Regole Field House

Facility opened in January to provide much needed space for student activities

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On October 7, the seminary’s 2011 academic year came to a successful conclusion with graduation ceremonies. Twelve students were recognized for successfully completing the initial three-year program of “Básico.” Twenty students graduated from the seminary’s final two years of study called the “Diversificado” program. Of the twenty graduates eight have chosen to continue their studies for the priesthood with various religious communities. The remaining twelve will continue their studies at different universities in Guatemala.
Regole Field House
Extra space proves a blessing to coaches, students and parents

Blessing & Dedication
Edward and Vivienne Regole ‘50 (pictured above left with student council reps AJ Freidman and Rob Voirin) were honored at the ceremony held on November 13. The facility is now open and used for a variety of student activities.

“The Regole Field House has allowed for the simultaneous running of games, practices and events which in turn allows our students to finish hours earlier.”

Joe Chivari
Athletic Director
Abbey Farms

Over the past 3 years Abbey Farms has grown quickly! For those who are unfamiliar, Abbey Farms is a non-profit agri-tourism farm run for the Monks of Marmion Abbey. The Farm is over 85% volunteer run and all profits earned go directly to the Monks of Marmion.

Abbey Farms is taking the next step and forming a new volunteer organizational group, Friends of the Farm. Members will help the Monks and farm team to take Abbey Farms to the next level!

A few of the first tasks for the Friends of the Farm include: event planning, volunteer organization, school and scout outing development, and “spreading the word” for both the Pumpkin Daze Festival and Christmas Tree Sales event.

If you are looking for a worthwhile cause or have just enjoyed the Farm then this is the group for you! For more information contact Adam Voirin ‘02 at voirin@marmion.org or (630) 897-7215, ext. 375.
Oblates are Important for a Monastic Community

By Fr. Joel Rippinger OSB
Oblate Director

The story of declining numbers of people in monasteries and religious communities is by now a familiar one. A parallel story is the trend of increasing numbers of men and women who are attracted to these communities. They are attracted by the liturgy and spiritual practices they find within and do their best to attach themselves to the life and spirit they find there.

In the Benedictine tradition, such people are called oblates. They have been part of Marmion’s tradition for most of its history. When the resident school was still at the Lake Street campus, Fr. Wulstan started a branch of student oblates. Alumni such as Don Arndt, Jr. ’58 and Nick Gordon ’55 have fond memories of their days as student oblates. When the resident school on Butterfield Road began, the student oblates numbered such illustrious alumni as Fr. Michael Burrows OSB ’70 and Abbot John Brahill OSB ’67.

Beginning in the 1950s, Marmion Abbey began to welcome adult oblates. For some years, there was a popular impression that adult oblates were little more than elderly and pious laity, ones who were fascinated by the external trappings of Benedictine life. But in recent decades that impression has changed markedly. Some oblates volunteer their services to assist communities in everything from reorganizing monastic libraries to planting rose gardens and building prayer labyrinths.

When one surveys the books being published on monastic life, it is clear that many are being written by oblates, not monks. Moreover, oblates are now networking with one another throughout the United States and the world to share the stories of their spiritual journey and their gifts.

One of the objectives over time for Marmion’s oblates has been to foster a love for the community of Marmion and a relationship with the monks. At Marmion, the monks feel very much at home with the oblates. Many of them come to daily Mass and assist at the hours of Divine Office in the Abbey Church. The oblates have helped to organize, fund, build and maintain the outdoor Way of the Cross next to the abbey cemetery for the community’s 75th anniversary. They have provided desserts for funeral luncheons and helped to give transport and medical care for older and infirm monks. Individual gifts of oblates get carried over to the monastic community. Martha Piorkowski, an oblate since 1987, has provided the abbey church with a personally painted Trinity icon and altar cloths.

The composition of Marmion’s oblates is wide-ranging. The oldest, Emily Zilly, is 100 years old. Like Abbot Gerald, she still attends most meetings! The youngest are in their thirties and forties. There are married couples, widows and widowers. A number of alumni of the school count themselves as oblates, as well as parents of monks and Marmion faculty and students. They represent a geographic spread from Alaska to Florida. Some of the most faithful of Marmion’s oblates are now deceased and rest in the circle outside the monks in the abbey cemetery. The oblates constitute an essential part of what we have come to know as the Marmion family. Those who are interested in learning more about the Oblate program are encouraged to explore the link on the abbey website marmion.org.

Fr. Philip Celebrates 60th Jubilee of Profession

Fr. Philip Kremer OSB will observe the 60th anniversary of his Profession of Vows as a Benedictine monk of Marmion Abbey on August 15, 1952. A Jubilee Mass will be celebrated with his monastic community and family and friends on June 7 at 11:00 a.m. in the Abbey Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury. For many years Fr. Philip was an instructor of biology and chairman of the science department at Marmion Academy. He currently lives the monastic life, does parish sacramental assistance and helps with the Abbey Farms.
Marmion is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Salute to Youth Dinner Dance. This year’s event is scheduled for Saturday, April 28, 2012 at Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace. John and Carmen Cordogan are the general chaircouple, assisted by the Vice-Chaircouple Carl and Kelly Deufel ’77.

Salute to Youth is a unique benefit where your ticket is all you will need. Once you enter Drury Lane’s magnificent ballroom, all that is asked of you is to enjoy the evening. There are no raffles or auctions! The ticket price is $350 per person ($230 is tax deductible), which includes a reception from 6:00-7:30 p.m. with bountiful Hors d’ Oeuvres and Premium Open-Bar, followed by a 4-Course Dinner in the Grand Ballroom. The Presentation of the Court & Guard of Honor and a Parent Dance follows the dinner, with dancing until midnight.

Celebrating 50 Years of Salute - April 28

All Marmion alumni, parents, grandparents, faculty and friends are invited to share in an evening of elegance and friendship, and become part of Marmion’s most admired tradition.

There is a Sponsorship Program available to help underwrite the expenses so that all income derived from the dinner ticket can go directly to the MARMION FUND for the Academy’s educational programs.

“We have this wonderful opportunity and challenge of raising funds in support of the great work that the Monks of Marmion do in educating and training our young men for the future,” state John and Carmen Cordogan. “Student tuition only covers a fraction of Marmion’s yearly operating cost and that is the reason why the Salute to Youth Dinner Dance fundraiser is essential to the continuation of the mission that the Benedictine monks of Marmion have carried on for decades in our community.”

To purchase a dinner ticket or participate in the Salute Sponsorship Program, visit marmion.org/salute or contact the Development Office at (630) 966-7644 or bsellen@marmion.org.

Abbey Affiliate Memberships to be Awarded at Salute

Three long-time friends of Marmion will be awarded AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP with the monks of Marmion Abbey at the Salute to Youth Dinner: Thomas Mulligan, Timothy Reuland ’66 and Gerald Sidman.

This honorary affiliate membership is a means of recognizing outstanding Catholic gentlemen who have a long and loyal association with Marmion. Twenty-five men have been honored since 1980 when the Affiliate Membership was inaugurated. Affiliate Members participate in the spiritual life of the Abbey by sharing in the Masses, prayers and other good works performed by the monks.

Thomas Mulligan of St. Charles is a Life Trustee of the Academy, a former chairperson of the Board, a Life Member of the Abbot Marmion Society, and has been associated with Marmion for 30 years. His two sons are graduates: Dr. Casey ’87 and Quinn ’89. Tom was Marmion’s Assistant Golf Coach for four years. Tom is the retired President of Real-Time in Oakbrook Terrace.

Timothy Reuland ’66 of Aurora is a Life Trustee, Life Member of the Abbot Marmion Society, former National Alumni Chairman of the MARMION FUND, and has been associated with Marmion for 50 years. His two sons are graduates: Dr. John ’96 and Thomas ’01. Tim is an attorney and founding partner in the Aurora law firm of Speers, Reuland and Cibulskis.

Gerald Sidman of Geneva is a Life Trustee of the Academy, a former chairperson of the Board, a Life Member of the Abbot Marmion Society, and has been associated with Marmion for 28 years. His two sons are graduates: Matthew ’89 and Christopher ’93. Jerry is CEO of Argus Business Consulting Services Corporation of Batavia and former Vice President of Keane, Inc. in Lisle.
Abbot Marmion Society

Benefactors Honored at Annual Mass and Dinner

The 39th annual Mass and Dinner of the Abbot Marmion Society, Marmion’s gift club, was held on November 14, 2011. The dinner honored Marmion benefactors who established new Endowment Funds, became new Life Members and Sustaining Members, or who have moved up to a higher gift category.

New Life Memberships were conferred on thirty-four individuals/couples, representing $10,000 or more in single or cumulative gifts to the Abbey, Academy or Guatemala Mission.

Twenty-six Life Members moved up to a new gift recognition Level.

Sustaining Memberships were conferred on fifty-five individuals/couples/businesses at a $1,000 a year level in single or cumulative gifts.

For more information on Marmion’s donor recognition programs including the Abbot Marmion Society and Canterbury Society please visit www.marmion.org/academy/development or contact Fr. Charles Reichenbacher OSB at (630) 897-6936 Ext.242.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Laurence J. and Rosemary Bagan
Donald J. and Patricia Bitzan
Richard and Mary Bitzan
James J. and Leagh Boyne
Donald G. Brummel III ’89
James L. and Carole Bullock ’67
John W. and Barbara A. Dant Charitable Foundation
Betty Handell
Richard C. and Karen Handell
Christopher and Vanessa Inglot ’78
Sharon Keutzer
Paul J. Linden
McDonald’s Corporation Foundation
Anton Marano, Sr. ’68
Jody R. Marano ’81
Philippe F. and Diane Moreau
Painters District Council #30
Patrick F. and Andrea Powers ’88
Print Perfect, Inc.
Robert C. and Mary Propernick ’58
Stephen M. and Susan Rowley ’83
Richard E. and Elizabeth Rudow
St. Charles Bank and Trust Company
George M. and Susan Sensor ’62
Charles V. Seyfert ’60
Superior Beverage Company
Dr. Brian R. and Lisa Tonner
Charles and Catherine Tumminello
Shirley Twardzik
Thomas P. and Linda Voirin
Robert F. and Amy Weiss, Jr. ’72
Wheaton Bank and Trust
Alice White
Wintrust Financial

Fr. Charles Reichenbacher OSB ’59 presents Christopher and Vanessa Inglot ’78 with their Abbot Marmion Society Life Member plaque.

ABOVE: Abbot John Brahill OSB ’67 with Thomas and Linda Voirin (center) and two of their sons Adam ’02 and Greg ’06.

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) has named forty Marmion seniors (33% of the class) Illinois State Scholars. Ranking are based on a combination of ACT and/or SAT test score results and class rank in the top 10 percent of the State’s graduating seniors at the end of the junior year of high school - unless the students achieved a score at or above the 95th percentile for Illinois students on one of the standardized tests.


Battalion Commander Tom Pacer and Battalion Executive Officer Peter Gonzales teamed up with Batavia Cares, headed by Ralph Gebes ’60, for the Holiday Service Project. Together with many juniors and seniors, they collected everything from dental floss to DVDs and batteries to be sent to troops and chaplains in Afghanistan. A total of 319 boxes, weighing approximately 5,000 lbs., were shipped to the troops. Batavia Cares will continue to send packages monthly with the items leftover from the collection.

A number of boxes were sent to troops stationed with MAJ Mark Emerson’s daughter 1LT Amanda Emerson at Bagram Airfield. In a note to Ralph Gebes, she wrote:

“Thank you so much for the packages, they’re fantastic! We’ve been getting about 8-10 per day; we’ve received so many that I’ve lost count. My soldiers seem to love them. They know your Batavia Cares sticker well by now, and whenever someone hasn’t received something from home I’m able to send him off with one of your packages. Thanks again for the support, it really means a lot to us.”

Anyone interested in donating to the Batavia Cares projects can find a full list of items needed and collection locations listed at bataviacares.org.

LEFT: Seniors Peter Gonzales, Tom Pacer, Jon Rios and Nick Ondrla pack items to be sent to troops in Afghanistan.

BELOW: Soldiers serving with 1LT Amanda Emerson receive boxes and items sent through the Batavia Cares Holiday Service Project.
Nine eighth-graders have been awarded academic scholarships to attend Marmion next fall. Scholarships were awarded based on performance on the entrance exam held in December 2011, in which 188 eighth grade boys participated. The following have received scholarships as members of Marmion’s class of 2016:

Andrew Burroughs, son of David and Dolores of Elburn, received the Rev. Peter Enderlin OSB Memorial Alumni Association Scholarship. Andrew attends Kaneland Harter Middle School in Sugar Grove. He is the brother of Benjamin ’05 and Joseph ’10.

Jack Diederich, son of John and Joanne of Aurora, received the Rev. Alcuin Deck OSB Memorial Alumni Association Scholarship. Jack attends Holy Angels Catholic School in Aurora. Jack is a 4th generation Cadet. His great-grandfathers, Elmer, Sr. and Anthony Pawlowic, were 1934 classmates. Other Marmion grads include his father John ’87, grandfather Elmer, Jr. ’60 and uncle Frank Johnson ’78.

Harrison Kearby, son of Mark and Claire of Aurora, received the Edwin and Laurina Witting Memorial Scholarship. Harrison attends Holy Angels Catholic School in Aurora.

Lucas McDonald, son of Brad and Cathleen of Batavia, received the Dorothy and Larry Dempsey Memorial Scholarship. Lucas attends Rotolo Middle School in Batavia.

David Pettyjohn, son of Erik and Anna of Sugar Grove, received the Erwin Nagel Family Scholarship. David attends Holy Cross Catholic School in Batavia.

Valen Piotrowski, son of Kevin and Lynn of Aurora, received the Dr. Alfred G. ’32 and Mary Chione Memorial Scholarship. Valen attends Annunciation BVM School in Aurora.

Albert Rechenmacher, son of Ronald and Gretchen of Batavia, received the Rev. Sebastian Crow OSB Memorial Alumni Association Scholarship. Albert attends Rotolo Middle School in Batavia. He is the nephew of David Rechenmacher ’62.

Benjamin Rydecki, son of Wayne and Carole of Somonauk, received the Dr. Casey ’87 and Julia Mulligan Scholarship. Benjamin attends Somonauk Middle School.

Matthew Woodcock, son of Timothy and Lori Ann of St. Charles, received the John J. Mulchill, Jr. ’39 Memorial Scholarship. Matthew attends Holy Cross School in Batavia.

The scholarships have a total value of $148,000 over four years. The three Alumni Association Scholarships are awarded based on exam performance but are restricted to sons, grandsons, nephews or brothers of Marmion alumni. A Financial Assistance Program is available for students not selected for scholarships. During the 2011-12 school year, 20% of Marmion students are receiving need-based tuition assistance totaling more than $342,750. For more information on Marmion’s admissions process or to download an application, visit www.marmion.org or call the Admissions Office at (630) 897-6936, Ext. 264.

**WHAT’S IT LIKE TO BE A CADET?**

8th Graders can “shadow” a current student for a morning, attending classes and enjoying lunch in the Lux Dining Hall to experience what it is like to be a Marmion Cadet.

Contact the Admissions Office at (630) 897-6936, ext. 264.
M-R Band Earns 91 Medals in State Contest

The M-R Band competed in the North Shore District Wisconsin School Music Association Solo and Ensemble Contest on March 17. The Band earned a total of 68 first division gold medals (63 Class A and 5 Class B gold medals). They also earned 23 silver medals (18 Class A and 5 Class B silver medals). In addition, 50 students will compete in the State Solo and Ensemble contest on April 28 at the University of Wisconsin – Parkside. Students selected performed literature from the most difficult list (class A) and received a “star first rating.”

Those students receiving one or more class A star gold medals were: Sam Eallonardo – Bassoon; Thomas Sieben – Alto Sax; Brett Koskinen – Trumpet; Kevin Hoss – Horn; Benton Wiscott – Trombone; Timothy Kritzler – Trombone; Benjamin Pho – Piano; Thomas Sieben and Robert Stephens – Saxophone duet; Tom Schafer, Alex Lopez, Kevin Hoss, Joseph Dutton, and Daniel Kluger – Brass Quintet; Michael Shores, Alex Lopez, and Tom Schafer – Trumpet Trio; Benjamin Pho, Victoria Pho, John Sieben, Dan Gotlund, Jacob Kluber, Justin Witmer and Mary Kate Naughton – Percussion ensemble; John Sieben, Mary Kate Naughton, Julia Hoyda, Genevieve Streich, Thomas Sieben, Ben Pho, and Dan Gotlund – Marmion-Rosary Jazz Combo; and Tomas Sieben, Robert Stephens, Genevieve Streich, Henry Quinn, Jack Stover, Michael Shores, Tom Schafer, Brett Koskinen, Alex Trotsky, Matthew Wedell, Timothy Kritzler, Julia Hoyda, Isabel Trujillo, Joseph Dutton, Dan Gotlund, Benjamin Pho, Mary Kate Naughton, Justin Witmer, and John Sieben – Marmion-Rosary Jazz Band.

Those students receiving one or more class A gold medals were: Magdalene Eallonardo – Flute; Paige Robinson – Clarinet; Genevieve Streich – Clarinet; Robert Stephens – Alto sax; Elise McArdle – Horn; Joseph Dutton – Trombone; Colin Angeles – Trombone; Julia Hoyda – Trombone; Ryanne Jenig – Trombone; and Dan Gotlund and Jacob Kuber – Parade drum duet.

Those students receiving one or more class B gold medals were: Arion Hueber – Oboe; Victoria Pho – Oboe; Andres Lerma – Baritone Sax; Matt Higgs – Trumpet; and Patrick Baker – Trombone.

Math Conference Champs Ranked Third in State

The Math Team took First Place at the Conference Championship Meet for the 5th consecutive year defeating Montini, St. Francis, and Rosary (all of whom were among the top 12 State Division 2A teams last year). Overall, Marmion finished with 345 points, 59 points ahead of second-place Montini.

Larry Kalesinskas and Anthony Pullano received a near-perfect score (48/50) for their Oral Presentation. The next closest team scored 32/50. Also placing 1st in the team events were: Jr/Sr 8-Person Team led by Jon Rios, with Stuart Quinn, Mitchell Heaton, Joe Glemkowski, Jacob Gilmore, Matt Switzer, Benjamin Pho, Nicholas Novack; Calculator Team, led by Casey Dant, with Larry Kalesinskas, Brian Hymel, Brian Simon, Jacob Ebert; Fr-So Relay Team, led by Eric Lifka, with Michael Desch, Robert Stephens, Ryan Hupach.

The freshmen Algebra 1 team swept the top 4 individual awards (Joe Dutton = 1st, Ryan Hupach = 2nd, Robert Stephens = 3rd, Trent Medernach = 4th) and the sophomore Geometry team took three of the top 4 individual awards (Brian Simon = 1st, Dan Creighton = 3rd, Eric Lifka = 4th).

The Math Team now heads into the State Finals in Champaign on May 5 ranked #3 in Division 2A after their second place finish at the ICTM (Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics) Regional Competition at North Central College on February 25.

At Regionals, Marmion’s Calculator Team placed first and is now ranked #1 in the State. Also placing first was the Geometry Team of Brian Simon, Eric Lifka, Michael Desch, Nicholas Ruble, Gunnar Stanke and Shane Carmody.

The Marmion team also had three second places (Algebra 1, PreCalculus and Jr/Sr 2-Person) and three third place finishes (Oral Presentation, Algebra 2 and Fr/So 8-Person).

In individual competition, Joe Glemkowski and Benjamin Pho won second place medals and Casey Dant, Jon Rios, Eric Lifka and Nicholas Ruble received third place medals.

This marks the sixth consecutive year the Marmion mathletes have qualified for the State Finals. The Math Team is coached by Joe Large, Jan Dant, John Salomone and Debbie Wilkinson.

The Marmion Math Team won the Conference Championships for the 5th consecutive year and is ranked third in the State Division 2A after an outstanding performance at the ICTM Regional Math Contest. They will compete in the State Finals on May 5.
Jerry Lawler ‘56 Receives Centurion Award at Military Night

The JROTC program held its annual Military Night on January 29. The evening included an awards ceremony, performances by the Flanagan Rifles Drill Team and remarks by Jerry Lawler ’56.

Jerry, a retired captain of TWA airline, spoke to the Cadet Corps and guests. “Always do what you know is right,” said Lawler. “That is the key to success.”

Jerry’s career with TWA spanned 35 years. He was one of fourteen volunteer pilots to fly U.S. troops into Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War in 1991. He received the TWA Flight Deck Crew Member of the Year award in 1997 and the FAA Wright Brothers “Master Pilot” award for 50 consecutive years of safe aircraft flight operations.

Following his remarks, Headmaster Dr. James Quaid presented Jerry with the Marmion Alumni Centurion Award for his outstanding achievements in the field of aviation and for his great volunteer work with the Armed Forces.

The following Cadets were also recognized with individual awards: Peter Gonzalez, DAR ROTC Medal; Thomas Pacer, DAC ROTC Medal; Mitchell Heaton, SAR ROTC Medal; Michael Clark, SAR Citizenship Medal; Brian Wulff, Military Officers Association of America ROTC Medal; Zachary McNally, Michael Maley and Joseph Zidek, COL Joe Day Memorial Award; Michael Shares, Nicholas Ondrla and Jeremy See, COL Joe Day Remembrance Award; Casey Smith, Bugles Across America Hall of Fame Medal; Alexander Lopez and Brett Koskinnen, Bugles Across America Award; Brendan Fitzpatrick and Colin Sheehan, Best Plebe; Jeffrey Garofalo, Senior Rev. Martin Witting Award; John Sieben, Junior Rev. Martin Witting Award; Michael Sheehan, Sophomore Rev. Martin Witting Award; and Thomas Sieben, Freshman Rev. Martin Witting Award.

Military Night concluded with a pass-in-review by the JROTC Cadet Corps.

LEAD Holds 5th Adult Leadership Seminar

LEAD seniors presented their 5th annual Adult Leadership Training Seminar this past February. Each session covered a different leadership principle and consisted of a 30 minute presentation followed by a leadership activity to reinforce the principles explored in the presentation.

Connor Valaik presented “Imagination in Leadership” on February 8, David Thielen presented “The Truth about Leadership” on February 15, and Jeff Winkle’s presentation “Five Exemplary Practices of Leadership” concluded the seminar on February 23.

Marmion’s LEAD program provides an educational foundation of practical leadership skills based on Christian values and ethics. The goal is to utilize this foundation for the mutual benefit of the students and the community and to instill a commitment to life-long service.

LEAD will host its awards night at 7:30pm on May 02. The public is welcome to attend and learn more about the projects accomplished through this leadership program.

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LEAD’s Annual Summer Leadership Camp

June 19-20

The camp is open to boys and girls in 7th and 8th grade. Curriculum is based on Sean Covey’s book “The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens”

$40 registration fee (includes a camp t-shirt)

For more information contact LEAD Director Vince Bellafiore at vbellafore@marmion.org or (630) 897-6936, ext. 224.
Winter Season Wrap-Ups

By Carmen Freda

Basketball

Seniors A.J. Friedman, Jeff Carofalo, Ryan Glasgow and Pete Stefanski along with juniors A. J. Bohr, Colin Kavanaugh, Jake Ruddy and Alex Theisen were among the major contributors in achieving a regular season record of 14-12 (5-4 in conference). This past season had many highlights. Stefanski and Theisen earned All-Tournament honors while leading Marmion to a second-place finish in the DeKalb holiday tournament. A regular season sweep of rival ACC was achieved with a heart-pounding 64-62 overtime thriller on the Alumni Hall court when the Cadets overcame a 14-point first-quarter deficit to be victorious in a SCC Blue Division contest. Another amazing reversal took place against Chicago Christian when a huge first quarter deficit was again erased with a 25-0 run spread over the second and third quarters of that contest.

Coach Ryan Paradise stated, “I am thrilled with the overall development and progress that we have made as a team. These players have set an excellent example for future players to follow. Their overall attitude and work ethic have been among the best since I’ve been around.”

Despite the regular season sweep, Marmion was defeated by ACC in the opening round of the IHSA regional tournament. Stefanski hit three straight three-pointers to start the third quarter and Kavanaugh finished the game with 13 points and 11 rebounds, but the Cadets fell short in the 68-59 loss.

Schroeder Snipers Rifle Team

After graduating their top shooters last year, the Rifle Team felt a rebuilding year was in order. Seniors Jacob Kluber and Mark Tiger and juniors Anthony DiSanto, Samuel Eallonardo, Tyler Estes, Matthew Hossfeld and Jack Novotny formed four-man precision teams to compete in open and national qualifying matches. Nationally, the precision team was ranked 12th in the JROTC Army Nationals with 50 teams competing.

In early February, the team competed in the Army Nationals. Marmion’s Kluber (1,098), Eallonardo (1128), Estes (1125) and Novotny (1096) fired a personal best team score with 4,447 points. Each of the four individual performances was a personal record. Marmion placed 3rd and Novotny was one of two people to fire a perfect score in a position and his prone the second day of competition was again erased with a 25-0 run spread over the second and third quarters of that contest.

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Swim Team

During their dual meets and invitationals, the Marmion swim team competed against 13 of the top 20-ranked teams in the state. The Cadets achieved a record of 5-3 and finished third in the Catholic Metro Conference while finishing in first place in both the Cadet Relays and Lyons Invitational. They also had two fourth-place finishes in the Naperville North and Sandburg Invitational.

At State Sectionals, Marmion qualified seven swimmers to compete in six of twelve events in the State meet, while qualifying all three relay teams. Junior Jon Thielen qualified in the 200 IM, Junior Josh Kanute qualified in the 100 Fly and Senior Shane Cano and Sophomore Jack Fergus both qualified in the 100 Back.

Marmion’s relatively young team gained invaluable experience at State and qualified one event in the State Finals. The 400 freestyle relay finished in 10th place. Talented sophomore Mike Burke swam on that relay along with senior Dan Duhig and Kanute and Thielen.

Coach Bill Schalz stated, “I was extremely happy with our team’s performance in the State meet. We had 100% best times and swam extremely well.”

Wrestling

STATE CHAMPIONS

Angelo Silvestro (138) & Johnny Jimenez (113)

The 2011-2012 Marmion wrestling season was “year 10” of the Marmion wrestling program and it once again proved to be a very successful one. The Cadet grapplers completed their dual meet season with a very respectful 19-7 record. They also placed 27th in the Ohio Ironman Tournament and finished in the top 15 at both the Dvorak and Cheesehead Tournaments.

The IHSA tournament proved to be even better for Marmion. The team finished 2nd in the Regional tournament with six champions, senior Angelo Silvestro (138), juniors Jacob Field (120), George Fisher (126), Alex Fritz (220) and Cody Snodgrass (185), and sophomore Johnny Jimenez (113), while qualifying a total of 9 wrestlers for the Sectional.

At the Sectionals Silvestro, Fisher, Snodgrass, Jimenez and sophomore Anthony Bosco (106) won championship titles and three additional wrestlers qualified for the State meet.

In the State meet Silvestro and Jimenez became State Champions with teammates Fisher and Bosco finishing second and third, respectively. This was the second consecutive title for Jimenez.

Coach Dean Branstetter stated, “I really enjoyed this year’s team. They continued to work hard all season and improve...I will always remember this group of wrestlers”
Schroeder’s Snipers’ Jack Novotny was one of two people to fire a perfect score in a position at the Army National Competition. His prone the second day of competition was 200 points out of a possible 200. This team exceeded all expectations with an 11th-place finish among all Army teams.

Senior Peter Stefanski received All-Tournament honors at the DeKalb Holiday Tournament as well as All-Conference honors this season.

Senior Dan Duhig was the recipient of the Jim Kelly Outstanding Swimmer MVP Award. Dan was a member of the 400 freestyle relay that finished 10th at State (along with Josh Kanute, Jon Theilen and Mike Burke).

Two-Time State Champion wrestler Johnny Jimenez (113) stands with fellow Marmion Champ Angelo Silvestro (138) at the IHSA State Wrestling Meet. Teammates George Fisher (126) finished second and Anthony Bosco (106) placed third.

View a list of all Fall and Winter Athletic Award winners at marmion.org
SGM John Gissel ‘69 Receives National Guard Patriot Award

SGM John Gissel, USA (Ret.) ‘69, coach of the Flannigan Rifles Drill Team, received The Patriot Award from the National Guard during the Buchan Invitational Drill Meet on January 28. Marmion graduate Michael Halles ‘08, a senior ROTC student at Indiana University, presented the award.

Gissel was praised for his devotion, loyalty and dedication to his country, and thanked for the positive impact he has had on so many young lives. He served 26 years on active federal military service in the Infantry Branch before joining the Marmion faculty in 1996.

Gissel has coached the nationally ranked Flannigan Rifles team for 15 years and was responsible for establishing the Colonel Earl K. Buchan Invitational Drill Meet in 2005.

The team, led by this year’s commanders Brian Wulff and Nick Ondrla, competed against eighteen teams and brought home eight first place trophies and the coveted Commander’s Cup at the annual Purdue Drill Meet. This is Marmion’s twelfth consecutive overall win at Purdue. For more information on Flannigan Rifles visit marmion.org.

March for Life Pilgrimage


By John Graft ’14

The Catholic Church teaches that life is sacred and we must defend life in all its forms. Abortion is the practice of killing the weakest and most defenseless among us. Yet, tragically, it has become ingrained in our culture. Since the Supreme Court handed down the Roe v. Wade decision in 1973, some 40 million abortions have been committed in this nation. In late January, Marmion students had the opportunity to stand up for those 40 million people who never had the opportunity to stand: the unborn. Marching for the unborn, ten Marmion students took a pilgrimage to Washington D.C. for the 39th annual March for Life.

The March was prayerful, meaningful and life changing. Usually I don’t like big crowds. Being pushed around and seeing people everywhere I look is not my definition of fun. But on January 23 at the March for Life, I enjoyed every minute of the crowd. Some 300,000 people walked with us, positively protesting abortion. I saw no violent chants or posters from pro-life supporters, and everyone seemed happy despite the freezing, rainy weather. It felt great to be part of something so big and so meaningful.

When I got home from the trip, exhausted and weary, I looked at my four year old brother, Ben, and wondered what my life would be like without Ben. What would my life be like if my mom and dad hadn’t chosen life for my little brother?

Soccer Standouts Sign with Division I Schools

Seniors Mike Frasca (University of Dayton) and Mick Maley (Northwestern University) are the latest Cadets to continue their stellar soccer playing careers at the Division-I level. Pictured left with Coach Kevin O’Connor and their families: Mick Maley (left) with his brother Jack ‘14 and mother Margaret, and Mike (right) with parents Mike and Gina.

These team co-captains helped lead the Cadets to their first-ever State Finals appearance in 2011. During his senior season, Frasca tallied 42 goals and 17 assists. He now ranks 3rd, just behind Gerardo Alvarez ’03 and Joel Del Toro ’04, on Marmion’s all-time scoring list with a career 74 goals and 37 assists. Maley, primarily a defender, scored 23 goals and 17 assists this season, placing 6th overall with a career total of 42 goals and 34 assists.
**ALUMNI TAPS**

- Richard P. Wolfsfeld, Sr. ’32, died on January 4. Dick was the oldest living Marmion alumnus.
- George W. Parrish ’37 of Oklahoma City OK died on January 5.
- Donald A. Grasse ’47 of Mt. Prospect died on June 11, 2011.
- Eugene M. May ’50 of Aurora died on February 10.
- Dr. Joseph F. Colligan ’51 of Sneads Ferry NC died on March 3.
- Kenneth J. Hinterlong ’52 of Aurora, grandfather of Jack ’05 and brother-in-law of Jack Weiler ’58, died on January 11.
- Karl L. Greiter ’54 of Aurora, father of Karl, II ’79 and Mark ’81 and grandfather of Michael ’07 and Austin Robinson ’12, died on February 4. Karl served as the Academy’s Asst. Treasurer for many years. He and wife Barb are Life Members of the Abbot Marmion Society.
- Raymond N. Heins ’57 of Mundelein died on March 11.
- MAJ (Ret) Richard D. Brummel, Sr. ’58 of South Elgin died on November 15, 2011.
- Paul B. Rittenhouse ’60 of Ontario NY died on December 11, 2010.
- Robert A. Sylkaitis ’60 of Peoria died on December 25, 2011.
- Paul W. Brandli ’61 of Aurora died on November 25, 2011.
- Vincent Chawgo ’62 of Breeze died on April 15, 2011.
- John S. Carroll ’63 of Elmhurst died on July 8, 2011.
- Hal Kilburg III ’64 of Charleston TN died on May 23, 2011. Hal was a past-president of the Resident Chapter of the Alumni Association in the 1970s.
- Gerald E. Kleinfield ’64 of Concord CA, brother of Richard ’69, died on May 26, 2011.
- James F. Centlivre ’67 of Fort Lauderdale FL died on June 13, 2010.
- Thomas Wallers ’67 of Aurora, brother of Robert ’54 and Jack ’59, died on December 27, 2011.
- CAPT John L. Dailey, Jr., USN (Ret) ’69 of Virginia Beach VA, brother of Michael ’72, Kevin ’76 and James ’78, died on March 20. John spoke at Military Night in March 1995.
- LeRoy C. Weiss ’70 of Aurora died on October 26, 2011.

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- Rhoda-May Adamson Dallas of Studio City CA, grandmother of Jack ’84 and Chris Miller ’91, died on October 14, 2011.
- Viola M. Assell of Aurora, grandmother of Nick ’09, died on January 6.
- Diane A. Beane of Hinckley, grandmother of David ’13, died on January 6.
- Mildred R. Benjamin of Aurora, wife of Jim ’48 and aunt of Jeff Walan ’61 and Greg Walan ’78, died on November 27, 2011.
- Louise M. Colwell of Punta Gorda FL, wife of Bernie ’48, died on January 31.
- Bodil M. Darragh of Elburn, mother of Colin ’05, died on January 31.
- Rosemary DeBartolo of Aurora, mother of Dr. Hansel, Jr. ’65 and grandmother of Hanse III ’00 and Dr. Merrit ’01, died on October 23.
- Irene L. Derrico of Naperville, grandmother of James ’09, Matthew ’10 and Marc ’13, died on January 23.
- Dolores M. Dieser of Aurora, mother of John ’68, died on March 1.
- Stanley C. Fayfar, Sr. of Aurora, father of Stanley, Jr. ’69, died on November 5, 2011.
- Ruth Ann Gehl, wife of John ’59, died on July 31, 2011 after a year long battle with cancer.
- Judith A. Gengler of Aurora, wife of Jack ’62, died on January 12.
- Leo J. Germann of Aurora, father of Marty ’68, died on January 13.
- Dr. Richard A. Green of Sugar Grove, father of Andrew ’12, died on December 24, 2011.
- Veronica Hastert of Aurora, wife of Dennis ’59, died on January 24.
- Katharina Himmelsbach of Lindenwood, mother of Wally ’69, died on December 31, 2011.
- Bernice Hofner of Aurora, mother of Jim ’61 and Tim ’69, died on January 4.
- Clarence F. Jungels of Naperville, father of Fran ’66, died on January 1.
- Joseph M. Kenny, father of Tom ’75, died on March 16, 2011.
- Anna Korch of St. Charles, grandmother of Tony Vecchiola ’10, died on October 3, 2011.
- John A. Koteles of Aurora, father of John ’68 and Gary ’70, died on December 4, 2011.

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- Kenneth H. Lancaster of Somonauk, grandfather of TeeJay Sanders ’15, died on March 10.
- Lorraine E. Maes of Aurora, mother of Louis ’63, died on January 10.
- Shirley Majewski of Oak Park, mother of Albin ’78, died on November 27, 2011. She was a Life Member of the Abbot Marmion Society.
- Dr. John A. O’Dwyer of Batavia, father of John ’70 and Thomas ’71, died on February 28.
- Patrick J. Palumbo of Jerseyville, father of Philip ’73, died on November 20.
- Emily M. Precup of Aurora, mother of Ronald ’60, James ’62 and Thomas ’68, died on November 1, 2011.
- Earl G. Reeves of Oswe-go, father of Michael ’62, died on December 7, 2011.
- Rev. Alan Rekate of Prescott AZ died on February 16. Fr. Alan was a former monk of Marmion Abbey and an instructor in the Academy in the 1960s.
- Alberta L. Toma of Oswe-go, wife of Tony ’59, died on December 13, 2011.
- Janice Trilla of Oak Brook, mother of Barry ’75 and Frank ’80, died on December 20, 2011. Janice was a Life Member of the Abbot Marmion Society.
- Rosemary J. Szielke of Aurora, wife of Harvey ’45 and mother of Craig ’67 and Kent ’71, died on October 20, 2011.
- Eleanor Slusser of Peoria, wife of William ’52, died on July 6, 2011.
- Robert Slusser, son of William ’52, died on November 24, 2011.
- Florence Spiers of Aurora, mother of Ron ’70, died on December 17, 2011.
- Rev. Norbert Weber, MSC, brother of Ted ’57 and Don ’58, uncle of Norbert ’76, Theodore ’77, Thomas ’80, Michael ’86 and Timothy ’87 and great-uncle of Adam Andras ’10, died on January 5.
- Claudia J. Wemnacher of Aurora, wife of Stephen ’57 and mother of Michael ’95, died on February 29.
- Therese Willig, mother of Don ’70, died on October 30, 2011.

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For more information contact Fr. Kenneth Theisen OSB ’59
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1943
Ray and Marge Feltes celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on November 24. The couple has three children, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Ray is a retired Redi-Mix truck driver.

1952
Joseph and Marianne Reier of Aurora are pictured above (courtesy of The Observer) receiving the title Knight and Lady of the Order of St. Gregory the Great by Bishop Thomas G. Doran at a ceremony held at the Cathedral of St. Peter on November 20. This honor is awarded to persons who distinguished themselves by their accomplishments benefiting society.

1955
Lou Drendel of Venice FL, although “officially retired,” creates and sells aviation art via his website www.aviation-art.net. Most of this art is military aviation-oriented. Pictured above is his piece “Grumman F3F-3 of VF-5 over USS Yorktown in 1938.”

1957
Dick and Arlene Hawks of Aurora have been named the new co-chairmen of the Paramount Arts Centre Endowment Board. The couple has philanthropically supported the Paramount Theatre, donating to various capital campaigns and special projects, and the theater box office is named in their honor. The endowment provides funds to support programs at the historic theater. This year, the board more than tripled its contribution to the Paramount to support the Broadway Series.

1958
Ken and Judy Bill of Aurora celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 2, 2011. The couple has two daughters and four grandchildren. Their son-in-law is Jim Wollwert ’81 and their grandson is Jimmy Wollwert ’09.
1959
Fr. Charles Reichenbacher OSB is "retiring" as Marmion's Director of Development. He began his work in development as assistant to Fr. Joseph Battaglia OSB and since 1985 has served as the Development Director. For more than 40 years, he has wisely and enthusiastically furthered the advancement of Marmion Abbey and Academy and the Guatemala Mission. Fr. Charles will remain a member of the Development Office. His successor will be announced in May and will start on July 1.

1961
Gerry Dempsey of Elburn, chairman of Batavia Enterprises, was honored with the Scouts Three Fires Council’s 2011 Distinguished Corporate award for displaying the traits of leadership, citizenship and commitment to the youth in the community. Gerry has been active in civic and community projects. Batavia Enterprises is known for its community support of the Boy Scouts and the annual ACCESS Toy Drive in Batavia.

1963
Bill Morris of Grayslake was moved by Governor Pat Quinn from the Illinois Toll Highway Authority Board, which oversees the Illinois Tollway system, to the Illinois Liquor Control Commission which regulates the liquor industry in Illinois. Morris served on the Tollway Board for just over two years and led opposition to an 87.5% toll increase approved by the Board with Morris as the lone “no” vote. Morris, a retired investment banker and former mayor of Waukegan, lives with his wife Sue near his two married children and his five grandchildren.

1964
John Ripplinger of Schaumburg, President of Resource Brokerage, LLC located in Schaumburg, was recently honored with the Edward H. O’Connor Memorial Distinguished Service Award at the annual meeting of the Chicago & Northeastern Illinois Association of Health Underwriters held at Chevy Chase Country Club in Wheeling. This award is given to “one person each year who has rendered special service to the institution of Health Insurance over many years, which, reviewed in retrospect, is outstanding, as well as, above and beyond the call of duty; or to a person who contributes outstanding service to the Field of Humanities in our City of Chicago or the Chicago Metropolitan Area” (direct quote from the program booklet). Past recipients of this prestigious award, first awarded in 1965, include W. Clement Stone, Ernie Banks, and Wilbur Mills. John has worked in the insurance industry for over 40 years and currently owns six other companies in addition to Resource Brokerage. In addition to his contributions in the insurance industry, he is well known for his philanthropic endeavors for Children’s Home + Aid, Ronald McDonald House Charities, MIA Hunters, Angel Flight, Boy Scouts of America, the USO and Marmion. Resource Brokerage LLC serves independent producers with a virtual one-
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The firm offers more than 255 years of business experience, unique training, intense new business follow-up, an extensive selection of products to serve a broad range of sales situations, and contracts from 48 companies for producers needing answers for Group Health, Individual Health, Life, Long-Term Care, Disability, and Annuities.

1967
James Huberty of Chicago has retired after a very successful, 31 year career at JPMorgan Chase.

1970
Senator Chris and Sarah Lauzen of Aurora recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. The couple has four sons (USMC Capt Ted ’03 and Elliot ’05). Chris is the Republican candidate for Kane County Board Chairman…Lee Wiesse’s son Jeff, a 1995 West Aurora High School graduate, was recently inducted into the school’s Hall of Fame.

1971
Joe Parisi of Palos Park was interviewed by WGN and his Sox themed room was filmed for an upcoming White Sox Commercial. The commercial airs on WGN during Bulls and Blackhawks games to promote the broadcasts of the 2012 White Sox games. A copy of the commercial can also be viewed on the Marmion Facebook page…Tom Stopka of St. Charles has re-opened the former 45 yr. old Regole’s Harvest Shop business. Located in the same barn location on Kirk Road in St. Charles, but with a new name and fresh new look. Trellis Farm & Garden is offering quality name brand pet food, a large selection of wild bird seed, along with feeders and houses. Purina equine feed is offered along with an equine tack department. Hay and straw for animal bedding is always available in their hay loft. Home water softener salt, with delivery service is available, along with filling propane tanks for the grill or camper at the fill station. There are also seasonal garden plants and a garden gift department. Tom and his family run this new business 7 days a week and would love to have you stop by.

1974
LT GEN Dan Bolger of Fort Meyer VA recently assumed command of the NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan, a coalition of 37 nations charged with assisting the government of Afghanistan in generating a sustainable Afghan national security force ready to take lead of the country’s security by 2014.

1976
Dr. James Loftus of Milwaukee WI was inaugurated as the eighth president of Cardinal Stritch University on Jan. 13. Dr. Loftus became president of Stritch in July 2011. He came to Stritch from St. Ambrose University in Davenport IA, where he served as vice president of enrollment management and student services. He is a lifelong supporter of Catholic education who is deeply impressed by the quality of the Stritch faculty and staff, the enthusiasm of its students and the commitment of the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi to the University’s core values. The theme of the inauguration was “Service. Faith. Excellence.” and launches the University’s year-long 75th Anniversary Celebration. Created by Dr. Loftus, the theme is designed to capture the essence of Stritch’s unique Franciscan Catholic heritage as well as to discern a renewed vision for the institution as it begins its 75th anniversary year.

1977
Tom and Di Hess moved to Charlevoix MI in Dec. 2011. He is still a director with AT&T Corporate and External Affairs. Their son Dan was commissioned a 2nd LT after graduating from the Air Force Academy last May.

Dedication of the Antoinette Arndt Campus Ministry Center

The Arndt Family joined Fr. Charles Reichenbacher OSB ’59 for the Blessing and Dedication of the Antoinette Arndt Campus Ministry Center on October 22. (Pictured above l-r: Nina Arndt, Fr. Charles, Don Ardnt, Jr. ’58, Don III ’84 and Todd ’88. Not pictured: Lucinda Arndt Caughey, Theresa Arndt Rudacille and Kirsten Arndt.)

The center is named in memory of Don, Jr.’s mother Antoinette who died on October 9, 2005. The Antoinette Arndt Memorial Campus Ministry Endowment Fund was established to support campus ministry programs including: KAIROS retreats for seniors, underclassmen retreats, Peer Ministry, Big Brother-Little Brother, volunteer programs at school and off-campus, as well as special summer service programs to Nazareth Farm WV, Guatemala and Ecuador.
1984
David DeVore, USMC of St. Louis MO was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal and promoted to Colonel in the United States Marine Corps Reserve. He has over 27 years of service, with 5 combat tours including Desert Storm, Somalia and Afghanistan areas of operation. His current position is with the G-2 in Marine Forces Pacific Command. He works in Engineering Planning for the Metropolitan Sewer District of St Louis.

1986
Dr. Michael Tiller, USN of Washington, D.C. is a surgeon at Fr. Belvoir. He and wife Sarah have eight children. Their eldest, Katherine, attends St. John’s, a LaSallian high school. Helena and Joan are home schooled. Twins, Anna and Patricia, are in 2nd grade and Joseph is in PK. Their little #7 is a three year old named Gemma, was born with hypoplastic left heart. After three open heart surgeries she is really thriving. John is 16 months old, and as the baby he keeps them all busy with his antics. Sarah was teaching elementary school science, but now is happy to be at home teaching all the little ones instead.

1987
Eric and Jennifer Konen of Sugar Grove celebrated the birth of their son Henry Patrick on October 28. He was baptized by Fr. Charles Reichenbacher OSB ’59 on December 21. His godparents are Tim Wood ’86 and Zoe Knudson. Jennifer,

1985
COL Michael Fenzel, USA of Sanford NC assumed command of the 3rd Brigade of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg NC on March 1. He took command from COL Carl Alex who had forged a fantastic team in the brigade, also known as 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

1989
Keith Browning of Bolingbrook ran a PR time of 2:42:34 at the Chicago Marathon and was the top Illinois finisher in his age group (198th overall). Howard and Deb Mell have moved to the Cleveland metro area with their three children, Samantha (6), Alexander (4), and Josephine (2). Howard has taken a job as the director of the Emergency Department at TriPointe Medical Center in Concord OH and serves as the EMS Medical Director for 13 fire departments in Lake County OH.

1992
Patrick Regan of Philadelphia PA works for GE and appeared in the company’s commercial that aired during the Super Bowl. Patrick is a liaison between GE energy and breweries all over the world. The commercial can be viewed on the Marmion Facebook page. Patrick speaks about the GE/beer connection about :25 seconds in.

1994
Christopher Noe of Naperville is a new emerging writer on the poetry scene. His first offering, entitled, “Wait For The Night To Smile,” is a collection of this poet’s most soulful, vibrant and exciting words to be captured on paper. The author’s goal is to inspire a journey of self-discovery with each
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carefully chosen poem. Over 20 poems make up this chapbook, which is sure to capture your attention and spark your imagination. This can be found in multiple formats and hard copies at sites such as Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble. He is also a freelance writer for a Chicago Suburban Newspaper contributing reviews, critiques and interviews. Chris absolutely has a passion for writing and listening to rock music. He enjoys taking road trips, writing about them and putting together scrapbooks of his adventures. He especially enjoys cruising on Route 66 or any kind of road. In fact, his next project will be devoted entirely to road poetry. Chris and his wife, Denielle, recently celebrated their first anniversary... Chris Schelling of Lexington KY recently accepted the position of Director, Absolute and Real Return Strategies with the Kentucky Retirement Systems in Frankfort KY. He will be responsible for overseeing a multi-billion dollar investment portfolio for the retirement benefit of approximately 300,000 employees of the State of Kentucky. Chris, Amanda and their three kids are excited about settling into their new home in Lexington.

1995

Bryan and Jennifer Cali of Chicago celebrated the birth of their first child, Alexander Philip, on December 3.

3rd Annual Cross Country Reunion Picnic

All former Marmion Cross Country runners, coaches and families are invited to a reunion picnic beginning at 10:00 am on Saturday, July 21, 2012 near the home course finish line. For the truly adventurous, the festivities will start with a 5K run/walk on the home course with Marmion’s current team. Visit with your former teammates and coaches. There is no charge for the event. RSVP to Tim McLean ’79 at (630) 406-9916, mclean@ccmlawyer.com or find us on Marmion’s Facebook page.

1996

Jeff and Jamie Cali of Elgin celebrated the birth of their third son, Daniel James on Feb. 12...Dr. Pablo Moreno of Panama was an exchange student in 1995-96, living with John Hankes. Pablo stayed in U.S. to study medicine and is in Internal Medicine, practicing both at Cook County Hospital in Chicago with Dr. Mike Schindlebeck, one of the leading emergency room physicians and at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester MN. In June 2012 Pablo will return to Panama to provide care to his people. Pab...

John Reuland of Princeton NJ is a Ph.D. candidate in English literature at Princeton University.

1997

Frank and Stephanie Amore were married on October 1, 2011 with Fr. Basil Yender OSB ’61 as celebrant. Above is a photo of the groomsman: (l-r) Marty Kolinski, Nick Hamilton, Eric Smith, Groom Frank Amore, Nordin Farez, Tommy Amore ’05 and Ed Stetter.

2000

Tim and Lauren Sichmeller of Fort Collins CO celebrated the birth of their daughter, River Elizabeth (pictured right), on December 26. River was baptized at St. Joseph’s Church in Fort Collins, Tim’s brother Michael Hughes ’09 is the godfather.

2001

William Fox finished his Army active duty a couple years ago, and went on to receive his MBA from the University of IL. He is currently employed by Proctor & Gamble as an assistant brand manager...Dr. Matthew McKnight of Chicago graduated from dental school in May 2011 and is currently in a 6 year oral surgery program at the University of Illinois where upon graduation he will be an M.D., Oral Surgeon and DDS...Tom Reuland of Aurora graduated from the University of Iowa School of Law and passed the Illinois Bar Exam.
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2002
Matthew (Moose) and Shannon Mayer of Phoenix AZ (pictured right) celebrated the birth of their son, Nolan Max, on January 18.

2003
Jake and Becca (Happ) Barto were married on July 16, 2011 at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago. Jake is a graduate of the University of Iowa and is employed by Quick Leonard Kieffer, an executive search firm in Chicago. Becca is employed by Children’s Memorial Hospital in Chicago. Anthony Caraccio is currently completing a dual degree, 1 year fast-track MBA through Northern Illinois University and l’université Montesquieu - Bordeaux IV in Bordeaux (Pessac), France. The degree from l’université Montesquieu - Bordeaux IV is a master of international management. He recently met up with classmate Ryan French (pictured below at the Louvre in Paris). Ryan is finishing the first of two semesters of his degree in International Project Development in Rouen, France at Rouen Business School. Ryan is in a dual degree program between Rouen Business School and Pepperdine University where he is finishing his International MBA. He also plays for the university’s soccer team. Capt. Tom Fox (pictured above as he prepared to fly a combat mission on September 11, 2011) returned from his year-long deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in February. Tom, a Kiowa-Warrior helicopter pilot, was stationed in Kandahar, Afghanistan and served as a platoon leader and operations officer for Task Force Palehorse, part of the 7-17 Cavalry and 159 Combat Aviation

Tom Weber ’67 and V.J. Bellafiore ’93 Inducted into Athletic Hall of Fame

Tom Weber ’67 of Aurora and V.J. Bellafiore ’93 of Sugar Grove were inducted in the Marmion Athletic Hall of Fame on January 21 at a ceremony held prior to a varsity basketball game. All varsity athletes (living or deceased) become eligible for induction once they have reached the fifteenth anniversary of their graduation from Marmion.

V.J. is the first, third generation inductee into the Marmion Athletic Hall of Fame. His grandfather the late Bernie ’38, and uncle Tim Milroy ’87, have both been inducted. While at Marmion, he played football, basketball and baseball all four years and was named captain and MVP of both the football and baseball teams. He earned six varsity letters and holds the record for the longest interception return for a touchdown in playoff history. In baseball, Bellafiore held the record for most home runs. He was named The Beacon News All Area 2nd team and Academic All-Conference in baseball and football. He attended Eastern Illinois University and played one year of football. He played on the USSSA (softball) Northern D State Champion softball team. Bellafiore remains active in local sporting leagues in the area.

Tom participated in football, basketball and track. He co-captained the football team and was captain of the basketball team earning MVP and All-Conference honors. During his junior and seniors years on the basketball team Weber amassed 625 points and 382 rebounds. Following his graduation from Marmion, Tom attended the University of Illinois, Waubonsee and Northern Illinois University. While in college Tom participated two years in basketball and played golf for two years. As an adult Weber has enjoyed sail boating and is the three time North American Champion in the Beneteau 40.7 class for Sail Boats. For three years, he has earned Boat of the Year in Class for Southern Lake Michigan.

If you are interested in nominating someone for induction into the Athletic Hall of Fame, please contact the Alumni Office at (630) 966-7628 or visit marmion.org.
Brigade. His wife Chloe and father Bill Fox ’74 greeted him when he returned home to Fort Campbell...Nick and Mia Handell of Montgomery celebrated the birth of their first child, Clark Joseph, on November 18.

Robert and Ashley (Grahovec) Pyne were married at St Patrick’s Church in Yorkville on May 29, 2011. Fr. Michael Burrows OSB ’70 was the celebrant. (The couple is pictured above with the Grahovec family including Marmion alumni and students: Nicholas ’02, Eddy ’11, Kevin ’14 and Andrew ’14.) Robert graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Madison and is working at Epic Systems in Verona WI as an Implementation and Applications Manager for their health and software systems. Ashley graduated from Carthage College and received her masters at UW Madison and is working for the UW Sports Medicine Dept. as an Athletic Trainer...James and Cynthia (Wolfe) Rangel of Oswego (pictured left) were married on August 5, 2011 at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Huntley.

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2004

2008

Brian Bakala (pictured right), a junior at Missouri University of Science and Technology at Rolo MO, was elected president of his fraternity Sigma Phi Epsilon. He assumed duties as president in January when he returned to campus from a seven-month internship at the Fort Calhoun Nuclear Plant in Omaha NE. Sigma Phi Epsilon boasts a newly constructed facility housing eighty-two fraternity brothers. Brian was also awarded their “Balanced Man Scholarship” and has been credited with efforts that resulted in raising the frat’s GPA average to the highest on campus...

Peter Studio of Batavia, a senior at Illinois Wesleyan University, recently directed a one-woman play titled “The Syringa Tree” starring blind actress Sammi Grant. Staged in a small blackbox theater, the story of life in South Africa during Apartheid came alive through the eyes of Lizzie, a six-year old white girl. Peter’s final performance on the IWU stage was in the musical “Promenade.” He was chosen as one of two May-term student directors and will stage “Adaptation” on May 18-20.

2009

Alex Rindone of Geneva has already set five school records (indoors - 60, 200 and 300 meters and outdoors - 200 and 4x200 meters) and won 10 College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin championships in his first two years at Augustana. Now heading into his junior season, Alex was featured in the Kane County Chronicle on February 16 in an article titled “Rindone Changing Expectations.”

Party in the Park

July 21

Because life is worth living!

Marmion and Rosary graduates Ben Minnis ’11 and Emily Roberts ’11 invite you to join a community of caring: Party in the Park (PITP) on July 21 (July 22 - rain date). PITP brings about a celebration of life that fosters hope and encouragement for those struggling with depression and mental illness. Party in the Park is an annual fundraiser devoted to uniting individuals and creating a community in which it is okay to be broken. It seeks to educate the public about suicide and depression and invests directly in crisis intervention as well as scholarships in memory of those lost to suicide. In its first year, the fundraiser had over 300 attendees and raised over $5,000 for Suicide Prevention Services, Inc. of Batavia. Suicide Prevention Services runs a national suicide/depression hotline and several support groups for people who have lost loved ones to suicide or are survivors of suicide attempts. Additional money was donated to a scholarship established at Marmion.

Visit Ptpcommunity.org or facebook.com/partyintheparkfundraiser to stay updated, inform us of potential raffle donors, and help us raise awareness. Questions? Suggestions? Or just want to know how to get involved? Email Ben and Emily at: info@pitpcommunity.org

2007

Timothy Dennelly (pictured right) graduated from the State University of New York Maritime College, Bronx, NY, in May 2011, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business & Commerce and was commissioned as an Ensign with the U.S. Navy. Timothy’s first assignment is on the USS Underwood (FFG 36), a 453-foot guided missile frigate, homeported in Mayport FL.

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While Marmion gratefully acknowledges the generosity of the extended “Marmion Family,” every now and then it receives a surprise gift from other friends not so well known. Here are two examples:

+Donald J. Walsh of Oak Park, who died on December 19, 2011, made a bequest of $15,210 to Marmion Abbey’s Mission Priory and Seminary of San Jose in Guatemala. He was a former Irish Christian Brother, a retired teacher from Holy Cross High School and a tutor at Rosary College (Dominican University) and Malcolm X College. He had a great love for the Church’s missionary work.

+Kathryn H. (Brummel) Wallace of Aurora, who died on October 29, 2011, named Marmion Academy as one of her beneficiaries in a life insurance policy for a gift of $29,870. She was preceded in death by her husband +Watis “Wally” Wallace in 2007. Kathryn and Wally had a great love for Catholic education. In death they supported their parish school of St. Joseph and other Catholic causes.

Donald and Kathryn both made a very selfless, generous gift to the monks of Marmion. The wise gift of a bequest or other planned gift will have a lasting impact on the lives of Marmion’s monks and students. For more information about leaving a legacy gift to Marmion, visit www.legacy.vg/marmion.

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