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2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT & HONOR ROLL OF DONORS



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FROM	THE	<b>PRIOR</b>	PROVI	<b>NCIAL</b>
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Dear Friends of Saints,

One only has to walk the campus of Saints to see the remarkable physical transformation that has taken place there in the past fifteen years! This is because of a dedicated school president and a hardworking development office, and the generosity of countless people such as yourselves. While the area of the school has remained the same, the facilities have been completely redone, a much-needed theater has been added, and science and technological labs are state of the art.

At the beginning of the fifth century, when St. Augustine was a bishop, he talked about complacency leading towards inaction: "If our love grows cold, our action grows numb." (Expositions on the psalms 85,24) As an alumnus of Saints, I would never question the perduring love that countless people, such as yourselves, have for St. Augustine High School. We are a proud and grateful people – and should be! But, if everything is in order, there might be a natural tendency for people's thoughts and generosity to shift to other interests "because Saints is in great shape, they doesn't need our financial attention." But, as St. Augustine reminds us, we need to safeguard against the possibility of our "actions growing numb".

Mr. Horne and his administrative team and faculty have painstakingly ensured that Saints is not only on the level of the best schools in San Diego, but that Saints surpasses them. Saints is not just current with academic trends but ahead of them. Because of your generosity, classes such as the Makers Lab have not only met with the needs of the time but instilled in the students an excitement about the future. At Saints, we never forget that the most important of all our stakeholders are the boys themselves!

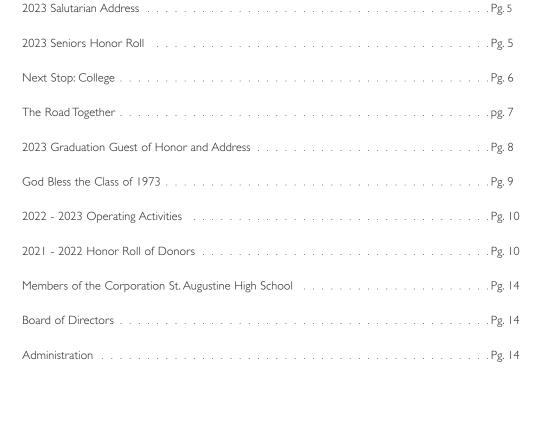
There is still excitement in the air as we have completed our first century. Now there is on the horizon something even more exciting – beginning our second century. Enthusiastic think tanks are already discussing our exciting future. We do so, much as we did in 1922 – thanking a loving Father for sending the Holy Spirit to guide us as how best to encourage young men to follow the example of Jesus Christ. The patron of this school, St. Augustine of Hippo, reminds us that "Action is thoughtless without knowledge and without action, knowledge is barren." (On 83 Diverse Questions, 58:2.) Knowledge and action are essential for a young man's growth and development.

Thanks to all of you who have contributed time, talent, and treasure to Saints in the past. My gratitude goes to all of you who will contribute to St. Augustine High School as we begin our first year in our second century.

Sincerely,

Day C. Sanders

Very Rev. Gary E. Sanders OSA (Class of '67)
PRIOR PROVINCIAL OF THE PROVINCE OF ST. AUGUSTINE



Our mission is to provide a Catholic liberal arts education for young men in an environment that promotes the development of mind, heart and body in the Augustinian tradition.

By helping to form loving disciples of Jesus Christ we communicate to the world the gospel values of community, truth and love.



Fr. Kevin Mullins, OSA, Henry Hooper, Fr. Peter Donohue and Ed Hearn

#### FROM THE PRESIDENT

I think what I am about to say is true. This is the thought – the founding fathers of St. Augustine High School have been called to heaven and others through the decades have picked up their baton to carry it forward. Each of us is the predecessor of these early friars whom carried on the work of Catholic education on Nutmeg Street. It is the work of Christians. The building of the Kingdom of God is never complete, always unfinished, yet moving forward to the City of God as St. Augustine describes for us.

As a community of believers, we have much to be grateful for in our 100th year of service to the Diocese of San Diego. To think every square inch of our humble 10-acre plot of land has been rebuilt or refurbished in the past 20 years is a milestone that many schools could not achieve. Just weeks before the beginning of Mass on September 16, 2022, the new fences and storage buildings along 33rd and Palm Streets were completed, and a beautiful mosaic of Our Mother of Good Counsel was in the final phases of completion. The stage was set for a great year and a moment in time to stop to notice the distance Saints has come during the past century and the blessings for Saints that only come from God.

The kickoff weekend was a shining success on all counts. The new icon was unveiled in front of a large crowd before Mass. It was blessed by the Prior General of the Augustinians, Fr. Alejandro Moral Anton, OSA. He, along with the Provincials from around the world and the Augustinians in the California Province were present for the celebration of this achievement. As part of the blessing, the 110 Augustinians who had been part of the Saints story during its first century were honored as well.

Rolling the clock forward to February 2023, Saints hosted the other nine Augustinian schools across North America for the Augustinian Values Institute (AVI) and Building the City of God Retreat. This annual gathering has taught new teachers in Augustinian schools the core values for the past two decades. Once the Australian and Irish schools got wind of this gathering, they asked to attend, which swelled the attendance to 115 Augustinian educators on Saints campus. The weekend will be remembered as one of the finest gatherings of Augustinian educators in the 21-year history of the AVI.

Saints received high praise for resurrecting a program that had been faltering in recent years. It was an exceptional validation of the excellent work taking place at 3266 Nutmeg Street. There is no doubt Saints in all of its manifestations was a beacon of light for the rest of secondary Augustinian education.

To cap off the year, 550 guests attended Taste of Saints in late May. It was a special celebration for past parents, current parents, alumni, and friends of Saints. Once again, Casey Callery and her cast of loyal volunteers pulled off one of the great celebrations at Saints in recent memory. The feeling of our guests was magical and generous in their praise for St. Augustine High School.

To end our year of celebration with a bang, an inspired James Horne, our long-time principal invited Fr. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, Ph.D., the President of Villanova University to offer the keynote address for the 99th commencement of our school. Given our first principal, Fr. Alphonse Martel, OSA, a teacher at Villanova College as it was named in the 1920s and with so many Augustinians historically heading west to teach and administer Saints, it was fitting to hear an east coast Augustinian speak about the significance of Saints. It was a wonderful way to end our Centennial year.

St. Augustine High School has made great strides that would not be possible except for our communities' prayers and generous support. On behalf of St. Augustine High School, thank you for making dreams become reality. Great achievement requires great support. The Saints Community, through hundreds of contributions as the pages of this report attest, has set the stage for the school to take advantage of the many opportunities that naturally arise during our work. You have lifted us, given us hope, and inspired us through a year of great achievement at Saints.

Thank you,

Ed Hearn
PRESIDENT, ST. AUGUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL

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#### FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

"Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you."

These words attributed to St. Augustine constantly remind us that everything is up to God, but that He desires that we affirmatively act as our part in making this world better. This is a philosophy that we try to ingrain into the young, Catholic gentlemen who attend St. Augustine High School, and it is a philosophy that is embraced by the teachers, staff and administration of our beloved school.

As we complete the year-long celebration of the 100 th anniversary of the founding of our school, I am overwhelmed by the effort – both in prayer and work – many have given during this century to realize the goals of the Augustinians back in 1922 and before:

To provide a Catholic liberal arts education for young men in an environment that promotes the development of mind, heart, and body in the Augustinian tradition.

We've come a long way since the 19 young men who walked through our doors to become the first Saintsmen over 100 years ago, but the core mission hasn't changed, even if the buildings have.

We have completely transformed the campus over the last 18 years since I joined the Board of Directors, and I couldn't be more honored and humbled to have been allowed to be a part of this work. Our Board, and the committees that assist with the many details involved, has been blessed by the guidance of the Holy Spirit to see these plans envisioned, developed, and completed for the benefit of the next generations of Saintsmen, and their families.

We often hear from parents and other family members of our students about what a difference Saints makes in their lives. We are aware that attending Saints often requires sacrifices be made by these families, and we are all the more grateful that they consider what they receive to be far greater than what they must give.

To ensure that this opportunity remains available to all those who can meet the challenge, we are focused on increasing our Endowment Fund, which provides important additional funding to Tuition Assistance program. Saints already is providing over \$4.5 million per year in financial aid and, by continuing to increase our Endowment Fund, we hope to minimize the financial impact on the decision to attend St. Augustine High School.

I am grateful to the many generous parents, donors, and alumni who remind us, through their generosity and support, what a special place that Saints is. The spirit of Unitas, Veritas, Caritas truly lives and thrives here!

In closing, I am reminded of one of my favorite poems that I often quote to my children, and that I think is emblematic of the people of Saints:

I would be true, for there are those who trust me; I would be pure, for there are those who care; I would be strong, for there is much to suffer; I would be brave, for there is much to dare.

- Howard A. Walter

With gratitude and love in Christ,

William R. Hamlin Chairman of the board of directors





#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL: EMBRACING EXCELLENCE, EMPOWERING TOMORROW

Dear Parents, Alumni and Friends,

Saints and Saintsmen have had a great 2023 and the success we have experienced is a testament to the remarkable community who support our school, guided by an unwavering commitment to academic excellence, spiritual growth, and the good development of young men.

Saints students, under the guidance of our esteemed faculty, have achieved exceptional academic results. Our approach has resulted in well-rounded individuals who not only excel in the classroom but also grow as responsible and compassionate Christian men.

The all-encompassing education we offer extends beyond the classroom. Our weekly Mass, retreats, and community service initiatives continue to nurture the faith of our students and inspires them to be of service to others. Furthermore, our students are encouraged to explore their passions, interests, and talents through an array of extracurricular activities. From sports to the arts, Saints provides a platform for personal growth and self-discovery.

None of this is possible without the unwavering support of the Augustinians, Board of Directors, alumni, parents and friends. We want to express our deepest gratitude to you for your financial contributions, mentorship, and staunch belief in our mission.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to our mission of preparing young men to become leaders, scholars, and responsible citizens. We have recently finished our accreditation study and, as part of that process, developed a strategic plan to guide our work 2024-2030. Together, we will continue to nurture the hearts and minds of the young men at SAINTS.

Please continue to pray for us and thank you for being part of our journey.

Jane Glome

James Horne



#### 2023 SALUTATORIAN ADDRESS

#### By Henry Hooper

I want to start by saying thanking Mr. Horne and the administration for the privilege to speak before everyone here this morning. And a big thank you to all of the friends and family here today, and for all the love and support you have given us over the last four years.



St. Augustine High School is a very special place. From the rich 100-year history, to the Augustinian traditions and values that are woven into the fabric of this school, to the incredible Brotherhood, Saints is truly unique, and in my mind, unrivaled.

We, the Class of 2023, were brought together four years ago, perhaps by chance, perhaps not. We set foot on campus wondering what language the words "Unitas, Caritas, and Veritas" came from. We wanted to know how we could embody those values. We wanted to learn about the Brotherhood and what it means to be a Saintsman. Our desires were granted, and our expectations were exceeded.

When I think about what I value the most about my class, it is the size. Only 170 men. We are so fortunate to be a part of this select group. Because of the small size of our class, we know everyone, and we were able to form our own community within the community of Saints.

This community was brought together by chance, yes, but it is held together because of the core values of Unitas, Caritas, and Veritas. Our journey began what seems like many, many years ago, when we had our freshman retreat. Being united as a class for 30 hours straight was a truly special time. It was a very unique experience to spend the night in the gym, getting to know each other, and beginning to build our arsenal of stories and memories.

We learned about Unitas and Caritas by watching our seniors lead the Pit and unite the four classes under one name: the Brotherhood. We learned that unity means we are all in this together. No Saintsman left behind. We learned to value our brothers, and to have each other's backs even in the most challenging of times.

Then we were given the opportunity to lead the new generation of Saintsmen, and show them what it meant to be a part of the Brotherhood. We grew closer through our shared experiences, and the stories that we will tell time and time again at reunions going forward. This unity and brotherly love is something truly special. It can be seen especially in previous generations of Saintsmen. It is my hope that the unity we have been fortunate enough to establish in just four years will continue to grow and develop no matter where Saintsmen from the Class of 2023 may go.

Saints is a very challenging school academically, and I am thankful for that. It is through challenges that we grow stronger. We were challenged to be truthful, and to live the value of Veritas. Despite all of the academic struggles, the long nights of Praha, the desperate cramming of minute details before a quiz in Mr. Cudal's English class, the stressful weeks of finals; we made it. This is the finish line.

We came into this gym as students, and we will leave as proud alumni. We leave not as the boys that entered these hallowed grounds four years ago, but as men prepared to participate in a changing world. We became the men that we are today because of the impact of St. Augustine High School, and the core values. We know what it means to be a part of a community, to be honest with ourselves and others, and to love and care for one another. *Continued on Pg. 14* see "Salutarian"



#### 2023 ST. AUGUSTINE SENIOR HONOR ROLL

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Zachary Aceron	Henry Hooper	Lucca Rohrer
Royce Acosido	Julian Iacono	Matthew Sajor
Angel Aguilar	Michael Jackman	Misael Sandoval
Colin Alcantara	Aiden Johnson	Francis Sara
Edgar Alcoser	Dylan Kelley	Riley Scanlan
Colin Behan	Sean Kerwin	Janek Schnitzer
Andrew Boeh	Nathaniel Kotnik	Evan Shamoon
Corey Conroy	Richardo Laborin	Jacob Soro
Joseph Dela Cruz	Xavier Magat	John Sousa
Colin Duffy	Sebastian Carabez	Estevan Torrance-Rios
Jack Elgas	James Markowicz	Christopher Valderrama
Eli Estevez	Theodore McKamey	Emiliano Vanegas
Gabriel Felix	Logan McKerring	Noah Villafaña
Mateo Fernandez	Marcus Miranda	Leo Walsh
Francesco Gagliardi	Raymond Moran	Elijah Walulik
Jesus Garcia Franco	Jimmy Nafso	Ryan Waters
Joseph Geiser	James O'Leary	Caden Webster
Luis González	Jacob Pajimola	Daniel White
Maximilano Gracia Aguilar	Zachary Harrison Quinto	David White
Elias Gutierrez	Vincent Ricchiuti	Ty Woods
Tyler Haisha	Joel Rodriguez Sigala	

#### FIRST HONORS: GPA OF 3.60 TO 3.99

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Blaze Ackerman	Jackson Eichelman	Matthew Mercado
Joseph Adema	Alejandro Esparza-Martin	Santiago Ocaña
Evab Babich	Lucas González	Marcus Roman
Casey Bayless	Hadyn Graulich	James Root
Justin Beck	William Hatem	Nicholas Salem
Gavin Beresford	Richard Ireland	Thomas Salem
Donovin Bocalan	Nicholas Jaimes	Calvin Shaw
Brenden Brooker	Samuel Johns	Aidan Sheehy
Jonathan Caceres	Evan Kondan	Michael Sweeney
Derrius Carter-Hollinger	Jeffrey Korn	Michael Tompkins
Richard Catlin	Cesar Leal Cervantes	Ryan Tuttle
Oscar Celaya Limón	Constantino Lopez-Duarte	Gavin Ullman-Zazueta
Christopher Cesena	Theodore Main	Kent Vu
Nicholas Cianflone	Jaden Matingou	Tanner Wick
Brandon Cruz	Alejandro McKay	Nathan Wilson
Daniel Delgado-Gallegos	Raul Melo Valenzuela	



John Sousa, Creighton; Nick Aldrede, Franciscan; Andy Boeh, Gonzaga; Marcus Roman, Penn State.



Salvatore Brunetto, SDSU; Zachary Aceron, Grand Canyon; Matthew Sajor, TCU; Jackson Eichelman, Rensselaer.



Xavier Magaat, SDSU; Daniel White, TCU; Eli Estevez, USD; Tanner Wick, Univ. Arizona.



Sam Johns, U of Auckland; Alex Esparza, USD; Conor O'Hara, Kansas; Evan Coito, No. Arizona.



Hadyn Graulich, No. Arizona; Casey Kammerer, Cal Maritime; Nathaniel Kotnik, Georgia Tech; Christopher Ireland, Cal Poly Humboldt.



Patrick O'Leary, Notre Dame; Luis Carlos Gonzalez, UC Berkeley; Luke Naimi, Univ. Arizona; Aiden Johnson, Penn State.



Henry Hooper, Villanova; Edgar Alcoser, Creighton; Caden Webster, USC; Riley Scanlan, Chapman.



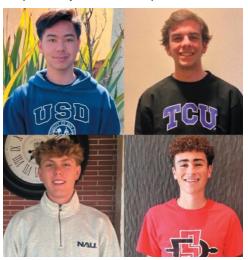
Ryan Waters, UCSB; Justin Beck, No. Arizona; Lucas Gonzalez, Fordham; Kevin Clements, San Francisco State.



Michael Tompkins, U. of Arkansas; Royce Acosido, SDSU; Calvin Shaw, U of Arizona; J. Robert Carceres, Gonzaga.



Jacob Soro, Michigan; Chris Cesena, Pt. Loma Naz; Nick Cianflone, Loyola Marymount; Jameson Mooney, No. Arizona.



Donovin Bocalan, USD; MJ Jackman, TCU; Gabe Felix, SDSU; Austin Turner, No. Arizona.



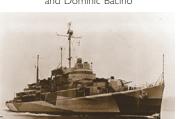
MJ Sweeney; U of Texas; Oscar Celaya Limon, U of San Francisco; Joe Geiser, Creighton; Elijah Walulik, SDSU.



Left: Capt. Arthur Joseph Hesford Jr.
Below: USS Cook Inlet

Top Right - Saintsmen circa 1925: Unknown, Arthur Hesford, Jacob Barrett McMahon, Norbert Gleasonand George Clark Baker

Bottom Right - Matthew Cross, Sinjon Bobolio, Malcolm Williams, Mark Lujan, and Dominic Bacino







# THE ROAD TOGETHER

## A Decorated Saintsman that Few Know About-Until Now



By Ed Hearn

Photo by Saintsman David Harrison History has always been intriguing to me. While it was not my major in college, it did become my minor once I began teaching. I always find peoples stories intriguing and sometimes inspiring. This probably led me to write the book *The Saintsmen*. As I read Fr. John Sanders, OSA book about Saints, *Before All Else*, I noticed the history of St. Augustine High School had ended in 1985 and that his principalship from 1988 to 2000 was not part of the book.

As I began to attempt to add to Fr. John's book about the first 63 years of the history of Saints, I struggled with the 1920s and 1930s as most of the Saintsmen and faculty had died, and with them, their stories were lost.

In many ways I was fortunate. On the one hand, Bill Vogt '30 was 107 years old and remembered so much about the early Saints years. A retired CSJ nun, Sr. Kathleen Martin who taught at Saint Patrick's and grew up in Golden Hill on 25th and E was able to recall the history of her Golden Hill neighborhood and remembered family stories about her grandfather who was one of the laymen who helped the Augustinians purchase the present site of the school. There was Lou Kniffing '28 who celebrated his 100th birthday on Vasey Patio and planted the Chinese Elm trees and tulip vines in Vasey Patio. He had many stories about riding his bicycle to Saints from Mission Hills and being hazed as a freshman. Then there was the day a lady brought me a shoe box full of memorabilia from her garage that came from her dad's football days at Saints in the 1930s. She was able to offer stories her dad told her about his high school days.

It was difficult to reconstruct these time periods with so many of the stories disappearing from the collective memory of the Saints Community until Tracey Elgas, the mother of Jack Elgas '23 received an article retrieved by the United States Coast Guard Historian from their archives during the week of August 1, 2023. It was published by the *Portland Evening Express* in Portland, Maine on August 2, 1955. In the article entitled "New Skipper Takes Over Command of Cook Inlet," it noted that Captain Arthur Hesford Jr. of the United States Coast Guard

assumed command of the weather ship, Cook Inlet at the Maine State Pier. Hesford had formerly been an aviation officer in the Coast Guard and stationed in Washington, D.C.

Interestingly, Hesford had been born in Brooklyn, New York but had graduated from Saint Augustine's School of San Diego in 1925 which would have been Saints second graduating class. When his family moved to San Diego, he began high school at San Diego High School but in his junior year, he transferred to Saints. In those days each class was very small which allowed the entire school to fit on Vasey Patio. The teachers were Augustinian Friars and other than Vasey Hall the rest of the property was an underdeveloped 10-acre plot of land. The school was very simple in the 1920s – no fluff, but a Catholic toehold in San Diego.

Saints in its formative stage of development produced a good one. After graduating from Saints, Hesford went on to the Coast Guard Academy and graduated in 1930. By 1934 he was designated a helicopter pilot and served in various locales on the Eastern seaboard until he was promoted to an aviation instructor in Pensacola, Florida where he served for 18 months. Hesford later was promoted to aviation operations officer at the Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C., and in 1940, with World War II looming on the horizon, became the aide to the commandant, a post he held for four years.

His career was long and varied. He worked with International Civil Aviation Organizations on matters concerning research and rescue with Atlantic Ocean station vessels. In his long-storied career, Hesford garnered two Silver Life-saving medals awarded for saving a man's life in 1931 and two others in 1937. Additionally, he was awarded the American Defense Medal, American Area, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign, Asiatic-Pacific, and the World War II Victory Metal. During the writing of the book, we came across a photograph in the archives of five young men standing and sitting on the front bumper of a car. On the back of the photo were some names and the year, 1925. Saints Administrator Casey Callery loved the photograph and was able to determine where it was taken almost 100 years ago. She decided it would be cool to recreate the photograph with current seniors just before their graduation in 2021 at the same location. She set it up and the photoshoot and the photo, along with the 1925 photograph, became part of the book.

Two years passed until the newspaper clipping about Captain Hesford appeared in my email in early August 2023. I decided to write an article about it due to its value to the history of Saints and went to the Registrar, Mrs. Oliwa to see whether we had Hesford's transcript. She quickly retrieved it and as I walked into the Advancement Office, I noted out loud that Hesford lived at 3686 Third Avenue. Callery looked up and said "That is the place we took the photo in 2021" as she pointed to the frame prominently displayed in her office. "What was his name?" she asked. "Arthur Hesford," I retorted. Callery had taken a photograph of the back of the original 1925 photograph and it identified Hesford standing in the middle of the photo in the top row.

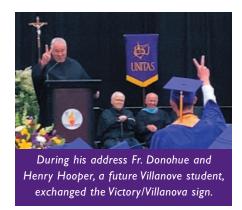
We now had a connection between a photograph taken on the west coast in 1925 of a young Arthur Hesford with his friends and an article that appeared in a newspaper in Portland, Maine in 1955 about the now highly accomplished Captain Hesford in the United States Coast Guard. It gives us pause to consider from the founding of St. Augustine High School, Saintsmen have been leading and bringing excellence to their field of work. Jack Elgas' appointment to the USCG Academy almost 100 years after Captain Hesford graduated from Saints on June 10, 1925, is a testament to the Catholic Augustinian education Saints provides.

### UNITAS · VERITAS · CARITAS

# 2023 GRADUATION GUEST OF HONOR REV. PETER M. DONOHUE, O.S.A., PhD

The school was honored to have Reverend Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., PhD, 32nd President of Villanova University deliver the commencement address to 2023 graduates.

Born in Bronx, NY, and raised in Royal Oak, Michigan, Father Donohue earned a BA, with a concentration in theatre and communication arts, from Villanova University in 1975 and was



ordained an Augustinian priest in 1979. He holds an MA in theatre from the Catholic University of America, a MDiv from the Washington Theological Union, and a PhD in theatre from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

While pursuing his doctorate, Father Donohue taught theatre at the University of Illinois, where he received honors for outstanding teaching. He is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest, largest, and most selective all-discipline honor society.

Father Donohue is a tenured full professor at Villanova who served as chair of the University's department of theatre from 1992 to 2006. He annually directed musical theatre productions on campus, earning six Barrymore Award nominations and one Barrymore Award for Outstanding Direction of a Musical from the Theatre Alliance of Greater Philadelphia.

#### FR. DONOHUE'S ADDRESS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2023

Happy 100 years! Now that's quite a distinction that you are graduating in the 100th year of Saint Augustine High School! Throughout the Augustinian Order, there are many St. Augustine High Schools but there is only one Saints. A school well known for its achievements and beautiful weather. A word of warning to those of you who may be venturing away from Southern California, get ready for a rude awakening and some of you may have to invest in winter clothes for the first time in your life. Four years ago, you started a journey. It was a journey filled with apprehension and excitement. But your generation faced challenges that no one could have imagined. A freshmen year came to a sudden stop and when you returned to this campus sophomore year, life and education were different. There were pessimists near and far, who claimed a return to a normal school year was COVID impossible. However, Saints proved them wrong!

You have been demonstrating your resilience from the start and have succeeded. You have balanced home, school, activities, and athletics, and even won a few championships along the way. You found your place at Saints: in the classrooms and science labs, on the fields, courts, and pool, in the arts, music, and theatre, serving the greater good and making lifelong friendships that will stand the test of time and future pandemics.

Although this part of your journey is coming to an end, a new one is beginning. Once again it is filled with apprehension, excitement, and promise. You may not know what to expect, but you now know how to face it. As you move on, remain rooted but restless. Focus on who you are, where you have been, and what you wish to become. You are not the same as when you started. Saints has transformed you and prepared you with a foundation for success, no matter what path you follow. There will be roadblocks and detours. No problem, prove them wrong.

Just consider what we have confronted while in high school. We have been challenged by national and international events and COVID was only one of them. There have been cries for racial justice, the struggle and tension to dismantle systems. A war in Ukraine, a political system that is more reactive than proactive. The nation and the world are looking for solutions that have not been found. There is much work to be accomplished.

You embark on a new journey. What you have struggled to understand and embrace these past years, you must fuse into the journey. You are part of an Augustinian community: a community that moves forward, a community that is not complacent, a community that believes the best way to improve your own life is by improving the lives of others. Some say this is idealistic. Prove them wrong.

You realize that through the pursuit of knowledge, you find TRUTH, through a supportive community, you achieve UNITY and by placing others first, you will know LOVE. A community weaves truth, unity, and love into the fabric of lives. A community comprehends that Unitas, Veritas, and Caritas are more than words on a banner or seal. Some say this community is unattainable. Prove them wrong.

Yes, your high school experience was not normal. Today is not the time to dwell on what you did not get, but rather on what you contributed. It is important to focus on what you have discovered, who you have become, and what you have accomplished. Your actions demonstrate

your faith and commitment that being part of the global community is key to the Augustinian journey. Your journey needs to focus on the whole person, where truth, unity and love come together to lay a foundation that helps you reach higher than you ever thought possible.

Do not stop learning and continue to pursue knowledge that will help you better understand your surroundings. This intellectual curiosity will further your self-discovery. And the more you discover, the more you will examine your place and your surroundings, locally and globally. It is about understanding. It is about enlightenment. And it is about becoming a better person, not just a more educated one. Passion for service. Commit.

All these factors impact your lives, and how you wrestle with them will determine the direction of that journey. You can make conscious decisions to change your lives, to select your relationships, to confront your beliefs and to challenge your values. You have the freedom to determine your place in history and the community. You can embrace the courage to celebrate your accomplishments, to acknowledge your failures, to confront your pain and to realize that you have the power to heal the ruptures in society and build something new. Every day you will be faced with change, and appreciating that fact, you can either create or destroy. If the unknown causes fear and anxiety, it will prevent us from moving forward. You will encounter those who resist change because it can disrupt their lives. Prove them wrong

You will be amazed at how a selfless attitude can spark a lifelong passion for service. Commit yourselves to issues that will enhance the greater good. If no organization champions your cause, create your own. Surround yourself with supporters, with people who want to build not demolish. It is about selflessness and charity. Leave behind the faults and strive always for what is better. People will ridicule such aspirations. Prove them wrong.

To paraphrase Augustine, we are travelers and what does it mean to travel? It means to make progress. Make progress, examine yourselves honestly again and again. Put yourself to the test. Do not be content with what you are, if you want to become what you are not yet. Always add something more, keep moving forward. — continued next page —

Over the years, many people have shared lessons with you. Graduation always seems like the appropriate time to add a few more.

- First, be honest with others and especially yourself.
- Do not be afraid to ask for help.
- \* Admit when you are wrong and do not gloat when you are right.
- Protect your environment. Remember there are other people who will need it and they may be your children.
- · Heal the hurts in others and in you.
- · Do not hold on to hatred.
- Try to be the first to forgive.
- Talk to people not at them. Don't just hear, learn to listen. There is a difference.
- There are times when you need to mute yourself.
- Pay attention to who is around you. Stop texting when you are with other people. Be smarter than the device and talk to someone.
- Over 2000 years ago, Jesus developed a simple plan for diversity, equity, and inclusion. Love others as you wished to be loved. Stop complicating it.
- · Allow yourself to love and to be loved.
- Do not be afraid of change.
- · Challenge yourself to make every day better.
- If you followed my train of thought, all of these reflect the principles all of you know: Unitas, Veritas, and Caritas. I pray that every day you find ways to challenge yourselves and others. Over the years, We have journeyed together. You have supported and confronted; agreed and disagreed with each other. You laughed and cried; argued and cheered together. You have taught and learned from one another. Together you have grown and are different because of that encounter. You have been poets and prophets; You have triumphed and failed; won and lost but what is most important we have learned from both our successes and failures.
- You have been given the codes to open new doors but do not forget that on this journey, 3266 Nutmeg Street was and will always be one of your homes. 100 years ago, the Augustinian Friars began a dream to bring Augustinian education to San Diego. Today you join a long line of men around the world who embody their dreams. May you have the courage to live unity, truth, and love. If you do, you will always be Saints.

Thank you for inviting me to be part of this 100th Anniversary and your graduation. Congratulations and may God bless your journeys.



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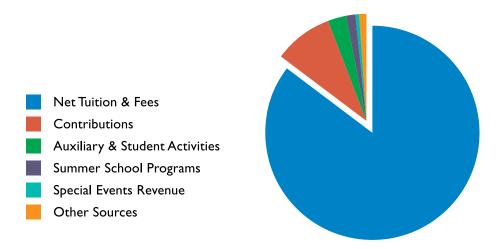
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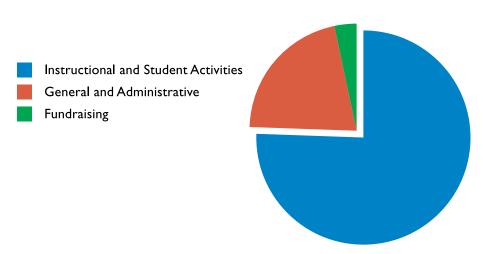
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Tuition & Fees	19,292,454
Less Grants & Scholarships	(4,431,492)
Net Tuition & Fees	14,860,962
Contributions	1,571,429
Auxiliary & Student Activities	458,763
Summer School Programs	255,535
Special Events Revenue	90,272
Other Sources	180,138
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This is perhaps the last time that we will all be together as an entire class. Of course, it would be great if everyone came to the reunions, and we all hope that does happen. Looking around, I see people I will miss, people I wish I had more time to talk to and know better, and people I cannot wait to see again. As men preparing to face the world, we understand the need for unity and a strong community.

The community that we have here is special and will never die. We also understand the expectations of truth. Well, I am telling you the truth, and I am sure I speak for a lot of my classmates, when I say that I will miss this school, I will miss my teachers, and I will miss my brothers. We understand the societal longing for love and compassion. I know that every man here will advance to the next chapter of his life with a reinvigorated understanding of what it means to be kind, compassionate, generous, and caring, because of the lessons and opportunities that we had here at Saints.

And above all, we understand the responsibility and the honor of being lifelong Saintsmen. Wherever we go, we will represent the amazing work of this school. It is my hope that our lives and the lives of other Saintsmen will be a testament to the work of God that is being done by the faculty, staff, and Augustinians here. We are grateful for the opportunity to attend this incredible school, we are grateful for the knowledge and wisdom that we will take with us, and most importantly, we are grateful to be a part of this lifelong community, the Alumni of St. Augustine High School, as proud members of the Class of 2023.



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