



Saint Agnes School
Arlington Catholic
High School

Alumni Newsletter

December 2023

Presidential Perspectives with Dr. Andrew Keough

Dear Loyal Alumni and Supporters of Saint Agnes School/Arlington Catholic High School,

Greetings from Medford Street! Recently, I received an email from a parent and Confirmation teacher who shared a story of an encounter she'd had with an Arlington Catholic sophomore. In it, she shared that as a catechist, she often asks the students how they would identify themselves. One of her students this year simply said, "Medford Street." The student explained that when she thinks about herself and who she is, the phrase "Medford Street" captures it all. All she has become as a young adult can be traced back to her time at Saint Agnes Church, Saint Agnes School, and Arlington Catholic High School, all right here on Medford Street. The story struck me because I cannot imagine answering the same way when reflecting on how I would identify myself as a teenager. It made me realize, once again, that there is something special about this place. It gets into your bones.



As you reflect on this Christmas season and the happiest times in your life, I hope you will think of Medford Street and all the beautiful things that happen here! Your generosity and support impact the lives and education of more than 800 students daily. For that, we are grateful.

I wish you and your families a warm and very Merry Christmas. May 2024 bring peace in our hearts, in our homes, and in our world.

Christmas Blessings,

Andrew

50th Reunion: Class of 1973



The Arlington Catholic Class of 1973 recently hosted their 50th Class Reunion at the Bear Hill Country Club in Stoneham. The Reunion Committee met for several months to plan and prepare for this wonderful event.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view a video slideshow of photos from the evening.

On December 2, three members of the Committee (Larry Cronin – Class President, Mark Fallon and Lynne Lowenstein) presented a check in the amount of \$2,500 for the newly established President’s Fund. Their gift was the inaugural donation to this fund. The President’s Endowment Fund has been established for the long-term viability of Saint Agnes School/Arlington Catholic High School. We are so very grateful to the Class of 1973 for their support and commitment to their Alma Mater.

Pictured below (from left to right): President Andrew Keough, Lynne Lowenstein, Larry Cronin, Mark Fallon, and Alumni Relations Ambassador Sr. Barbara McHugh



Alumni Spotlight: Class of 1973 Reunion Committee

This month, we are proud to spotlight the members of the Class of 1973 50th Reunion Committee. These committee members worked tirelessly for almost a year to gather their classmates for this momentous occasion--and more than 70 classmates attended the reunion! The committee and members of the class have now decided to meet annually (why wait 5 years?!) to reconnect and reminisce. Bravo!

Sister Barbara McHugh recently sat down with committee members and asked them to reflect on their time at our School and what this 50th reunion of graduation has meant to them.

“Our ACHS ‘73 reunion proved that the old adage, *you can never go*

home again, is a myth. It was wonderful to hug old friends and remember the lessons and stories and laughter of our time together at AC.” - Carole Brennan '73

“Our 50th A.C. High School Reunion helped me realize that the friends you make in high school are friends forever even if you don't see them often. I think Arlington Catholic provided a close knit, long lasting and caring community for its' students. “ - Susan Rosie '73

Please **CLICK HERE** to continue reading the remembrances.

We are committed to featuring SAS/AC alumni and their lives after graduation in future editions of our alumni newsletter. Do you know of fellow alumni living the mission of SAS/AC in their professional or personal lives who would be open to being interviewed by Sister Barbara McHugh and featured in a future alumni publication? Please email Sister Barbara directly at sbarbara@achs.net to nominate an alum or yourself!

Congratulations to Patricia Babine Crane '81!

Congratulations to
PATRICIA CRANE
for being awarded the
CHEVERUS AWARD



Saint Agnes School '77
Arlington Catholic High School '81
Parent '15 '17
Director of Enrollment, Saint Agnes School '14-'20
Director of Enrollment, SAS/ACHS '20-present

Patricia Crane, Director of Enrollment for SAS/ACHS, was one of this year's Cheverus Award recipients! Patricia Crane is a long-time member

of the SAS/ACHS community as a student, a parent, and a staff member. We are so excited to see her dedication and involvement recognized with this well-deserved award!

Legacy Family Spotlight: The Sousas



Chris Sousa '96, P'25 '27 '33 and his son Lucas '27 recently made repairs to the manger in front of SAS. These are the unsung heroes that make our community so special.

We are thankful for the Sousa family's dedication and support of our school. Their ongoing commitment serves as a shining example of the enduring spirit that binds us together at Saint Agnes School/Arlington Catholic High School.

Campus Happenings

Wi-fi Upgrades

We are pleased to report that thanks to a generous donation from two very thoughtful grandparents, we are upgrading our wi-fi capabilities at ACHS. The first of two phases of work is slated to begin over Christmas vacation. We are hopeful that our staff and students will see the difference when they return! The second phase of the upgrade will take place in the summer and this too should be noticeable. We are very excited that we were able to gain this support and look forward to being fully functional in this regard in the near future.

Dan Shine Honored at the MIAA Awards Ceremony

Athletic Director Dan Shine received the National Hockey Coach of the Year Award for 2022 from the National Federation of High School Sports. This award is only given to one coach in the country. Congratulations, Dan!

Pictured is Dan Shine (right) with Assistant Athletic Director and Theology Teacher, Serge Clivio.



Upcoming Reunions

Class of 1964 - 60th Reunion

Class of 1964 is planning their 60th Spring “Get Together”

Contact: Linda Wilson Chopelas at lchopelas@verizon.net or 781-710-4742 and Phillip Brillante at pbrillante@verizon.net or 703-946-5804

Class of 1974 - 50th Reunion

Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024

Location: Savinos Italian Restaurant, 449 Common St, Belmont, MA 02478

Time: TBD

Contact: Bill Driscoll at bdriscoll@lindenmeyrcentral.com and Larry Barton at laurencebartonllc@gmail.com

CLICK HERE for more information!

Give the Gift of Education this Season



We hope you will consider a gift to Saint Agnes School/Arlington Catholic High School this season. Every gift received in this year's Annual Fund supports 860 students on our campus and ensures that they have access to a quality Catholic education in the traditions you have grown to admire. We are able to do what we do thanks to YOUR generosity.

Every gift helps and counts!

Thank you!

Make Your Gift

In Memoriam

If you are aware of a graduate of Saint Agnes School or Arlington Catholic High School who has passed away, we would be most grateful if you would kindly email Sister Barbara McHugh at sbarbara@achs.net.



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