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From the Pastor



Dear Alumni and Friends,

As we begin our Lenten journey from the ashes of broken promises (Ash Wednesday) to the glory of the church brought to life at Pentecost, my thoughts hold, all at once, it seems, our Benedictine roots, the true meaning

of communion, and what it means to equip our students for the work of ministry. Just as there is no time with God, so the past, present, and future of this great school are so inextricably intertwined that it is impossible to think of just one aspect.

Scripture has it that "a three ply cord is not easily broken," and the Benedictine vows of Stability, Obedience, and Conversion of Life continue to shape the education we offer here at St. Anthony's. For 88 years we as a community have been faithful to this place, and welcoming to all children passing through Brookland on their way to glory. This we do in obedience to God's calling to proclaim and enact the Gospel, primarily through our own conversion of life.

In this educational mission we are strengthened by our daily bread, what J.R.R. Tolkien called the only remedy for what ails us (my paraphrase). He reminded us that the Blessed Sacrament, though always complete and perfect in itself, does not transform us at once and completely, but grows in us by frequent repetition. Using the feeding of the five thousand as an interpretive key, he suggests that the more we are challenged to pray for the "here comes everybody" response to Jesus' radical invitation, the more efficacious our devotion.

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St. Anthony Third Grade Student Visits White House for Civil Rights Discussion

Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Jan. 18 was an unforgettable day for St. Anthony School third grade student Raye Thomas.

Through an invitation to her grandmother Romaine Thomas, Raye spent part of the day at the White House, where President Barack Obama spoke with a small group about the Civil Rights struggle from the perspective of those who worked to gain Civil Rights for African Americans in the U.S., and from the grandchildren of those elders, who have benefited from the equal rights that African Americans have gained.

The group, which included five young people and 10 people who worked for Civil Rights, got to speak with President Obama for 30 minutes and then had photos with him in the Oval Office. The younger members of the group got to speak with President Obama about what they knew and understood from the Civil Rights Era.

While in the Oval Office, President Obama showed the visitors the Emancipation Proclamation, through which President Abraham Lincoln freed black slaves in the United States.

The group also got to see parts of the White House normally not shown during tours, according to Mrs. Diane Thomas, Raye's mother. Mrs. Thomas is the wife of City Councilman Harry Thomas Jr. (D-Ward 5).

Romaine Thomas is the former state director for AARP in Washington, D.C.



Youth Urban Artist Renaissance Experience Group Forms



Wander the hallways of St. Anthony Catholic School on a Monday afternoon, and you might find a group of 15 students studying Leonardo da Vinci after school.

Francis Washington G.S. '71, art teacher at St. Anthony Catholic School, directs Youth Urban Artist Renaissance Experience (YUARE), which includes 15 students from the fifth through eighth grade that he has selected to study the early Renaissance and the Harlem Renaissance. He has taught at St. Anthony for 16 years.

"They have all got a passion and a gift for art," Mr. Washington said. The hand-picked students are working with him to prepare for a Saturday trip to the National Gallery of Art in Washington, which houses the only portrait by Leonardo da Vinci in the Western Hemisphere, *Ginevra de' Benci*.

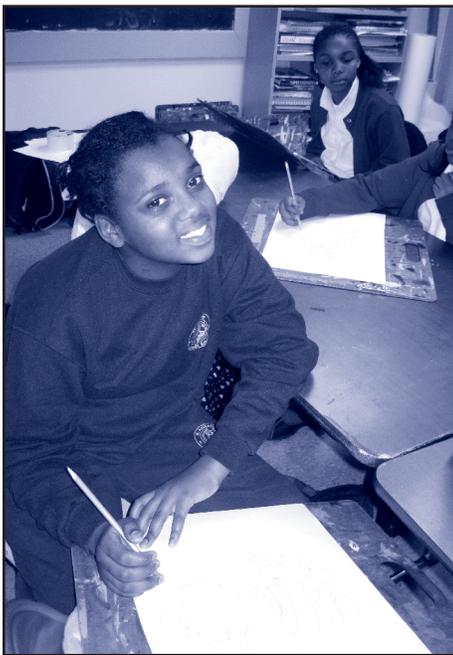
In December, the YUARE artists were studying the drawing techniques of da Vinci during their classes, which last up to 90 minutes. "If you learn to draw, painting is easier," Washington said. One student drew a picture of a woman in her bridal dress, using some of the techniques that da Vinci used in drawing Florentines and others who wore dresses and long draped clothing.

Mr. Washington calls his YUARE artists "Renaissance people" because they are well-rounded students who use their talents. Leonardo da Vinci was considered the ultimate Renaissance man because he mastered anatomy, architecture, botany, engineering, mathematics, music, painting, science, sculpting and writing. A professional artist, Mr. Washington is something of a Renaissance man himself.

A DeMatha Catholic High School alumnus, he played Varsity basketball there for the legendary Morgan Wooton and played on a city title-winning team in 1975 there during a time when St. Anthony High School regularly competed with DeMatha. He brings the same discipline and dedication to his task that he learned under Coach Wooton to his work at St. Anthony Catholic School, and his students appreciate it.

"We're learning different kinds of shadings and ways to draw," said Akira Belton-Edwards, a seventh grader participating in YUARE.

"We do a lot of things," said Victor Ngbokoto, a fellow seventh grader. "Mr. Washington lets us know about shapes and how we graph things."



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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Alumni and Friends,



During this holy season of Lent, the Church calls us to turn away from evil and return to the Gospel. It is a time of prayer and fasting. We are to give alms and to give thanks. We are to give up things and do things that will bring us close to the Lord, Jesus Christ.

The ministry of Catholic education calls us to bring the

Gospel of Jesus Christ to the young people who we are privileged to serve. Our mission is two-fold to evangelize and to educate. We have been blessed for over 88 years to be able to do that and to do that well. When the future of urban Catholic education seems to be hanging in the balance, we at St. Anthony Catholic School are confident and hopeful. Our strong academic programs succeed in a loving community of faith.

This is the first year we have offered Algebra to eight of our eighth graders. This is a high school course. The average grade on their mid-term exam was 94 percent!

All of our students do service and each classroom has a specific service project. Recently, Sister Jo's fifth grade class coordinated a "Help Haiti Gift Basket Raffle." Our students, their families, our teachers, and staff members were generous, purchasing raffle tickets and making donations. We collected \$1,564.50. We are pleased to say that we have a friend of St. Anthony's who matched our total for a grand total of \$3,135.00 to Catholic Relief Services.

You would be proud of your successors and the caliber of the current St. Anthony students. Thank you for a job well done. There continues to be a great spirit in the place and much passion for what we are called to do.

Over 4,000 people receive the *Blue and Gold* newsletter. If we could commit to "just" a dollar a day, our school budget would be "bursting" with funds. Please know how much we appreciate your financial support. We are good stewards of your donations and are working to reap wonderful results with your help and prayers.

I extend a sincere invitation to all of you to come and see first hand the wonderful things that are continuing to happen here at your school.

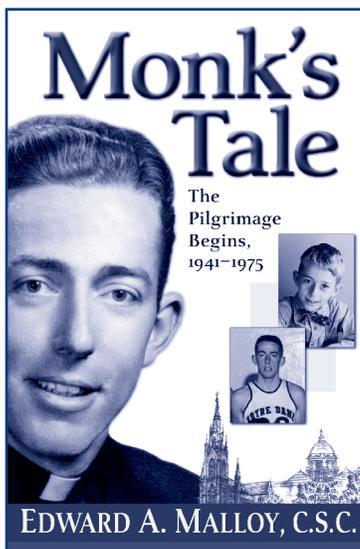
God Bless you and your Lenten journey.

Regards,

Bill Eager

Bill Eager, Principal

Fr. Edward “Monk” Malloy Publishes Memoir



The former president of the University of Notre Dame (1987-2005), Fr. Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C., G.S. '55 has written the first installment of his three-volume memoir, *Monk's Tale: The Pilgrimage Begins 1941-1975* (University of Notre Dame Press, \$25.00, cloth edition). This book covers the years from his birth in 1941 to 1975, when

he received his doctorate in Christian ethics from Vanderbilt.

Fr. Malloy's book portrays his childhood growing up in Brookland. He describes his family and early education at St. Anthony, his growing love of sports and play at Turkey Thicket, and his years at Archbishop Carroll High School, founded as an interracial high school by the late Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle.

His sports career culminated in his play on a Carroll basketball team that won 59 games in a row from 1958-1960 (although he graduated midway through the streak) with John Thompson, future Georgetown University basketball coach and George Leftwich, considered by some to be the greatest high

school basketball player in Washington, D.C.

Leftwich, who earned a scholarship to play basketball at Villanova University, had his career cut short by a car accident but converted to Catholicism at Archbishop Carroll, largely inspired by the example of “Monk,” who would always make time to attend Mass, whether at home or on a road trip with the team.

The next five chapters chronicle his undergraduate years at Notre Dame, where he was recruited to play basketball; his decision to become a priest; his seminary experience; the taking of final vows; and his graduate school experience at Vanderbilt University.

Monk's Tale is a story of growing up Catholic in the 1940s and '50s, as well as a revealing reflection of the dramatic changes that occurred in the Catholic Church and in American society during the 1960s. This book is also a loving tribute to Malloy's parents, sisters, friends, teachers, religious mentors, and colleagues who helped pave his way to the University of Notre Dame and to his profound commitment to service, leadership, and God.

A Holy Cross priest, Fr. Malloy is a professor of theology at Notre Dame. He serves on the board of directors of a number of universities and national organizations and has received 25 honorary degrees. Father Malloy is the author of five books, including *Monk's Notre Dame*, also published by the University of Notre Dame Press.

To purchase the book or for more information, please go to the University of Notre Dame Press website: <http://undpress.nd.edu/book/P01317>

Feast of the Immaculate Conception



Feast of the Immaculate Conception following December 8 Mass at St. Anthony Church.



St. Anthony associate principal Michael Thomasian poses with students.

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MARGARET E. GATES RATHBONE, H.S. '54, reports that she “just had my fourth natural great grandchild for a total of eight greats.”

TOMMY PAYNE, H.S. '57, still living in Indianapolis (the home of the Super Bowl Runner Up Team) would like to hear from his classmates (call 317-924-3132 or email pontiffp57@aol.com). He'd also like to locate Austin Washington and Michael Jennifer from the St. Anthony Grade School Class of 1969-1970, whom Tommy coached in CYO baseball.

MARIE C. CASTELLUCCI, H.S. '68, has been teaching for 30 years in Prince Georges County Public Schools. She previously taught kindergarten and has served as a literacy coach now

for six years at Mary Harris Jones Elementary School in Adelphi, a school that draws largely from Langley Park and has about 80 percent of students coming from English as a Second Language family backgrounds.

She's also been heading up her own aerobics company, *Aerobic Conditioning and Toning: The Workout for 20 years* and she has eight fitness instructors working with her.

TIA BROOKS MAJOR, H.S. '81, has been in the hospitality industry for 25 years, beginning as a Reservations Agent at the J.W. Marriott in Washington. “I am currently the Area Director of Sales for Hampton Inn and Comfort Inn Hotels in Springfield, Va.,”

she said. “I am married with three children and the middle girl was just accepted at the Art Institute of Washington where she will be majoring in Baking and Pastry this fall. However, she is still waiting to hear back from North Carolina Central and Virginia Union University before making a final decision later this month.

“My future ambitions are to get all three kids through college and to work in the Obama Administration as a member of their Protocol staff, where I will assist with the planning of State Dinners, Staff Meetings and so-forth.”

CANDICE MARTIN, '03, is a Sophomore student at the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore.

Alumna Changes with the Legal Profession



Theresa Sheahin Dagenhart '61/'65

I am a graduate of St. Anthony's grade school, 1961, and high school, 1965. I value the education and guidance received during those years. Even though I was enrolled in the Academic course of studies in high school, upon graduation I decided to switch gears and was accepted at Strayer Junior College, now a full-fledged University, and obtained an Associate in Arts degree as a legal secretary. I was fortunate to be

hired to work at Covington & Burling LLP law firm and have been at the firm for 42 years.

The role of a legal secretary has changed quite a bit since my introduction to the legal world. I started out in a Secretarial Pool that did overflow work and also provided replacements for secretaries who were ill or on vacation. After an initial time in the “pool,” I was assigned to work for one attorney. Those were the days of shorthand, electric typewriters and carbon paper. Attorneys were completely dependent on their secretaries for producing all correspondence and pleadings. If there were edits to be made to a document, the entire document had to be retyped. Stencils were used to allow multiple copies of a

pleading to be filed in court or with a government agency. Thank goodness for the age of computer technology.

Currently, I work for four attorneys – a partner, two special counsel and an associate – specializing in various areas of the law, such as foreign trade controls, insurance coverage, employee benefits, intellectual property litigation and antitrust. Attorneys these days are definitely more independent in creating legal documents, relying less on their secretary for the initial draft. Now, we are usually needed to help with formatting a document and editing. Many courts are set up to receive documents by e-filing, so paper copies are almost a thing of the past. Save the trees! Anyway, I have enjoyed my career at C&B and the experiences over these past 42 years. I am not alone in the length of time I've worked here. A number of my co-workers have been at C&B an equal time and some even longer.

Outside of work, I enjoy visiting my son in Pittsburgh, traveling, swing dancing and gardening. I recently completed three years of training and volunteer work to become a certified Master Gardener in the Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association. It's very much an ongoing learning process, especially when clients come to the plant clinics at the local farmers' markets and libraries with questions about their trees, shrubs, etc. I'm blessed to have such a full and active life.

From the Pastor

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Again, I couldn't help but think of the many nations, and races, and peoples and tongues, of the great St. Anthony's family.

Equipping our students is more challenging financially than ever with the termination of the D.C. Scholarship program, which enabled low income parents of some 35% of our students to choose a St. Anthony education for their children. In a way, the end of federal funding is a blessing for us, because it is an invitation to make a return to Alma Mater for the equipping for life that we received here.

There is an inspiring story being told these days about Karl Rabeder, a rich Austrian giving away his fortune to start up credit charities in Central America so that he can live more simply (and just simply live) in a one room hut. Do a Google Internet search on his name and get the full story.

At St. Anthony's we aren't so much looking for our own Karl Rabeder (no objections, you understand!) as something much more inclusive, more like the miracle of the feeding of the 5,000. If each of our graduates would donate "a dollar a day" to this school we all believe in, it could continue to equip Saints for the work of ministry for the next one hundred years! What greater fidelity to our Benedictine roots than imitation? What better communion than sharing? What greater use of material wealth than investing in generations yet unborn?

As we enter Lent, and prepare for Easter and Pentecost, let me close again with the attitude toward the future that St. Anthony's has always imparted to its students. May we always and everywhere say with Pope John Paul II: "The future for us remains an unknown quantity, which we now accept without anxiety. Love has overcome anxiety. The future depends on love."

A Blessed Lent, Easter and Pentecost to you all!

Peace and Love,



Fr. Fred

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Alumna Turns Desire to Help Others into Medical Practice

Dr. Shelley Marie (Coleman) Glover G.S. '79 saw her career aspirations change during her youth from wanting to be a firefighter and later a gas station attendant before settling on becoming a medical doctor. She remembers being fascinated by the ear, nose and throat specialist that she saw during her youth as a result of hearing difficulties she was experiencing. "I wanted to help people," she recalls.

Thirty years later, Dr. Glover lives outside of Orlando, Fla., with her husband and seven-year-old daughter, and she runs Women's Care of Clermont, with 9,000 patients, which she founded in 2001.

Along the way, she graduated at the top of her class at Immaculata Preparatory School in Washington in 1983 and earned her bachelor's degree at Columbia University in New York, followed by her medical degree at the University of California at San Francisco and a Master's degree in Public Health specializing in maternal and child health at the University of California at Berkeley. She began practicing medicine in Fredericksburg, Va., in 1997.



St. Anthony Catholic School, where her mother served as a part-time librarian, helped Dr. Glover learn self-confidence. There was no gap between boys and girls in mathematics or the sciences, as she recalls. "It's all about the foundation you get," Dr. Glover said of her St. Anthony's education, where she was a straight A student and grew up the fourth of five children, receiving the sacraments at St. Anthony Catholic Church.

She's grateful to all her teachers, including Lorraine Ferris, Sister Dorothy, Sister Ursula and Wayne Straight. "It's important to have teachers who support you and encourage you," she said.

"You can have your cold weather," Dr. Glover said about the one thing she doesn't miss about the Nation's Capital, speaking by phone from central Florida during a 79-degree December day while temperatures in the Washington area were in the 40's. People are more laid back and friendly in central Florida, according to Dr. Glover. The conversation occurred before three blizzards dumped several feet of snow on the Washington region from late December through early February. The move to Florida was the idea of her husband Mark Glover, who runs an IT consulting business.

She doesn't handle Obstetrics in her practice because of onerous medical malpractice laws in Florida, so her practice is restricted to offering Gynecology services. Dr. Glover specializes in helping women with aging. She was attracted to OB/GYN as a specialty because she could focus on a particular group of patients (women) and offer medical and surgical treatments but her work wouldn't involve trying to treat chronic illness.

In Memoriam

McKinley Armstrong Sr., Alumni Parent

Robert Bender H.S. '50

Joseph M. Conroy H.S. '50

Joseph Dunn H.S. '44

Nelson Grillo, Sr. G.S. '56

James P. Picone '65/'69

Greta D. Pignone, Wife of William C. Pignone H.S. '54

Please pray for the deceased.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Sister Aedan (Butler, O.S.B.) was a wonderful teacher, and I stayed in contact with her until she passed. I greatly appreciate all she did for me.

Sincerely,

John J. Cella H.S. '58

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