Legacy graduates and their families

Meet our Mercy Honors Honorees

Remembering Sister Sally Walz, RSM ’56

Learning today... Leading tomorrow
Dear Mercy Family,

It barely seems possible that we are beginning a new school year. Do you remember those summers of our youth that seemed to be endless? Can you believe Mount Mercy Academy is beginning our 112th year! The changes that have taken place during that time span are phenomenal. I must admit the fall and beginning of a school year are my favorite times! The students, faculty, administration and staff are excited to get things moving, full steam ahead. Speaking of another STEAM, (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) we will be continuing the growth of our award winning STEAM program. STEAM is an educational approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking. Through grant money and your generous donations, the students have been able to avail themselves of the latest resources for these essential academic areas.

As we welcome back our returning students, we will also warmly welcome into the Mount Mercy Academy family many students from Immaculata Academy. We are committed to continuing the excellent academic and spiritual education the students received. Immaculata’s closing must awaken us to the importance of supporting female Catholic Education. Now more than ever, it is essential that we equip our future citizens and leaders with the values that are so dear to us. Also new to us this year, are four exchange students from Germany, who will be staying with Mercy families. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to share Catherine McAuley’s inspired hospitality, and at the same time learn about other cultures.

We are also very passionate about the restructuring of our Campus Ministry Department. We will have more of a team approach to ministry, as the students take a stronger leadership role. This will expand participation in the implementation of the Sisters of Mercy Critical Concerns along with daily spiritual activities.

Your continued support of Mount Mercy is vital to our future. Everything you do and sacrifice on behalf of our school is valued and appreciated. I close with words from the hymn “All Are Welcome”.

“Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.”

Margaret (Peggy) M. Cronin
President
We have made so many amazing memories in our journey through high school, and I am so lucky to call you girls not just my classmates, but my sisters. Tonight the circle of Mercy is expanding and as we all go our separate ways we know that Mercy will always be here to welcome us home.”

– Megan Fabian ’16
Dear Mount Mercy Academy Alumnae and Friends,

As we embark on another wonderful school year at MMA, I am so pleased to report to you the outstanding achievements of our students, faculty and staff over the last academic year. The collaborative efforts of all of our teachers, working as teams and departmentally aligning curriculum and assessments, has proven exceptionally successful to MMA, receiving public recognition through the Buffalo Business First ranking in June 2016 as the twelfth highest scoring high school of 136 school districts and private high schools in Western New York. It is so rewarding not only for our teachers, but for the students themselves, and our Mount Mercy families to know that their diligence and hard work has been acknowledged and appreciated.

The MMA graduation Class of 2016 was one of our most successful classes to date. Academically, 100% of the graduates earned a NYS Regents Diploma, with 85% of these graduates awarded the prestigious New York State Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation. Outstanding! 100% of the Class of 2016 was accepted to the college of their choice, and the combined college scholarship awards for this class reached over 10.4 million dollars!

Not only did this class of students demonstrate academic achievement, but they also exhibited a sincere kindness and concern for those less fortunate than themselves. Motivated by one thoughtful MMA senior, this class, through the Stop Hunger Now Organization, prepared 10,000 meals to be delivered to hungry families in third world countries around the world. This was only one of many projects completed by our students in support of the Critical Concerns of the Sisters of Mercy. Our sophomore class cleaned and stocked an apartment for a refugee family, the entire student body financially supported the awesome make-over of a young cancer patient’s bedroom, and our pet-loving students even supported the local SPCA!

As always, we continue to nurture and support all of our academic, curricular, co-curricular, and athletic programs with loving attentiveness and the resources which create rich, valuable learning experiences for our students. I am extremely grateful for the support of our wonderful friends and alumnae, without whom we could not offer the high quality programs we provide to our students and families.

As Mount Mercy continues to educate students to proclaim justice, to accept and respect the diversity of all people, to respond to the needs of others with compassion, and to be prepared to meet the challenges of university life and beyond, it is with great enthusiasm that we begin the 112th year of educating young women.

Sincerely,

Margaret Staszak
Catherine Rogers
Catie gave a wonderful student reflection at the Class of 2016’s Baccalaureate Mass. She will be attending UB this fall to study engineering. Catie was accepted as part of their School of Engineering and Applied Science. When her junior year of college comes she plans on taking advantage of UB’s many opportunities, and begin an internship with a major corporation. Catie is hoping to be able to use that opportunity to find a full time engineering position after her college graduation.

“Through these high school years, I have learned so many crucial lessons. Through my future endeavors, I will hold true to myself as the woman of Mercy that I have become. Even into my adult life after I graduate from college, I will continue showing compassion, respect, articulation, and all other Mercy values.

Attending Mount Mercy has provided me with so much joy. I will carry the strength, hope, and optimism I have gained at Mercy with me into college. I have never met such a supportive and loving group of people. The last four years have been the best I could have hoped for. With each smile, and each tear I came to love Mount Mercy and I thank everyone that made this experience so wonderful.”

Megan Fabian
Class of 2016 Salutatorian
As class salutatorian, Megan gave an amazing speech to her classmates during their graduation ceremony. Megan is going to the University of Scranton this fall on a full academic scholarship to study physical therapy, and plans on a double minor in psychology and business. She has already earned a direct seat into the doctorate program at Scranton. Megan has an ambition to study abroad and to participate in international service trips while in college.

“Thank you to my classmates who have all impacted my life and inspired me to take risks and aim high. We have made new friends and formed bonds that will last a lifetime. Our class has been through ups and downs and some classmates have come and gone, but we have gained new ones who have become some of our closest friends. We have supported each other through thick and thin, and I know we will always be there for each other.

Our class is the perfect representation of what women of Mercy should be. We have grown closer as the years passed. We have laughed together and cried together. Most importantly, we have supported each other through every challenge any one of us has faced.”

Margaret (Molly) Dedlof
Class of 2016 Valedictorian
Molly’s outstanding academic success earned her the title of Valedictorian of the Class of 2016. She gave an exceptional speech to her classmates, faculty and guests at graduation. Molly is headed to Clarkson University for her college career and is majoring in biology. In the future, she plans to continue on with her education by obtaining her PhD in biology. Molly hopes to one day become a professor and teach at a university.

“Mercy has given us the tools we need to succeed. We have been taught to be strong female leaders, and to never back down when our core values are challenged. We have been encouraged to speak our minds, and in the process we have found ourselves. Mercy has instilled in us the values we need to succeed in the real world. We have been taught the importance and value of compassionate service to others. Our respect for ourselves and our classmates and the world around us has increased exponentially over the last four years. We will strive for excellence in all we do, as we have done for the past four years, and most importantly, we are empowered to change the world, and if anyone can change the world, I know that it is the incredible girls graduating today.”
Message to the Class of 2016

I want to welcome the graduating class into the Alumnae Association. No longer an MMA student, you have become an alumna of a school that has graduated over 10,000 women since its inception. As you have exited the doors of 88 Red Jacket Parkway, and entered the next phase of your life, you will make new friends and continue your educational pursuits, which will provide the springboard for your future careers, so please remember you are part of a longstanding legacy. Many of you have Mothers, Grandmothers, Sisters and Aunts who attended Mount Mercy Academy, you are demonstrating that you will follow the tradition of embracing the teachings of Catherine McCauley and embrace the values, taught to you by these relatives. They have modeled the Circle of Mercy.

In addition to the Catholic education you have received, you also made lifelong friendships and the friends you have made will be there through all of your life events. This is what we call our Circle of Mercy. The Circle of Mercy is an honored group which will be there for you whenever you need them.

Margaret Flanagan Barrett ’73
Mount Mercy Academy Alumnae Board President
Big Mercy Family! The Miller/Fredo’s; Mary Ann Griffin Miller ’68, her daughter Jeanne Miller Scanlon ’92, her granddaughter, graduate Madeline Fredo ’16, Mary Ann’s daughter Katie Miller Denning ’96 and daughter Ann Miller Fredo ’88, Madeline’s mom! Claire Jackson ’16 and her mom Grace Gannon Jackson ’82, Maureen Gannon Burns ’85 and her daughter Brigid Burns ’16, Emma Alvarado ’16 and her mom Ruth Serafini Alvarado ’85, Susan Dickman Fabian ’85 and her daughter Megan Fabian ’16, Sheila Farry Allman ’85, her daughter Anna Allman ’16 and proud grandma Judy Mendofk Farry ’59. Molly Dedloff ’11 and her sister Victoria Dedloff ’11. Kaitlin Pinterpe ’13, Rebecca Pinterpe ’16, Maureen Shea Pinterpe ’82 and Melissa Pinterpe ’07, Allison Balys ’14 and her sister Olivia Balys ’16, Connie Evaniak ’10 and her sister Stephanie Evaniak ’16, Mollie Redmond ’94 and her daughter Karilyn Redmond ’16, Kerilyn Kostek ’16.
After a short illness, Sister Sally Walz, formerly Sister William Marie, a past teacher, principal, and director of development and alumnae died March 25th. During her various tenures at Mount Mercy Sister Sally positively impacted many people, leaving a permanent legacy at her alma mater. She has been described by those who worked with her as patient, kind, articulate, tireless, loyal and compassionate.

Sister Sally served Mount Mercy as principal from 1979 to 1987 but prior to that time she taught mathematics at the Academy. Kate Coughlin Lynch (Class of 1976) remembers Sister Sally as an algebra teacher. Sister Sally was known to throw bean bags to students when she was asking them a question. Students knew that she definitely expected correct answers. Many students would try to duck or move to avoid the dreaded bean bag.

"Many students from the past have wonderful thoughts and memories of Sister Sally," Lynch commented. "She was always kind to everyone, loyal to Mount Mercy and she was known to be great at remembering students many, many years after they left 88 Red Jacket Parkway."

Ruth Howard, a faculty member who taught while Sister Sally was principal, concurs with Lynch. "So many Mount Mercy Alumnae remember "Sister Bill" with great fondness and affection. Listening to their stories when they remember their experiences at MMA while Sister Sally was principal always remind me of the powerful impact she had on so many Mercy women," Howard stated.

Longtime music teacher, Magic Belles conductor and Pure Magic director Fred Kirisits was hired by Sister Sally during her first year as principal. "My first two years of teaching were a little tough, but Sister Sally guided me through with patience and understanding," Kirisits recalled. "As principal she created an atmosphere that enabled teachers, students and parents to work together and succeed."

"I have always believed that Sister Sally was instrumental and inspirational in helping her teachers to strive for excellence. She really did teach us how to teach, and she provided us with a wonderful model of an excellent educator," Howard added.

Eva Evaldi Byrne (Class of 1986) and Mary Waters McDonald (Class of 1981) are two alumnae who came to know Sister Sally on different levels. As a student, Byrne recalled being afraid of Sister Sally. "I was afraid of her because she was always so stern. It wasn’t until I came back to Mercy to work on the alumnae phone-a-thons that I truly came to know her. She was kind and compassionate and I came back each year just to see her and talk with her. Sister Sally made raising funds for Mount Mercy her number one priority and I admired her so much for that. She really was a sweet person. Byrne stated.

Like Byrne, McDonald feared Sister Sally as a principal. However, over time she developed a friendship with Sister Sally. "I can honestly say that Sister Sally was one of the most influential women in my life. She was a continued steadfast strong presence along with her dear friend, my beloved mother Rosemary Waters. Sister Sally always had a caring and thoughtful calming approach to all she did, taking into consideration everyone involved in any circumstance or project," McDonald recalled. "To me and many others, Sally was considered the pulse and heartbeat of Mount Mercy Academy."

Kirisits recalled seeking Sister Sally’s help when he needed to raise funds for an additional hand bell for Magic Belles. "We needed a two thousand dollar bass bell for a piece we were performing," Kirisits recalled. "She asked me how much the whole 6th octave would cost (6 high and 6 low bells). I told her ten thousand dollars. She said to get the entire set, we would raise the money. She did raise that money and now Magic Belles rings the largest set of hand bells in Western New York."

Sister Sally is also credited with establishing the first comprehensive girls’ athletic program and was honored for this achievement by having the Athletic Wall of Fame named in her honor. An additional honor is also being bestowed upon Sister Sally. A new award will be given at the Mercy Honors Awards Dinner, an event that was very important to Sister Sally. According to Tina Scarpo Webster (Class of 1991), Mount Mercy’s Alumnae Relations Manager, Sister Sally was the driving force behind this wonderful event. Her knowledge of and connections to Mount Mercy and the entire South Buffalo community made Sister Sally the authority on the honoree selection process and the Honors dinner. She was a passionate, guiding leader whom others looked to for her insight and experience. Sister Sally was also especially involved with seating arrangements, utilizing her extensive and impressive memory of people associated with Mount Mercy to facilitate comfortable groupings.

The Sister Sally Memorial Award honorees will be alumnae who are distinguished in their careers and strong in faith, along with a dedication to their community and volunteerism. In addition, the honoree will have a direct connection to MMA. Honorees will also reflect the legacy and mission of Catherine McAuley, the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy. The qualities of the award reflect the attributes which reflect the way that Sister Sally Walz lived her life, a fitting tribute to the woman who meant so much to so many people and who was so involved in her alma mater.

Margaret Cuthbert Staszak, (Class of 1975), the current principal of Mount Mercy Academy remembers Sister Sally fondly. "Sister Sally Walz was extremely dedicated to Mount Mercy Academy and worked tirelessly to ensure its continued success. She put her heart and soul into every project she was involved in, and her efforts always produced the best possible outcome. She will be long remembered as a champion for Mount Mercy Academy," Staszak remarked.

Sister Sally is survived by her sister Mary Alice ’51 and her brother William and sister-in-law Anne (Moran ’61).
After 31 years teaching at Mount Mercy Academy, Physics teacher Robert Fix is retiring.

Mr. Fix started teaching Chemistry at Mount Mercy in September 1985 and later moved on to become the Physics teacher. During those years he also taught Chemistry and Earth Science labs as well as Sports Medicine and Anatomy and Physiology.

An avid runner, Mr. Fix was honored as the starter of the 2011 MMA 5K Race sponsored by Mount Mercy. Running has been a lifelong interest for Mr. Fix as he has competed in many marathons. He is one of the original runners in the Air Force Marathon in Dayton, Ohio and has participated in the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C. He also developed an interest in Triathlons, leading to his involvement in the Annual Ride for Roswell.

Mr. Fix also spent a number of years as the Mount Mercy softball coach. Under his direction as coach, Mount Mercy sported top notch softball teams in the Monsignor Martin League.

Many of his past students will recall Saturday morning review classes in May and June to prepare for the June Regents exams. With bagels and donuts, Mr. Fix enticed the students to these new traditional classes. If it’s a Saturday in spring, there are review classes happening at MMA. Many students credit these classes with increasing their scores in Chemistry and Physics on the Regents exams.

Many of Mr. Fix’s students went on to become scientists, doctors, nurses and pharmacists because of the direction he gave his students in class. Whether you liked science class or not, Mr. Fix involved you in class through discussion, technology and experimentation until you became involved.

His use of nicknames for his students became a daily highlight for many students, who passed room 16 yelling out “Hi Fixie!” which was usually followed by “Lizard!” “Yo, Cannoli” or “JW”.

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Mr. Fix will undoubtedly be missed at Mount Mercy and after 31 years the halls of the science wing will never quite be the same. Principal Margaret Staszak said of Mr. Fix:

“Bob Fix is a true man of Mercy. He has proven so time and time again over his 31 year tenure at MMA, and we could not have been more fortunate having had him on our faculty for only this long. In the classroom, Bob has been a gentleman and a role model to our students, who never cease to sing his praises for making them learn chemistry and physics in such an understandable way. With his quiet, unassuming nature, Bob has been an angel to Mount Mercy, making sure doors are locked at the end of the day, gently offering words of advice to new teachers, always going above and beyond anything that was asked of him. We will certainly miss him! He has earned this new phase of his life and we wish him God’s many blessings and much happiness for years to come!”
Recently Mount Mercy’s Class of 1966 celebrated their 50th year reunion. The celebration started on Wednesday, May 25th as the class reunited in the MMA library and was able to start catching up on the last 50 years. The ladies walked next door to Mercy Center where a class picture was taken in the beautiful chapel and following that, the class of ’66 took on the role of honor guard for the 2016 graduating class. As the newest alumnae passed through on their way into the auditorium there was lots of clapping, compliments, laughing and even tears as the women remembered their own graduation day. It was truly a lovely experience for the class of ’66 and the class of ’16. After leaving MMA, the reunion headed over to the Buffalo Irish Center to continue reminiscing and looking back on their Mercy memories.

The celebration didn’t end there; on Thursday, May 26th the class of ’66 enjoyed their formal dinner at Ilio DiPaolo’s restaurant in Blasdell. The ladies had a wonderful time, they enjoyed dinner & drinks and received their 50 year class pins. Classmate Brigid Moran coordinated a beautiful and moving prayer service in which members of the class honored their deceased classmates. The night was very special, everyone had a wonderful time, and in true Mercy girl fashion, lots and lots laughs were shared! Congratulations Class of 1966 and Mount Mercy Academy thanks you for your contribution to the Mount Mercy Academy Alumnae Scholarship Fund.

Do you live out of the Buffalo area? Are you interested in an MMA reception in your area? Let us know! Mount Mercy President Peggy Cronin is more than happy to travel out of state to visit with Mercy alumnae that have left WNY. Let’s have a get together! Contact Tina Scarpello Webster at twebster@mtmercy.org to make it happen.
“No work of charity can be more productive of good to society then the careful instruction of women” - Catherine McAuley
A Partnership

For most of our students, financial assistance is a critical factor in their ability to take full advantage of a Mount Mercy Academy education.

Due to the generosity of our loyal alumnae and their families, each year we are able to offer several academic scholarships and need-based tuition assistance.

Whether you or your daughter received a scholarship in the past or just had a remarkable experience at Mount Mercy Academy, we are asking you to help the next generation of Mercy Girls access the same transformative education.

These scholarships ensure that girls from all backgrounds and means are able to attend the Academy, and that new and diverse students continue to benefit from this opportunity. Donations in any amount are welcome.

You can give to our general scholarship fund, to an established named scholarship that honors alumnae, staff, and family members; or establish your own scholarship.

For more information on scholarship funds please contact:
Liz Zulawski, Director of Institutional Advancement
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AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT STUDENTS

“I cannot express how lucky I am to have the opportunity to attend Mercy, thanks to you. Mount Mercy is by far, the best choice for me. I could not picture myself anywhere else. None of the wonderful opportunities would have been given to me without your help, support, and scholarship. Thank you for all that you have sacrificed for my Mercy education.”
“With all of my heart I thank you for the amazing opportunity you have given me to attend Mount Mercy Academy with this scholarship. It has made it possible for me to fully engage in the whole Mount Mercy educational experience. Both my mother and father work tremendously hard for my education but it was not financially possible, so my parents are also deeply thankful for your gracious gift.”

2016-2017 Annual Fund

The 2016-2017 Annual Fund will be underway in the next few weeks. As you receive your information this year and begin to consider your gift to Mount Mercy Academy, we hope you know how thankful we are for the continuing support and generosity of our alumnae.

The Annual Fund is our primary fundraising source for the Academy and plays an essential role in supplementing the annual operating budget—specifically bridging the gap between tuition and the actual cost of educating each student. Mount Mercy Academy is committed to helping each and every student reach her potential by providing the best possible academic experience. Your Annual Fund gift is vital to that success.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of the Annual Fund. It is only with your help that we can carry on the Mount Mercy tradition.
MARIE PORTER CANNON ’83
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA AWARD

Marie’s career in early childhood spans 24 years, where she started as the director of the first faith based center in the city of Buffalo. Marie was named the first Deputy Commissioner of Erie County Department of Social Services in March 2014. Since that time, she oversees the Family Independence Portfolio which includes, Temporary Assistance, Medicaid, SNAP, Employment, HEAP, Domestic Violence, Day Care and Homeless Services. Marie was the Executive Director of Holy Cross Head Start, where she assured that children from over 500 families, with limited incomes and living in Erie County, were given every opportunity to thrive and learn. Marie’s community involvement extends to numerous charitable and humanitarian organizations.

ANITA DURKIN CROTTY ’63
SPIRIT OF MERCY AWARD

Anita is a lifelong professional educator who dedicated herself to her students and her community. She taught at numerous Catholic schools including St. Ambrose where she was the principal, as well as many Buffalo Public Schools, including DaVinci High School where she retired from in 2009. Anita has been a devoted volunteer and champion for Mount Mercy Academy for many years. She has served on our Board of Trustees for two terms serving as the Board Secretary. Along with her husband Pat, Anita was a co-chair of the 2006 McAuley Gala. She has also worked tirelessly as the Mount Mercy Memorial Program volunteer coordinator for several years.

ROBERT FIX
MERCY DEVOTION AWARD

Bob has been a committed member of the Mount Mercy Academy faculty for over 30 years. He has taught numerous science courses and labs and his courses were always popular among the students. It’s easy to see why Bob was voted “Favorite Teacher” in many senior class polls. In addition to coaching varsity softball, Bob always went the extra mile for his students.

He consistently took the time to hold review and study sessions to help ensure students would do their very best. Bob is the ultimate role model and pillar of integrity for both students and peers.

CATHLEEN (CANNEY ’84) & MIKE LEMPKO
SPIRIT OF MERCY AWARD

Cathy and Mike Lempko have strong commitment to volunteer service in their community. They work hard to better the lives of everyone in the community by actively supporting the Sisters of Mercy as well as various projects for many nonprofit organizations. They are behind the scenes promoters of many charitable events like golf tournaments, benefits and fund drives. The Lempkos are also always first in line to help with events at Bishop Timon, Mike’s alma mater. Their dedication to Mount Mercy Academy is inspiring. Cathy and Mike have been involved in alumnae events, the parent association; they’ve been committee members of Open House, the MMA 5K and numerous gala committees. They were the 2015 McAuley Gala co-chairs and Mike was instrumental in launching the MMA Athletic Boosters Club.
The 2016 Mercy Honors Dinner will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 6:00pm at The Creekside Banquet Facility, Cheektowaga, NY. Each year we recognize deserving honorees with awards for achievements in their careers, community involvement and dedication to Mount Mercy.

Alumnae, family and friends are invited to attend the Mercy Honors Dinner to learn more about, and honor our Alumnae and community members. All proceeds benefit the Alumnae Scholarship Fund at Mount Mercy Academy. A special thank you to our 2016 Mercy Honors Chairperson Mary Waters McDonald ’81, her efforts ensure the success of this very special event. For further information, to make reservations, or to be a patron sponsor, please contact Tina Scarpello Webster ’91 at twebster@mtmercy.org. Online reservations as well as patron and business ads can be submitted through our website at www.mtmercy.org by looking under the Alumnae tab and clicking on Mercy Honors.

Dr. Lisa Mendonza ’89

Dr. Mendonza has been practicing medicine for over 15 years and is known for her excellence in providing patient centered care. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians and a member of the Medical Society of New York. She also is a member of the Federal Bureau of Investigations Citizens Academy Alumni Association. Dr. Mendonza served on the Board of Directors for Catholic Medical Partners for 9 years. She has received numerous accolades including the Business First YWCA Leader Award and Kenmore Mercy Hospital’s Doctor of Distinction in 2013. Dr. Mendonza has been named to Buffalo Spree Magazine’s Top Docs in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016. Currently a family doctor and partner at Kenmore Family Medicine LLP, Lisa also serves on the Board of Directors at Independent Health.

Maureen “Moey” O’Connor Oakley ’73

Moey serves as the grant coordinator for the Buffalo Police Department. For over 25 years, she has dedicated her efforts to securing all levels of government and additional sources of funding for the betterment of the BPD. Her achievements, hard work and perseverance were recognized as she received the Civilian Distinguished Service Award by the Buffalo Police Department. Moey’s dedication to others, to her community and to Mount Mercy is unprecedented. She is the past president of the MMA Alumnae Board, a PTO volunteer and has been committed to managing behind the scenes functions at the McAuley Gala for over 10 years. Some of Moey’s numerous other charitable involvements include the Woodgate School of Irish Dance, Southside Women’s Democratic Club, Our Lady of Charity Parish, the 920 Club and Daughters of Erin.

Description of Awards:

The Catherine McAuley Distinguished Alumna Award honors alumnae of Mount Mercy Academy who have distinguished themselves as women of faith, knowledge, integrity and compassion. A woman whose accomplishments in all areas of her life – family, community, career – reflect the legacy and mission of Catherine McAuley, the Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy.

The Spirit of Mercy Award honors persons who exhibit the Spirit of Mercy in their professional and personal lives, most notably for their commitment and dedication to their community. They are truly ministers of Mercy who “act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with their God” (Micah 6).

The Mercy Devotion Award is presented to a faculty or staff member at the Academy who has served as an inspiration for, and has earned the respect and admiration of students and colleagues over the years.

The Sister Sally Walz Memorial Award is presented to a woman, strong in faith, who is distinguished in her family and career, a woman who shares her talent with the Mount Mercy Academy community, a volunteer who brings that generosity of time and talent that marked Sister Sally’s life. This award is given to an alumna who, like Sister Sally, has “an expansive heart that is always welcoming and a generosity of time and talent for what needs to be done.”

We are so pleased to announce this new award named in honor of Sister Sally Walz ’56, who was a driving force behind the Mercy Honors Awards dinner. Her passion for this event was always evident through her guidance, wisdom and insistence on integrity.
“As a 1971 graduate, I told my daughter Meegan Michalek Becker ’97 that she could order her own ring, or I would have mine resized, cleaned up and have diamonds put in (even though EVERY pearl was still intact!). Meegan opted for re-using mine. The hunt for the ring began. Honestly, I literally tore the house apart for 2 weeks. Apparently, I put it somewhere that I would not LOSE - nor would I FIND it! It was the day BEFORE the ordering deadline, and I was determined to find that darn ring. The number of times that I opened the bright red jewelry box that had my husband’s 1971 St. Francis ring, actually taking the inside of the box out, had to be at least 10 times. It was the last time, I was so upset, I may have been a tad “physical” with that darn box, that his treasured Mercy ring was hiding inside his ring! It was there all along; put exactly where I would not lose it.”

- Terry O’Dea Michalek ’71

“This is a story about my sister’s MMA ring. She was Inez MacKinnon ‘45; I was Mary Jane MacKinnon ’61. Of course, we both cherished our beautiful MMA rings. In the early part of my senior year a good friend of mine left MMA. She learned that her parents were divorcing and she was moving before graduation, and before she could receive her Mercy ring. I know it bothered her; the ring was a symbol to her of the many losses that she was experiencing. I mentioned this situation to my sister, who by then was married, and no longer wearing her MMA ring. After some thought, she offered her ring to give to my friend. I did so, and I know it helped to relieve the trauma she was experiencing.

To me, this story reflects my sister’s generosity of spirit, she truly cherished that ring. She cherished how much the ring was valued by my friend, who mourned the inability to own her own MMA ring as much as she mourned having to miss her senior year. A fifty-five year old memory, but it still brings a tear as I recall my late sister, whose kind gesture showed so well what that ring represented to all three of us.”

- Mary Jane MacKinnon McCool ’61

“When Kate Coughlin Lynch ’76 let her Facebook friends know she was feeling emotional about being the alumnae speaker at this year’s Ring Day ceremony, she received loving virtual support from her classmates, who look forward to celebrating our 40th reunion later this year. Kathy Byrnes Aures challenged us to remember our Ring Day Dance theme, and Theresa DiLuca Vallone replayed quickly and accurately with “The circle of our ring reflects the circle of our friendship.”

My MMA ring took a loopy journey through that circle recently. About six years ago when I was home visiting with the girls, I mentioned that I planned to donate my ring back to the school so it could be refurbished for a current student. At the same gathering, Trish Gallagher’s friend Casillo bemoaned that she had lost her Mercy ring while sledding in 1989. Trish’s ring was extra special because her uncle Msgr. William Gallagher presented it to her after he presided at our Ring Day Mass. She had always wanted to replace it, but she was reluctant to accept the newer modified style.

Kathy Aures mentioned that she hoped to acquire a replacement ring for her daughter, Chelsea, a 2007 grad who had lost her own Mercy ring while playing outside with a dog at the home of her college roommate. The dog had gotten the ring loose from her finger, and Chelsea assumed that he had swallowed it and that it was gone for good. Kathy asked if I would donate my ring to Chelsea. I said sure, as long as we made a donation to the Mount so a current junior could get a new ring. After I sent my ring to Kathy, she decided to keep mine and have hers renovated for Chelsea, as hers was closer to her daughter’s size. She had the pearls on my ring replaced, but she left the engraving as it was. Kathy had her own 1976 ring redone and re-engraved with Chelsea’s initials and graduation year.

The next time Chelsea came home from college, Kathy noticed her daughter’s Mercy ring was back on her finger. Her roommate’s family had found it in their doghouse as they were packing to move. Apparently recognizing the treasure, the dog hoarded the ring instead of eating it. Kathy then kept her own made-over ring and planned to donate my ring to MMA. Then Trish heard about it and asked if she might have it. Trish also made a donation to the ring fund for current juniors, so we hope more than one young Mercy girl benefitted from this circuitous tale of “the dog ate my ring.” I am glad to think my ring has a new life with Trish, and I hope to see her wearing it at our reunion.

The bonds of friendship forged during those high school years have survived considerable time and distance. They are now just as golden as the rings that represent them.”

- Mary Anne Myers ’76
DONATE YOUR RING

Giving a Mercy ring to a young woman who cannot afford a new one is a beautiful gift and one that promotes the legacy of the Mercy ring and tradition.
Contact twebster@mtmercy.org to donate your ring.

On Thursday, February 4th 2016, the Mount Mercy Academy Class of 2017 received their Mercy rings. This beautiful reflection was given by one of our most treasured alumna and faculty member, Kate Coughlin Lynch ’76.

“Good Evening and Welcome to Ring Day, honoring the class of 2017. My name is Kate Coughlin Lynch, class of 1976 and long time faculty member here at Mount Mercy. I am blessed to be a member of a family of Mercy girls–my mother, 3 sisters, sister-in-law, 2 daughters, and those women I first met at 88 Red Jacket and have been a part of my life for more than 40 years.

It is an honor to speak to you on this very special occasion. Tonight, we honor tradition of the Mercy ring—a unique symbol of tradition, unity, and loyalty—the bonds that you share with each other, and with Mercy girls everywhere. This ring represents a never ending story for thousands of Mercy women before you and acts as a constant reminder of your own memories created at Mount Mercy.

The Mercy rings in my family are just a small thread of that story, but, if they are any indication, the plot is an exciting and diverse one. My mother received her ring in 1941, before my parents were ever married, before World War II, before her 4 daughters attended Mount Mercy, and before she passed that ring onto my daughter Megan, class of 2005. I remember the anxious anticipation of receiving my own ring in 1975 and the pride as I passed it to my daughter Molly, class of 2009. As of today, those rings have traveled across a combined 116 years and 20 countries from 64 Baggot Street in Dublin to remote islands of the Philippines.

I look forward to hearing about the journey that each of your rings take. The rings on your finger now, where will they go? Congress, medicine, business, education, travel, inventor… it is your story to tell.

But even as each of you forges your own path, your ring is a reminder, a recognizable symbol, of your shared experiences and Mercy values. When my daughter Megan was forging her path -- right through the Pentagon -- a U.S. Marine, in line for lunch, peeked over her shoulder, recognized her ring, and simply commented, “I see you are a Mercy girl,” and when that path continued to Baghdad, Iraq she met the husband of a Mercy girl - Laura Finucane, one of my students from the class of ’97.

As you encounter new and unique challenges, crossroads in your life, your ring is a source of strength, confidence, compassion, and leadership. Molly has taken a road through education. Her path in school psychology has taken through Siena College, England where she volunteered in rehab housing projects and Lehigh University, where she prepared for her passion working with children with learning and behavior disabilities.

Each path, although vastly different, has roots right here in the values of Catherine McAuley. Christian leadership, global awareness, uniqueness and the dignity of individuals and building a just society starts here and it can be displayed in all your future endeavors whatever you choose.

Today is the day you begin to write your own story with this special treasure. Let it bring you courage, fortitude, wisdom, patience, charity, and kindness. Cherish its meaning and significance and leave here tonight a stronger independent young woman ready to make your mark anywhere you choose.”
WELCOME LIZ!

Mount Mercy Academy announces the addition of Liz Zulawski as its Director of Institutional Advancement. Liz joined Mount Mercy in January as the interim director and was recently permanently appointed to the position.

Liz comes to the organization with over a 20 year career in organizational leadership and development. In her most recent position as the former Executive Director of the Buffalo Niagara Division of the American Heart Association, she showed 57% financial growth in her first year. In addition to her national non-profit experience, Liz also served as the inaugural Executive Director of the Buffalo Public Schools Foundation.

Mount Mercy Academy President Margaret M. Cronin said: “We are fortunate to have someone with the depth of Advancement experience that Liz brings to her position. Liz has been working with us over the last several months as Interim Director, where she has demonstrated her expertise and understanding of the Mercy values. Please join us in welcoming Liz to the Mercy family.”

In her position here at Mount Mercy, she will serve as the lead in all development activities for the Academy including; scholarships, annual giving, sponsorships and special events. She is charged with refining current programs and creating new initiatives that will help grow and deepen the support for the Mount Mercy Academy community.

Liz lives in Williamsville with her husband, Paul and 3 children Michael (16), Claire (14), and Grant (11).

Annual Mount Mercy Academy Alumnae Reunion

Did you graduate in a year ending in a six or a one? It’s time for your reunion! We are happily inviting you to the Annual Mount Mercy Academy Alumnae Reunion. Don’t miss out on such an exciting event. Join us on Saturday, November 26th at 7pm at the Tewksbury Lodge located at Buffalo Riverfest Park, 249 Ohio St., Buffalo, 14204. This event is an amazing opportunity to celebrate with your classmates, meet new Mercy friends and help MMA continue the tradition of the Circle of Mercy. A portion of each reservation includes a small donation to the Alumnae Scholarship Fund.

Formal invitations are on their way. For reservations please visit our website at www.mtmercy.org and look under the Alumnae tab. We can’t wait to celebrate with you… see you there!


Commemorate your Mercy Girl days!

Alumnae Outreach Initiative

The Mount Mercy Academy Alumnae Association is pleased to announce the formation of an initiative to support Mount Mercy and our many endeavors. We know our alumnae are interested in giving back by contributing to the development of a “Circle of Mercy” education. We need volunteers from all walks of life and look forward to connecting with our fellow graduates. If you would like to be a part of our volunteer initiative please contact Alumnae Board President Peggy Flanagan Barrett ’73 at pb32755@yahoo.com.
Huge congratulations go out Sara Riso ’15! Sara, a rising star on the Siena College Women’s Golf team, has been named a Women’s Golf Coaches Association All-American Scholar. She received the recognition for meeting the stringent criteria of maintaining a cumulative grade point average in excess of a 3.50. She currently maintains a stellar 3.91 cumulative GPA while majoring in actuarial science, and was among the final round leaders in shooting a 76 to help Siena to a third place finish at the MAAC Championship final round leaders in shooting a 76 to help

Siena to a third place finish at the MAAC Championship. Way to go Sara!!

Way to go Cheryl Meyers Buth ’84! Cheryl, one of the region’s top criminal defense attorneys for the past 22 years, has begun a new business venture as an agent for professional basketball players.

She recently launched her new company, R1 Sports Mgmt., with help from former National Basketball Association and Buffalo Braves star Emile DiGregorio, who is working for the new firm as a consultant. Cheryl plans to continue working as a criminal and personal injury attorney, but in a recent article featured in the Buffalo News, she said her love of basketball inspired her to become a sports agent.

“I have loved basketball since I played in high school with Mount Mercy Academy.”

“I think the fact that I am an attorney and an accredited sports agent is a big asset. I can help players and coaches negotiate contracts, and I can also do legal reviews of contracts, for my own clients and for other agents.”

The original article appeared in the Buffalo News on April 5th, and still can be viewed searching the news website online.

Congratulations Cheryl and we wish you the best of luck!

Maximus Leonard

A beautiful and happy boy, Maximus Leonard Hartman was born to Tracey Leonard ’02 and her husband Colin Hartman. Max made his debut to his proud parents on June 3rd, weighing in at 8 pounds 6 ounces and 21.5 inches long. Congrats Tracey & Colin and welcome Max!

Bannon Rhodes

Look at that handsome face! Bannon Rhodes Staszak was born to excited parents Nicole Young ’01 and her husband Tim Staszak. This little bundle of joy shares his birthday with America, he arrived on July 4th. Congratulations Nicole and Tim! And of course you recognize that Staszak name, it’s another beautiful grandchild for MMA principal Margaret Staszak!

Mercy Baby Boys!

Congratulations to Sharon M. Porcelli ’75! A member of Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC, the firm has announced that Sharon will be recognized for Public Service on September 20th by the New York Law Journal at the 2016 Lawyers Who Lead by Example dinner. Attorneys recognized in this category have demonstrated leadership through careers in public service or devotion to improving the legal system and the profession in New York.

Sharon is an experienced litigator who has tried cases in state and federal courts throughout New York State. She is Co-Chair of the Advisory Group to the New York Federal-State Judicial Council; a Past Chair of the New York State Bar Association Commercial and Federal Litigation Section; a Certified Mediator for the U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York; and a member of the standing New York State Commercial Division Advisory Council established to help the Commercial Division better understand and respond to the needs of the business community. Additionally, Sharon is a member of the National Deans Council for Arts, Sciences and Engineering at the University of Rochester; and on the Board of Directors of Luminina Corporation’s Hope Chest Wellness and Dragon Boat Programs. Mount Mercy is so proud to call Sharon one of our esteemed alums! Congratulations Sharon!

Check out Mickey Crotty Flanigan ’50! Mickey recently travelled to Thailand to attend her granddaughter’s wedding, and while she was there she went on a ride on an elephant! How exciting Mickey!

Mercy alumna doing amazing work! Congrats to Jeanmarie O’Rourke Cieslica ’87 on being named Director of Development at The Summit Center. The Summit Center is a not-for-profit organization that provides educational, therapeutic, and support services to 2700 individuals each year with autism and other developmental, social and behavioral challenges. As Director of Development, Jeanmarie will be responsible for developing and administering a broad financial philanthropic program including annual fund, capital campaign, major gifts, and special events. Mount Mercy wishes Jeanmarie best wishes on her new undertaking!

What an honor! Congratulations to Dr. Colleen Mattimore ’77 on receiving national honors from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. A pediatrician at Western New York Pediatric Associates in Orchard Park, Colleen was named a Childhood Immunization Champion, one of 34 honorees from across the country and the only winner in New York. The awards were presented during National Infant Immunization Week (NIW), recognizing individuals who work to help get children fully immunized against 14 preventable diseases before the age of two. A pediatrician for 25 years, Colleen has long been an advocate of immunization. Congratulations on your amazing work, Colleen!

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RECENT HAPPENINGS AT MMA

Smart girls finish first! Look at the number of students inducted into the Mount Mercy Chapter of the National Honor Society. We are so proud of our students’ academic achievements!

Some of our campers enjoyed a visit with Shark Girl while on a field trip down at Buffalo’s Canalside. We spot girls who are the daughters of MMA alumns! It’s so seeing the circle of Mercy continue!

Both campers and Mount Mercy student counselors had an amazing and fun week at Camp Mercy in July!

Judy Sikora, Kathy Cleary Jacques, Brigid Moran and Kathleen Kempkes Scanlon of the Class of 1966 had an amazing time reconnecting and reminiscing at their 50th reunion.

Cecilia Chella and Mary Kelley Dengler both of the Class of 1966 await the arrival of the 2016 graduates as they serve as the Honor Guard during Mount Mercy’s Commencement Ceremony.

HUGE thank you to this huge group of awesome women who gave up their time to volunteer at MMA’s spring career day. Our students loved it and many of them ended the day with internship and job opportunities.

These ladies & others from the Class of 1966 made a sizable donation to Mount Mercy in honor of their 55 year reunion. Thank you for your generous support!

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Members of MMA’s Class of 2016, who graduated from the Academy of Health and Science at their white coat ceremony. They are pictured here with Anne McGillicuddy from Mercy Hospital.

The MMA faculty, in a landslide, was victorious at Mercy’s first ever Trivia Night sponsored by the Athletic Boosters Club. The winning team consisted of (front) – Catherine Luhr, Jennifer Langan Unger ’00, Mary Curby and (back) Erin Coakley, Doug Webster, Steve McCrea, Pat Burns and Brittany Sanscraite.

Mercy girls and their dads danced the night away at our Father Daughter Dance, a beloved tradition still going strong at MMA.
Mount Mercy Alumnae pass the flame to the members of the Class of 2016, to symbolically represent the Circle of Mercy. They are officially welcomed into the Alumnae Association.

A cold day in February didn’t stop over 100 future Mercy girls from having a great time at MMA’s annual PJ Day!

A huge thank you to these wonderful people, our 2016 McAuley Gala Co-chairs! Michael and Margaret (Whalen ’99) Brady and Bob & Meg Hughes (current parents).

Congratulations on 50 years! The class of 1966 had a great time celebrating their golden anniversary at the McAuley Gala.

Our amazing 2016 MMM 5K honorees; Maggie Guerriero Mulvaney ’04, Mark J.F. Schroeder and Anna Guerriero Hartog ’00. Congrats on 50 years! These ladies from the class of 1966 had a great time celebrating their golden anniversary at the MMA 5K.

Beautiful Mercy women at the McAuley Gala! Sisters Janelle Staszak Kennedy ’04 and Leah Staszak Gallagher ’99 with their mom, MMA Principal Margaret Cuthbert Staszak ’75 with Debbie Renzoni and her daughters Margaret Whalen Brady ’99 and Michele Renzoni ’04.

Enjoying the McAuley Gala are Michael LaFever, Kelly (Egan ’97) and Patrick Govern.

Sarah O’Shei and Jessica Tebel both of the Class of 2016 showing off awards they received at their Baccalaureate Mass in May.

The 2016 McAuley Gala was a beautiful night. Everyone had a great time sharing the great time that night are Kim and Gary Browne and Kathy (Crowley ’79) and Vin Bambrick.

Mercy alums having a great time at the MMA 5K post party in the grotto.

Beautiful Mercy women at the McAuley Gala.

Huge Congratulations to the unbelievable 2016 Mount Mercy Lacrosse team! These girls had an unprecedented season, winning the Monsignor Martin title. Pictured with the girls are their MMA alum coaches, Melissa Graham ’09 and Beth Schroeder ’06... Way to go Ladies!
A special “thank you” to those families who have designated MMA as the recipient of memorials for their loved ones.

R. Patricia “Pat” (Sarich) Burns by Margaret M. Cronin, Joyce Fruth, Mike & Sue Briggs, Nancy & Jeff Schellader, Pat & Terry MacAleese, Barb & Jim Cox, Gwen Brown, Mary Swist, Mary Ellen Swist RSM, Tina Webster, Julie Parker, Melissa Leonard, Carl & Diane Nowak, Kathleen & James Heuberger, Helina & Thomas Frauenhoffer, Kathleen & Maureen Vallon, Sharon A. Corrigan, Kathy O’Hara, Kimberly Zimmer, Kathleen D. Barreze, Mary Alice Burns, Martianna Livick, Margaret & Ken Staszak, Megan Day, Maureen Jones

Julia M. Hallinan by Ron & Margaret Foegen

Felix Arthur “Art” Quinn by Margaret M. Cronin, Baggett Family, Caroleen Shanahan, Pat Burns, Carolinh Fabricio, David & Patty Wozniak, Jo Ann Jackson Goraj, Anita & Pat Crotty, Sr. Mary Ellen Twiss, Maureen Canney, Julie Parker, Tina Scarpeto Webster, Cheryl Kiesil, Kimberly Zimmer, Eileen McHale Pascezu ’56, Karen Marvin, Iris Higgins Gloe, John Gloe

In Honor Of

Lou Billittier by Cheryl Meyers Bath

In Memoriam

Randall Allen by Jeremiah & Mary Ann Hassett
Margaret M. Butler Allman ’47 by MMA Alumnae Association, Geraldine Burke, Mary McKilduff, Laura & Kevin Kane
Mary M. Maul Andol ’53 by MMA Alumnae Association
Mother Mary Angelica by Frances A. Kulik
Joan M. Smick Arcara ’55 by MMA Alumnae Association
Eleanor Louise Auer by Kathleen Louise Hess
Samuel P. Bannick, Sr. by Ann Falkeyn & Family, Maureen Schanbacher, Bernie & Pat Kennedy
Ruth Barren by Malachy & Mary Baggett, Sheila & Siobhan Baggett
Mary Ann Barrett by Paul & Celine Connors
Lucy Barry by Martin F. & Mary Catherine Kennedy
Carolyn Batchle by Julia Parker
Georgette Vidal Bernard by Denise & Jim Walters
Joseph “Pat” (Forest) Burns by Nancy Wood
Jack Biehlmann by Sr. Mary Ellen Twist
Suzanne Maloney Bommier by Mary Ellen Twist, RSM
Mary Ellen Boyle by Malachy & Mary Baggett
Msgr. George J. Brennan by Maureen Canney, Donna
Lawrence Burns by Mary Louise Graffeo
Geraldine Daniuen by Catherine Lilley, Leonard & Catherine Coppola
Laura Davidson by Beth Heidler ’56
Patricia Delano ’64 by MMA Alumnae Assoc., Margaret Gross ’65
Mary Carbone Deitsche ’51 by MMA Alumnae Assoc., Cathy Rafter, Helen Munch
Ernest A. DiGregorio by Cheryl Meyers Bath
Walter A. Domingala by David & Colleen Shurasz
Michael D’Amato by Bill Spaulding
Michael Dow by Mary Ellen Twist, RSM
Diane M. Poduls Dubiel ’63 by MMA Alumnae Association
Carol M. Mullen Dwyer ’47 by MMA Alumnae Association, Phyllis J. Doherty ’50, Dave & Sheila Stanchak & Boys
Patricia Halady Emanuel ’72 by MMA Alumnae Association
Ruth Evoy by Jim & Pat Connolly
Jonathan M. Fabian by Bonnie & Nelson Cosgrove
Hollenbeck Family by Sandra Umlor
The Fitterer Family by Sandra Umlor
Ruth Farino by Celine & Paul Connors
Jerry A. Felber, Sr. by Kathleen Hess
William D. Gallagher by Kathleen Glavey, Elizabeth Gallagher
Norman E. Gunnion by Peg McMorrow, Denise & Mike DeSantis
Patricia A. Gardner by MMA Community, Grace M. Gannon Jackson ’82, Vincenetta Vincenta ’61 O’Donnell, Kathy Glavey
Diana Gardner-Williams by Margaret & Guy Latona
Amy Marie Getty ’64 by MMA Alumnae Association
Ann Geyer by Mary Ellen Twist, RSM
Jeffrey M. Giancarlo by Denise & Jim Walters
Joan Gierlak by Mary & Jimmy Kulick
Kenneth Gleed by Louise & Catherine (O’Neill) Coppola
Leon A. Koester Gordon ’39 by MMA Alumnae Assoc., Michael Graham by Mary & Martha Catherine Kennedy
Richard Greene by Bill & Jean Flowers, Patricia & Henry Demicke, Marilyn Walker, Kathy Glavey
Lucille A. Grizanti by Sheila Finucane
Herb Hall by Helen Munch
Christopher Hamer by William & Jean Flowers
Abby Hanley by Jean Canney
Joan S. Hanson by Sandra Umlor
Nancy H. (Dickman) Harrington by Georgianna Lister Elliot
John Hartigan by Baggett Family, Frank & Mary Jo Feely
Dorothy J. Hartman by Kerry & Colleen ’70 Painter
Robert Heffernan by Jaan & Fred Stievater
Herb Heimerl, Jr. by Nelson & Bonnie Cosgrove
Kathleen Suchan Hooper ’66 by MMA Alumnae Association, Kathy Cleary Jacobs, Kathy Kennedy
Begun, Catherine Caren Casey, Mary Jo Kenna, Maura Smith, Marlene Giermek Vastok
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Pasquale Iannio by Mary & Karen Rossi
Mary Smick Irwin ’58 by MMA Alumnae Association
Cheryl A. M. Murphy by Margaret & Ken Kuebler
Stephen Jasinski by Diane Attea Romance
John Kane by Barbara Paolucci & Family
Paul Kearns by Frances A. Kulik
Sister Suzanne Kelly RSM ’50 (formerly Sister Mary Dorothy) by MMA Alumnae Assoc, Sr. Mary Ellen Twist RSM, Grace M. Gannon Jackson ’82, Maureen Canney, Karen Denby

Joseph Klink by Patrick & Gail (Galantowicz ’75) Lewis
Natalie Kubyski by Frances Kulik, Carol Filipski
John W. “Jack” Koessler by Sr. Mary Ellen Twiss, RSM, Anita & Pat Crotty
Nancy Kohout by Marie & Karen Rossi
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Paul W. Kurzel, Sr. by Jean Canney, Mary M. Kuebler
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Jane Langar by Jane & Jean Boehbel
Florence Lewis by Cheryl Meyers Bath
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Mildred Malley by Kathy Glavey
Ted Marchibroda by Mary Patricia Schibler
Geraldine Maryonna by Jean & Denise McNaughton, Kathy Glavey, Helen Munch
Martha McNulty by Helen Munch, Kathy Rafter
Kevin T. Milligan by Kathy Rafter, Helen Munch
Matthew J. Mitchell by Joyce Roberts
James “Tim” Morris by Kathleen McNamara O’Neill
Leonard Mruk by John & Celine Crabbe
Madeline M. Mahoney Mullins ’58 by MMA Alumnae Association
Joan Murray by Marilyn Walker, Jean Quinn, Patricia Plunkett
Josephine V. Nowadly by Jeremiah & Mary Ann Hassett
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Ceil Palys by Helen Munch
Grace Paolino by Joe & Sharon Hoffstetter
Shirley & R. Raspe Paulco ’90 by MMA Alumnae Association, Mary McManus ’49 Braun
Barbara Peacock by Sandra Umlor
Francis Perez by Maria & Karen Rossi
Beaulah Parr by Sandra Umlor
Robert J. Piascik by Connie & Dick Reich
Rosalie M. Pirrone by Jim & Philomena Gallagher
Phillips Pozzi by Mary & Mark Kuebler
Patricia Pullano by Catherine Bastian
Mary C. Purcell by Pat & Hank Demicke, Helen Munch
Frank Ransbury by Maureen Schanbacher
Madonna M. “Donna” Halloran Redding ’48 by MMA Alumnae Association, Susan K. Fitzgerald, Joan Conner & Mary Catherine Kennedy, Jim & Phil Gallagher
Angelo Rentals by Cathy Rafter, Helen Munch
Grace Becker Roberts ’55 by MMA Alumnae Association
Margaret Rusch by Barbara Paolucci, Kathy Glavey, Martin F. & Mary Catherine Kennedy
Malvina H. (Molly) Ruszczyk by Dan & Sheila Finucane

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MEMORIAL BOOK OF PRAYERS AND REMEMBRANCES

A Mount Mercy Academy Memorial Card is a wonderful way to memorialize a friend or loved one and may be used in lieu of flowers or a traditional Mass card. Those enrolled in our Memorial Books are remembered in all Masses offered at the Academy as well as in the daily prayers of the school community. Please consider enrolling your loved one.

As you have noted through the years in this publication, we recognize all the memorial donors and the people they have inscribed in our Memorial Record Book.

In participating in the Memorial Book you send a comforting condolence note to the bereaved and your donation to Mount Mercy is used to educate young women in the Mercy tradition. As the women of Mercy pray for your enrolled deceased the Circle of Mercy continues.

If you would like further information and/or a set of Memorial Cards mailed to you please email Mount Mercy alumna volunteer: acrotty@mtmercy.org or call Julie Parker at Mount Mercy 825-8796 ext.321.
Mount Mercy Events Calendar

Mount Mercy Open House
Sunday, September 18th
Mount Mercy Academy

Mercy Honors Dinner
Thursday, November 3rd
Creekside Banquet Facility

Breakfast with Santa!
Saturday, December 17th
MMA Dining Hall

MMA Meat Raffle
Saturday, January 14th
MMA Gym

Alumnae Gift Gathering Party
Saturday, February 4th
Curly’s

PJ Day
Thursday, February 23rd
Mount Mercy Academy

Cabin Fever Happy Hour
Friday, March 3rd
TBD

For more information on any events please visit our website at www.mtmercy.org