

BISHOP FOLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
OVER 40 YEARS OF PROVIDING YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN EXCELLENCE IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Voice of the Ventures

Fall 2008



A Message from the President

In April of this past year, our Church and nation were graced with the presence of Pope Benedict XVI as he made his first pastoral visit to the United States. Whether in Washington or New York, at the John Paul II Cultural Center or Ground Zero, in Nationals or Yankee Stadiums, at the White House or in meetings with the Bishops, our Holy Father was well received and left a warm and lasting impression upon the faithful and citizens of the U.S.

Throughout his visit, in his talks, homilies and meetings with people, Pope Benedict used his U.S. visit to urge increased support for Catholic schools. In his meeting with Catholic educators at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., our Holy Father stated, "no child should be denied his or her right to an education in faith, which in turn nurtures the soul of a nation." Our education system in America was founded on the commitment of the Catholic community. In the early days figures like Elizabeth Ann Seton (now a saint) and others laid the foundation for a system of education that has contributed to the education and formation of generations of students.

Here at Bishop Foley Catholic High School we are proud to continue this commitment of quality Catholic education and formation. For well over four decades we have shared in the mission of preparing young men and women to take their vital role in society grounded in strong academics and formed through the teachings of Jesus Christ. Our students and alumni are bearers of wisdom who are truly making a difference in our Church and world today.

The ministry entrusted to us as administrators, educators and formators is not to be taken lightly. The need for a strong Catholic presence in education today is ever more vital than when we first opened our doors. Pope Benedict reminded the gathering of Catholic educators that, "our (Catholic schools) make a vital contribution to the mission of the Church and truly serve society. They become places in which God's active presence in human affairs is recognized and in which every young person discovers the joy of entering in Christ's 'being for others'." (Spe Salve, 28)

What an opportunity we have in continuing this mission and helping our students, and the entire Foley family, in 'being for others' as we share the presence of Christ. I can assure you that the presence of Christ is at Foley. As the motto of the retreat center where we bring our seniors and juniors on the alternative spring break reminds us, "God is spoken of here!" Yes, God is

spoken of at Foley. I have been privileged to witness how God is also encountered and lived here as well.

It is more necessary and urgent than ever that Bishop Foley Catholic continues to be a beacon in our Archdiocese and community. In a culture that is becoming more secular and materialistic, in a time when many value less the dignity of human life, in an increasing spirit of indifference to the needs of others, our presence is absolutely necessary in order that we may hand on the treasures of our Catholic faith and help our students to live according to the example of Jesus Christ.

I am grateful to the many parents and grandparents who now, and over the years, shared this vision and mission with us and continue to make possible the opportunity we have in forming the minds and hearts of our students. I continue to be humbled by the devotion and faith in which our faculty and staff link themselves with the figures of yesteryear as they join in this mission. In the words of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, "Together we can do something beautiful for God."

I trust that you will continue to join us in the mission. Through your ongoing support, both prayerfully and financially, we can continue to respond to the call placed upon us by Christ, the Master Teacher, and encouraged through His Vicar on Earth, Pope Benedict, "young people need to be helped to discover the path that leads to true freedom; the path of sincere and generous imitation of Christ, the path of commitment to justice and peace." (Benedict XVI's homily at Nationals Stadium, April 2008). At Bishop Foley Catholic we are committed to this pursuit as we engage our students to reach their best potential and in all things imitate Christ.

As we begin this new school year of 2008-2009, thank you for all that you do to help us in this pursuit. Your prayer and support continues to make this happen. May God bless you.

Fr. Gerry LeBoeuf
President



We Remember

Those who have passed before us...

Harry Haifleigh,
father of Richard '78 and grandfather of Kam '10

Brian McGinnis,
husband of Barbara former Theology Department chair

Sabrina Merrill, Class of 1996

Jacqueline LeBoeuf,
mother of Father Gerry LeBoeuf, President

Christopher Mendez,
father of Alicia '08 and husband of staff member Mary

May God grant them eternal rest.

A Message from the Principal

Dear Alumni and Parents,

People are often surprised to learn that Foley is open all summer. I am often asked what could possibly keep us busy all day long without students. And yet, the work and the planning done in the summer guarantees that when the first students walk into the building at the end of August, we are ready to greet them and begin the work at hand—educating young men and women.

The summer began with some changes in staff. Five faculty members retired this year. They represent a total of 140 years of dedication and professionalism at Bishop Foley! Many say they help define all that is good about Foley. Choosing just the right educators to replace them takes time and prayer. But Foley has always attracted excellent teachers and I can say that the new additions to our staff have the balance of experience, education, and Christian values. (Please check our web page at www.bishopfoley.org in September to meet our new staff members.) We continue our guarantee for our families a faith-based education, rigorous classes, and a supportive learning environment.

This summer we continued with our improvement plans. The football field has been re-sodded making Venture Park with softball, baseball, and football fields one of the best athletic complexes in the tri-county area. Two labs have been completely updated with new computers and software giving us four labs with the latest technology! The faculty enjoys the advantages of teaching with Smart boards and eight new boards have been added to classrooms. Locker rooms have been updated. We started the first phase of refurbishing the science wings. The chemistry labs have new sinks, new counter tops, and new safety equipment. Our robotics lab has grown and spread into a second classroom, making it complete with a lab, tool room, and classroom. And in the administrative area, offices have been updated with a new telephone system and additional security cameras. There is always the sound of hammering and equipment, the smell of paint, and the confusion of finding things when nothing is where it should be!

We continue to make improvements at Foley largely because of the generosity of our donors and our parents who give selflessly of their time and energy with our fund raisers. With the leadership of the Booster Board, our volunteers continue to provide fund raisers that keep our alums and their families returning every year: Auction, Cookie Walk, Euchre Games, Fashion Show and

Golf Outing. Your gifts, no matter the size, make the difference so the summer work continues to keep BFC one of the best co-ed college preparatory schools—and we don't just dream about what can be. We have the resources to do the many things that need to be done to keep us competitive.

Now that fall is quickly approaching, the signs of the new year can be seen. Teachers begin coming into the building to ready their rooms. Students drop by checking on their summer reading lists or preparing for the first athletic events. Parents are signing up on the volunteer page for the upcoming Auction, Euchre Parties, and concession work. Many alums from the Class of 2008 will stop by to say their final good-bys as they head off for college. Many parents—some who have not had children at Foley in a number of years—come back to say hello, to catch up on news, and to volunteer their time.

And we will be ready for the 2008-09 year—books, classes, students, retreats, dances, games, plays, clubs, service projects—everything combined that makes a high school and more. In my final speech to the Class of 2008, I asked the graduates to realize that many of the daily activities at BFC are some of the most important lessons that help shape who they become. I reminded them that together we pray at the beginning of every day—and that prayer is guaranteed to improve their life. Together we worship at BFC, and that worship is guaranteed to enrich their lives. Together we live our faith. We practice charity and good will to those around us—and their Christian values are guaranteed to make this world a better place. We take seriously our mission to educate young men and women to grow in knowledge and faith. When you choose to support BFC with your prayers, your attendance at events or with your financial support, you choose to support a tradition of over forty years of excellence in Catholic education. From our hearts, we thank you.

Joanne Molnar
Principal



Do you have any Foley history stories you would like to share with us?

Please contact the Development Office at 32000 Campbell Road, Madison Heights, 48071
or colwander@bishopfoley.org.

Alumni Update

We are continually updating our database and any assistance you can provide to us is greatly appreciated. Please fill out updated information and mail this form to: Bishop Foley Catholic High School, (Alumni Office) 32000 Campbell Road, Madison Heights, MI 48071 (or visit our website at www.bishopfoley.org).

NAME/CLASS YEAR _____ SPOUSE NAME _____

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EMAIL _____ BUSINESS PHONE _____

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Welcome Class of 2012



At the frosh picnic, Courtney Putters ('09) (right) and Jessica Redding ('09) (second from right) serve as Ambassadors to new students. Jessica's Mom, Deborah ('79) is a member of the Booster Board and Courtney's Dad Tom, is a member of Foley's Board of Education.

Class of '98 - 10 Year Reunion

Date: Saturday, August 30, 2008

Place: Dave & Busters in Utica

Tickets are only \$34, which includes dinner and a game card. Please e-mail Betsy (Jaeblyon) Craven at ejaeblon@yahoo.com with your updated contact information. More details will be posted soon.

We look forward to seeing you!

Class of '88 - 20 Year Reunion

Date: Friday, November 28, 2008

Place: Club Venetian in Madison Heights

Please contact the Reunion Committee at bfhs1988@hotmail.com or call Jennifer (Rinke) Pillars at 248-417-1125 if you have updated contact information or have questions/suggestions. We're looking forward to seeing everyone.

Class of '78 – 30 Year Reunion

Date: Friday, August 15, 2008

Place: Hilton Troy

Please contact Paul DeMark, 248-421-8572

Class of '69 - 40 Year Reunion

Pattie Hood Berryhill is Liaison for the Class of 1969 reunion in 2009. Contact her at 941-496-8211 or pattiberr@aol.com.

Class Notes



1969

Chuck O'Connor is living in Suttons Bay and working in Special Event Marketing.

1972

Robert Corbett is a Madison Heights Councilman and former Mayor Pro Tem. He is an Associate Broker with a local real estate firm. He and his wife, Linda, have five children and ten grandchildren and are members of St. Louise Catholic community.

1974

Richard Joynt is a Sergeant in the City of Dearborn Police Department. He lives in Dearborn with his wife Ann.

1979

Dan Jasina has photo credits in local and national newspapers and magazines and is a contributing editor to Fire Apparatus Journal magazine.

Richard P. Spano has been married for 27 years, has three children: Erica (25), Jill (23) Rick Jr. (20) and two grandchildren: Hunter (5) and Chace (6 months). He is the Owner/Agent of the Richard P. Spano Agency representing Allstate Insurance and Allstate Financial Products

1985

Paul Galbenski is an instructor in Business, Management, Marketing and Technology Program at the Oakland Schools Technical Campus Southeast. He also is the Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach at Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School. Paul was recently awarded a Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Scholarship and will spend three weeks in Japan to study their educational and business culture. He resides in Royal Oak with his wife Susan and children Michael, 7 and Anna, 6 who attend Guardian Angels.

1988

Debbie Bonczak Blakeley has been married to Kurt for 12 years. They have

1988 (continued)

a daughter Sarah, 6 and a son DJ, 3. She is working as a Physical Therapist Assistant at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital in Chesterfield and training to run her 3rd marathon in Fall 2008.

Teresa Barth Amand has been married to Patrick for six years. They live in Normal, IL with two Labrador Retrievers. They both work at State Farm Insurance as Business Analysts. They are head youth leaders for the 5th and 6th graders at their church. Teresa is involved in scrapbooking and is Treasurer of PEO, a women's group supporting the education of women. Her husband recently started a BBQ business for summer events. In March of 2008 they renewed their wedding vows in a ceremony arranged as a surprise by Patrick.

1989

Craig Maloney is living in Macomb and working at Chrysler.

Christopher Gonzalez is living in Allenton and teaching for Utica Community Schools.

Debbie (Rekowski) DeSantis lives in Clinton Township with her husband and three children. She is an adult nurse practitioner with a Vascular Surgeon and has co-authored vascular surgery research. She also is the Coordinator of the American Heritage Girls troop in Troy and a parishioner of St. Anastasia.

1990

Jody Bane Romero-Perez is a Social Service Specialist for the State of Michigan. She has two children.

1992

Patricia (Kelly) Angle lives in Dallas, GA and is a stay at home mom to Gabriel, 4. She volunteers as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for abused/neglected

1992 (continued)

children during court sessions and has started her own business.

1994

David Birkett, a reporter for The Oakland Press, won first place in the investigative reporting category at the Detroit Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists annual awards ceremony in April 2008.

1999

Catherine Ann Pogasic Passon teaches second grade at Akiva Hebrew School and was married to Joe on April 19, 2008.

Rachel Hoffmeyer is working in financial planning. She will marry Marvin Bulas in November and move to New Baltimore.

2000

Nicole Hughes has joined the Foley faculty in the Science Department for the 2008-2009 school year. She earned B.A. and M.A. from Wayne State in Chemistry.

2003

Bridgette Maynard was inducted into the CHSL Hall of Fame in June. Bridgette was Captain of the Track Team for her Senior Season at the University of Michigan. She also took first place in the hammer throw and fifth in the discus at the 2008 Florida State Relays in Tallahassee, FL.

Nikki Galas was inducted into the CHSL Hall of Fame in June. At Michigan State Nikki finished 1st in Shutouts in a season, 3rd in Career Shutouts, 5th in Career Save Percentage and 3rd in All Time in wins.

Matthew Salgat graduated from Albion College in 2007 with a B.A. in History and Religious Studies. He is a second year student at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. He has been named to the Detroit Mercy Law Review and the school's Moot Court Board of Advocates.



Foley Happenings

Alternative Spring Break



In 2007 Bishop Foley began a new initiative of Christian Service with our Alternative Spring Break mission trip. This experience is open to Juniors and Seniors and gives them an opportunity to spend spring break serving the needs of those less fortunate.

In March, 12 members of the BFC Senior Class and faculty traveled to Frenchville, Pennsylvania for a week long experience. Their home base was Bethany Retreat Center of Young People Who Care, a service of the Sisters of the Anawim of the Diocese of Erie. Their days began with prayer and ended with the celebration of Eucharist. In between, small groups traveled to various sites where their responsibilities included cleaning, painting, building, sorting items at the resale shop and preparing rooms for mothers and children at the women's shelter. Their experience ended with a white water rafting adventure in Ohiopyle, PA. The experience was life-changing for the students who came to live out the example of Jesus Christ. "When you did for one of these least, you did it for me." (Mt. 25) The trip was chaperoned by Father Gerard LeBoeuf; Eric Swanson, science teacher (BFCHS Class of '98); Father Hoang Lam; Marisa LaRocca, Campus Minister and Monica Frade, history teacher.

Art Department

One of the many phenomenal things about Bishop Foley is the range of talents possessed by our student body. From acting to singing to the creation of works of art the students of our school are some of the most driven and creative I have ever seen. One needs look no further than the yearly Student Art Exhibit held in the month of May for confirmation of this. Displayed in our Media Center, the Art Exhibit showcases the students' creative endeavors with work ranging from towering sculptures to intricate paintings and stunning photography. Many students in the Advanced Placement Studio course chose to create works of art as social commentary, ranging in issues from slavery, the Holocaust, and the AIDS epidemic to drug abuse and peer hazing. Not only do we have art to inspire, but we also have art to educate and inform. A new addition this year to the exhibit was the inclusion of a broad variety of Computer Graphic Design work, produced largely in our new elective course, Digital Design. Students were "hired" by a fictitious advertising agency. They were required then to complete imaginative works for a variety of clients and products under deadlines, last minute corporate decision changes and consumer marketing approaches. These works ranged from fictional

Music Department

BFC had a successful Spring Concert featuring the Choral Ensemble, the a capella group "The Wingtips," and BFC's dance team The Venturesses, as well as student instrumentalists and the recipient of our first Performing Arts Scholarship. (See "A Family Affair" p. 8) Alumni from the last ten years were present, including Michele (Del Greco) Colosi, Paul Oparka, Nicolle Piernak, Laura Bunting and many more. The theme of the concert was "Ms. Ellero's Favorites from the Last Ten Years," highlighting some favorites and also premiering some new selections.

Community Action



From left to right, front row: Jennifer Reeser, Ann Maten, Alexandra Hamelrath, Kim Kondrat, Kayla Starling, and Ms. May Gorial, Assistant NHS advisor. Back row: Colleen Mullen, Rachel Goddard, Jonathan Weber, Jeremy Corey, Marion Thea Ante, Jonathan Conell, Sara Groenenboom.

Spring brings out the Walks! The National Honor Society and other students represented Bishop Foley at the annual "Arthritis Walk" in Birmingham on May 10, 2008.

movie posters and re-imaged hardcover book jackets to awareness posters regarding autism in children.

Invitations were extended to surrounding parochial K-8 schools, inviting them to participate in our exhibit. The responses from the students, teachers and parents were resoundingly supportive. We received creative contributions from Guardian Angels, St. Dennis, and St. Mary's Mt. Clemens ranging from pastel drawings to sculptures. These young artists and their teachers should be extremely proud of their accomplishments and of the quality of work they have produced.

In addition to the Student Art Exhibit, the Bishop Foley Art Department also participated in the Southeastern Michigan Regional Scholastic Art Competition. This prestigious event spans the entire country with all schools, grades 7-12, submitting 25 works of art per art teacher, per school. In the region in which we compete, Bishop Foley had 17 works accepted and placed on display in the Ford Building of the College of Creative Studies campus in Detroit. R. Fisher, Art Teacher

Foley Happenings

May 18 was filled with pride and cheer as the Bishop Foley community gathered at Guardian Angels Church to celebrate the Class of 2008.

One hundred and seventeen graduates earned over \$2.5 million in renewable scholarships. The spirit of this class, the Choir Ensemble, the Music Ministry team and the student Eucharistic Ministers and lectors all enhanced the liturgy. Bishop Foley administration, faculty, staff, parents, and students shared triumphant smiles as each student accepted their diploma (Paul Spann and Paige Crowder shown here). The Bishop Foley community is proud of the accomplishments of our graduates.



Sara Groenenboom, Salutorian, and Matt Duprey, Valedictorian, with Father Gerry at the Senior Mass. In the fall, Sara will be attending the University of Michigan and Matt, a National Merit Finalist, will be attending Wayne State University.



Thanks to our Retirees

Five faculty members retired from BFC this year and were honored on May 18th at Graduation: Mr. Rick Maiuri, theology teacher, musician, and member of Foley's music ministry team; Mr. Jack Lively, science teacher, Advanced Placement Biology teacher and "runner extraordinaire"; Mrs. Linda Lively, teacher, North Central Accreditation Chairperson, and Science and Health Department Chair; Ms. Ann Hager, counselor, teacher and moderator for Key Club; and Mrs. Carolyn Caste, teacher, Advanced Placement English teacher, and department Chair. Each of these faculty members serves as an example of the best of Foley! In total, they represent 140 years of professionalism and dedication to Catholic education. We thank them and wish them well as they graduate into their retirement years.



Congratulations!!

The following students and faculty members received awards at our Annual Junior/Senior Honors Banquet.

I Dare You/Junior Leadership Award

Kevin Lass
Christine Larkin

Four Years Perfect Attendance

Matt Duprey
Alexandra Hamelrath

Michigan Catholic Credit Union/ Make A Difference Award and Scholarship (\$1,000)

Krysti Elchuk
Paul Silvestri
Mason Kaiser

Bryan A. Bowden

Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)
(Son of Pat Cieslak Bowden '73)
Kristina Fleming

Higgins Foundation

Writing Scholarship (\$1,000)

Kaitlyn Chornoby
Beth Ann Hill
Catherine Mitchell
Andrew DePoorter

Coaches of the Year

Richard Fischer (Cross Country)
Joey Gallant (Hockey)

Louise Chadwick Award

(Excellence in Academics and Athletics)

Lindsey Healy

Stan Scislowicz Award

(Male athlete with highest GPA and participation in two sports)

Matt Duprey

William Boulus Award

For Athletic Excellence

Rachael Reed
Joshua Shields
Clifton Powell

Four Year Service Awards (Dedication to community involvement)

Matt Duprey
Kaitlin King

Rev. Hector Saulino Award (Best in character and integrity)

Cassandra Wolf
Michael Giarmarco

John F. Kennedy Award (Most outstanding service over 4 years)

Krysti Elchuk

Foley Happenings

Fashion Show 2008

More than 300 guests enjoyed the 39th Annual Bishop Foley Catholic High School Fashion Show and Dinner held in April, at the San Marino Club in Troy. The "Cabaret" décor was a perfect background for the student and staff models. Thanks to Chair Mary Ellen Charnley and her committee, the clothing for work and play, wonderful dinner, Foley Choral Ensemble presentation and grand door prizes combined for a memorable evening.

We gratefully acknowledge the "Cabaret of Fashion" Sponsors: **Giarmarco, Mullins & Horton, P.C. and Dr. Richard Wille**, and we thank The Fashion Show Honorary Committee members for their support of this annual fundraiser: Representative Lisa Wojno, **Representative Kim Meltzer, Representative Marie Donigan, Mr. Kevin McLogan ('74), Ms. Irma Elder, The Honorable Jennifer Faunce ('83).**

See more pictures at www.bishopfoley.org.



Enjoying the Fashion Show are Phyllis Gara and Jerry Alig. Mr. Alig is a founding member of the Foley Venture Fund and an Alumni Parent (Kay, Karen '78; Tom, '83; David, '84; Susan '85, Joanne, '86).

Seniors Josh Shields and Kaitlin Hayman "dressed for success" at the Fashion Show.

Walkathon 2008

The 2008 Bishop Foley Walkathon will surely go down as one of the most successful in the history of the event. The Walkathon would not have been a success without the hard work of Mr. Richard Fischer, Mr. Eric Swanson and Ms. Marilyn Welicko. From acting, filming and editing endorsement videos (which can be seen on YouTube now courtesy of Mr. Crombe), to enticing the students with friendly class competition and privileges this Walkathon became "...the most powerful in the galaxy!"

Last year the students increased the Walkathon total scholarship donation from \$12,000 to more than \$16,000 dollars.

If the 2008 walkers were to collect donations totaling \$20,000 we offered them a well deserved day off. As the day of the Walkathon came ever closer we began to fret. With the economic struggles and higher costs of living we knew everyone would be tightening their belts and it seemed on the eve of the Walkathon that we had managed to collect only a few hundred more than the previous year. Late announcements encouraged the kids to find a few more dollars. Teachers stood in the parking lot at dismissal and playfully challenged students to find a way to bring us to our dream total. Nothing could have shocked us more Walkathon morning when we heard a final count from the business office. Not only had we met our \$20,000 goal, we had surpassed it! The kids came through!

The truly amazing part of the Walkathon is that the pride in this accomplishment continues to resonate. More students currently at or preparing to attend Bishop Foley will receive more scholarship dollars thanks to the Walkathon. The spirit of competition and the resourcefulness of our student body, and the contributions of the staff and administration, are benchmarks that make this school and community truly one of a kind.

A Family Affair

At this year's Spring Music Concert, 8th grader Jacob Vaillencourt from St. Dennis was featured as a solo guitarist. The Foley stage was not new to Jacob as he was a member of the orchestra for BFC's 2008 spring musical "Oklahoma." Later in the year, he auditioned for Foley's first Performing Arts Scholarship and will have the honor of being the first recipient of this scholarship.

But Jacob's family has a tradition of being the first for other honors at BFC. Grandfather William Vaillencourt, Sr. served on Foley's Board of Education from 1977 to 1981 and was President of the Board in 1978. He was a member of the Dad's Club

and having been widowed in 1978, he was named an Honorary Member of the Mom's Club.

Jacob's dad, John ('82), was captain of the track team, MVP for the track team and played football for all four years. He attended WMU and is currently a Sales Executive for Optical Designer. William, Jr., Jacob's uncle ('79) was President of National Honor Society and a member of the Debate Team. He attended U of M and Washington Lee Law School and is currently Assistant Prosecutor for Livingston County.

Jacob's mother, Dina, teaches music and coaches track at St. Dennis.

From left-the Vaillencourts: John, Jacob, William, Sr. and William, Jr.



Jacob plays violin in the Concert Orchestra of the Metropolitan Youth Symphony and plans on continuing this family affair with BFC. He is looking forward to participating in choir and becoming a member of the soccer team. Whatever he chooses to do at Foley, you can be sure to see dad, mom, uncle and grandfather cheering him on!

Foley Happenings

Heart of Foley Award

Each year, the Booster Board sponsors the Heart of Foley Award. Parents, alumni, parents of alumni and Foley friends are asked to nominate someone who distinguishes himself or herself as a leader—who serves as a volunteer, as an ambassador to the school, and as a positive role model. For 2007-08, the selection committee honored more than one winner.

Mr. Tom Reed has served over the last 15 years in many capacities including being one of the first Parent Ambassadors. Since then he has been an active member in a number of activities and events at Foley. He has been a member of the Booster Board since its inception serving as Vice President for two years before accepting the duties of President this year. He and his wife, Rose, have three children—all graduates of Foley: Michael ('96), Bryan ('01), and Rachael ('08).



Tom Reed with his wife, Rose

John and Carol Reeser have never wavered in energy or support for BFC over the past 15 years. They have three children and all three are graduates of Foley; John ('02), Catherine ('06) and Jennifer ('08). They are credited as serving as an inspiration to the family oriented atmosphere that BFC so strongly portrays. Together they have been part of every major fund raiser, serving on endless committees, working concessions and euchre parties and, working the clocks at BFC athletic events.

These Heart of Foley award recipients plan on remaining active next year even though their youngest child has graduated from Foley. We thank them for their continued service and dedication.



Mrs. Molnar and Father Gerry with Carol and John Reeser

Chapel Renovation Moving Forward...

It is still our hope and dream to renovate our school chapel in the coming year. We are grateful to those who have already made a monetary gift to this effort and anticipate those of you who will join us in this endeavor. It is our hope that plans for the renovation project will be available by the fall.

The chapel has been at the center of our school building from the very beginning and has not seen any updates in over forty years. Plans for the renovation include:

- New carpet
- New seating that will hold about 50
- Updated lighting
- A new Eucharistic reservation space with skylight
- Updating existing colored glass with stained glass as well as installing new stained glass along the hallway wall.
- Etched glass of modern saints.
- New appointments such as candlesticks, ambo, altar, and sacred vessels.

If you would like to assist in this effort please contact Fr. Gerry LeBoeuf, President at 248-585-1210 or frgerry@bishopfoley.org. Together, we can build a house of faith where our students and staff can encounter Christ present in Word and Sacrament.

"Thanks to the favor God showed to me, I laid a foundation as a wise master builder might do, and now someone else is building upon it." (Corinthians 3:10)

Athletic News

Dear Parents and Alumni,

The Athletic Programs wrapped up another successful year as the Girls Varsity Soccer team won District and Regional Titles on their way to their 15th State Finals appearance. The Ventures finished as State Runner-ups and with only 3 Seniors, the future appears bright.

The Varsity Softball team also won a District Title, their 3rd straight, before falling in a tough Regional game to Riverview Richard. Softball and Girls Soccer, along with the Wrestling team and the Boys and Girls Basketball teams, gave Bishop Foley



Vic Fournier,
Athletic Director

5 District Championships for 2007-08. This gives the Ventures an astounding 16 District Championships in the past 3 years.

Bishop Foley athletes also grabbed several individual honors on the field. In Tennis, Senior Adrienne DiVito completed her tremendous career finishing as State runner-up in #1 Singles. DiVito qualified for the State Finals and was named All-State all 4 years at Bishop Foley. Sophomore Kaitlyn

Weide and Junior Andrea Aiuto won the CHSL Championship at 3rd Doubles and finished as Regional Runner-ups.

In Track, on the boy's side, Seniors Clifton Powell and Paul Spann finished 1-2 in the 100m as Powell grabbed the CHSL Championship. On the girl's side, Junior Diana Jankus qualified for the State Finals finishing 2nd in the 400 at Regionals. Senior Lindsey Healy wrapped up her fine career finishing 3rd in the Mile and 2 Mile at both the CHSL Championships and Regionals.

For a complete list of postseason honors, please visit www.bishopfoleyathletics.com under the links/forms section.

New for 2008-09, the Bishop Foley athletic department will be producing its own souvenir program. Information on how to place an ad for your business or personal good luck wishes can also be found under the links/forms section of the athletic webpage.

The first home events of the year are set as the Boys Soccer team will host Ypsilanti Lincoln on 8/18 at 5:30pm for JV and 7:00pm for Varsity. The Football team will host their home opener on the new turf against Cabrini on 8/28. The JV will play at 4:30 pm and the Varsity at 7:00 pm.

Bishop Foley is also proud to announce the induction of 3 Ventures into the CHSL Hall of Fame. Bridget Maynard '04 (U of M Track), Dave Joseph (Current Girls Basketball Head Coach), and Nikki Gallas '04 (MSU Soccer) represented our biggest induction class to date.

I hope you all had a safe and fun summer and we look forward to another successful year. More information about Foley athletics can be found at www.bishopfoleyathletics.com. GO VENTURES!

Vic Fournier, CAA
Bishop Foley Athletic Director



Bridget Maynard (left), Dave Joseph (center) and Nikki Gallas (right) are new inductees into the CHSL Hall of Fame.

P.S. Homecoming will be on 9/26 at 7:00 pm against Riverview Richard. This year the Athletic Department would like to honor the 1988 and 1997 Boys State Champion Soccer Teams along with the 1998 Girls Soccer State Champion Teams. If you were a member of any of these teams, please contact the athletic department at Fournier@bishopfoley.org.

Golf Outing 2008

Bishop Foley celebrated summer and friends with its third annual Booster Club Golf Outing in June at the Cracklewood Golf Course in Macomb.

This fundraising event, chaired by John Lass, provided an enjoyable way for our alumni, families, faculty, staff, and friends to support Bishop Foley. The winning foursome included Mark Skerske, Marcus Skerske, Jay Skerske and Jackie Washburn.

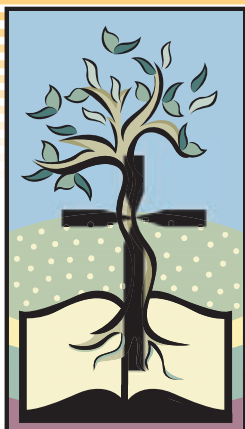
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Eric Haley, Dean of Academic Affairs and Captain of the 2007 winning foursome.



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Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

Growing in Knowledge and Faith

As we begin the 2008-2009 school year, we ask for your support of Bishop Foley Catholic High School. The *Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow* Annual Fund is established so that we may together ensure the quality Catholic education that has been a beacon in our Archdiocese for over 40 years. The Annual Fund will provide the critical financial support needed to continue our reputation as one of the best co-educational Catholic High Schools in the Archdiocese of Detroit. Our challenging college preparatory curriculum, small class sizes, an engaged and committed faculty, all-inclusive athletic and fine arts programs, and our strong Catholic identity hinge on the generosity of our alumni, parents, faculty/staff and friends of BFC.

Donations to this Annual Fund will be used to meet the school's pressing needs. Annual Fund dollars are used in many ways:

- To "bridge the gap" between tuition and the cost of educating a student
- To provide tuition assistance to students facing financial difficulty
- To provide updated technology and equipment for student use
- To maintain our buildings and grounds
- To provide overall support of our operating budget.

Your participation is more important than the size of your gift. Your commitment to support BFC allows us to continue to prepare young men and women to be the future leaders of our Church and world.

When you receive your letter about this year's Annual Fund please prayerfully consider your gift and the impact it will have on the many lives entrusted to us. We thank you for joining us in our mission of providing quality Catholic education to those **Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow: Growing in Knowledge and Faith.**

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Calendar of Events

Please put these dates on your calendar and join us in the following Foley events:

September - June

Euchre Game

The third Saturday of each month during the school year at the Bishop Foley Field House.

September 17

Back to School Night

September 26

Homecoming Game - 7pm

All School Raffle Drawing

Call Development Office for ticket information.

November 1st

Spend An Evening With The Stars

Bishop Foley's 15th Annual Auction

The evening includes dinner, silent auction and live auction.

Special Preview: \$75 Per Person

General Admission: \$40 Per Person

December 6th

St. Nicholas Cookie Walk

To be held in Bishop Foley Cafeteria

Check Out The Bishop Foley Website! www.bishopfoley.org