



Monastery Hall dedicated with blessing from Cardinal

Grace Molenhouse
junior reporter

The new science wing, Monastery Hall, was dedicated in a ceremony on Sunday, November 17. Archbishop Cardinal Cupich and several Marist brothers, alumni, teachers and donors gathered in Champagnat Square before blessing and touring the newest addition to the campus.

Principal Larry Tucker and President Br. Hank Hammer began the ceremony by speaking about the history of the project and the ideas behind Monastery Hall.

"Marcellin Champagnat challenged us, as Marists, to pay attention to the sign of times," Tucker said. "Ever since we were the first school in the area to have a computer lab in 1977, we truly began to embrace Marcellin's words, and I think that he would be proud of what we have done."

Tom Inzinga '84, Director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving, worked on the Faith in the Future campaign, which raised money for the construction of Monastery Hall. Out of the \$15 million needed, over \$14 million has been raised. Generous parents and alumni donated most of the money for the campaign.

"Overall, the campaign is going very well," Inzinga said. "We were faced with a really urgent challenge to go out and raise money for the science wing and I think that our alumni and parents have responded and reacted in a really positive fashion."

Major donors include Mr. Gerald Beeson '90 and his wife, Jennifer. Beeson said that his days at Marist prepared him for a real-world job and that his fondest memories include his time in room 105: Mr. Owen Glennon's math class.

"The lifelong friends that I made at Marist and the fun sporting events during my years there as well and the three years I spent as a student in Mr. Glennon's classes are among my fondest memories of my years at Marist," Beeson said. "Obviously the hours of homework each night weren't fun, but Mr. Glennon made learning fun with his unique sense of humor. We were fortunate to have many great teachers during my years here."

Beeson attended DePaul University for his undergraduate degree and the University of Chicago for graduate school and is now the Chief Operating Officer at Citadel. Citadel is one of the world's largest hedge funds.

The Beesons have three children attending school here, including Francis, a senior, Jack, a junior and Abby, a freshman. Their son Henry, a sixth-grader at St. Michael School, will attend beginning in 2022.

"Marist offers a tremendous education and many great opportunities to be involved in the community," Beeson said. "I wanted my kids to share in some of the same experiences that I had. I say 'some of the same' because I think the opportunities today far exceed what it was like when I was a student here."

Beeson also recognized the need for updated science labs and this motivated his family's generosity.

"It was clear that we needed to improve the quality of our science facilities since they dated back to the original construction," Beeson said. "Many students go on into science-related fields and I believe we needed to offer a better place for them to learn and experiment during their time here. When I saw the preliminary plans for Monastery Hall, I knew that it would be an unbelievable



photo by Brendan Wolff

The Archbishop of Chicago His Eminence Cardinal Cupich extends his blessing over Monastery Hall during the official dedication held on Saturday, Nov. 17. The Cardinal also led administrators, teachers, staff, parents and alumni donors in prayer during the ceremony.

opportunity for students, and my wife and I wanted to be part of bringing it to life."

Cardinal Cupich blessed the new wing and spoke about the importance of science in understanding God's plan for humanity.

"It is important to help young people to be informed, stay curious and understand that science offers us an opportunity to see creation and really see the greatness of our God," the Cardinal said.

The Cardinal also noted that while science and religion seem to exist in conflict, Monastery Hall can help students

discover that faith and science really work together.

"Science is a window into understanding God's love for us," Cardinal Cupich said. "God took the time and effort to create the world and science can help us discover the plan that God has for us."

Tucker also reminded attendees that Monastery Hall will allow us to continue to carry out our mission.

"We will continue to inspire students to make Jesus known and loved," Tucker said.



photo by Cecelia Gibbons

RedHawk speech team starts strong

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The speech team, coached by Mrs. Paolotti and Mr. Distasio, opened its season at the first Catholic League qualifier at Evanston Township on Nov. 2. The team came in first place, with a number of RedHawks placing in the top five of their respective categories. As the season continues with both public school and Catholic League meets, the team is focusing on honing their speaking and acting skills, with the upperclassmen stepping up to mentor younger members of the team. "Returning as a new team captain, I realize the best way to help the newer members is to share ideas for pieces, discuss our experiences with competitions and, most importantly, give each other lots of support," junior Una Fortier said. "Additionally, it is easy to get down when a speech does not go as planned, so as a team captain, I find optimism very crucial to the well-being of the team." The team's next Catholic League meet is at Antioch High School on Saturday, Dec. 7.

Letter from Argentina

Heidi Contreras

Contreras was one of 18 students who visited from Colegio La Inmaculada, a Marist school in Argentina. She and her classmates stayed with Marist host families, experienced three school days at Marist and took a tour of the city. Upon her return home, Contreras wrote the following reflection on her visit.

My trip to Chicago was one of the best trips of my life. I met amazing people and became part of a new family.

Many things are said about Americans being cold, but I now see that this is not true. My host family gave me a lot of love and treated me like I was part of their family. They also took time to learn Spanish words for me and learned to pronounce my name correctly.

I didn't have time to miss my own family since I was always busy during my visit. I noticed that American teenagers have many activities, but I had a lot of fun doing them. It was amazing to be able to live the life of an American for a couple of days. I remember that once we went to a volleyball game for which my host was a cameraman. It was amazing.

Chicago is a beautiful city. My favorite place was the Willis Tower. When I stood on the glass balcony at the



top I was scared, but I was able to take beautiful photos. The neighborhood where Marist is located is also very beautiful, but unlike the city it is very quiet.

Marist is a very special school with very nice teachers and students. While I was at Marist I had the opportunity to go to an American football game with my friends. We had a lot of fun and it was a unique experience.

Thanks to this trip, I not only had the opportunity to meet new people, but I also was able to get closer to some of my Argentine classmates. This trip was amazing. I will never forget it.

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Providing aid in the new decade

As humanity enters a new decade, one may wonder what the 2010s will be remembered for.

Perhaps in 50 years, students in a classroom will open their history textbooks and read about technological advancements that contributed towards inventions such as self-driving cars and Amazon Echoes.

Perhaps they will study the 45th president of the United States, analyze the popularity of social media or write a DBQ about the phrase ‘Ok Boomer.’

Perhaps the most important thing to think about is not what we have already accomplished during the 2010s, but what we are going to accomplish between 2020 and 2029.

One of the most pressing issues is saving the Earth. Factors such as climate change will permanently damage this planet. If people want to preserve the place they call home, action is needed.

NASA reports in an article “Is it too late to prevent climate change” at www.climate.nasa.gov that all countries must work together to change international policies and to enforce cleaner forms of energy.

This is an economic, social, moral and political problem which means that in order to attempt to fix it, a global response is vital, and it needs to happen soon because greenhouse gasses can take centuries to go into effect.

Human beings also need to communicate better and get along. This means that starting in 2020, people simply need to be nicer to one another. Since the creation of social media, it seems users have forgotten common decency and how to treat others with respect. Trolls and bot accounts plague social media platforms. It is easy to be rude to someone behind a screen, but people need to think about what they are saying and the effect it may have on a person.

In a *Forbes* article titled *The Skills You Need To Succeed In 2020*, Avril Beckford states that in order to flourish in the workplace, people need to coordinate and work well with others. Getting along with one’s coworkers is not just ‘the right thing to do,’ it is a necessary life skill. Meeting new people and collaborating with them allows a person to gain new opportunities they otherwise might have missed.

In the new decade, we need to keep up with current events and raise our political awareness. For many teenagers, the 2020 election will be their first chance to vote for president. It is important that first-time voters exercise their constitutional right and do so responsibly by making an informed choice at the polls.

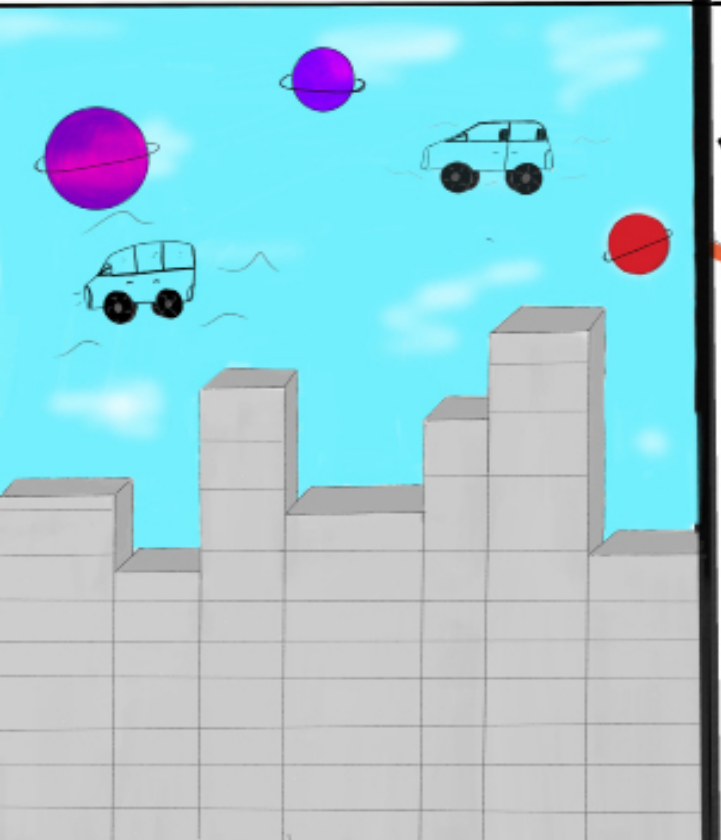
The 2020s will most likely not reflect the lavish lifestyle lived 100 years ago during The Roaring ‘20s as depicted in movies such as *The Great Gatsby*. But this new decade can usher in a period of growth if each of us chooses to change in positive ways.

Plus, *The Great Gatsby* features Leonardo DiCaprio, an actor who is also an activist for many important causes. Perhaps students will read about him in 50 years. They might open their history textbook (digitally, of course) to a chapter that reads *The 2010s: The Decade Leonardo DiCaprio Finally Won an Oscar*.

And perhaps the chapter after that will be *The 2020s: The Decade of Change*.

Between now and New Year’s Eve, let us all resolve to contribute to that change.

What people thought the 2010s would be like:



What the 2010s were really like:



‘Tis the season to be tipping

The Christmas season is in full effect, so let the stressing begin. People scramble to find Christmas gifts that fit within budget for their loved ones and secret Santas, while making last minute restaurant reservations for family members who reappear back in town each December.

But the holiday season is even more demanding for the workers behind the scenes, and their efforts are not always rewarded.

Forty percent of teenagers believe tipping a restaurant worker is optional, and 10 percent routinely leave no tip at all, according to a 2018 study conducted by NBC News’ Nicole Spector.

A server does more than serve the customer and should receive more than a simple ‘thank you.’

Workers in restaurants, fast food and coffee shops depend on tips, not just their paycheck. The change found under couch

cushions and discarded on sidewalks might seem miniscule, but after a 12-hour shift, those quarters add up to the cost of basic necessities for service industry workers.

Servers at restaurants deserve a minimum tip of 15 percent or 20 percent for really good service. Counter workers at mom-and-pop establishments should earn a dollar or two according to Monica Burtons in a 2018 report for the food and dining site Eater.

With impending Christmas expenses and unaccommodating holiday work hours, remember that waitstaff have lives beyond their jobs.

They work to put food on the table, to pay bills or for an education. They leave school, family and leisure behind to throw on a smile as they prepare to re-enter the work force for the seventh day that week. But that is ignored by employers for the sake of profit.

The minimum wage in Chicago is \$13 an hour and \$8.25 in the suburbs. Tipped employees are paid 40 percent less than minimum wage under the Illinois “Tip Credit” labor law.

The life of servers is not easy, despite their crisp looking aprons and white tennis shoes.

People should realize that the spare change in their car cupholders can be used for more generous tips this holiday season. CNN reporter James Cox stated that giving tips demonstrates an understanding of the reality of living on low pay. Tipping is a form of empathy.

As servers strive to make their customers happy this holiday season, while trying to remain sane themselves, their pay should be the last thing they have to worry about.

We need to show our appreciation to them with our wallets and spare change.

Our servers will thank us.

Colleen Kelly '16 finds large following on YouTube

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Listen.
Just listen.

With the pressure to succeed, people strive to be the loudest one in the room, to get their message across, to be heard. They think that if they are loud enough, people will remember them. And they forget to take a step back and listen to the people who are not so loud-the “shy” ones.

But just because someone is quiet, does not mean they do not have something important to say. YouTuber Colleen Kelly '16 found help from the internet to transform her quiet nature into a positive force.

With over 330,000 subscribers on her YouTube channel “colliscool” and thousands of followers on Twitter, Instagram and her other social media platforms, Kelly found a voice within the online community.

“I had to figure out who I was as a person,” Kelly said. “I feel so much more confident with YouTube. It’s so cool that people are listening. I didn’t think people would care about the topics I was interested in.”

Her videos focus on her passion for pop-rock bands, like 5 Seconds of Summer, with a mix of question and answer videos and daily life vlogs. But she also uses her platform to broadcast herself as a model for people who, like her, are introverted.

“I like to use my voice in a meaningful way,” Kelly said. “Being quiet, I feel like my words have more impact. If you are quiet because you feel like people won’t listen to you, they will. You don’t have to try to be someone you aren’t.”

Kelly’s internet career began during her sophomore year of high school when she started making videos about her favorite bands on the app Vine. She created her YouTube channel a year later. Now a senior at Saint Xavier University, Kelly is majoring in social media marketing and thinking of her next online venture.

Along her journey to success, the internet became an important platform through which she could branch out and connect with people outside high school.

“YouTube was something that I did myself, because I felt like there was nothing I could really shine at in school,” Kelly said. “It was never about the fame or how much money I made off each video. The internet is my favorite way for people to find others who they can relate to, when they don’t have people in their day to day life to talk to.”

People choose what is seen on social media, editing and photoshopping to show only the best version of themselves. With her platform, Kelly displays the real parts of herself in hopes that her supporters will see that they are not alone in their struggles.

“People act like their problems need to be a secret,” Kelly said. “You need to take the time in the day to address your problems. You need let it out.”

For Kelly, the pressure to impress invades the hobby she has made a career out of.

“I feel like I’m running out of time to make videos that people want to see, when really the only pressure is coming from myself,” Kelly said. “When I’m able to show people the real me and they like me for me, that is the greatest thing.”

The internet has shown Kelly that the world extends far beyond the neighborhood she has called home her entire life.



photo by Isabella Schreck

Colleen Kelly '16 rehearses an intro to a future video on her YouTube channel “colliscool.” Her channel focuses on Kelly’s passion for pop-rock bands like “The 1975” and “5 Seconds of Summer” and vlogs featuring question and answer sessions about topics related to pop culture.

“I feel so stuck right now, where I am,” Kelly said. “I cannot wait until after college. I remember as a teenager that people didn’t think there was life beyond high school. Now I’d tell them, ‘hey, get on the internet and see the possibilities.’”

For Kelly, it took time getting used to the realities of the internet, and she found it hard to find her true self when bombarded by other’s unwanted opinions. But in the end, she believes these shaky moments made her even more sure of who she is today.

“Social media is great, but it’s also the worst thing ever,” Kelly said.

“I had to figure out who I was as a person. Now, I am getting to the point of where I’m sure of everything I have going on and what the future is for my channel.”

As she continues to live in Chicago, Kelly looks forward to the future, but stays grateful for the fan base she has and encourages them to be their truest selves.

“Be the craziest, most raw form of yourself,” Kelly said. “People will love you the more you are yourself. The community I have been lucky enough to foster, of people, like me, who feel like they don’t have a place where they can fit in, it’s the dream. There’s nothing better than that.”

An advertisement for the Marist Brothers. The background is a dark blue night sky filled with stars. In the foreground, the silhouettes of three men are shown riding camels from left to right. The man in the lead is wearing a tall, pointed hat. Overlaid on the image is the text "Wise men still seek Him." in a large, white, cursive font. In the bottom right corner, there is a call to action: "To explore your vocation, or to learn more about the Marist Brothers, check out maristbr.com/calledtobeabrother". In the bottom left corner, there is a Marist Brothers logo featuring a shield with a cross and the letter 'M', with the word "MARIST" below it. At the very bottom, the text "REAL BROTHERS. REAL STORIES. A REAL DIFFERENCE." is written in a white, sans-serif font.

varsity football

RedHawks deliver another thrilling season

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The RedHawks’ 14-6 victory against Loyola on October 26 advanced the team to the playoffs for the sixth time since 2014. The team went 5-4 in the regular season but gained postseason momentum.

A first round 49-7 victory against Glenbard East advanced the team to a challenging second round victory at home against Huntley, 14-7.

Week three of the playoffs brought the team together with Loyola again, ending in a 41-17 victory for the RedHawks.

“Loyola is a very good team and a very well-coached team, but after the first game we played against them, I expected to see them make some adjustments,” head coach Ron Dawczak said. “We made adjustments going into the game as well, and our earlier victory against them gave us confidence.”

The RedHawks then hosted undefeated Lincoln-Way East, coming up short with a 24-7 loss to end the season. Lincoln-Way went on the following week to win state.

Although a spot at the state finals was not in the cards for the RedHawks this season, Dawczak had only positive things to say about his team.

“I’m extremely proud of this team, especially after we had that rough stretch in the season when we came up short and lost some games,” Dawczak said. “The team responded by working hard in every single game, despite the losses. They never doubted themselves. We played some of the best teams in the state this season and that helped us prepare for the playoffs and to keep fighting to the end.”

Senior defensive back Kivonte Houston will take his experience as a RedHawk as he continues playing in college. With offers from both Division 1 and 2 schools, he has not decided yet where he will go.

“This last season was really good,” Houston said. “We started 3-4 but we kept fighting back all the way to semifinals. I’ve been honored to be a part of the Marist football team and I will continue to represent the traditions and uphold the standards of our program.”



photo by Joel Wick

The RedHawks prepare their playoff game against Lincoln-Way East on November 22 at Red and White Stadium, where the undefeated visitors came away with a 24-7 victory. The team finished 8-5 overall this season.



photo by Leah Biggs

Senior Jack Christie chases the puck at the game against the Mid Valley Rampages on November 23. The Redhawks lost 6-3 but hope for a successful rematch tonight at 7:30 at Leaf’s Ice Arena in West Dundee.

Hockey team skates toward success

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The RedHawk varsity hockey team has had a promising season so far, with a record currently at 10-10. The team plays in the Chicago Catholic Hockey League and in the Hayes-Suburban division of the Illinois High School Hockey League.

Before the season began, a new coaching staff was hired, with varsity head coach Mark Bandzi and assistant coach Chuck Gill now leading the RedHawks.

Bandzi said the team is successful so far this season because of their collaboration and hard work.

“The team’s major strength is how we never turn on each other,” Bandzi said. “It is easy to have your teammate’s back when times are good. However, when times are tough, you see your team’s true identity.”

Captain Jack Molenhouse attributes the team’s performance to hard work and the new coaches.

“I think this team’s success this year is a combination of the new coaches and our hard work,” Molenhouse said.

Junior Logan Pickands said that the seniors’ leadership contributes greatly to their success on the ice.

“What really motivates us is that many of the seniors know that they only have a few months left of high school hockey, and they want it to be the best season they have ever had,” Pickands said. “I just want to help those seniors have their best year.”

The team faces a busy weekend, starting tonight against the Mid Valley Rampages at Leaf’s Ice Center in West Dundee at 7:30. The RedHawks host Benet Academy tomorrow at 6:15 p.m. at the Morgan Park Sports Complex. On Sunday, the team faces Marmion at the Fox Valley Arena in Geneva at 6:30 p.m.

“Our goal is to make the Catholic League playoffs in February,” Molenhouse said. “Once you make the playoffs, anything can happen.”

girls’ varsity volleyball

RedHawks finish third in state

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The girls’ varsity volleyball team clinched third place in the state championship final on Nov 16, defeating Fremd 23-25, 25-22 and 25-20.

This was the girls’ third consecutive trip to Illinois State University’s Redbird Arena in Normal for the state finals, where they fell to future state champion Benet 12-25, 23-25 in the semi-final match on November 15.

“It was definitely shocking to take third place,” senior right side Camryn Hannah said. “Going into the game, we all believed in ourselves completely, but we knew how much work it would take to come out as champions again.”

Led by senior captains Hannah, Maddie Arundel, Mairead Boyle and Avery Jedry, the girls finished the season with a record of 39-3.

The team faced a rigorous schedule in the race to the state finals, where they beat

Stagg 25-12, 25-14 to secure the regional title on October 31. The girls also won the sectional title on November 6, defeating McAuley 25-21 and 25-13, and Argo 25-6 in both matches.

“We prepared mentally for each of our playoff games by focusing in practice every day and realizing that winning was not going to be about only the physical game of volleyball,” Hannah said. “It was going to be mental and physical, but this team is special because we push each other to work harder, while still maintaining a strong bond.”

The team looks forward to next season with a new slate of players joining the roster and a continued emphasis on improving team continuity.

“The goal is to continue what our team has already started,” junior outside hitter Ewelina Gacek said. “Having our current seniors model what kind of players we should be inspires us to take our playing to the next level and continue to work hard every season.”



photo by Brendan Wolff

Junior setter Nikki Jones serves against Mother McAuley in the Red and White Gym on November 6. The Redhawks beat the Mighty Macs in two sets, 25-21 and 25-13 to clinch the 2019 sectional title.