



The Atonement Academy

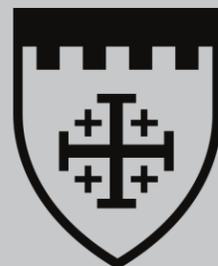
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Catholic and
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CRUSADER TIMES

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Half Day on Monday

The Atonement Academy will be having a half-day on Monday, January 28, to allow our community to attend the funeral services for James Orr, former administrator and retired deacon of Our Lady of the Atonement Catholic Church and School.

Please note that we understand your family's scheduling needs, and due to the late notice, after-school care will be free until normal dismissal time. After 3:45, families will start to be charged for after-school care. Carline will begin at 12:00 pm. *See story on page two.*

Catholic Schools Week!

Next Tuesday and Thursday evenings, Grades PreK-3 through 6 will present The Academic Showcase, an open house for family and friends. *See story on page four.*

Nota Bene / Note Well

- **GALA THIS WEEKEND!** Cocktails at 6, Dinner at 7 —see page five!
- **FREE THROW CONTEST** this Saturday! Lots of divisions and winners advance to state to compete for scholarships! See page six.
- **NEED A NOTARY?** Ms. Amy Nieto, our director of development, is a notary who is happy to help out! This is a free service, but a donation to our school of any amount is welcome.

REST IN PEACE, DEACON ORR

The Atonement Academy has designated Monday a half day in recognition of one of our school's co-founders, Deacon James Patrick Orr.

James Patrick Orr, 58, entered into eternal rest on Monday, January 21, 2019. James was born on March 17, 1960 in San Antonio and passed away peacefully on his beloved farm in Kerr County. He attended Catholic schools from 1st through 12th grade, and one of his proudest achievements was being a part of the Fighting Texas Aggie Corps of Cadets. He graduated from UTSA.

Orr was predeceased by his grandmother, Mary Barcellona. He is survived by his mother and father, Cornelius and Barbara Orr; his sister, Susan Eisinger; and his niece, Hannah Taylor. He is also survived by a host of dear friends.

Orr was an administrator at Our Lady of the Atonement Catholic Church for over 30 years, and with his friend and Atonement Pastor Emeritus Father Christopher Phillips was co-founder of The Atonement Academy in 1994. He retired in 2016.

ROSARY
1:30 PM
REQUIEM MASS
2:00 PM
Monday, January 28, 2019
Our Lady of the Atonement Catholic Church
Interment will be private, at a later date.

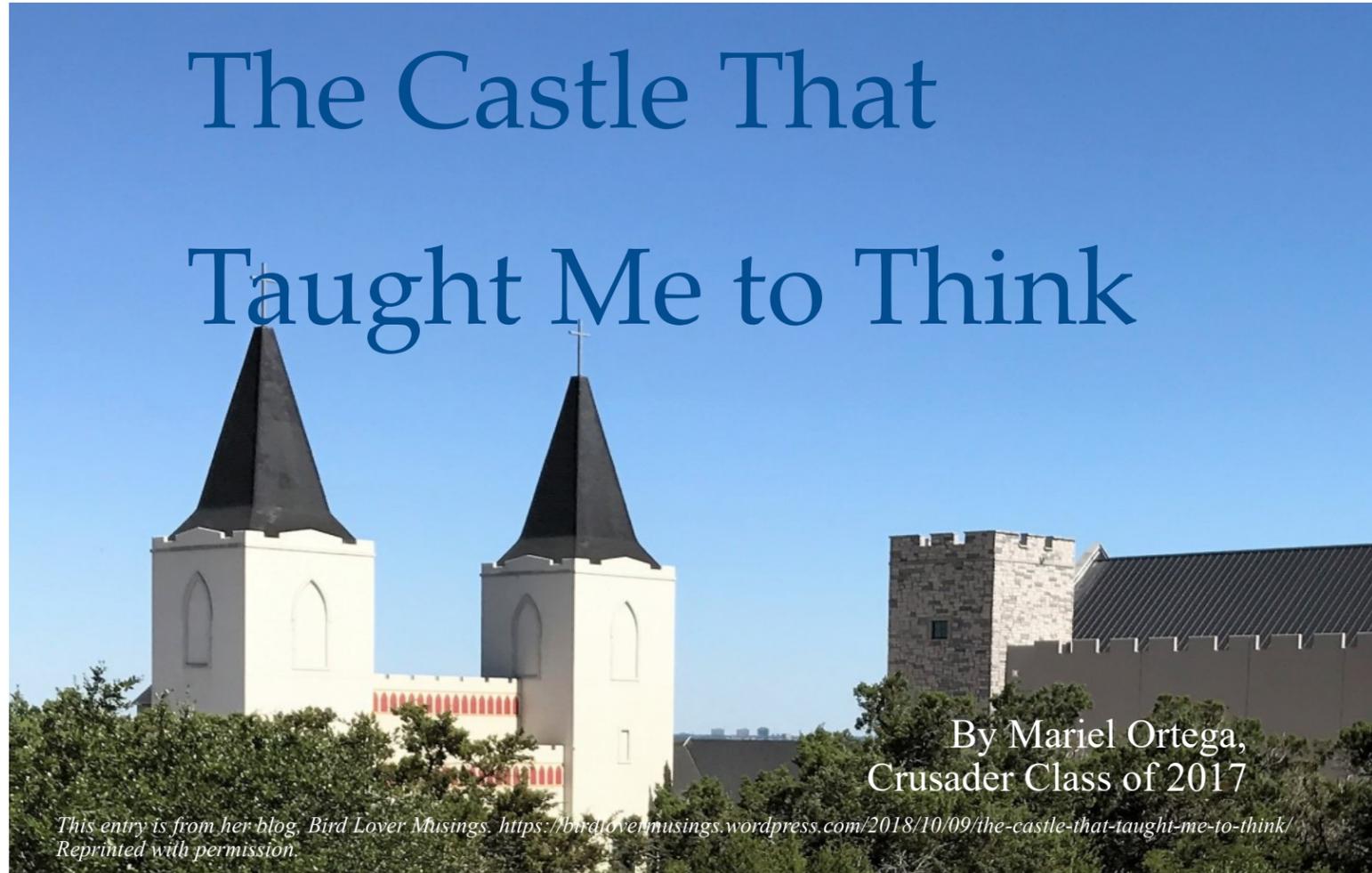
It was his wish that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to The Atonement Academy.

You are invited to sign the Guestbook at
www.porterloring.com.

Various photos from Deacon Orr's life at The Atonement Academy. Bottom two photos were taken on the foundation of the new building – the Senior Class wanted to be the first class in the new building, but at least their class was the first one ON the new building!



The Castle That Taught Me to Think



By Mariel Ortega,
Crusader Class of 2017

*This entry is from her blog, Bird Lover Musings. <https://birdlovermusings.wordpress.com/2018/10/09/the-castle-that-taught-me-to-think/>
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I went to high school in a castle. It was a school where the janitorial closets looked like secret doorways and the field bathrooms were designed to look like a dungeon.

At times, the entire school felt like a dungeon. Back to back classes for eight hours, the same twenty-five people every day, and loads of worksheets. Graduation was a great day.

But now, a college sophomore, I realize that my high school was good for me. It taught me to think. As I dive deeper into my training as an ecologist, I realize the importance of this more and more.

Deformation professionnelle is the tendency to look at things from the point of view of one's own profession. A physician notices the frequency of coughs, a dog trainer notices the dog tugging on the leash, a communication major notices that couple's body angle.

I, a budding ecologist, notice the mockingbirds flaunting white wing patches, the chickadees flitting endlessly from branch to branch, and the downy woodpecker that every so often makes an appearance on campus.

I see a beautiful, bird-saturated world. But when my friend ventured the topic of the “realness” of time and how time-travel is really spatial travel—the type of topic we so often delighted in debating during high school—it didn't click. My mind, trained to look for interactions among organisms, couldn't begin to comprehend such an abstract concept.

It wasn't a nice feeling. And now I realize that this is precisely what my high school was training us to avoid. They weren't teaching us Latin so we could converse amongst ourselves, but so we could experience that ancient culture which largely influenced our own. They weren't teaching us art history, because we all wanted to be architects, but because it was a different way to view the world.

And the school wasn't designed as a castle to reflect a prison, but to reflect a safe haven where we could learn to think before being sent out to face and transform the world.

In light of this, I propose a resolution, a resolution that we will strive to open our horizons and become lifelong learners, so that our perspectives expand rather than narrow. For by doing so, we can contribute to changing the world.

Mariel is at Texas A&M University in College Station, majoring in Wildlife & Fisheries Science and minoring in English.

Academic Showcase Next Week!



The Atonement Academy's annual "Catholic Schools Week" activity is The Academic Showcase, a two-evening open house. PreK-3 through 1st Grade will have their showcase Tuesday evening from 6 until 7 o'clock, and then on Thursday night, 2nd Grade through 6th Grade will be featured, also from 6 until 7 o'clock.



It's a fun, informative hour-long event! Bring your friends and family to see classrooms, school work, and maybe even some exciting interactive displays!



On that note, please be mindful of your teachers and their many duties, and help them wrap up the hour by going through the classrooms in a timely fashion. (Whether they live in the neighborhood or in Boerne, New Braunfels, or Bandera, they also have school the next day!)



THE GREAT ATONEMENT GALA



**THIS SATURDAY, JANUARY 26TH
AT THE FABULOUS
EILAN RESORT**

COCKTAILS AT 6, DINNER AT 7

Conflicting plans keeping you away?

No worries!

You can help support our wonderful school
with online participation in the Auction!

Download the app and be ready to bid live
when the silent auction starts at 6:00pm

Use this website:

<https://www.accelevents.com/e/TheGreatAtonementGala>



THE SCIENCE FAIR NEEDS YOU!

Mr. White still needs a few more judges for assessing the students' work, as we have done in previous years. If you would can help, please correspond with him at swhite@atonementonline.com



THANK YOU to our Contributors of Photos or Stories

Mariel Ortega, Shawn White, Ana Lane, Susana Treviño, Tom Stallard, Amy Nieto, Renee Keller, and Katie Sanchez. Also, our last issue should have thanked [Danielle Schelb](#) for her photo contributions!

Thank you to all our contributors of photos and stories. Many more have been provided and will be included in future issues!

What Are We Missing?

Send In Your Ideas, Photos, and Stories to mhavel@atonementonline.com

FREE THROW CONTEST THIS SATURDAY — REGISTER TODAY!

Knights of Columbus Fr. Paul of Graymoor Council 16730 is sponsoring a Youth Free Throw Championship, and winners advance to State to compete for SCHOLARSHIPS!



All Boys and Girls ages 9-14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2019 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held January 26th at 9am at the Atonement Academy Gym.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. All Boys and Girls 9 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. Last year more than 120,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,600 local competitions.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age (birth certificate) and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact: Tom Stallard 210-639-2989 or thomas@blackinkus.com.

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic family fraternal service organization with over 1.8 million members in 15,000 local councils. Last year, Knights donated over 70 million volunteer hours and \$170 million to charitable and benevolent causes, sponsoring projects to benefit their church, communities, culture of life, families and youth.

—Mr. Tom Stallard (parent)

ATONEMENT PRO-LIFE CLUB IN DC FOR THE NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE!

The following students participated in the National March for Life last week: Maria Garza, Juan Pedro Garza, Nick Cosnowski, Aiyannah Chavez, Sophia Sadornas, Moira Brosnan, Alex Sanchez, David Henriquez, Katherine Monroe, Rachel Growdon, and Daniel Walmsley.

The March for Life was the largest in history (estimated at 650,000), and in spite of scarce media coverage, we were pleased to see that our young people are the ProLife generation! We thank God they were safe, and we were blessed to have Juan Pedro Garza and Maria Garza interviewed by national media outlets, including Father Frank Pavone! They represented our Atonement community quite well!

We greatly appreciate the witness, love, and hard work of their chaperones: Mrs. Terri Garza, Mrs. Katie Sanchez, Ms. Kat Prock, and their leader, Mrs. Susana Treviño.

