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ABOVE: *Students Participate in the French Week Fashion Show!*

Letter from the Principal



Dear Alumnae, Parents and Friends,

I received an E-Christmas card this year that included the statement “Two thousand years ago, this world was touched by a miracle.” Of course, it was referring to the birth of God incarnate that we celebrated not

too long ago. We all were ‘touched’ by a loving God who wanted to heal, free, teach, and welcome us. What a difference that miracle made in my life and, I would guess, in your lives also!

As we prepared this issue of *Veritas*, we considered how many people ‘touch’ the students of Dominican Academy. Each day our teachers share their love of mathematics, science, English, religion, languages and the arts by challenging our girls to grow and learn. This year we celebrate Ms. Roseann Perrone, one of our Latin teachers, for her 30 years of dedication to Dominican Academy girls.

Sr. Margaret Ciccolella, O.P. and Ms. Cindy Adlow of our guidance department, counsel our students through the transitions in their lives and help them learn how to handle the challenges of being teenagers. Our parent volunteers welcome potential new students at the Open House days and build a supportive community of their own as D.A. parents. As an administrator, I am often the touch of discipline that I balance with my role as fan for their performance in a theater production, a basketball win or for making the honor roll.

You have read and will continue to read how our girls touch the lives of others through their service and retreat experiences. Ms. Leo and Ms. Sudeikis have developed and coordinated an Urban Plunge program that enables our students to reach out to others. They are joined by Ms. Mooney and Ms. Bunker in preparing our readers, Eucharistic ministers, greeters, liturgical chorus and instrumentalists and liturgical dancers for our liturgies throughout the year. Our girls

also impact the entire student body through these ministries during the Eucharist.

Dominican Academy has touched the lives of many of you as well - providing an excellent education to you or your daughters, the opportunity to make lifelong friends and forever, a second home. We still touch your lives through our daily prayers. This year, we are also offering a retreat for alumnae on March 5th. Sister Pat Twohill, O.P. will be our director. Please look for more information from the Alumnae Association and on the web site.



ABOVE LEFT: Sister Barbara Kane with Karolina DiStasi '14, second place winner in the Cardinal Cooke “Respect for Life” essay contest.

ABOVE RIGHT: Sister Barbara and Jennifer Stewart '10 at the Lady Wellesley Reception on January 6, 2011.

Of course, we need you to reach out and touch us as well. Your generosity to our Science Lab renovation and our Annual Fund are much appreciated. We especially want to thank those of you who have touched the school, year after year. Please consider D.A. as your primary charity and gift us with your presence as a chaperone, as a volunteer or as a donor. May you experience the touch of the Christmas miracle all through the year.

Peace,

Sr. Barbara Kane, O.P.
Principal

Letter from the Board of Trustees' Chair



Dear Alumnae and Friends,

On a winter afternoon, the Dominican Academy Board of Trustees held their annual orientation. It was at that meeting that I once again became motivated to serve. A quote from Dominican Saint and Doctor, St. Catherine of Siena was the inspiration, "If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world ablaze!" This truly demands a diligent search of ourselves to discover our identity

and our purpose. It reminds us that no matter what we do, even small things, if they are done with our whole being, we will create an impact.

I am proud of and impressed with the students at Dominican Academy. The young women work diligently to meet the demanding academic requirements. Somehow, even in today's challenging times, with so many factors affecting the attainment of their goals, these young women are able to have a vision. They see beyond the every day, and know that they can make an impact if they focus on something, or someone, other than themselves. I am thankful to the parents of the students at Dominican Academy. They know the importance of a quality education for their daughters and they sacrifice to provide it for them. They forego their own daily needs for the benefit of their daughters. I am amazed by the educators and administration at Dominican Academy. They make it possible for our young women to have the foundation to achieve the success required to make a difference. Finally, I am grateful to all the volunteers at Dominican Academy. They show the students of Dominican Academy that hard work and philanthropy do translate to success in both the workplace and in family life.

Impact is not achieved alone. Perhaps this is what St. Catherine meant. If you are who you are called to be, you set the world on fire, by touching so many lives in your efforts.

Thank you for your overwhelming support and dedication to our beloved Dominican Academy. Let us ensure, together, that the impact of Dominican Academy continues and that we set the world ablaze!

Suzanne Musho, '86
Chair, Dominican Academy Board of Trustees

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COMMUNITY

Young Alumnae Deck the Halls

Just home from college, approximately 65 alumnae from the classes of 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 returned to their alma mater to celebrate Christmas and the end of finals! The Class of 2010 was well represented with over half of their class in attendance. The cafeteria was buzzing with chatter as the young alumnae updated

each other on their college experiences and reminisced about their time at D.A. Everyone enjoyed bagels, muffins, coffee and, of course, the favorite orange juice boxes. The voices of the Glee Club echoed in the building, as they joyfully sang Christmas carols for students, alumnae and faculty.



TOP LEFT: Members of the Class of 2010
MIDDLE LEFT: Alumnae from the Class of 2009

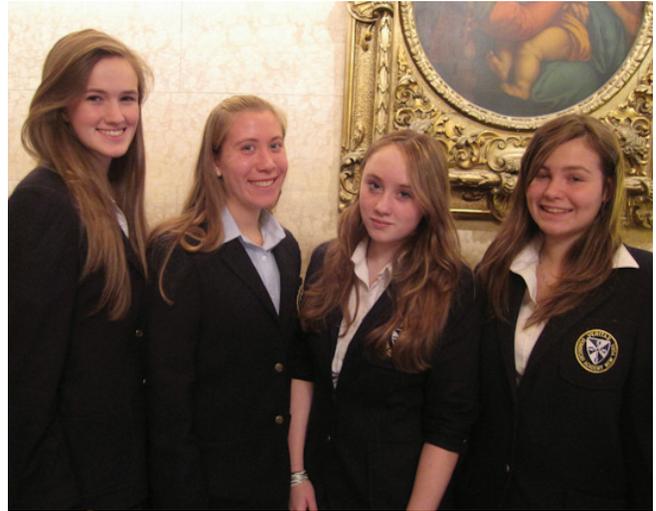
BOTTOM LEFT: Class of 2010
TOP RIGHT: Members of the Class of 2008
MIDDLE: Julia Egler '10 and Maggie Gander '10

MIDDLE RIGHT: Class of 2007
BOTTOM RIGHT: Recent grads are happy to celebrate Christmas at D.A.!

COMMUNITY

A Tribute to our Major Benefactors

Stormy weather did not keep 40 of our major donors away from the Auditorium and the Mezzanine to enjoy a reception in recognition of their generous support of Dominican Academy. Mr. Charles McDermott, D.A. History Department Chair, tended bar while he charmed our guests with favorite D.A. stories. One of D.A.'s talented musicians, Angelica Hanley '12, played the piano throughout the evening, which added to the elegant atmosphere. A highlight of the event was a guided tour of the new science lab. Once again, thanks to all who contribute so generously to D.A. All donors who contribute \$500 or more before June 30, 2011 are considered major benefactors. Please consider becoming one today!



ABOVE: Student Ambassadors are a big help at events!

SAVE THE DATE:

February 10, 2011

The Annual Board of Trustees' Scholarship Event: Scholarships+

By now you should have received an invitation in the mail for Dominican Academy's **Scholarships+ Benefit**. This special event will be held on Thursday, February 10, 2011 from 6:00PM – 9:00PM. Parents and alumnae have joined forces to plan this elegant evening that includes a cocktail reception, a silent auction and a live auction. As our major fundraiser,

the proceeds help us to keep the tuition price down, effectively providing scholarship funding for all young women attending Dominican Academy. D.A. needs your support of this annual benefit. Take part in the tradition of academic excellence!

Please read more about our honoree, Roseann Perrone, on page 14.

A Message Regarding *eCommunication*

In an effort to "go green", we ask that you please provide your current email address. Do not miss out on our monthly e-newsletters to learn more about what is happening at D.A.! For those on Facebook, please become a fan of Dominican Academy in order to receive event updates, hear about volunteer opportunities and much more!

Email us at alumnae@dominicanacademy.org

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Up on the Roof... 8th Annual Rooftop Reconnection Reception

Over 50 alumnae across all graduation years attended the annual Rooftop Reconnection Reception on September 24th. The hors d'oeuvres and wine were plentiful, as the alumnae and their guests enjoyed a warm fall evening under the lights on the roof. This complimentary social event was a great time for friends

to reconnect with one another. At the end of the night, attendees eagerly waited for the 50/50 raffle drawing. Current parent and alumna, Francine Owen Kelly '79, P '13 won - congratulations! Thank you to all who attended. We encourage our alumnae to attend next fall!



TOP LEFT: Alice Ramos '66, Karen Kearns '66 and Georgina David '66



MIDDLE LEFT: Raffle prize winner: Francine Owen Kelly '79 with her daughter Noelle Kelly '13 and Sister Barbara



BOTTOM LEFT: Irene McCaffery '55, Anita Walsh Frey '47 and Joan Carlyle Nahles '47

TOP RIGHT: Members of the Class of 2004 with Dr. Vera Junkers



BOTTOM RIGHT: Jennifer Meilan '97 and Samantha Dell'Olio '97



COMMUNITY

Roll Out the Red Carpet for the All Class Reunion

Class Years Ending in “0” and “5” Celebrate at D.A.

We welcomed back over 70 alumnae from the classes of 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000 and 2005 to D.A. for their reunion. This special day started with Mass at 2:00 PM in the D.A. chapel. Two alumnae, Maureen McCarthy '70 and Patricia Hillman Pender '85 served as lectors. After Mass, most of the classes joined

together for food and drinks on the Mezzanine and Auditorium, with the exception of the Class of 1970 – celebrating their 40th reunion and the Class of 1985 – celebrating their 25th reunion. The Class of 1970 had the pleasure of reminiscing in the library and the Class of 1985 celebrated in Room 1. Sister Barbara led tours of the newly renovated and impressive science lab. In fact, the Class of 1985 and 2000 chose to designate their class gifts toward the science lab, taking advantage of the matching gift challenge in place. Thank you to all who were able to come and for your generous support. We look forward to seeing alumnae from the class years ending in “1” and “6” next fall!



CLASS OF 1975



CLASS OF 1985

Return and Reflect: **An Afternoon Retreat for Alumnae**

The Alumnae Association has organized an afternoon of reflection for the Classes of '60- '90 on March 5th, 2011. There will be meditation from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, followed by Mass in the D.A. Chapel. In order to achieve the appropriate atmosphere for the retreat, participation will be limited to 30 alumnae. D.A. will provide coffee and alumnae will be asked to contribute snacks for a coffee break. If you are interested in attending, please contact Tricia Pender '85, President of the Alumnae Association, at mstpender@optonline.net.



CLASS OF 1965



CLASS OF 1970



CLASS OF 1975



CLASS OF 1980



CLASS OF 1985



CLASS OF 1990



CLASS OF 1995



CLASS OF 2000



CLASS OF 2005

SERVICE

Plunge Into Service

The Class of 2012 Participates in the Urban Plunge

By Lindsay Sudeikis

On December 1st, the junior class participated in the Urban Plunge. Under the supervision of parent and alumna chaperones, the girls plunged into a day of service, prayer, and reflection at different service sites in the greater Manhattan area. Some of the sites the students went to were Catholic Worker Houses, soup kitchens, a nursing home, children centers, and organizations like Covenant House and Madre. The girls were exposed to the “behind the scenes” work of serving.

This day is just a taste of what God intends for us as women of faith

and action. Hopefully, one day, the girls will be able to make the words of Christ, “I have come to serve, not to be served,” her own. That is the ultimate goal. The idea is for the girls to have an authentic, holistic experience of what Catholic service is all about; namely, discovering the actual work of service, decompressing and processing the experience of service and praying for those whom we encounter where we serve. Thus one experiences the threefold nature of the Urban Plunge.

Overall, it was an enjoyable day to see the girls come together as

the Class of 2012, bonding them more closely to each other. Their enthusiasm leading up to the day and on the day of was palpable. Their active participation in the small and large group discussions and also within the Eucharistic Celebration was quite impressive. It is crucial for the girls to understand how “the Eucharist commits us to the poor.” This discovery comes from exposure, participation and education.

If you would like to be a chaperone at an upcoming D.A. service trip, or would like to volunteer your time or talents with our students, please e-mail: lsudeikis@dominicanacademy.org.



ABOVE: Juniors volunteer at the St. Joseph House
Photo Courtesy of Kaitlin Sullivan '12



ABOVE: Casidhe Bethancourt '12, Sarah Harun '12 and Amanda Cabrera '12 volunteered at the Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New York.

SERVICE

Commitment to Fair Trade Impacts D.A.

By Elizabeth Negron '10

In my freshman year religion class with Ms. Katie Leo, I realized the importance of social justice and of participating in my community. Ms. Leo's class, paired with the Dominican Sisters' emphasis on service, contributed to my decision to further educate myself on grave social issues presented in class, such as child slavery and human trafficking. I was inspired to consider solutions for issues such as these. One of the solutions that we discussed in class that impacted me the most was the use of "fair trade" products.

Fair trade ensures that the people who produce items that we purchase regularly are paid a fair wage for their work. Two examples of these workers are the members of a small cooperative of coffee growers or the local artisans who produce handicrafts. I think the most important aspect of fair trade is the fact that everyone

can participate, including high school girls who are interested in making a difference. We can play some part in changing a person's life by switching to fair trade coffee or tea, and that fact really inspired me.

As co-president of the Social Justice Club during my senior year, I wanted to not only spread awareness about fair trade products but also to take action. Ms. Leo suggested that I look into fair trade school uniforms. I researched our options and found a local fair trade uniform distributor.

I am very proud that D.A. was able incorporate a socially conscious change to the uniform by adding fair trade senior polo shirts for the class of 2011. The polos are a sign of D.A.'s support of the importance of community and of social justice, and I hope that the uniform transformation will continue.

D.A. Students Enjoy "Fun-raising" While Fundraising!

The 2010 Walkathon marked the 25th year that Dominican Academy and brother school, Regis, paired to walk six miles through Central Park on October 12th. This longstanding tradition teaches our students the significance of raising funds to benefit D.A. We ask that the students solicit donations outside of their immediate family with the hope that they approach friends, relatives, alumnae or local business owners. In an effort to ensure that the students reach or exceed their individual quota on time, we set deadlines associated with incentives. Any student who met the deadlines qualified for a dress down day or chose an item from a selection of D.A. merchandise. The final prize, if everyone reaches quota, is a day off from school! After the walk the students enjoyed a barbeque lunch and a dance.



ABOVE: Students at the BBQ in the courtyard of Regis

PRAYER

Sister Patricia Connick, O.P. says “I do”

An Insider Look at a Sister’s Journey to Final Profession



ABOVE: The Prioress of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, Sister Margaret Ormond, O.P., initiates the Rite of Perpetual Profession

“My mission is to preach the Gospel of Jesus with my life,” said Sister Patricia Connick, O.P. Sister Pat initially considered dedicating her life to Jesus Christ in the 4th grade and after a long, contemplative journey; she has made the final commitment. Sister Pat made her final profession of vows on December 10th, before Dominican Academy students, colleagues, Sisters, friends and family, fully embracing God’s destiny for her to lead a life of prayer, service, community and study. Sister Pat made public vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, which essentially means, “I promise to use any power I have, any possessions I use, any prestige I may enjoy for the common good and to the glory of God, and not for my own personal gain,” explained Sister Pat.

As Sister Pat continues to work at Dominican Academy, she hopes to strengthen her vows and live these vows more lovingly. “The idea is to integrate [the notion of] being and doing,” commented Sister Pat. According to Sister Pat, as an Assistant Principal, there is so much to do and in order to accomplish your goals and tasks; you have to be true to yourself. Sister Pat has chosen to give her life in service to the Lord - “being” a Dominican Sister of Peace, while “doing” great service for the students at Dominican Academy. The two are interconnected.

The Sisters who guided Sister Pat through her Confirmation, at age nine,

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provided a life model which incorporated this interconnectedness. In contrast to other life paths such as marriage, Sister Pat realized that God had another vocation in mind for her. She admired the work that sisters did and the way they lived.

Sister Pat considered becoming a sister throughout high school and college. At age 23, just after finishing her master's degree in chemistry from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Sister Pat applied for candidacy with the Dominican Sisters of Saint Mary of the Springs. Two years later, she realized that she did not know herself well enough to fully devote her life to God. She went on to graduate school and received her PhD at the University of Notre Dame. Although she was still not quite ready to fully immerse herself in religious life, Sister Pat still wanted to be involved with the religious community. She was a member of the Dominican Associates, a program for those who are drawn to serve God, but do not take vows. In fact, Sister Pat served on its leadership board, the Coordinating Council, for six years.

And so, 15 years passed before God called Sister Pat to re-join the community and "those 15 years helped me to understand who I am, so I could more freely enter that decision," claims Sister Pat. In order to assist a woman in understanding her personal call, there are three stages of discernment before making final profession. First is the candidacy stage. This period typically lasts 1-2 years and provides an opportunity for an aspirant to speak to Formation Directors and other sisters about what she is experiencing in order to truly determine what God is calling her to do, while she begins to live in a religious community. She then enters the novitiate period, which Sister Pat believes to be "more of a sociological approach to the process, with an



ABOVE TOP: Examination of the Candidate

ABOVE BOTTOM: Signing of Vows

emphasis on prayer and on learning about the vows, including the necessary skills to live among other people."

After spending two years as a novitiate, Sister Pat entered a state of temporary profession. This is an extended period of time when women deepen the life and is "a time to really grow in living the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience," reflects Sister Pat.

Over the past six months and during the final part of the process, "I now know I'm in. I feel fully incorporated," said Sister Pat. We wish Sister Pat great success in fulfilling her mission to continue the journey of religious devotion.

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A D.A. Woman of Christ



ABOVE: Mary Anne Marks '06
Photo Credit: Kris Snibbe/Harvard University

By Kathryn Jean Lopez '94

As you read this, a fellow D.A. alum is living her first year with the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Mary Anne Marks spent four years studying classics and English at Harvard, finishing at the top of her class and delivering a commencement speech there in May in Latin (per tradition). And on August 28, Mary Anne Marks formally set out on what will be an eight-year road to making final vows as a religious sister in a thriving community of young Catholic women. (The average age of a professed sister there is 28.)

Mary Anne and I met at a diner near D.A. only days before she drove out with her parents to her new life, a call she has felt confident about since a visit to Lourdes, as a rising eighth grader. “Kneeling before the tabernacle in the lower church at Lourdes, I was filled with an understanding of God as Love and a yearning to love Him at all times in everything I did, no matter what anyone else thought. Freed from the need to conform to others’ standards and willing to make Love the ruling principle of my life, I could speak

unashamedly and sincerely of my desire to become a sister.”

Mary Anne credits D.A. with helping foster her vocation. “My English teacher, Mrs. Gunset, and her daily example of faith, joy, and charity inspired and encouraged me. The presence of Christ in the tabernacle under the same roof was also a tremendous privilege and source of strength; I think it was in high school that I became attuned to the desire, in moments of joy and grief, to run to our Eucharistic Lord. In college, I missed having Him there all the time and, like other students, would be frustrated to find the local church often closed. One of the beauties of convent life is Christ’s constant physical presence.”

Mary Anne stands as a witness to what has been a revival of some more traditional communities of Catholic women religious in recent years. Oprah Winfrey has even noticed -- she sent a camera crew to capture Mary Anne and 21 others for their first day at the convent; the story aired in November on ABC.

It’s almost silly to ask Mary Anne if she’s happy because she exudes it. When I asked her what that means to her she offered the gift of a reminder to us all: “Happiness is the sense of peace and joy that stems from knowledge of and union with the One Who created us and Who loves us infinitely. We will attain it fully in heaven, but we can achieve it to a significant extent beforehand by battling our desire to remain independent of God, ignoring the voices that label religion boring and unnecessary, and better acquainting ourselves with Truth through study and prayer.”

Kathryn Jean Lopez ('94) is editor-at-large of National Review Online and a nationally syndicated columnist. Her full interview with Mary Anne Marks can be found by searching www.nationalreview.com.

STUDY

Roseann Perrone is Recognized for 30 Years of Service



ABOVE: Ms. Roseann Perrone, Latin and Spanish teacher, in action!

Roseann Perrone will be honored at the **Scholarships+Benefit** on February 10, 2011 for her 30 years of enthusiastic dedication to teaching Latin and Spanish at Dominican Academy. She graduated from Brooklyn College and received her Masters in Classics from New York University. Shortly after completing her masters, Roseann taught Latin for one year at Cathedral Preparatory Seminary in Queens. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, Roseann tutored students from other local high schools. One of her tutored students happened to be from Dominican Academy. Roseann's reputation as a highly qualified Latin teacher intrigued the principal of D.A., which is how Roseann discovered the opportunity to teach Latin at D.A. 'Discover' is the operative word here and it is seemingly appropriate to examine the Latin origins of the word discover. "Dis" and "cooperire" mean to completely uncover. Roseann embarked on her

journey of discovery at D.A. in 1981 and has uncovered something new every day since.

D.A. has become her second home - a place filled with learning, laughter and, of course, language. Roseann particularly enjoys working at Dominican Academy where she thrives in the intimate environment and benefits from working closely with some of her great friends. Her passion for education and the thrill of learning from her students continue to be the driving forces behind her commendable dedication to D.A. Monotonous is not an adjective that Roseann would choose to describe her 30 years of service. In fact, Roseann claims, "I am never bored here. I love the students - they are genuinely interested in learning and continuously challenge me." There is nothing more rewarding for a teacher when he or she realizes that a student really understands the material - the quintessential "a-ha" moment. Roseann struggled to mention one specific "a-ha" experience in her 30 years at D.A., because "[she] has had a lot of them. It is very rewarding when I see that a student gets it. They teach me a lot too- a lot about language. They'll see something that I haven't seen even though I've been looking at it for 30 years. They offer a new perspective." Roseann uncovers the intricacies of language, effectively allowing students to gain knowledge of something previously unknown to them. To Roseann, education is all about discovery.

Roseann's steadfast commitment to Dominican Academy is inspiring. Please *discover* for yourself and join us for our annual auction and cocktail reception honoring Ms. Perrone. The funds raised allow our girls to discover the world of academia. Your support helps us to provide scholarship funding for all the young women of Dominican Academy, so we look to you to help carry on our 114-year tradition of academic excellence.

Alum Notes

1950

Mary Alyce Farrell Fields bought a new home in Leisure Village, a retirement community in Long Island's East End. Her youngest son, Randall, flew in from Seattle for a weekend to help Mary decorate her new home. He is the father of Patrick (11) and Morgan (8). Her son, Brian, also has 2 children, Kiley (4) and Reid (2). Her other son, Kent, lives in Boulder, Colorado.

1953

Eleanor Tyndall Meier opened an exhibit of her art at the National Arts Club in Gramercy Park South, New York on October 15, 2010. Eleanor is a nationally recognized artist.

Joan Delabar Barnes just became a great grandmother this year.

Joanne Babusio Spuches retired this year after teaching Kindergarten at an Upper East Side private school for 31 years. She finally has become a grandmother by her son Chris. His name is Jack Porter Spuches.

Cathy (Chickie) White Rotanz, Kathleen (Kay) Scileppi Christman-Daly and Irene (Renie) Sawyers Kiernan met for lunch to celebrate their 75th birthdays this fall!

1955

Joanne Sullivan Nedzbala and her husband, Robert were joined by some friends on a cruise to Alaska in September. They loved seeing whales, otters and other wildlife, as well as the spectacular glaciers and beautiful scenery. Their trip with Holland America Cruise Line was great--lots of fun and way too much food. Joanne and her husband won the airfare at D.A.'s Partners for Scholarships event.

1956

Submitted by Dorothy Enold Worfolk, '56

After graduating from Mary Immaculate Hospital School of Nursing on Long Island, **Anne Bookwalter Schilling '56**, has nursed almost consistently for the past 50 years. In Germany, she was an army nurse for 4 years. She started an American/German OB-GYN Private Practice with a German doctor for 3 years and concluded her stay in Germany as the school nurse at the Frankfurt International School for another 3 years. Back on Long Island, NY, Anne was an oncology nurse for 4 years and then a gastroenterology nurse for an affiliate of Mt. Sinai in NYC, performing colonoscopies and upper endoscopies for 11 years. After moving to Las Vegas in 2007, she became Head Nurse at a Weight Management and Diabetes Care Medical Center. Retirement doesn't interest Anne and she absolutely can't think of anything else she'd rather be doing.

Anne and Gerry Schilling celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June



Mary Alyce Farrell Fields enjoys spending time with her first granddaughter, Morgan.



Alaskan Cruise



Joanne Sullivan Nedzbala '55 and her husband Robert enjoy an Alaskan Cruise.

18, 2010 with a family trip to Palm Desert, CA with their two daughters, spouses and all 5 grandchildren, ages 11 to 18.

Mary Ann Cervini Keller '56 writes about her visit to Haiti: "I was privileged to visit my brother, Fr. John Cervini, for the first time this past summer (2010) in Haiti, tagging along as a St. Vincent de Paul member, giving out food baskets to the poor in the camps and actually meeting the really poor people and getting to know their names. We visited the Mother Teresa Sister's Nutrition Center where they take in the babies, up to the age of five, who are suffering from malnutrition, feed them and give them back to the mothers when they are healthy. I saw the Haiti Market which happens three times a week with Haitians crossing the border to bring their goods to sell a few yards from the gates that separate the two countries. On a Saturday, John said four masses, two of them funerals, did 15 Baptisms and went to a wake. One of the funerals was for his secretary, 41, who died in childbirth but the baby lived. I traveled on my job for Al-Anon over the years, but this was really another world.

One of the two weeks I was there, we went all over the Dominican Republic as tourists from the mission on the Haiti border to the resorts where Hillary and Bill Clinton stay and Charlie Rangel has his mansion. I probably saw more of the DR than most Dominicans.

Somewhere I read, "We live life forward, but understand it backwards. I am still trying to understand why I was so fortunate to have the experience."



Geraldine Murphy Fiero '58 with her groom, Martin Anthony Pasquale.

1958

Geraldine (Gerry) Murphy Fiero was married to Martin Anthony Pasquale on November 6, 2010 at St. Francis of Assisi, R.C. Church, Astoria, NY.

As one of the first two women to serve on the Hill School board, **Jeanne McAnaney**, was also the first woman to give the commencement address in the school's 158-year history in May 2009. Jeanne's message: "Listen to Your Mother!"

The Georgetown University Alumni Association has honored **Barbara Onderchek Black**, M.D., (M'66, R'71) with a 2011 Founders Alumni Award. The award is named for the founders of the Georgetown University School of Medicine and is given annually to four medical school alumni whose efforts and dedication to the School of Medicine have been truly remarkable.

1959

Monica Lennon Golden was in town for the installation of her husband, Dennis Golden, into the Knights of Malta on November 12, 2010 at The Cathedral of Saint Patrick. Archbishop Timothy Dolan, formerly of St. Louis,



*Jeanne McAnaney delivers 2009 commencement address at the Hill School
Photo Credit: The Mercury*



Monica Lennon Golden '59 with her husband Dennis

presided and greeted his hometown friends.

1960

Theodora Ciaccio Berman, Adrienne Schiavon Mellana, Margaret Starrs Guiry-Kilray, Aideen Finnegan-Fraser, Nancy-Jo Pipia Rini, Regina Murphy Pfeifer, Priscilla Weinlandt Lamb, Janet Semple Gritzka, Virginia Salomone Goss, Maureen K. Dwyer Robertson enjoyed lunch together at the Sea Grill in December.

1961

Jane Lamanna D'Agostino owns Isle of Capri on Third Avenue and 61st and loves hosting D.A reunion dinners!

1966

Diane Donnelly Kenny wrote, "once again, the class of 1966 gathered for our annual luncheon to kick off the Christmas Season and share some cheer! This year, Betty (Scully) Siefiring suggested the Porter House Restaurant at the Time Warner Center and what a good choice it was. As you can see in the picture, we all look exactly the same!! Mary Cahill had already dashed off to her next Holiday party, so she missed the photo op. As usual, there was no lack of conversation and laughter as we caught up on the many activities, adventures and news of our classmates. We also took pause for a moment as we realized that we'll celebrate our 45th reunion next year. What a privilege to be a part of the warmth, caring and support of these amazing women after all these years.

1967

Louise Pedone Cosenza is a proud grandmother. Her son, John and his wife, Christina had a baby girl, Ruby Grace, on July 29, 2010, and her daughter, Lisa, and her husband,



Members of the Class of 1966 get together for lunch: Silvia Musto Beam, Linda Krajci Raynor, Alice Ramos, Grace Lozito, Georgina David Voros, Mary Brady Service, Elizabeth Scully Siefiring, Helen Hoart Sterrett, Diane Donnelly Kenney and Karen Kearns



Members of the Class of 1970: (L-R) Annmarie Powers Mena, Maureen McCarthy, Xenia Trifunovich Polchaninoff and Monica Burns enjoy dinner at the Isle Of Capri after D.A. reunion festivities.

Crawford, had their second child, Crawford Anthony on November 12, 2010.

Patricia Barone Bedell and her husband are expecting their 10th grandchild. Patricia wrote, "I would love to hear from any of my classmates. My email address is triciatea@live.com."

1969

While on a Caribbean cruise in December 2010, **Joanne Guarasci Yost**, visited her classmate, **Mary McNulty Kral**, at Mary's home in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.



Mary McNulty Kral '69 and Joanne Guarasci Yost '69 in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

Diane Kelly is moving to Marseille, France this winter. She will be Consul General for the South of France, Corsica and Monaco. Diane also hosted a small reception for Sister Barbara and other local alumnae in Washington, D.C. this past summer. *If you are interested in hosting a local gathering of alumnae, please contact the Development Office at 212-744-0195 or at alumnae@dominicanacademy.org.*

1970

Members from the Class of 1970 continued to celebrate their 40th reunion at dinner afterward.

1971

Deborah Carroll has launched a college grad coaching business. She has flipped her C-suite recruiting expertise to coach newbies into entry level opportunities. Check out the website, www.prioritycandidates.com.

1973

Clare McDonnell Burnett '73 wrote, "I am still living in Fairfield, Connecticut. My twins went off to college in August. John went to Wheaton College in Massachusetts and Jane went to the University of New Hampshire. Gregg and I are getting use to the empty nest. We have inherited my in-laws' dog. We find him to be great company! Gregg is busy with his passion for traditional Irish music and I am busy with my passion for walking, yoga and reading!"

1980

Several alumnae celebrated their 30th reunion and had dinner over the summer.

1985

Reunion Update!

Thanks to those who attended the reunion. It was great to see **Ellen Geis**,



Alumnae from the Class of 1980 celebrated their 30th reunion early over the summer at La Mangeoire restaurant.



Some members of the Class of 1985: Ellen Geis, Patricia Hillman Pender, Carla Eng Kohn and Laura DelValle Benvenuto celebrate their 25th reunion in Room 1.

Carla Eng Kohn, Arianna Unger Lee, Margaret Crowley Farrell, Margaret Besheer, Jean McKenna, Laura Del Valle Benevenuto, Kirstin Masturzo Cuddihy, Jeanine Veracoecha Driscoll, Stacy Xanthos O'Brien and Sandra Juanico Slane.

Paula Hong O'Gara is currently working at a scientific instrumentation company, Waters Corporation, as an analytical chemist. Paula and her husband John have two children - a 14-year-old son and a 12-year-old daughter. Her son is a freshman at an

all-boys Catholic school, Saint John's in Shrewsbury, MA.

Susanna Hong Dollahite is living in Madison, Connecticut with her husband Dennis, 12-year-old son Nicholas and daughter's 9-year-old Gabriella and 8-year-old Rebecca. She is a medical oncologist at Middlesex Hospital in Middletown, Connecticut. Her husband is a computer programmer and works from home. Life is busy with three kids and a dog, but they love it. She writes, "I see Paula fairly often, and we still visit our mom in New York."

Regina Menna Leddy is in East Islip with her husband, Jimmy Leddy. They have 6 children. The three boys and three girls are between 6 and 16.

Tara Creedon Noone and her husband Mike have two daughters and they live in South Carolina.

Connie Babore is living in North Carolina and is the Vice President and Manager of International Electronic Banking Support for Wells Fargo Bank.

Jean McKenna works for *Field and Stream* magazine in New York and lives around the block from **Margaret Besheer** in Brooklyn!

1997

Lori Zeuner Spooner gave birth to her first child, Carter Christopher, on June 8, 2010.

1996

Samantha Barber Gamble is currently living in Westchester with her husband, Greg and 3 year old daughter, Georgina. Samantha is an Underwriter for Lloyds of London in the Errors and Omissions group.

Sarafina Musillo recently got engaged to her fiancé Brian Kulig. She is getting married in February 2012. She is currently a teacher at St. Adalberts Catholic Elementary School and is a co-owner of Crown Elegance Bridal on Staten Island.

Rita Ann Musillo Rafano and her husband Leonard welcomed their second child, Alexandra, just before Christmas. They also have a boy Leonard, age 2 1/2. Rita is a Top Producing Realtor with Neuhaus Realty on Staten Island and covers the Brooklyn and Staten Island areas, as well as New Jersey.



Dominican Academy girls in a hotel lobby in Seville with Anne Marie Canavan '98 in April 2010.

1998

Cecilia Wagner and her husband Nicholas Sloey joyfully announce the birth of their first child, Adelaide Elizabeth, on October 24, 2010

Anne-Marie Canavan writes, "I've been living in Seville, Spain for the last three years and am currently the Assistant Director of a language academy. It was a pleasure to host the D.A. girls and chaperones when they traveled to Spain last April and share with them Seville's unique Holy Week traditions."

2001

Clare Callahan graduated from the University of Texas and is now starting her PhD studies at Duke University on a fellowship.

2002

After four years as a TV news reporter, **Kim Brown** decided to switch careers and now works for Syracuse University, her alma mater. Kim runs the Alumni Program in SU's Career Services



7-month-old Carter Christopher, son of Lori Zeuner Spooner '97

Office, making career connections between students and alumni and traveling all over the country hosting alumni networking events. She doesn't miss television news and loves the less-stressful environment, as well as being home for the holidays! Go ORANGE!

2003

Olivia Roszkowski recently completed the Chef Training Program at The Natural Gourmet Institute for Health and Culinary Arts. She currently holds a line cook position working the garde manger station at Mercer Kitchen, a Jean-Georges restaurant located in SoHo.

Tracy L. Patts received her Master's in Library and Information Science (M.S.L.S.) from the Catholic University of America in August 2010. She is currently employed by the U.S. Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C.

Alison Joy Blank Forster is teaching high school math in Albany, NY and was married on August 21, 2010 to Luke Forster.

2004

Shana Tabone writes, "I graduated from NYU College of Dentistry in May 2009 with a B.S. degree in Dental Hygiene. Once graduated, I received my licenses in Dental Hygiene and Local Anesthesia & Nitrous Oxide. I worked in a pediatric dental office for over a year, but now I am looking for something new and more permanent. I recently got engaged to my long-time friend of 12 years and high school sweetheart, Stephen Cosentino, on June 29, 2010. We plan on having our engagement party at the beginning of 2011. More wedding details to come!"

2006

Margaux Fleuranges is in the Media Studies program at the New School, where she has received the Department Scholarship and the University Scholars Award. She finished her first semester with a 3.85 GPA.

Joanna Mergeche graduated from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA as a Psychology & Pre-Med major. She is currently working in the Columbia University Neuroanesthesiology operating room conducting research projects on cognitive dysfunction and hypertension relative to anesthesiology during neurosurgeries. Her plan is to go to medical school in August of 2012.

Elizabeth Claire Urban graduated summa cum laude from the Pace University's Honors College in May 2010. She completed dual degrees in History and Psychology with a minor in East Asian Studies, winning a departmental award in History. Currently, she is completing her master's degree in Early Childhood and Early Childhood Special Education at New York University. "Congratulations to all in the D.A. class of '06 on your college graduations!"

Caitlin Collins graduated from University College Cork in Ireland and received a Bachelor of Commerce degree with a Major in Marketing & Minor in Economics. She is currently living in London and completing a Masters of Science in Management from Cass Business School. She is also working part time in the luxury goods department store, Selfridges.

Natalie Zadrozna graduated with a B.A. in Fiber and Textile Arts and Minor in History of Art from Syracuse University.



Alison Joy Blank Forster and Luke Forster

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Omission: Memorial Giving In Honor of Marjorie Rende, Beloved Teacher and Colleague at DA

Elissa and Brian Weill

Error: Photo Caption on the back inner cover should read: "Dominican Academy girls in a hotel lobby in Seville with Anne Marie Canavan '98 in April 2010."

In Memoriam

Please pray for those in the Dominican Academy family who have passed away, especially:

Louis Appel, husband of **Anne Guadaro Appel '75**, passed away suddenly in October 2010.

Sr. Ellen Louise Bailie, O.P., '47 passed away.

Monique Bueno '83 passed away in August 2010 after a battle with cancer.

Phyllis D'Amato Burke '64 passed away on January 17, 2010 in Tucson, Arizona. Phyllis was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer in the spring of 2007 and finally succumbed to her illness while living with her daughter in southeast Arizona. A memorial service was held on February 13, 2010 in Baltimore, Maryland. Phyllis is survived by her daughter Meghan and brother Joseph D'Amato, Jr.

Joan Margaret Colligan Parker '68, a loving wife, devoted mother and enthusiastic educator, passed away on November 15, 2010 from multiple myeloma.

Louise Pedone Cosenza '67 son-in-law, Robert (42), passed away on August 22 after being on dialysis 3 times a week for many years for failed kidneys.

Claire E. Cotton, M. D., beloved grandfather of **Elizabeth Claire Urban '06**, passed away on April 6, 2010. A World War II U.S. Navy Veteran, Pharmacist's Mate, Dr. Cotton was a graduate of St. Louis University School of Medicine and the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of

Medicine. A dedicated internist, his gentle selfless ways, deep intellect, and love of his family will always be remembered and honored.

Patricia Martin Cullinan '58 passed away on May 28, 2010 after a long battle with cancer. Patricia is survived by her husband Marty, son Sean and four grandsons.

Thomas Dawson, cherished husband of **Barbara Magan Dawson '56**, passed away in July, 2010. Thomas was retired from Pan American Airlines and he and Barbara were married for 34 years, residing for most of those years in Pacific Palisades, CA.

Edwin J. Dinsmore, father of **Barbara Dinsmore '75**, **Kathleen Dinsmore Dubia '67** and **Patricia Dinsmore Jennings '75** passed away on December 15, 2010 at age 91.

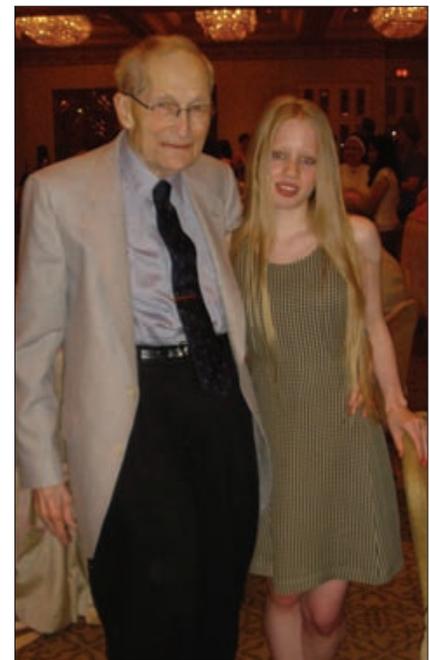
Jane Dooley '45 passed away on May 21, 2007 in Walnut Creek, California where she lived for many years.

Mary Jane Geis, beloved mother of Ellen Geis '85 and Katie Geis '84, passed away on November 20, 2010. She is also survived by her husband, Gregory Geis.

Audrey Guthrie, mother of **Susan Guthrie Ceresa '68**, passed away on Thursday, November 11, 2010 of congestive heart failure. She is survived by her sons Robert (Jayne) of Furlong, PA, and Richard (Barbara) of Cos Cob, CT, as well as a daughter, Susan (Alfred) Ceresa of New Canaan, CT. After a long career with The Rockefeller Family and Associates,

she retired in 1982 as the assistant to the Director of Public Relations for the Family. Her many happy years with Rockefeller Family organizations included associations with The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, The American Crafts Council, The Museum of Modern Art, and The Rockefeller Brothers Fund. She always said she was probably the only person who actually looked forward to going to work each day. Upon her retirement, she moved from Bronxville, NY, to Stamford where she busied herself as a sales associate at Bloomingdales and Lord & Taylor. She was also a devoted grandmother to Jordan and Catherine Ceresa of New Canaan, and Kate and Bryan Guthrie of Furlong, PA.

Norris O'Neill, husband of **Shelagh Heffernan O'Neill '48**, passed away in December 2006.



Elizabeth Claire Urban '06 and her grandfather Claire E. Cotton, M.D. at the 2006 graduation luncheon.

Brian Slavin, of Sleepy Hollow, NY, passed away after a long illness on June 28, 2010. He was the beloved husband and best friend of **Peggy Cregan Slavin '56** for 31 years.

Mary Egan Taylor '43, passed away on September 27, 2010. Mary was predeceased by her husband of 57 years, Edward A. Taylor in 2005. Mary is survived by sons, Edward C. (Maura) Taylor of Westbury, NY and James D. (Deann) Taylor of Cranford, NJ; daughter, Margaret T. (Bruce) Horton of Greenwood Lake, NJ; grandchildren, Morgan, Evan and Emily Taylor, Melissa Horton (Jeremiah) Bonner, Amy Horton, Clinton J. and Nicholas J. Taylor; great grandchildren, Kaylin Ann and Cadence Taylor Bonner;

brother, Thomas F. (Cathy) Egan of Port Washington; brother-in-law, John J. Taylor of CA; and many wonderful nieces, nephews and cousins.

Walt Thomas Zielinski, father of **Anne Zielinski '78**, died on August 9, 2010 after a prolonged illness. Mr. Zielinski was a World War II naval veteran, the former chief patent counsel for the International Paper Company, and was of counsel for the law firm of Darby & Darby. Mr. Zielinski was a graduate of Cornell University with a Bachelors degree in Literature and a Juris Doctorate from Cornell Law School. He was a practicing attorney for over 50 years and a member of both the American Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association. Mr. Zielinski

was born and raised in Schenectady, New York and was a resident of New York City for 56 years. He also spent 45 years in Westhampton Beach, New York. Mr. Zielinski was married to his wife, Patricia, for over 52 years. He is survived by Patricia, his four children Mark, Anne, Jean Monaco, and Carol Paine, and his eight grandchildren: Emily, Juliette, Mackenzie, and Madeline Monaco; Samantha Sevier, Nicole, Max, and Elle Zielinski.

In future editions of Veritas we will limit memoriams to only list the name of the deceased and their relationship to D.A.

Spread your News!

We invite you to share your news with your fellow alumnae and the entire D.A. family. We want to hear about all aspects of your life including your professional, personal and academic accomplishments. And don't be shy - send pictures! You may participate by completing this form and returning it to:

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Development Office
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New York, NY 10065

Or alumnae@dominicanacademy.org

Or pass it along to your class rep and we'll be sure to include your news in the next edition of VERITAS. We look forward to hearing from you!

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D.A. Travels to Italy

MAY 11, 2011

Sneak Peak Open House
for 7th Graders

MAY 17, 2011

Career Day for Juniors
at Dominican Academy

JUNE 3, 2011

Graduation for the
Class of 2011 at St.
Catherine of Siena
Church

