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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Blessed be God!

Education, we are all in this together. We can help shape the lives of those who otherwise would not receive a Catholic education.

Dear Friends of Marian/Mater Dei,

As we contemplate with hearts full of gratitude, and joy from all the accomplishments at MDCHS, we humbly ask God to help us remember that all these gifts are to be shared so that we may become a beacon of hope in the world.

During the last few months, Mater Dei Catholic High School has been eagerly preparing and awaiting the opening of the Mater Dei Juan Diego Academy, the new elementary school on our campus, as an extension of our ministry in the Eastlake area. After much preparation and arduous work, in August 2015, Mater Dei opened its doors to 704 high school and 111 elementary students. God has been good to us, and we are glad indeed; therefore, we would like to share that gift, and make Catholic elementary and secondary education accessible and affordable to as many families as possible.

Looking at Syria, we may wonder what we can do to help all those in need. As a Sister Servant of the Blessed Sacrament, I am dedicated to spreading the love of Jesus in the Eucharist through the ministry of Catholic education. For you, supporting the young minds and hearts that will spread the love of God in places like Syria, where faith and hope have been lost, is one thing you can do.

Pope Francis encourages us to build a better world for everyone. *"Fraternal relations between people, and cooperation in building a more just society—these are not an idealistic dream, but the fruit of a concerted effort on the part of all, in service of the common good."* Together we can shape the lives of our students, especially those who otherwise would not receive a Catholic education.

Approximately 40% of our students would not be at Mater Dei without your generosity. Our thanks to you for this is our continued commitment to faith and excellence.

Blessings and prayers for you and your loved ones!

Sister Lilia M. Barba, SJS
MDCHS/MDJDA President

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Our students are preparing themselves for their future. In doing so, we admire the students and their involvement at Mater Dei Catholic.

Dear Crusaders,

With the onset of every school year, there is much excitement and anticipation of great things to come. Faculty, students and parents all have their hopes and dreams of having the very best school year possible in all facets of the school.

This school year we anticipate nothing less. We have rolled-out more than 700 hundred Lenovo Yoga's for each and every student. Our faculty has made tremendous efforts in preparing themselves professionally to provide a quality Catholic education for your son or daughter. We have made positive additions to our faculty, facility, curriculum and co-curricular offerings.

With over 70% of the students involved in various co-curricular activities, it verifies and acknowledges our motto of "Mater Dei Catholic is a place for everyone!" On the academic scheme of things, we concluded last year with an overall 3.14 school-wide grade point average. Our students who took Advanced Placement classes passed the AP exam at an 89% pass rate – a jump of 10% from last year! Hat's off to all of our students and their teachers!

When all is said and done, there is one group that needs to be recognized, that is our parents and guardians. We acknowledge and appreciate the tremendous sacrifice you make to send your son/daughter to Mater Dei Catholic. You have entrusted us with the task of educating your child. You have made many investments in your life, providing a quality Catholic education for your son or daughter will certainly be one with a rewarding dividend!

Yours in Catholic education,
George Milke
Principal

AP TEST SCORES – HIGHER THAN EVER!



MATER DEI STUDENTS FAR EXCEEDING STATE AND GLOBAL AP TEST SCORES

In 2015, 89.3% of Mater Dei students who took the Advanced Placement (AP) exam passed with a score of 3 or higher. To know why this is tremendous news, compare it to the only 64% of students in California State who passed with a 3 or higher, and only 61% of students who passed, globally.

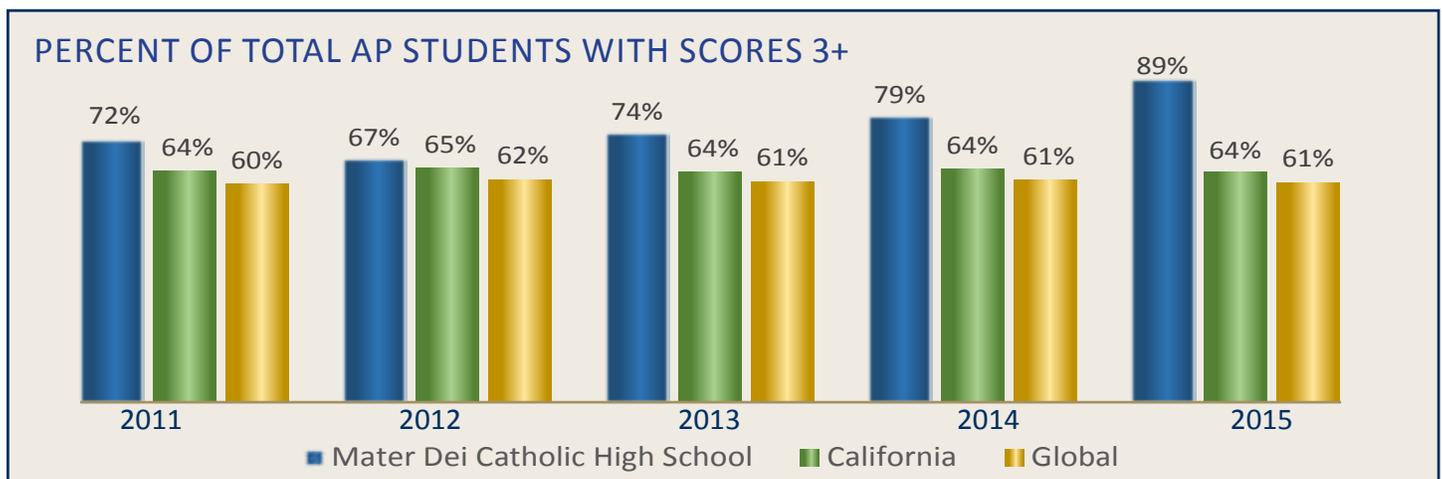
There are some great advantages that Mater Dei students receive for passing the AP exam with a score of 3 or more. Universities require General Education (GE) classes that all students must take before they are able to get to the focal classes for their major. In fact, students cannot graduate without completing GE credits. However, at many schools, these requirements can be waived for students with passing AP scores.

University of California (UC) schools, where many of our Mater Dei students end up going, grant credit for Advanced Placement examinations on which a student scores 3 or higher, for requirements in English, Math, and certain humanities, behavioral

or social sciences, and biological or physical sciences. AP credits can relieve students from those required “Intro to...” or “101” courses. AP passing scores may even sometimes count for classes toward a student’s major.

Either way, a passing AP score means students have to take less classes in college because they already took them in high school. This frees up time for students to take up a minor in college, or take a double major. Some students may even be able to graduate from college early because they passed AP courses in high school!

Each year, since opening on our new Mater Dei campus, we have grown in our academics and our athletics, and have preserved our faith. As we watch our students rise far above the test scores of other California schools, we feel appreciative of all of our dedicated faculty and staff, students and families, and the alumni who come back to mentor our students. Together we will continue to grow.





USCD Mentors and Interns L-R: (Back Row) Dr. James McKerrow, Manuel Sobol, Magy Sanz, Diana De La Toba, Dr. Danielle Skinner, (Front) Dr. Stephan Meister, Dr. Ruben Abagyan

MDCHS SCIENCE ACADEMY INTERNSHIPS OFFER STUDENTS EXPERIENCE THEY CAN'T GET IN THE CLASSROOM

MDCHS Science Academy students will gladly tell you that an internship does not have to mean pouring coffee and filing papers in a dull office. From prepping animals for surgery at Rolling Hills Pet Hospital under the guidance of veterinarians, as Madeline Friedrich did this year, to studying the effects of biofuel in stormwater as a source of contamination into our oceans, like Mary Machniak, internships can lead a student toward his or her passion, and open doors for a future they can get excited about.

“Dr. Keith Hilinski and Dr. Monica Gabourel were both mentors for me.” Friedrich shared. “They gave me a lot of good advice and showed a work ethic that was beneficial to me. They both graduated from veterinary school at the University of California, Davis. This inspired me to apply at UC Davis, and other schools that have a strong vet program.”

Tristan Wesson worked in a doctor’s office as well, but in the field of plastic surgery. “I had a phenomenal mentor in Dr. Steven Cohen,” Wesson said. “In addition to his regular office work, he does

work with children at Rady’s Children’s Hospital, treating children with craniofacial disorders, congenital defects, and he does reconstructive surgery when cancerous tumors are removed. My internship meant getting a glimpse into my future, which is to change lives through science and medicine.”

Internships with our local oceans are a big part of the Science Academy. Senior Karla Vargas worked with the Living Coast Discovery Center. Mater Dei’s Science Academy has had a long partnership with this organization and also receives assistance from the center for the school’s sea bass project, where students study, raise and release sea bass in the waters near the Living Coast Discovery Center’s land.

Felix Hernandez, did an internship with Ocean Connectors, a nonprofit that teaches youth about migratory sea life through coastal field trips and activities. “Kids need to know how important it is to protect the environment. My mentor, Ocean Connector’s director, Francis Kinney, has shown me that if you’re passionate enough you can make a difference and inspire other people also.”

Mary Machniak also worked in ocean science, under SSC Pacific– a program under the US Navy. Her objective was



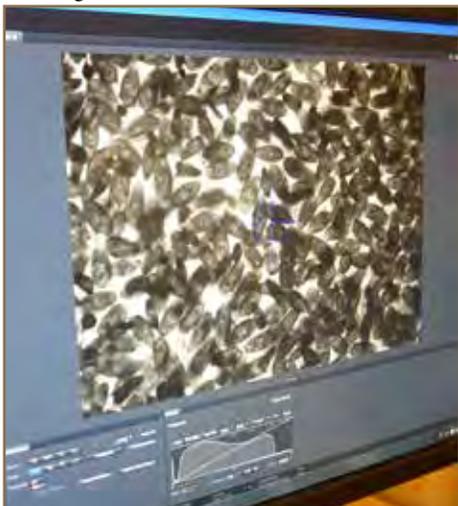
to evaluate the toxicity of contaminants in sediment, and see how it affected organisms that live in it. She used a 3D printer to help her mentors improve the SEA Ring (Sediment Ecotoxicity Assessment Ring–see left) for better determining the toxicity of contaminated sediment. She is currently writing a proposal for a patent on the improvements she made.



Private and government organizations aren't the only ones offering opportunities for high school students. If a student wants to stand out on a college application, an internship at a university is a terrific place to look. All college hopefuls write essays that make them sound interesting, likable, and professional, but the truth is it is still a risk for colleges and universities to accept a student that they don't know, especially when so many students look good on paper. Since successful students make a successful college, colleges will readily consider a recommendation from a professor or mentor who knows a student personally, thanks to an internship.

At the University of California San Diego, new internship opportunities exist for Mater Dei students. Dr. James McKerrow, Dean of The Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, opened the door to have PhD-level science mentors devote time and resources to training the high school's Science Academy students.

This summer, three students took part in the program—Magy Sanz, who did drug screens for malaria with Dr. Stephan Meister; Diana De La Toba, who studied the human parasite *schistosoma mansoni* (photo below) under the direction of Dr. Danielle Skinner; and Manuel Sobol, who studied how drugs interacted with the signaling of G protein pathways in GPCRs (G-protein-coupled receptors), under the guidance of both Dr. Ruben Abagyan and Dr. Irina Kufareva. All three say the internship helped them to solidify their plans for what they want to do after high school.



Joseph Chiappe did his summer internship at the private Roman Catholic university to which many Mater Dei students apply—the University of San Diego. USD offers internships opportunities that allow Science Academy students to study science in a faith-based institution. Chiappe, with mentor Dr. Beth O'Shea, spent hours looking for arsenic while hiking at Black Mountain. Their goal was to try to uncover how it got there, what the levels are, and if it is potentially dangerous to the public.



"I really want to be a physical therapist, but through my internship I could see how fieldwork like this relates," Chiappe said. "My internship helped me to realize that I don't want a job where I just sit in an office my entire life."

Mater Dei's school-wide test scores, and the number of scholarships offered to students are at an all-time high, fueled by the commitment of faculty, staff, students and families. And, there is no contesting that internship experiences with doctors, dentists, PhD level scientists, and veterinarians are giving Mater Dei students an edge.

"I'm so grateful for the opportunities and partnerships we've gotten in the past few years. They are life-changing ones for our students," says Academy of Science director, Dr. Suzanne Till, a scientist herself, and a PhD. "It means everything to me that we can give them these kinds of options."

Several other Mater Dei students also did internships at the University of San Diego in recent months.



- Maria Galvez studied organic chemistry in the lab under Dr. Timothy Clark.
- Gabriela Quevedo studied the dispersal of marine organisms off the coast of La Jolla, under the guidance of Dr. Nathalie Reyns, and developed her own project researching the types of fish species emerging on the coast.
- Angel Beltran and Eric Rodriguez worked with a group of USD students and professors collecting samples at Mission Bay to see if the water had been contaminated after rainfall.



- Allison Malunes, along with mentor Dr. Theresa Sinicrope Talley, studied the fate of microplastics along the urban watershed.

MATER DEI JUAN DIEGO ACADEMY



MATER DEI'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, JUAN DIEGO ACADEMY, HAS NOW OPENED!

Serving grades K-2 this year, MDJDA is set to grow to add one grade each year until it completes all grades K-8. The school serves the Mater Dei and Corpus Christi parishes, and families in the local community. With a new community of teachers and teachers assistants, under the leadership of principal Susana Martinez, the school will make Mater Dei the first Catholic school in San Diego that will serve students from ages K-12, on the same campus.

MDJDA students are completely immersed in a dual immersion English-Spanish 21st century learning program that incorporates faith formation to prepare them for high school and life beyond. The curriculum is focused on the STREAM method of education: Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics.

The school is also a part of FIAT, the collaboration of Catholic schools and parishes in Southern San Diego. FIAT

(Faith, Innovation, Academics, Team) is committed to offering innovative Catholic education to families in our communities. The team, including Mater Dei, St. Rose of Lima, St. Michael Academy, St. Pius X, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, and St. Charles School, has the goal to provide all families in South San Diego communities with access to excellent learning opportunities..

If you would like to learn more about the Juan Diego Academy at Mater Dei, please visit our website at www.mdjda.org.





MATER DEI HONORS OUR LEGACY WITH THE NEW MARIAN HERITAGE HALL

After over 50 years as a permanent fixture at 1002 18th Street in South San Diego, the walls of Marian Catholic High School are coming down. Soon it will become a city block filled with 175 three and four-bedroom homes.

The original campus consisted of three classrooms and expanded over 46 years. The first name of the school was Marian High—the name “Marian” in reference to Mary, Mother of God. 25 years later Marian High officially changed its name to Marian Catholic High School, to more clearly identify it as a Catholic institution.



Chapel pews being disposed of during the Marian demolition. Second from back is the pew that was saved and refinished. It is now part of the Marian Heritage Hall Exhibit.

Marian was founded in 1960 by Bishop Charles F. Buddy. The very first coeducational Catholic High School in the Diocese of San Diego. It was built on twenty acres of land just outside of Imperial Beach—land given as a donation by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Egger.

In 2007, after the school moved to its new location in east Chula Vista, the name changed again to Mater Dei Catholic High School. Though Mater Dei also means “Mother of God” in reference to Mary, the change raised some eyebrows amongst alumni who felt that both their old school grounds, and their old school name were now gone. Even when the school erected the Marian Chapel in honor of its prior name, for many Alumni, the change was tough to grasp.

On the Mater Dei campus, every piece of Marian that has been saved and guarded has now been immersed into the school's walls, in the form of photos, plaques, uniforms, and items from every decade in the school's history.

With dozens of Marian graduates and teachers now working on the Mater Dei campus, the physical demolition of Marian

was emotional. In the summer, before the demolition, employees from Mater Dei saved and restored a pew from the Chapel on Marian's Imperial Beach campus. All of the crucifixes that hung on the walls of Marian classrooms were safeguarded. Rumor has it, members of Marian High's class of 1968 took a sledgehammer to remove their class plaque from the sign they dedicated their senior year.

The school has created the new Marian Heritage Hall, a museum-like wing in the DePaul Center (Mater Dei's main administration building), where, each school day, old Marian videos and photo footage from the 1960's through the 2000's plays all day, on a TV screen.

The new Marian Heritage Hall will be dedicated on October 16th at 6 pm, before the Homecoming game. Marian Alumni are invited to a special reception that will include hors d'oeuvres and blessing of the Hall. All Alumni who attend the event, will receive a free ticket to the Homecoming football game, and special reserved seating for Marian Alumni.

SOPHOMORE CLASS PRESIDENT BRANDON MOORE TALKS ABOUT HIS TREK TO PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH



THE PHILMONT HYMN
Silver on the sage,
Starlit skies above,
Aspen covered hills,
Country that I love.
Philmont, here's to thee,
Scouting Paradise,
Out in God's country, tonight

Wind in whispering pines,
Eagles soaring high,
Purple mountains rise,
Against an azure sky.
Philmont, here's to thee,
Scouting Paradise,
Out in God's country, tonight.

"We would have never thought New Mexico would be so beautiful."

We were on the final day of our 60+ mile, twelve-day backpacking trip in the rugged backcountry of the 140,177-acre Philmont Scout Ranch, nestled in the Sangre de Cristo mountain range in Northern New Mexico. For the past ten days, our crew of five scouts and three adults, including my mother and I, as well as our contingent crew, with six scouts and four adults, had been hiking all across the ranch, going from camp to camp and seeing the amazing sights along the way. After months of planning, more than 100 miles hiking in state and national parks, on the Pacific Crest Trail, and in national forests and wildernesses galore on practice hikes, and tens of hours packing, preparing, and re-packing, Boy Scout Troop 985, myself included, had finally made it to the top of the Tooth of Time, elevation 9003 feet, awarding us sweeping, awe-inspiring views of the town of Cimarron, New Mexico and the vast plains beyond.

Ten days earlier, after spending two nights at Base Camp in Cimarron preparing for our trek, we started our expedition at the sunflower-filled meadow at Cito Turnaround with our Philmont Ranger, and hiked off to our first trail camp, Cathedral Rock Camp. There, with an amazing view of a monolithic rock formation looking like a gigantic cathedral, our ranger taught us the ways of Philmont – how to cook our food, how to clean up, how to put up the “bear bags” (anything that smelled had to be hung from the trees at night to prevent them – and us – from getting eaten), and more. The next day we wove our way

through the ponderosa pine and aspen-filled forests, paralleling cool, rushing streams and passing through fields of wildflowers as we hiked to our first staffed camp, Cimarroncito. There, the staff treated us to a rock climbing session at the top of the valley, giving us spectacular views once we reached the summit. Each day in the backcountry was like this – a spectacular hike on quiet, undisturbed trails, alone with yourself and nature, and then a fun and exciting reward at the end.



I can't wait to go back to Philmont.

Throughout the course of our trek, we visited four more staffed camps and three more trail camps, each with its own unique adventure waiting for us at the end of the trail. Highlights included a lively musical program and touring a retired gold mine at Cypher's Mine, located in a dense forest at almost 10,000 feet in elevation; seeing the sunset over Agua Fria peak on the Philmont boundary line at Apache Springs, a Native American themed camp complete

with actual Indian artifacts inside teepee “museums” and backcountry-style sweat lodges; tying flies and learning to fly fish at Fish Camp; hiking along the Rayado Creek and seeing the view of the valley below from a rock formation called The Notch; enjoying cool root beer and a Mexican dinner cooked for us at Abreu, the site of a real Mexican homestead in the 1800s; experiencing a powerful thunder- and hailstorm on the side of Comanche Peak on our fourth day on the trail; finally summiting Mt. Phillips, at an elevation of 11,742 feet, after a grueling six hours of hiking; and, of course, scrambling up the steep rock face of the Tooth of Time on Day 12 and seeing the stunning contrast between the low-lying plains and the thick forests as a magnificent way to conclude our journey at the ranch.

Our trek at Philmont was an awe-inspiring experience which created memories that will last a lifetime. It was anything but easy – it required physical strength and mental toughness, and more than anything, the willpower to overcome any and every obstacle that I faced in order to continue towards my goal. However, hiking in solitude for almost two weeks gave me a chance to reflect on myself and to connect with God, a chance that I never would have had before. Along the way I was able to realize what a great gift He has given us by allowing us to be on this Earth. So when I reached the top of the Tooth, the feeling that I had when I knew I had finally reached that goal with God by my side is simply indescribable, and something that I will never forget.

A Midsummer's Night Dream



Director

Jason Maddy

Assistant Directors / Stage Managers

Ana Vildosola and Mariela Arias

Cast

Alexandra Rodarte..... Puck
(Mexican Wolf*), Philostrate

Ana Felix..... Petra Quince, Mustard Seed,
First Fairy

Andrew Sestego..... Theseus, Robin
Starvelina, Moth

Daisy Powell Helena

Edward SebringOberon (Eagle*)

Enrique Rocha..... Tom Snout

Glenn Quiroga Demetrius

Luis Quiambao..... Lysander

Madeline Friedrich..... Hermia

Mallory Huston..... Nick Bottom

Mario Peña..... Egeus, Francis Flute

Margaret HolscherTitania
(Hummingbird*), Hippolyta

* Animal Spirit Fairies

Crew

Ana Felix	Asbel De La Paz
Brittany Garrido	Elia Astiazaran
Fernanda Lutteroth	Monica Cooper
Myles Domingo	Sofia Papadakis
	Victoria Ramos

MDCHS Science Academy students designed and built an amazing set for the 2015 Spring theater production of *A Midsummer's Night Dream*. In collaboration with Director Jason Maddy,



an educator from San Diego Junior Theatre and an actor and singer in the San Diego Theater Community, the performers worked

very hard to memorize very difficult Shakespearean lines in a matter of weeks.

All of the actors had spot-on comedic timing in this slightly adapted version of the play. Alexandra Rodarte was an engaging Puck and Daisy Powell was a hilarious Helena. The two stage managers, Ana Vildsola and Mariela Arias, were extremely devoted to creating the set. The "forest" for the fairies they created is the United Nations Monarch Butterfly Forest Preserve, just 100 miles north of Mexico City. The set concept was designed by 2015 graduate Monica Cooper and was related to monarch butterfly construction done in the Science Academy class. Myles Domingo designed the event flyer for the play.

This year's Fall Theater production, held October 23-24, 2015, at 7pm, will be based off the *Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* by author Robert Louis Stevenson. Language Academy Director, Cliff Rachlin will be directing the play.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 1 Corinthians 13:6-7





CAMPUS MINISTRY FOCUS: HOPE AND TRUST

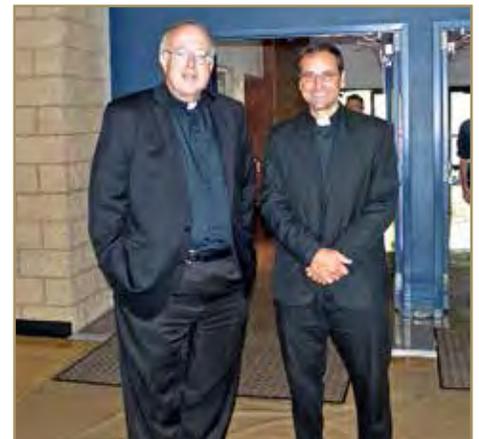
There are 35 senior campus ministers and 31 junior campus ministers at MDCHS this year, helping us celebrate the theme of “Hope and Trust”. The goal for the year is to have students give service and build new programs for the freshmen and sophomores. At this year’s retreat Campus Ministry students did trust-building exercises and bonded over their faith.

“As we focus on hope and trust, our big focus is on giving our students more opportunities to directly serve those in need,” said Chris Schnitzius, who leads the campus ministry program. “We are expanding our current Crusader Closet program. We have trips planned to hand out backpacks full of essential items to the homeless. We will be serving at Father Joe’s soup kitchen in San Diego. And these opportunities can be for parents, faculty and staff as well.”

Father Gonzalo Viana, of the Miles Christi religious order of priests and brothers, was also guiding students during the retreat. Fr. Gonzalo is replacing Fr. Richard Castro and Fr. Stephen Sanguinetti who previously served as chaplains on the Mater Dei campus. With contagious energy and a cheerful smile, Fr. Gonzalo has already made an impact on campus, as he brings the word of God to Mater Dei faculty, staff, and students.

He may have two sets of shoes to fill this year, but of his calling to serve on the Mater Dei campus, he says, “I receive with great joy all these souls that Christ loves so much, and that He entrusts me to lead to Him. I put all my trust, and I commend all these, my new sheep, to our Blessed Mother. Nothing can go wrong when we are in her loving hands.”

Father Gonzalo concelebrated the first Mass of the year at Mater Dei with San Diego’s new bishop. Bishop McElroy, who has doctorates in both theology and political science, spoke to the students about holding on to their faith even when things seem to be going wrong. His personable and conversational style held the student’s attention, and they were honored to have him take time out of his busy schedule to celebrate mass on campus.



MEET YOUR HEAD CRUSADERS FOOTBALL COACH: JOHN JOYNER

BY BRANDON MOORE



It's that time of year again – with the new school year at Mater Dei just beginning, so is football season, and Head Coach John Joyner is ready to lead the way for the Crusaders football team for the seventh straight season this year.

Joyner grew up in San Diego and developed a love for football throughout his childhood. In his family, everyone played it, so it was an integral part of his early life. While in high school at Saints, he played as an Inside Linebacker for four years. Later, at the University of San Diego, he graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Communications with an Emphasis in Media Studies and a minor in English, originally with the intent of becoming a journalist.

While studying at USD, Joyner helped coach at Saints and discovered he had a passion for working with kids, and he started to look at becoming a teacher. In 2007, Joyner received a call from one of his old friends about an available teaching position at a new Catholic high school in Chula Vista – Mater Dei. He interviewed and was soon hired as an English teacher for Senior World Fiction. Soon, he also became involved with the football



program, where he served as an Assistant Coach under Coach White for two years before being offered the position of Head Coach. Joyner gladly accepted the challenge, and six seasons later, he is hoping to bring the team to the CIF Division 4 Championship once again and win the title for the first time in Mater Dei history.

Joyner takes both of his jobs very seriously, and tries his best to strengthen his players both on and off the field. When practicing and playing, Joyner inspires his athletes to “play hard” with “passion and energy”; when in the classroom, he stresses the need for them to be willing and eager to learn. He focuses on developing his players in both respects because he says the two “translate” – his view is that you can’t be a good football player if you aren’t equally dedicated to your studies. Playing even more of an important role in the classroom and on the field, he says, is Jesus. “Prayer really brings our team together, and it is a blessing to be able to share the love of Christ with all of my players and students.”

As Coach Joyner continues at Mater Dei, he says, “I hope to continue building our football program and making new young athletes out of our Crusaders.” He also says he wants to continue to strengthen the “family atmosphere” that all of his players and their families currently enjoy. As for this season, aside from bringing the Crusaders to victory by winning the Metro Pacific Championship and the Division 4 CIF Championship, Joyner wants all his players be 100% successful in their studies, meaning no academic ineligibility for the team.

Finally, Coach Joyner has some advice for the student body: “Make sure to come out and enjoy our football games this season! Our athletes work very hard, so when students come out to support them, it has a big effect on how they play.”

Best of luck to Coach Joyner and all of his players this season. Let’s make sure to get out there and show some Crusader spirit!



ACADEMIC HONORS

First Honors - Grade Point Average of 3.8 and above

SENIORS

Amylene Cabrera	Luis Gonzalez-Flores	Brandon Mamou	Sally Russell
Michael Cain	Madelyn Healy	Estefania Martinez	Kristine Joy Sellona
Mariangella Castrejon	Phuong(Jasmine) Ho	Michelle Miranda	Susan Shoemaker
Monica Cooper	Margaret Holscher	Gerardo Perales	Jose Sosa Jurado
Lidya Depietri	Matthew Ireland	Cintia Quan Kiu Kuang	Andrea Stonehouse
Franco Faucher	Trent Lilley	Ivanna Quiceno	Yang (Bessie) Yang
Luis Foglio	Naomi Lizarraga	Peter-Joseph Quinto	
Alonso Garcia Ballesteros	Nicole Madrazo	Karina Quiroz	

JUNIORS

Carlos Alcocer	Alejandra Felix Campos	Matthew Sam Mejia	Karina Sarabia
Anamaria Ancheta	Madeline Friedrich	Maxwell Montes	Stephanie Schaffer
Elia Astiazaran	Maria Galvez	Alejandro Orozco Gomez	Alexandra Scott
Angel Beltran	Maribel Garcia	Mario Pena	Manuel Sobol
Steven Bradley	Olivia Guevara	Rica Isabelle Perez	Marina Taitano
Jordan Brasfield	Lauren Maalouf	Gabriela Quevedo	Manuel Velazquez de Leon
Nicholas Caruana	Mary Machniak	Eric Rodriguez	Ana Vildosola
Joseph Chiappe	Jessica Mangrobang	Haya Rosenberg	Tristan Wesson
Valeria Corral	Hector Margain	Nineth Rotsen Salazar	
Diana De La Toba	Ana Paola Mata Zetina	Kayla San Pedro	

SOPHOMORES

Leonardo Aguilar-Lopez	Sergio Cuadra	Miguel Guerrero-Medrano	Roy Emmanuel Medina
Ana Alcantar	Tayra Curumilla	Austin Habib	Anthony Nguyen
Micah Apatan	Alexis Diaz-Garibaldi	Brighid Healy	Malia Noble
Ana Astiazaran	Myles Domingo	Amorette Hernandez	Ashlyn O'Hara
Mary Bailey	Ruben Duran	Chelsie Hernandez	Sofia Papadakis
Hazel Barajas	Jorge Escasan	Arianna Inferrera	Blanca Perales
Kristal Calilung	Cassandra Esparza	Roberto Jimenez	Steven Shoemaker
Ezekiel Campos	Ana Patricia Felix-Ibarra	Jenna Kruse	Madelyn Tassiello
Eduardo Charvel	Quentin Frazier	Ileana Lemos	Sergio Villafranco
Bethany Colgrove	Paola Garcia-Carrera	Kevin Li Zhang	Juan Pablo Villegas
Emilly Contreras	Javier Gomez	Fernanda Lutteroth	Peyton Zizzi
David Cooper	Marissa Gonzalez	Sabrina Mata	Maryann Zora

FRESHMEN

Olivia Adams	Vanessa Leon	Brandon Moore	Rashi Shah
Elena Arnold	Cynthia Leon	Rosalind Moore	Manuella Sobol
Jonas Philip Bongulto	Nicholas Lopez	Kyle Myers	Hanna Taglinao
Roman Flores	Ian Lutz	Joshua Narezo	Paolo Tassinari
Carson Gorney	Zoe Manalo	Eduardo Navarro Gomez	Jordan Wesson
Edward Hagerty	Enrique Marcilla	Samantha Ruiz	Niklaus Wetter
Pablo Hernandez	Kahtrel Maynard	Alessandra Salas	



GRANDPARENT'S DAY



CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

MUSICAL ATHLETES



CRUSADERS SING!



SEARCHING FOR A BUDDY



PERFECTING HER SWING



READY FOR A STAMPEDE



✦ **Musical Athletes:** Mater Dei Catholic held its first ever Marching Band/Color Guard Camp in July 2015. With just under 30 members to start, they spent a week learning new instruments, how to march, and how to toss a flag in the air without injuring themselves. They debuted at the first Pep Rally and first home football game, and are looking forward to performing at Homecoming this year.

✦ **Crusaders Sing!** St. Augustine of Hippo believed that God's love could be spoken through music. He said "to sing once is to pray twice." Still, there was surprise during the Freshman retreat in September, when students were told "Now you are going to sing!" Whether they felt they couldn't sing, or they just didn't want to, some were pretty hesitant. Happily, it didn't take long for the senior Campus Ministers to encourage them to participate. Freshman, look forward to much more singing!

✦ **Searching for a Buddy:** Senior Madeline Friedrich searches for her Freshman Buddy, Isabel Chavez during the annual Freshman/Senior Buddy Week. During the week, freshman are paired with a senior to eat lunch, play games, and to get to know student survival tips. Buddies had a scavenger hunt, dressed like twins, did a lunch exchange, and had a contest to break apart frozen polo shirts to see who could be first to get one on.

✦ **Perfecting her Swing:** A petite 5'2" tall senior, Jessica Mangrobang doesn't look like she packs a powerful swing, but she has been a consistently outstanding golfer for Mater Dei, and has been involved in the Junior Golf community since before she was in middle school. She has made a verbal commitment to play golf at Gonzaga University when she graduates; a Division 1, private Roman Catholic university located in Spokane, Washington, United States.

✦ **Ready for a Stampede:** The Crusader Cross Country team participated in 2015 Vaquero Stampede, held on August 29th at Lindo Lake Park. Our Freshman and Sophomore Boys came in 4th out of 11 teams. Junior and Seniors came in 3rd. Senior Salvador Rodriguez came in 2nd with a time of 11:11. Junior Juan Pablo Villegas was 3rd at 11:47.

✦ **Retired, But Not Gone:** William "Bill" Gerken retired in May of 2015. Since 1999, Bill has guided thousands of Crusaders in education, in faith, and in athletics. His attention to detail and his unwavering enthusiasm in his role as Athletic Director set a high bar, and we know that even with his official retirement we will continue to see him on campus, and on the fields, offering his support. *Bill, our sincerest thanks for your years of service. Go, Crusaders!*

✦ **World's Toughest Sport?** Have you ever been hit in the face with a ball while trying to tread water and fight off an attacker, all while being blinded from chlorine? Then you've probably never played water polo. This sport takes not only strong swimming skills, but a toughness that is essential to succeed. We wish the best of luck to our Crusader Water Polo players this year! Stay safe out there.

✦ **Spike that Ball!** The Lady Crusaders Volleyball Team has started off to a great season. These powerful athletes are a force to be reckoned with and look forward to your support. If you haven't been to a game, come out to see them in action!

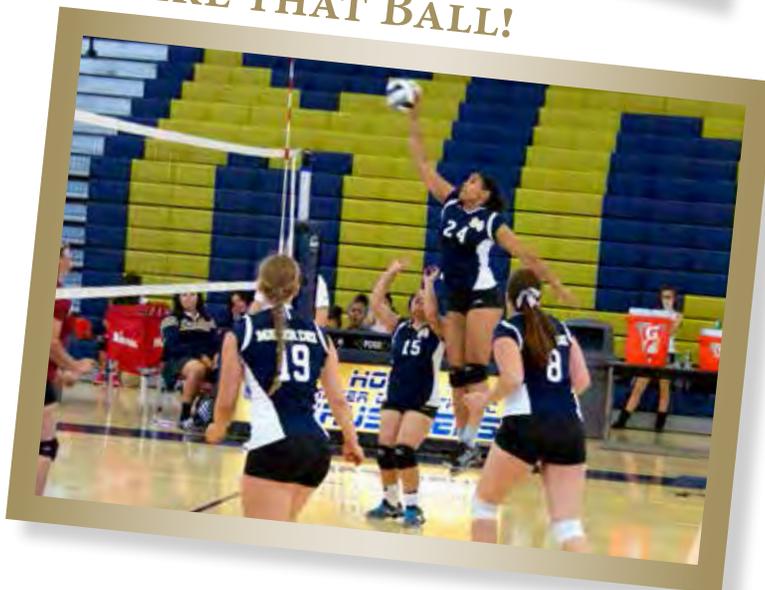


RETIRED, BUT NOT GONE

WORLD'S TOUGHEST SPORT?



SPIKE THAT BALL!





Congratulations



Commencement Speaker Maurice Luque, Marian Class of '65 was an inspiration to our graduates. His key message was that your success in life is directly related to how you treat others. Valedictorian Susie Shoemaker told her class not to miss out on the small moments in life, while they are trying to reach their bigger goals.



GRAD PROFILES '15: EXCELLENCE REWARDED

Each year Mater Dei Catholic Students earn merit scholarships for Academics, Service, and Athletic excellence: 25% of our seniors won Scholarships for Academics and Service that either paid their full college tuition, or a substantial portion. Some of our exceptional students who received scholarships in either Academics or Service are:



**Susan
Shoemaker**

*Valedictorian
University of
California,
Los Angeles
Entered MDCHS from
Santa Sophia Academy*

- 🏆 University of California, Los Angeles Academic Scholarship (Renewable each year)
- 🏆 San Diego County Ford Salute to Education Scholarship, Science Category



**Monica
Cooper**

*Salutatorian
University of
San Diego
Entered MDCHS from
St. Patrick's School*

- 🏆 Wells Fargo/BBB Student Ambassador Scholarship
- 🏆 BBB Torch Awards Scholarship
- 🏆 San Diego Ford Salute to Education Scholarship
- 🏆 USD Catholic Education Scholarship
- 🏆 USD Alcalá Scholarship
- 🏆 ALSAM Scholarship
- 🏆 CA Grocers Association Scholarship



**Mary Rose
Gonzales**

*Point Loma
Nazarene
University
Entered MDCHS from
St. Michael's Academy*

- 🏆 Point Loma Nazarene University Scholarship (Renewable each year)



**Mallory
Huston**

*Point Loma
Nazarene
University
Entered MDCHS from
Mt. Helix Academy*

- 🏆 Point Loma Nazarene University Trustee Scholarship (Renewable each year)

Many of the students listed were awarded scholarships from multiple colleges and universities...we have only listed the scholarships that will contribute to the costs of the college they are attending in Fall 2015.

GRAD PROFILES '15: EXCELLENCE REWARDED



**Rebecca
Friedrich**

*Oregon State
University
Entered MDCHS from
Eastlake Middle School*

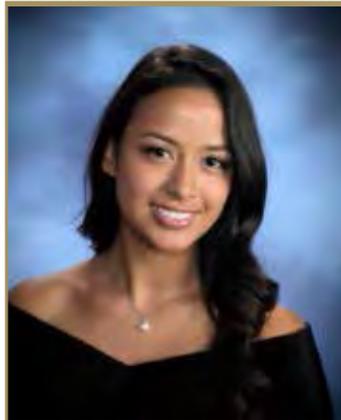
- 🏆 Oregon State University Provost Scholarship (Renewable each year)
- 🏆 Rebecca also was accepted into the STEM Leadership program



**Brandon
Mamou**

*University of Southern
California
Entered MDCHS from
Rancho Del Rey
Middle School*

- 🏆 University of Southern California Associates Scholarship (Renewable each year)



**Estefanía
Martínez**

*University of
San Diego
Entered MDCHS from
Colegio Carlos Tancredi*

- 🏆 University of San Diego Trustees Scholarship (Renewable each year)
- 🏆 University of San Diego Catholic Education Scholarship



**Ivanna
Quiceno**

*Santa Clara
University
Entered MDCHS from
Francis Parker*

- 🏆 Santa Clara University Incentive Grant (Renewable for 12 consecutive academic quarters)



**James
Ricketts**

*University of
San Diego
Entered MDCHS from
Holy Trinity School*

- 🏆 Army ROTC 4-year Scholarship



**Jocelyn
Torres**

*Cornell College
Entered MDCHS from
Rancho Del Rey
Middle School*

- 🏆 Cornell College Academic Founders Scholarship (Renewable each year)

GRAD PROFILES '15: EXCELLENCE REWARDED

The following student athletes were also awarded scholarships to four-year universities for their athletic excellence:

FOOTBALL



Adrian Alba

Minot State Univ., Minot, ND

*Entered MDCHS from
Bonita Vista Middle School*



Beda Galleta

Dixie State Univ., St. George, UT

*Entered MDCHS from
Eastlake Middle School*



Donovan Williams

Dixie State Univ., St. George, UT

*Entered MDCHS from
St. Rita's School*

SOFTBALL



Anissa Carrillo

Aurora Univ., Aurora, IL

*Entered MDCHS from
Chula Vista Middle School*



Reyna Jamison

SDSU, San Diego, CA

*Entered MDCHS from
Eastlake Middle School*



Alexis Morales

Hawaii Pacific Univ., Honolulu, HI

*Entered MDCHS from
Castle Park Middle School*

BASKETBALL



**Onjalise
Carley-Hilliard**

*Holy Names University
Oakland, CA*

*Entered MDCHS from
Mission Bay High School*

**Sergio
Jordan
Chavez**

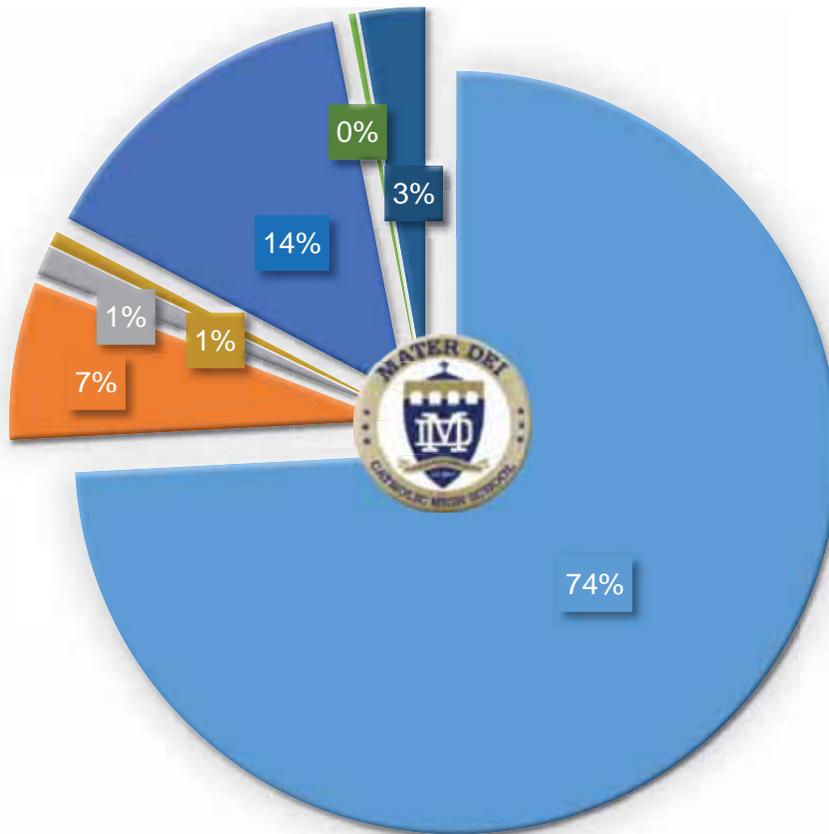
*University of Nevada
Las Vegas, NV*

*Entered MDCHS from
CV Learning Community
Charter School*



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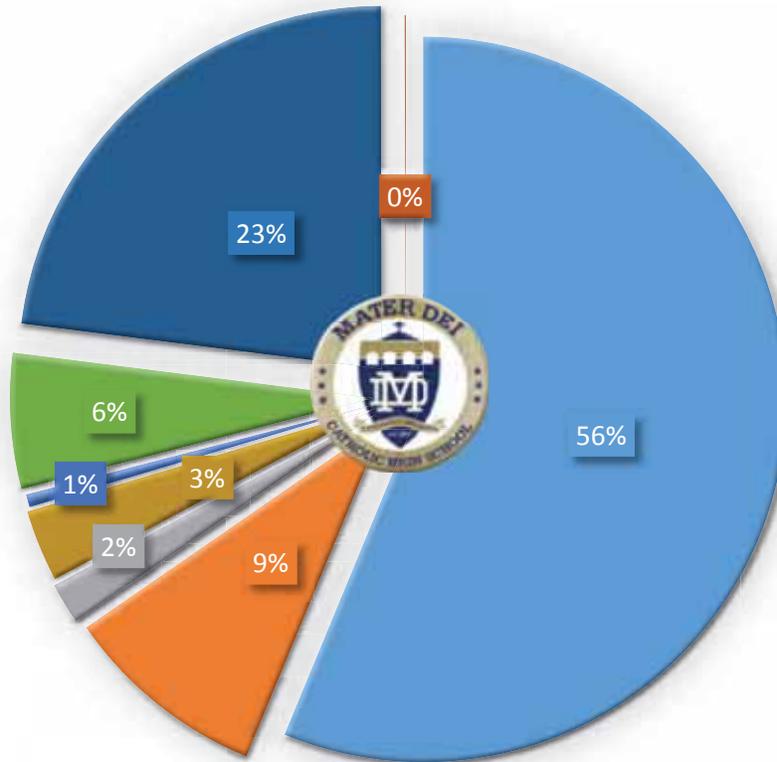


■ TUITION	7,572,073
■ OTHER FEES	682,850
■ AUXILIARY SERVICES	125,106
■ ATHLETICS	62,863
■ DEVELOPMENT & FUNDRAISING	1,452,079
■ INVESTMENTS	28,685
■ FACILITIES LEASING	284,900
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$ 10,208,556</u>

THE PER STUDENT GAP (@ 661 STUDENTS) \$ 1,549
 THE GAP BETWEEN TUITION & FEES INCOME AND TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 1,076,697
 TUITION & FEES COVER 88% OF EXPENSES

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EXPENSES



■ SALARIES & BENEFITS	5,248,221
■ ADMIN/STUDENT/PTG/RECRUITING/MISC.	852,126
■ EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS & RESOURCES	170,912
■ ATHLETICS	298,686
■ AUXILIARY SERVICES	52,221
■ DEVELOPMENT	562,823
■ PLANT OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	2,143,317
■ DEBT SERVICE	3,314
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 9,331,620

STUDENTS APPROVED FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE	338
TOTAL TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANTED	\$1,644,696
AVERAGE PER STUDENT AWARD	\$4,866

GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE MEMORIAL BRICKS



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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| † Humberto Acuna V. | † Lorenzo Giacomini | † Scott Christopher Lyons | † Leonardo Rojas Contreras |
| † Vikki Dela Rosa Allshouse '77 | † Louise Giacomini | † Pat MacCarthy | † Marta Rojas de Méndez |
| † Harold & Virginia Andreoli | † Alicia Giandoni | † Gary L Manuel | † Teresita Rojas Hdz |
| † Mr. John G. Appel | † Manuel & Piedad Gonzalez | † Jose Luis Rivas Marentes | † Agustin Rojas I |
| † Arturo Aquitania | † Mr. & Mrs. Max Gonzalez | † Marian Class of 1989 | † Mona Rozendal |
| † Steve Ashcraft '77 | † Raul & Mary Helen Gonzalez | † Marian's Founding Parents 1964-66 | † Katherine Ann Rubano |
| † Augustine Avalos Chavez | † Tom Harkness '64 | † Vincenzo Maruca | † Francisco & Blanca Saavedra |
| † Ron Baker | † Leo E. Henderson | † Camelo and Onofre Martinez | † Otila Salazar |
| † Sherrill Baker | † Ernestina Riedel Hernandez | † Mrs. Bernieta Masters | † Andy Sanchez |
| † Thomas A. Balestrieri | † Estelita S. Hernandez | † Joseph F. McGregor | † Luis Sanchez-Cortez |
| † Manuel Banales | † Jesus (Jesse) Hernandez '77 | † Abilio (Abel) Mendes | † Louise Perry Schum |
| † Rev. Msgr. John E. Baer | † Ana Luisa Herrera | † Ginny Milke | † Mr. & Mrs. Fred Schwehofer |
| † Arnoldo T. Barba | † Joe Hertel | † Graciela L. Mondragon | † Wilfred & Amelia Searcy |
| † Charlotte V. Beecher | † Ron Hillsbery | † James & Hannah Mooney | † Al Silva |
| † Clayton Oliver Beecher | † Paul V. Hoban '73 Master Mariner | † G.G. Moran | † Bob Silva |
| † Noli A. Bensen | † Barbara J. Hodges | † William Patrick Moran | † Sisters of Mercy 1966 |
| † Jack Blakely | † John William Huston | † Mrs. Roberta Moran | † Samuel Skaggs |
| † Elizabeth D. Blakely | † Carlos Daniel Jimenez | † Jose & Cesarea Moreno | † Mary P. Slovinsky-Roche |
| † Kevin C. Brown | † Willie E. Jones | † Bill & Mary Murphy | † June and Al Stahl |
| † Stephen Callow | † Jerry Judge | † Vy. Rev. J. Walsh Murray | † Mark J Steckbauer |
| † John & Maria Campagnaro | † Rosa Kaloyan | † John W. Novobilsky | † John "Sully" Sullivan |
| † Connie and Joe Canedo | † Dr. Estelle L. Kassebaum | † Jim Oberle | † Kenneth William Sunega |
| † Joseph A. Canedo | † Mr. & Mrs. Louis Kassebaum | † Maxine E. Otte | † Luis Jorge Tere |
| † Jorge Abel Cardona | † Dortha G. Kassebaum | † Thomas Walter Otte' 77 | † Buster & Mildred Lee Thrasher |
| † Ben Carrier '66 | † Teresa Kayachanian | † Francisco & Elvira Padres | † James P. Tollefson |
| † Alfonso Casillas | † Bobby Keyes '66 | † Cristina O. Paredes | † Sabel Tolosa |
| † Henry & Joan Chudy | † Julie Klant | † Dave Parker '77 | † Gloria Torres |
| † Gina LaPlaca Collette '77 | † Jane B. Knowlton | † Melody Parks Wynn Kilcrease | † Pete Torrez |
| † Dulin & Virginia Covey | † Kahrman-Weller Family | † Patrick J. Patek | † Rose Torrez |
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| † Gerardo & Severina De Mesa | † Leslie Ann Krejci | † John R Perez | † Chris Tuttle |
| † Narciso L. Domingo | † Edward F. Kuzukian | † Thomas Petrone, Jr. | † Lillian Valdez |
| † Anatolio Dompore | † Laura La Plante | † Sarah Weber Pierson-Boaz '77 | † John Vernetti |
| † Dick & Ronnie Drossel | † Jose Fernando Labastida Fimbres '11 | † Frances Helen Pitts | † Victims of Abortion |
| † Antoinette "Toni" Dunham | † Rev. Leo Lanphier | † Juana Plascencia | † Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Westrick, Sr. |
| † Beatrice Mary Dunham | † Clara J. LaRiviere | † Dale Powers | † Paul Wetter |
| † Ray & Loretta Eckes | † Paul LaRiviere | † Dominic and Helen Pretzie | † Natalie and Wallace Whitmire |
| † Mary A. Endsley | † Reverend Earl W. LaRiviere | † Joe Raef, Class of '74 | † Michael Winchell |
| † Marvin Finch | † Christine Marie LaRiviere | † Joseph Ruiz Renteria | † Belen D. Yap |
| † Jeanette & Bud Gallagher | † James S. LaRiviere | † Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Rhein | † Leonardo D. Yap |
| † Alberto Gallegos | † John & Katherine Lawler | † Juan & Josefina Rios | † Rommel Schroeder Yarza |
| † Marty R. Garcia | † Audelia Lizarraga de Rojas | † Joe L. Rojas | † To those who have passed before us,
Class of 1973 |
| † James E. Gates | † Thomas Lopez | † Esperanza C. Rojas | |
| † Reyna Genel | † Patricia Jane Lorent | † Maria Angulo Rojas | |
| † Valentine & Annabel Gerken | † Jon-Jon Luna | † Teresa H. Rojas | |



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Many people ask us, "Why don't you just raise your tuition, rather than ask for donations to meet your students' needs?"

Our answer is "We know that each time we raise our costs, the opportunity for a Catholic education is lost to some of our students. Even with financial aid, many families would not be able to meet the need."

In 2014/2015 your donations to the annual fund helped 338 Mater Dei Catholic High School students to receive tuition assistance; one of our biggest number of students given aid, ever.

Our faith guides us to trust that others value the service we provide. Friends, alumni, and Mater Dei families, you continue to come through in a big way.

This year we ask you to continue to support us in the mission of Catholic education. Giving online is fast, easy, and vital to our continued success. Whether you give \$10 or \$10,000 your contribution matters, and real lives are being changed because of it.

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8TH GRADE VISITATION DAY 1

Thursday, September 24, 2015
9:00 am - 12:00 am
Prospective 8th Grade Students
Begins and ends in the Lima Center
Lunch Included

8TH GRADE VISITATION DAY 2

Tuesday, October 13, 2015
9:00 am - 12:00 am
Prospective 8th Grade Students
Begins and ends in the Lima Center
Lunch Included

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, October 24, 2015
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Prospective 8th Grade Students & Parents
Begins and ends in the Lima Center

8TH GRADE VISITATION DAY 3

Thursday, November 5, 2015
9:00 am - 12:00 am
Prospective 8th Grade Students
Begins and ends in the Lima Center
Lunch Included

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, January 16, 2016
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Prospective 8th Grade Students & Parents
Begins and ends in the Lima Center

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST

Saturday, January 23, 2016
7:45 am - 11:45 am
Prospective 8th Grade Students

For information or to schedule a school tour, call Mr. Roy Vasquez, Director of Admissions
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