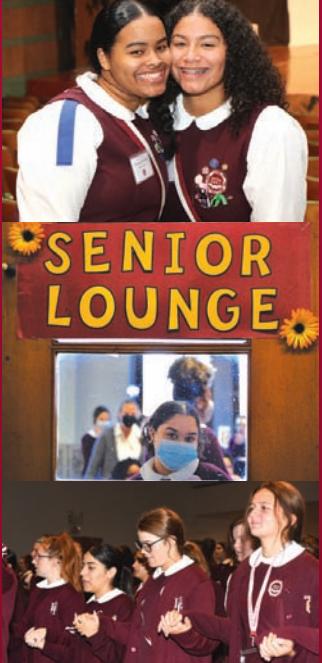


THE SEQUEL



Newsletter for the Alumnae of Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls
www.littleflowerhighschool.org



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK . . .



Jeane McNamara
LF President

Happy New Year, Little Flower Family –

As I write this message, with the world around us seeming to come unraveled at every twist and turn, you should take great pride and solace that the beautiful sanctuary that is Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls remains a safe and secure haven for those seeking spiritual warmth, emotional shelter and boundless intellectual experiences.

Abundant love has been the guiding light that has led Little Flower for 81 years and it remains the nourishment that feeds our community and helps it to grow and flourish.

Since our Summer 2020 Issue, the sands underneath Catholic Philadelphia have shifted, with the announced closures of St. Basil's Academy, Bishop McDevitt High School, and most notably, our sister school to the south, John W. Hallahan High School for Girls, the oldest all-girls Catholic high school in the United States. We mourn with these communities as they grieve these tremendous losses and pray that the support and loving embrace of communities like ours will help to ease their burden on this heavy journey they are now taking. Our doors are wide open for the young women of all three communities, their families and their stakeholders. All are welcome at Little Flower, at this beautiful shrine to St. Thérèse who reminds us, "The splendour of the rose and the whiteness of the lily do not rob the little violet of its scent nor the daisy of its simple charm. If every tiny flower wanted to be a rose, spring would lose its loveliness." My distillation of this musing is that the more varied the garden, the more beautiful it becomes. Trust that all of God's flowers will have a place in the Little Flower garden, and we also embrace their need to bring their symbols, traditions, legacies and experiences as part of what will become something new and more beautiful.

We share the wonderful news that our #GivingTuesday campaign for the Center for Academic Excellence was an overwhelming success. We went for what we thought was an ambitious match of \$100,000 and the match was not only met, but exceeded by \$50,000. Our Annual Fund giving over the month of December came in at just under \$420,000. I especially want to acknowledge Jessica Piskorski '99, who single-handedly spearheaded the 'give your class amount' campaign. If hearing the cash register chime repeatedly every time someone donates via VENMO @LFCHS in amounts of \$19.82 or \$20.04 or \$19.57 is an occupational hazard, then Sr. Joan Ames, IHM, is willing to make the sacrifice. The overwhelming and consistent love shown by Little Flower's alumnae has compelled additional grants to add to our ability to provide top tier programming and abundant financial aid. We are currently pacing 50 registrations in the incoming Class of 2025 ahead of this time last year, which can only be attributed to the sense of urgency the Little Flower family always feels to keep innovating, cre-

ating, preparing and welcoming young women into a college and career landscape that will prepare them for anything life hands them – certainly a skill set necessary for the modern workplace.

We are proud to announce that our Center for Academic Excellence, which aims to drive top tier programming, social-emotional whole child education and upgrades to facilities that are more conducive to the collaborative and flexible nature of the modern workspace, will be named after beloved and longest serving Little Flower Principal, Sr. Kathleen Klarich, RSM.

I am also humbled and proud to share that beginning with our current Class of 2024 freshmen, students who are offered academic scholarships, through their HSPT performance, are invited to participate in a scholars' programming cohort that provides special opportunities for deeper inquiry and engagement. Recognizing her commitment to excellence in all she did, these students will be called 'Marie Gallagher Citizen Scholars' named for the late beloved Principal who along with Sr. Joan Rychalsky, IHM, is credited with saving Little Flower from closure in 1993.

I ask you to join me in honoring these two extraordinary women of Little Flower's past, along with the wonderful women of her present and future, to commit to sustaining the gift of a Little Flower education for the ages. We can only do this with your abundant love, prayers and limitless generosity.

In gratitude,

Jeane McNamara
President

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ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION NEWS . . .



Happy New Year Little Flower Alumnae!

I know most of us were relieved to say goodbye to 2020 as we looked forward to better days ahead. Hopefully this letter finds you and your family happy and healthy, but I know that many of us have suffered losses which we so often see shared on the Class and Alumnae

Facebook pages. Let us all continue to pray for those that need our prayers. We pray too for the alumni of McDevitt, Hallahan, and St. Basil's, as Little Flower remembers the anguish felt at the potential closing of our beloved school several years ago.

The sad news of the closing of two more diocesan high schools certainly reminds of us of how fortunate we are that LF continues to thrive in an ever-changing world of education, technology, and economics. Many of us were fortunate to attend when fees and tuition, although a struggle for many families no doubt, was somehow made affordable by the assistance of our parishes and the sacrifice of our parents.

Although many alums have passed away over the past year, I must remember one special lady who was an ambassador for LF. Lorraine Hutt Gribben '58 was a faithful member of the alumnae – attending meetings, Christmas Luncheons, and Annual Mass and Luncheons for as long as she was able. Lorraine never missed an opportunity to encourage the girls at St. Katherine of Sienna Parish to visit LF and consider it for high school. She was a walking/talking advertisement and she was never without a smile.

Many of you who have attended our Designer Bag Bingo and Annual Mass and Luncheons at the Maltese Room or St. Katherine's have enjoyed the meals catered by Joe Romito. Sadly, Joe has had to shut down his business due to the pandemic, but we hope to hear that he will resume his business when social events resume.

Some good news – on October 13, 2020, the North Catholic/Little Flower Golf Outing was held at North Hills Country Club. It was a great day of golf followed by a won-

derful meal in a delightful socially distanced outdoor setting and a lot of great silent auction items. Hooray! The Class of 1970 Golden Girls Reunion has been postponed, they look forward to celebrating in the fall. Please stay tuned for more information. The Golden Girls Class of 1971 is waiting in the wings to celebrate too!

Have you tuned into the Archdiocese's Sunday Mass? If you do you just might see LF's very own TV star - Chaplain Fr. Joe McCaffrey - as celebrant. New host of Jeopardy next?

I hope you will take the time to check out the school's website – you will be amazed at how seamlessly they have carried on despite Covid setbacks. Be sure to check in on the Alumnae tab periodically for information on events – we look forward to scheduling more soon. I pray we all stay safe, wear our masks and get vaccinated as soon as we can.

Forever we'll be true

Cathy Wagner '71
Alumnae Association President

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ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION MEETING

Our Little Flower Alumnae Association Officers look forward to welcoming you to our next Alumnae Association Meeting on April 6, 2021.

Please check our website and social media for future details.

2021

SUMMERFEST



Keenan's Wildwood

113 Olde New Jersey Ave
North Wildwood, NJ 08260



July 10, 2021 -
3pm to 7pm

Little Flower
CLASS OF

1970 Cheers!

LET'S CELEBRATE!

REUNION POSTPONED!

MORE INFORMATION TO COME SOON!

\$65 per person
RSVP class50reunion@gmail.com



Hall of Fame

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

6:00 pm via zoom

2020 Hall of Fame Inductees:

Sister Patricia Egan, SSJ '57

William Kuhl

Doreen Halbruner '81

Joan Morano Parker '51

Suzanne Gluch Homel '71

Kathryn (Mabel) Eisele Schaefer '55

(posthumously)

Elizabeth (Betty) Eisele Wieslawski '54

Vanessa Blocker Jones '75

Margaret (Peggy) Eisele Zemaitaitis '53

Please join us via zoom!

<https://zoom.us/j/91314356928>



Alumna Spotlight: A Love for the Ages

Edward Lyons and Regina Grace Lyons '64

Although the circumstances under which Ed and Jean Lyons met wouldn't be considered out of place these days, back in 1965 they were truly ahead of their time.

While enrolled in college (Ed at St. Joseph's College and Jean at Chestnut Hill College), both sophomores decided to sign up for a service called "Operation Match". The service was an early form of computer dating where participants would answer an in-depth questionnaire and receive five names of people whose answers matched their own. Finding it a novelty, neither Ed nor Jean signed up with expectations of finding a future spouse.

Each ten-page questionnaire asked about 150 questions ranging from topics including faith and values, to kids and family structures. Ed recalls that no question was too taboo to be included. In the end, they matched with one another, and Ed took a chance in calling Jean on December 28 that same year (he very charmingly remembers the exact date!).

The couple's first date (affectionately referred to as a disaster by Jean) took place in January of 1966. Ed, who worked as the Team Statistician of St. Joseph's men's basketball team, had enviable access to tickets and offered to take Jean to watch St. Joe's vs. LaSalle in a basketball game. You can imagine Jean's surprise when Ed came to pick her up for the evening, with his father and two brothers in tow! They remained for the



duration of the game, while Ed went to the scorer's table to work as the team statistician.

Despite the unusual circumstances, Jean enjoyed her time with Ed's family, and she agreed to a second date (this time, with just the two of them in attendance).

The couple, who were unable to marry before graduation or Jean would lose her spot at Chestnut Hill, finally wed on June 22, 1968 (a week after their graduation dates). From there, Ed moved forward into active military duty with the Air Force and the family moved several times throughout the first six years of their relationship. Throughout their marriage, Ed garnered over twenty-six years of military experience. He spent twenty years with an active reserve unit in Willow Grove until finally retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. Of their many different living situations, the couple shared, "It wasn't without a sacri-



The Lyons's vow renewal in Cana

Alumna Spotlight cont'd. . .

fice, but we are blessed beyond what we ever deserved or ever expected."

Jean, who majored in Chemistry during her college years, found work with Pfizer Pharmaceutical Company. Throughout her time with them, she went back to school for her master's degree in drug regulatory affairs. Although Jean was not the first person to hold a job in that area, she was one of the first to hold an advanced degree in regulatory affairs.

Jean also has a lifelong love of music. She took piano lessons from a young age. She came to Little Flower in September 1960 as one of the top piano students and with that talent was plucked (no pun intended) to play the harp in the orchestra –



Jean (holding her sister) next to her harp on her Little Flower Graduation Day

a distinction that went only to the top musicians. The harpists did their practicing along with an instructor in what is now affectionately known as our 'balloon closet' in the main foyer. It is with great pride that Jean serves as Music Director and organist at her local parish, and in 2014 she and Ed led a pilgrimage with their Our Lady of Fatima choir members to Italy. Throughout their tour of Florence, Orvieto, Assisi, and Rome, the group performed at five different basilicas, including St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

Ed and Jean also embarked on a 10-day pilgrimage in 2018 to Cana to renew their wedding vows for their 50th anniversary. The couple, who share a deep faith, shared the following insight about letting their faith guide them, "When the Lord is in the

middle of your life, you don't always see him until you look back."

Jean is a member of the Third Order Carmelites, and she shared that she feels a particular call and devotion to St. Thérèse. The couple are giving back to Little Flower in the form of a music scholarship, which will be started in the near future.

Throughout their journey and experiences, Ed and Jean attribute their relationship's success to their shared values and commitment to working through any issues which may arise. Jean even shared, "When you know your relationship is for life, it gives you the freedom to hunker down and work at the problem."

With 52 years of marriage behind them, it is clear that such advice has worked for their relationship. The happy couple are looking forward to celebrating many more years together with their two children, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



AMERICAN CATHOLIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The American Catholic Historical Society, located here in Philadelphia, hosted a presentation on Sunday, February 21 regarding the history of Catholic education for girls. This presentation had a special focus on the establishment and survival of Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls. It was presented by Dr. Barbara Klaczynska Schmidt, PHD.



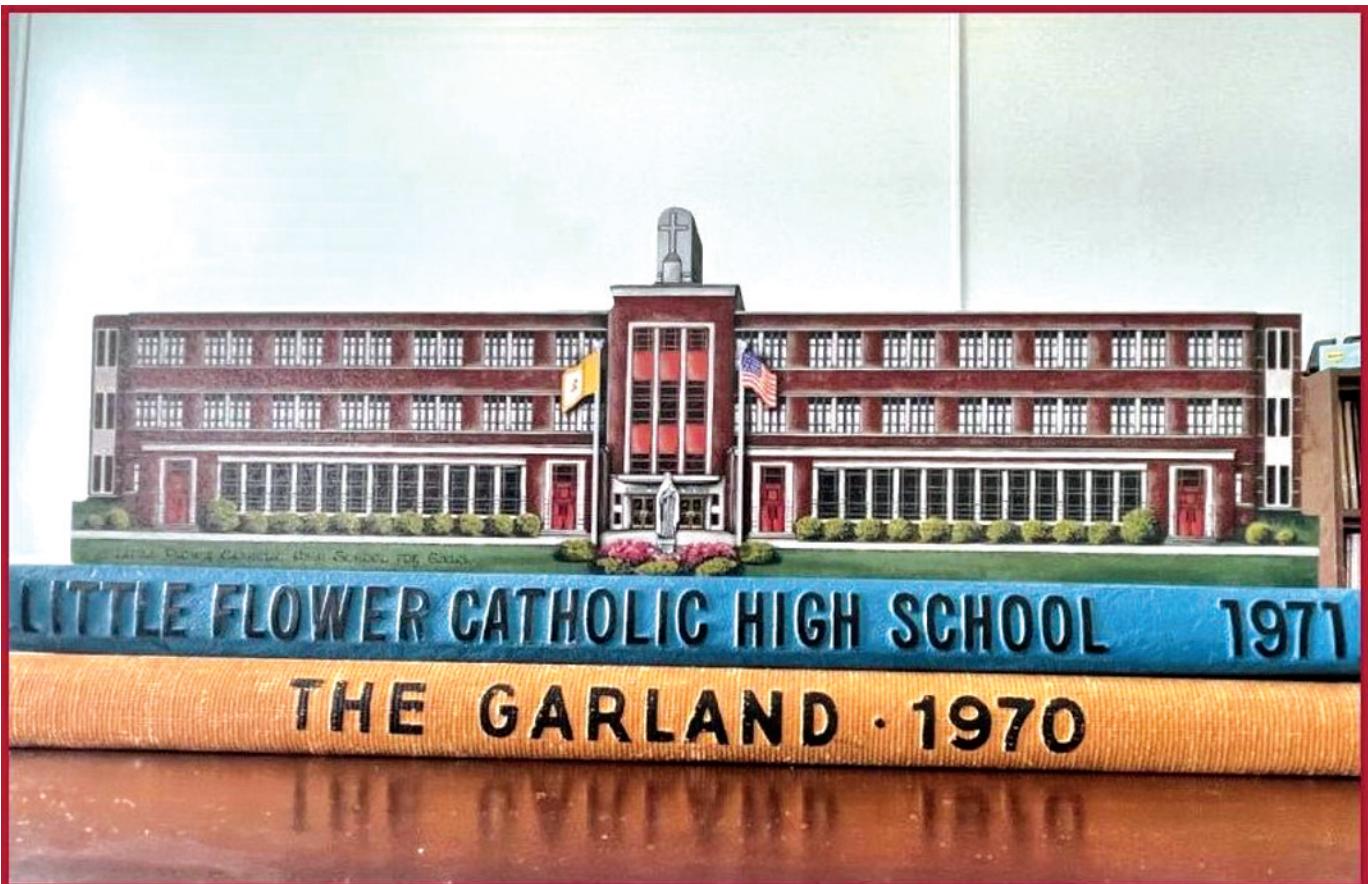
When Pope Leo XIII opened the Vatican archives of historical documents in 1880, he opened them to scholars from any nation, no matter what their religious preference. Four years later, the American Catholic Historical Society (ACHS) was formed in 1884 by a group of Philadelphia citizens. The society's purpose is to collect, research, record, and maintain a history of Catholic contributions to our culture. The major focus of the ACHS is the collection of material related to American Catholic History. This Society has no official connection with the Roman Catholic Church but has been acclaimed and endorsed by many in the church, such as Cardinal Gibbons 1891, Archbishop Prendergast 1917, and Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua.



Dr. Barbara Schmidt, a member of Little Flower's graduating class of 1964 and a member of the ACHS, presented "Spotlight on Local History: Little Flower High School and Catholic Girls' Education in Philadelphia." Her presentation highlighted how Philadelphia's Catholic Schools became a model for Catholic girls' education. Dr. Schmidt took a look at the beginning days of Little Flower, from Cardinal Dougherty's devotion to St. Thérèse and the prevention of closure in 1993, to the celebration of over 80 years of continual education of girls. Barbara is a historian who studies urban, ethnic, and women's history. She taught at St. Joseph's University and has worked in public history with the Gardens Collaborative of Greater Philadelphia and the Rittenhouse Coalition for the Preservation of Sacred Places. Barbara has also contributed to the *Encyclopedia of Greater Philadelphia, A Companion to First Ladies and Labor History*.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the ACHS subscribe to American Catholic Studies: The Journal of the American Catholic Historical Society. Call 1-717-632-3535 and ask about subscription services.

If you would like to learn more about ACHS visit their website at amchs.org or email info@amchs.org



Little Flower is looking forward to inviting our Golden Girl Classes of 1970 and 1971, alongside their Class of 2020 and 2021 sisters, to a formal Alumnae Induction Ceremony at Little Flower on **June 10, 2021**.
Please stay tuned for more information soon!

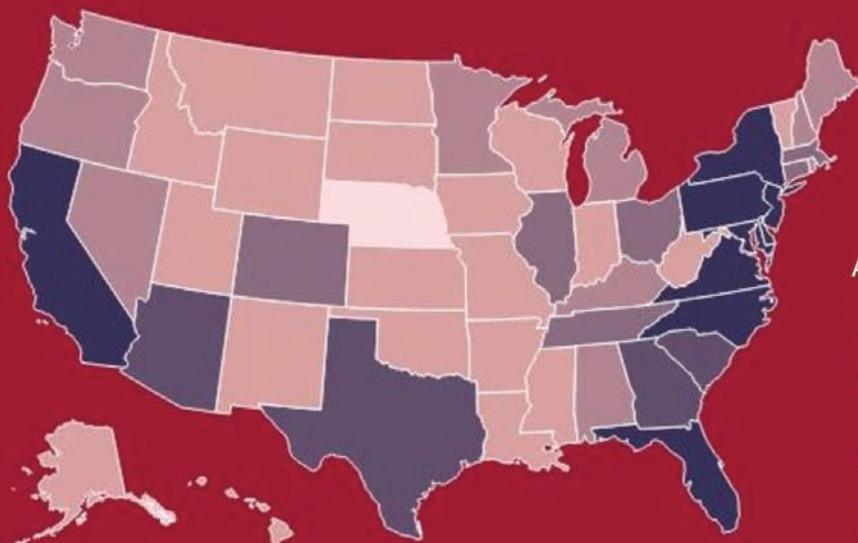
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Where in the United States can you find our Little Flower Alumnae?



Alumnae State Resident Key

- 1-10 residents
- 11-25 residents
- 26-50 residents
- 51-100 residents
- 101+ residents

Our Little Flower Network is Nationwide!

Little Flower alumnae have spread out throughout the United States and beyond, so we wanted to see exactly how those numbers broke down state by state.

The following represents 19,139 alumnae members.

Alabama - 15	Maryland - 179	Rhode Island - 11
Alaska - 3	Massachusetts - 48	South Carolina - 76
Arizona - 67	Michigan - 17	South Dakota - 1
Arkansas - 5	Minnesota - 14	Tennessee - 26
California - 176	Mississippi - 4	Texas - 79
Colorado - 33	Missouri - 10	Utah - 4
Connecticut - 41	Montana - 7	Vermont - 8
Delaware - 217	Nebraska - 0	Virginia - 164
Florida - 590	Nevada - 19	Washington - 23
Georgia - 69	New Hampshire - 13	West Virginia - 10
Hawaii - 8	New Jersey - 2,639	Wisconsin - 9
Idaho - 6	New Mexico - 7	Wyoming - 3
Illinois - 38	New York - 101	
Indiana - 17	North Carolina - 136	<i>Not pictured on map:</i>
Iowa - 1	North Dakota - 2	Puerto Rico - 4
Kansas - 2	Ohio - 45	Washington DC - 15
Kentucky - 13	Oklahoma - 10	
Louisiana - 9	Oregon - 14	
Maine - 14	Pennsylvania - 14,104	



Little Flower is off to the races this Spring!

Your participation can help your decade win!!

TOP FIVE INCREASED PARTICIPATION PERCENTAGES BY YEAR



Each Decade:

40s, 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, 00s, 10s/20s
will get a horse in the race!

To win, members of your decade will have to participate by donating. No Donation is too small, in order to help your decade pull ahead you'll just need to PARTICIPATE!

This race will start **April 5, 2021** and
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You can donate via:

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VENMO @LFCHS

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1000 West Lycoming Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140

Don't let your Horse get left in the Dust! Let's see which Decade will be in the winner circle!

Special Mass Intentions

Mass is celebrated weekdays during the school year in the Little Flower Chapel at 7:20 a.m. Our Alumnae are remembered in our prayer petitions each day at Mass. Additionally, a Mass is celebrated on the final Tuesday of the month for all Alumnae, living and deceased.

You are always welcome to request prayers for your needs and for the needs of your loved ones. You are also welcome to request a Mass intention. Mass intentions may be offered for the deceased, the sick, or for any situation in life that needs God's attention or healing.

Please complete the following form if you are interested in sending in a prayer intention. The stipend for a Mass is \$5.00. Thank you for your goodness to our Little Flower community. May God bless you in abundance.

Name (include Maiden name): _____ Year: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone No.: _____

Requested Mass Date (Weekday Only): _____

Second Choice (Weekday Only): _____

Mass Intention (Name of the person the Mass is being celebrated for and the reason for the requested Mass):

Mass requested during the month of: _____

Please send a Mass card to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

**Please send your request and stipend payable to Little Flower High School to:
Rev. Joseph McCaffrey, Little Flower High School, 1000 W. Lycoming Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140**

MEMORIAMS

as of January 31, 2021

Class of 1941

Marguerite M. Hickey
Marie McLaughlin Jacoby
Anne Plewinski Ryan
Margaret Nimon Walsh
Marie Hickey White

Class of 1942

Helen Keough Burns
Mary Schubert DeCozio
Clare Kelly
Agnes Fitzpatrick McDonnell

Class of 1943

Joan T. Hickey Ames
Margaret Murphy Carley
Patricia Carroll Hahn
Philomena Alfano Pellechia
Irene Konieczko Toczyłowski

Class of 1944

Elizabeth Rowley Cunningham
Dorothy Joret Davidson
Mary Kirby Leidy
Mary Hardman Mikus
Mary McCracken Pinder
Theresa Breen Rogers
Mary Fisher Slowey
Elizabeth McPeak Ward

Class of 1945

Dorothy Connor
Sr. Elizabeth A. Kerridge
Agnes Kleschick

Class of 1946

Rita Mosca Haller
Dorothy Spelman Kennedy
Anne Leimkuhler Lau
Rose Johnston McGinley-Gerle
Mary Collins Moffa
Jeanne Trucksess
Edwina Liggins Wagner
Elizabeth Mosca Zelezniak

Class of 1947

Dolores Smith Farina
Helen Bogle Foley
Helen Mullins Hagan
Anne Marie Hunter Jarrett
Maryann Shea Malizia
Mary Sue Madden Monte
Theresa McCarthy Rohrmann
Catherine Esten Wissman

Class of 1948

Marie Teresa Altimeier Baals
Loretta C. Yeakel Catanzano
Catherine Sulock Elles

Jacqueline Dreher Ferguson
Dolores Eisenach McCracken
Anne L. Remer Voelmle

Class of 1949

Martha McTear Callahan
Joan M. Mellon Cordora
Catherine Mullin Froggett
Frances Jakominich Hojlo
Nancy Dougherty Kershaw
Dolores Devers Logue
Anna Graham Michele
Barbara Lefebvre Pope
Maureen McParland Rogers

Class of 1950

Jeanne Felthaus Coogan
Mary Glackin Denno
Shirley McLaughlin Mailey
Joan Noll Mazzanti
Noreen Jackson Walstedter
Marion O'Brien Wood

Class of 1951

Patricia O'Connor Cosgrove
Marie Medici Firth
Patricia Gallagher Groff
Mildred Zagorska Junier
Ann Foley McCullough
Rosemary Trimarco Salmon
Sally Runzer Schoener
Dr. Margaret Dunn Shirrel
Teresa Thomer Taglieri
Winifred A. Boyle Williamson

Class of 1952

Sr. Mary Bradley, SSJ
Patricia Martin Carty
Theresa Cipriano
Barbara Pollock Glackin
Joanna Marchesani Kline
Margaret M. Cummings Stewart

Class of 1953

Louise Janssen Clemente
Catherine Geib Geshan
Elizabeth Gallagher Hartle
Joan Hack Marek
Mary Margaret Gibbons Rider
June McCook Robinson
Margaret Marquess Synakowski

Class of 1954

Catherine Galligan Barker
Ann Traum Fowner
Mary Jane Kirwan Kiger
Sr. Bernadette Mary Leahy, SSJ
Rose Mary Walls Matyl
Frances Dougherty McGrody

Patricia G. Smith Meier
Ann Monaghan
Catherine Campbell Reilly

Class of 1955

Kathleen Cloran Bashline
Sarah Patti Bezar
Kathleen Mulgrew Fenerty
Agnes Lawler Keenan
Beatrice Braun Lock
Joan McColgan McDonald
Dolores Wernery Reithmeier
Helen Trzaskawka Ward
Kathleen Whalen White

Class of 1956

Katherine Duffy
Joan M. Browne Fynes
Madeleine Messaros Keenan
Mary Ann Boles Knorr
Leona Corrigan Porreca
Joan Mulholland Rogers
Jeanette B. Zamiska

Class of 1957

Mary Kelly Arhontas
Wilma Harden Chapman
Barbara Rittenhouse Cinque
Lorraine Hutt Gribben
Catherine Lieb Healey
Mary Alice McGrath
Elaine Carroll Pope
Joan Runowska Ralston
Suzanne Murphy Smith

Class of 1958

Jean Hunter Burns
Frances Broderick Burns
Lillian Sasnauskas Greymas
Veronica Krause
Beatrice Weis Vogler

Class of 1959

Phyllis Reese Deeley
Joan Looby Harding
Margaret Killian
Kathleen DeFoney Volz

Class of 1960

Marita Boyce
Mary Breslin Conner
Anne McFadden Donofry
Kathleen Klein Gable
Mary Keul

Class of 1961

Julia Dwyer Hoepfl
Patricia Carragher Hunter
Eileen Devlin Kerrigan

Class of 1962

Helene Keane Alexander
Ruth Suder

Class of 1963

Sr. Mary E. Connors, SFCC
Margaret Warchol Dolanski
Emma L. McGinn
Patricia H. Rose McLaughlin
Joan Sendef

Class of 1965

Helen Davidyock Pokropski

Class of 1966

Joanne Puccio Dell'Aquila
Linda Gogel Dixon
Mary O'Neill Wetzel

Class of 1971

Kathy Merchant Harnish

Class of 1972

Janice Evans Egrie
Margaret Donahue Haskins

Class of 1973

Janet Quiring Strimel

Class of 1975

Rita Hamilton

Class of 1976

Marianne Wood Catapano

Class of 1977

Patricia McNabb

Class of 1978

Carol Majkowski Rynex

Class of 1981

Kelly McCann Sawka

Class of 1983

June Janda
Christine Mazzola

Class of 1987

Beth Birmingham

Class of 1993

Michelle Dittert

Class of 2002

Nancy O'Brien Gonzalez

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: *Juggling the World*

Current LF Junior, Inés Monsalve, is no stranger to extracurricular involvement at Little Flower. Her activities include Mock Trial, Liturgical Friends, and Stage Crew. She is a member of the National Honor Society as well as the Concert Choir, and she's the current Secretary of the LF Ambassadors. As if that weren't enough, Inés also writes for the newly reinvigorated *Theresian* and is the co-creator of the Little Flours Cooking Club.

Between schoolwork and LF extracurriculars, as well as active involvement in her parish and balancing two jobs, it is easy to see how someone could become overwhelmed by such a workload. Inés, however, credits her organizational techniques with helping to maintain her busy schedule, including a color-coded calendar and moving her schedule around so that school and homework top her to-do list. When she prioritizes like this, she can keep up with schoolwork while also being involved in the clubs and activities she loves. When it comes to scheduling, Inés definitely has a clear picture of what she wants to accomplish, and when asked about the challenges presented with being so involved, she shared, "With all of these things that I have going on, I feel like I am learning important life skills, like time management. School is my main priority, but it is not my only priority."

Inés's active involvement is clearly paying off for her. In addition to winning the English and Vocal Music Awards in Freshman year, she also won the Theology Award in her Freshman and Sophomore years. She lists her invitation to NHS as the top 10% of her class and her award for Best Witness from two Mock Trial competitions among her accomplishments. She has been accepted into multiple Advanced Placement courses, including AP English Language and Composition, AP Government and Politics, and AP US History. She is a scholarship recipient who placed third in her class high school placement academic testing.



When asked about the impact of her extracurricular activities, Inés had the following to say:

When I first started at LF, I didn't really have any friends because only one or two girls came from my grade school. My mom told me to get involved so I started Mock Trial because I was interested in law. Little did I know how much it would change my life at LF. Once I saw what a family our Mock Trial was, I wanted to find other groups that were like families. I absolutely love how everyone is friends when they are in the same clubs. It's almost like a given.

*The example I can think of is when I joined Stage Crew in Freshman year. I only knew two girls throughout the whole thing but before the show, **The Addams Family**, the crew gathered together and hugged each other in a big group. That was one of my favorite moments at LF. It was just such a powerful thing because we all wanted the show to go well and even though I wasn't best friends with all of them, we still had something in common and it was just such a nice moment. In all of my other clubs, I have had moments like that and it's just such a strong feeling of love and sisterhood when all of these girls are with you with a common thought, like hoping a show goes well in Choir or Stage Crew, or a common goal, like going to the finals in Mock Trial. It's just such a loving and fulfilling feeling.*

Inés also credits her extracurricular activities with helping to raise her confidence levels. As a naturally shy person, she shared that through clubs like Mock Trial and Liturgical Friends (which both require some level of public speaking) her comfort with speaking to a group has increased exponentially. She shared that being pushed out of her comfort zones has made her a better and stronger person, and she has even started volunteering at her Church to read at Mass!



Inés with fellow classmates during Archbishop Pérez's visit to Little Flower (Picture taken pre-covid)

Inés now encourages her fellow classmates and prospective students alike to get involved at Little Flower. She has stated that she shares widely that Little Flower is the school for anyone, and she's firm in the knowledge that the myriad clubs and classes offered prepare students for life after LF. She also attributes Little Flower's unique sisterhood and special atmosphere to our model, Saint Thérèse, stating that at Little Flower, "You will make friends who will be your sisters for the rest of your life."

This year, Inés wanted to take a chance at LF and decided that starting a club was a good way to get involved in a way that could include her fellow students. She began the Little Flours Cooking Club with fellow Junior, Riley Treegoob, because they both enjoyed baking and cooking, and they felt it was a great way to relax and take their minds off school. Though they have faced some difficulty in implementing the club physically at Little Flower due to COVID-19 restrictions, they are hoping that by next year they will be able to get people to bake in school together. Inés feels that it is important to start clubs and be brave enough to try new things at LF, because so many good things can come out of it.

While Inés loves all of her extracurricular activities, she does have one favorite club:

There's just such great parts of each of them but I'd probably have to say that Mock Trial is my favorite. I want to go into Law after college, so that it's just such a great club to be in. We can go to actual courtrooms where we meet judges and law students so that's one of the best parts. But also, it's a smaller club and we spend so much time working on the case that the girls in it just become so close.



Inés controls the light board for Little Flower musicals.



**Inés won the Best Witness Award
at two different Mock Trial competitions.**

She shared that despite being nervous when first joining (particularly when surrounded by upperclassman teammates), they welcomed her warmly alongside the club's moderators, Mr. Tim, Mrs. Pisacano, and Kate McGrath. Between Mr. Tim's jokes and his easy-going personality, Mrs. Pisacano's drive to keep them on track and "amazing caesar salad that's to die for," the club was bound to inspire a family atmosphere. Inés also found personal inspiration in Kate McGrath, who is a trial attorney that helps with the club. She studied English and Theology before going into law school, a career path similar to the one Inés would like to follow.

With the skills she is learning throughout her time at Little Flower, we're sure that Inés will move on to do some amazing things.

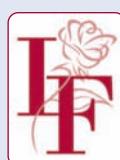
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THERESIAN SPOTLIGHT

Throughout Little Flower's storied history, generations of young women have found their confidence by partaking in the many extracurricular opportunities which the school offers. One such club, *The Theresian*, which was the school newspaper, encouraged Little Flower students to utilize their voices and share current news and events.

With the reintroduction of *The Theresian* last year, Little Flower's tradition of student-run journalism has continued throughout the pandemic, with students publishing electronic copies bi-weekly. We were able to connect one of the paper's current co-editors, Megan LoMastro '23, and one of its top writers, Grace Krakauskas '23, with a previous *Theresian* editor from the Class of 1973, Joanne McLaughlin.

Joanne, whose illustrious career includes thirty-three years with *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, recently wrote an essay for her current employer, WHYY, regarding the importance of all-girls education. (You can find a link to Joanne's article on the last page of this story.)

In the article, Joanne attests to how empowering it was for her as *The Theresian* editor during her time as a Little Flower student. Our current students on *The Theresian* staff were invited to interview Joanne about her experiences throughout high school, her career in journalism, and beyond.

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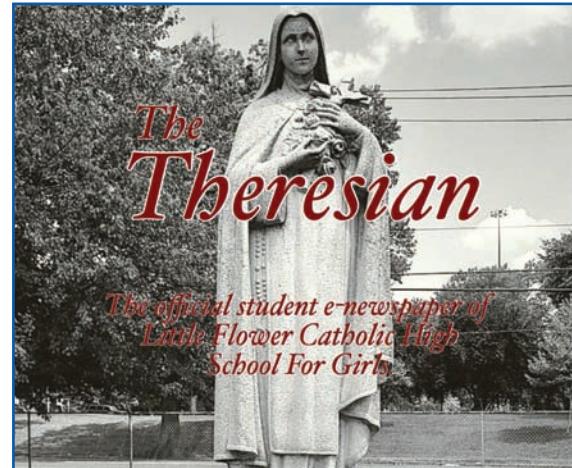
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Megan: Well, the first question that we have is about your high school years. Can you just summarize how you spent your years at Little Flower?

Joanne: How did I spend my years at Little Flower? Well, I was not as fully active as the rest of you now. That may be a function of the time in which I was at Little Flower. I graduated in 1973 and back then you typically did one or two extracurriculars. *The Theresian* was pretty much what I did. As a high school girl at Little Flower, I took a lot of academic college prep courses, which in those days were not exactly typical of the student body. I started high school in 1969, just as the Women's Movement was starting out, when girls didn't necessarily go straight to college. It was a lot of fun. I took Latin and German and had a full course load. I never had study periods, and when I finally did get a study period, I would end up spending it at *The Theresian* doing my work there and catching up.

Grace: That is awesome! So as a Little Flower student, how did you discover your passion for writing?

Joanne: Well, I think that I had discovered that before I got to Little Flower. I like to think I'm one of the enormous army of women who decided they wanted to be writers because they read *Little Women* and we all wanted to be Jo March, right? I was always writing something, and you know, I don't think I gave it any conscious thought. My mom had been on *The Theresian*. My mom graduated in 1946 and she was a gossip columnist, if you can imagine that at Little Flower during



World War II. She said go out for the newspaper, so I went out for the newspaper and I just really liked it right away. I was, by the end of sophomore year, the editorial page editor. I wrote it and I edited everything else, like letters to the editor and things like that on the rest of the page. It just sort of played to what I already knew were my strengths and because I was kind of a lazy kid back then, that was good. That was fine by me!

Grace: So, how did your time at Little Flower shape you into the successful woman you are today?

Joanne: Well, thank you for thinking of me as a success! That's very kind of you. I have to say it helped me know that I could do this job. That I could be a reporter, I could be a writer, I could be an editor, I can write headlines. I could take responsibility of leading a staff (not a very big staff, granted.) I think there were maybe six or eight of us at the time, and four of us were editors. I never doubted myself. I think that was the best thing about it. We came out six times a year. I just realized that I could handle a job that had lots of different pieces to it and I was never afraid to do this job. I always felt comfortable in it.

Megan: Kind of going off what you said there, how much credit do you give to Little Flower and *The Theresian* for your triumphs as a writer?

Joanne: Oh my God, I can't even begin to calculate how important Little Flower, in retrospect, has been in my life. When you were fifteen or sixteen or seventeen, you're not sitting

there saying, “*Oh, I’m going to be a Confident Woman because of this.*” You’re just kind of always moving, and always looking to the future because you don’t really have much of a past behind you to look and say “*Oh yeah, that was a good idea.*” I don’t honestly think that I would have been as confident in either my personal life or as a journalist going forward if it hadn’t been for a Little Flower, because there was nobody at Little Flower to tell me I couldn’t do it. There were only people at Little Flower telling me that I could do it, and not only that, that I had to do it because we had to get this next edition out. The nun who oversaw the paper back then was a woman named Sister Paul Mary and she was an Immaculate Heart of Mary nun. She was like a little drill sergeant, she really was! She was very meticulous to detail. I was overweight and I had some self-esteem issues, and I honestly do think that if I had had to go to a school that had boys in it, it would not have been good. I felt like I got to be who I was at Little Flower. Every woman I know in this business who either went to an all-girls high school or went to an all-girls college will tell you the same thing. I mean, it’s kind of amazing! Whenever I wrote the article that appeared on *WHYY.org* I got so much feedback just from the women I work with saying yeah, that was our experience, too.

Grace: Nice! So how have your Little Flower roots influenced your career as a whole?

Joanne: Well, I have to say that because Little Flower then, and I’m guessing now, was such a mixture of girls from all parts of the city, it really expanded my horizons in the beginning when I first went there. It helped me to get to know different types of girls- because I grew up in Oxford Circle. We were a multi-generational household because I grew up with my grandmother, and I didn’t know a lot of girls like me at St. Martin’s. When I moved on to Little Flower, there were more girls who came from similar households. I didn’t feel like quite the freak. Going to Little Flower also taught me an awful lot about the city. There weren’t school buses. I literally had to take three buses a day to get there, both ways. I got to know parts of the city I probably never would have known. I think the day I stepped out of Little Flower, I could have given a little bit of a travel log of the city. That’s really stood me in good stead because I’ve been a real estate editor. So just knowing the city’s geography, knowing a lot of the city’s history, and the basic data and how the demographics of the city have changed- I don’t think I would have known any of that if I had been going to [a different school.]

Megan: What path did you take after high school in order to achieve the position you’re currently in?

Joanne: I actually started college as a pre-med major. I wanted to be a doctor, and back in the day I would have to say that I was ill-prepared for some of the science classes on the college level. I struggled to make it through the chemistry course, and in the second level it was a disaster. I said well, I can do this again or I could find something else to do with my life. That

something else ultimately ended up being journalism. I didn’t declare a journalism major at Penn State until I was a junior. I went to Penn State, got an internship, and started my first reporting job with a little paper in Montgomery County. I then moved to Upstate New York and a job up there. There were a lot more newspapers back then than there are now, but it was also during Watergate, so everybody wanted to be an investigative journalist. I later worked for a paper called *The Philadelphia Bulletin* until it folded, then I got a job at *The Inquirer* and stayed there for thirty-three years. I did all sorts of jobs—I’ve been an editor and copy editor, I’ve run a copy desk. I used to run the production operation for twenty-seven little newspapers worth of stories, reporters, and editors. That was an interesting job. Then I became an assigning editor, which is effectively what I am now. I’ve worked in our features department as the real estate editor as well as the decorating editor, the gardening editor, the architecture critic editor and the fashion editor for a while. After filling in for someone on maternity leave, in 2018 WHYY offered me a full-time job as the health and science editor and suburban editor, which is what I still do now.

Grace: So that’s all the questions we have for you today. Thank you so much for your answers. They’re very helpful, so thank you.

Joanne: I have some questions for you. I mean, what’s it like right now? I can’t imagine what it’s like to be in school some days, not in school other days. Is that strange?

Megan: Very. It’s a lot to handle going back and forth, but half is definitely better than nothing so I’m really grateful for the hybrid option.

Grace: Yeah, same. I feel like online is a lot harder to pay attention to because of everything going on and paying attention to meetings, unless you’re talking back and forth, if it’s just someone lecturing, you know, you just can’t. So it’s nice to have at least like half the days in, but I miss real school.

Joanne: How does that affect how you think about college? How you think about what you might want to major in? Are you going to be able to get to school? Are you guys talking about that?

Grace: We took our PSATs back in October. Some people will get college emails from schools, but other than that it’s been pretty [quiet]. Not a lot has been going on because there aren’t really a lot of open houses or tours. You can go to one nearby, but guidance can’t come in because you’re not in class most of the time. It’s just been kind of trying to figure out your interest without actually experiencing anything, which is kind of difficult.

Joanne: It’s hard to know what kind of job opportunities there are going to be. Does that seem daunting or are you just sort

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THERESIAN SPOTLIGHT cont'd . .

of thinking, well, we've just got to see what happens? Does that make you crazy at all?

Megan: I'm definitely nervous. But I actually do want to be a nurse so I think, I don't really know, I haven't given it a lot of thought. Especially recently because there's so much else going on.

Grace: I want to do a stem major when I'm in college and then become a lawyer off of that because I like both, so I kind of have that figured out. It's just figuring out where to go for things because there's not anywhere to look.

Joanne: That makes sense. So, one of the other things that I'm interested in: You're in an all-girl school. Granted, you're not there five days a week, but at least you're going to school. I was in an all-girl school, but on the weekends you could go out and do something. Now you can't even do that. How do you have a social life? How do you meet people you're interested in? How do you build that life?

Megan: It's hard, one hundred percent. I mean, you can hang out a little bit with some people that you already know occasionally, but you have to be so careful. Meeting new people is like, practically impossible.

Joanne: What about social media? I would think that social media must really make it even more stressful. Does it?

Grace: A little bit, it depends because you can control what you put on social media. So it's kind of like putting forth this air, but sometimes you'll be looking at your feed and then you're like, *oh, why did I do that?* And then you're clearing everything and it's like, yeah, let us forget that ever happened. So it's kind of just moments of confidence and then you just go, *oh wait, nevermind. I take it back.*

Joanne: Well, I think being a teenager was like that back in the 70's, actually! It's like, *ahh why did I do that? Why did I tell that person I liked him?* Are there other advantages to this? Are you at least getting to experience the world, however vicariously? What are you doing to hang out with your friends?

Megan: We have zoom meetings sometimes after school.

Grace: Yes, after school we'll conglomerate on zoom and just talk about the whole day. Just like "*So I want to talk about*

what happened in second period today!" It's just the whole thing. Then during class we have group chats where we text each other. If we're talking it's kind of nice, because you get that back and forth. So you're not entirely [alone]. It kind of keeps you a little more engaged, but it's not as much. It's not as great because they're like, "*Oh, we're talking all the time online.*" But when was the last time I saw you? Because I don't think I've seen you since March. Um, that's not fun."

Joanne: Okay, so how do you put out a newspaper? And how do you report? You know, how do you decide what you want to report? What kind of stories are you reporting, for instance?

Megan: It's definitely harder because there's not as many events. We would cover a lot of things like dances and Masses and stuff, and now that's not even happening. So you really have to scrounge for stories, but we do still find we do a lot of interviews like this or via email.

Grace: Yeah, and we've also revived our editorial section which basically was the excuse for me to write about whatever I want to. Then everyone gets to write what they want.

Joanne: That's what I used to do! That's interesting. One of the things I am curious about is, how did you end up at Little Flower?

Grace: For me, it was between a couple schools. I already knew I wasn't going to go to public school because I just don't like that they were so big. I was coming from a school where my eighth-grade entire class was twenty-four kids. I kind of needed a smaller Catholic school. Something I'm familiar with, but still a little different. The easiest place would have been for me to go to Hallahan, but I felt like there it was way too cramped and it was too many people. I didn't really like it as much, where at LF it was old and homey and all of the people there were very "*Do you! Be yourself! Do your own thing!*"

Joanne: How about you Megan?

Megan: I agree with her one hundred percent. I actually knew from a very young age that LF was where I wanted to go. I went to my first open house when I was in 4th or 5th grade and I just knew immediately. Basically what she said about it, that everybody was so welcoming and everybody just wanted to see you just be your best you, and I just knew that that was where I wanted to be. I never changed my mind.

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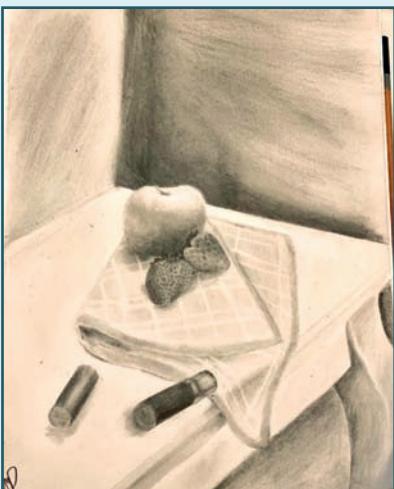
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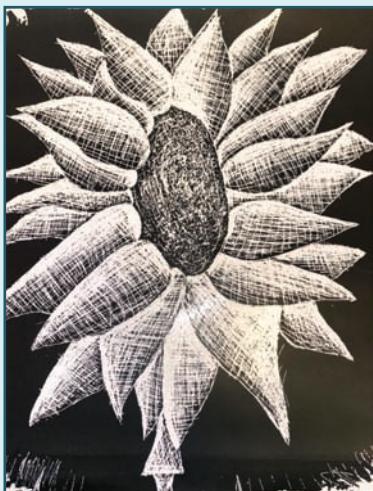
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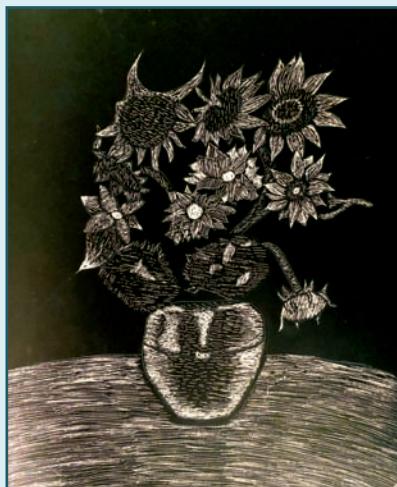
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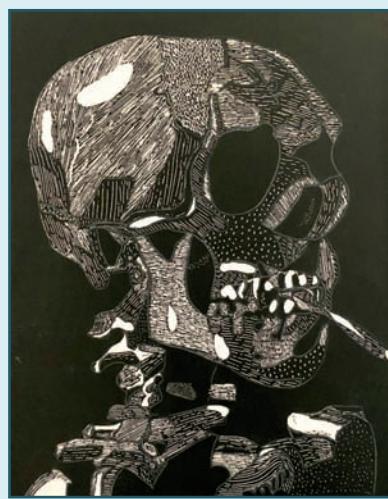
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The Klarich Center also hopes to provide opportunities for meaningful engagement with peers, including plans to create a Learning Commons space which would allow for independent discovery and open forum for respectful discourse.

Named in honor of Little Flower's longest serving and much beloved principal of over 25 years, The Klarich Center



seeks to pay homage to her commitment to the Little Flower mission of academic excellence. That mission lives on through an enduring promise to continue her legacy of innovative teaching, collaboration and critical thinking, and rigorous academic coursework and content across all grade levels.

In her last Baccalaureate remarks to the Class of 2020, she shared:

The gift of LF is yours for life, a gift to be treasured and shared. You will meet many who are hungering to know and experience God's love and peace, especially at this time. Share the good news of LF, your personal stories of roses and prayers answered, of lessons learned and challenges overcome, of lasting friendship and blessings received. Share the Little Way of St. Thérèse by the way you live. Little Acts of Love and kindness make a difference in any situation. May you be an instrument of God's peace and love wherever you go.

Be sure to stay tuned for more information about other ways Little Flower is looking to advance its curriculum and learning spaces for its students!

GALLAGHER *Citizen-Scholars*

Named for much beloved Little Flower Principal, Marie Gallagher, who is credited with charting a course for Little Flower in the 1990s that set a course for excellence and sustainability, we are establishing a four year academic leadership program for ambitious young scholars named in Marie's honor.

Program Features

- Partnership with the Philadelphia World Affairs Council, including working towards Global Scholars Certificate.
- Regularly scheduled classes in Theory of Knowledge.
- Student exposure to math enrichment/ACT/SAT classes offered by Villanova University students.
- Regularly scheduled PSAT/SAT prep classes by experienced English teachers.
- Scheduled exposure to small group colloquiums by university professors.
- Tutoring by the LF scholars in city elementary schools.
- Scheduled activities across the city's rich, highly diverse cultural landscape
- Opportunities for student work to appear on-line in LF publications
- Little Flower's Seeking Socrates program gives students cross-curricular experiences in inquiry-based thinking, drawing upon use of the Socratic method.



Key Features

Access to Rigor for Students at All Levels

The Offices of Academic Affairs, Student Life and Guidance work closely together to support all students in their academic achievement. Individual meetings with families which include representatives from each area of the school have proved successful in raising the level of student engagement and success. We will continue to develop this coordination. Students are encouraged in these meetings to reflect on their experience and play a larger role in forming a positive, successful approach to all their experiences at Little Flower. This work supports us in our goal to prepare all Little Flower girls for college and work in the twenty-first century. This summer we require all incoming students to attend an academic orientation which will include academic enrichment, inquiry-based assignments and academic skills needed to succeed in an academically rigorous high school program.

A Holistic Approach to All-Girls Education

Little Flower is committed to giving all students access to an excellent student experience in mind, body and spirit. As an all-girls school we will continue to develop programs which empower women for the twenty-first century. This year students participated in a series of Social and Emotional Learning workshops in topics such as how to lead, positive psychology, self-care and self-love, attention management, training in diversity, equity and inclusion awareness and how your perception of yourself influences your success. We launched a "Support Our Sisters Speaker Series." We invited women from all walks of life to talk with our girls once a week.

International Baccalaureate (IB)

Little Flower is in the process of applying for status as an IB Candidate School with a view to being designated an IB World School. We plan to adopt the IB Middle Years Program (MYP) for grades 9 and 10 in September followed by the IB Diploma Program for grades 11 and 12 in two years. The IB is an internationally recognized rigorous academic program which develops inquiring, knowledgeable, caring students who are motivated to succeed. Some teachers at Little Flower are already using IB MYP style inquiry-based projects in their classrooms. Students in the MYP are encouraged to think for themselves and participate in lively discussions about real-world issues. Assignments develop skills in investigation, critical thinking and communication.

Over the next 18 months, teachers will receive training in several areas. In conjunction with the New Teacher Project, we will train teachers in giving more students access to success in on-grade level assignments.

Training in using IB style inquiry-based projects has already begun and will continue. IB offers many opportunities in all subjects for professional development through Conferences, workshops or online courses.

Teachers will be coached in all areas individually and in groups. Time will be dedicated for small professional learning communities of teachers working together on particular curriculum or assignments.

Advancement Placement Coursework, The Diocesan Scholar Program and Dual Enrollment Program

We currently offer 22 AP courses through Arrupe Virtual Learning Institute (AVLI) and our course catalog. Our students start having conversations with our academic advisors about the trajectory of their studies at Little Flower as soon as they enter their freshman year.

Little Flower will continue to partner with the Diocesan Scholars program to offer college coursework to qualifying students at any of the Catholic universities in the Philadelphia region. Little Flower is a new proud partner of Dual Enrollment with the Community College of Philadelphia. This allows students access to a broader range of courses and to earn college credit towards a Bachelor's Degree.

365 Days of a Little Flower Education

By extending the hours of the Success Center to include an hour after school, we are developing a purposeful after-school program. During this time, students have supervised time to work on homework and many opportunities for tutoring. Our National Honor Society students are available for tutoring as are many teachers. Students from Villanova University are now tutoring Little Flower girls in Math. With the addition of the Klarich Center for Academic Excellence, we plan to broaden and deepen these opportunities. Little Flower is planning multiple academic programs for the summer including, a College Essay Writing Workshop, SAT preparation, and an introduction to IB inquiry-based thinking and writing.

Focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Service Learning

Consistent with the school's central mission to deepen one's faith and grow in awareness of one's moral responsibilities to each other and the global community, Little Flower students and stakeholders have a higher calling to embrace the unique cultural fabric that has always represented a variety of students from all races and ethnic backgrounds. Students at Little Flower represent 46 different zip codes with no more than any one region representing more than 13% of Little Flower's student population. Its rich diversity has always been celebrated at Little Flower, but a deliberate focus and continuing education to support our students' sense of belonging to the wider sisterhood is woven through all aspects of the curriculum and instruction. Opportunities to integrate our reputation for generous service throughout the curriculum to provide more authentic experiences are key elements of the Klarich Center for Academic Excellence.

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**Dorothy Smith Papst** moved to Gettysburg, PA with her daughter, Kathy, to be near her granddaughter and husband in Frederick, MD. Keep the Faith.

**Gloria Fiorentino Moppert** celebrated her 96th birthday this past June! She is living at White Horse Village in Newtown Square. She has four children, 14 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren.

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Regina Detteler Rider attended St. Peter's Annex as a Hallahan student in September 1938. Little Flower became her home until 1942, and she was a happy graduate.

1943

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**Helen Marie Ratican** will be 95 on August 1. She lives in her home of 63 years in Levittown, PA. She is the mother of six children and married her husband, James (deceased), on November 29, 1947. She has 19 grandchildren and 21 Great-Grandchildren. Helen was in the first Little Flower Freshman Class in 1939, and her sister Rita Elizabeth Ratican (deceased) followed Helen in 1945. Classmates included Peg Dooley and Loretta Nolan.

**1945**

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Rebecca Brooks Murray will be 94 years old this April and has 16 grand-

children. She's pleased to say she's a graduate of Little Flower and that God has been good to her.

1948

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**Gertrude Kennedy Nelson** spent a month in Christ Home in Warminster. She broke her right hip. Watch your step, ladies!

**1949**

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Rita LaSalvia Cruice has been blessed with great-grandchildren in July, Andrew and Kelce. She now has 7 great grandchildren, with two more on the way (April '21, and May'21). God is good.

Loretta Nee Farrell welcomed her 37th great-grandchild (she has 27 grandchildren) on February 21, 2020. God is so Good.

1952

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**Jean Kelley Page** passed away on May 7, 2020 of natural causes, non-covid related causes.

**1953**

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Eleanor Bergen Deely enjoyed her summer on Long Beach, NJ.

1954

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**Mary McKernan Mahan** and her husband celebrated their 63rd anniversary in July. They have 9 children, 25 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. They are so

grateful to God for these wonderful kids! She enjoyed her regional reunion last October in PA.

**Agnes Gioquindo Mazzi** has been married for 62 years. She has five children and seven grandchildren.

**Mary Kirwan Kiger**'s granddaughter, Kathleen Hagenbuch, submitted the following in honor of LF grads in her family. "My grandmother, Mary Kirwan Kiger passed away peacefully at home on November 27. She was sister of Kathleen "Kass" Kirwan-Smith '60, Mother of Tracy Kiger-Hagenbuch '75, mother-in-law of Lisa Piotrowski Kiger '85 and grandmother of Kim Hagenbuch-Sullivan '06."

**1955**

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Angela Chiodo Duffy and her husband celebrated her 60th wedding anniversary with a special Mass and luncheon to follow, with their 7 children and 17 grandchildren at Our Mother of Consolation, the parish where they were married.

Margaret McNichols Young celebrated her 65th wedding anniversary this year. Together with her husband they have 29 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren.

Lucille Drachowski Fraser had two trips planned to Jamaica and Poland which were rescheduled for next year due to Covid. They are thankful for continued good health and look forward to traveling again in 2021.

1956

Barbara D'Iorio Martino lost her husband in June 2020, after 58 years of marriage. She continues to serve on the board committee of Chestnut Hill College and the Papal Foundation.

Dianne Mosacchio Spotts has written a picture book for children. She wrote it in 2017. "Gabriel's Christmas Journey" is available on Amazon.

Janet Felice Gendaszek has continued as Scholastic Outreach Chair of Bucks County Opera Association since retiring from teaching. The Association is affiliated with Philadelphia's Academy of Vocal Arts.

Arlene Anthony Gheen says life is good. She moved to a retirement community in Jamison and is loving it.

Patricia Gribben Weir stated that Lorraine Hutt Gribben '57, who recently passed away, was inducted into saint Katherine of Siena Parish Hall of Fame in November of 2019.

She also stated Marianne Nice Trionfo '79 was promoted to director of Customer Experiences/Front End Operations in September 2020 for Acme MKTS/Safeway. Marianne also recently celebrated 41 years with Acme MKTS. Congrats Marianne!!

Eleanor Evans Acampora is still running her own business for over 27 years in Phoenixville, PA, Ellie's Choice. Their first great-grandbaby is arriving June '21.

Anne McEntee Daly and her husband, Joseph, celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary. Joseph is a retired Corporal of the Philadelphia Police Department. Thank you, Jesus, for protecting our family.

1957

Regina Cardell McLaughlin and her husband John are blessed to be married 62 years on February 14, 2021. They have 6 children, 12 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren, with one more great-grand-

child due in June. Her Bucket List is overflowing with a big family.

Mary Ann Buchheit Kern would like to let her classmates know that her beloved husband, Richard L Kern (Dick), passed away suddenly on September 9, 2020. Besides Mary, he is survived by his 3 children and 8 grandchildren. They were four months shy of celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. Please keep her family in your prayers during difficult time in all of their lives.

Gertrude Vaudreuil Duffy met Frances DeStefano Semila '57 at Little Flower in 1957. They became fast friends and have remained close no matter where their lives took them. She is sad to report that she passed on 12/17/20. It's a sad time for her children and grandchildren. She was a woman worthy of being an LF grad.

1958

Marianne Conlin Van Thuyne is enjoying her 3rd great grandchildren.

The graphic features a large red circle containing the text "MEET THE PRINCIPAL" in white, bold, sans-serif font. Below this, a smaller text block reads: "Please join us for a Meet the Principal Event to get to know Little Flower's new Principal, Colette Weber!" To the left of the main text, the date and time are listed: "Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 6:00 pm". At the bottom, there is a call to action: "JOIN US VIA ZOOM: [HTTPS://ZOOM.US/J/96193815427](https://zoom.us/j/96193815427)". To the right of the text, there is a circular portrait of a smiling woman with blonde hair, identified as Colette Weber. The background of the graphic is white with abstract red and grey geometric shapes.

She and her husband Dolph are married 61 years. Praise God!

Margaret Kenny Smith's granddaughter, Abby Foster, received recognition from the Archdiocesan Outstanding Scholars. Her granddaughter, Annemarie Emmert, was married September 19th in Concord, NC.

Rosemarie Hanna Martindale and her husband welcomed a new great-granddaughter in March, Madelyn Christine Breise.

Carol Surgot Dionisio's granddaughter, Kylie Hughes, will be entering LF Class of '25. Third generation to attend LF.

1959

Rita Brogan Paulaski and her husband James are married for fifty-nine years on September 16.

Margaret Donnelly is a proud Mom-Mom of four beautiful grandchildren. She loves them pieces.

Patricia Miller Zimmer and her husband Ed just celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary.

1960

Joan Baker McCormick's husband Ed passed away after fifty-six years of marriage. Ed was a North Catholic graduate of 1955.

Mary Keul passed away June 14, 2020.

Sandra Tokarski Ploszaj is still working part-time as a Hospice Nurse.

Joanne Boyle Girard is married 33 years this year and plans to spend it quarantined and with a special meal.

1961

Liona Luszczak Wright's grandson Eric graduated from Rowan University in June. Her granddaughter, Erin McGarrity, graduated in May with her Master's Degree from St. Louis University.

1962

Maria Henri McCabe is doing well and praying for an end to Covid-19 and World Peace.

1965

Florence Walsh Armstrong is enjoying retirement with her three beautiful granddaughters, Grace, Ellie and Charlotte.

1966

Susan Ulmer Schipper wants to congratulate her grandson Colin Larsen! He graduated from Kutztown University in May 2020... minus the pomp and circumstance due to Covid!! Susan and her family are very proud of his accomplishments!

Patricia Czepulkowski Wojciechowski retired from Glaxo-Smithkline and lives in Delaware. Her youngest son, Lt. Col. Daniel Wojciechowski, just returned from his third deployment in the Middle East. He is the father of twin girls and lives in Washington State. She is a proud grandmother to four grandchildren now.

1967

Mary Ulrich Miller and her husband Raymond have been married for 50 years and they have 8 grandchildren.

Mary Leone DeHaven and her husband Bill celebrated their 50th wed-

ding anniversary in January 2020. Luckily, they were able to take a trip to Arizona before the country shut down. They have five grandchildren they are so proud of all their accomplishments.

Monica Ann Taylor Cody's grandchildren are getting big. Taylor is graduating from Villa Joseph Marie 2021. Nicklous is graduating from Nazareth Academy grade school 2021. Fred is a freshman at LaSalle High School and loves the school. Vanessa is a sophomore at Conwell Egan and in the music department. Emily and Ella are both in 6th grade. She just celebrated 9 months cancer free.

1968

Julia Potok Bandholz and her husband, Bob, will celebrate with their children and grandchildren their 50th wedding anniversary.

Cecelia Amendolia was a percussionist in the band and Orchestra and retired 12/31/19 to Delray Beach, FL. Yahoo!

1969

Valorie Valotta Daskilewicz and her husband, Jerry, are thoroughly enjoying their three-year-old granddaughter. She says hi to all her classmates.

Theresa Ferber Moffett and her husband, Chuck, happily celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary in June.

Maria Panchenko Henriksson is enjoying retirement, and thanks Little Flower for her great education.

Catherine Mullen Belt welcomed her second grandchild in May - Baby Ella Catherine. Bringing joy in 2020.

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**Natalie Kehoe Stork** left her secretarial position with the Philadelphia Office of the FBI for an airline position in California. She married in 1984 she has two sons with her husband, Tim. She's also been in Special Education for twenty years. Her LF education has given her a Wonderful Life! She went to many LF Reunions in California and is really looking forward to her 50th reunion!

## 1972

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Mary Gildea's husband Charles Weyland passed away in September 2020. She has four grandsons and one granddaughter. She is enjoying retirement.

Julie Vivo Keenan's oldest grandson just graduated from Lock Haven University. Another grandson is in his Second Year, at Marywood. Three granddaughters are graduating high school - one from Franklin Towne Charter and twins from Cinnaminson High School. A grandson is going into 8th grade, and she has another grandson who is four years old. Finally, the youngest grandson is now 4 months old. She is blessed with five children and nine grandchildren.

1975

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**Renne Seitz Franklin** will be retiring in October 2021 from the City of Philadelphia, with twenty-nine years of service. Six years as a crossing guard, twenty-three years as an Electrical Trades Helper. Goodbye Tension! Hello Pension!! Life is Good.

## 1978

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Rosemary Mays Callaghan retired from nursing and now volunteers tutoring kindergartners. She finds it so rewarding! Her mother, Grace Hoey Mays, just turned 92, and her son

Brian graduated from Father Judge and ITT technical institute.

1983

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**Donna DeRosa** just wrote a cookbook, The Big Book of Mediterranean Diet Cooking, which went on sale September 8, 2020. It is available in bookstores across the country. It is also available on Amazon: <https://amzn.to/3huPVqX>

## 1991

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Dr. Rose Jagielo-Manion received her doctorate degree in Education from Widener University. Dr. Rose is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Early and Middle Grades Education at West Chester University

Justine Philyaw wants to congratulate Rose Jagielo-Manion '91 and

Julia Philyaw '96 who both earned their doctoral degrees in the Spring of 2020. Dr. Rose and Dr. Julia both concentrated their areas of study on vulnerable student populations. Teachers and Students everywhere will benefit from the work and expertise of these LF Alumnae.

1998

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**Catherine Fiorentino Roskow** married her husband, Bryce, on October 25, 2020, celebrated with friends and family.

## 2015

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Clare Corbett's grandmother, Ruth Botz Corbett '48, is celebrating her 90th birthday in October 2020. Ruth still lives in Philadelphia and has six children, thirty grandchildren, and thirteen great-grandchildren.



Dr. Rose Jagielo-Manion '91 pictured here with her degree.

Join Little Flower Alumnae, Spouses & Friends on a Viking River “Danube Waltz” Cruise onboard the Viking Rinda April 3, 2022

This itinerary and date have been specially chosen by Kathleen Cavanaugh McDaid LF '55



Admire the Wachau Valley's beauty. Learn to waltz at a Viennese dance school. Witness daily life in an abbey on an exclusive visit to Göttweig. Savor Austro-Hungarian cuisine in Vienna and Budapest. Explore lesser-known Central European cities like Bratislava and Passau. Soak up soothing steam at a Budapest thermal bath. This 8-day itinerary reveals the best of these places, while cruising leisurely through spectacular scenery.

- Day 1 – Depart the United States on your Transatlantic flight to Munich, Germany
- Day 2 – Arrive Munich – Meet and Greet with Viking Representative. Transfer to your home for the next 7 nights aboard the Viking Rinda in Passau, Germany. Set at the confluence of the Inn, Itz and Danube Rivers, enchanting Passau is home to elegant colorful buildings and graceful arcades.
- Day 3 – Passau, Germany – Founded by the Celts more than 2,000 year ago, Passau is one of Bavaria's oldest cities and home to St. Stephen's Cathedral.
- Day 4 - Linz, Austria – Originally known as Lentia in its day as a 1st Century Roman Castle-settlement. Linz is today's provincial capital of Upper Austria.
- Day 5 – Krems, Austria- The crown jewel of the Wachau Valley is the splendid Benedictine Abbey of Gottweig, a working monastery for more than 900 years.
- Day 6 – Vienna, Austria - The capital city of Austria, Vienna is filled with green parks, upscale stores, theaters and gracious boulevards.
- Day 7 – Bratislava, Slovakia- The capital of Slovakia, Bratislava is filled with lovingly restored baroque city palaces and dominated by an enormous castle 300 feet above the Danube.
- Day 8 – Budapest, Hungary – Budapest is aptly called 'Paris of the East' for its beautiful evening illumination and reflected lights in the Danube's water.
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