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Dear Friends:

The last several months have been such an incredible ride for U of D Jesuit High School and Academy. I am hard pressed to think of a period of time where U of D Jesuit has had so much truly good news from academics to sports to co-curricular.

The spring musical, “Shrek” was U of D Jesuit’s performing arts at its best. Every show was sold out and the kids performed brilliantly. From our Science Department, two students are going to the International Science Fair in Los Angeles to present their research on Alzheimer’s that earned the Grand Award from the 57th Science and Engineering Fair of Metro Detroit. Our Eco-car program received recognition from Shell and the Detroit Mayor’s Office and returned to Houston for a big competition against colleges and universities. Our Academy Science Fair was simply amazing to me! Our debate team went to the State Finals while the marching band is heading to Nationals over Memorial Day.

Athletically, U of D Jesuit has had quite the year – and it is not over yet. The bowling team won the State fourth State Championship in school history! Our tennis team finished as the State Runner-Up. The Soccer team won the Catholic League Championship! The Final Four appearances of both our hockey and basketball teams as well as our Academy basketball and bowling championships, while the football team returned to the State playoffs, energized the “Cub Community” in a way I have never seen before.

There is more to the story though. As I watched the success of the basketball, hockey, and bowling teams, I found myself looking beyond the obvious games being played. I saw young men who were definitely stars in their sport, but also stars in many other ways in the school. Many of our athletes are outstanding students academically.

As I watch them compete, I wanted the world to know that they are competing in a far more significant way off the courts. Many of these young men do exemplary work with our Christian Service program. Every one of these young men has been actively engaged in real service to the vulnerable members of our community. Many of our seniors have gone on Kairos retreats and have helped out at Focus: HOPE, Pledge Detroit! and other projects. Each of our seniors work with our Christian Service program. Every one of these young men has a far more significant way off the courts. Many of these young men do exemplar

Dear Friends:

I would like to share with you the questions we receive most frequently from alumni, parents and friends considering an Annual Fund gift to The High:

Q. How are the dollars raised from The Annual Fund spent by the school? A. The money raised from The Annual Fund is spent principally for tuition assistance. For the current academic year, one-third of our students received assistance totaling about $1.7 million. In addition, The Annual Fund supports items such as faculty needs, student activities, athletics, technology upgrades, and maintenance to preserve our historic buildings.

Q. Who should give to The Annual Fund? A. Everyone who is a member of the U of D Jesuit community including alumni, parents of current students and graduates, as well as friends should support The Annual Fund. Also, we encourage foundations and organizations who believe in our mission to also make a grant.

Q. I am not able to make a $1,000 leadership gift at this time. Does my gift still matter? A. Yes. To continue our 137-year tradition, we depend upon the generosity of our alumni, friends, and families. Your gift, regardless of the amount, makes a difference and provides additional funds to support our mission, as well as encourages others to make a gift too.

Q. Can I designate my gift to a specific purpose? A. Yes, you can. Gifts designated to the greatest needs of the school are preferred by us. Our greatest need is funding tuition assistance. If there are other causes important to you such as athletics, faculty professional development, fine arts, eco-car, and robotics to name a few, please designate your gift as such.

Q. Why is the giving participation rate important? A. A high participation rate demonstrates a strong commitment by U of D Jesuit’s constituents (alumni, parents and friends, faculty, etc.) to our mission, and reflects our vitality as a Jesuit educational institution. Also, organizations and foundations frequently ask for the participation percentage in their grant request document.

Q. Do you accept gifts of appreciated equity securities and mutual funds? A. Yes. The instructions for stock gifts can be found on the website www.uofdjesuit.org/waystogive “Gifts of Stock Securities.”

Q. What is Club 1877? A. It is the giving program for our Young Alumni, who are defined as those who graduated from The High within the last ten years. You become a member with a gift of $18.77 or more in honor of the year the school was founded in 1877. We are grateful for your generosity. You are integral in making the mission of U of D Jesuit a reality for our 900 students.

Thank you for your support.

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Karl J. Kiser, S.J.
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Congratulations on the last issue of Highlights!

The article on the Student Senate, especially the photo in the upper right hand corner of page 20, drew my immediate attention. Historically significant, it records the first convening of the Senate in the fall of 1953. As I read the article, clearly none of us could have anticipated what an illustrious and active organization the Senate would become. Great work by those who succeeded us!

Pete, who passed away earlier this year, was a great leader, student and very good friend. I last saw him at a luncheon in November of 2012. Ever the fierce competitor, he (again) expressed his disbelief at my being elected 4A president, breaking his string of being class president his first three years. God bless you, Pete.

Keep up the good work on the Highlights!

Frank Walczak '54

We would like to hear from you.

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November 8 – Scholarship Auction
November 29 – Alumni Football 7 on 7
December 26 – 3 on 3 Alumni Basketball Tournament

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17 U of D Jesuit Seniors Nationally Recognized

U of D Jesuit proudly announces that this school year a total of 17 U of D Jesuit seniors were recognized by various national organizations for their performance on the October 2012 PSAT. The PSAT is a standardized test annually administered to high school juniors. This impressive number of students represents the largest group of nationally recognized seniors out of any other Catholic high school in Michigan, including the largest group of National Merit Semifinalists at any Catholic high school in Metro Detroit.

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U of D Jesuit sends three students to National Catholic Forensics League National Tournament

On Saturday, March 8, 12 members of U of D Jesuit’s forensics team competed at the Detroit Catholic Forensics League national qualifier tournament. In order to compete at this tournament, participants must have competed at least twice during the league season and must have placed in the top six of a category at least once.

This year the Car Club took a day trip downtown to Cobo Hall where the event Autorama was held a Student Day. This is an initiative to help support the automotive educational programs that are taught at schools by exposing students to the range of opportunities available in the auto industry. This is done by having special guest speakers and various corporate sponsors support. The students learned how various cars are restored and the different vendors and career opportunities that are needed in the process. U of D Jesuit students joined in with over 2500 other area students for Student Day this year.

Two U of D Jesuit students’ Alzheimer’s Research Project Earns Grand Award at 57th Science & Engineering Fair of Metropolitan Detroit

Andrew Lekarczyk of Fenton and Royal Oak’s Samuel Ilkka, both juniors at The U of D Jesuit Robofest took place on Friday, March 21 and rose above some malfunctions and some bad luck to advance to the quarterfinals before being eliminated. The team was honored with several awards:

- #1 in Pit Safety.
- The Motorsola Quality Award – This is awarded for “machine robustness in concept and fabrication.”
- The Woodie Flowers Award – This award, named for the now-emeritus MIT professor whose project-based classes helped inspire FIRST, recognizes mentors who lead, inspire, and empower using excellent communication skills. This year the Robocubs chose to honor Rich Wong with the nomination for the award. Wong was recognized with other mentors at this weekend’s event, and is under consideration for the award at the Michigan State Competition in April.

The U of D Jesuit Robofest took place on Friday, March 21 and was featured in the Saturday, March 22, edition of The Detroit News. "The Robofest competition involves programming robots to act without remote control. The students are encouraged to have fun while applying principles of science, technology, engineering, and math. This year a dozen middle schools came to U of D Jesuit for the middle school exhibition, which involved Challenges, which students to push the boundaries of energy efficiency on the road, will move from Houston to Detroit in 2016. The U of D Jesuit Shell Eco-Car team was invited with members from the University of Michigan’s “Supermileage” team to demonstrate their “built-from-scratch,” ultra-fuel-efficient vehicles that would be driven in the competition on April 25-28.

“We’re going to get to see how the best of Detroit competes against the best of the world this year in Houston and next year in Detroit,” said Duggan.

“The future of transportation relies on the development of energy-efficient propulsion systems, and students of today are critical to the innovations of tomorrow,” said Fr. Karl Kiser, S.J. “We are thrilled to participate in Shell Eco-marathon Americas and believe it enhances our STEM-oriented curriculum and challenges our students to be creative problem solvers.” U of D Jesuit senior and Chief Engineer of the school’s Eco-Car team, Jacob Byrd stated. “We’re really excited this competition is moving to Detroit over the next few years. Being the from Motor City, we just love the whole idea of having this competition here.”

In late April, the U of D Jesuit Shell Eco-Car team along with more than 130 other teams, made up of more than 1,000 students from six countries, competed with the vehicles they designed and built themselves at the 8th annual Shell Eco-marathon Americas 2014. Success at Shell Eco-marathon is determined by the distance each team travels using the least amount of energy. The electric car, competing in an international field of 33 teams, finished an impressive 7th overall with their robot set to cool down the “core.” This event was a qualifying event leading up to the World Robofest Championship to be held May 17 at Lawrence Technological University.
Spring of 2014 is significant for me because it marks the 50th anniversary of my graduation and the selection of the 50th recipient of the Said Rahaim Athlete of the Year Award. I have been fortunate to be able to stay closely connected with the school as an alumnus, parent, and employee, and have followed this award through the years. As a classmate of Said’s, I would like to share some background about Said and the creation of the award that bears his name.

Said Rahaim ‘64

By Tom O’Keefe ’64

In the fall of 1964, Said enrolled at Xavier University in Cincinnati. He was the recipient of a President’s Scholarship which enabled him to attend Xavier. That year, on his way home for Thanksgiving, he was killed in a car accident. After Said’s death, John Tenbusch, English teacher and track and cross country coach, and Dan Comer, history teacher and basketball coach, conceived the idea and led the effort to create the Said Rahaim Athlete of the Year Award.

The words on the award plaque explain the thoughts of the school at the time: “Said Rahaim played outstanding football and basketball. But Said was more than that. He had the determination to wring from himself the finest effort. Heroic dedication to this ideal drove him to excel academically and spiritually, as well as athletically. The example of Said’s life, brief though it was, offers both a model and a challenge to every athlete of U of D High. Only those men who have the same loyal dedication are worthy of having their names under that of Said Rahaim.”

As I reflect back almost fifty years, we would have used AMDG - For the Greater Glory of God, but if we had used the term “Magis” in the early 60’s, Said would have exemplified the ideal. For me, the Magis means hearing God and making conscious decisions about what we feel called to do. It’s about the choices we make in our lives, the quality that we bring to our people. This is how Said lived his life.

I have personally known many of the award winners as students or graduates, and I have found all of them deserving and embodying the spirit of the award.

So, on behalf of the Class of 1964, I wish to congratulate all of the Said Rahaim Athlete of the Year award winners. I also want to thank the Rahaim family, John Tenbusch and Dan Comer for creating the award, the thousands of students who have selected themselves the finest effort to create the Said Rahaim Athlete of the Year Award winners, and the school administrators, from Fr. Lab in 1965 to Kyle Chandler ’99 in 2014, for guiding the selection process over the years. Through the efforts of many, the memory of Said Rahaim has become a part of the tradition of The High and a tradition that will continue to honor a fine Man for Others.

“The example of Said’s life, brief though it was, offers both a model and a challenge to every athlete of U of D High.” — Transcription on award plaque
Tennis

By Coach Jim Slaughter

When I took over the tennis program, I made sure that each year we created “team goals” to help motivate us throughout the season. This year two of our goals were “Win Regionals” and “Finish top 3 in the state.”

Well, I can say we did pretty well in accomplishing our goals. I am very proud of my players, as we completed our best season in team history, with a fourth straight Regional Championship (goal accomplished) and with a second place finish in the MHSAA Division 2 Tennis Finals, the highest finish for a U of D Jesuit tennis team (goal checked!). The boys came together and made this season exciting!

At the State Tournament, your Cubs, the #2 singles (Tim Sheeren ’14), #4 singles (Freddy Heegan ’16), and the #1 doubles team (Tim Hoffman ’14 and Marty Nagle ’15) reached the finals of their respective flights, while #3 singles (Alec Askounis ’14) and the #4 doubles team (Andy Stehans ’14 and Joey Wilson ’16) reached the semi-final round, giving U of D Jesuit 24 total points and a second place finish.

The varsity tennis team this year finished with a 13-1-1 record, finishing second in the Catholic League. The Michigan State playoffs District Championship (goal checked!) and with a second place finish in the summer league. The Cubs formed a bond that would propel them to victory in the Peguesky Tournament going 3-0, finishing with an exemplary effort by Nick Lamping ’14 with 2 goals and an assist to win the final game 3-1. The Cubs started their Catholic League season run against CC, Tim Doman ’15 scored off a header and Spencer Surmont ’15 finished them with a crack from 25 yards out. The backfield shut them down and showed why they would be one of the best defensive units in the state. Rite Sier ’14, Drew Roman ’14, Nick Mareson ’14, Zach Castle ’15, Mike Wallace ’14 and Peter Czykowski ’16 would be solid all year. Kiernan Bloye ’15, Jack Bodien ’15 and Joe Nittman ’15 would add to the defense from the midfield not allowing teams to pass the ball against the Cubs. The midfield and offense caught fire this season and scored from all over and in clutch moments throughout the season.

Those clutch moments included: Doman’s header against Troy Athens (first goal in 20 games Athens gave up); Castle’s bar add to the defense from the midfield down rocket vs. DLS during a 4-0 domination; Matt Cunningham ’14’s corner kick in the CHSL Championship to put us in overtime; Nittman’s goal to give us the lead; and finally, Sier’s huge save to give us the CHSL title.

We say goodbye to a great senior class. It was a year to remember!

Hockey

By Coach Rick Benettis

With the loss, via graduation, of 13 players including the league scoring champion and several other top forwards, our top 3 defensemen, top 2 goalies and 67% of our overall offense, I felt that a .500 season would be deemed successful.

This group of players, led by the six seniors, felt otherwise and started working the first week of June and did not stop until the overtime loss in the state semi-final game against Brighton.

Along the way, this group of players set records for consecutive wins (13), best 10 game start (8-2), best 16 game start (14-2), first ever #1 state ranking, wins against then-#1 ranked Cranbrook, two wins against Brother Rice and best ever record, 21-8.

The hockey Cubs won back to back Regional Championships, Quarterfinal Championships and Frozen Four Appearances and won 40 games over the past two seasons, all new records. The 2013-14 Cubs were led by First Team All State players Tommy Apay ’14, Matt Meiningter ’14 and Jack Deines ’15 and 2nd Team All State player Brian Hubbard ’14. The Cubs were an Academic All State Team for the 19th consecutive year and were #1 Academically in the MIHL, CHSL and State of Michigan.

A special thanks goes out to the seniors who led this record setting season: Apay, Hubbard, Meiningter, Lorenzo Bongiovanni, Zach Levi, and Jake Knoblauch.

Soccer

By Coach Kevin Tuttle

Goals! Goals! Goals! We wanted goals and we got them this fall. The Cub soccer team scored in all but three of its 24 games this season. Defeating both Catholic Central and DeLaSalle twice this season was certainly a highlight.

A 4-0 win at home against DLS and an epic win for the Catholic League Championship against the Pilots were certain highs spots. It all started during the summer at the team camp and playing in the summer league. The Cubs formed a bond that would propel them to victory in the Peguesky Tournament going 3-0, finishing with an exemplary effort by Nick Lamping ’14 with 2 goals and an assist to win the final game 3-1.

The Cubs started their Catholic League season run against CC, Tim Doman ’15 scored off a header and Spencer Surmont ’15 finished them with a crack from 25 yards out. The backfield shut them down and showed why they would be one of the best defensive units in the state. Rite Sier ’14, Drew Roman ’14, Nick Mareson ’14, Zach Castle ’15, Mike Wallace ’14 and Peter Czykowski ’16 would be solid all year. Kiernan Bloye ’15, Jack Bodien ’15 and Joe Nittman ’15 would add to the defense from the midfield not allowing teams to pass the ball against the Cubs. The midfield and offense caught fire this season and scored from all over and in clutch moments throughout the season.

Those clutch moments included: Doman’s header against Troy Athens (first goal in 20 games Athens gave up); Castle’s bar add to the defense from the midfield down rocket vs. DLS during a 4-0 domination; Matt Cunningham ’14’s corner kick in the CHSL Championship to put us in overtime; Nittman’s goal to give us the lead; and finally, Sier’s huge save to give us the CHSL title.

We say goodbye to a great senior class. It was a year to remember!

Wrestling

By Coach Montana Arble

The Cub wrestling team had a strong season, overcoming many obstacles along the way. The team was led to a 13-16 overall record, by captains Nicholas Lamping ’14, Andrew Miller ’14, John Mesi ’14 and Mark Parillo ’14. Four wrestlers qualified for the MHSAA Individual Regionals (Lamping, Riley Benson ’14, Nicholas Jelinek ’15, and Elijah Small ’15). Additionally, Neis became the third Cub Wrestlers to earn 100 career victories.

Football

By Coach Oscar Olejniczak ’91

The football program had a successful season in 2013. All four levels showed improvement each day through hard work and a willingness to be coached. This was the first year for the coaching staff and we asked a lot of these student-athletes. Our expectation for these young men was that they excel within the classroom and on the field.

This is a list of a few of the accomplishments for the football program:

- Five of our seniors will be playing at a higher level next year
- First semester grade point average of 3.1 for the entire football program
- 110 players participated in a community service project at Forgotten Harvest
- 40 players helped re-organize the library at Gesu Catholic School
- State playoffs District Championship
- The Jesuit Academy football team played and won their exhibition game in the CYO Prep Bowl. It is their second year in a row for this honor.
- Freshman Team had a record of 6 - 3.
- We have seven alumni represented on our staff for 2014.

We appreciate all of your support!
State Champs!

Bowling team earns fourth state title in school history!

By Darrin Flowers ’01 and Robert McClain

The Cub bowling team added major hardware to U of D Jesuit’s athletic trophy case by coming home as State Champions.

The 2013-2014 U of D Jesuit bowling team had its best season in school history, earning their first Michigan High School Association Division 1 Boys Bowling Championship! Overall, it is U of D Jesuit’s fourth state title. The final victory that brought the State Championship home came over tenth-ranked Grand Haven on February 28 at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights with a score of 1,409-1,360.

U of D Jesuit won the first two Baker games in the championship (231-171, 204-194) to take a 70 pin lead into the final five-player game. Keith Reid ’16 led the Cubs with a 247 in the final game. Mike Davis ’15 bowled a 224. Dave Kucken ’14 finished with a 176, Lloyd Lyons ’14 totaled 175, and Cameron Keuning ’16 bowled 152 to hold off Grand Haven. Immediately after the match, four-year Jesuit head coach Darrin Flowers ’01 pulled out an electric trimmer and shaved off his trademark beard to fulfill a promise to his team if they won the state championship.

“I am beyond proud of these guys. I promised them I’d get them here,” Flowers told reporters. "Just to see how hard these kids have worked to get here, it’s amazing. The guys grinded it out, I told them you can’t strike every time, but you can control how you throw the ball. You can execute. Execution brought us here and execution won us that trophy.”

This great victory could not have rolled out like it did without putting in the hard work during the season. The 2013-2014 season definitely had its ups and downs that were all worth it in the end. The varsity team finished second in a very tough Catholic League with an overall record of 7-3. After a number of top four finishes in city tournaments, the varsity squad was finally able to win one at the Valentine’s Invitational hosted by Novi and Northville Schools. Hoping to bounce back from last year’s second place Catholic League finish, the Cubs went into the Catholic League tournament motivated to win it all.

However, the Cubs came up just short, only to lose in the finals to Catholic Central.

Next up were Regionals at Woodhaven Lanes where the Cubs still had faith in their season and bowled really well finishing second. This was a turning point for the team because this win qualified them for the state tournament. The U of D Jesuit bowling team had not been a part of the state tournament since the 2008. So, you can imagine the excitement that the students had after finishing second and qualifying.

The Cub Keglers knew anything could happen now. After the morning qualifying rounds, the team was sitting in third place behind rival Catholic Central. The top eight teams advanced to the afternoon play. The first round of match play was against Walled Lake Central, whom they defeated 1378-1330. Next up was No. 8-ranked Oxford in the semifinals. The Cubs caught fire rolling a 245 and 278 in their Baker games. This helped them hold off Oxford 1499-1438 and reach the finals against Grand Haven. The Cubs were able to grind out the win against Grand Haven winning 1409-1360.

This win brought home the school’s first bowling State Championship and put the 2013-2014 Cub bowling team in school history!

The good news for the Cub bowling team did not end with a state championship.

Chris Buryta, the longtime faculty member at U of D Jesuit who for years served as the Cubs head coach and still assists the team, was elected and inducted into the Michigan High School Interscholastic Bowling Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Buryta began his journey with bowling by organizing intramural bowling at Wyoming-7 Lanes when he started working at The High as a mathematics teacher in 1974. Soon after, he became the coach of the U of D Jesuit bowling team that joined the new Detroit area Catholic Bowling League at Romona Lanes. For the past 40 years, he organized and coached intramural and varsity bowling with successes in the inaugural state varsity tournament in the 90s with first year as runner-up team, then second and third places following.

As varsity coach in the Catholic League, his teams were League Champions in 2005 and 2006. Coach Buryta is extremely proud of U of D Jesuit’s continued bowling success, culminating in this year’s State Championship.

One game. Two victories.

That’s all that separated U of D Jesuit’s 2013-2014 basketball team from the ultimate prize: a Class A State Championship.

But while that last game -- a loss to Bloomfield Hills in the Final Four at the Breslin Center on the Michigan State campus in East Lansing -- proved to be a bitter pill to swallow, the 22 wins that preceded it made for a magical ride that won’t be forgotten in Cubland for a long, long time.

No basketball team from The High has ever accomplished as much as this year’s team.

“I told our seniors you are going to walk out of here as the most-decorated senior class of basketball players in the history of U of D Jesuit,” Coach Pat Donnelly said. “At the time of a loss in a very emotional locker room, that doesn’t really hit you. But years down the road, that’s something that they are going to be very proud of and cherish.”

The team won the Catholic League’s Central Division with a 9-1 record. It won its three playoff games to win the Catholic League Championship in relatively easy fashion. It’s the first time in school history that the Cubs have won back-to-back Catholic League titles.

But then the season got interesting. The state playoffs were about to begin and when the district and regional brackets came out, U of D Jesuit found itself in what experts claimed was the toughest route of any school in the tournament to end up playing in Breslin. The Cubs mettle would be tested if they were to surpass teams of yesteryear.

First came the Districts. The Cubs easily handled their first two opponents (Detroit Renaissance and Detroit Mumford) to claim the District for the second consecutive year and third in the last five.

Now, the road became dicey. Next up was the Regional Semifinals and the Detroit Southeastern Jungaleers. In a tight game held at Cass Tech, the Cubs found themselves tied and the clock running down. The Cubs worked the ball inside to Nick Mutebi ’14. But the 6-foot-3 Cub was surrounded by 6-5 and 6-6 Jungaleers. With a drop step that he constantly worked on in practice, Mutebi avoided the big men, put the shot up and in with four seconds left. Southeastern couldn’t convert on their end.

47-45 Cubs. Survive and advance.

In an atmosphere simply termed “electric,” the Cubs battled for their first-ever Regional crown. With time becoming scarce, the Cubs found themselves trailing 50-46. After a Cub bucket cut the Technicians lead to two, Noah King ’14 stole the ball sending it to all-everything sophomore sensation Cassius Winston ‘16 for a lay-up with 31.7 seconds left. Bleakness had turned to joy in Cub Nation. Cass went for the win and picked up a foul with 6.2 seconds left. They converted one of two shots for a 51-50 lead.

The final six seconds seemed to last forever. Winston took the ball and went coast-to-coast. On his shot with less than a second left, he was hammered and went to the line to shoot two with the Cubs’ season hanging in the balance.

With Cass fans now lining the baseline and doing jumping jacks to distract Winston, the confident and smooth sophomore looked like a veteran, draining both free throws in between timeouts used to ice him. Cass’ attempt at a Hail Mary failed.

The Cubs were headed to the Regional Championship, where they saw their dreams die last year — and of the six times in school history the Cubs had advanced this far, they never before celebrated victory and advanced.

A snowstorm dumped eight inches of white stuff on Metro-Detroit brought about a 24-hour delay to the much-anticipated match-up. The host of the Regionals, Cass Tech, happened to also being playing in the game meaning the neutral site was anything but neutral.

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At U of D Jesuit, “planned giving” refers to identifying ways to make charitable gifts now, or after your lifetime, while ensuring financial benefits for yourself and your heirs.

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In the 2012-2013 school year, The High’s students contributed over 30,000 hours of service to various causes. 30,000. And that’s with two big asterisks: it does not include a lot of time students volunteered on their own and forgot to log and it does not include any of U of D Jesuit’s service trips.

Two full-time faculty members make sure that the words come to life through a combination of old and new service projects, mission trips and other activities. In one way or another, each and every one of U of D Jesuit’s 900 students plays a part.

Upon graduation, do those words still live true? Have the students learned through their actions and deeds to become “Men for Others” in their adult lives? There are countless examples of alumni living the U of D Jesuit mission in their lives.

Highlights looks at the service component at the school and shares the story of two alumni who work to make the world a better place – one in regions oceans away and another right here in the Motor City.

As Director of Christian Service Todd Wilson noted, “By the time a student finishes here at U of D Jesuit and finishes their Senior Service, they know what it means to live out our motto of Men for Others. It is like a sixth sense.”

**Senior Service**

It’s Wednesday morning and just like any winter Wednesday morning for over 40 years, U of D Jesuit seniors are spread throughout metro Detroit working on their Senior Service project. Over the course of the year, they will visit the site weekly to complete over 80 hours of service.

The long-standing tradition that helps shape one’s senior year experience also has life-long impacts. What alumnus can’t recall their Senior Service placement? What alumnus can’t recall being shaped by it in some small or significant way?

Fr. Tom Lumpkin has served as the co-director of Manna Community Meals, a soup kitchen housed in a church kitty-corner to the old Tiger Stadium in Detroit’s Corktown neighborhood. He founded the organization 35 years ago and over the years has seen numerous young men from The High serve meals in the basement of St. Peter’s Episcopal Church.

On this day, it is no different as one U of D Jesuit student pours coffee, another accepts and cleans trays at a clean-up station while two others work in the kitchen passing out food as guests come forward.

Fr. Lumpkin sits in a high-back chair against a wall that has a picture of the U of D Jesuit students who work at Manna. It notes that the school’s students will be serving guests each Wednesday.

“I think it helps to remove any stereotypes that they may have,” Fr. Lumpkin says about U of D Jesuit’s senior service program and work at Manna. “Often times, those that come from a suburban background might believe that poor people in the city are different in many ways from them — and in a negative way. But basically they are just like the people they know. They are just like the people from their neighborhood — most are decent and okay. The same is true here. The program helps shape this.”

“I absolutely love it here,” Thomas McCarter ’14 notes as he brushes off trays and throws paper plates into the nearby garbage can. The Midtown resident confirms much of what Fr. Lumpkin had pointed out. “I don’t feel any different than any of the people I am serving,” he said. “I just happen to be on the other side of the counter.”

“Senior service project humanizes this for you. It puts a face and a story on the situation. I love those humanizing, action moments.”

“Maybe it just gives you an outlook on the different levels of poverty and a deeper understanding of the situation than you previously thought,” said Andrew Mikes ’14 as he works the coffee station.
Senior Service Placements 2013-2014

While some are new, U of D Jesuit graduates will see that many of the same Senior Service placements that were there when they were a senior still are part of the placements today. Here’s a look at where U of D Jesuit seniors perform their service today:

Senior Service placements that were there when they were a senior still are part of the placements today. Today, students can work at many of the same organizations where they were placed in the past.

Located a good five iron drive from Manna — through Corktown and into Mexicantown — stands Cristo Rey High School, located on the grounds of community-pillar Holy Redeemer. In a completely different setting, two Groose Pointe Cubs (Ricardo Engel ’14 and John Mazur ’14) work individually with students tutoring them in Algebra II. Engel works on the basics with his student: “1-2 times” “5” he asks while patiently trying to coax an answer of positive five, yet explaining that if you added them together the answer would be “-6.”

“It is always great when a student understands something,” adds Mazur. When they can do it by themselves, it is rewarding because I can see I am getting to them.”

As important as the work itself is self and group reflection which drives a bigger picture understanding. Seniors are asked to submit reflection papers on a regular basis and also meet in small groups throughout the year to discuss their experience.

While soup kitchens and schools have always been long-term and popular placements for the Senior Service program, there are many, many others.

This year, some seniors participate in a program entitled “Detroit Swims” which is exactly what you would expect — teaching people to swim. Some of the Cub participants pair with autistic students in which the water helps their therapy. Another placement of students work with the mentally impaired at Winged Lake School in Bloomfield Hills. Still others give time at a Hispanic Outreach Center in Pontiac. Regardless of where a student is placed, the goal is to make sure there is human interaction.

With placements decided in May of one’s senior year so any background checks or other bureaucratic necessities can be completed by the time senior year begins, Wilson recalls

one student being apprehensive when assigned to a hospice program. “He was so anxious about it,” Wilson recalls. “But I thought he was mature enough to handle it and we worked him through it. He began calling on a man who was actively dying. Yet, the man continued to live on after his senior service year was over. Anthony continued to visit him in the summer until finally, he passed away.”

As in this example, the placement might not be a student’s first choice. (Choosing a placement close to home to allow for a few extra wreaths of sleep is not the program’s goal.)

“We want to place them at a site that might make them a little uncomfortable and challenge them,” admits Wilson. “But by the time they finish it is amazing the transformation that happens.”

Service and Mission Trips

Five distinctly different service and mission trips away U of D Jesuit students this summer. An ever-expanding part of the school’s service offerings, these immersion trips come straight from the mouth of St. Ignatius when he said “love ought to show itself in deeds more than words.”

The trips vary not only in location — where one can spend a week in Detroit or time in a Central American country for instance — but also in the goals of the trip as well as the cost.

Here’s a quick look at how some of The High’s students will spend part of their summer.

Equador

For ten days, students from U of D Jesuit High visit the people of “an invasion community” in Ecuador. (These are people in poverty who begin to establish their own community on the outskirts of the city. As Wilson explained it, if the government recognizes them, they may start to receive city services such as water and garbage pickup. If the government chooses not to recognize them, their simple homes may be torn down.)

“This is not a service trip,” Wilson quickly points out. “The model is we are human beings not human doers. It is part of living with the people in the community. We do multiple home visits each day and we hear people’s stories.”

While past visits have included visiting a home with Hansen’s Disease (leprosy) and working at a school doing some tutoring “the real activity is just to be there and to learn and understand what it is that people are living and experiencing” Wilson says. “It is fitting in with the community.”

The students, in an effort to fit in, try to live on two dollars of food per person, which is still double what an Ecuadorian exists on. As students return to the United States, they reflect on their experience. Often times, they note similar things:

• Grateful for the many gifts most experience in an opulent land such as the U.S.;
• Inspired to do something to assist in social justice causes in metro-Detroit;
• Aware of the commonality amongst all people. Wilson adds: “They come back knowing that even though this is a different culture and different people with different income and a different way of living, they still will see the connection that they are teenagers just like us. They still want the same things. I think a lot of the guys were surprised that they could relate. They have the same problems as they have here – relationships, friends, popular groups and all the same things.”

Student testimonials from their trip to Ecuador:

Joe Sharp ’14, Ecuador trip June 2013

“I was on a trip to Ecuador this summer and it was the most challenging experience of my life. We went to a village and did many different things, such as building a well in a remote mountainous area, and performing acts of kindness for the people such as teaching them cooking skills and helping with their daily tasks.

“Despite the language barrier, we were able to communicate and form meaningful relationships with the locals. It was a humbling experience to see the way they live and to understand the importance of cultural diversity.

“I will always remember the impact of this trip on my perspective and outlook on life. It taught me the value of compassion and empathy towards others, and the importance of giving back to society.

“This trip has made me more aware of the global issues and the need to make a positive impact in the world. I hope to continue to volunteer and make a difference in the lives of others.”

Senior John Mazur (left) and Ricardo Engel (right) work with Cristo Rey students on math problems.

A new placement for U of D Jesuit’s Senior Service program is the Detroit Swims program.
Immersion: Detroit!
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At the Romero Center, students learn more about the fight for social justice.

The Romero Center in El Salvador for a three day retreat. Students spend five days serving in Guatemala before heading to the

Guatemala / El Salvador
Students from The High have participated in this trip for many years, although past trips took them to Honduras. Run by International Samaritan, an organization founded by former U of D Jesuit faculty member Fr. Don Vetrose, E.J., students spend five days serving in Guatemala before heading to the Romero Center in El Salvador for a three day retreat.

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John Gregg ’74

John Gregg ’74 is all about serving people. His work takes place on many continents but all with one resolve: to help those who are poor and in need.

His accomplishments and work are literally too numerous to mention. (However, one can learn more by visiting the website for his American Christian International Foundation he created and maintains: www.a-c-i-f.org.) Consuming much of Gregg’s time these days is the development of the A-Car project in Nigeria. It is a multifunctional vehicle that delivers medical, agricultural, and education features in addition to the traditional transportation of people and goods that current automobiles deliver. The goal is to develop a model in which farmers whose annual income is $5,000 will be able to afford.

The 2010 U of D Jesuit Alumnus of the Year honoree spends much of his time in Nigeria, where they pilot many of their programs before any wide-spread launch.

In his own words:
When I look back on my Jesuit education at U of D Jesuit, I remember my theology classes the most. I also remember the service projects I was involved in. Even though it was a long time ago, I remember the young fellow that I tutored in mathematics from the neighborhood. Even though every day was a long trip into the city, I view it now like a long journey that was filled with blessings that set me up for the future. I traveled 45,000 miles (over the four years), to get an education that built the skills that I would need to tutor that young boy — and now I travel 75,000 miles a year to reach out to the poor in our global neighborhood.

— John Gregg ’74

Mike Tenbusch ’87

Resume:
• 2014: Chief Impact Officer at United Way for Southeastern Michigan
• 2008–2013: Vice President for Educational Preparedness at United Way for Southeastern Michigan
• 2005–2007: Chief Operations Officer at University Prep Academy
• 1997–2005: Co-founder (with Dan Varner ’87) and Chief Executive Officer of Think Detroit

Since graduating from law school in 1997, I have worked on three things:
• Creating sports leagues across Detroit to give kids a chance to have fun and build character similar to the opportunities I enjoyed growing up in Rosedale Park in the ’70s and ’80s. In 2006, we merged with Detroit PAL and now serve 10,000 young people annually with the help of 1,500 trained, volunteer coaches — most of whom come from the neighborhoods and families we serve.
• Helping a charter school graduate its first class of seniors at an unprecedented rate of 93% in 2007 when the city-wide rate was significantly lower than that and few people thought 90% was possible.
• Leading a ten-year, regional effort to turn around or shut down all of 30 high schools in Southeast Michigan in which the senior class was less than 60% the size of the freshmen class for three or more straight years.

In his own words:
I enjoyed a wonderful childhood growing up in northwest Detroit, but also one that was marked by senseless violence to friends and neighbors, and that experience instilled in me what has become a mission to make Detroit a great place to be and to raise a family. (Dan Varner ’87, came up with that vision for Think Detroit, and I find it captures my heart pretty well.)

— Mike Tenbusch ’87
Four Questions with Matthew Hannafee ’79

By Christopher Holinski ’02

Matthew Hannafee ’79 serves as the Executive Director for the Illinois Coalition to End Homelessness (ICH). Matthew and the ICH’s mission is to prevent and end homelessness while ensuring the immediate needs of those experiencing homelessness are met and their civil liberties are protected. He has done quite an admirable job fulfilling the mission especially when it comes to children. Matthew was part of the campaign to pass the Illinois Education for the Homeless Children Act back in 1994. Due to this landmark legislation, Hanafee has continued to work to implement its’ objectives and help as many children as possible.

1. How has your Jesuit education influenced your life and the decisions you have made along your journey?

My first really big decision that was influenced by the Jesuits was which college to attend. I choose Marquette University in Milwaukee due to its urban setting and the Jesuit education.

While at college, I quickly discovered that the education I had received at U of D High was superior to what most of my fellow students had experienced. The most obvious tool I had been given at U of D was the ability to express myself with words. This has served me well in my career. All of the essays I had to write have made it easy for me to make a point and back it up.

Another part of the Jesuit tradition that has had an influence on me is their strong commitment to give back to society. I hope I have lived up to the motto of a “Man for Others.” I am not sure I went a week during my freshman year without hearing that phrase. It might have taken awhile but I believe it sunk in at some point. My senior service assignment was to assist the volunteers at a day center that help individuals and families that were under-resourced, many of them experiencing homelessness. I did come to realize that I wanted to help others and be involved in systematic change.

Another thing that had a huge influence on my life was the decision that the Jesuits made to stand their ground and continue their commitment to the City of Detroit. They led by example and taught me that sometimes the easy decision is not the best and you have to consider how your decisions affect others.

Finally I have to mention the people around me that have walked with me on my journey. It begins with my parents. They also decided to stay in Detroit. My mother still calls Detroit her home. Also I have to mention the incredible sacrifices my parents made to give me a Jesuit education. I know that they did not give it a second thought but it has never been lost on me. This helped me learn that things of value come from sacrifices and hard work.

2. What have been some of your most satisfying moments while first at the Illinois Coalition to End Homelessness (ICH) and now working with students that are experiencing homelessness in the suburbs of Chicago?

At ICH, I had the good fortune to work on a campaign to pass the Illinois Education for Homeless Children Act. It passed in 1994 and it greatly expanded the educational opportunities for children in transition. This landmark legislation became the inspiration for the Federal McKinney-Vento Act. Also, while I worked at ICH, I was able to conduct research that helped to bring the realities of homelessness to the general public and policy-makers.

For the last six years, I have been working to implement the McKinney-Vento Act with the 306 school districts in suburban Chicago. Since I took over the grant, the number of students receiving assistance went from 3,387 to 13,469, an increase of almost 300%. My colleagues and I have convinced school officials that homelessness is a real problem.

3. What do you hope to accomplish during your tenure at the Coalition?

Right now, I would say my goals are to continue to ensure more students get the assistance they need. We are still not reaching all the children that need our help. This year, we have already identified as many children as last year with three months left in the school year. In regards to new initiatives, I would like to start a scholarship fund to assist students experiencing homelessness. A related goal is to create a speaker’s bureau of these students to help educate policy-makers to the reality that students continue to fall through the cracks.

4. Any advice for the younger Cubs just getting started in their careers?

I guess I would tell them to find their passion and try to match that with a career. I can honestly say in the last 20 years, I can count on one hand the days I have dreaded going to work. Another thing that is probably kind of a common theme is to find a way to give back. This does not have to be a job that gives direct service like mine. It can be support of resources and time to worthy causes. In both of my recent jobs, this kind of support has helped me greatly.

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How has your Jesuit education influenced your life and the decisions you have made along your journey?

My first really big decision that was influenced by the Jesuits was which college to attend. I choose Marquette University in Milwaukee due to its urban setting and the Jesuit education.

While at college, I quickly discovered that the education I had received at U of D High was superior to what most of my fellow students had experienced. The most obvious tool I had been given at U of D was the ability to express myself with words. This has served me well in my career. All of the essays I had to write have made it easy for me to make a point and back it up.

Another part of the Jesuit tradition that has had an influence on me is their strong commitment to give back to society. I hope I have lived up to the motto of a “Man for Others.” I am not sure I went a week during my freshman year without hearing that phrase. It might have taken awhile but I believe it sunk in at some point. My senior service assignment was to assist the volunteers at a day center that help individuals and families that were under-resourced, many of them experiencing homelessness. I did come to realize that I wanted to help others and be involved in systematic change.

Another thing that had a huge influence on my life was the decision that the Jesuits made to stand their ground and continue their commitment to the City of Detroit. They led by example and taught me that sometimes the easy decision is not the best and you have to consider how your decisions affect others.

Finally I have to mention the people around me that have walked with me on my journey. It begins with my parents. They also decided to stay in Detroit. My mother still calls Detroit her home. Also I have to mention the incredible sacrifices my parents made to give me a Jesuit education. I know that they did not give it a second thought but it has never been lost on me. This helped me learn that things of value come from sacrifices and hard work.

What have been some of your most satisfying moments while first at the Illinois Coalition to End Homelessness (ICH) and now working with students that are experiencing homelessness in the suburbs of Chicago?

At ICH, I had the good fortune to work on a campaign to pass the Illinois Education for Homeless Children Act. It passed in 1994 and it greatly expanded the educational opportunities for children in transition. This landmark legislation became the inspiration for the Federal McKinney-Vento Act. Also, while I worked at ICH, I was able to conduct research that helped to bring the realities of homelessness to the general public and policy-makers.

For the last six years, I have been working to implement the McKinney-Vento Act with the 306 school districts in suburban Chicago. Since I took over the grant, the number of students receiving assistance went from 3,387 to 13,469, an increase of almost 300%. My colleagues and I have convinced school officials that homelessness is a real problem.

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A fresh start, with plenty of Cubs in leadership roles

“Hope is not a strategy” may have been coined by national politicians, but nowhere is this aphorism more relevant than in the city of Detroit.

For years we’ve hoped, read about, and prayed for Detroit’s city of Detroit. It’s easy to read the headlines or a Tweet about Detroit and sense that a hand-basket and its trusty partner have arrived, but last year allowed Detroit a real – and much-needed – fresh start.

In February of 2013, Michigan Governor Rick Snyder appointed Kevyn Orr as emergency financial manager of Detroit following a declaration of financial emergency. After several months of failed negotiations, Orr filed for Chapter 9 bankruptcy protection in the Eastern District of Michigan U.S. Bankruptcy Court in July. In lead the struggling city.

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As the record-setting snowy winter continued to pound Detroit in January, garbage pickup was 130,000 households behind because of a recent snowstorm. Duggan dispatched garbage trucks around the clock rather than just during usual business hours to eliminate the backlog. The plan worked.

Another example, one morning on his way to work, he noticed of the eight city buses he saw only two were Detroit Department of Transportation (DDOT) buses. Detroit may be known as the Motor City, but according to a 2013 study by Ann Arbor’s Transportation Research Institute, only 26 percent of Detroit household owns a vehicle, which means they rely largely on buses to get to jobs.

“By 8 in the morning, DDOT was already two hours behind schedule,” said Duggan. “I was so embarrassed and angry … and so I went in to see the Emergency Manager Kevyn Orr and by 10 o’clock in the morning he’d been given the authority to replace the DDOT director to change the level of service. We are not going to tolerate this level of service in Detroit.”

Since making the change, DDOT is adding surveillance cameras and additional security to protect the safety of drivers and passengers. Because the foundation of successful cities is strong neighborhoods, Duggan has a proposal to take the 15 DDOT departments and agencies dealing with neighborhoods and services and consolidate them into one department called, plaintively, ‘the neighborhood department.’

Duggan can’t possibly do all this alone and he’s assembled a strong team of leaders, including Cubs and parents of Cubs.

“In selecting my Cabinet and other members of my Administration, I chose people who had a commitment to the city of Detroit right now and in the future.”

Jake McKinnon, former Detroit Police Chief and parent of Cub grad Jeffrey ‘96 and Jason ‘99, is now Detroit’s Deputy Mayor. McKinnon’s focus is on public safety, including police, fire, EMS and homeland security services.

“I’ve dedicated my life to some form of community service,” said McKinnon. “At one point, I may have been a role model for my kids, but parents can learn from their children, as I have mine. Our sons learned at The High that community service is more than a project or offering a helping hand – it’s the joy gained by participating in the community where you live, work, and play – and you want others to know that joy, too.”

In addition to other, pressing duties, McKinnon is busy organizing volunteers for a massive Detroit park clean-up and he’s enlisted friends, ministers, and others. “Kids need a place for recreation and we are going to provide them.”

Another Cub, Melvin “Butch” Hollowell ’77, was nominated by Duggan for Corporation Counsel, the city’s top lawyer.

“I entered The High in the fall of 1973” Hollowell said. “We were to be the school’s 100th graduating class. During my first week, there was an assembly in the gym to hear Focus: HOPE co-founder Eleanor Jontox, who spoke in gripping terms about how special U of D High is in the life of this community, and how we as students and graduates have a special calling to engage our brains and our hearts in the service of others. I never forgot that assembly. In my new position with the Duggan Administration, I think about that special “Men for Others.” It motivates me to do my best at such a vital and exciting time for Detroit.”

Finally, a year before Duggan arrived, when Detroit citizens reached a critical mass of frustration because of a lack of accountability in Detroit’s highest office, they created the Office of Inspector General, an independent agency responsible for ensuring honesty and integrity in City government by rooting out waste, abuse, fraud, and corruption.

Detroit’s first Inspector General is Cub James Heath ‘93.

“The ‘Men for Others’ culture at U of D had a tremendous impact on my desire to be of service to my community,” Heath said. “However, the personal commitment which the Jesuit and other school leaders had to the City of Detroit, exemplified by their decision to remain in the city during tougher times, has taught me the true values of loyalty and dedication.”

“One of the first steps in improving the quality of city services is to improve the confidence which our customers, citizens, and other stakeholders, have in our government. The Office of Inspector General’s primary role is to ensure that public servants and contractors are working in the best interests of the City.”

Detroit needed a clean start, a tabula rasa if you will, on which to build a realistic future. All journeys begin with a single step. In the past year, Detroit has taken many, with our Cubs along for the journey.
WhereNow are they

Fr. Bob Shafer ’73 For parts of three decades, Fr. Bob Shafer ’73 was a familiar faculty member around U of D Jesuit. Known then as Mr. Shafer, the Jesuit Academy science teacher taught students to embrace science and made learning fun. In addition, Shafer coached sports and was a regular at extra-curriculars and sporting events. A person who previously studied as a Jesuit, Shafer ultimately decided to again pursue religious life and left U of D Jesuit to begin the road towards ordination as a archdiocesan priest. In an email exchange, was a familiar faculty member around U of D Jesuit. Known then as Mr. Shafer, the Jesuit previously studied as a Jesuit, Shafer ultimately decided to again pursue religious life and left U of D Jesuit.

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What classes did you teach and extra-curriculars and sports were you involved in while teaching here?
I taught a variety of courses. Initially, I taught in the theology department, at the Academy level. When Mr. Jim Leary passed away, I took over his duties, teaching Academy science. As the years went by, I taught algebra, high school biology and honors biology for the freshmen.

I coached in the soccer program at various levels. For most years, I coached in the Academy. I was also the junior varsity soccer coach for one year. I also coached, with Mr. Dave Bassett, the Academy baseball team.

Since departing U of D Jesuit to join the seminary, walk us through your career and the various stops you’ve had.
When I left the High, I entered Sacred Heart Seminary. Because of my studies as a Jesuit, I was not required to enter as a student of philosophy. Luckily I began a four year course of study to grant me a Masters of Theology. I spent my ministerial year at St. Mel in Garden City. My first priestly assignment was for three years at St. Andrew’s in Rochester. I moved to St. Joan of Arc in St. Clair Shores. After serving as administrator at Our Lady of the Angels in Taylor, I was at St. Angela in Roseville for a year and Novi’s Holy Family parish for two years. My latest assignment has been at St. Timothy in Trenton for the past eight years.

Are there lessons from your days in the classroom at The High that come in handy now as a Pastor?
There are many. I was not a teacher that had a non-flexible teaching style. As a teacher, I needed to adapt my lesson plan to the different events in the classroom. At times, the way I taught and what I said might have changed from the beginning of the class to the end. This can happen in Church. Events can occur during the first part of Mass that change the expression of the meanings of the readings of the day.

You spent time in the Jesuits before reentering religious life by becoming a diocesan priest. What led you to choose the diocesan road and what was your discernment process like?
Initially, I began to investigate the studies for the Diaconate program. As the steps were completed, the Archdiocesan program was put on hold. During the three years in hiatus, I continued to teach at The High. People there, both faculty and students, mentioned to me that I should study for the priesthood. After a lot of praying and investigating, I entered the diocesan program for the priesthood.

What’s most challenging part of your job today?
Each person views the church in a different way. The last years have been ones when being a priest was not seen as a favorable job or ministry. The actions of a few changed how people viewed those who did great work. Some great priests have left the priesthood because of the stressors involved. Others have remained despite these same stressors.

Some people desire that the church should return to a very traditional model. Priests and people in this belief system want the church to return to a simpler time, a time when the rules were rigid. Morals and mores were black or white. There is no room for “grey” thinking.

Other believers desire a church that is filled with thinking and reflection joined with prayer and common sense. I initially learned this from Rev. George R. Follen, S.J. There is room for “grey” thinking. People take time to bring themselves and others into a greater and stronger relationship with God.

As a diocesan priest I find it challenging to meet all of the needs of my parishioners. Both groups of parishioners need to be fed by grace that brings them closer to Christ. By having had training from the Society as well as from Sacred Heart Seminary, I am able to blend my Jesuit background with the studies of my diocesan brethren to do as much as I can to meet the needs of my parish community.

As a teacher, you spoke in front of students learning science. Now, you speak to all ages giving homilies. What’s more difficult? Do you sometimes catch yourself in “teacher mode” today?
I have entered into “teaching mode” when the full meaning of a scriptural passage is not understood unless it is explained. I find that this allows me to blend a teaching moment with an understandable anecdote. My learning to do this in the Academy is a great tool. My ability to give good homilies comes from a blend of teaching and a means to take a complex idea and bring it to an understandable lesson. This brings me back to giving a clearly understood message.

For part of the time you taught in The Jesuit Academy, you were part of a team that included some true legends of The High, led by Mr. Wendell Hall. Share what it was like to work as a team with such great educators.
These were not only great teachers, but great people and good friends. I was blessed to learn from the men and women who were my teachers and confreres. As many experience in their
first year of teaching, my experience in the classroom during that first year was poor. Luckily, Mr. Hall and Mr. Zbrad believed that I would become a good teacher. They went to the principal to plead my case. I was mentored by them during that second year and developed some of the tools that would allow me to have fun teaching science in the academy and the high school. Many other teachers could be named. Some of these were the men who taught me when I was a student. Others were from men and women who joined my journey to become a good teacher.

One other person needs to be mentioned. I was blessed to have a great principal in Fr. Dick Tweek, S.J. He put up with my shenanigans and encouraged me to grow as a teacher. Another principal would not allow me to become a better teacher. Thanks Dick!

Walk us through some of your favorite memories teaching in the Academy. I’d have to assume that they would include your yearly appearance in a space suit, as well as other special projects you initiated for your students?

There are many events that occurred during these years in the high school and Academy. Rocket Day occurred during a great Academy day. Each student who participated built a rocket kit and launched it into space. Some were elaborate. Others were modeled using tape and glue, maybe made that morning. A rocket buzzed over our heads. One of the rockets landed on the number of the launches went awry. We often ducked, as a rocket would be removed. Unknown to anyone, Mike had broken his hand in one of the officers reached up to retrieve the runaway rocket and did a drug bust on the same house. In the midst of an arrest, Mike had broken his hand in three places, resulting in an inability to move that hand. The other players kept the ball from entering St. Pachal’s goal.

Do you keep in touch or see many fellow faculty members from your time at The High or any students?

At this time, I do not see many faculty members or students. Paths just haven’t crossed. It would be great to hear from some of them.

Any specific memories of your time at U of D Jesuit that really stand out or had an impact on you?

Two memories have stood out over the years. The first individual was Ms. Sharon Coyne, Mr. Tom Coyne’s sister. Teaching with Tom each day was a treat. I hope that I had half of the love of my students as Tom and Sharon had for him. Every day, as I entered the classroom that we shared, Sharon would greet me making the day one with an “I know you” or “Hi Bob” followed by a brief description of what Tom had done. Her unconditional love was a wonderful beginning of each day.

The other events that are hard to think about are remembering those students that have passed home to the Lord. In the Highlights, I am “told” about students in the high school and the Academy that are no longer with us. They are part of my debilatating illnesses. Please join me in praying for them.

What’s your funniest anecdote that you recall from your time at 8400 South Cambridge?

At my ordination party, 15 years ago, I was told by a faculty member that we would golf each year as a remembrance of the times we had golfed before. I am waiting now for 14 rounds of golf. Maybe someday I can share a good round on a nice course with a cold beverage. Or maybe not!!

PEOPLE OF THE HIGH - Where are they Now?

CUB BIRTHS and ADOPTIONS

Lauren and Matthew George ’00 welcomed Jamison Tobias on February 27, 2014. He weighed 7 pounds and 12 ounces and measured 20.25 inches.

Holly and Jason Hemak ’00 welcomed Joseph Daniel on September 5, 2013. He weighed 7 pounds and 2 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Angela Bako and Sean Moran ’00 welcomed Cameron Robert on January 16, 2014.

Laura and Pelar Eshaki ’01 welcomed their daughter, Fiona Grace, on November 6, 2013. She weighed 8 pounds and 10 ounces and measured 20.5 inches.

Deb and Matt Dorsch ’01 welcomed their daughter, Elle Margaret, on November 25, 2013. She weighed 5 pounds and 15 ounces and measured 19.5 inches.

Anne Kline-LaRochelle and Jesse LaRochelle ’06 welcomed their daughter, Cecilia Rose on July 18, 2013.

Send us your marriage or birth announcements. If you were recently married, or have recently become a father or grandfather, we’d like to share your news with Highlights readers. Send your marriage or birth announcement to highlights@uofdjesuit.org. Make sure to include a photo and as much pertinent information as possible.
Alumni Job Board

Charles Mattas ‘48
Retired to the U.P. since 1976. Five children, 14 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

William Arlinghaus ‘61
Is currently the Math Club moderator at U of D Jesuit High School.

Timothy Wiedman ‘69
Associate Professor of Management & Human Resources at Doane College in Crete, Nebraska, earning tenure in May, 2013. After climbing the management ladder for 13 years and earning his master’s degree, Tim switched careers and has been teaching college level business and management courses for more than 25 years. He completed his Doctor of Business Administration degree in March, 2006.

Michael Cole ’77
In December 2013, I was promoted to Brigadier General in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. I have been in the Air Force for 30 years now and it is my privilege to serve at least a few more years. This has been a ride beyond my wildest dreams.

Jim Feldman ’85
Recently, I have been named the Great Lakes Regional Specialist for the Transatlantic Outreach Program. We are a private/public corporation that provides lesson study, educational materials, seminars and all-expense paid study tours for teachers related to Germany. In this position, I used the lessons that I learned at The High – especially being a “Man for Others.”

Brian K. Sweeney ’85
has been US Vice President of Chevrolet Sales, Service and Marketing at General Motors Company since March 1, 2014.

Thomas Williams ’97
I am practicing medicine in Clinton Township and having a good time. My blessings to everyone at The High.

Richard Siemon ‘01
Was recently honorably discharged from the U.S. Army and was featured in an article from Voom (http://goo.gl/8M6aY2)

Andrew Novak ’02
I am currently an adjunct professor of international and comparative criminal justice at George Mason University and an adjunct professor of African Law at American University.

I have recently published two books on the decline of the death penalty worldwide. I also practice law part-time in Washington, DC, where I do employment discrimination for a government agency.

Joseph Stephanoff ’05
Engaged to Jacqueline Cavanaugh, getting married in October 2014.

Peter Kovach ’11
Currently a student at Loyola, New Orleans, Peter founded the non-profit, Holoma Life Learning, which teaches teens about financial literacy and valuable life skills. (http://goo.gl/8jFCjr)

The U of D Jesuit community joins in prayerful remembrance.

Fr. Peppard leads Detroit’s Ss. Peter & Paul

Fr. Pat Peppard, S.J. has been missioned by the Jesuit Provincial, Fr. Tim Kesicki, S.J. to Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Detroit as the Parish Administrator. The parish, in downtown Detroit, is located on Jefferson Avenue across from the Renaissance Center. Fr. Peppard has been on the faculty at the University of Detroit Jesuit High School on and off since 1979.

Fr. Peppard commented, “It seemed good to return to the ‘mother ship.’ Ss. Peter and Paul is where Jesuit ministry began in Detroit over 100 years ago and the Parish has been a grand part of Detroit’s Catholic past. We are in the present, a vital part of Detroit’s ministry to those who need a helping hand.”

Fr. Peppard’s experience as a young Jesuit working with Fr. Clem Kern at Most Holy Trinity Church in Detroit’s Corktown area helped to form him in working with the poor. As a young man, he learned life lessons from his parents about helping your neighbors. His dad took him along when he drove patients to St. Thomas Hospital, and also persuaded Pat to help paint rooms at the Catholic Worker Hospitality House. His mother filled their garage and living room with clothes and toys she had gathered for poor families at Christmas which Pat helped distribute.

After taking vows and acquiring three degrees at Loyola University in Chicago, Fr. Peppard was missioned to teach religion for forty-five years in Jesuit high schools and had the pleasure of directing 80 high school plays. He devoted weekends to parish ministry. His summers were spent preaching and directing retreats for priests and nuns and he served as a chaplain for unwed teen mothers, and boys in reform school for murder.

Fr. Peppard recently completed fifty years as a Jesuit.
Thank you for all your support!
Annually, the Franciscan University of Steubenville hosts an auction to raise funds for various departments and initiatives. The 2013 auction recap highlights the contributions of alumni, faculty, and friends who have supported the university. The event showcases the generosity and camaraderie of the Franciscan community, with names of donors and their families listed in recognition of their contributions. The auction not only raises financial support but also strengthens the bonds between alumni and the university, fostering a sense of community and shared values.

Some notable donors include Slidee and Dwayne Steers, Anne and John Sullivan, 96, and John and Carolyn Woods, 76. Other alumni and friends such as Jennifer and John Woods, 96; Christopher Janes, 76; and Robert and Mary Woods, 82, also made significant contributions. The event is a testament to the long-standing tradition of giving that characterizes the Franciscan community and its commitment to education and service.
Remember when... 1948

End of the school day.

42nd Annual Scholarship Auction • Saturday, November 9, 2013
Thanks to the army of volunteers and generous donors, a sold out crowd enjoyed a celebration of our beloved state in U of D Jesuit style. Spirited bidding, all to help provide tuition assistance to The High’s students, raised a record $475,000. Thank you!