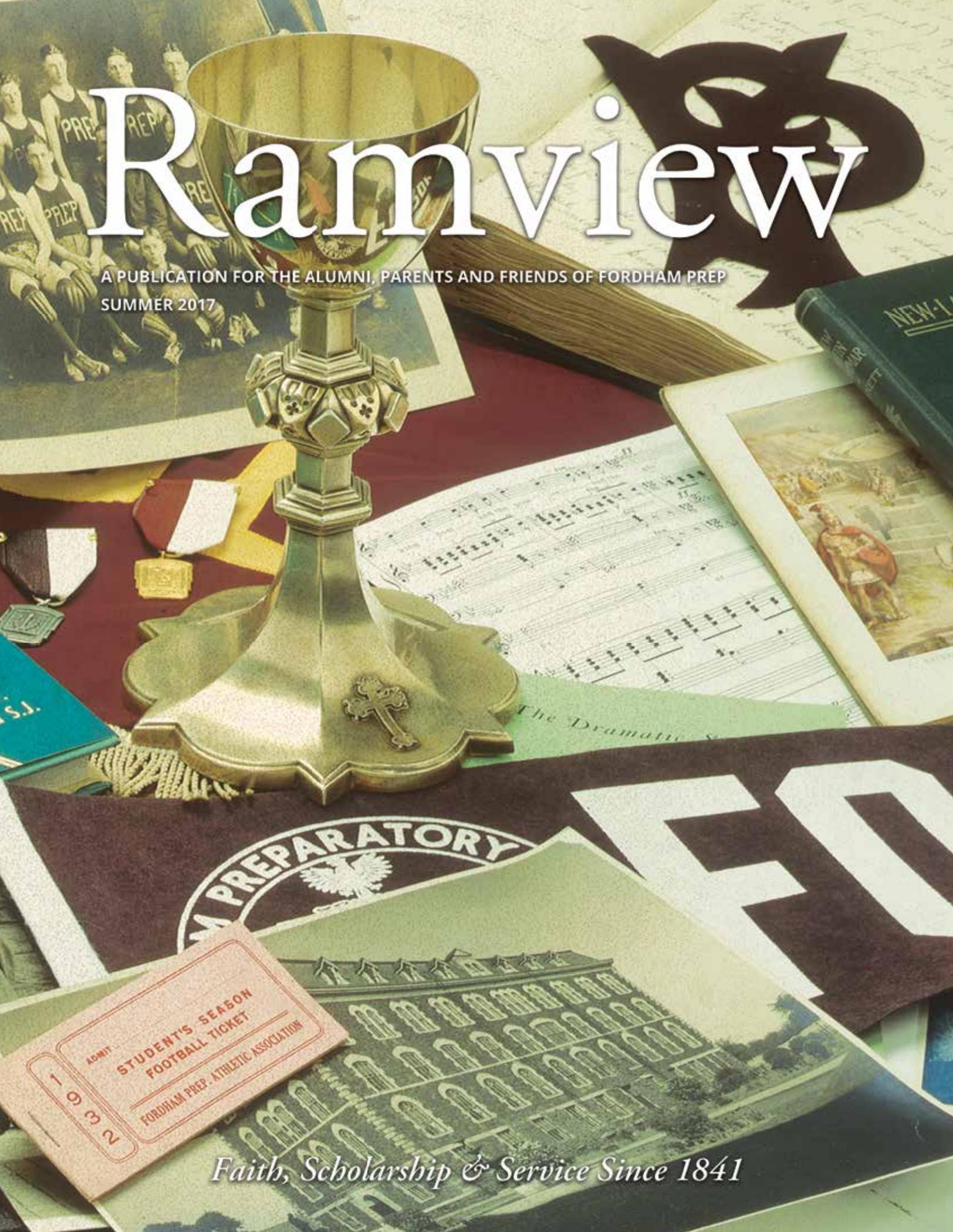


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The Rugby team visited London during this year's Easter recess.





# President's Message



I write to you as we conclude the school year which marks our celebration of the 175th Anniversary of Fordham Prep.

It has been a year to remember!

From Ronan Tynan's booming tenor echoing through the Leonard Theatre and our elegant gala dinner at La Sirena to the exciting conclusion to our Turkey Bowl victory and our inspiring Mass at the basilica of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral, the blessings of this year continue to reverberate in our memories and hearts.

In fact, this issue of *RAMVIEW* is full of images and stories which capture the drama and excitement of this extraordinary year.

This year has also presented many opportunities for members of the Fordham Prep community to express their gratitude for our mission through generous service and financial gifts.

In this issue (cf. pages 44-45) you will read about a few special parents whose volunteer service to our community has been extraordinary: Fred Berrios and Linda and Joe Costelloe.

The next issue of *RAMVIEW* will recount in full detail the philanthropic generosity generated this year. However, I am thrilled and profoundly grateful to share with you the news that over 3,000 donors have made a gift during our 175th fiscal year.

What does your generosity of time and treasure support?

- **The pursuit of excellence in learning and teaching:** Our faculty is our greatest resource and we have recommitted our efforts to help them pursue meaningful professional development opportunities which will allow them to bring transformative learning experiences into their classrooms.
- **Recognition from the nation's top colleges and universities:** In the past five years, our graduating seniors have attended

every Ivy League university and every service academy, as well as premiere Catholic, Jesuit, private and public institutions.

- **Service to the community:** During their senior year alone, our students perform 17,000 hours of Christian service in community-based organizations throughout the metropolitan area.
- **Improvements in campus facilities:** This summer, we are investing more than \$1 million in the construction of a new chapel, a new sound system for the Leonard Theatre, faculty offices, group study rooms, a technology office suite, and classroom and locker room renovations. Our future plans call for a dramatic expansion of the building's east wing to develop larger classrooms and a new counseling suite.
- **Global education and cultural competence:** Through our global Jesuit educational network, this summer students are participating in academic, service-learning and cultural immersion programs in Australia, China, Ecuador, Tennessee and Camden, NJ. Last year, students studied marine biology in Belize and classical languages in Rome. In the next two years, they will study at Jesuit high schools in Ireland, Uruguay, Rwanda and Tanzania.
- **Scholarships and tuition assistance to families of limited financial resources:** Next year, we will commit nearly \$5 million to almost 500 academically qualified students whose families need tuition assistance. This support allows Fordham Prep to enroll a truly diverse student population from over 110 zip codes which includes students from middle income backgrounds and the sons of new immigrants.
- **Athletic and arts programs:** With almost 20 different sports, a vocal and instrumental arts program and our historic Dramatics Society, Fordham Prep students can experience a full range of activities and experiences.

What does this support engender?

At the beginning, St. Ignatius Loyola and his first companions in the Society of Jesus did not intend to establish schools. Over time they became convinced of the efficacy of education—rooted in faith, scholarship and service—to produce a vanguard in society whose commitment to the common good would make a critical difference.

By educating students to become Men for Others, dedicated to God's greater glory, the Jesuits believed their students would set the world on fire, on fire with a desire to find God in all things and share God's love.

This is the goal of Jesuit education, and indeed it is the goal of Fordham Prep.

As we embark on our second 175 years, may Fordham Prep, renewed by your generous support, continue to pursue this blessed goal and purpose.

**Christopher J. Devron, SJ**  
President

# Principal's Message

With the sun brightly shining on a beautiful spring afternoon, the 213 members of the Class of 2017 processed proudly from the Prep across the Rose Hill Campus to the steps of the University Gym. As they ascended to the doorway with the rising swell of celebratory music from inside, our young men of Fordham were not only crossing through the threshold to graduation. They also reflected the vision we have of every Jesuit high school graduate: a threshold person on the way to young adulthood. On May 31, 2017, the Fordham Prep community gathered in gratitude to celebrate our 172nd Commencement Exercises. With dignified tradition, pomp and circumstance, administrators, faculty, staff, trustees, alumni and families came together to recognize the many accomplishments of this outstanding class.

The "Profile of the Graduate at Graduation," published first by the Jesuit Secondary Education Association in 1980 and recently revised by the Jesuit Schools Network, provides a vision that unites Fordham Prep with our brother schools throughout the United States and Canada. The introduction of the Grad at Grad notes: "Fluctuating between highs and lows of fear and confidence, love and loneliness, confusion and success, the Jesuit student at graduation has negotiated during these years many of the shoals of adolescence. ... The graduate looks out on the adult world with a sense of wonderment, with a growing desire to enter that world, yet not quite able to make sense out of it. ... The graduate is still a 'threshold person,' one who is entering cautiously; an immigrant, eager to find the way."

Over the course of four years at the Prep, our students encounter the core values of the Grad at Grad in their academic work, through ministry and service, on the athletic field and by following their artistic passions. We strive to educate young men who are open to growth, intellectually accomplished, religious, loving and committed to doing justice. As I called each of the graduates by name to cross the stage and receive his diploma from Fr. Devron, my prayer for each of them was, and continues to be, that his life be graced by an encounter with the living God in the Catholic, Jesuit education we provide. My hope, and the hope of our dedicated faculty and staff, is that these core values of the Prep continue to guide them as men of Fordham who faithfully live as persons of character and conviction, as scholars who seek critical engagement with the world of intellectual ideas and academic dialogue, and as servant leaders who boldly join in God's dream for a world of peace, justice and love.

Our student speaker at graduation was Reid Williams-Pedro '17, who will continue his undergraduate studies at the University of Rochester. At the end of his remarks, Reid addressed his peers directly: "Brothers, Fordham Prep is like a home. One of the hardest things about home, however, is leaving it. But the amazing thing about our home, Fordham Prep, is that we now get to show the world who we are. We have been preparing for this moment right here. We have put in so much work to reach the end, a diploma, right here right



now, but this is only the beginning. There is still a long road ahead of us, but in this class I see: pilots, musicians, teachers, doctors, engineers, basketball players, football players, track stars, lawyers and accountants. I look at all of you and see nothing but potential greatness."

Fordham Prep will always be a home to the young men of the Class of 2017, just as it has been for me and my fellow alumni united in generations of history and tradition. Yet now they look ahead in confidence and excitement to forging new paths at college. Thirty-one percent of our graduates will attend Jesuit schools, including Boston College, Fairfield, Fordham, Georgetown, Holy Cross, Le Moyne, Loyola Chicago, Loyola Maryland, Loyola Marymount, Loyola New Orleans, Scranton and St. Joseph's. An additional 11% will matriculate at Catholic colleges, including Manhattan, Notre Dame, Providence and Villanova. We will have graduates in Ivy League universities: Cornell and the University of Pennsylvania. Others will attend excellent institutions such as Johns Hopkins, NYU, UC Berkeley and Williams. We are proud of our alumni beginning service to our nation in the United States Military Academy and the United States Naval Academy. To all our graduates, we send you off with our prayers and best wishes for continued success.

As my first year as principal comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to all of our alumni, benefactors, parents and friends for your support, kind words and encouragement throughout this year. I am most grateful for the opportunity to begin my tenure with such a tremendous community committed to our shared mission of faith, scholarship and service. May God bless you and your families during these weeks of summer.

**Joseph A. Petriello, PhD '98**  
Principal

# Admissions Report



As fall draws near, we here at the Prep are spending our days preparing for the arrival of the class of 2021. I am happy to report that this year's recruiting season, my second as Director of Admissions at the Prep, was as exciting as the first.

At our annual Open House in October, we hosted over 1,300 people including 590 prospective students. Feedback from that day was overwhelmingly positive as the entire Prep community welcomed our guests. We are thankful that some inclement weather held off until the very end of the day! As always, the people who make our Open House truly special are our faculty and staff, student volunteers,

parent volunteers, and our incredible Physical Plant staff!

Fordham Prep was represented at over 50 high school fairs and in-class visits this fall. I always enjoy going out on the road to speak directly to prospective students and their families. I am grateful to Mr. Pedro, Dr. Gelpi and Mr. Brian Carney who stood in for me when I was double-booked!

All of this hard work yielded the Class of 2021 on March 1, Registration Day! It is interesting to note that over 45% of our new freshman class will come from one of the five boroughs of New York City: 25% from the Bronx, 20% from Manhattan and 1% from Queens). Speaking of New York City, the class truly represents the diversity found in the New York metro area: 38% of the class identifies itself as young men of color, and we are excited to welcome five new freshmen from the REACH program! Additionally, we saw a 2% increase in yield over the Class of 2020 and a 5% increase over the Class of 2019.

It is important to me to understand how prospective students and their families first hear about Fordham

Prep, and it was no surprise to learn that well over 70% of the Class of 2021 first experienced our community through someone in it already: a current student, parent, alumnus or feeder school teacher/administrator. This is a remarkable statistic. It shows the power of the Prep community, and confirms something I say often, that we all have a hand in admissions.

Fordham Prep continues to attract highly qualified candidates, and I have no doubt they are attracted to our long-standing commitment to faith, scholarship and service, our outstanding facilities, and our dedicated faculty and staff!

I am so very grateful for the efforts of the entire Fordham Prep community this year, but especially for Mrs. Tina Porco. This cannot happen without all of you.

As admissions work is never ending, we have already begun work on recruiting for next fall.

Onward to the Class of 2022!

**Brad Serton '95**  
Director of Admissions

## Class of 2021 Placement Test



### SCHOOLS WITH FIVE OR MORE REGISTRANTS IN THE CLASS OF 2021

- Albert Leonard MS (New Rochelle)
- Annunciation School (Yonkers)
- Eastchester MS
- Greenwich Catholic School
- Hommocks MS (Mamaroneck)
- Immaculate Conception School (Tuckahoe)
- Pelham MS
- Resurrection School (Rye)
- Rye MS
- Sacred Heart School (Hartsdale)
- Saint David's School (NYC)
- St. Anselm School (Bronx)
- St. Ignatius Loyola School (NYC)
- St. Joseph School (Bronxville)
- Sts. John and Paul School (Mamaroneck)
- Villa Maria Academy (Bronx)

# College Destinations – Class of 2017



The 213 members of the Class of 2017 graduated from the Fordham University Rose Hill Gym on May 31. Mr. David Gonzalez P '21, journalist for *The New York Times*, delivered the Commencement Address. Reyd Williams-Pedro '17 was the student speaker.

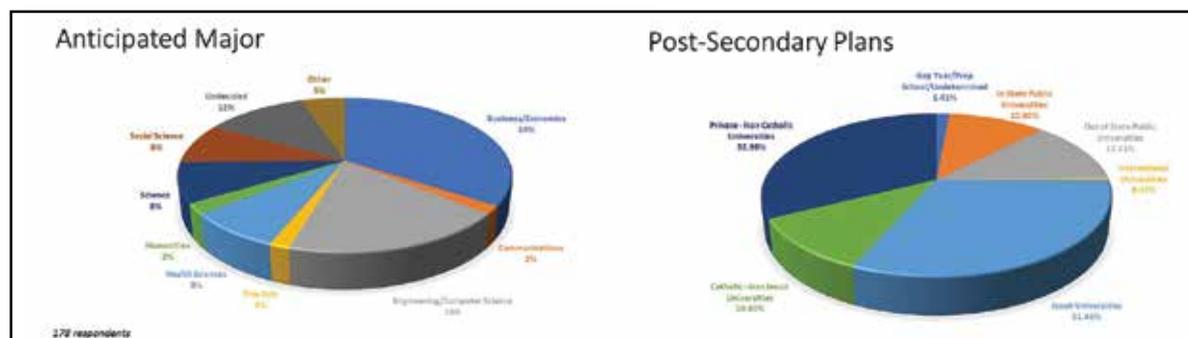
Fordham Prep's Class of 2017 is a diverse group of students who have enjoyed success both inside and outside of the classroom. The class boasts a National Merit Scholarship winner and a National Merit Finalist. By the end of their junior year, two students had been named AP Scholars with Distinction, ten earned AP Scholar with Honor, and thirty students were AP Scholars.

The 213 students in the Class of 2017 filed 2025 applications to 269 different colleges and universities, averaging 9.5 per student. This marks a similar trend to the application patterns of the previous classes. Most students in the class have once again chosen to file an application under an "early" plan: nearly 80% of the class filed at least one application by November 15. Seniors have reported acceptances to more than 200 different institutions. In the fall of 2017, 98.12% of graduates are planning to attend 89 different two- and four-year colleges and universities in 22 different states, the District of Columbia and Ireland.

Nearly 60% of the class has chosen to attend schools that the *Barron's Guide* has identified as "Most Competitive" and "Highly Competitive." Seven students will enroll at Ivy

League institutions. Like the Class of 2016, just over 74% will attend private schools. More than 40% of the class will be attending Jesuit or "other Catholic" institutions. There will be Prep alumni in the freshman classes at 12 different Jesuit schools. Fordham University is again the number one college choice: 17 students will enroll in the fall. 14 students are planning to enroll at Loyola University Maryland, and 13 will matriculate at Boston College. Additional top choices are Georgetown, Manhattan, RPI, Stony Brook, Cornell, Providence, Holy Cross, Elon, Northeastern, Penn State and Villanova.

A survey of the senior class attempted to uncover the primary reasons for their college decisions. The results are remarkably similar to those of the previous two years. Of the 178 respondents, 63% indicated that "Academic Reputation" or "Major" was a key factor, while 19% cited "Cost/Financial Aid." These patterns are nearly identical to those of the Class of 2016. More than 12% of the class will enter "undecided." For the sixth consecutive year, business is the most popular intended major; engineering or computer science is the second most popular first year path. We hope that their Fordham Prep education has prepared them well for their chosen course of study.



# School Events Recap

## Alumni Breakfast



The 15th Alumni-Senior Breakfast was held at The Garden Terrace Room at the New York Botanical Garden in April. The featured speaker was Eduardo Villaro '82, Artistic Director and CEO of Ballet Hispanico.

## Arrupe Leaders



Sponsored by the Ignatian Solidarity Network, students spent 2 days at the Arrupe Leader Summit training to be social justice leaders in their schools.

## Senior Awards



At the end-of-year Senior Awards Ceremony, parents recognized seniors who did service in Appalachia.

## God's Hands for Humanity



The God's Hands for Humanity fundraising barbecue ensures that cost is never be an issue in any student's participation in a service immersion trip.

## Chemistry



After finishing their unit on solutions and learning about colligative properties, students in Ms. Bell's class ended the unit by making ice cream.

## Annual Forum on Faith



On Sunday, April 2nd, Fordham Prep and America Media sponsored our third Annual Forum on Faith: Racial Justice: A Gospel Invitation and Challenge.

Our panel, Fr. Bryan Massingale, STD (Professor of Theological and Social Ethics at Fordham University), Natalia Imperatori-Lee, PhD (Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Manhattan College) and Juan Carlos Polanco '95 (educator, attorney and political commentator for several local broadcasts) engaged in a lively and informative conversation about how our Catholic faith can help inform our understanding of issues such as immigration, refugees, mass incarceration and the black lives matter movement. Timothy Reidy '93 (Executive Editor of *America*) served as the moderator for the conversation.

Thank you to Mr. Brian Carney (our VP for Mission & Identity), the Ignatian Identity Committee (Mr. Homer, Dr. Morris, Mr. Groepler, Mr. Gustafson, SJ, Mr. Ahern, Mr. Kravatz, Dr. Petriello and Fr. Costello, SJ) and the Engagement Office for their help in planning the event. Thanks, also, to Mrs. Piniero and Dr. Carney for inviting students from the Diversity and Social Justice committees to participate, and to Mr. O'Sullivan for technical support. Special thanks also to those faculty and staff who were able to attend the event. We look forward to continuing the program in the coming years and welcome suggestions for future topics.

## Coffee House



Mr. LaGamma's mentor group recently hosted an Acoustic Coffeehouse. The event featured student and faculty performances, and raised funds for Catholic Relief Services.

## Enrico Fermi Educational Fund



Seniors Joseph Mascia, Anthony Figura and Matthew Zimmer are among this year's scholarship recipients from the Enrico Fermi Educational Fund, providing scholarships for students of Italian-American heritage who excel academically and are committed to doing service.

## Peru School Visit

Ten students and 2 teachers from Colegio de La Inmaculada, a Jesuit school in Lima, Peru, visited recently. Students from Japan also visited the Prep this year.



## College Panel



Young alumni spoke to the seniors in the Leonard Theatre about their first semesters at college and how it differs from high school.

## Diversity Alliance



In February, the Diversity Alliance was invited to a panel discussion by the Archdiocese of New York at the Sheen Center called *Diverse America; A Catholic Lens*. The keynote panelist was Fr. Bryan Massingale, SJ, a Fordham University professor interested in African-American theology ethics. His words inspired the students to realize their role and future impact on society.

Student leaders from the Sheen Center event began a two-day visit to Washington, DC with a private tour of the Smithsonian African-American Museum. In the afternoon, the 35-member group visited the Supreme Court and enjoyed a surprise greeting from Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor. The day concluded with an evening mass at the Saint John Paul II Shrine.

## Mrs. Piñeiro Honored



The Prep held a Multicultural Celebration in March. The evening included dinner, artistic performances, music and dancing. Roger Rodriguez '87 gave an inspirational speech of his career at the Prep. In addition, Mrs. Pineiro received a special recognition for her commitment in the field of diversity.

## Diversity in Workplace



A Diversity in the Workplace Assembly was hosted by FP's Diversity Alliance.

## Giving Tuesday



As part of Giving Tuesday, donations resulted in 'Get Out of Jug Free' passes for our students. Mr. Pettus surprised 25 students.

## FP Frisbee



The Frisbee Team after defeating Regis HS.

## Grandparents Appreciation

Over 180 people attended this year's annual Grandparents' Mass & Breakfast.



Congratulations to Assistant Principal Dennis Ahern '63 P '01 who was honored with the 2017 Dagger John Award for Excellence in Catholic Education and Service!



Kevin Berrios and his grandmother.

## Jazz Ensemble



The Jazz Ensemble played for a St. Ignatius School fundraiser at the Central Park Boathouse.

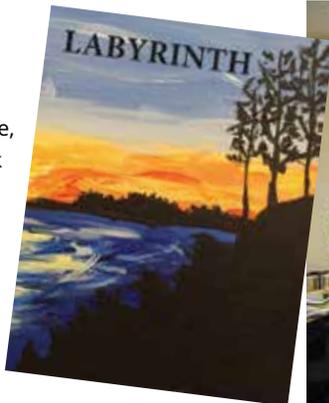
## Mr. John Sanchez Visits Fordham Prep



Mr. John Sanchez, the District Manager of Community Board #6 in the Bronx, spoke to the juniors about community boards and how students can be involved on the grassroots level.

## Labyrinth Received the rank of "Excellent"

The Prep's literary magazine, *Labyrinth*, received the rank of "Excellent" from the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE). This year's edition can be found on the website.



## Global Education Program

As part of the program, a group of students spent Easter break in Belize, while another group was in Rome. Mr. Carney visited Rwanda to explore future exchanges, and Mrs. Simeone and Ms. Di Vita visited Ireland.



Rome



Rwanda



Ireland



Belize

## Jim Harrison '69

Jim Harrison '69 visited with students and faculty in preparation for their upcoming trip to China. Mr. Harrison is the CEO of Party City Holdings, Inc. whose firm does extensive work in China. He and the students had a lively discussion on the culture and what to expect when visiting China.



## The Ram



The ram was spotted in a Latin class.

## Students, Faculty and Staff Donate the Gift of Life



Sixty students, faculty and staff donated an amazing 90 units of blood.

## Immigration

Students visited the Immigration Map in the Hall of Honor to learn why so many flee their homes and come through Central America and Mexico to reach the U.S. Thank you, Mr. Mazzullo, for arranging this exhibit.



## Italian Language Students



The Italian National Honor Society's goal is to stimulate interest in the study of Italian, to give recognition to scholastic achievement in Italian, and to promote an understanding and appreciation of Italian culture and civilization. To be inducted into the Society, students must have maintained an A average over three years of Italian.

## Stats Journey

Dr. John Mancini '07 (PhD in Computational Chemistry) recently spoke to Stats classes about his path from being a senior in AP Stat 10 years ago to working in cyber security, and the role that math played in that journey. He shared how he uses mathematical models and statistical simulations to detect cyber-security threats on a large scale.



## Congratulations to the 2017-18 Executive Branch of Student Government



Christian Gjelij  
*President*



John Fragale  
*Vice President*



Trevor Chakavarika  
*Secretary*



Matthew Diaz  
*Publicist*



Jamie Lynch  
*Treasurer*



Lucas Geremia  
*Activities Coordinator*

## Metropolitan Day

On May 3rd, students and faculty ranged across the metropolitan area for our annual Metropolitan Day.



Downtown Walk



Eataly



The Met

## Staff Sgt. Robert Murray '64 Award

A highlight of this year's Senior Awards Ceremony was the inaugural presentation of the Robert C. Murray Award to Owen Lombardi '17. The award honors the heroism and memory of Prep graduate and Medal of Honor recipient Staff Sgt. Robert Murray '64, and recognizes that member of the senior class who has best exemplified the qualities of Robert Murray, a genial, prayerful and genuine young man with a devotion to his country, courage and love for his neighbor.



## Opening Hearts Dress Down Day



Opening Day/Opening Hearts Dress Down Day raised over \$2,700 to benefit local and national Jesuit works of charity and justice.

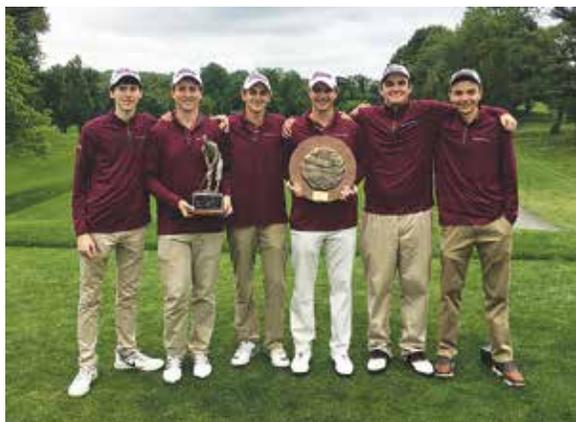
## The 2017 Ramkin Was Dedicated to Mr. Paul Homer



From the dedication:

*Mr. Homer, the Prep has been graced by your presence since the fall of 1989. With the soul of a German wrapped in an Irishman's charm, you are always looking for ways to show us the best, the holy and the sacred in ourselves. You challenge us - in religion classes and the Christian Service Program, at Saint Ignatius School and in Camden, in committee work and on Emmaus - to strive for the magis and always ad maiorem Dei gloriam. Thank you.*

## Golf



The Rams entered the CHSAA playoffs with a 9-2 season record. In the quarter-final matchup they defeated Archbishop Molloy 5-0. In the semi-finals they defeated Iona Prep 3-2 and overwhelmed Xavier 4-1 to become the 2017 CHSAA City Champs!

## Tennis

The Varsity finished the regular season with a 5-2 record. In the CHSAA "A" Division semi-finals, the team lost a heartbreaking match 3-2 to Iona Prep.



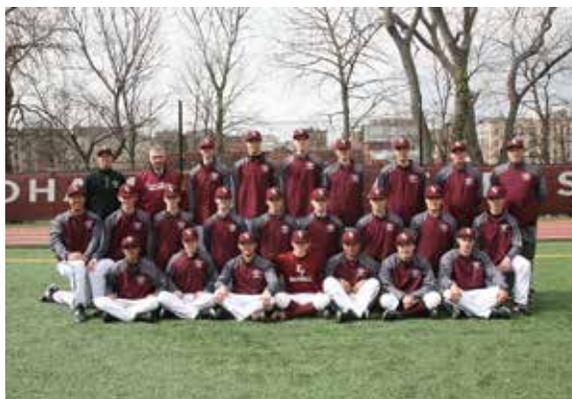
Varsity Tennis



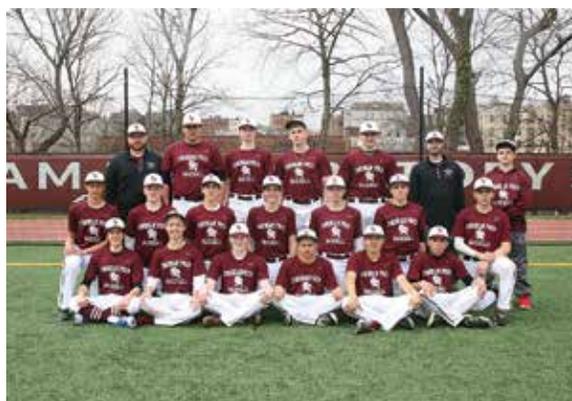
JV Tennis

## Baseball

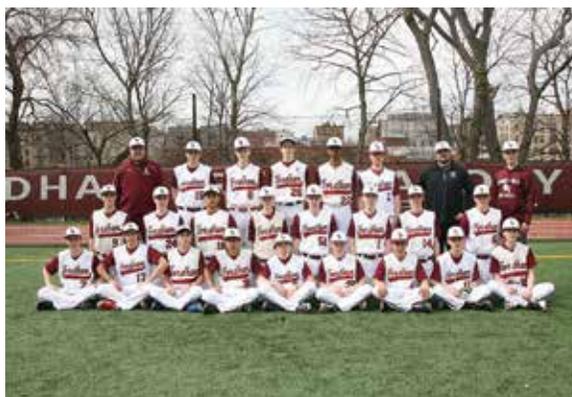
The Varsity finished the regular season with a 13-5 record and 5th place in the CHSAA "AA" Division. In the seeding round of the CHSAA playoffs the Rams defeated Iona Prep 1-0 & Kennedy Catholic 6-4, but lost to Monsignor Farrell 4-3. The team entered the CHSAA tournament as the #2 seed, defeated St. Raymond's 4-3, beat Iona Prep in the 8th inning with a walk-off single by Nick Dowe, but then lost to undefeated Monsignor Farrell. The team fell to Iona Prep 4-1 in the semi-final round.



Varsity Baseball



JV Baseball



Freshman Baseball

## Swimming



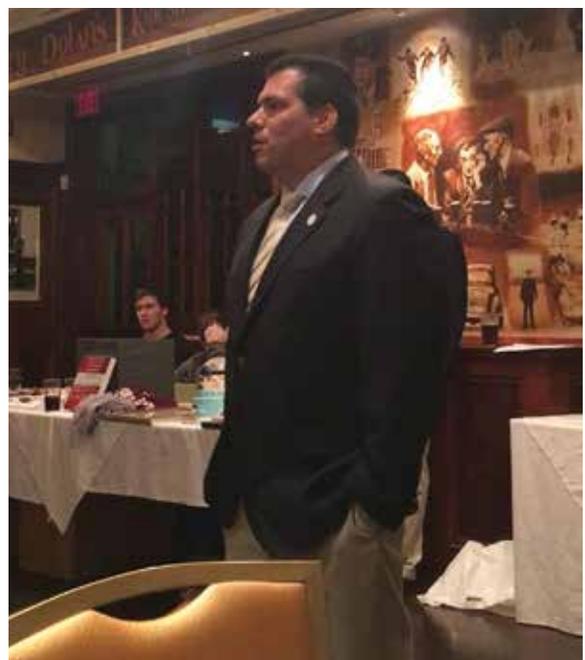
The Swimming and Diving team reclaimed the title of New York State Federation Champions at Eisenhower Park's Nassau County Aquatic Center. Congratulations to Head Coach Dom Galimi '92, the coaches, swimmers and divers on a great 2016-2017 season!



Congratulations to Nick Malloy '18, who won the 2017 CHSAA Diving Championships.

On June 1st, over 130 alumni, parents, current swimmers and friends celebrated Coach Galimi's 20th year at Fordham Prep.

Thank you, Dom, for all you have done for the Swimming and Diving family, and congratulations on an outstanding career!



## Rugby

The Varsity earned a big victory over the Harvey school to advance to the Tier 1 NY State Rugby State Championship at Binghamton University. The team defeated Kenmore in the semi-finals 20-7 and advanced to the championship game versus Xavier HS. In a competitive match, Xavier pulled away late in the game and defeated the Rams 29-12.



Varsity Rugby



JV Rugby



Freshman Rugby



The Rugby team visited London during this year's Easter recess.

Prep Rugby hosted its 6th Annual Alumni Dinner in March at Gaelic Park in Riverdale.

Former players Chris Bader '79, Eamon Doran '81 and Carlo DiNota '85 were honored before 230 guests who were treated to Keynote Speaker, Isaac Boss. Past honoree Sean Davey '80 was also presented with an award for his work as alumni coordinator.



Chris Bader '79, Carlo DiNota '85 and John Doran '76 (accepting for Honoree Eamon Doran '80)

Fordham Prep Rugby was established in 1976, ran until 1989 and was re-established by students in 2011. In 2016, the Varsity was the Division 1 Tier 2 NYS Champion; the JV was the outright NYS Champion. For the 2017 spring season, the club currently has 115 players and is fielding four sides - Varsity A, Varsity B, JV and Freshman.

The club's success on the field and popularity among students are attributable to robust parental involvement, top-notch coaching and staff, proud alumni support and firm administrative backing. As contributor to the club's good fortune, Jerry Wolf P '12 & '16 was recently named to the newly created position of Director of Rugby.



John McCaffrey '78 and Michele Bader



Jerry Wolf and Sean Davey '80



The Fordham Prep Rugby team thanks BTIG, a global financial services firm, for generously sponsoring the team's tour kits for its England trip this past April. The team also wishes to thank the many alumni and current parents who generously supported the team's 1st European tour since rugby's rebirth at FP in 2011. Thank you to the following chaperones for donating their time and care to the boys: Jerry Wolf, Dr. David Gelpi, Harry Bennett, Joe Costelloe and Adrian Newell. The team was blessed and honored to represent Fordham Prep in England on and off the rugby pitch, and to follow in the footsteps of previous rugby alumni.

## Lacrosse

The Varsity advanced to the CHSAA City Championship and lost a tough match on the road to Iona Prep 8-4. In the CHSAA "AA" state playoffs, the team opened up with a 15-12 victory over St. Domenic's at home. In the quarter-final match, the team traveled to Kellenberg HS and lost a tough game 6-5 to the eventual state finalist. Individually, the Varsity earned some accolades during the year. Senior Mac Randall was named CHSAA "AA" Midfielder of the Year, junior Michael Bugniazet was named CHSAA "AA" LSM of the Year and junior James Corasanti was named a 2017 Lacrosse All-American.



Varsity Lacrosse



JV Lacrosse

## Crew

The team's highlights included a three-peat win at the New York State Championships in Saratoga Springs. Congratulations to Mike Jones, Brendan Burbage, Oisín Galvin, Alexander Calder, Emiliano O'Connor, Bobby Doyle, Sean Haggerty, Matt Ptucha and John Tomsen. Nick Chwalkowski and Ryan Young took home the state championship in the varsity pair.



## Volleyball

The Varsity finished the season with a 3-9 record. In the first round of the playoffs, they defeated Holy Cross at home 3-1. In the quarter-final round, the team traveled to #1 seed Salesian and put up a tough fight in all three sets, but eventually lost 3-0.



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for fall sports schedules



# Crew Boathouse

Since the “rebirth” of the Fordham Prep Crew team in 2000, the program has experienced growth by leaps and bounds. This past January, another milestone was reached with the opening of the team’s own boathouse. Located on Long Island Sound in New Rochelle, the boathouse gives the Prep’s Crew team an area to store shells during the winter, space for coaches and rowers, and a ramp where rowers can launch their shells into the sound. The boathouse itself is shared with Horace Mann and Iona Prep. As of Spring of 2017, there are over 80 Prep students who participate in Crew.

For many years, the crew team rowed out of Glen Island from the Pelham Community Rowing Association boathouse. In 2012, the team expanded to compete in both the fall and spring seasons, and the team moved to a boathouse in New Rochelle. This location was short-lived because of flooding in Super Storm Sandy. Fortunately, Head Crew Coach Larry Muri had left the boats in Saratoga, where the team had competed the prior weekend. So the team had boats, but no boathouse.

After the storm, Coach Muri found there were few options available for a boathouse, but Beckwith Pointe, one of the beach clubs on Davenport Avenue in New Rochelle, was an option. The team began rowing out of Beckwith in the spring of 2013 and remained there through the fall of 2016. Beckwith worked, but the circumstances were not optimal. With no dock, the boys had to “wet load,” walking into the water to launch the boats. And with no boathouse, the boats and oars were stored outside and exposed to the elements, causing some of the equipment to age quickly.

In 2015, when the team learned that Beckwith Pointe was under contract to be sold, the need for a new home for the team was clear and more urgent than ever. After months of searching, Coach Muri found a waterfront building in New Rochelle. While not built as a boathouse, the building is well-suited to serve as one, with large open space and a high ceiling. Because the space was too large and too expensive for the Crew team to handle alone, Coach Muri sought other programs to share the space. A number of teams were approached as potential co-tenants, but ultimately Horace Mann and Iona Prep decided to join the venture.

One of the biggest hurdles to getting the deal done was the cost of turning the building into a boathouse. The three schools were able to pay the rent, but funds were needed for the cost of necessary improvements. The biggest expense was building a dock and ramp (\$45,000), with an additional \$15,000 to \$20,000 to install boat racks inside the building, paint the floor and walls,



and make other improvements. To reduce the school’s share of the annual rent, Fordham Prep funded the cost of these capital improvements. Faced with this challenge, the team turned to J.D. Calder P ’17, as President of the Parents’ Association Board, to see if the association could help. The parents readily agreed.

The initial fundraising appeal was made directly to the current varsity families followed by a letter to the entire Fordham Prep crew community. The response was overwhelming. Within two months of kicking off the fundraising efforts, the community raised over \$60,000. More importantly, over 75% of the current team contributed to the fund. “The parental support from all levels – from the senior class all the way down to the freshman class has been unbelievable,” says Anne Calder P ’17, Regatta Coordinator. Donations also came in from a dozen alumni from the Classes of 2013 to 2016.

The dock and ramp were installed in November of 2016, and the racks and other interior improvements were completed the following months. The team officially moved into the boathouse in January and held an open house for parents and alumni. In late March 2017, Prep President Fr. Christopher Devron, SJ officially blessed the boathouse.

“The support of the Fordham Prep crew program has been just incredible. It’s a tremendous community that banded together to fund a project which has been years in the making. It’s a testament to those associated with the crew program,” said Calder.

“This boathouse isn’t just for my son or for the kids currently on the team. It’s for the families who came before us and the families who will come after us. It’s for a program which has given everyone involved so much and will continue to do so going forward.”

## Outdoor Track & Field

The Varsity finished 3rd in the CHSAA City Championship. Colin Duignan finished 1st in the Pole Vault; Kyle McHugh, Ryan McKay and Christian Dimitri finished 1st, 2nd & 3rd in the Discus; Joshua Johnson in Javelin and Charles Dillon, Charles Gstalder, Will Maghak and Hunter Wiles in the 4x800m Relay earned 2nd place finishes.

In the CHSAA State Championship, Will Maghak finished 2nd in the 800m with a time of 1:55. Adetoni Aboyade-Cole earned 3rd place in the High Jump, Joshua Johnson 5th in the Javelin.

At the Eastern States Championship, Adetoni Aboyade-Cole broke a 20-year-old Fordham Prep record for the sophomore triple jump with a leap of 43 feet, then followed that in the long jump with a leap of 21'8" breaking a 71-year-old Prep sophomore record. Chris Balthazar ran two of the fastest sprints in Fordham Prep sophomore history, taking second place in both the 100m and 200m dashes in times of 11.27 and 22.75. Colin Duignan qualified for the state championships with his first place finish in pole vault.



Varsity Outdoor Track & Field



**Colin Duignan** set CHSAA record for juniors and tied for the #1 pole vault in New York State in indoor season.



JV Outdoor Track & Field



The Track & Field community came together to induct three new members into the Fordham Prep Track Hall of Fame. Congratulations to Matthew McMillan '88, Idris Payne '01, Brian McCabe '04!



Freshman Outdoor Track & Field

## Football Hall of Fame

On May 6, over 175 Prep alumni, administrators, coaches, students, parents, and friends and family of the inductees gathered for the Third Annual Football Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony.

Only days after the passing of football legend, Bruce Bott '59, many of the attendees who played with, for or against Bruce and his teams, fondly reflected upon the many memories of their time with him. Rev. Christopher Devron, SJ, remarked in his opening prayer that all of us could be inspired by how Bruce,

“as a Man for Others, taught generations of Prep players the same values he learned as a Prep student and football player: character, integrity and confidence.”

The evening focused on the inductees, including the Prep's first professional football player, an inventor, industrialists, lawyers, a doctor, the founder of the Fathers' Club, accomplished college football athletes, U.S. military veterans, members of the financial community, business owners, and even a Jesuit and former principal of the Prep.



The 2017 class of inductees represents not only some of the best athletes ever to play football for Fordham Prep, it also represents the strong values and faith shared by all Prep alumni. As successful as each of these men were or are in their chosen professions, their success has been overshadowed by their service to the Prep and the communities in which they live.

Robert Ablanap '39  
John Beck 1918  
Mario Biaggi '76  
Thomas Brennan '56  
Howie Cook '72  
Daniel Cunniffe '93

Michael Fischetti '61  
Richard Flory '63  
Rev. Charles Matthews, SJ  
Principal  
Calvin McCoy '08  
Edmund McHugh '39

Walter "Buzzy" Morris '56  
John Neary '87  
Jehu Richardson '93  
Vincent Santomero '84  
Dr. George Zambetti '68  
John Zampino '62

A photograph of three men in clerical attire standing in front of a large, detailed bronze relief sculpture. The sculpture depicts a seated figure, likely a saint or historical figure, holding a staff and a cross. The men are dressed in dark suits with clerical collars. The background shows an indoor setting with red curtains and other people in the distance.

# Continuing the Legacy

As Fordham Prep's 175th Anniversary comes to a close, it is only fair to reflect on advancements the school has made, while looking towards the future and striving for the magis. The three most recent Fordham Prep presidents – Fr. Joseph Parkes, SJ, Fr. Kenneth Boller, SJ and Fr. Christopher Devron, SJ – emphasized overall institutional excellence during their tenures, and through their leadership the school became more financially stable, expanded curricular and co-curricular offerings, deepened the school's commitment to faith and service, and helped develop the school into a more well-rounded institution.

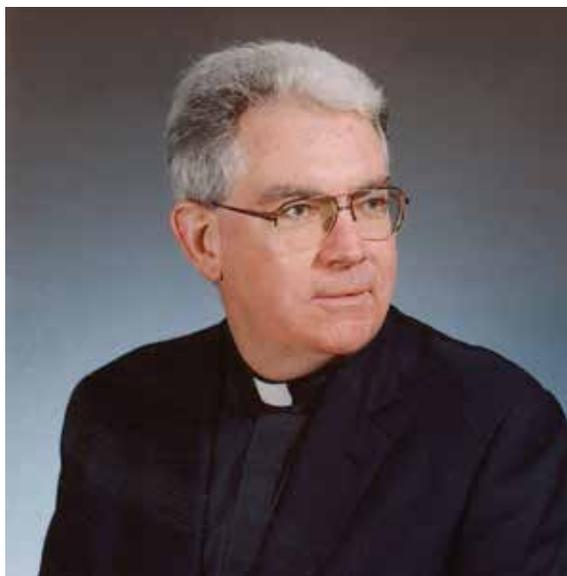
## Joseph Parkes, SJ

In 1996, Fr. Joe Parkes left the Provincial Office of the New York Province and became the 33rd president of Fordham Prep. For Fr. Parkes, serving as president of an institution was a bit old hat – before joining the New York Province Office he had been the president of St. Peter's Prep from 1979 to 1986. "I was the Provincial during Fr. Ed Maloney's last year as president," states Fr. Parkes. "The school was looking for a Jesuit who had experience as president at another high school. I had also had board experiences from serving other schools, which helped out quite a bit."

When he arrived, Fr. Parkes saw a school that was strong academically with an experienced faculty, coupled with solid enrollment, but other issues were bubbling below the surface. "As an institution, there were several areas and issues where we needed to improve and quickly correct," said Fr. Parkes. "In 1996, the school still needed to pay off the construction of Leonard Theatre, update and renovate facilities, and needed to address the school's endowment to secure the financial future of the school." When Fr. Parkes took over, the school's endowment was valued at only \$1.5 million, well below the levels of peer schools.

The Prep also had some trouble locating alumni. "When I first came to the school, we could not locate about 1,500 alumni. For whatever reason, we had lost touch with them as the years went on." Fr. Parkes made it his goal to find as many alumni as he could. "Instead of doing The New York Times crossword on the weekends, I would come to my office and spend hours trying to search for lost alumni." Fr. Parkes' efforts paid off in the long run. "Overall, we were able to locate 1,300 alumni from the lost list. The number was astonishing." The hunting paid off: during his last two years as Fordham Prep's president, formerly lost alumni contributed a total of over \$100,000 to their alma mater.

Fr. Parkes did not just stay in the metropolitan area to connect with alumni. "We were on the road a lot to meet alumni – we wanted to meet with alumni and let them



know how the Prep was doing. We wanted to raise the level of engagement. John Bradley (then the Director of Development) and I did the majority of the trips, and if I was going out of town, I made sure I set up meetings with alumni."

As Fr. Parkes' tenure progressed, the school's overall situation gradually improved. The endowment grew from \$1.5 million to approximately \$7 million in 2001, to \$10 million in 2004. The school also underwent a \$1.5 million renovation, which included the McNamara Library, and started the campaign to install field turf on the back field.

After seven short years though, Fr. Parkes knew he had to move on. "By the start of the 2003-2004 school year, I felt it was time to finish my tenure as president. Fordham Prep was a great experience for me – to work with people who were so committed to the mission; who put in their blood, sweat and tears. The board chairs (Kevin Hackett '67, William Mulrow '74, James Murray '63) and the Board of Trustees did a phenomenal job in leading the school and helping us push for excellence. Fordham Prep is a special place."

## Kenneth Boller, SJ

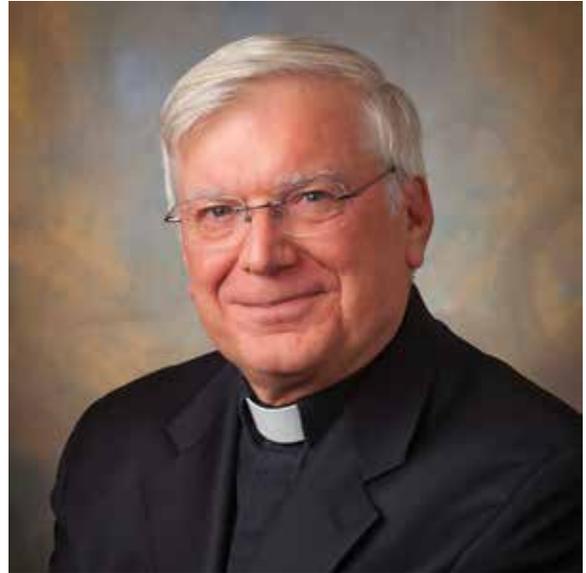
Fordham Prep is in Fr. Ken Boller's blood – his father was a 1936 Prep graduate, and his uncle and godfather was a 1934 Prep graduate. Fr. Boller had formerly served as a math teacher, Dean of Co-Curriculars, Headmaster and President at rival Xavier High School, as well as Principal at Canisus High School in Buffalo. At the time the president's position opened at Fordham Prep, he was the pastor of St. Aloysius in Harlem. "I had been at St. Aloysius since I left Xavier in 1997. When the Provincial asked me to apply for the President's position at Fordham Prep, my previous experience as a president was a major factor as to why I was asked and considered."

Fr. Boller assumed the reins of President at the Prep on September 1, 2004. "When I came in, Joe Parkes had stabilized finances and enrollment was strong, but we needed to continue the work he had started."

One of the first areas Fr. Boller addressed was plant maintenance. "Our plant maintenance had been deferred over the years, so I conferred with Jim Pollard, the Director of Physical Plant, as to what were some of the immediate and long-term plant needs. One of the more immediate needs was boiler replacement, so we made that a priority, as well as establishing a plant fund to address future needs. The school ended up replacing three oil-fired boilers with two dual-fuel boilers, which netted the school tens of thousands of dollars in energy savings.

Another area of improvement was professional development for faculty members. "In order to better support teachers, we needed to increase the budget for professional development. The principal, Bob Gomprecht '65, had some strong professional development ideas that we implemented, one of which was adding the position of Assistant Principal for Professional Development & Supervision to support non-tenured faculty members through their first years at Fordham Prep. Dennis Ahern '63 moved into that role and it was a tremendous help for new faculty members."

Fr. Boller remembers that the Prep went through a Middle States Evaluation in 2004 and 2005, which gave the school an agenda of recommendations for the following five years: Ignatian identity, technology literacy, financial planning and general planning that included strategic planning, faculty supervision, and development planning and student assessment planning. The recommendations served as the framework for Fordham Prep 2021 – a strategic plan approved by the Prep's Board of Trustees in 2006. "The plan deliberately chose to look out beyond five years. The greater challenge was to consider the needs of students ten to fifteen years out."



One of the biggest challenges for the Prep to meet the needs of its students was to enhance its facilities (particularly in science and art), add a fitness center for athletics, and increase the budget for technology upgrades.

"When I started as president, we only had three science labs which had not been updated since the building opened in 1972. If we were going to be serious about updating facilities and upholding academic excellence, then we needed to have multiple labs for biology, chemistry and physics."

In order to complete the goals set out in the strategic plan, Fr. Boller initiated a capital campaign in the summer of 2006, which aimed to raise \$23 million over five years - \$12 million for endowment and physical plant improvements and \$11 million to supplement the annual operating budget through annual giving. Within the first year of the campaign, Fordham Prep raised \$7.35 million in capital gifts and pledges and over \$1.98 million for the Annual Fund. By the end of year two, over \$9.8 million was raised in gifts and pledges toward the endowment and the physical plant, and over \$4.1 million was raised in annual giving. This was enough to start construction in Spring 2008 of what is now the Boller Science Center on the school's fourth floor. "Not only did the fourth floor add 20% more space to the school building, it actually made the building more energy efficient since it required us to update our heating and cooling systems," quipped Fr. Boller.

Just as things seemed to be going well for Fordham Prep and the campaign, however, the economic meltdown of 2008-2009 struck. The economic collapse forced Fordham Prep to put tuition increases toward the school's

the Annual Fund, so money budgeted for school operations was used to close a budget shortfall.

Even with the economic setback, the campaign was able to reach its goal by the end of year four, and by the end of the 2011 fiscal year, the campaign raised over \$25.4 million, surpassing the original goal of \$23 million, making it, at the time, the largest capital campaign in school history. Over \$10 million went towards the school's physical plant, including the Boller Science Center, the renovated art and music rooms, the fitness center, and the faculty/staff locker rooms, as well as additional classrooms.

"It's a challenge to raise funds during normal economic times, but to raise that amount of money in the time frame that we did is somewhat remarkable. It goes to show how generous and loyal the Fordham Prep community truly is."

Other notable accomplishments during Fr. Boller's term included increasing Hall of Honor membership and revising the program to its current format, expanding retreat and service offerings to students, adding crew and rugby to the Fordham Prep athletic program, and renovating athletic facilities (turf field, a 242-meter

Mondo Super X track, weight-training facility, and locker facility for faculty and staff).

By the start of the 2011-2012 school year, Fr. Boller was beginning to think about life after the Prep. "When I came to Fordham Prep, I figured I was going to be at the school eight to ten years. The end of the capital campaign marked the end of my seventh year at Fordham Prep, and so I figured it would be a good time to think about when to step down."

On May 30, 2012, Board of Trustees Chair John Neary '87 formally announced Fr. Boller would be stepping down at the end of the 2012-2013 school year, ending a nine year tenure at Fordham Prep.

When reflecting on his time at the Prep, Fr. Boller said, "The faculty and staff at Fordham Prep have always been strong and continue to be strong. I inherited a good ship from Fr. Parkes, and we continued to move the school forward. I enjoyed a supportive relationship with Fr. McShane (President of Fordham University) and he, in turn, was a great help. I will always look back at my years at Fordham Prep very fondly."

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## Christopher Devron, SJ

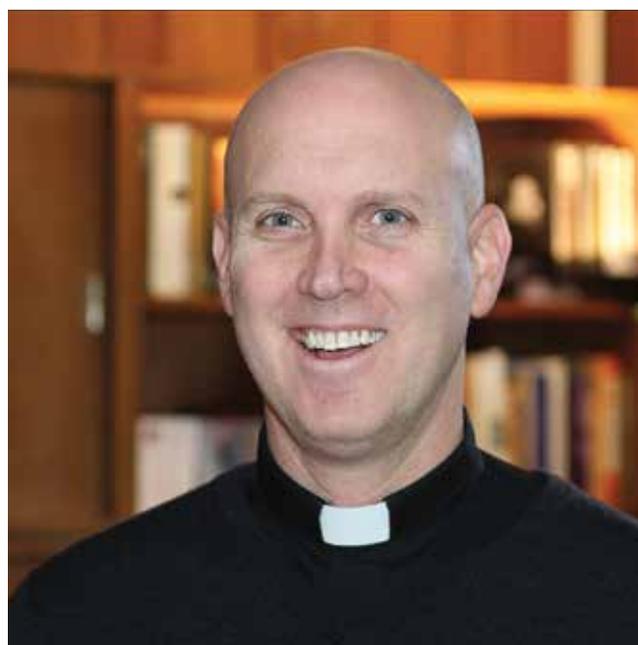
Fr. Devron was born in Providence, RI and grew up in Palantine, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. After working at Cardinal Spellman High School in the Bronx and pursuing graduate studies in theology, Fr. Devron joined the Jesuits in 1991 and returned to New York, first teaching at the Gonzaga Middle School Program for Boys in Harlem, then as director of the Loyola Youth Center in Crown Heights, Brooklyn. After he was ordained in 2001, he worked as the founding director of REACH (Recruiting Excellence for Academics in Catholic High Schools). REACH, an initiative of Regis High School, identifies, recruits and prepares academically gifted middle school boys who could not otherwise afford a Catholic, private secondary education, and assists their families with scholarship opportunities at Regis, Fordham, Xavier, Loyola and other top high schools in New York City.

In 2008, Fr. Devron was appointed the founding president of a new Cristo Rey model high school, Christ the King Jesuit College Prep on Chicago's West Side. During his tenure at Christ the King, he presided over the construction of its new \$30 million campus and steady growth in enrollment.

When Fordham Prep was seeking a successor to Fr. Boller 2012, Fr. Devron's provincial asked him to apply for the position.

"Looking at my own experience, starting at REACH at Regis, and then moving on to help found a new Cristo Rey high school, the possibility of going to Fordham Prep in a leadership role was very exciting – especially since I came to know the Prep through my work at REACH a few years earlier." In early 2013, Fr. Devron was named President of Fordham Prep.

Having just completed his fourth year at Fordham Prep, Fr. Devron is in the unique position to reflect on the advancements under



previous presidents and building on their legacies toward the future.

"Fordham Prep is built on the legacy of those who led the school before I arrived, especially Frs. Parkes and Boller. Together with the faculty, staff and school leadership, we have the opportunity to secure the Prep's future. As we invite our students to seek the magis, we must push ourselves to set a bold vision of continuous improvement in all areas: developing a curriculum and our educational programming for 21st century learners; advancing the mission of retreats,

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service programs, the performing arts, and sports just to name a few areas.”

Perhaps Fr. Devron is most enthusiastic about the Prep’s recently launched Global Education Program.

“This program is a fantastic opportunity for the kind of growth which can only occur when students interact directly with people from different cultures through immersive educational, spiritual and service-related experiences. By studying at a Jesuit high school in Ireland, Australia, South America or Europe, a young man develops new skills and cultural competencies, and he broadens his horizon of learning. In collaborating with his peers at a Jesuit high school in Rwanda or Tanzania, he becomes aware of the universal scope and mission of the Church and the Society of Jesus; the complexity of social problems in another part of the world; and the global interconnectedness of issues such as environmental and economic sustainability. He also learns that Ignatian spirituality speaks to the core of the human experience, regardless of one’s background. Of course, there is the fun of playing rugby at a Jesuit school in England and exploring culinary options in China. These experiences prepare a young man to navigate a globalized economy and succeed as a leader committed to faith, scholarship and service. In leveraging the Jesuit network of several thousand secondary schools throughout the world—from Europe and Asia, to Africa and South America—we offer our families and students a unique experience and a value proposition which differentiate us among our peer schools.”

“We also want our enrollment to reflect the diversity of the New York City metropolitan area, which requires the resources to make a Fordham Prep education available to the most qualified students regardless of family background. The Prep is at its best when its enrollment

includes students from middle income families, as well as the sons of new immigrants. Or, in the words of St. Ignatius Loyola when describing the first Jesuit schools, Fordham Prep should ‘include everyone: the rich and poor alike.’ Our partnership with Regis and Xavier high schools to expand the REACH Program demonstrates our dedication to the goal of greater economic diversity. Indeed, making an outstanding education accessible and inclusive is key component of our tradition to promote the common good and transform society *ad maiorem Dei gloriam*.”

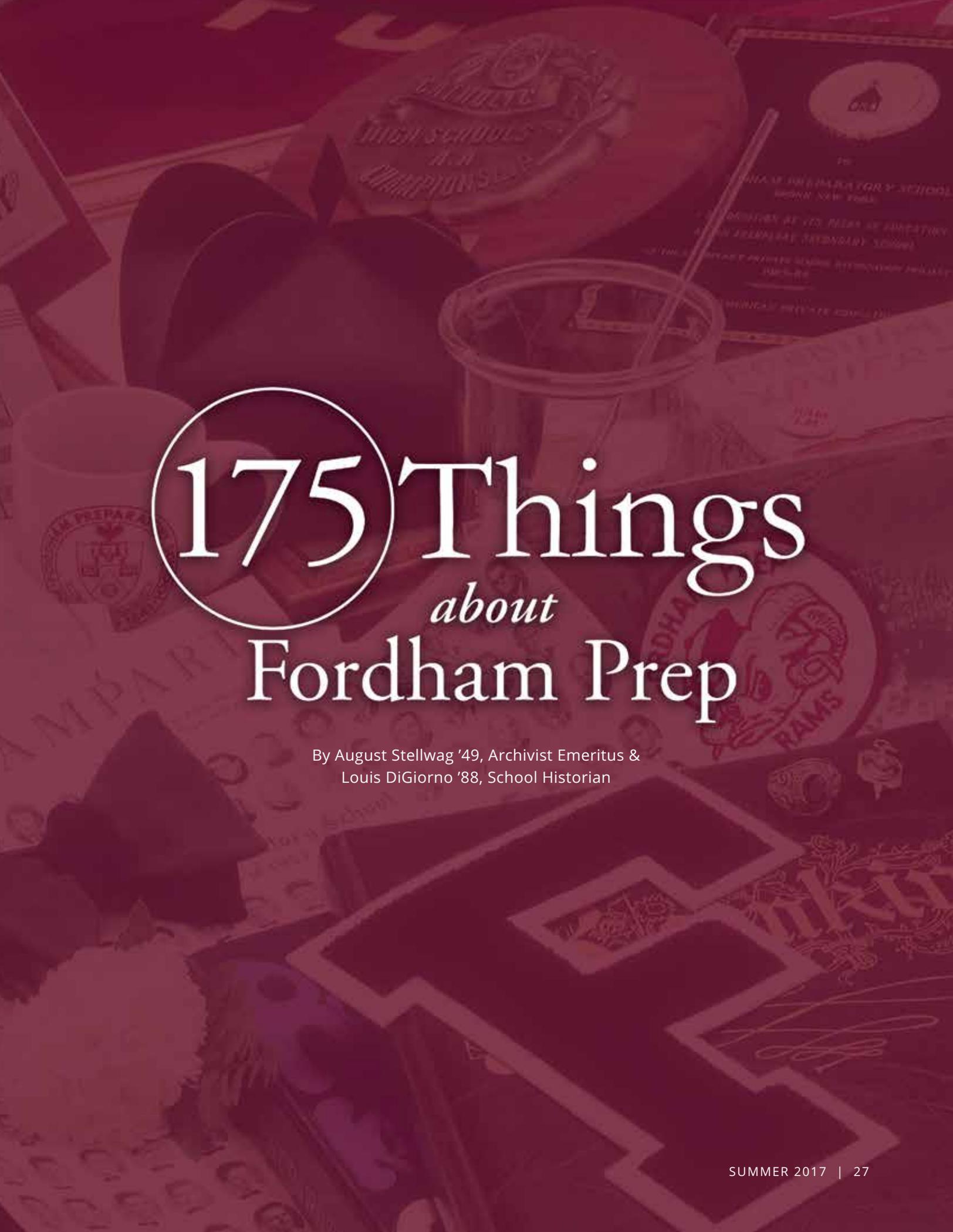
We also demonstrate our commitment to continuous improvement by enhancing and updating our facilities. There have already been dramatic recent enhancements: e.g., Rowen Athletic Field, Joe Fox Track, Donnie Walsh Court, a new front entrance, the renovated Commons. And there are more planned for this summer: e.g., a new chapel and group study spaces. And yet, additional work remains to update the entire building—especially to renovate and enlarge classrooms in the building’s east wing.

How can we accomplish our vision to secure the future? Through increasing participation and engagement among alumni and parents within the Prep community, we will find the means to invest in campus improvements and grow our endowment. This participation and engagement ensure that Fordham Prep will remain on sound financial footing and will make the opportunity of a Jesuit education accessible regardless of background.

“We’re moving in the right direction. We are called to keep faith with our past and what’s been handed down to us—the true meaning of the word ‘tradition.’ Advancing the future of our mission is only made real when the community is united by a common vision and our alumni, moved by gratitude, commit to generous giving.”

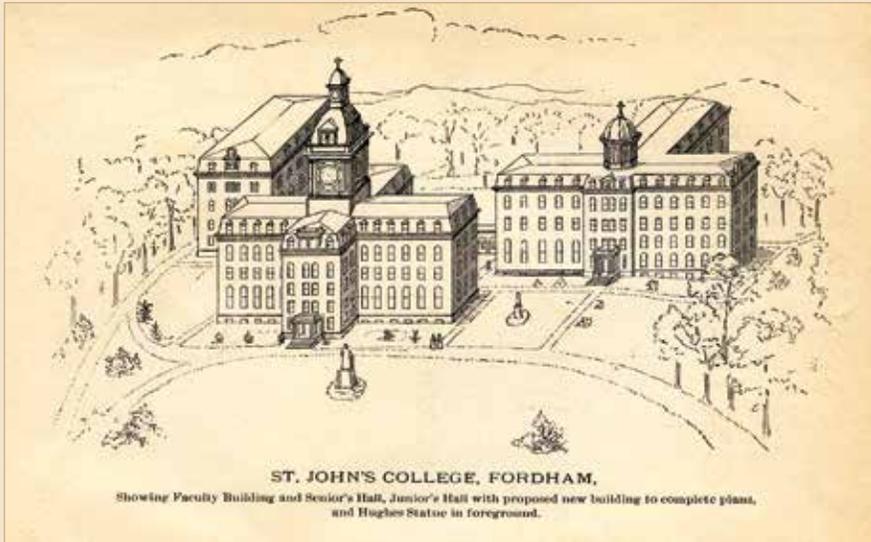


*Frs. Parkes, Devron, Boller on altar.*



# 175 Things *about* Fordham Prep

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# 1840s

**1) Prior to June 24, 1841:** Six boarding students arrive in Fordham, New York for a first summer session at the soon-to-open St. John's College.

**2) June 24, 1841,** on the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, Bishop John Hughes founds St. John's College in Fordham, New York – today known as Fordham Prep and Fordham University.

**3) June 1841:** Fr. John McCloskey, the first native-born New York Diocesan priest, begins his tenure as the first rector, or president, of St. John's College. He would later become the first American-born cardinal.

**4) September 1841:** Mr. William Rodrigue joins the faculty as the school's first art teacher. He also teaches mathematics and penmanship on the Prep level. As the campus architect, he and his wife, Mrs. Margaret Hughes Rodrigue — the sister of Bishop Hughes— live in the small stone house which still stands on campus today as Rodrigue's Coffeehouse. Rodrigue would go on to lend his talent to several projects, including the construction of St. Patrick's Cathedral.

**5) September 7, 1841:** Sr. Basilia McCann, SC arrives as the first school nurse. Other Sisters of Charity soon join her to staff the infirmary and housekeeping department.

**6) Mid-1840s:** Tuition is \$200 per year for boarding students. There is an additional charge of \$15 for students remaining at Rose Hill during the summer months. While Latin and Greek are part of the required curriculum on all levels, there are separate fees for optional modern language courses in Hebrew, French, Spanish, German and Italian. William Seton, Class of 1848, grandson of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, is among the early students of French.

**7) 1845:** The University Church is constructed under the direction of Mr. Rodrigue. During the 1800s, the Church would simultaneously serve as a chapel for St. John's College, a chapel for St. Joseph's Seminary (which shared the Rose Hill Campus with St. John's until 1860), and a local church for Our Lady of Mercy Parish.



**8) April through August 1846:** The Jesuits begin to arrive in Fordham to take over day-to-day operations of St. John's College. Mr. Michael Nash, SJ, a young scholastic from St. Mary's College in Kansas, arrives on August 9th. He can be considered the first Jesuit prefect, or dean, of Fordham Prep.



**9) May 1846:** Edgar Allen Poe moves into a cottage on Kingsbridge Road in the area. He soon befriends Fr. Augustus Thébaud, SJ, Fordham Prep and University's first Jesuit rector, and other members of the faculty and staff. According to school lore, Poe's inspiration for his famous poem, "The Bells," was the tolling of the University Church's bell.



**10) July 15, 1846:** Commencement Day: On hand for Fordham's first commencement are the first six students to complete their Second Division studies — the Prep's first graduating class: James Carolin, Patrick Dealy, Patrick Gaynor, Felix Kennedy, James Moran, William Reilly, and Alejandro Troncozo. After his Second Division days, Dealy would go on to join the Society of Jesus, becoming the first Jesuit Fordham Prep alum. Fr. Dealy

would return to Rose Hill in the 1850s as a Greek and Latin teacher, and then again in 1882 as the president of the Prep and University. The University's Dealy Hall is named in his memory.

# 1850s

**11) July 19, 1850:** Pope Pius IX raises the Diocese of New York to the status of an archdiocese. Bishop Hughes becomes Archbishop Hughes.

**12) September 1850:** Robert Gould Shaw, ex-1854, begins his short time at the Prep. Shaw would later be remembered for his command of the heroic 54th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment, the first African-American unit formed in the North.



**13) 1849-1850 School Year:** By the 1850s, astronomy is being taught at St. John's College. While primarily a college-level course, astronomy is also included as part of the "natural philosophy" curriculum of fourth-year Second Division students, or Prep seniors.

**14) March 16, 1851:** Prep boys engage in the most notorious food fight in school history. Several Dining Hall windows are broken. Apparently, there are geopolitical overtones to the whole unfortunate event, with Prep students of Irish descent feeling that plans for St. Patrick's Day festivities had been deliberately mishandled.

**15) 1851-1852 School Year:** The Sodality of the Holy Angels, which had first formed on October 2, 1847, separates

completely from the Parthenian Sodality and becomes Fordham's first devotional and charitable society comprised entirely of students of the Second Division.

**16) Early July 1852:** Commencement Day: Brothers Henry and John LaFarge complete their Second Division studies. John LaFarge would go on to become a renowned artist during his lifetime, best known for his innovations in stained glass technique.

**17) 1852-1853 School Year:** Fordham sees its first student literary publication on record, The Goose-Quill, a hand-written monthly paper edited and posted by three members of the Prep Class of 1855: Arthur Francis, John Rose Greene Hassard and Martin McMahon under the single pseudonym "Ham."

**18) 1854:** The St. John's Debating Society is officially formed. Both University and Prep students are involved

**19) July 12, 1855:** Commencement Day: Martin McMahon completes his Second Division studies, or in other words, graduates the Prep. During the Civil War, General McMahon would lead a valiant mission to destroy supply wagons and recover engineering equipment that had fallen into enemy hands. He would later be awarded a Medal of Honor for his bravery. His two brothers, John Eugene McMahon, Class of 1848, and James Power McMahon, Class of 1853, would both lose their lives in service to the Union.



**20) December 3, 1855:** The newly-formed St. John's Dramatic Society presents Henry IV and The Seven Clerks

as its two inaugural productions. The first-known stage manager in Fordham history is a Second Division student at the time — a Prep junior — Charles Melton Walcot Jr., Prep Class of 1857. Walcot, known today as "The Father of Fordham Dramatics," was the son of a well-known acting couple, and would go on after his Rose Hill days to have a celebrated stage career of his own, followed by a stint in the silent film industry.

# 1860s

**21) 1860:** St. Joseph's Seminary, with which St. John's College had shared Rose Hill since its 1841 founding, moves to a new site in Troy, New York.

**22) 1860-1861:** An official Prep baseball team steps up to the plate for the first time: The Live Oaks. During their first season, they play the University men, the Rose Hills, three times. The Live Oaks take all three games: 35-11, 22-11 and 38-36.

**23) 1862:** The Prep's varsity baseball team changes its name from the Live Oaks to the Invincibles. Once again, they trounce the Rose Hills. The score: 22-6. The name Invincibles would come to be used formally and informally for all Prep varsity-level teams and competitive clubs for the next few decades.

**24) June 15, 1863:** At a meeting of the school's Board of Consulters, a letter from the Provincial is read commending Fordham on having maintained "a spirit of fraternal charity" despite the bitterness of the Civil War. From the ranks of Fordham alumni, no fewer than four generals, seven colonels and seven captains would serve in the Union Army, with eight former Fordhamites taking up arms on the Confederate side. In addition, one of the school nurses from the 1840s, Sr. Hieronymo O'Brien, SC, would serve as a heroic war nurse at the institution she had founded, St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, NY.



**Mother Hieronymo O'Brien  
(1891-1898)**

**25) Late Summer 1863:** Esteban Bellán arrives from Cuba to begin what we would call his freshman year at the Prep, completing his Second Division education as an honors student while learning and excelling in the new American game — baseball. After his Prep days, Bellán would go on to play professional hardball with the Troy Haymakers, becoming the first Latin American to play in the big leagues. He is remembered as the “Father of Cuban Baseball.”



**26) November 26, 1863:** Per President Lincoln’s declaration, Thanksgiving is celebrated as a national holiday for the first time. Prep parents from across the country would coordinate their efforts to make sure

everything needed for a proper Thanksgiving feast arrived at Rose Hill in time.

**27) January 3, 1864:** Our founder, “Dagger John” Hughes, passes away after months of illness.



**28) January 7, 1864:** Future Mexican senator, Juan Tomás MacManus y González, Class of 1867, arrives in New York from Mexico to begin his Prep boarding years at the start of second semester. Later in life, he would recall the traffic throughout Manhattan that day on account of Archbishop Hughes’ funeral.

**29) June 1865:** Alexander (Alessandro) Cristadoro completes his Second Division studies, following in the footsteps of his half-brother, Joseph (Giuseppe), who had completed his Prep years in 1850. They were the sons of a wigmaker from Palermo, Italy.

**30) 1866-1867 School Year:** Fr. William Moylan, SJ, Prep and University rector, or president, ushers in a new student perk: napkins on the refectory tables at mealtime. Napkins notwithstanding, all meals continue to be taken in stoic silence.

# 1870s

**31) 1870:** Bro. Jeremiah Flaherty, SJ arrives at Fordham. For the next 40 years, he would serve the head baker at Rose Hill. Among his bakeshop specialties is a currant scone that would come to be known as the Famous Fordham Bun. Throughout the late 19th and early 20th centuries, these buns are served daily to the boarding students during their afternoon study break, becoming an integral part of school culture.



**32) Early 1870s:** Austin O’Malley, Class of 1874, would later recall: “When I went to Fordham first, thirty-seven years ago, there were no electric railways, electric lights, telephones, or motor cars; no football, track team, basketball or golf; no juvenile knee britches, no sparrows, typewriters, bicycles, or armored ships.” If sparrows seem an odd additional to the list, one must remember that the now-common brown sparrow was only introduced to North America in the mid-1800s.

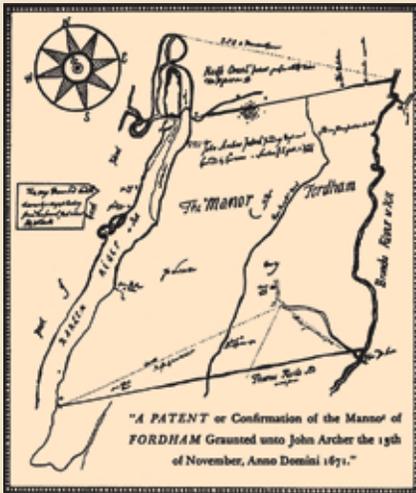
**33) 1872 or 1873:** The Administration bans the campus snack shop from selling pie on account of its unhealthiness. Prep students continue to call the pie-less establishment “The Pie Shop” for decades.

**34) June 25, 1873:** Commencement Day: Michael Cummins, Class of 1873, wins awards for excellence in Latin, Greek, French, History and Mathematics. In recent years, the Prep Classics Department turned up a 19th-century Latin grammar initialed “MC” that may have once been used by the young scholar.

**35) September 3, 1873:** First day of school for the 1873-1874 school year.

**36) Effective January 1, 1874:**

Fordham becomes a New York City school when the lands west of the Bronx River are annexed to New York County. Previously, the village of Fordham, NY, had been part of Westchester.



**37) Fall 1874:** At a schoolwide meeting, Stephen Wall, College Class of 1875, proposes maroon for the school color.

**38) 1876-7 School Year:** The reading list for a Second Grammar students of the Second Division (Prep juniors) includes selections from the letters of Cicero in Latin, selections from *Æsop's Fables* in Greek, and Shakespeare's *Julius Cæsar* and the poetry of Elizabeth Barret Browning in English.

**39) 1877:** According to the reminiscences of alumni from the 1870s, balls (as opposed to strikes) began to become a regular feature of typical at-bats during Rose Hill baseball games in about 1877.

**40) June 26, 1878:** Commencement Day: Among those completing their Prep years is Thomas Cryan. He would join the Society of Jesus after graduation and eventually return to Fordham in the 1890s to serve as a Prep math teacher and a librarian and prefect of discipline for the College.

# 1880s

**41) 1880-1881 School Year:** The School Orchestra includes Giovanni Morosini, Class of 1881, on the drums. During these years, the orchestra is composed of musicians from all levels of their Fordham careers — from the Prep through grad school.

**42) March 1883:** The Second Division Glee Club puts on two skits during the Spring Concert: *Barney, the Baron and Caught by the Cuff*. These short performances mark the very first steps towards the creation of a Prep theatrical program distinct from the College.

**43) September 1884:** A good number of Prep boys begin parting their hair in the middle — a tonsorial trend noteworthy enough to merit a mention in student publications of the day.

**44) March 1886:** Under the moniker “One Who Knows,” an anonymous student writes a polemic on jug for the Fordham *Monthly*. “JUG!” his article begins, “the word is laden with solemnity. It sticks in the throat as if it feared the light of heaven!” Of course, we should not look to 1886 as any sort of starting date for the venerable disciplinary measure. As our 19th-century friend reminds us: “It is immortal.”

**45) 1886-1887 School Year:** After nearly a half-century of candles and oil lamps, Fordham students are given the advantage of a new modern convenience: the electric light! In fact, it is possible that Fordham is the first electrified institution in the Bronx. Fr. Thomas Freeman, SJ installs a Weston dynamo electric machine in the basement of Thebaud Hall and the school begins to produce its own power.

**46) Spring 1887:** Playing on the tennis team this year are Augustus Gallagher, Class of 1891; Edward Gallagher, Class of 1888; Patrick Gillon, Class of 1890; Michael Lennon, Class of 1887; Edward

Tomney, Class of 1890; Juan Vargas, Class of 1889; and possibly Joseph Browne, Class of 1889.



**47) Fall 1887:** The supposed year of the *Rebellio Sciurorum*, the Great Squirrel Rebellion — at least according to the late Fr. Robert Cregan, SJ. Fr. Cregan taught at Prep in the late 1950s and early '60s, and then again in the new millennium. According to Father's tale, a Prep boy was confronted one afternoon in the fall of 1887 by a dray of angry squirrels demanding homework as tribute from the lad, which he naturally handed over fearing for his life, leading to the first utterance in Prep history of the phrase, “Father, a squirrel ate my Latin homework.” Fr. Cregan was one of Fordham Prep's great storytellers.

**48) November 27, 1887:** Fordham Prep plays its first official interscholastic football game — the legendary scoreless game against Xavier called on account of darkness. Falling on the Sunday of the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, the game is considered the first game of the annual Prep-Xavier Turkey Bowl series.



**49) June 28, 1888:** Commencement Day: Completing his Second Division studies is Hugh Augustine Gaynor. After graduation, he would join the Society of Jesus and return to Fordham in the 1910s as a German and rhetoric teacher. During his tenure at Rose Hill, Fr. Gaynor would also compose the words of “Alma Mater, Fordham,” still sung at every Prep graduation.

**50) Fall 1888:** Joseph A. Faye, Class of 1889, establishes the Holy Childhood Book Pound (for Wayward Tomes and Articles) — in other words, the Prep’s first lost-and-found. Faye’s suggested donation for reuniting an owner with his lost item: one penny.

# 1890s

**51) September 1890:** Second Division students return to school to find the construction of Junior Hall — as Hughes Hall was originally known — nearly complete. Within a few weeks, all Second Division dorms and classrooms are transferred to the new building, and Hughes Hall becomes the home of Fordham Prep for the next eight decades



**52) May 30, 1891:** With Lt. Clarence Edwards as their commandant, the St. John’s College Cadet Corps, Prep students are among them, marches in the Decoration Day Parade in Manhattan. Lt. Edwards would rise to the rank of brigadier general and became a decorated hero in World War I. Edwards Parade, Rose Hill’s large central field stretching from Hughes Hall to Keating Hall, is named in his honor.

**53) June 24, 1891:** The Nativity of St. John the Baptist: The Prep and University, still together known as St. John’s College, celebrate their shared Golden Jubilee. A major part of the celebration is the dedication of the statue of Archbishop Hughes which still stands on Campus today.

**54) 1893:** As the story goes, at an Army-Fordham game in 1893, the Fordham students come up with a cheer, “One dam, two dam, three dam — Fordham!” Because of objections by school authorities to the similarity (deliberate or accidental) to the word *damn*, it is eventually changed to ram — “One ram, two ram, three ram, Fordham!” And so, the Fordham Ram is born.

**55) December 13, 1893:** The Feast of St. Lucy: On a beautiful cold, clear day,

the administration cancels all classes and declares a Skating Holiday. Prep boys spend the day skating on the Rose Hill Pond, an area today occupied by the University Parking Lot.

**56) February 16, 1894:** George Rooney, Class of 1895, is knocked unconscious and “nearly broke his neck and back, and crushed his skull” on the toboggan slide set up on campus for student use during the winter months. Within the hour, a schoolwide proclamation goes out banning tobogganing. As far as we can tell, that ban is technically still in effect at Rose Hill to this day.

**57) February 23, 1894:** Prep boarding students are permitted to stay up late to watch what is recorded as “an unusual exhibition of the Aurora Borealis” that begins after supper and lasts all night.

**58) May 4, 1895:** During the Columbia Games held at Columbia Oval in the Bronx, J. Francis Quinlan and Gerald J. Barry, both Prep Class of 1895, become the first known Second Divisioners to participate in an interscholastic track competition. Quinlan takes first in the 100-yard dash, and Barry, third in pole vault.

**59) June 27, 1895:** Last day of the 1894-1895 School Year. With the departure of the Prep boarding students for the summer, the assistant prefect records in the Second Division log: “Last boy gone — AMEN!”

**60) October 31, 1898:** All Hallows Eve: Halloween activities include ducking for apples (in some of which were hidden coins), lighting bonfires and roasting apples.

**61) December 2, 1898:** Prep students play their first recorded intramural basketball game.

# 1900s

**62) March 20, 1901:** Boarding student Andrew Heide, Prep Class of 1901, dies of

pneumonia in the Infirmary. "Dutch," as his classmates called him, would be remembered as "jolly and good-natured; very noisy, but good as gold."

**63) July 1, 1901:** The Fordham Road Station of the Third Avenue El is opened to commuters. The number of day students enrolling at Fordham begins to increase sharply.

**64) April 21, 1902:** Carlos Gustavo Demetrio de Zaldo y Beurmann, Prep Class of 1877, becomes Cuba's first secretary of state.

**65) October 1903:** An advertisement for Fordham in *The Catholic University Bulletin* includes the school's first known phone number: "37 Tremont."

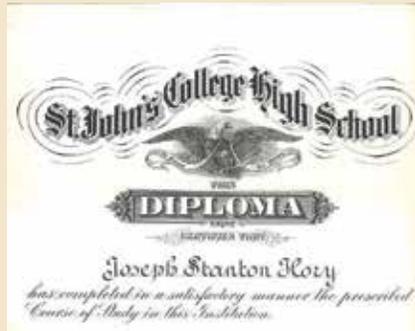
**66) January 16, 1904:** The Prep plays its first interscholastic basketball game against Lincoln High School in Yonkers. The Prep wins 12-0. John McGraw, Class of 1905, is the team manager.

**67) 1904-1905 School Year:** The baseball team poses for a team photo with the words FORDHAM PREP on their uniforms. While the nickname *Fordham Prep* had been in use for a number of years, this photograph represents the first use of the moniker in an official capacity.



**68) May 1, 1905:** "The Fordham Ram" by John Ignatius Conveney, College Class of 1906, is debuted at Carnegie Hall at an evening of Fordham music and drama. Conveney's composition — written in his dorm room in Dealy Hall — would be his legacy. Tragically, he would die of a fever on November 6, 1911.

**69) November 11, 1906:** Prep Varsity wins the Interscholastic Football Championship of New York City. Frank McCaffrey, Class of 1907, scores two touchdowns.



**70) March 7, 1907:** St. John's College is granted an amendment to its original charter by New York State, reaffirming its status as a university and officially changing its name to Fordham University. As for Second Division, the Prep legally becomes St. John's College High School.

**71) February 17, 1908:** The St. John's Second Division Walking Club makes its first excursion to Van Cortlandt Park. The club exists in 2017 under the moderator Mr. Paul Homer as the New York City Explorers Club, which travels out several times a year, mainly on foot, to see the sights of the Bronx and the other boroughs.

**72) November 14, 1909:** Frustrated by a lack of representation on Fordham's Athletic Association, fourth-year Prep students band together and push for the creation of an independent Prep Athletic Association.

## 1910s

**73) March 1910:** The football team presents a watch to Coach Jack Coffey as a token of their appreciation for a very successful season. Coach Coffey is himself a Fordham student at the time, soon to graduate with the College Class of 1910. After a career in professional baseball, Coffey would return as a coach

and manager of athletics from 1926 to 1958. Rose Hill's Coffey Field is named in his honor

**74) April 1910:** Halley's Comet makes its periodic appearance for the first time in the age of photography. The May issue of the Fordham *Monthly* opens with a lengthy article on Edmund Halley.

**75) April 9, 1913:** As announced in the *New York Times*, the newly-formed Fordham Prep Dramatic Society, newly independent from the University theater company, puts on its first major production: a three-act comedy called *M. Balmer*.

**76) 1914:** John Purroy Mitchel, Prep Class of 1894, becomes the 95th mayor of New York City, and — as brought to the attention of the media by Prep research during the 2013 mayoral elections — the first New York City mayor of Hispanic descent.

**77) July 28, 1914 to 11 November 11, 1918:** "The War to End All Wars." Scores of Fordham men would take up the cause of freedom overseas, thirty-six of whom would sacrifice their lives.



**78) January 15, 1915:** Fordham crew is founded on the Prep and University levels by John Mulcahy, international rowing legend and gold and silver medalist in the 1904 Olympics, Prep Class of 1891.



**79) 1917-1918 School Year:** Coach Jake Weber launches Fordham wrestling on the University and Prep levels.

**80) February 1918:** With fitness in general seen as somewhat of a patriotic duty during the war years, mandatory physical education is instituted at the Prep.

## 1920s

**81) 1920-1921 School Year:** The College is broken into academic departments for the first time. In the shuffle, the Prep is legally renamed Fordham College High School. Fr. Michael Jessup, SJ — then serving as the dean of Fordham College — becomes the Prep's acting principal.

**82) September 1920:** Boarding on the Prep level begins to be phased out. Within two school years, the Prep becomes the day school it is today.

**83) September 1921:** Fr. William Dolan, SJ is the first appointee to the Office of the Principal of the High School, an office independent from the University's Administration. Fordham College High School (known as Fordham Prep, colloquially) becomes a semi-autonomous institution.



**84) September 1921:** The first independent Prep prefecture is created. The school's first prefect of discipline is a young scholastic, Mr. Arthur Shea, SJ, whose subsequent four-decade tenure would leave its mark on the hearts of generations of young men.

**85) September 19, 1921:** As prefect, Mr. Shea, SJ introduces a new disciplinary procedure: walking jug — a practice still employed by the deans today.

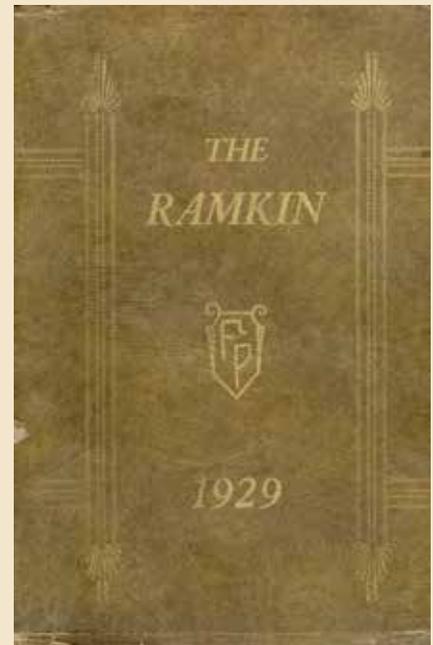
**86) June 13, 1922:** Commencement Day: Among the graduates is future Pulitzer-prize winning *New York Times* sportscaster, Arthur Daley.

**87) 1923-1924 School Year:** Tuition for the scholastic year is \$110 with additional \$5 fees for registration, athletics and library use. There are also \$20 equipment and breakage fees for physics, chemistry and biology students, and a \$10 graduation fee for the seniors. Optional piano lessons are available for \$80 per year.

**88) January 31, 1924:** A fire in the University's Administration Building nearly destroys all school records. A good portion of the files are spared, however, on account of the heroic actions of Fr. Jessup, who was severely burned rushing into the building to save the records and other valuable items in the school's holding.

**89) Late August 1928:** Mr. Harry McDonough arrives in the Bronx from Lowell, Massachusetts. Previously, the Holy Cross grad had been working as an undertaker at his family's funeral parlor. McDonough would spend the next five decades on the faculty.

**90) 1928-1929 School Year:** First publication of *The Ramkin*, the Fordham Prep yearbook. Among its founding editors is C. Malcolm Wilson, Class of 1929, future governor of New York State.



**91) 1929-1930 School Year:** While informal aviation enthusiast groups had existed at the Prep since 1908, the Fordham Prep Aeronautical Club is officially launched on December 16, 1929. The club exists today as the FP Aviation Club under Mr. Raymond Gonzalez of the Science Department.

**92) 1929-1930 School Year:** The texts used by fourth-year Prep Spanish students include M. A. DeVitis' *Spanish Grammar and Spanish Reader* and the play *Zaraguetta* by Ramon Carrion and Vital Aza. At Commencement, John Henrich and Charles Wichtendahl, both Class of 1930, receive awards for excellence in Spanish.

## 1930s

**93) March 14, 1930:** A debate between Fordham Prep and Georgetown Prep draws the largest speech and debate crowd in school history. Over a thousand gather to listen as the Prep team takes the negative side of the topic "Resolved: that the nations of the world adopt a plan for complete disarmament, except for such forces as are needed for police purposes." The Prep debaters prevail.

**94) April 15, 1930:** The Fordham Preparatory Alumni Association — distinct for the first time from the University — is born at a preliminary meeting in the office of student counselor Fr. Attilio Raines, SJ. Two temporary officers are appointed: C. Malcolm Wilson, Class of 1929, and Hilary Leyendecker, Class of 1930.

**95) Summer 1931:** Mr. Paul Carielli arrives at the Prep to begin his thirty-year stint as the sole maintenance man of Hughes Hall.

**96) 1931-32 School Year:** Under Coach Earl "Zev" Graham, the Prep's basketball squad compiles a 16-1 record. Playing on the team is Victor "Chick" Yanitelli, Class of 1933, who would enter the Society of Jesus and eventually serve as the president of St. Peter's College in Jersey City.



**97) March 23, 1934:** Scores of Prep boys turn out for the Prep's Interclass Boxing Tournament. The main event for the afternoon is the cruiserweight bout between "Handsome" James Healy, Class of 1935 and James "Big Jimmy" Clinton,

Class of 1934. The tournament had been arranged by Raymond Boller, Class of 1934, the brother of Vincent Boller, Class of 1936 and the uncle and godfather of Fr. Kenneth Boller, SJ, Prep president from 2004 to 2013.

**98) April 13, 1937:** Fire drill at noon.



**99) May 1937:** The name Fordham Preparatory School is officially adopted as the school receives its own certification from the University of the State of New York

**100) November 24, 1938:**

Thanksgiving: At the Turkey Bowl, Robert Abplanalp, Class of 1939, kicks the extra point, securing a 13-12 Prep win over Xavier. Some thirty years after his graduation, Bob and his wife, Josephine Sloboda Abplanalp, would be key figures in helping the Prep survive during the most tumultuous period in school history.



# 1940s

**101) October 22, 1941:** With the blessing of the new principal, Fr. Joseph O'Connell, SJ, Prep students publish the first issue of a new school newspaper, *The Rampart*.

**102) August 1, 1941:** Before the U.S. had even entered the war, Pilot Officer Robert Minnick, Class of 1937, joins the Royal Canadian Air Force becomes the first Prep alumnus to lose his life in World War II. By the end of World War II, 39 Prep alumni would pay the ultimate price for freedom.

**103) 1941-1942 & 1942-1943 School Years:** The fledgling *Rampart* receives All Catholic Honors from the Catholic High School Press Association two years in a row. Writing for the sports department in these years are two future award-winning sportscasters: William O'Donnell, Class of 1943, and Vincent Scully, Class of 1944. Bill would become the voice of the Baltimore Orioles, and Vin, of the Brooklyn and Los Angeles Dodgers.

**104) April 1946:** Joe Fox, Class of 1929, a stand-out on the track team during his own student years, returns to the Prep as a teacher and track coach after serving in the Air Force during World War II. To this day, in certain track circles, Prep runners are still sometimes referred to as "Fox Trotters."

**105) February 1947:** Edmund McHugh, Class of 1939, joins the Prep faculty to begin his long tenure as an English and history teacher. During his 42-year Rose Hill career, Mr. McHugh would wear many hats, serving as director of athletics, dean of the faculty, dean of student activities, assistant director of admissions, moderator of the Fordham Prep Fathers' Club and executive secretary of the Alumni Association.

**106) November 5, 1947:** The following item appears in the "Chalk Dust" column of the school newspaper: "Fr. Tallon's office is the only place that retains its

popularity year in and year out. After all, there will always be smokers. Inflation, cigarette shortages, or whatever have you, will not hamper the art (or habit) of smoking." Fr. William Tallon, SJ would serve as student counselor from 1938-1950, retiring from the Prep in 1952.

**107) September 1948:** Mr. Joseph "Sammy" Ososki, begins his 36-year career at the Prep. He would serve as head football coach, head baseball coach, athletic director and teacher. Coach Ososki would be retire in 1984 and be remembered as a man "of extreme dedication, unselfish devotion and unstilted pride in his players and students."

**108) November 19, 1948:** Theodore McCarrick, Class of 1949, takes first place and a prize of \$100 at an oratorical contest sponsored by the Bronx chapter of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The future cardinal would serve as president of the Prep's debating team, with classmates Werner Edelmann and future Prep librarian and school historian August "Gus" Stellwag.

**109) March 28, 1949:** On the heels of their March 18th Private Schools Athletic Association Championship victory, the Maroon Mermen cap off their third straight undefeated season by taking the Jesuit School Championship at the Rose Hill Pool.

**110) August 1949:** Instituted earlier in the decade as wartime measures, mid-year graduations and accelerated programs are phased out. This results in a total of 193 students graduating in four separate groups over a twelve-month period — August 1948, January 1949, June 1949 and August 1949. In the 1949-1950 School Year, the Prep would return to just one graduating class of 81.

# 1950s

**111) June 25, 1950 through July 27, 1953:** The Korean War: The first reported Prep casualties are Lt. William Cody, Class

of 1944, on May 10, 1951, and Sgt. John Brennan, Class of 1945, on July 8, 1951.



**112) February 5-8 & 19-22, 1951:** In two groups, the members of the Class of 1951 make their Senior Closed Retreat at Mount Manresa on Staten Island.

**113) Advent 1952:** The Prep literary magazine, then known as *The Ramkin*, publishes its annual Christmas edition. Editor-in-chief, Ramon Rivera, Class of 1953, contributes a short story entitled "A Grain of Sand." An excerpt: "The young man took the steps two at a time, and came quickly out of the subway into the warm night air. He gazed down the avenue, lit a cigarette, and started walking. It was late, yet the avenue was still well-lighted; occasionally a car passed, and the boy, whistling, walked on. Looking down the block, he smiled, and quickened his pace. There was a soda shop at the corner. Presently he turned and entered it."

**115) 1953-54 School Year:** Among the new teachers at the Prep this year are Fr. Francis Fahey, SJ and Mr. (later Fr.) Mallick Fitzpatrick, SJ. Fr. Fahey would teach Latin and religion, and oversee the bookstore until he passed away in May of 1969. Fr. Fitzpatrick would chair the Guidance Department for decades, bringing the Prep's College Counseling Program to national prominence, and remain on the faculty teaching art history straight through to his 2016 retirement.



**116) May 6, 1955:** 275 Prep boys and their dates attend the Arabian Nights Dance at 7 pm in the University Gym. On the evening's playlist are "Mr. Sandman" by the Chordettes and "Cherry Pink (and Apple Blossom White)" by Pérez Prado and His Orchestra.



**114) February 11, 1953:** Father-and-Son Night features a JV basketball doubleheader against the Mount, presentations by Prep athletes and actors, and refreshments in the Keating Hall Cafeteria, which the Prep had been using as a lunchroom since the construction of Keating Hall in the 1930s. Chairing the event is alum George Rohrs, Class of 1929, an energy industry executive who had served as general manager of the football Giants in the late 1940s.

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**117) November 22, 1956:**

Thanksgiving: The Rams cap off an undefeated season with a 14-13 Turkey Bowl victory over Xavier. During the first half, sophomore quarterback Bruce Bott scores the first Prep touchdown of the game and team co-captain, senior Robert "Ozzie" Oswald, runs the extra point. Before halftime, game MVP Mike Conway, Class of 1959, scores another Maroon touchdown, and "Ozzie" breaks the tie with his 51st point of the season.



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**118) April 12, 1959:** At Long Island's Mitchel Air Force Base (named for Mayor John Puroy Mitchel, Class of 1894) Bishop Walter Kellenberg, Class of 1919, founding bishop of the Rockville Center Diocese, dedicates the medal of Our Lady of Loreto, a title under which the Blessed Mother has come to be invoked by air travelers. For the occasion, he composed what has become the official prayer asking Mary's intercession for a safe flight.**119) 1959-1960 School Year:**

Fordham Prep moves its lunchroom facilities into lower level of the Campus Center, later the McGinley Center, named for Fr. Laurence McGinley, University president from 1949 to 1963.

# 1960s

**120) September 12, 1960:** Hurricane Donna hits New York City on the first day

of classes. When the radio reports that all New York City Catholic schools will be closed, some students — mostly freshmen — take this to mean that Prep classes are canceled as well. Upon returning to school the next day to find that the Prep had not been closed, they are sternly reminded by the administration that "Fordham Prep is a *Jesuit* institution of higher learning" and not just a "New York City Catholic School."

**121) 1960-1964:** During his Prep years, John Roy, Class of 1964, would often accompany Fr. John "Jack" Leonard, SJ to Fordham Hospital on Sunday mornings to assist in administering the Holy Eucharist.**122) December 21 & 22, 1961:** Mr. Rudolph Hanish's German Choir continues the annual tradition of caroling in German throughout the Rose Hill Campus. Accompanied on the accordion by John Ferrara, Class of 1964, the choir performs such favorites as "Stille Nacht" and "O Tannenbaum."**123) September 1962:** Russian classes are introduced at the Prep. The teachers are Mr. James Cully and Mrs. Tatjana Kamendrowski. Prep boys studying Russian are given use of the state-of-the-art Language Lab in Keating Hall.**124) June 20, 1963:** Commencement Day: 161 young men join the brotherhood of Prep alumni. Receiving their diplomas are two future legendary Prep teachers still on the faculty in 2017: Dennis Ahern and Jack Foley. Together, Messrs. Ahern and Foley have given nearly a century of service to our alma mater.

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**125) November 22, 1963:** Students gather around radios in club offices on the 5th Floor of Hughes Hall, listening in shock and outrage to the reports coming out of Dallas.

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**126) August 28, 1963:** Unable to attend the March on Washington in person, Fr. Horace McKenna, SJ, Class of 1916, activist and advocate for the poor and marginalized, spends the day in Philadelphia watching the events unfold on television. In Father's own words: "It was a beautiful spectacle. I remember Dr. King's stirring sermon: 'I have a dream — a brotherhood from sea to sea.'"**127) November 6 & 7, 1964:** The Fordham Prep Dramatic Society presents *A Man for All Seasons* in Collins Auditorium. For the first time, girls from sister schools are playing the female roles. The first First Lady of the Prep stage is Susan McCarthy, Mt. St. Ursula Class of 1965, in the part of Lady Alice Moore. She is joined by her classmate Barbara Liston in the part of Lady Margaret Moore and Deirdre Abbott, a first-year student at St. Catherine's.**128) Spring 1965:** A Middle States report confirms what the administration, faculty, staff and student body had known for years: the 19th-century Hughes Hall could no longer adequately accommodate the needs of a late 20th-century high school.

**129) February 23, 1967:** At a 125th Anniversary Gala at the Waldorf-Astoria, Fordham University pledges \$500,000 towards the construction of new Prep building. By the end of the evening, an additional \$500,000 is pledged anonymously. After their first anonymous pledge, the continued generosity of Josephine and Robert Abplanalp, Class of 1939, would help keep the Prep afloat during its first decade as a standalone institution.

**130) Late July 1969:** On his very first professional broadcast on WNEW, Pete Fornatale, Class of 1963, reads a commercial for the upcoming "Woodstock Music and Arts Fair: a three-day Aquarian exposition at White Lake in the town of Bethel in Sullivan County, New York."

**131) October 16, 1969:** The Miracle Mets rally to defeat the Orioles 5-3 at Shea Stadium, winning the 1969 World Series. The general manager of the championship team is "Fordham" Johnny Murphy, Class of 1925. During his own career on the mound in the '30s and '40s, Murphy had become one of the first celebrated relief pitchers in the game, playing with the Yankees and Red Sox.

**132) November 30, 1969:** Ceremonial groundbreaking for the new Prep building. Joseph Kain, Class of 1971, a junior in Homeroom 3A, is on hand to film the event. Construction begins the following February.



# 1970s

**133) June 30, 1970:** Fordham Prep legally separates from the Fordham University.



**134) June 7, 1970:** SSgt. Robert Murray '64 unhesitatingly and with complete disregard for his own safety, throws himself on a grenade absorbing the full and fatal impact of the explosion, preventing the death or injury of the other members of his squad. In August 1974, SSgt. Murray would be posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor. In addition to Murray, Fordham Prep honors and recalls six other alumni who were killed or declared missing in action during the Vietnam War: Capt. Edward Hughes, Class of 1956; Cpl. Patrick O'Keefe, Class of 1965; SSgt. Robert Private, Class of 1964; Sgt. William Van Tassel, Class of 1965; Cpl. Jonathan Richards, Class of 1965; and Maj. Eugene Pabst, Class of 1960.

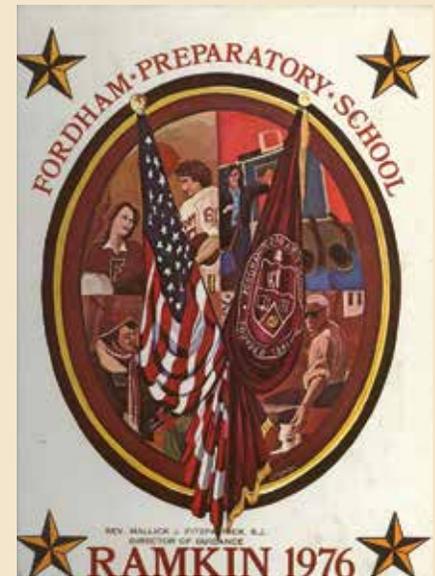
**135) September 1972:** A few weeks into the school year, the Prep says farewell to Hughes Hall and makes the move into the "New Prep Building," Shea Hall. Because of the delay, the incoming Class of 1976 can be considered the last of the Hughes Hall boys. Among them are two best friends who had attended Monsignor Kelly Middle School together, George Jackson and Tim Brosnan.

**136) 1972-1973:** Parts of *The Exorcist* are filmed at Rose Hill. Scenes are shot at Keating Hall and also in 5th Floor Hughes Hall classroom of Mr. Arthur McCormack,

the Prep's inimitable raconteur who had touched down as a member of the Social Studies Department in 1966 after a career with Eastern Airlines. The film's director, William Blatty, felt that Mr. McCormack's desk would work perfectly in the scene and used it on the set. "The Exorcist Desk" is still in use today in the classroom of Mr. William Bozzone, a member of the Faculty since 1989.

**137) 1972-1973 School Year:** Soccer makes its first appearance at the Prep in the form of student-run intramurals organized by seniors John Dolgetta, Kenneth Perelli and Michael Camerota.

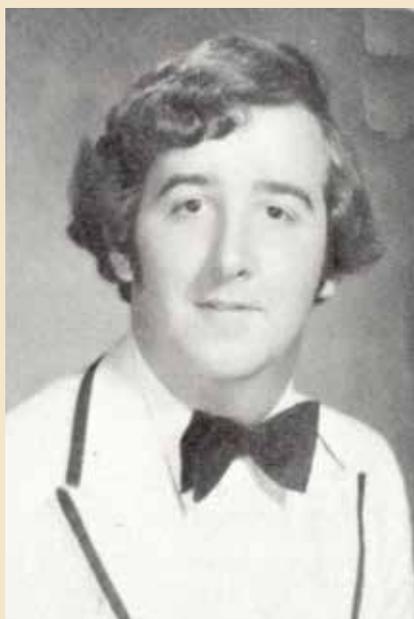
**138) Winter 1974:** Fordham Prep first officially hits the ice with the creation of both varsity and junior varsity teams under the direction of Coach Joseph Abbatini and Assistant Coach Patrick Moran. Among the first to sign up for the fledgling ice squad are seniors Arthur DeCesare, David DeTone and Noel Hamlet, junior Mike O'Brien, and sophomore Sean Moran.



**139) 1975-1976 School Year:** In honor of the Bicentennial, Prep Artist James Fleming, Class of 1976, designs a patriotic cover for the '76 yearbook. Moderating Fleming and the rest of the *Ramkin* staff is Fr. Stanley O'Konsky, SJ, who had joined the Faculty in 1966 and is still a member of the English Department today.

**140) July 20, 1976:** Aquaram Robert "Bobby" Hackett, Class of 1977, takes the silver medal in the men's 1500 meter freestyle at the Montreal Olympics.

**141) December 6, 1976:** Appearing on a New York stage for the first time in 45 years, Bing Crosby hosts a benefit entitled *Bing Crosby Salutes Fordham Prep* at Avery Fisher Hall. The show features Crosby and his family, as well as the Fordham Prep Choir under the direction of Mr. J.K. Johnson, a cornerstone of the Fine Arts Department from 1970 until his passing in 1991.



**142) June 10, 1977:** Commencement Day: Together with his 194 classmates, Lawrence Curran becomes a Prep alum. Receiving his diploma directly after Curran is Lee Curreri, best remembered for his work on the 1980 film *Fame*, as well as the television series of the same name. As for Larry Curran, eleven years after becoming a Prep alum, he would begin his tenure in the Prep's Alumni Office on February 8, 1988.

**143) Summer 1977:** With his father, Louis Sr., future faculty member Louis DiGiorno, Class of 1988, watches *Star Wars* at the Valentine Theater on Fordham Road. The film would spark in him a lifelong fascination with mythopoetics that would eventually lead

to the creation of the Quest Motif in Literature, the senior elective he teaches at the Prep today.

**144) April 23, 1979:** Bob Hope's *Salute to Fordham Prep* at Avery Fisher Hall caps off the Burn the Mortgage Campaign, helping to bring to a close a decade of near-disastrous financial instability for the newly independent Prep. On hand as ushers for the event are seniors John Civetta, Peter Ianniello, Thomas Mangano, John McDermott, Patrick McNierney, and Christopher Lauber, who would join the faculty in 1993.



**145) June 9, 1979:** The Senior Prom is held in the Baroque Suite of the Plaza Hotel from 8:30 pm to 12:30 am. The \$55 per ticket price tag includes dinner, music provided by a six-piece band and an evening of dancing on the large parquet floor. As it has been described over the years by various attendees, "The evening was magical."

**146) October 1, 1979:** "Mean" Joe Greene's award-winning "Hey, kid. Catch!" Coca-Cola ad is debuted. The commercial would gain national prominence and become something of a pop culture phenomenon a few months later during Super Bowl XIV. Playing "the kid" is future Prep student Thomas Okon, Class of 1987.

## 1980s

**147) January 8, 1984:** *The New York Times* runs an article about the Prep entitled "Language Study Gets a

Computer Accent." By the mid-1980s, thanks to Frs. Russell Sloun, SJ and Nicholas Lombardi, SJ, Class of 1961, the Prep had risen to international prominence for its revolutionary use of computers in an educational setting. Teachers from as far away as Japan are visiting Fordham Prep to see the future.

**148) September 7, 1984:** Mass of the Holy Spirit for the 1984-1985 school year.

**149) October 1984:** At the Faculty Convocation, Mrs. Wanda Piñeiro of the Modern Language Department becomes one of the first women granted tenure on the Prep faculty. Still on the faculty in 2017, Mrs. Piñeiro holds a special place in the hearts of generations of Prep boys.

**150) October 6-8, 1985:** Fr. Carsten Martensen, SJ directs the first Prep Emmaus Retreat in Garrison, New York.

### 151) 1984-1985 School Year:

Mr. Douglas Tobin's Greek 1 students are using Chase & Phillips' A New Introduction to Greek, easily identifiable by its plain, dark gray cover. The first full Greek sentence in the text is *θάνατος ψυχή*, the soul is immortal. During the mid-1980s, Greek 1 is taught in Room 251, reconfigured today as Room 250, the classroom where Mr. Eric Groepler, Class of 1987, teaches his Greek and Latin classes.

**152) October 1987:** Robert Dunbar, Class of 1988, publishes a *Ramview* article entitled "Father O'Magic" heralding the arrival on the Faculty of Fr. William O'Malley, SJ, a prolific author and an actor who had played the part of Fr. Dyer in *The Exorcist*. Father would remain in the classroom and in the Prep theater through June 2012.

**153) June 18, 1989:** The Prep unexpectedly loses Mr. Alfred Mehmel, raucously funny and much beloved teacher of German and religious studies. Throughout his long tenure, Deacon Mehmel had always chosen the same quote from St. Jerome for the yearbook: *Amor ordinem nescit*. "Love knows no rules."



# 1990s

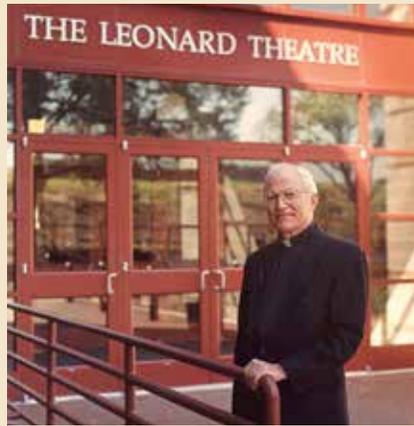
**154) February 14, 1991:** St. Valentine's Day: At the Mother-Son Valentine's Dance (aka, the Mom Prom), Ricardo Maldonado, Class of 1991, and his mom, Cecilia, perform the best Vanilla Ice routine of the evening.



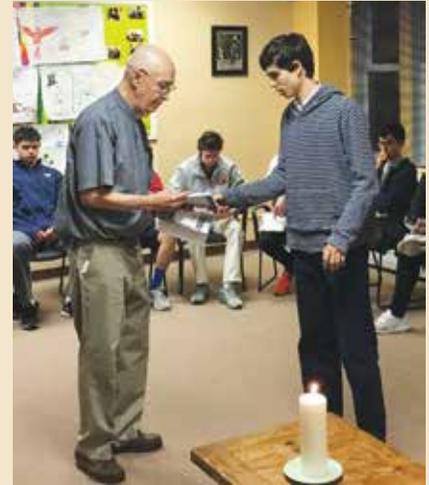
**155) September 24, 1992:** During the construction of Maloney Hall — containing the Leonard Theatre and the Hall of Honor — sparks from a welding torch start a fire on the roof at approximately 10:57 in the morning. Students, faculty and staff are evacuated to Edwards Parade for about an hour as the NYFD brings the situation under control. No structural damaged is caused. As expected, Prep boys find it difficult to refrain from the chant: "The roof, the roof, the roof is on fire!"

**156) September 1, 1993:** Mrs. Maureen Clark, the Prep's "strict but fair" assistant librarian, passes away after a brief illness right before the start of the 1993-1994 School Year. She had served in the Prep Library since 1979, where she was respected and loved by all.

**157) October 5, 1993:** Fordham Prep officially dedicates the newly-constructed Leonard Theatre in honor of Fr. John "Jack" Leonard, SJ. At the time of the dedication, Fr. Leonard was only 44 years into his incredible 60-year tenure at the Prep as a member of the English Department and moderator of dramatics.



**158) 1994-1995 School Year:** Mr. Robert Gomprecht, Class of 1965, succeeds Dr. Cornelius "Neil" McCarthy, Class of 1953, as Headmaster. He would remain in the position until 2015 as the longest serving headmaster/principal in school history.



**159) April 1995:** French exchange students Sebastian Lorette and Olivier Kontomichos take part in Emmaus 83, accompanying their American host, Daniel Kiely, Class of 1995, who had been scheduled to serve as a senior leader long before the exchange. Fr. Charles Sullivan, SJ, director of Emmaus 83, often refers to Sebastian and Olivier during his reconciliation talk retreats he leads, including Emmaus 275 which returned on April 27, 2017. Fr. Sullivan has been a part of 92 Emmaus retreats.

**160) May 3, 1995:** The Fordham Prep Volleyball Team completes its first season. Mr. Anthony Day serves as the squad's founding coach, and seniors Alton Moore and Mark Zezza are the team's first co-captains.

**161) May 14, 1995:** Ending a 17-year drought, the Fordham Prep Track Team takes the trophy at the 50th Annual Outdoor Jesuit Championships. Todd Young and Richard Hinman, Class of 1997, take first and second in the two-mile run. Anthony Batista ties for first with a 4:48-minute mile. In the half-mile, Hinman takes first and Rob Weitzman, Class of 1996, comes in 1.1 seconds behind him. Weitzman also takes first in the 400-meter dash; Eric Sands, Class of 1996, in the 200-meter dash; and Jason Macias, Class of 1996, in the 100-meter dash. Biju Mathaikutty takes first in the 55-meter high hurdles, and Batista and Biju also take first and second in the high

jump. Overseeing the runners this year are Coach Ignacio Febles and his son, Coach George Febles — still a member of the Social Studies Department and Track program today — and Coach Brian Carney, future Prep principal and vice president.



**162) April 23, 1997:** Prep physics teacher, Mr. John Haag, Class of 1984, oversees a schoolwide bridge-building contest. The team of George Hicks and Peter Kirkpatrick, both Class of 1999, win the engineering competition with a balsam-wood construction that remains structurally sound under a weight load of 6.2 kilograms.

**163) October 6, 1995:** St. John Paul II visits St. Joseph's seminary in Yonkers, New York. Future member of the Prep Religious Studies Department, Nelson Ritter, Class of 1996, is in attendance.

**164) April 15, 1999:** The Asian Club hosts Pan-Asian Day at the Prep. The day includes food from several Asian cultures, martial arts and origami exhibits, and a presentation by a guest speaker representing Students for a Free Tibet. The club's executive board for the 1998-1999 school year includes seniors Joseph Brandon, Jeremy Chin, Michael Ibe, Swami Pillai, Regan Ymaly and Raymond Yu. Moderating the Asian Club throughout the '90s is Mrs. Barbara Reynolds, devoted member of the Religious Studies Department from 1981 to 2002.

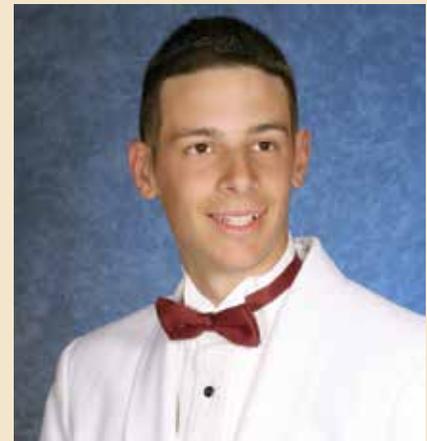
# 2000s

**165) September 11, 2001:** Two Prep alumni prove themselves “men for others” in an extraordinary way. Sean Tallon, Class of 1992, a member of NYFD Ladder Company 10, is among the first firefighters to respond to the terrorist attacks in Lower Manhattan. Putting aside his own safety, he reaches the 31st floor of the North Tower on foot. He does not make it out when the order to evacuate is given. On the same day, Robert Coll, Class of 1984, a financial executive with EuroBrokers, is last seen on the 80th floor of the South Tower staying behind to assist a stranger in respiratory distress. A surviving colleague described him as a hero, as did several local newspapers in the days that followed. Tallon and Coll are among the 18 alumni and members of the extended Prep family lost on this day.



**166) September 2005:** In the wake of the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, Fordham Prep welcomes Kanwal Matharu from New Orleans Jesuit High School for the first half of his freshman year.

**167) Fall 2007:** Daniel Fiorito, Class of 2008, steps onto Mentors Court with a spongy stress ball in hand and the immortal game of shmolleyvall, now commonly called *shmolley*, is born. Among its first players are seniors Daniel Brusco, Michael Alvino and Peter LaMacchia. School history remembers Fiorito as “The Father of Shmolley.”



**168) March 6, 2009:** Classes are cancelled on account of a surprise U2 concert at Rose Hill.



**169) June 14, 2009:** Flag Day: Capping off a 20-9 season, the Fordham Prep Varsity Baseball squad takes the CHSAA title defeating Stepinac 9-4 and 5-3 in a City Championship doubleheader. Pitcher and future member of the Prep Religious Studies Department, Ryan Fedak, Class of 2009, earns the save in Game 1 and the win in Game 2. Head coach of the championship team is Mr. Steven Pettus, member of the Social Studies Department and heir to Mr. Bruce Bott's 18-year tenure as Dean of Students. Pettus' assistant coaches are Assistant Dean Patrick Deane, Class of 1988, and Mr. Robert McLaughlin, longtime Prep athletic director and physical education teacher.

**170) October 2, 2009:** The newly constructed 4th Floor — later the Boller Science Center — is dedicated. Shortly after the dedication, FPTV, the Prep video production club, begins work on *Starch Wreck*, a parody of the original *Star Trek* series, with the new 4th Floor cast as the *Enterprise* and the members of the Science Department as Captain Kirk and his crew. Senior Michael Zagreda is FPTV president and sophomore Andrew Werner handles most of the editing.

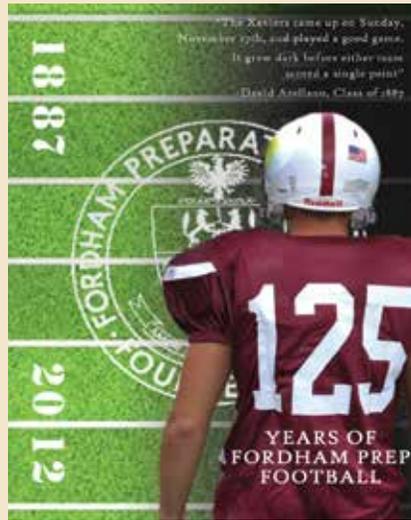
# 2010s

**171) October 29, 2012:** Hurricane Sandy hits the New York Metropolitan Area. During the following days, while many local schools are closed, the president and principal, Fr. Kenneth Boller, SJ and Mr. Robert Gomprecht, Class of 1965, keep the Prep open as a refuge to students and staff who are without electric, water, and in some cases, displaced from their homes.



## 172) 2012-2013 School Year.

Fordham Prep football marks its 125th anniversary in the first semester, and the Dramatic Society celebrates its centenary as an independent club in the second. The occasion is marked by special performances of *Oklahoma!* on February 8th and 9th under the direction of Mr. Douglas Otis, member of the Fine Arts Department since 1994. Involved with the Prep stage since the 1975 production of *South Pacific*, Mr. Otis would retire in 2015.



**173) September 2015:** Students return from summer break to find Mr. James Pollard, longtime director of physical plant, overseeing the completion of the Pre-Dobransbicentennial Grand Antechamber Project — more prosaically known as the new lobby construction. The space is open to students as of

December 2015, and officially dedicated and blessed by Fr. Christopher Devron, SJ, Prep president, at the June 24, 2016 Founder's Day ceremony marking the start of the Prep and University's 175th Anniversary.



**174) May 31, 2017:** Commencement Day: Class speaker Reyd Williams-Pedro exhorts his 212 classmates, "In the words of St. Ignatius: Go set the world on fire!"



**175) Summer 2017:** Closing out Fordham's 175th Anniversary year, we invite you take some time to reflect on the history and traditions of the Prep — hopefully, with a smile or two along the way. This list is by no means exhaustive. It is barely a sampling of the thousands of triumphs and tragedies that have made the school what is it today.



### Speech and Debate Team

Coaches: Jonathan Lee-Rey '11 & James Squiteri '14

Stepping into Mrs. Bratt's shoes as the coaches of the Speech and Debate Team last year was no easy task. Head Coach Jonathan Lee-Rey '11 and Assistant Coach James Squiteri '14 remember a time when the team was triple its current size and gave powerhouse teams such as Regis and Stuyvesant a run for their money, but the team has slowly been building a base for Fordham Prep's return as a contender in the Speech and Debate circuit. With a roster of primarily sophomores and juniors, it will be exciting to see the team bring all of their experience from this past season into next year. With seasoned upperclassmen serving as mentors to the freshmen and sophomores interested in joining the team, the future of Fordham Prep Speech and Debate team looks bright.



*From left to right: Top Row: Jonathan Lee-Rey '11 (coach), Aidan Chapin '19, Ryan Maguire '18, Miles Stella '19, Jeacy Espinoza '18 Bottom Row: Trevor Chakavarika '18, Lucas Chu '19, Michael Tozzi '18*

*Not pictured: Dimitrios Rentel '18, Nicolas Eccles '18, Jason Swick '19, Jay Shenoy '17, James Squitieri '14 (coach)*

### Global Education



Dr. Tim Sassen, Director of Global Partnerships and Communications at the Jesuit School Network central office in Washington, DC spoke at a faculty/staff meeting on the exciting initiatives regarding global education throughout the JSN and in collaboration with international Jesuit works.

### Ms. Lauren Zefran



We are pleased to share that Lauren Zefran has earned a Juris Doctor degree from Fordham University's School of Law.

### Dr. Craig Smith



Congratulations to Dr. Craig Smith of the Religious Studies Department who successfully defended his doctoral dissertation at Fordham University.

# Parent Volunteers

By Stephanie Hoina P '17

You cannot fully describe the Fordham Prep experience without referencing the core philosophy of men and women for others. Nowhere is that motto more evident than in the generosity of so many parents and guardians who give of their time and talent not only to ensure the best for our students but also to act as valuable examples of what it means to serve others. It would take multiple issues of the Ramview to highlight the many contributions made by this important part of the Prep community. However, there are always a few individuals whose efforts go above and beyond. While it is likely you have seen Fred Berrios and Linda and Joe Costelloe working their magic (sometimes under the radar) around campus, we are happy to offer a closer look at their commitment to the Prep and the reasons they are all too happy to help.

## Fred Berrios P '17

Although Fordham Prep is somewhat of a household name around his Yonkers neighborhood of Crestwood, when it came time for son Kevin to choose a high school, Fred Berrios and his wife Pat knew there were a number of excellent options in the area worth considering.

“It seems like all of the boys in Crestwood go to Fordham Prep, and I’d heard great things about it, but I still wanted to do my due diligence to help Kevin with his decision,” explains Mr. Berrios. So off they went to the Prep’s Open House.

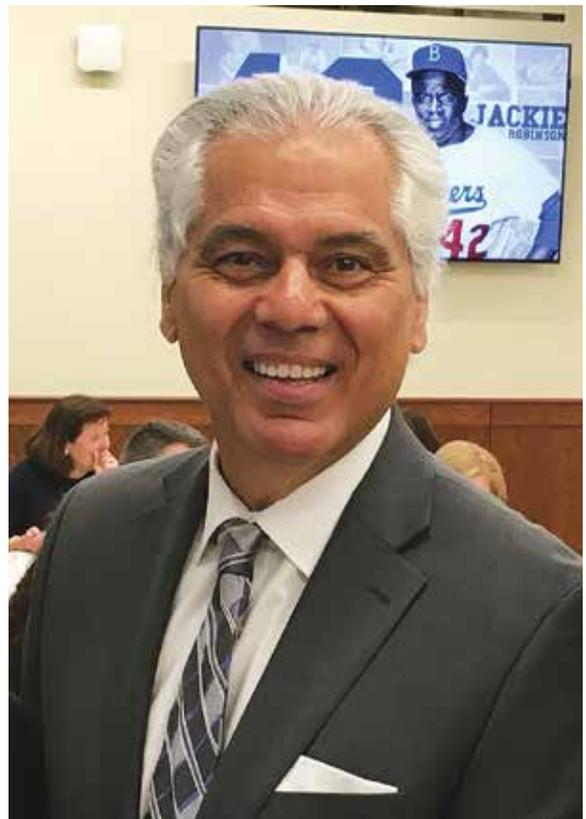
“As soon as I walked in I could feel the difference; I know it sounds cliché, but it’s the truth,” said Fred.

Thus started his relationship with the place that would become not only Kevin’s second home but his as well.

Fred and his wife Pat have always supported a number of charitable organizations and donated to the annual golf outing run by their local grammar school, but Fordham Prep has represented a whole new level of involvement.

Encouraged by the participation of other Prep parents, Mr. Berrios started off small by joining the Fathers’ Club. Ultimately, his active involvement in all things Prep-related led to his becoming president of the group last year.

But it is the service opportunities afforded him through Fordham Prep that are nearest and dearest to his heart. Three organizations in particular figure most prominently: Concourse House, a local organization that works to eliminate homelessness by providing families with safe, stable, transitional housing; St. Ignatius School, a Jesuit



Parent volunteer Fred Berrios

grammar school with fewer than 100 mostly Hispanic and African American students in the Hunts Point section of the Bronx; and POTS (Part of the Solution), a “one stop shop” a few blocks from campus that helps low income families move from crisis to stability on their way to self-sufficiency.

While all have special meaning to Mr. Berrios, it is clear that time spent at the Concourse House has made the most lasting impression. One of eleven children raised by a single parent, Fred knows first-hand what it is like to go without, and he does not want to see others struggle in the same way.

The Fathers' Club orchestrates an annual Advent Christmas party for the residents of Concourse House, supplying Christmas trees, refreshments and a visit from Santa, ensuring each child gets two gifts from their carefully penned list.

"To watch the faces of these kids when Santa comes in, and then when they realize he also has presents for them – well, the look on their faces and the faces of their moms – it literally brings tears to my eyes – but then it brings joy to my heart," he explains.

Whether serving meals with his family at POTS or assisting the St. Ignatius School by securing funding necessary to fix door locks, secure safety signs, or simply treating the teachers to lunch, Fred wholeheartedly embraces the chance to make a difference facilitated by his association with the Prep.

While he recognizes and appreciates the value in helping the Prep with its all-important fundraising events to support its mission, it is the example he is setting for his children through service at these three remarkable organizations that has been his most fulfilling experience.

"When I look at my son and see how he's grown in the last four years I know Fordham Prep had a lot to do with that. I am forever grateful for what the Prep has given him so giving back is a no brainer. But it's more than that. It's showing my son what's truly important in life. He sees me and so many other parents here day in and day out giving of themselves for the benefit of others, and that's huge. That's putting your money where your mouth is and it's such an important lesson that doesn't happen everywhere," Fred states emphatically. "It happens every day at the Prep. I'm just one of many who pitch in however they can. It's a natural part of the culture here."

There's another, secret reason Mr. Berrios devotes the equivalent of three days a week helping at the Prep: it has become his personal fountain of youth, an unexpected benefit of the countless hours he spends being a man for others.

"It makes me feel twenty years younger! Really!" he says with a laugh.

When asked what he would tell others about giving of their time to the Prep, Mr. Berrios is quick to respond.

"I've spent my career in sales and marketing, and this is the easiest sell ever. Volunteering at the Prep has rewarded me and my whole family in more ways than I could have ever imagined. It's really a win-win situation all around."

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## Linda and Joe Costelloe P '10, '11, '14, '16

How does one begin to explain the always smiling, always willing to help, always there when you need her, full-of-energy dynamo that is Linda Costelloe? Fordham Prep has been blessed with many parent ambassadors over the years, but few have left their mark on the Ram family the way Linda has. And make no mistake, quietly (except when on the rugby pitch) there by her side has been another incredible supporter of the Prep, her equally enthusiastic husband, Joe.

Little did anyone know when the first of their four sons came to Fordham Prep it would be the start of a relationship that has spanned eleven years and brought so much to the Prep, not the least of which has been the re-instatement of the wildly popular Rugby program.

As the parents of a large family, Joe and Linda knew they needed to plan ahead for the education of their boys. Though they lived in Port Chester, Linda took a teaching job in Rye Neck; part of her contract enabled her children to attend school in that highly sought-after district. Yet there was something about a faith-based education that compelled the Costelloes to explore other options – and for high school the most likely choice was a prep school in New Rochelle that many of the boys in their



*Parent volunteers Linda and Joe Costelloe*

neighborhood naturally gravitated towards. However, their oldest, Liam, wanted to check out Fordham Prep, a place Linda and Joe knew nothing about until they walked into the Open House when Liam was in seventh grade. The rest, as they say, is history.

# Around the Prep

Initially, an unexpected health crisis prevented Linda from being as involved as she would have liked, but the experience only strengthened her resolve to show gratitude for the good things in her life, and the Prep was high on that list. While still working full-time, she joined the Mothers' Club and volunteered to build and manage their website, an Executive Board position that grew into so much more. From there she became Vice President of the Mothers' Club and ran the Night of Fashion, the Mothers' Club's largest fundraiser. In 2013, she began the first of her two years as Co-President, tirelessly organizing and attending all of the meetings and events, and spearheading dozens of little projects that helped not only the Prep, but the community at large. Whether hosting the moms of accepted students at her home, making a bi-monthly Saturday morning bread run to POTS or orchestrating midnight runs to provide breakfast and other items to the homeless in the city, Linda's eagerness to help never wanes, and once you meet her, you never forget her. She becomes a dear friend the moment she makes your acquaintance.

As if her Mothers' Club duties and other projects for Fordham weren't enough, Linda has been the backbone of the Prep's rugby program, now in its 7th year since husband Joe heeded his son's call to help bring rugby back to the school. While Linda coordinates the website, fundraising, communications, after-match food, alumni relations and uniform orders, Joe has spent countless hours volunteering his time and experience to the club, which is open to anyone with an interest in the sport. Many of the players come to Fordham having never even watched rugby and with no idea how to play. Joe's patience and good nature gives these boys the confidence to succeed – and succeed they have, winning championships at both the JV and Varsity levels in 2016. But Joe's contribution goes beyond simply that of a coach. He has become a mentor, a role model, a friend - a true example of all the things the Prep strives to instill in the young men in its care.

"Rugby is about so much more than what happens on the field. It's a culture very much aligned with the values taught at the Prep," says Coach Costelloe. "So while we do teach the boys how to play the game, my hope has always been that they see the bigger picture as a result of being a part of this program. That's why I am here."

For example, after Hurricane Sandy caused severe damage to the Breezy Point homes of many families from archrival Xavier, Joe gathered up the rugby players and headed to Queens. In the true spirit of the sport and the Prep's Ignatian principles, they worked side-by-side helping to rebuild what had been lost. Leading by example, Joe's involvement with the Prep has been an important component in the education of these young men.

Perhaps one of Joe's most significant contributions may be his least visible. His unwavering support of his wife's efforts on behalf of the Prep is no small thing; yet by leaning on each other, Joe and Linda find the time to make a difference in so many ways.

Linda is quick to sing her husband's praises.

"Everything I do in my life is about connecting people and making people feel a part of something bigger. I love that feeling of being in the trenches, developing a bond, and persevering to create something really special. Being a part of the Prep in the way that I have has been one of my greatest joys, and I could never have done it without Joe jumping in to help in every way possible."

While volunteering has always been a part of their lives, Linda and Joe say they are constantly blown away by the level of generosity they have seen at the Prep. Whether it's writing a check, lending a hand or donating raffle prizes, "every single part of that spectrum is valued," shares Linda, "and you need it all to have success."

When asked what she hopes her sons take away from their parents' altruism, Linda shares a favorite Kenyan fable. When a terrible fire broke out in the forest, all of the animals fled in fear, eventually winding up at a small stream a few miles away. While they stood there fretting about the destruction of their homes, a small hummingbird swooped into the stream, grabbed a few drops of water, went back into the forest and put them on the fire. Over and over again the hummingbird continued with this seemingly hopeless task. The other animals scoffed at his efforts. "What do you think you are doing?" they asked derisively. And the hummingbird replied, "I am doing what I can."

### 175th Anniversary Dinner Dance

Thank you to all who attended our 175th Anniversary dinner dance at La Sirena.

The Cabana Room was filled with a fantastic mix of current, past and future parents, along with alumni ranging from the classes of 1960 through 2001, which speaks to the special commitment and life-long connections alumni and parents have with Fordham Prep. By investing in our future - through your support of the Endowment Fund for tuition and scholarship assistance - you have helped ensure that the Prep will remain a bastion of faith, scholarship and service for the next 175 years.

As Fr. Devron said in his remarks, the Prayer of Generosity is recited daily by our students and truly speaks to all of us:

*Lord, teach me to be generous,  
to serve you as you deserve,  
to give and not to count the cost,  
to fight and not to heed the wounds,  
to toil and not to seek for rest,  
to labor and not to look for any reward,  
save that of knowing that I do your will.*

Without our benefactors' time, talent and financial support, Fordham Prep would not be able to sustain its level of excellence - in the classroom, at service sites, on the athletic fields and in global immersion programs around the world. Thank you for your extraordinary generosity.



### St. Patrick's Day Parade



Members of the Prep Community - students, parents, faculty, alumni and staff - came together for brunch at The Harvard Club and proudly represented the Prep in the march up Fifth Avenue. Faculty members Dr. Patricia Lee and Mr. Craig Dwyer led the group.

### Wall Street Forum

Thank you to all who attended the 2017 Wall Street Forum!

I am extremely grateful to moderator, former Board of Trustees Chairman Jim Rowen '82 and featured speaker John McAvoy '76, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of ConEdison, for his inspired remarks and forthright comments regarding the challenges and business implications facing today's energy industry. Specifically, Mr. McAvoy's comments regarding the changing emission standards and how it could affect all of us in the future was particularly enlightening. Thank you both Jim and John for spending your afternoon with us!

—Fr. Devron



## Alumni Gatherings

It was great to see so many Rams across the country coming together to support the Prep!

During the early months of 2017, Fr. Christopher Devron, SJ, and Vice President Jose Gonzalez traveled the United States to connect with Fordham Prep alumni. The two traveled to Bluffton, SC, Florida, Boston, Los Angeles and San Francisco, meeting alumni from across the decades. They also met CBS/ESPN College Basketball broadcaster Bill Raftery in San Francisco.

### Boston



Father Devron met with alumni in Boston at an event hosted by Anthony Ambriano '70, Steven Flynn '77, Glen Holland '81 and Brian O'Rourke '75.

### San Francisco

Following a gathering of alumni in San Francisco, there was a mini-reunion of the classes of 1983 and 1984 at the Huntington Hotel's famous Big 4 Restaurant



Fr. Devron, and Jose Gonzalez pictured with Jeff Walsh and college basketball commentator Bill Raftery.

### LA/Palm Beach



## Tynan at FP

Thank you to everyone who attended "An Evening of Song" featuring world-renowned tenor Ronan Tynan and a special performance by Dominic Chianese. What a night and what a performance! With nearly 900 attendees, three hours of music and entertainment highlighting Irish and Italian culture, and amazing student performances by the Fordham Prep Jazz Band and the Fordham Prep Choir, it was a fitting celebration.

A special thank you to both Mike & Sheila Sohr - they presented the concert as an opportunity to celebrate the school's 175th anniversary over a year ago. They spearheaded the committee and led the effort from start to finish. We thank them for all their hard work!

The concert raised over \$100,000 for the performing and fine arts at the Prep! The proceeds will fund a new, top of the line piano, a new sound system for the Leonard Theatre, and other capital items.

Thank you to our generous event sponsors, especially:

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# Engagement & Development

# Reunion 2017

Thank you to the more than 350 alumni who returned to Fordham Prep for a great day (and night) of laughter, fun, and good cheer with some of their oldest and dearest friends and teachers.

Those who took a campus tour saw the capital improvements to the Prep since the last reunion (the new lobby and renovation of the Commons, the Rowen Athletic Field, the Joe Fox Track and the Donnie Walsh Court) and heard about plans for the new chapel, an updated new sound system in the Leonard Theatre and construction on the East Wing.

It was very clear at Reunion 2017 that Fordham Prep and its traditions continue to be an important part of the lives of many alumni, and we hope that you know that the Prep will always be your home.

To commemorate your Reunion, please consider supporting your fellow Rams - students who could not attend the Prep without tuition assistance. Donations to individual class scholarships and the Prep's Annual Fund can be made online at [fordhamprep.org/donate](http://fordhamprep.org/donate).





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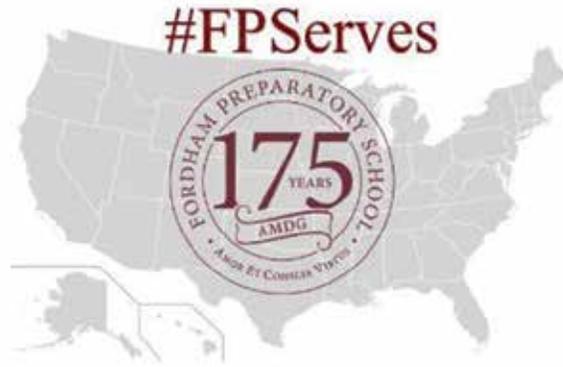


## A Celebration of Service

Brian Carney  
VP for Mission & Identity

When St. Ignatius founded the first Jesuit school in Messina, Italy in 1548, he envisioned a transformative educational experience for young men which would inspire them to lead lives dedicated to God's greater glory and service to others. Service today continues to be integral to the educational experience at Fordham Prep. In celebration of the Prep's 175th anniversary and this mission of service, April was designated as a month-long Celebration of Service. Alumni throughout the country shared photos and stories of the service they performed in their local communities. Parents, students and alumni also participated in a local service project, painting and cleaning at two Catholic grade schools in the Bronx. The many projects are a source of inspiration for all of us in the Prep community and remind us that our call to be men and women for others is lived out each day not only by our students but our alumni as well.

**Do you have a story of service you wish to share? Email [carneyb@fordhamprep.org](mailto:carneyb@fordhamprep.org).**



## Here are a few of the inspiring stories of service reported to us.

Dan Somma '62 kicked off the Celebration of Service on Saturday April 1st at Our Lady of Guadalupe Migrant Worker Mission Food Pantry in Wimaima, FL. In addition to working at the pantry, Dan wrote the grant which led Publix Supermarket to donate \$10,000 toward a truck for the program. Dan volunteers three days a week at the Pantry. Twice a week he helps unload trucks, and on Saturdays he helps supply 50 pound boxes of food plus produce to about 250 families. Our Lady's Pantry supplies food to approximately 250 families per week with 1,000 families signed up. 75% of these families are migrant workers; 20% are the elderly poor; 5% are homeless or battered women.

"I read in a parish bulletin that Little Sisters of the Assumption needed tutors for children in East Harlem. On Monday and Wednesday afternoons I tutor a third grade boy in English and Math. He was born in the US, but his parents were born in Guatemala. His problem is that he uses Spanish at home and with his friends, and so he uses very little English outside the classroom in the public school."  
—William Murphy '58

"I have been mentoring offenders at James River Work Center (Virginia Department of Corrections) outside Richmond for about seven years now on most Thursday evenings. This work is spiritual in nature, but not religious,

and has resulted in more than a few men building solid lives for themselves after their release."  
—John Pine '72

"I'm serving as the Commander of a U.S. Army Task Force in Northern Cameroon. As part of our community outreach efforts, we found a regional orphanage run by a group of Sisters. For the past seven months, the families of my unit back at Fort Campbell, KY have gathered old clothes, toys, school supplies, and now baby formula and cribs for the 80+ children that live in the orphanage. I arrived to Cameroon to take over the TF in March 2017 and made my first visit there within a week of our arrival."  
—Max Ferguson '02

"My wife Debbie and I are part of a team of RV'ers that are called Habitat for Humanity RV Care-A-Vanners. We get together with a group of fellow Care-A-Vanners (usually between 5 and 8 RVs) at a campground near a build site and work on a project for 2 weeks. We had heard about the incredible HFH affiliate out in Sullivan, IL from other Care-A-Vanners so when a build opened up out there this year, we decided to check it out. It did not disappoint. The support from every facet of this community is simply amazing! As you know from the Prep's history with HFH, building with Habitat is a very rewarding experience and one that allows us to give back and fulfill the Prep's mission as men for others."  
—Joe DeLosa '77

## Campus Ministry

More than ever, students are availing themselves of the opportunities that the Prep offers to step back, unplug and reflect on themselves, the people in their life and their relationship with God. The Fordham Prep retreat experience begins with the mandatory Freshman Retreat in March. This year's retreat was successfully co-directed by Keith Healy '17 and James McCarthy '17, and led by 135 sophomores, juniors and seniors on the Ministry Leadership Team. Over 70% of the sophomore class participated in their optional Discovery Retreats, and over 85% of juniors participated in the Prep's Emmaus Retreats. Emmaus 275, the final of 8 Emmaus Retreats this year, was directed by Fr. Sullivan. It was his 92nd time directing an Emmaus. Finally, the Prep's Ad Amorem and Finding God in All Things retreats for seniors were enjoyed by many. Perhaps the Prep's retreat experience was summed up by Gino Galella '17, when he reflected on faith at the Prep at this year's senior liturgy: "to witness students who hadn't even known each other before comforting, accepting and growing closer to God with one another was a life-altering experience."

Michael Kravatz  
Director of Campus Ministry

## Alumnus for Others

This morning, I volunteered with the Special Olympics at the Virginia Summer Games.

I didn't know what to expect since it was my first time volunteering with them, but it was everything I could have hoped for and more. Seeing the looks of excitement on the kids' faces and watching them run around brought a smile to my face. I even got to present medals to the participants.

I had a similar experience when I volunteered with Habitat for Humanity while at the Prep. Sometimes, something as simple as giving up a few hours of time can mean a world of difference. This morning is just another example of that. Giving back to the community is something that everybody should do, whether it's an hour a month or every single weekend.

John DeMarzo '08



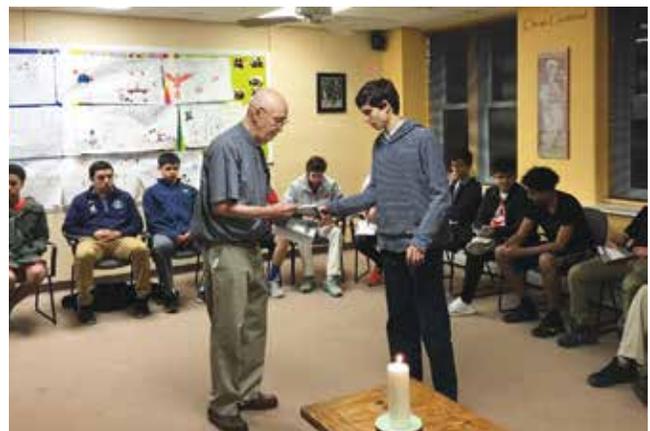
Emmaus Banners



Freshman Retreat



Sophomore Discovery Retreat



Fr. Sullivan on his 91st Emmaus

# Class Notes

1944

**Congratulations to Vin Scully** on having his microphone retired by the Los Angeles Dodgers!



1955

**Tom Comerford's** daughter Kathleen M. Comerford, PhD, Professor of European Religious History at Georgia Southern University, has published another work, *Jesuit Foundations and Medici Power, 1532-1621*. This is Volume 7 in *Jesuit Studies*. The book focuses on the cooperation between the last Medici state and the Society of Jesus, providing insight into church/state cooperation in an age in which both institutions underwent significant changes.

1958

Members of the class met for an informal reunion recently.



1959

**Douglas E. Cummings** I retired from AT&T 20 years ago and have lived in Williamsburg, VA for the past 18 years. I am an interpretive guide on the Yorktown battlefield and have been teaching at Christopher Wren Assoc. at W&M for the last eight years. I have four children and nine grandchildren.

**Ed Tucker** Mainly from an historical perspective, I want you to know that I am an African-American who was born and raised in the South Bronx, graduated from St Anthony of Padua, and was blessed to enroll in Fordham Prep in 1955. As an aside, two events, in particular, stand out in my

mind. One is all the hard work put in as a participant in the Horace Academy. The other is having the opportunity to be the salutatorian at our 1959 commencement.

When one realizes that the Civil Rights Act wasn't passed until 1964, coupled with some of the terrible things that were still happening in our society, I had many conflicting emotions as I entered the "unknown" world of Fordham. I am happy to report that these turned out to be among the most gratifying and enjoyable years of my life. In addition to some classmates with whom I developed long-term friendships, there are two individuals I will never forget. Fr. Charles Deane was a Vice-President of the College and keeper of an official seal. He hired me to perform various administrative tasks, simply based on my typing and linguistic skills. Fr. Francis Fahey ran the Prep's bookstore. In my eyes he became like an uncle. We talked practically every day. He was a friend and advisor. I looked forward to our frequent, informal chats. When I read about his passing, I felt as I have upon losing a close relative.

Subsequently I went on to Fordham College, from which I graduated less than a month after I turned 20.



Thanks for the memories, Ed.

1969

Members of the class gathered with Fr. Devron for an informal dinner at Enzo's on Williamsbridge.



1975

**Billy Ayres** recently presented on integrated improvisational music and drama at the Darien Library. The event was sponsored by the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee

1977

**Larry Curran** enjoyed his farewell luncheon. Larry served the Prep with devotion for 29 years.



**James Dixon** has run a summer program for kids who want to study how space affects the body. He was recently approached by a NASA biologist to work as an Education Specialist for a company that NASA contracts with.

1979

**Steve Jones** recently received the 1st Amendment Service Award from the Radio Television Digital News Foundation. Steve is the ABC News Radio Vice President and General Manager.



1987

**Fr. Michael Greco, OFM, Cap** has been named as the new Provincial Minister for the Capuchin Franciscans of the Province of St. Mary.



1999

**Francis Borchardt** has been named Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible and Jewish Studies at Lutheran Theological Seminary in Hong Kong.

2001

**Max Ferguson** I'm serving as the Commander of a U.S. Army Task Force in Northern Cameroon. As part of our community outreach efforts, we found a regional orphanage run by a group of Sisters. For the past seven months, the families of my unit back at Fort Campbell, KY have gathered old clothes, toys, school supplies, and now baby formula and cribs for the 80+ children that live in the orphanage. I arrived in Cameroon to take over the TF in March 2017 and made my first visit there within a week of our arrival.

The U.S. Embassy in Cameroon's capital, Yaounde, wrote this about our efforts:

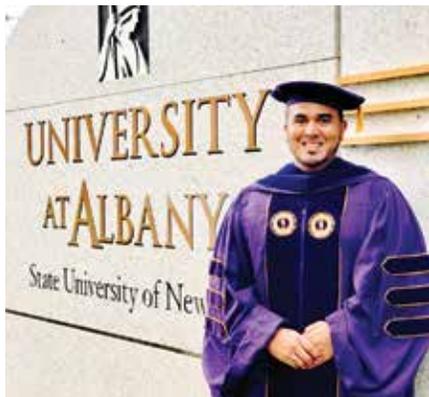
*On March 30, 2017, U.S. troops led by U.S. Army Maj. D. Max Ferguson visited an orphanage in the North Region, where they met children and donated books, toys, and candy. Major Ferguson thanked Sister Myriam Lum by saying "Thank you for hosting us and making such an impressionable visit for our soldiers. The work you and your team do is simply inspiring! I also want to thank you for visiting us. I recognize making that journey is not an easy one for you. We are proud of our partnership with Cameroon and all Cameroonians to promote security and engagement between our citizens so that they can build a future of peace and prosperity for all through their own immense talents and ideas."*

To learn more about the orphanage, visit [www.CENODA.org](http://www.CENODA.org).

**Colm McCarthy, MD** received the CMA Award for Young Leaders from the Canadian Medical Association. Colm is currently pursuing his interest in developing and implementing a competency-based assessment tool for orthopedic surgery.

2008

**Nicholas James Figueroa** was recently named a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Spanish Linguistics by the State University of New York at Albany.



2009

**Ernest Zalamea** has joined the summer 2017 cast of "The Secret Garden." Tickets for the July 21-23 shows in Yonkers are available at [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2949501](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2949501).

2011

**SPC. Matthew Cacace** returned to New York after 4 years of service in the United States Army Corp of Engineers (687th Engineer Company). In 2014, he was deployed to Afghanistan for 9 months and was awarded the NATO International Security Assistance Force Medal, Combat Action Medal and an Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service during Operation Enduring Freedom.



2013

**Liam Suttlehan** was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the USMC on the eve of his graduation from Fordham University.



2017

Congratulations to seniors **Anthony Crinieri** and **Jack O'Neill** on becoming Eagle Scouts. Only 4% of scouts achieve the rank of Eagle. In addition to earning over 21 merit badges and serving as Senior Troop Leaders, Anthony and Jack each completed and lead a community service project totaling over 300 hours each.



Anthony Crinieri

Jack O'Neill

## In Memoriam

### Alumni

Joseph Aiello '42  
Bruce Bott '59  
John Maloney '47  
Joseph Bellantoni '48  
Frederick Dorsch Jr. '48  
John Hardiman '51  
John Snee '52  
Hank Cullinane '53  
Martin Monahan '53  
Robert Wagner '54  
George Freiberg '58  
Norbert Sanders, MD '60  
Gerald John Ryan '63  
Christopher Fee '72  
James Brophy '86  
Edward Benkovic '92  
Terrance Fleming-Warren '00  
Christopher DeVino '05

### Friends of Fordham Prep

Cathy Andreyca, mother of  
Brian '07 and Benjamin '12  
Mary Ann Curtin, mother of  
former faculty member, Michael Curtin '88  
Tom Ford, father of Colin '98 and Pat '02  
Kenneth Gallagher, father of Terrence '80  
Dr. John Heaney, stepfather of  
Joseph Polchinski '92  
Joan Keneally, mother of  
Bill '80, James '81, Paul '85 & Kevin '87  
Kathleen McDonnell, mother of  
Edward Jennings, faculty member, and  
grandmother of Edward '08, Thomas '10  
and Andrew '14  
John Phillips, father of Ted '05  
John Rapillo, father of Steven '78 & John '82,  
grandfather of Matthew '12  
Romulo Samaniego, father of Robert '86  
and Rene '92

## Weddings

Greg Colicci '04 and Danielle Curcio  
Quinn Riccio '04 And Megan Kaye

## Births

A daughter, Sophie, to  
Hilary and James Hutchison '01  
A boy, Stephen, to  
Mollie and Tim O'Reilly (Math Dept.)  
A daughter, Katherine, to  
Patricia and Christopher Saltarelli (Tech Dept.)  
A daughter, Charlotte, to  
Jordan and Jordan Treibert '04  
A daughter, Riley, to  
Nicole and Greg Westphal '04

## Dr. Norbert Sander '60

Fordham Prep is saddened by the sudden passing of Dr. Norbert Sander '60, past NYC Marathon winner, the driving force behind the Fort Washington Armory and a member of the Prep's Hall of Honor.

Norb arrived at Rose Hill in 1956, and early on he decided that the track would be his main athletic interest. He was a member of the historic 1958 and 1959 cross-country teams that took City Championships. An internist specializing in family medicine, Dr. Sander maintained a practice for many years and raised four daughters. Running continued to be a major part of his life, highlighted by his 1974 New York City Marathon victory. Norb Sander is the only New Yorker to have won this race.



In 1992, Sander stood on a debris-strewn balcony in the Fort Washington Armory at 168th Street in New York City. With its huge vaulted ceiling and 96,000 square feet of wooden floor, the armory had been New York City's premier arena for indoor track from about 1910 to the mid-1980s. Time and neglect, however, had taken their toll. Norb had good memories of competing on the Armory's original wooden track during his Prep and college days. Standing on that balcony in 1992, he laid out his dream: to restore the track facility to its former premier status.

He raised more than \$25 million to refurbish the building from top to bottom. In addition to its restored track, the renovated Armory Track and Field Center includes a learning center, Armory Prep, and community center where local youth work towards high school equivalency

tests or hone valuable academic skills. During the first decade of the 2000s, the Center became the premier indoor track and field facility in America with more than 400,000 visitors a year, and the home of the National Track & Field Hall of Fame.

A trackman and a Fordham man through and through, Norb served as president and CEO of the Armory Track and Field Center and on the board of directors of the New York Road Runners Club. He was the Prep's commencement speaker in 2005, and was generous with his time and talent at the University, as well. In the words of Frank McLaughlin '65, longtime executive director of athletics at Fordham University, Norb was "very loyal to the Prep, the university, and to the sport of track. He's always looking to help people."



## Robert Wagner '54

The Prep community is saddened by the passing of former counselor, Robert Wagner. Bob worked at Fordham Prep in two stints (1960-1965, 1988-2004). A devoted and loving husband, father and grandfather, Bob's care for Prep students and staff through the decades was a consolation and an inspiration to thousands. Bob lived a life built on the pillars of family, Fordham and faith, and his joy in living that life was evident to all who were lucky enough to count him as a colleague and friend.

*The decision as to which college a student will attend is made nightly. It involves whether or not he will do that night's homework to the best of his ability.*

—Bob Wagner

## Bruce Bott '59



Fordham Prep is saddened at the passing of long-time faculty member, coach and Dean of Students, Mr. Bruce Bott '59, after a long illness.

A Bronx native, Mr. Bott made his mark on Fordham Prep both as a student and during his time on the faculty. He started his career at the Prep in 1967 as a history teacher, and coached football and basketball. Bruce took on various roles during his forty-year career at Fordham Prep - eleven years as the Prep's athletic director, thirteen years as the director of the Higher Achievement Program (HAP) and 18 years as Dean of Students.

As the head basketball coach, Bruce's teams won more than 100 games, 76 of them during his last four seasons, as well as two Bronx-Manhattan A-Division Championships. As head football coach, his teams compiled a 78-50-6 record, including a league championship. He was inducted into the Catholic High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame in 2002.

As a Social Studies teacher, Bruce managed to incorporate a bit of football into his classes. More than a few students have recalled his lecturing on the Battle of Thermopylae, in which 300 Spartans held off tens of thousands of Persians. Mr. Bott drew the battle on the blackboard using Xs and Os and described the Spartan tactics as a "squeeze play."

Whether the memories are from the football field, the basketball court, the Dean's Office, the classroom or the faculty lounge, those fortunate enough to have crossed paths with Bruce during his forty years of service were left with memories that reflect the utmost respect for a man who embodies the values of Fordham Prep.

*My wish for you today is this: Someday when you are old, you can look back on the choices well made, secure in the knowledge of having been a good husband and a good father, successful in your chosen profession, and a proud graduate of Fordham Prep.*

—Bruce Bott '59

### Leadership Lessons from Bruce Bott

by Douglas Broderick '73

Bruce Bott was a leader and a man for all seasons. He steered us on and off the field, and all of us at the Prep over the past 50 years have been blessed by his leadership.

#### **Show Respect Always to All**

Bruce treated us with respect. He treated us as men and equals. We entered the Prep as boys, but became men there. Bruce always went out of his way to show us dignity and respect.

#### **Forster Teamwork Always**

Bruce ensured that we worked and practiced as a team. He built generations of Prep football players to be teammates forever. He always pointed out the value of teamwork and helped us to learn about creating teamwork as an asset.

#### **Sports Teaches Us Life**

Bruce taught sports as life. Sports spans beyond field goals or touchdowns to dedication, persistence, dignity, sportsmanship, practice and passion. Sports teaches different lessons and demon

strates different playbooks to tackle life and to win.

#### **Maintaining Discipline Is an Important Asset**

Bruce's classes always exemplified and maintained discipline. He disciplined an environment of learning and ways to support knowledge. He served as the Dean of Students for 18 years, steering students along the path to life beyond Rose Hill.

#### **Persistence Is a Key Trait**

Bruce admonished us never to give up. Even if our opponents were twice our size, we would need to knock heads and persist. It was important to keep up the fight and never give up.

#### **Loyalty Creates a Commodity to Move Us Ahead**

Loyalty is an important commodity to create and utilize. The loyalty which connects us with each other is productive. The incredible loyalty of the Prep football players around Bruce benefits all.

#### **Mentoring Remains Challenging**

Bruce mentored us for life beyond Shea Hall. Mentoring requires hard work, discipline and strength along with a large dose of patience. Mentoring brings a positive spirit and tailored ways to communicate to each individual at their level. Bruce reached each of us in his unique manner. His role reminds us of the importance of our mentoring and coaching work in our own lives.

#### **Practice and Hard Work Are a Virtue**

Bruce showed practice makes perfect. Hard work was extolled as a virtue. Bruce showed us its benefits. It was an early lesson from the practice fields, but we learned quickly from our days with Bruce.

The Prep beat Xavier. The football team hoisted a smiling Bruce Bott on their shoulders, yelling Bott, Bott, Bott. This cheer will echo with us forever, blessed by Bruce Bott's legacy and spirit.

# Farewell



**Helen Donoghue, RN** began her career as School Nurse at Fordham Prep in February 1999. She is the proud mother of two Prep alumni: William '00 and Andrew '02.

Mrs. Donoghue's commitment to the values of Catholic, Jesuit education is rooted in her deep faith, a commitment to family and genuine care for each student and colleague who seeks her help, advice and counsel. Her spirit of collaboration and care is a reflection of her love for Fordham Prep and generosity of service to those in need.

She has graced our community as a true colleague and friend to all. We thank Helen for her many years of service and wish her all the best in her retirement!



**Geraldine Downey** began her career at Fordham Prep in 1993 as our Attendance Officer in the Office of the Dean of Students. For more than two decades, she has served our students with tremendous care and a heart of gold. She and her late husband, Jim, put three sons through

Jesuit high schools: Jimmy (Regis), Brian '95 and Michael '99. Mrs. Downey's deep faith and commitment to Catholic, Jesuit education shines through as a wife, mother, colleague and friend to us all.

We know Mrs. Downey to be fiercely loyal and honest, telling it like it is to thousands of students who came her way looking for lost items, asking questions and seeking direction. She has been the voice of Fordham Prep for all these years, and will be greatly missed. As one lifelong colleague shared, "The PA system will never be the same." We thank Mrs. Downey for her service, her love and all that she has done and will continue to do with grace and compassion each day!



**Suzanne Henry** began her career at Fordham Prep in 1981 in the Mathematics Department and became the first woman to be a tenured Math teacher at the Prep. She also served as Registrar for several years.

Over the past 36 years, Mrs Henry always demonstrated a tremendous amount of care for her students. She was always ready to try new things in class, such as having students make 3D models,

trigonometry dioramas, or calculator art. Her students sang the Quadratic Formula, and she always had the best-decorated classroom for every holiday. Even her jewelry and stockings told you what holiday it was!

Mrs. Henry was involved in co-curricular activities, e.g., guiding our student leaders as moderator of Student Government. Most recently, she started the Mathletics Club for students interested in Math puzzles.

Thank you, Mrs. Henry, for your service to the faculty, staff and students of Fordham Prep. You will be missed.



**Theresa Napoli** began her career at Fordham Prep in 2003 as Director of the Higher Achievement Program. In 2005, she joined the administration as Assistant Principal for Academics and Student Life. In both roles, she has demonstrated an extraordinary

care for students, especially those who experienced challenges navigating academic life at the Prep. She also served as a dedicated classroom teacher of freshman level Biology Honors for several years.

The Fordham Prep community congratulates Mrs. Napoli on her appointment as Principal of St. Barnabas High School in the Woodlawn section of the Bronx. She will begin her tenure at St. Barnabas in July.

Our community is deeply grateful for Mrs. Napoli's dedication to the mission of Fordham Prep and the loving care which has been a hallmark of her service and leadership.



**Mella O'Halloran** joined the Prep staff in 2009. For the past eight years, she has served Fordham Prep with generosity, dedication and care as our Administrative Coordinator. A close colleague shared, "Mella's exceptional work ethic goes above and beyond. She is

helpful, kind and compassionate to all. She is a dynamo of love, energy, strength and dedication."

Mella and Tom are proud parents of two sons who are alumni of Jesuit schools, Ryan (Regis HS) and John '09.

We are grateful to Mella for all that she has done to serve our mission, our students and families, and our faculty and staff. She will be greatly missed.

# Bye, Bye, Mrs. American π

by Lou DiGiorno '88, School Historian



A LONG, LONG TIME AGO, a brother and sister sat down for dinner [Best guess: the old family farm back in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania]. The brother had some news: there was an opening at Fordham. It would likely mean a long commitment, but in the end, it would be a real adventure.

Being an all-boys school, the last 175 years have given us thousands of stories of fathers and sons and brothers. Jack and Robin Wu, for example, both Class of 1960. Or how about the Corcorans: John, Class of 1934 and his five boys: Michael, John Jr., Kevin, Brian and Richard: '61, '63, '73, '76 and '78 respectively.

Mother-son sagas? Obviously, there are a lot fewer of them, but sure, we've got some on the books. Heck, the ink hasn't even dried on all of them yet — Assistant Principal Napoli, Administrative Coordinator O'Halloran, Attendance Officer Downey and School Nurse Donohue: Prep mothers, one and all. [And, hey! Yeah you, Mrs. "I-Can't Believe-I-Got-on-a-Commons-Table-in-'93-and-Did-the-Macarena," don't forget we've got all those Mom Prom pics on file.]

Husband-and-wife narratives? Anyone remember Mr. and Mrs. Bischoff from the 1980s? And wait, didn't a Mrs. Gilligan teach here too? You know some of us even met our future wives right here at Rose Hill, on a May afternoon when everything was in bloom and the cottonwood made the whole campus look like a snow globe in springtime.

Down through the decades, we've even had a number of good grandmother-grandson yarns — really good ones, at that. Have you heard the one about St. Elizabeth Ann

Seton and her grandson, Billy, Class of 1848? [No joke.] And, please, let's not get started on cousins. I still can't figure out how Mr. Anthony DiFato '99 of the Science Department and Yours Truly '88 are related. [Is cousins-in-law once removed even a thing?]

As an all-boys school, however, the Prep has very few brother-sister stories on record. They simply don't happen here — just the way the demographic cookie crumbles. But we can honestly say, and with pride, that the couple we do have are epic.

That brother and sister back in Chambersburg — Johnnie and Mag as they'd called one another growing up — were none other than Bishop John Hughes and Mrs. Margaret Hughes Rodrigue. The year? Late 1840.

Johnnie was getting ready to found his school by the Bronx River and he was going to need help, architectural help. As bishop, he had already hired William Rodrigue, Mag's husband, to work on a number of smaller projects. But this was different. He was opening a college in Fordham, New York. It was remote — out in the country — and more than a couple of buildings would need to be built. This was going to be a long-term gig. Margaret and the kids would have to relocate.

Brother Johnnie made the offer, and sister Mag and her husband agreed. She packed up her household, her children and her books — she had been a teacher, you know — and moved to the small, stone cottage her husband built on campus — Rodrigue's Coffeehouse today. Of course, it wasn't easy, but she came from tough Irish stock. After all, these were the days of "Irish Need Not Apply."

And so, in the rural Bronx, Mrs. Rodrigue would raise her family, keep her home and tutor her children (Andrew and John were Prep grads, 1852 & 1857) — and maybe even their friends. She became a part of the Rose Hill experience — everyone's favorite Fordhamly aunt — figuratively and literally: her actual nephews would attend the college too.

As promised, it was quite the undertaking, for her and for her family. She stayed at Fordham until she and her husband retired, and afterwards remained a New Yorker all her days. It would be said of Margaret and her husband, "that they were beloved of their friends, not only for their virtues and stainless lives, but for their intellectual qualifications and force of character."

141 years after Johnnie and Mag sat to dinner — still a long time ago — another brother and sister gathered around a table. The year? 1981, October. [No guessing here: their mother's house, on Narragansett Avenue, Morris Park, Bronx, New York {Full disclosure: I used to play in the alley behind Mrs. Laurino's house all the time as a kid!}] The brother had some news: there was an opening at Fordham. It would likely mean a long commitment, but in the end, it would be a real adventure.

Mr. Armand Laurino had been a math teacher and the track coach at the Prep since 1974. His sister, Suzanne Laurino Henry, was working at Washing Federal Savings & Loans, but she had really trained to be a teacher. She had majored in math and minored in education at Iona College, and even done some student teaching at Christopher Columbus High School.

Armand coaxed, and Sue agreed to apply. She was hired. And so, on December 7, 1981, Mrs. Henry arrived at Rose Hill. Armand drove.

The weekend before, she thought she'd get a leg up by perusing her education books from college. Her brother's advice: "Throw all that away. You'll learn more in one week teaching than in all of those books." Of course, it wasn't going to be easy, but she'd come from tough Italian-American stock. After all, her father had been a cop in the days when it was okay to assume that Italians were by nature on the other side of the law.

Geometry it would be — all sophomores. Just in time for the second trimester. It had been a dicey year for the boys: Mrs. Henry would be their third mentor, and third math teacher, and they were only on the third chapter of the text. To echo some familiar Fordham lyrics at a time when there were far fewer women on the faculty, there were only two options for a young first-time female teacher: "do, or die."

Do she did, with some pointers from her brother (he would leave the Prep in 1985) and support from a few of her colleagues. "Mr. Tartaglia was always so kind," she has often said of Anthony Tartaglia, still a member of the Math Department today.

Soon enough she found her way. Mrs. Henry became a part of the Rose Hill experience — everyone's favorite Fordhamly aunt. [No, seriously, in the 1980s "Aunt Sue," was one of the nicknames the boys would fondly call her — behind her back,

naturally. {She heard, by the way, and was flattered. Apparently, she also heard when they called her "Annie Lennox" — back when she had the short haircut. She didn't mind that either}]

In the 36 years between then and now, there are few aspects of Prep life on which Mrs. Henry has not left her mark. She's chaired the Math Department twice, moderated clubs as disparate as the Photography Club, Student Government [remember all those dances in the 1990s?], and more recently, the Athletics Club. She was the creator of Metropolitan Day in its modern form, accepted the role of first chapter advisor of the NHS at the Prep and co-founded the Peer-Tutoring Program still alive and well today. As the director of the Fordham Prep Summer Day Camp in the 1990s, she cared for some of the youngest boys on campus since Mrs. Rodrigue's time, and as registrar in the early 2000s she even served in the administration. And then there were all the Appalachia service trips, and the Tennessee trips, and the Emmaus retreats — she was one of the first laywomen to direct one. There can be no doubt that Mrs. Suzanne Laurino Henry is a "woman for others."

But, above all else, and for years to come, Mrs. Henry will be remembered for her presence in the classroom — sure, for her mathematical precision, her penchant for pencils, her insistence on graph paper, her corny math jokes and her "Quadratic Formula Song" — but more for her love of her students, her unfailing patience, and her unstinting care and concern. The boys from the 1980s were right: at least in the 21st or 20th centuries, there has never been a more amital presence on campus. [Look it up]. Just ask the current members of the faculty she taught: Mr. Eric Groepler '87, Mr. Michael Viele '01, Mr. Michael Mazzullo '08, and even in a sense, Mr. Craig Dwyer '98 (he was one of her little campers). Like so many of the great Prep teachers of yesteryear, she leaves behind a true maroon legacy.

For about 20 years now, a story has been circulating at the Prep that on account of some bet between feuding band members, a pre-teen Suzie Laurino was the youngest performer at Woodstock: she was the first person they saw stepping off the bus, or something like that — the details are sketchy. Mrs. Henry has never confirmed or denied the rumor, only saying that it is a story that shouldn't be told. Nor has she confirmed or denied that, intrigued by her performance in the summer of '69, Don McClean [a fellow Iona alumnus, by the way] invited her to play backup percussion on his 1971 American Pie album. Likely, the tales are apocryphal.

What is not apocryphal is that Mrs. Henry will be missed and remembered for her virtue, her intellect and her character. She has retired with her husband, Michael, to just up the road from the site of Max Yasgur's farm in Bethel, NY. [Wait, those drumsticks in her classroom were for real?]

As promised by her brother 36 years ago, it has been quite an adventure for Mrs. Henry and generations of students.

Bye, bye, Mrs. Henry. And thanks for everything.



## HALL OF HONOR

# Congratulations to the newest members of the Hall of Honor!

The 2017 Fordham Prep Hall of Honor Induction Dinner will be held on Friday, November 17 in the Garden Terrace Room at the NY Botanical Garden.

The Hall of Honor Nominating Committee is pleased to formally invite you to the induction of the next class into the Fordham Prep Hall of Honor. If you have any stories or anecdotes about this year's inductees that you would like to share for possible inclusion in their biographies, please send them to [hallofhonor@fordhamprep.org](mailto:hallofhonor@fordhamprep.org).



### Joseph Bastianich '85

Respected restaurateur, television personality; established the Bastianich & Friends Scholarship; father of two current Prep students, Miles '18 and Ethan '20.



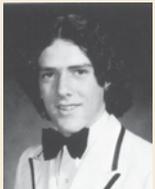
### Lidia Bastianich P '85

Respected restaurateur, television personality; established the Bastianich & Friends Scholarship with her son, Joseph; long-time supporter of the Mothers' Club; grandmother of two current Prep students, Miles '18 and Ethan '20.



### Thomas Brennan Jr. '56

Former Prep trustee, prominent attorney for the Hearst Foundation and held major positions in the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick; a distinguished Prep football player; father of a Prep graduate, Thomas '91. RIP



### Timothy J. Brosnan '76

Former Prep trustee and two-time Commencement speaker; Executive Chairman & CEO, PrimeSport; father of a Prep graduate, Kevin '12.



### Brendan Dolan '82

Star athlete at the Prep, went on to a successful career in financial services; Brendan died in the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center. RIP



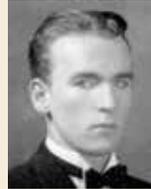
### John M. Geraghty '60

Former Prep trustee, five-time chairman of the HOH Nominating Committee; Viet Nam War hero and generous supporter of the Prep.



### Kevin R. Hackett '67

Chairman of the Board of Trustees during the Leonard Theatre project; generous supporter of the Prep.



### Walter J. Higgins '31

A Prep trustee during the transition from Hughes Hall to Shea Hall; generous supporter of the Prep; the main Prep gymnasium is named in his honor. RIP



### Walter Kinsella, 1917

Distinguished New York actor on stage, radio and film, best known for his television roles from the 1940s to the 1960s. RIP



### S. Jerome Martin

Retired long-time chairman of the Prep's English Department.



### Hon. Juan Tomas MacManus y Gonzalez, 1867, P 1900

International banker; executive in the copper, silver and railroad industries; senator in the Mexican government; father and grandfather of Prep graduates. RIP



### William Hughes Mulligan Jr. '66

Respected attorney; generous supporter of the Prep; father of two Prep graduates, William '97 and Rory '02.



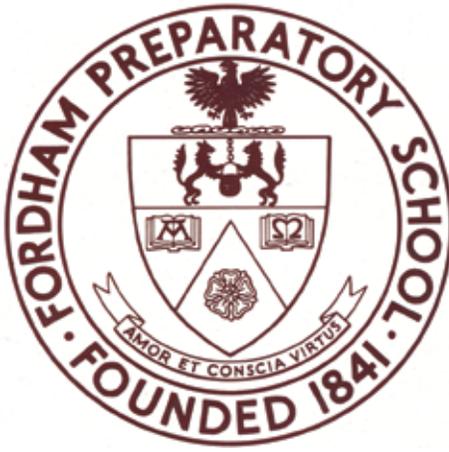
### Michael Nash, SJ

Teacher and first Jesuit Prefect/Dean of Students at Fordham Prep; Civil War chaplain. RIP



### Joseph P. Parkes, SJ

President of Fordham Prep from August of 1996 to August 2004; revived the financial health of the school and increased endowment from \$1 million to \$10 million.



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## Upcoming Events

<b>September</b> <b>6 &amp; 7</b> Student Orientation	<b>September</b> <b>8</b> 1st Day of Class	<b>September</b> <b>15</b> Mass of the Holy Spirit
<b>September</b> <b>29</b> President's Dinner at the Water Club	<b>October</b> <b>17</b> Oktoberfest	<b>November</b> <b>17</b> Hall of Honor Induction Dinner

**In our next issue look for photos of**

2017 Golf & Tennis Outing  
Founder's Day Mass & Reception  
Locker Room and 3rd Floor Renovations