

# Saint Anthony Catholic School

Alumni Newsletter – January 2015

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## Happy New Year Alumni

As this year begins, we want to wish you and your family well. As a community of families and friends, we are proud to be a part of your legacy. Without you we wouldn't have the rich history that makes Saint Anthony Catholic School what it is today. During a time of new beginnings, take some time to remember the past.

### Note from the Principal . . . .

How exciting to be back at Saint Anthony Catholic School as the new principal. The Maus family has had such a deep connection to Saint Anthony Parish since the 1930's. I taught here at Saint Anthony Catholic School in 1986 through 1998, as the first Pre-K teacher and Technology Director. My husband, his father and our children all attended Saint Anthony Catholic School. I am grateful to be here and embrace the history and tradition of the first Catholic School in Broward County. The students and staff are taking an opportunity to look back and reflect on our past. What a gift to know that Saint Anthony Catholic School has been so influential in the development of our city. Many of our Alumni have done so well and have returned to share their stories, and we love to hear them. We are blessed to have a vibrant and growing community.



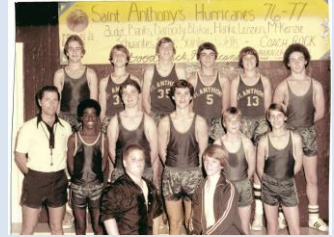
Mrs. Terry Maus  
Principal



SAINT ANTHONY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NOW HAS A CHESS CLUB!

### Achieve More.

*Then and now – the history of our school flashes before our eyes!*



SACS Basketball 1977

AND  
NOW



SACS JV Basketball 2014

### Update your calendar with these special dates

#### **Gentlemen's Dinner**

April 30<sup>th</sup>  
Pier 66  
6:00 p.m.

#### **Grandparents Day**

May 1<sup>st</sup>  
9:30 a.m. Mass

#### **Ladies Night**

May 14<sup>th</sup>  
Pier 66  
6:30 p.m.

Visit [www.StudentsAchieveMore.com](http://www.StudentsAchieveMore.com) and click on the calendar for a current list of all events

## Welcome Father Grady!



### Reverend Michael Grady, Pastor

Fr. Michael Grady and his four brothers grew up as the sons of an Air Force officer. After much traveling, the family finally settled in Colorado Springs where Lt. Col. Michael J. Grady, Jr. was on the faculty at the U.S. Air Force Academy. After graduation from high school, Fr. Grady studied and received a BA degree in Political Science from Providence College in 1978. Fr. Grady worked in hotel management for many years before finishing his seminary program at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary. He earned an MA in Moral Theology as well as a Masters of Divinity at St. Vincent. Fr. Grady was ordained a priest in Miami on May 14, 1994. He later earned a Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership in 1998 from Barry University. Fr. Grady has served as a parochial vicar at St. Gregory and Nativity parishes, as well as a teacher and assistant principal at Pace High School and St. Thomas Aquinas High School. He served as a pastor at St. Jerome parish before coming as pastor to St. Anthony parish. Fr. Grady is happy to be a part of the community of Saint Anthony.

## ARTS & *Letters*

We are pleased to announce that Saint Anthony Catholic School has been chosen to receive the Robert H. Gore and Lorena Gore Endowment for the Arts and Letters. Each school year the endowment will generate funds for our school to complete a project. This year the grant funds will be used to delve into the history of Saint Anthony Catholic Church and School from the 1920's through the 1940's. This project will engage students, faculty, parishioners, alumni and members of the local community to appreciate the historical aspects and evolvement of Saint Anthony Catholic Church and School and its impact on the local community in Fort Lauderdale. The Arts and Letters project will incorporate drama, music, visual art, film making and journalism. It will culminate in public performances, film and print media.

We are calling out to our Alumni asking you to get involved with us on this project. Please contact the Development Office by phone (954)467-9009 or via email [s.murrah@stanthonyftl.org](mailto:s.murrah@stanthonyftl.org) if you would like to participate or share your history with us.



## Calling All Alumni!

**Do you have any yearbooks  
you could share with us?**

We are missing yearbooks  
from the 1940's, 1950's, 1960's, 1970's & 1980's

**Call 954/467-9009 or send an email to  
[s.murrah@stanthonyftl.org](mailto:s.murrah@stanthonyftl.org)**

**SACS 2015 Ladies Night**  
**May 14, 2015**  
**The Hyatt Pier 66**



**Elaine Patterson**

We are proud to announce that this night will be in honor of Mrs. Elaine Patterson. Mrs. Patterson served Saint Anthony Catholic School in many ways including teaching, as a guidance counselor, as a vice principal and as principal. From 1986 to 2003, Mrs. Patterson's dedication to academic enrichment allowed for Saint Anthony Catholic School to continue its legacy of growth and excellence. In Mrs. Patterson's 22-year tenure at our school she expanded the admissions to include a new Pre-kindergarten Program under the direction of Mrs. Terry Maus. Always supporting technology, Mrs. Patterson supported fundraising for computers and other resources. Mrs. Patterson is a leader, an example of professionalism and dedication. Not to mention, that her kind and gracious demeanor impacted many students, faculty and members of our community. We are so proud to honor this wonderful and giving lady who dedicated her heart and soul to our school.

**A perpetual scholarship will be created in the name of Elaine Patterson from the proceeds of this event.**

Please join us to honor this very special lady.

**The Saint Anthony Foundation for Education**  
**2014-15 Annual Giving Campaign**

\$858,265 Foundation Distributions 2013-14

**Look what you helped accomplish through your support!**

- \$ 87,260: Salary enhancements for teachers and staff
- \$185,000: Technology/ Chrome Books, computers, online textbooks, one on one technology
- \$186,005: Student tuition assistance – (11% of our student body)
- \$400,000: Endowment Fund / to preserve the future of the school

THANK YOU! These have been made possible through your generosity!

**Why support the Saint Anthony Foundation for Education? . . . for a lot of little reasons!**



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## Featured Alumnus – J. Thomas O'Reilly

By Lynda Moore



Tom O'Reilly (3<sup>rd</sup> from left) and classmates on the beach. Photo taken by George Gore



Tom O'Reilly visiting campus in 2013

When parents choose a Catholic education for their children they hope and pray that their choice will make a difference in the lives of their loved ones. In the case of Tom O'Reilly his parents' prayers were answered.

Tom was one of the 9 students who hold the distinction of being the first graduating class of Saint Anthony High School. Five boys and four girls graduated from the 12<sup>th</sup> grade in May of 1940 – and were the first of just a few years of students to actually attend Saint Anthony as a high school before it became Central Catholic.

Sister Laurine was sent to Saint Anthony for the 1940 school year by Mother Gerald of the Adrian Dominicans. It was Sr. Laurine's responsibility to see that the 12th year was implemented and that the high school became fully accredited. Every day just as the afternoon classes had begun Sr. Laurine and Father O'Looney met at the base of the stairs (see picture of Tom). There they had heated discussions concerning the needs for the school. Father O'Looney had very limited funds. Both pleaded their case. These were still depression years. Eventually it all worked out and Saint Anthony High School became fully accredited.

The school bus was owned by classmate Peggy Pole's father and was driven by a 15 year old student. At that time there was no minimum age for a driver's license in the State of Florida. One day as the bus rounded the corner at 2nd Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue the right rear wheel fell off. Sparks flew as the bus slid to a halt. There were no passenger injuries.

Tom was an altar server and even served Mass for visiting priest Father Edward Flanagan, the founder of Boys Town.

There were no organized sports for the boys but the girls were much advanced. They had a high school basketball team that played other schools in Broward and Dade counties. Even without sports the boys had fun. Tom said "we noticed that frequently on Mondays the nuns would appear with sunburns and concluded they were going to the beach. We decided that we were going to try to catch them sunbathing and we did. We were surprised when we saw them in their brightly colored swimsuits! In later years I never thought to ask them if they knew they were spied upon."

One of those nuns ended up changing his life forever. Sr. Laurine felt that Tom was a good enough student and that he should attend the University of Notre Dame so she took matters into her own hands. She contacted the Notre Dame Registrar and told him Tom would be a great student for them, and it was done. "No tests, no papers. I was just accepted because of Sister Laurine's recommendation. Later in life I learned that Notre Dame was on the verge of bankruptcy and probably was happy to accept any prospective student. The University was restored to financial health during the early part of World War II when the Navy came to Notre Dame with its V-7 training program."

Sr. Laurine also changed his personal life. After serving 39 months in the United States Army in the United States and Italy, Tom returned to Ft. Wayne, Indiana where he was born. One afternoon he went to visit Sr. Laurine at the motherhouse in Adrian, Michigan. During his visit she introduced him to a young Siena Heights College student named Jean Sheteron who also happened to be from Fort Wayne. Tom and Jean were happily married for 63 years and had two sons.

As you can see, Tom's life was forever impacted by his attendance at Saint Anthony Catholic grade and High School. He recently came back to visit our campus and shared many of these memories with us. His pride and love of our school and parish is obvious and we are happy to honor him as our Featured Alumnus.

# Lynda Talley Moore

May 15, 1961 – November 29, 2014



Known to many as a dear friend and amazing mother to four remarkable children, Lynda Moore will always be remembered for her kindness, generosity and unwavering dedication to her family and community. Lynda participated in many charitable organizations. Much of her time was spent impacting Saint Anthony Catholic School with her selfless acts of support. She was a full-time volunteer in the Development Office for five years before becoming employed there. Lynda's talents helped to continue Saint Anthony Catholic School's legacy in the community by overseeing Alumni relations. Lynda served as an active board member of Saint Anthony Foundation for Education (SAFE). She was the recipient of the 2008 President's Award and a Eucharistic Minister at Saint Anthony Catholic Church. Our condolences go out to her successors, including her husband Jody, children Elizabeth, RJ, Mary Katherine, Ryan and family. Lynda told us many times that her real job was to manage her home and children's educational and sports lives and make sure that they became good citizens. She led by example. Lynda is an inspiration and example of grace that we are all blessed to have known. She lives on in all of our hearts. We will never forget her beautiful smile and the kindness she bestowed on everyone. Rest in peace dearest friend. We have one more angel looking down from heaven and praying for us.

**\$10,600**

This is the cost per year to provide a Catholic education for a child at Saint Anthony Catholic School.

Would you consider making a gift to our scholarship fund this year before December 31<sup>st</sup>?

You could receive a tax benefit for your year-end charitable gift!

Wouldn't you rather help a child receive a Catholic education with your gift instead of giving those funds back to Uncle Sam?

Imagine the difference you can make in the life of a student at our school.

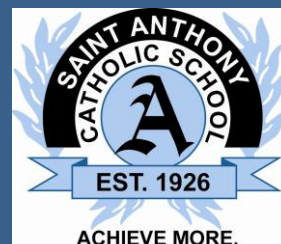
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<http://saintanthonyschoolfl.org/give-now/>

## Planned Giving

Become a part of our great success story – Saint Anthony Catholic Parish. Our Church and School make a difference to our community and we need your help to continue. Please remember Saint Anthony Parish in your will, estate planning and as an insurance beneficiary.

Contact the Development Office at 954-467-9009 for more information



**As our Class of 2014 moved on to High School – we wish them the very best! We are proud of you!!**

Gabriela Elizabeth Brand  
Cardinal Gibbons  
Madeline Grace Broderick  
Cardinal Gibbons  
James David Camp III  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
Ricardo Alejandro Canto  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
Alexandra Cassis – Cardinal Gibbons  
Victoria Chalmers Cone  
Cardinal Gibbons  
John P. Cooney – Cardinal Gibbons  
Liana Corney – St. Thomas Aquinas  
Danielle Catherine Correll  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
Brandon Alexander Cossick  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
Halle Nancy Costello  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
Kai Ryutaro Crull – Cardinal Gibbons  
Reily Jacquelyn Fogarty  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
Erica Janet Gaertner  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
Adam Chase Gambello  
Cardinal Gibbons  
Tyler Steven Grodensky  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
Gillian Leigh Hoelzel  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
John Paul Inturias – Cardinal Gibbons  
Isla Isadora Lader  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
Lucy Rose Lawlor  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
Isabella Alexandra Lamay-Kristoffersen  
Cardinal Gibbons  
Katie Lauren Lescano  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
Matthew Pate Maus  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
Amelia Malone McCrory  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
Addison McGillicuddy  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
Nicolette Genevieve McPharlin  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
Sabrina Sarah Meads  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
Mark Andrew Messingschlager  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
Hunter Maxwell Millette  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
Ryan Samuel Moore  
St. Thomas Aquinas

Justin G. Paulaitis  
Cardinal Gibbons  
Rebekah Marie Pereira  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
Lindsay Michele Powell  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
Phoebe Sky Ross  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
Charles William Sabadash IV  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
Oliver Sessa  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
Shawntal Helah Tomer  
Bishop Guilfoyle in Pennsylvania  
Alec Andrew Villanueva  
Westminster Academy

Katrina Faye Vogel  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
Nicolas Enrique Warok  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
Alexa Hunter Wells  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
Wesley Warren White  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
Rita Marie Wojtas  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
Emma Woodward  
Cardinal Gibbons  
Maximillian A. Zinn  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
Tyler Zuyus – Fort Lauderdale High

**1975  
6th Grade Class**



**FROM THE ARCHIVES...**

**Recognize anyone?**



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**Keep in touch!**

Please send us your memories, thoughts, and PICTURES of your time spent at our school. Let us know of your accomplishments since you left. We love to keep in touch!

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