



ST. CATHERINE'S ACADEMY

A Boys' Catholic School with a Military Tradition

Esprit de Corps

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Jordan Agosta



The Wise still seek Him...



Military Ball

February 19, 2011

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Merry Christmas from St. Catherine's!

Greetings from our Administrator/Principal Sister Johnellen Turner, OP

Dear Friends,

Each year we celebrate this holy season of the birth of Jesus, and I ask myself: *how is this year different?*

It is the same story, the same sacred event which has been occurring for over 2000 years, but do I grow in the wisdom and understanding of the miracle of Christmas? Some say that Christmas happens each day. Again, I ask myself how I make this a reality? Do I bring Christ to others in my daily presence? How have I affected my local world with the Christmas spirit?

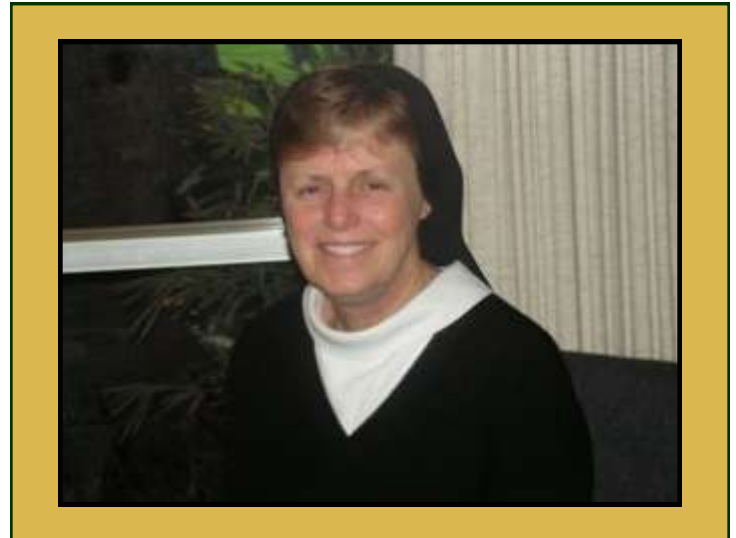
I offer you these simple thoughts as we revisit this celebration again moving into another new year. Time literally flies by, and **we don't want to waste a moment of positive possibility.**

We at St. Catherine's are surrounded with positive possibilities as we journey with an incredible faculty and staff and wonderful families, students, alumni, and friends. We cherish each day here and feel the blessings of being part of such a beautiful family.

Since our last Esprit de Corps, we have felt your love and support as you contribute towards our Annual Campaign and your gifts to our boys through tuition assistance and facility improvements. We pray in gratitude for all of you each day!

Again, I invite you to come and visit us! Let us introduce you to our wonderful boys and **"show off" our plant renovations. You are part of St. Catherine's!**

May your hearts be filled with God's special love during this beautiful season and may you



hear the invitation of His Son to find and live the joy and peace of each moment as your Christmas becomes part of each day during 2011.

With a loving and grateful heart –
Your,

Sister Johnellen Turner, OP

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Administrator/Principal

Your Dominican Sisters and all of the cadet family pray for you each day. If you have someone who is ill or in need of prayer, please let us know, and we will include him or her in our prayers.

J.F. Shea Foundation Gives SCA \$113,000 Grant

The J.F. Shea Foundation will help SCA with several urgent renovations on our 121-year-old campus. The Foundation will replace our 90-year-old campus fence and professionally repaint our entire school exterior. These projects will begin during the Christmas break and continue into the new year.



A computer rendition of St. Catherine's new paint job. Stay tuned for pictures of our renovations or stop by to see them for yourself in the new year!

The J.F. Shea Foundation made a lead gift of \$113,000 toward the \$143,000 project, leaving \$30,000 to be contributed by our families and friends. In order to meet the Foundation's timetable of beginning these projects during the Christmas break, our families and friends came together to raise the full \$30,000 in just over a month!

Thanks to the J.F. Shea Foundation and everyone who contributed! What a wonderful school family we have!

About the J.F. Shea Foundation

The J.F. Shea Foundation was established by J.F. Shea Co, Inc. to give back to the communities who have supported its growth. Much of the Foundation's efforts focus on educational causes. In its tradition as a developer and builder, the foundation has made many generous grants to capital projects on school campuses.

St. Catherine's Academy Unveils New School Colors

St. Catherine's military department unveiled new colors during a special ceremony this fall. The update included new company, battalion, and regiment guidons, a new SCA flag, and a new banner for parades and other events.

Each company guidon contains the name of the company's patron saint and the Dominican shield to reflect SCA's new formation program, which is rooted in the Dominican charism. See page 4 for more information on SCA's new formation program.



Left: Regiment executive officer Victor Cuevas uncases SCA's new flag. Right: The cadet color guard presents the new flag to the regiment.



Top: This new St. Catherine's Academy banner will be used during parades and other special events. Bottom: Cadets Austin Agosta and Maxwell Claunch unveil the new Charlie Company guidon.

SCA Holds First-Ever Formation Day

Students and staff at St. Catherine's participated in the first-ever SCA Formation Day on October 13, 2010. Events of the day included presentations on Dominican saints by cadet leaders, team-building activities, a company competition, and more.

"The day was a chance for the entire school community to come together as one family and learn more about the Dominican charism and how it guides the education of our students," says SCA principal Sister Johnellen Turner, OP.

Each student and staff member was assigned to one of the school's existing companies – Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, and Delta. Each company was then assigned a Dominican saint who represents a specific pillar of the Dominican charism and aspect of the St. Catherine's educational program.

- Alpha Co.—St. Dominic
As founder of the Dominican order, St. Dominic represents the Dominican pillar of **community and SCA's military tradition and leadership training.**
- Bravo Co.—St. Martin de Porres
A Dominican saint who devoted his life to those in need, St. Martin represents the **Dominican pillar of ministry and SCA's service-learning programs.**
- Charlie Co.—St. Thomas Aquinas
A Dominican scholar and Doctor of the Church, St. Thomas represents the Dominican **pillar of study and SCA's academic programs.**
- Delta Co.—St. Catherine of Siena
A Dominican woman who devoted her life to God, St. Catherine represents the Dominican **pillar of prayer and SCA's spiritual development programs.**

These saints will remain with the companies to help students learn about the Dominican pillars and the meaning of the Dominican charism.



Third grader Noe Gomez guides 5th grader Christian Barrientos through an obstacle course. Both boys are members of Bravo Company.



Eighth grader Joseph Imburgia participates in a preaching activity on the saints.



Charlie Company races to complete one of the company competitions.



Sister Johnellen looks on as Delta Company makes its way through the "Shipwreck Challenge."



Alpha Company enjoys lunch and a well-deserved break.



Coach Greg congratulates kindergartener Jacob Garcia on a job well done.

Want to see more?
Visit www.tinyurl.com/sca-formation for links to video and pictures from Formation Day.

Cadets in Action



Color Guard Presents Colors at Angel Stadium

The St. Catherine's Academy color guard presented colors before the Servite-Mater Dei football game. The game took place in front of a crowd of 25,000 at Angel Stadium.

Knights Play for P.A.L. Championship

The varsity flag football team, under the guidance of Coach Greg, advanced to the Parochial Athletic League championship, small schools division. The Knights battled hard in the championship game against St. Juliana and ended the season in second place overall. Congratulations, Knights!



Cadets March (and Ride) in Anaheim Fall Parade

The cadet regiment participated in Anaheim's Annual Fall Parade on October 30, 2010. The parade was extra special because it marched along Harbor Boulevard, right past St. Catherine's Academy. Parents and staff filled the campus to cheer on our cadets!

SCA Honors Grandparents

SCA held its annual Grandparents Day celebration on Friday, October 1st. Grandparents of current cadets were invited to share in a special Mass followed by lunch with their grandsons and the first "Reports" ceremony of the year. Roughly 100 grandparents and guests attended the special day!



Cadets Support Homeless Families in Anaheim

Seven-day residents attended *Movie in the Park* where they enjoyed the Pixar film, *Up*. The event, which was held at nearby Pearson Park, was sponsored by the Anaheim Interfaith Shelter, a homeless shelter for families with children. Cadets brought canned goods, paper products, and toiletries for use at the shelter.

Calling All Alumni!

Alumni Question

Q: What did you learn at St. Catherine's?

A: What I learned from St. Catherine's...That good people, such as the Sisters and the teachers at St. Catherine's, can instill decent morals that stay with students into adulthood. - Ronald Hall, Class of 1985.

A: I learned lots of things in my one year of "basic training", but the one thing that immediately jumped into my mind was *respect for authority*. The key ingredient to this thought was that you don't have to like the person exercising authority, but you better respect the position of/purpose for "authority." The guy sleeping next to me in the dorm, Anthony X, was a corporal and my squad leader. He had the power of authority behind him. He was the guy who could/would give me demerits for not standing at attention during drill (*his* interpretation of attention); my bed spread not stretched taut enough to flip a penny; my shoes not polished enough; and the list goes on and on.

For the most part, discipline was the driving force behind most of the rules and, in life after the Academy, the lessons learned have been most important.

- Jim Erickson, Class of 1946

A: Along with academics, what I learned most in the ten years at SCMS was self-discipline, self-reliance and leadership. Many brother cadets became friends for life in addition to the relationships with Sisters and staff. This was home away from home; Major Schmitt and his family were like a second family, and they taught me trust and responsibility. - Ric Chilson, Class of 1951

A: Kindness and friendship. One of my best memories was Chris Ault moving me to the head table. I was a 6th Grader at the time, and he was the commander of the whole school. - Tim Doyle, Class of 1962.

Next Alumni Question:

Who was your commandant and what three words would you use to describe him?

Send responses to development@stcatherinesacademy.org
or SCA - 215 N. Harbor Blvd. -Anaheim, CA 92805 Attn: Advancement

Notes From the Past

Mr. & Mrs. John Healy visited campus this fall. John's father attended St. Catherine's in the 1920s and his grandfather was St. Catherine's first commandant, Major Healy. They were kind enough to share some of Cadet Healy's memories from SCA's earliest days as a military academy.

"I recall his sharing that if you got into a fight with another cadet, the fight would be quickly stopped, but then the two fighters were pitted against each other with gloves on in the ring on the following Saturday night. This seemed to serve as a pretty strong deterrent to fights breaking out.

"Another memory: Major Healy had a relationship with the Governor at that time, and the Governor came down twice a year to observe the dress parade drill."



Top: The Healy's hold a chalice donated to SCA by John's father in memory of his grandfather.
Bottom: A close-up of the chalice.

Alumni Updates

Robert Thomas (Class of 1954) attended St Catherine's with his twin brother Richard Lester Thomas in 6th—9th grade. He is still working full time at the Air Force Research Lab, Edwards AFB.

Ronald Hall (Class of 1985) is engaged to Shannon Webb. They will be married on January 11, 2011 in Vista, California.

Roland Miraco (Class of 1985) was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in the US Army.

Jimmy Hua (Class of 1998) received his BS and MS in computer science from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo after graduating from Don Bosco Tech. In his current position at CBS Interactive in San Francisco, he works with online video streaming for CBS and others. He has also started his own company, Grad Lab LLC.

James Caldwell (Class of 2001) has been serving in the Marine Corps for the last three years and will continue to serve until he is told to leave.

Nathan Pearce (Class of 2002) is currently serving in Afghanistan with the Army XVIII Airborne Corps Long Range Surveillance Company.

Ali Smailey (Class of 2005) is currently working at his father's tire shop in Santa Ana. He is majoring in business administration at Goldenwest College and plans to take over the tire business and expand it.

WE WANT YOUR NEWS!

Send us updates about school, family, career, anything!

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Alumni Involvement

Alumnus Returns to Work with Outreach Concern Program

David Perry, who attended St. Catherine's from 3rd – 5th grade, has returned to campus to work with SCA students as an Outreach Concern counselor.

David graduated from Cal State Fullerton with a degree in philosophy and a minor in psychology. After doing some graduate work at San Diego State University, he is now considering a career as a sports psychologist. He says his position at St. Catherine's will help him decide if he wants to

continue in this field. It will also be great experience for the future.

As a former cadet, David is able to draw from his own SCA experience when working with students. He says he was in their shoes at one point or another.

While a student at St. Catherine's, David participated in the Outreach Concern program. He was a member of the football team, choir, and marching band. He says he also spent lots of time doing PT.

David loves being back at St. Catherine's. He enjoys working with the kids and being in a Catholic environment. He says it's nice to "not be a cadet" this time around. According to David, the welcome back has been really nice and has made the transition easy. Welcome home, David!

Left: Alumnus David Perry waits for his next appointment as an Outreach Concern counselor. Right: David's yearbook picture from 1997.



Alumnus Becomes Navy SEAL

Scott Reynolds, class of 1997, graduated from the Navy SEAL program and received his Trident on October 1, 2010. Scott is currently enrolled in Arabic language school awaiting assignment overseas.

Scott decided to join the SEAL program in order to **continue to challenge himself "to always be his best."** SEAL training was an incredibly physically and mentally challenging 20-month experience, but Scott says it was also one of the most rewarding experiences in his life. One thing Scott enjoyed about the training was continuing his role as a leader, which began during his time as a cadet officer at St. Catherine's.

After SCA, Scott attended Servite High School. He attended Northwestern Prep Academy in 2001 before entering the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. At USAF Academy, Scott played football for two years while successfully completing a degree in Systems Engineering Management. Upon graduating, he was stationed at Egland Air Force Base in Florida as a Test Engineer. Sitting behind a computer all day was not exciting enough for Scott so, with a lot of hard work and tenacity, he cross-commissioned to the U.S. Navy and entered SEAL BUD/S Class 279.

Graduating from SEAL training was a very proud and rewarding moment for Scott and his family, including wife Janelle and parents Don and Barbara.

Brandon Secret, class of 1996, is also a U.S. Navy SEAL. Chase Secret, class of 1996 (first grade), and Ryan Dini, class of 1997, are currently in SEAL training.



Left: Scott Reynolds, class of 1997, and his wife Janelle celebrate his graduation from Navy SEALs training. Right: Scott's yearbook picture from 1997. Scott was Day Battalion Commander at SCA.



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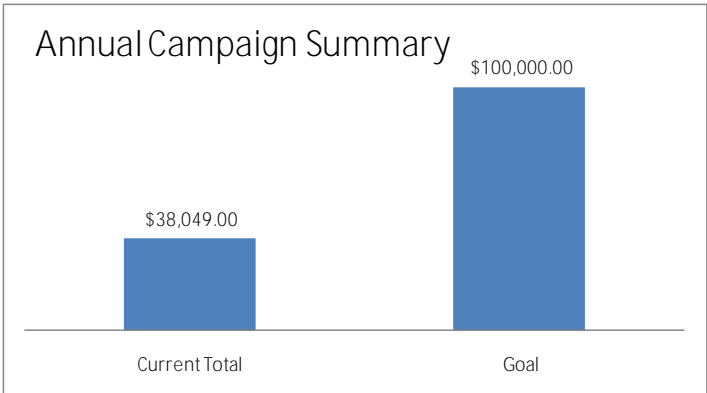
Pass it on!

Thanks to everyone who has already made a contribution! Your support has truly made an impact on the lives of our young men.

We have currently received \$38,049 in gifts and pledges to the Annual Campaign. We need your support to reach our goal of \$100,000.

Please, pass it on! Pass on everything you learned here and everything you love about St. Catherine's to a new generation of cadets. The truth is, they need you.

With a loving and grateful heart-
Sister Johnellen, OP



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