65)** celebrated the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on June 7, 2009. He is currently pastor at St. John Fisher University Chapel (Oakland University).

✂ **Rev. Robert J. Kotlarz (P'61, C'65)** celebrated the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on December 20, 2008. He is currently pastor at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish and St. Raymond Parish, both of Detroit.

✂ **Rev. Norbert F. Maciejewski (P'61, C'65)** observed the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on June 7, 2009.

✂ **Stanley Garwood, MSW, LCSW, DCSW (P'62, C'66)**, (AT RIGHT) an Individual and Family Therapist in Clarkston, Michigan, was honored as *Citizen of the Year* at the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce Community Awards breakfast. He volunteers with North Oakland Disaster Relief Team, which he founded, Clarkston Optimist Club, Lighthouse North, Clarkston Area Youth Association, Chamber of Commerce, and other groups. His award was reported by **Stephen Facione, MSW (P'70)**.



✂ **Rev. Stanley A. Ulman (P'64, C'68)**, member of the Orchard Lake Schools Board of Regents and Pastor of St. Mary's of the Hills Parish, Rochester Hills, Michigan, was the commencement speaker for the 120th commencement of SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary on Saturday, May 2, 2009.

1970s Alumni

✂ **Curtis Posuniak (C'76)**, owner of Klassics by Kurtis, Inc., designed a glass-encrusted Christmas ornament based on the hat worn by singer Aretha Franklin at the presidential inauguration that will be available in July 2009 at Bronner's in Frankenmuth, the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn, a few gift shops, and via email at: klassicsbykurtis@comcast.net

1980s Alumni

✂ **Rev. Victor S. Roman (C'80, S'84)** celebrated the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. He is currently pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish, Ecorse, Michigan.

✂ **Burt A. Biebuyck (P'82)**, Colonel, United States Army, was the commencement speaker for St. Mary's Preparatory on May 17, 2009. Valedictorian of St. Mary's Preparatory Class of 1982, and a 1986 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Col. Biebuyck also received a M.S. in Computer Science from Indiana University in 1997, and a M.A. in Strategic Studies from the U. S. Army War College in 2008. Col. Biebuyck currently is serving as Chief, Policy and Plans Division, J5, Joint Functional Component Command, Network Warfare, Fort Meade, MD,

✂ **Sean Clouse (P'84)** has been named head football coach at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood.

1990s Alumni

✂ **Frank Janosz (H'91)**, Prep Assistant Football Coach/ Defensive Coordinator for 30 years, was honored with a *Banner of Excellence* in Dombrowski Fieldhouse on January 13, 2009. (PHOTO P. 58)

✂ **Rev. Stanley Strycharz (S'91)**, pastor of St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Bonita Springs, Florida, oversaw the first stage of a \$7.9 million expansion aimed at accommodating soaring growth in the parish.

✂ **David Bowens (P'95)** was honored with a *Banner of Excellence* in Dombrowski Fieldhouse on February 13, 2009. He played for the NFL's New York Jets in 2008, and in March 2009, signed a free-agent contract with the Cleveland Browns. (PHOTO P. 71)

✂ **Brent Widdows (P'95)** has been named as head football coach at Sterling Heights High School.

✂ **James Gonzales (P'99)** has been accepted to the Pontiac Fire Department Academy.

✂ **Andre Tippins (P'99)** married Bridget Albrecht on June 6, 2009, at La Casa de Flores, Pauma Valley, California.



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2000s Alumni

✦ **Bradley J. Mikolajczyk (P'00)** is a partner with Smith Barney's Wealth Management practice in Farmington Hills, Michigan, providing investment management and financial planning services to individual, families, corporations, and non-profits. He received his B.B.A., Finance, from Eastern Michigan University.

✦ **Michael Scruggs (P'00)** and brother, **Adam (P'04)** are currently living in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Their family business, Colorado Pizza Investments, Inc., opened a 6th Little Caesars franchise in May 2009. (PHOTO P. 59)

✦ **Brian F. Garmo (P'01)** has his own general law practice, Garmo & Kiste, PLC, in Troy, Michigan.

✦ **Grant Mason (P'01)** signed a free-agent contract with the NFL's San Diego Chargers.

✦ **Brett William Hudson (P'03)**, received his B.S. in Business Management from Wayne State University 2008, and has joined AXA Advisors, Great Lakes Branch, in Troy, Michigan, as a Client Services Manager, managing over 400 clients for the Executive Vice-President. He expects to obtain his Series 7, 56, 66, and Life, Code & Health Insurance licenses by the end of 2009. He played golf for three years at Wayne State and was team captain his senior year. He was named to the All-GLIAC second team in 2007-08, and was medalist in three college tournaments, including the 2007 NCAA Northeast Regional. He played one year at Oakland County Community College, qualifying for the NJCAA National Championship. He currently plays competitive golf at the Amateur level throughout Michigan.

✦ **Geoffrey George (P'04)** was selected as a 2007-08 SAC Honors Concentrator for the University of Michigan's Department of Screen Arts & Cultures. His film project, *It's All in Place*, merges two sides, life and death, of a great American city – Detroit – through the story of two brothers who move back to the city from the suburbs after a family crisis. George's film shows the city in unfamiliar ways through images most people do not know because either they do not go into the city or because they have been away from the city for a long time. The film does not hide or ignore the pitfalls of Detroit but it does evoke the feeling that the city still possesses enlightened values today as it heads towards an even brighter future. SAC Honors is highly competitive and admission is based on a minimum GPA plus rigorous and competitive review process that takes into consideration the following: performance in past courses, sample work from previous SAC courses, completion of specific coursework, an Honors proposal, and faculty recommendations.

✦ **Nicholas Roberts (P'04)** plays for the Marygrove College basketball team, averaging 11 ppg and led the team in 3-point field goals and percentage.

✦ **Morgan Trent (P'04)**, a cornerback for the Michigan Wolverines, was drafted in the NFL's 6th round by the Cincinnati Bengals. Trent was a 2009 Catholic League Hall of Fame Inductee.

✦ **Jonathan Castine (P'06)** of the University of Dayton baseball team, was runner-up for Player of the Week honors in the Atlantic 10 Conference the week of April 13, 2009. He will be working this summer with the Tigers and Red Wings Sports Foundations for his University of Dayton Sports Management internship.

✦ **Nicholas Koenigsknecht (P'06)** has joined the University of Michigan football team and will play safety. He is majoring in Economics. (RIGHT)

✦ **Benjamin Caplinger (P'07)** is rowing for Mercyhurst College, Erie, Pennsylvania.

✦ **Kalin Lucas (P'07)**, sophomore point guard for the Michigan State University Spartans, was named as the Big 10 Player of the Year, and led his team into the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship game against North Carolina, where he scored 14 points in the 89-72 loss. He averaged 14.7 points, and 4.6 assists per game. He was featured on the March 30, 2009 cover of Sports Illustrated. (PHOTO P. 71)

✦ **Matthew Stachelski (P'07)** is a student manager with the Oakland University basketball team.

✦ **Jake Shockey (P'08)** started for the Aquinas College basketball team, averaging around 30 minutes per game, and was so effective as a defensive stopper for the team that his teammates have nicknamed him *Lockdown*.

✦ **Timothy Wyderko (P'08)** has accepted an appointment to the United States Coast Guard Academy, New London, Connecticut, and will report for cadet training on June 29, 2009. (LEFT)



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PHOTO AT RIGHT DEPICTS 2009 BANNER OF EXCELLENCE RECIPIENT DAVID BOWENS (P'95) WITH LEFT, HEADMASTER JIM GLOWACKI (P'85) AND RIGHT, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR HEAD FOOTBALL COACH GEORGE PORRITT (H'00) ON FEBRUARY 13, 2009.



BELOW ARE FROM LEFT JOE LaBELLA (P'52), REV. JACK STAWASZ (C'49, S'53), TOM DEMBSKI (P'52), AND FRANK URBANIAK (P'52).



KALIN LUCAS (P'07), POINT GUARD FOR THE MSU SPARTANS, WAS THE BIG 10 PLAYER OF THE YEAR, AND LED HIS TEAM INTO THE NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP GAME AGAINST NORTH CAROLINA.



ABOVE: MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2009 CELEBRATE THEIR LAST DAY WITH ORANGE JUICE AND CFO AND DEVELOPMENT ALUMNI DIRECTOR MARTIN VUCINAJ (P'81), AS HE JOINS THOSE WELCOMING THEM INTO THE OLS ALUMNI. FLANKING VUCINAJ ARE INDUCTEES PATRICK TURNER AND PATRICK KENRICK. SEATED FROM LEFT ARE TOM PELLERITO, SCOTT KOENIGSKNECHT, JAMES MAHER, AND SAM FIORONI, AT THE ALUMNI INDUCTION BREAKFAST ON FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2009.

AT RIGHT, GETTING TOGETHER AT THE ORCHARD LAKE ALUMNI VEGAS NIGHT ON FEBRUARY 13, 2009, FROM LEFT ARE MICHAEL FARMS (P'02), REGGIE BOERGER (P'97), ST. MARY'S PREP HEADMASTER JIM GLOWACKI (P'85), ERIC ALDRICH (P'97), AND BRUCE HAYWOOD (P'99).



FAITHFUL DEPARTED

† **Rev. Msgr. Edward L. Korda (S'49)**, of Magnolia, New Jersey, died November 11, 2008. He was retired Pastor of St. Joseph-Assumption-St. Gregory Parishes.

† **Marie Therese Bookless, 53**, of Centerville, Georgia, died November 13, 2008. A native of Detroit, Michigan, she is survived by her husband, Tom, and brother, Joseph Laframboise of Lawrence, Kansas. She was a member of the staff of the Adam Cardinal Maida Alumni Memorial Library until she and her husband relocated to Centerville. A funeral Mass was held on November 22, 2008, at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, Windsor, Ontario.

† **Walter A. Skibinski (H'70)**, 83, of Hammond, Indiana, died November 24, 2008. He is survived by daughters, Darlene and Bobbi, and sons, Robert, David, Gerard, and **Jeffrey (P'81)**, and eight grandchildren. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, and attended St. Michael School and Bowen High School. He was a member of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus, the Pulaski's Citizen Club, the American Legion, the Notre Dame 100 Club, the Polish American Federation, and was past president of the International Polka Association. He served in the Army during World War II and was a prisoner of war for seven months during the Battle of the Bulge, and was called back to duty during the Korean War. He received the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement on February 4, 1944. He was named an Honorary Alumnus of the Orchard Lake Schools in 1970, and was awarded "Man of the Year" in 1979 by the Orchard Lake Schools Alumni Association. He served as a member of the Board of Regents of the Orchard Lake Schools as well as on the Board of Directors of St. Mary's Preparatory. In 1999 he was awarded the Heritage Award by the Polish American Congress for his dedication to God and the Church, his country and family, and furthering the enjoyment of his Polish heritage. Funeral Mass was held on November 29, 2008 at St. Casimir Church, Hammond, Indiana, with burial at Holy Cross Cemetery, Calumet City, Illinois.

† **Joseph Izdebski (C'33, S'38)**, 97, of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, died December 7, 2008. He was a sacristan at St. Joseph's in Central Falls, R.I.

† **Dr. Mary A. Lyons (H'85)**, 92, of Fraser, Michigan, died December 8, 2008. She was predeceased by husband, **William A. (H'80)**, son, David, and is survived by son, William J., M.D., six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. She taught for many years in the Detroit Public Schools, and in 1991, after the death of her husband, assumed the presidency of his corporation, Lyons Tool and Engineering. She received an honorary Doctorate of Business Administration from Madonna University in 1996. She was a member of the American Polish Engineers Association, Friends of Polish Art, Friends of the Cardinal and Archbishop of Detroit. She was a generous supporter of the Orchard Lake Schools, as a Cum Laude member of the Chancellor's Senate, and a Perpetual and Annual member of the Orchard Lake Ambassadors. Funeral service was held on December 16, 2008, with burial at Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township, Michigan.

† **Clarence H. Ledwon, Esq. (P'43)**, of Southfield, Michigan, died December 16, 2008. He is survived by wife, Alicia, son, Paul, and daughters, Alicia, Halina, and Amanda. He attended the University of Minnesota, and received an AB/LLB from Wayne State University. He maintained a law office in Southfield, Michigan, and was the long-time President of Central Citizens Committee and a member of the Orchard Lake Founder's Day Committee. Funeral Mass was December 22, 2008, at the Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake, Orchard Lake, Michigan. **Rev. Msgr. Stanley F. Milewski, P.A. (P'47, C'51)**, was the principal celebrant. Burial followed at Grandlawn Cemetery, Detroit.

† **Harry Thamm (H'00)**, of Orchard Lake, Michigan, died January 4, 2009. He served the Orchard Lake Schools for more than 50 years. Funeral Mass on January 6, 2009, at the Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake, Orchard Lake, Michigan. His brother, Jimmy, with whom he worked at OLS, predeceased him. A monument which was dedicated in 2000, is located at the east of the Ark, acknowledging the brothers' service.

† **Eugene Gawronski (P'39)** of Clawson, Michigan, died February 4, 2009.

† **Algis M. Gricius, son of Algis A. Gricius, Jr. (P'78, C'95)** of Wayne, Michigan, died February 6, 2009.

† **Leona Kaczmarek (H'88)**, of Elmhurst, New York, died February 9, 2009. She was an active member of the Orchard Lake Ladies Auxiliary in Brooklyn, New York, and a loyal supporter of the Orchard Lake Ladies Day Dinner.

† **June Paddy, 89**, of Commerce Township, Michigan, died February 15, 2009. She is survived by husband of 67 years, Arthur, St. Mary's Preparatory Football and Basketball Coach from 1973-77, and 1994 St. Mary's Athletic Wall of Fame inductee. She was a graduate of Cass Technical High School, Detroit, and the University of Michigan. A professional educator, she saw more than 800 children graduate from the first grade. A memorial service was held on March 1, 2009, at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, Michigan.

† **Casimir B. Rozycki (H'74)**, 86, of Dearborn Heights, Michigan, died March 14, 2009. He is survived by wife, Stella, sons **Robert (P'67)** and **James (P'78)**, daughter, Patricia, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He received a BBA from the University of Detroit. He and wife, Stella, were Extraordinary Ambassadors of the Orchard Lake Ambassadors. Funeral Mass was March 17, 2009, at St. Anselm Catholic Church.

† **Helen Koterba, 84**, of Livonia, Michigan, died April 14, 2009. She was predeceased by husband, **John (P'43)**, and is survived by son, **Anthony (P'68)**, daughters, Sr. Mary Rebecca, Mary Ann, and Barbara, grandsons Anthony (2010), Andrew (2013), Johnathan, and granddaughters Tara and Veronica, and three sisters. She and husband, John, were Presidents of the St. Mary's Preparatory Moms and Dads Club in 1967-68. Funeral Mass was held on April 18, 2009, at St. Maurice Catholic Church, Livonia, Michigan, with interment at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights, Michigan.

† **Rev. Leonard F. Mentley (C'60)**, 70, died May 5, 2009, in Ecuador. He is survived by sister, Rosemary Wroblewski, and a brother, Robert, of Buffalo, New York. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1964, and spent most of his priesthood doing missionary work, including the last 15 years in Ecuador, pastoring to people in small villages. A memorial Mass was offered on May 30, 2009, at Christ the King Seminary Chapel, Aurora, New York.

† **Rev. Msgr. Herman Kucyk (C'53)**, 83, of Dearborn, Michigan, died May 15, 2009. He spent more than 40 years of his priesthood at Divine Child Parish, becoming pastor in 1972 and remaining there after his 2007 retirement, until his death. Known for his kind, giving spirit, and his gardening prowess, Msgr. Kucyk was born in Montreal, Wisconsin. He studied at Sacred Heart Seminary, St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake, and St. John's Provincial Seminary, Plymouth. Ordained June 1, 1957, he was founding pastor of St. Ronald Parish, Clinton Township. He was named monsignor March 26, 1990, and granted senior priest status in 2007. Funeral Mass was held May 20, 2009, at Divine Child, with burial at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights. He is survived by three sisters, a brother and sister-in-law, many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.



REV. MR. ADAM KOTAS, CELEBRATES AFTER HIS ORDINATION TO THE TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE IN THE SHRINE CHAPEL OF OUR LADY OF ORCHARD LAKE, BY HIS EXCELLENCY, THE MOST REV. DANIEL F. WALSH, D.D., BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA ON THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2009. DEACON KOTAS JUMPS FOR JOY ON THE DOCK OF BEAUTIFUL ORCHARD LAKE AT SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS SEMINARY, KNOWING THAT THE FIRST MAJOR PART OF HIS JOURNEY TOWARD FULL ORDINATION AS A PRIEST HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. DEACON KOTAS IS THE FIRST OF EIGHT YOUNG MEN WHO WILL BE ORDAINED TO THE TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE FOR LATER SERVICE IN VARIOUS UNITED STATES DIOCESES WHO ARE CURRENTLY PREPARING FOR PRIESTHOOD AT SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS SEMINARY.

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