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Students and faculty square off in the annual Field Day softball game.





## Editor's Note

Many people, when they reflect on their high school days, will tell of a single dedicated and caring teacher who stood out and really made a difference for them. When I tell about my experiences as a student at St. Lawrence, I can't name just one: there are too many! (Hopefully that's the case for you too!)

I think there's something about the charisma of St. Francis that attracts good-natured, humble and loving people to the Capuchins and, by extension, to this school. It makes sense, then, that you can find an abundance of such people working at St. Lawrence Seminary.

In this issue, we look at some of the people who, through their connection to St. Lawrence or the Capuchins, have led tremendous lives of humble service, be it on the Hill or elsewhere.

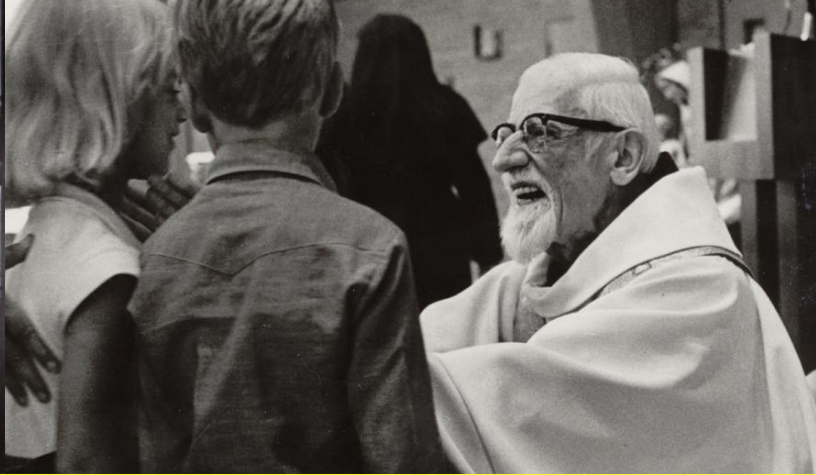
Although Fr. Solanus Casey was not a student or faculty member on the Hill, his love of Christ and love for his fellow man has been an inspiration to teacher and student alike at St. Lawrence for generations. Read about his life as well as the journey of the whole school to his beatification last fall.

Every year in the Brindisi Award, we honor notable Sons of Calvary. This year, three of the four recipients were, at one time, faculty members at St. Lawrence and all have had tremendous impacts on their communities. Every Catholic Schools Week we honor long serving faculty and staff who are excellent examples of humble service to the students and the community. Read about all seven of these great men.

St. Lawrence has been truly blessed to have an abundance of good men and women, past and present, to show us how to love and serve God!

-Anthony Van Asten '01





## From the Rector's Desk

There is an ancient Chinese proverb, which says, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." It teaches us that even the most ambitious endeavors entail a simple, initial process of initiation. The same can be said of our pilgrimage to Detroit on November 18, 2018, for the Beatification of Fr. Solanus Casey.

The planning for that event took months. When I learned in the spring of last year that the miracle attributed to Fr. Solanus has been officially approved, the wheels for the plan to attend this momentous event started to roll. The idea of having the whole student body, including members of the faculty and staff, embark on a pilgrimage for the Beatification was met with approval and excitement. This would be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

In the succeeding months, I met with fellow administrators and members of the Development and Marketing staff to develop a strategy for undertaking this herculean endeavor. We sought the approval of the Provincial and Ministry Councils. We wrote letters to parents and benefactors informing them of our plans and asking them for support. We worked with the coordinators in Detroit to secure tickets for that event. We arranged for transportation. We developed an itinerary and seating chart. We worked closely with the teachers, staff, and students on how to carry out the plans efficiently.

In the end, it all worked out well. Not even the rain that day dampened the enthusiasm of the pilgrims from Mount Calvary, who ventured close to a thousand miles forth and back to witness and to be part of that blessed and unforgettable event. I thanked God ahead of time, and my gratitude extends to all who made it possible.

-Fr. Zoy Garibay

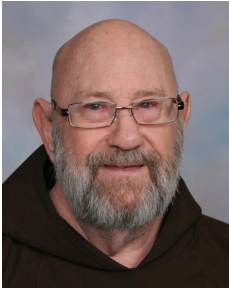


# PROFILES OF GREAT SONS OF CALVARY

## The 2017 Brindisi Award Recipients

by: Anthony Van Asten '01

### Fr. Bob Wheelock OFM Cap '56



Though Fr. Bob didn't spend his senior year at St. Lawrence Seminary, he did spend some of his senior years here.

That is to say, after his junior year in 1956, he left SLS to attend Bishop Heelan Catholic High School back home in Sioux City, Iowa. But his journey with the Capuchins brought him back to the Hill several times, most recently in 2011 to work as a spiritual director for the students.

He also became the unofficial supervisor of the new St. Joseph Hall construction project. When fire destroyed the 141-year-old St. Joseph Hall in 2014, Fr. Bob lost his office, along with much of his personal research. Daily he parked his electric wheelchair with a clear view of the construction site, admiring the work and the progress. Whether it was here, by his side as he watched the building go up, or in the comfort of his old office, many students felt compelled to sit with him and talk.

Fr. Bob's gentle soul have led many to feel drawn to him. He must have known this at an early age because he sought out opportunities

wherein he could interact with people on very close, personal levels. He received a Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling and a Doctorate in Ministry.

Throughout his career he put these degrees to good use. He served as the chaplain at Dominican High School in Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin as well as pastor of St. Martin de Porres Parish in Milwaukee. In his first assignment at St. Lawrence, he



The Franciscan Peacemakers still travel the streets of Milwaukee, helping sex trafficking victims.

worked as a guidance counselor. In his second stint here he served as a student spiritual director and, not surprisingly, was much sought after by the students.

In 1995, at the behest of a Milwaukee police officer, Fr. Bob and fellow Capuchin Fr. Michael Sul-

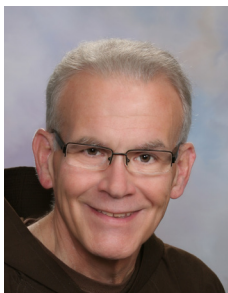
livan traveled the streets of Milwaukee seeking out those in need, especially those caught up in prostitution. They knew that many involved in this industry were victims of childhood trauma, human trafficking or drug addiction.

Knowing these victims wouldn't seek help on their own, Fr. Bob and Fr. Michael began by driving the streets of Milwaukee's poorest neighborhoods at night. They had no models to follow, but they trusted in their instincts. They first reached out with some food, personal care items and a friendly face. They were ready to listen to these victims' stories of abuse, addiction and hopelessness and then offer them counseling, advice and help.

This ministry became the Franciscan Peacemakers, an organization whose mission is to provide victims of prostitution with a way out by providing them everything from basic needs to a residential center that helps them transition off the streets. Though Fr. Bob left the mission in 2001, it still exists today and has helped thousands.

Fr. Bob's love and care for the dignity of every human has helped him in every facet of his life and has had a profound impact on the countless lives he has touched. ■

# Fr. John Holly OFM Cap '71



A native of Chicago, John Holly enrolled at St. Lawrence in the fall of 1967. Inspired by the brown-robed friars at St. Lawrence, he felt a calling to the Capuchin order. Three months after graduation in the spring of 1971, John Holly was invested as a novice. He made his perpetual vows in 1978 and was ordained on May 23, 1980.

Fr. John spent his first 11 years as a Capuchin in several positions, giving him a range of experience in introducing communities to the Capuchins. His first assignment was as a recruiter for St. Lawrence. He then worked as director of post-novitiate formation in Chicago and guardian of the St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit.

These experiences helped him in his next position, as pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Appleton, Wisconsin, where he spent his next 11 years

of Capuchin service. In his tenure at St. Joseph, he was known for building the community. His parishioners loved him for his humility and his enlivening of the parish. They dedicated the parish center as St. Joe's Holly Hall in his honor. Even now, years after his 2002 departure, his former parishioners remember him fondly.

In 2004 Fr. John, with 1971 classmate and fellow Capuchin Fr. Bill Hugo, was appointed vocational co-director for the Province. He sought out men who expressed interest in the order and helped them work through their discernment. They especially made a push among recent alumni from St. Lawrence, an effort that hadn't been made explicitly for a generation of Sons of Calvary. Together, they filled St. Clare Friary in Chicago with novices.

He returned to St. Lawrence Seminary in 2011 to serve as Campus Minister and guardian of the friary. He also found himself in the classroom teaching religion. In 2012

Fr. John was asked to assume the position of Rector.

In the middle of a major campus renovation of St. Anthony Hall, fire destroyed St. Joseph Hall. In addition to the challenges of running a boarding school, Fr. John found himself guiding the community through both a traumatic period of loss and a difficult logistical state where much of the campus became a construction site.

Though he often joked that he would go down in history as the Rector who spent the most money, he found himself in a situation where he had the duty to shape the Seminary in such a way as to prepare it for a new generation of students. And, like all the communities in which he worked, he shepherded this one deftly.

Fr. John stepped down from his duties at the Seminary in May of 2017 because of illness. Still, his impact on this place is indelible and his service in the name of the Capuchins is nothing shy of inspiring. ■



Fr. John gives his final lesson as Rector to the class of 2017.

# Fr. Gary Wegner OFM Cap '76

If Fr. Gary ever thought his life after high school would take him far from the Hill, he was both right and wrong. As a faculty member, Fr. Gary has spent over two decades at St. Lawrence. Yet during that time he also sought many opportunities to travel the world and spread word of the Hill to nearly every continent.

Fr. Gary joined the Capuchins shortly after his 1976 graduation and was ordained in 1989. He served briefly in ministries in Chicago, Detroit and Nicaragua before returning to St. Lawrence in 1992. For the next 20 years, Fr. Gary served the students, faculty and alumni of SLS in a myriad of roles: teacher, dorm supervisor, administrator and forensics coach, often filling those roles concurrently.

Because he was so involved in every aspect of life at St. Lawrence, students got to know him well: his humor, his idiosyncrasies, his wisdom, his guidance, his compassion. In the classroom, he taught American Government, World Religions, Social Problems and Spanish 3 with a profound worldly appreciation.

As a dorm supervisor, he woke students up and rushed them off to

breakfast, checked in with them after school and turned out the lights at the end of the day with all the attention of a parent.

In his role as the Dean of Students, he dealt with students' positive and negative behaviors like a dutiful judge. As forensics coach, he fostered their creativity like a mentor.

As a frequent liturgical presider, he brought the gospel to life in dynamic and sometimes unorthodox ways.

He got to know the students well, too. With a memory to rival the best, he can recall students by name years after they graduated (often along with when they graduated, who their classmates were and what they were up to today).

He could keep in mind a student's current progress and weigh it against that student's history. Fr. Gary understood situations students came from, knew their family histories and took into account the whole student. He could both joke with them and hold a firm line. In his judgements as teacher and Dean he could be simultaneously fair and compassionate.

While many students recognized and appreciated Fr. Gary's character during their time at St. Lawrence, others realized this only years later. He is well loved among alumni, which is why they frequently ask him to pre-



Fr. Gary preaching at St. Lawrence.

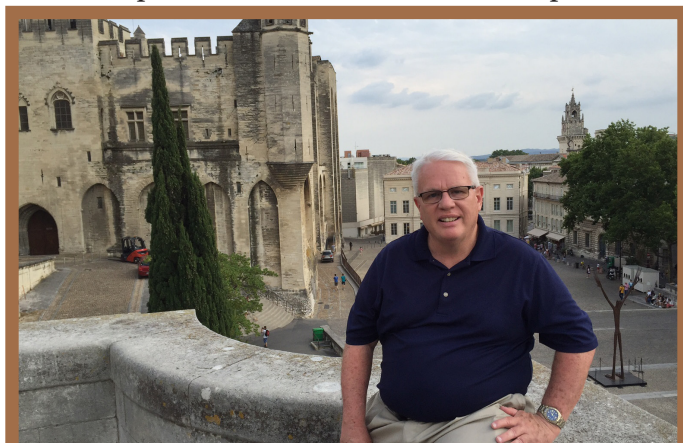
side at their weddings and baptize their children. Whether it's at an alumni event or on Facebook, Fr. Gary loves interacting with Sons of Calvary.

Fr. Gary found excuses during summers at St. Lawrence to travel, be it for the Province or for pleasure. His trips are part cultural, part spiritual, helping him broaden his appreciation of ethnic traditions as well as his faith. He has traveled the world over, bringing that appreciation of civilizations back to this tiny corner of rural Wisconsin.

In 2012 he took the position of pastor of St. Isidore the Farmer Parish, the combined five churches of the Holyland communities of Johnsbury, Marytown, St. Joe, St. Cloud and Mt. Calvary. He has done much to bridge the gap between the Holyland community and St. Lawrence, frequently saying Mass at SLS as well as coordinating events between SLS and Holyland Catholic School.

He also served on the Provincial Council from 2011-2017 and as Provincial Vicar from 2014-2017.

His tireless dedication to his communities, both within the Holyland and the Province, make him an exemplary Son of Calvary. ■



Fr. Gary at the Palace of the Popes in Avignon, France.



# Mr. Patrick Goodness '88

Before Patrick Goodness ever stepped foot on the Hill, he felt a higher calling. Initially, he came to St. Lawrence Seminary with plans of becoming a priest. After graduating in 1988, he continued his seminary studies at St. Francis de Sales Seminary at Marquette University.

Ultimately deciding his calling wasn't to the priesthood, Goodness dove into his studies of global cultures and indigenous mythology. He studied at Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia; Waikato University in Hamilton, New Zealand; and the University of the South Pacific in Suva, Fiji. His education and travel allowed him to learn about different cultures and exposed him to the struggles of everyday people the world over.

At 24, Patrick founded The Goodness Company, a marketing, public relations and advertising firm that helps companies develop their brand, direction, identity and image. The Goodness Company contracts with businesses of all sizes. Their clients include name-brand American heavy-hitters and small, international start-ups.

However, beginning a demanding entrepreneurial venture didn't distract his attention away from those suffering communities he witnessed abroad nor his own quest for higher purpose. Rather, Goodness used his firm to help him advance

the causes he cares about.

They've built neighborhood parks, renovated homes, donated to underfunded schools and performed pro bono work for charities. In 2007, Patrick Goodness cre-

ated a searchable online database of affordable medical and dental professionals in Latin America to help those in need who could not otherwise afford it. A decade later, he helped open Goodness Dental in Escazu, Costa Rica (where Goodness and his family now live) to serve those in need there.

He's even worn a Santa suit and distributed presents to thousands of poor Costa Rican children. For 10 years "Project Santa Claus" has, through partnership with other organizations and donors, been able to provide Costa Rican children with toys, clothes and even free dental care.

Such altruism is woven into the fabric of the company, which believes strongly in social responsibility. According to their website: "The Goodness Company is only as strong as the communities we call



Patrick Goodness (left) receives the Brindisi Award from Bill Burge '85

“home.” For as long as this company bears the Goodness name, we will continue to give back in ways that help people in need and support organizations that make our lives richer and fuller.”

Today Patrick Goodness delivers lectures and seminars on peace and social justice issues. Recently, Goodness spoke at the World Justice Forum at The Hague, Netherlands. He is also a founding member and serves on the Board of Directors of the Rule of Law Alliance, an organization that advances peace, justice and equality issues in Central America.

In his benevolence and his humanity, Patrick Goodness embodies the very essence of a Son of Calvary. His respect and concern for the dignity of others, especially of the most lowly—the most in need, speaks volumes of his character. ■

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# PILGRIM

## A SENIOR REFLECTS FR. SOLANUS

Senior Davee Vang and his fraternity await the beginning of the Beatification Mass.

# AGE TO DETROIT

## TS ON THE BEATIFICATION OF

# CASEY

by: Karl Bloker '18

Photos by Dylan Lobo '18 and Sebastian Camarena-Barba '18

It was four o'clock in the morning, Saturday, November 18, and most students at St. Lawrence were fast asleep when the wake-up bell rang. Suddenly campus jumped with activity, as all the students and faculty prepared to head out on our one-day road trip to Detroit: the whole school was making the trip to Detroit for the beatification Mass for Fr. Solanus Casey.

I had been up since 3:30 getting ready. We put on our Sunday best and packed a few things to do on the bus. It was going to be a long ride, so I packed my homework, my phone and my Gameboy. The night before we were told that breakfast was optional, but most students hurried off to eat something before the trip. At 5:45, the faculty told us to head toward the buses outside.

My bus, bus 5, came a little late. It was a gloomy, rainy day, and, unfortunately, we had to wait out in that rain until it arrived. Once the bus came, though, we ended up departing extremely fast. Within 15 minutes of being on the bus, I was asleep again. The next thing I recollected was waking up at 7:25 at the Lake Forest Oasis. We used

it as a bathroom break. After that, I again knocked out until we got to Detroit.

The bus dropped us off a distance from Ford Field, home of the Detroit Lions and, today, the place where the beatification Mass was being held. Cars and busses clogged the streets and masses of people walked toward the stadium. I began to realize how big this event was. Nearly every seat filled! It was more packed than an actual Lions football game. It was insane!

The Mass itself was beautiful. The cantors sang as if they were professional opera singers. The choir backing them up sang excellently, hitting all the pitches and tones they needed to. Everything was planned well. There were no distractions or noticeable mistakes.

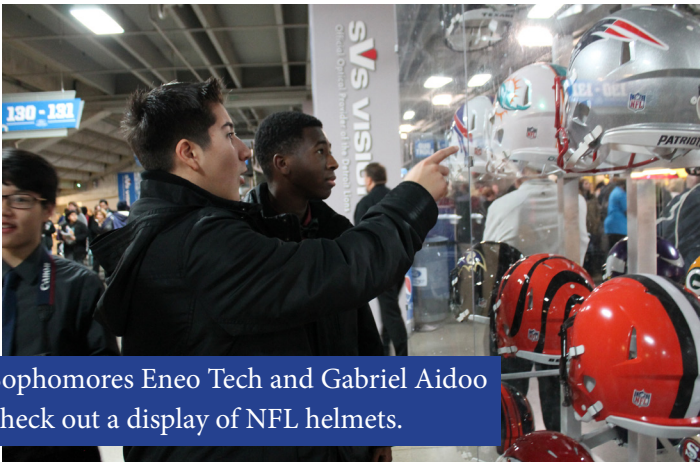
I loved seeing all the Capuchins there. Quite a few of them I actually knew from my years at St. Lawrence, and many of those whom I knew actually participated in the Mass. For me, though, probably the most special thing that happened at Mass was during the petitions: one of my classmates, Mico

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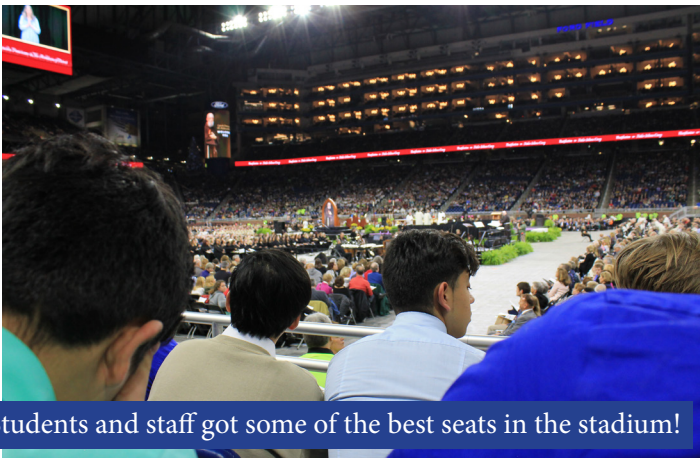
was during the petitions: one of my classmates, Mico



St. Lawrence brought nearly 300 pilgrims to Detroit for the momentous ceremony.



Sophomores Eneo Tech and Gabriel Aidoo check out a display of NFL helmets.



Students and staff got some of the best seats in the stadium!



In true St. Lawrence fashion, students were not afraid to raise their voices in song.



Alumnus John Zampino '17 joined SLS at the Mass.

Macaraeg, read one of them. By representing us students, he really made us very proud.

Because of all these things, the Mass touched me on a personal level that I don't think I will be able to replicate. The beatification of Fr. Solanus Casey was one of the few times that I felt I was truly a part of something important.

After Mass, it was absolutely pouring outside. We had to walk back to our busses amidst the cold, soaking rain and the throngs of people.

Our pilgrimage wasn't over, however. We then drove to the Fr. Solanus Casey Center at St. Bonaventure Monastery, built by the Capuchins to receive the thousands of pilgrims who visit Fr. Solanus' grave.

It helped me understand that this was all real and that Fr. Solanus was human just like me.

We ate dinner here and were given a special tour. As part of the tour, we had the opportunity to pray at Fr. Solanus' tomb. Praying here was an extremely powerful experience for me and my classmates. We perused the displays of his relics—the things he used to own. It helped me understand that this was all real and that Fr. Solanus was a human just like me.

We couldn't linger long, though, since we had to be on our way back to the Hill. We once again boarded the busses in the rain, and everyone, including myself, fell fast asleep. The next thing I knew, we were rolling up on the Hill and it was 5:00 A.M. I, like most of my classmates, crawled back to bed exhausted from the trip but happy for the journey. It was a long but important experience, and one that I won't soon forget. ■

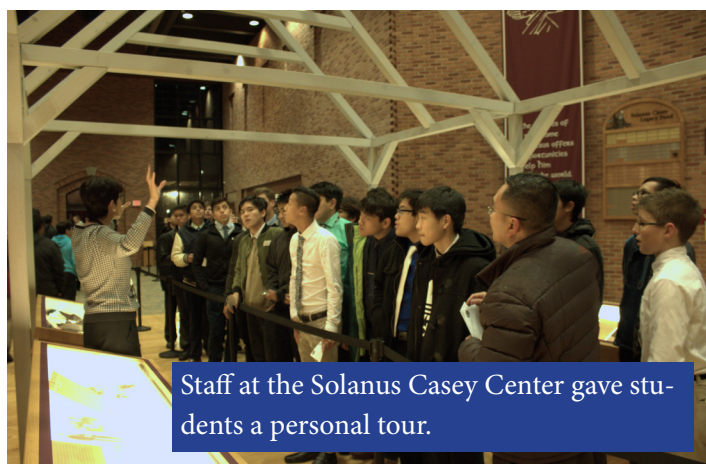


Students view personal relics of Solanus Casey.

SLS senior Mico Macaraeg reads before a crowd of 40,000.



After a long day, students board the busses for the trip back to Mt. Calvary.



Staff at the Solanus Casey Center gave students a personal tour.

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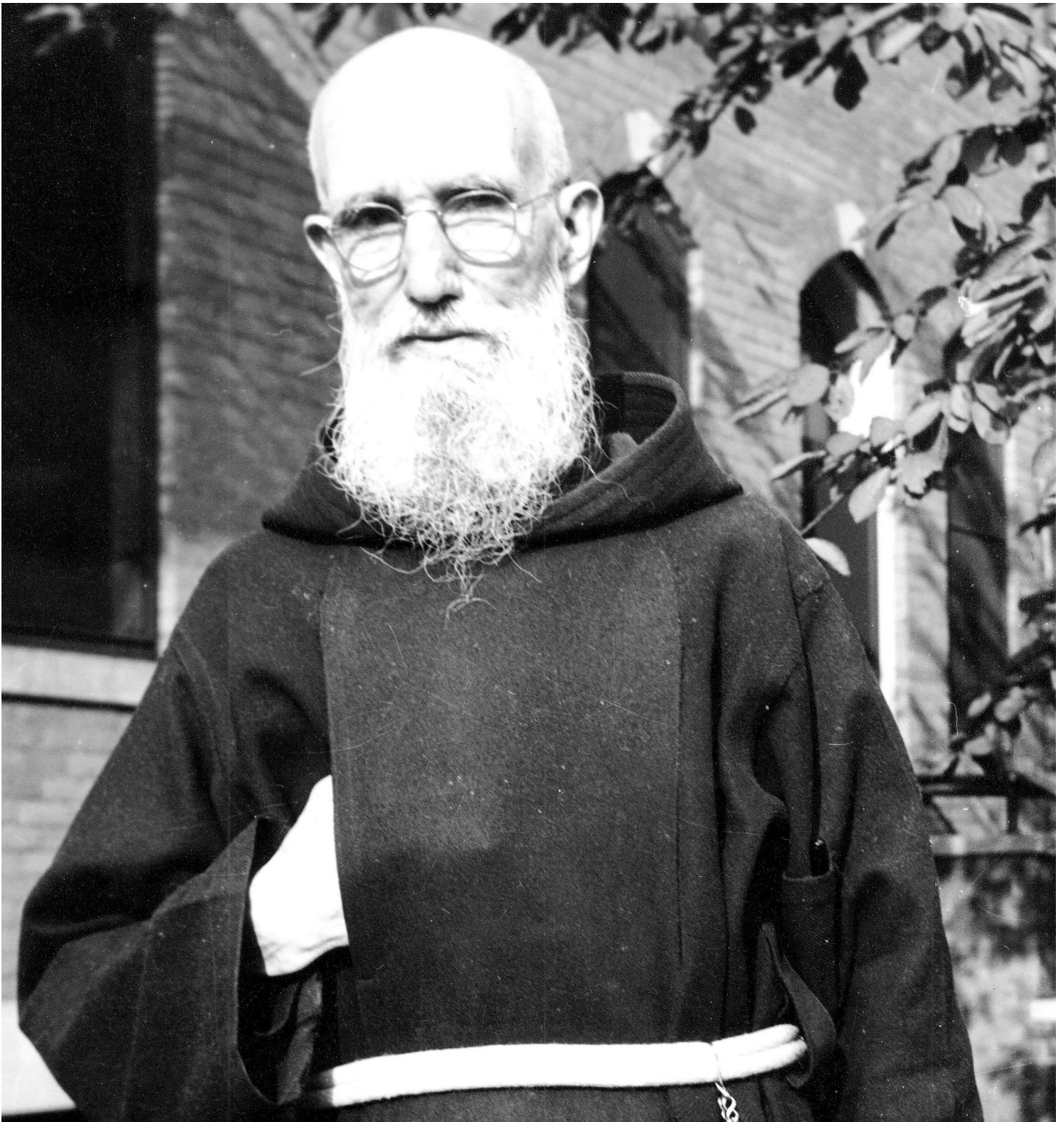
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ANSWERING GOD'S  
CALL BY ANSWERING  
THE DOOR

by: Anthony Le '19

Blessed Solanus Casey's humble beginnings started in Oak Grove, Wisconsin, on November 25, 1870. All those who knew called him Barney, as he was named after his father. Bernard Casey was the sixth of sixteen children from parents who emigrated from Ireland to the United States. He was raised in a devoutly Catholic family and it was evident that Casey was made out for religious life because of his profound devotion to Christ. However, his path to the priesthood was temporarily impeded so that he could find jobs to help support his family. Looking for money, Casey took odd jobs, once working as a logger, hospital orderly, a street car operator, and even a prison guard.

After five years of working, he entered Saint Francis Seminary in Milwaukee at 21 years old to study for the diocesan priesthood.

Bernard Casey often struggled in his studies, but what he lacked in intelligence he made up with his spirituality. Because of a German language barrier at the seminary, his superiors advised him to join a religious order instead. In his discernment of his vocation, Father Solanus Casey prayed a Novena, and it was then that he heard the Blessed Mother telling him to go to Detroit to join the Capuchins. At St. Bonaventure Monastery, he was given the name Francis Casey.

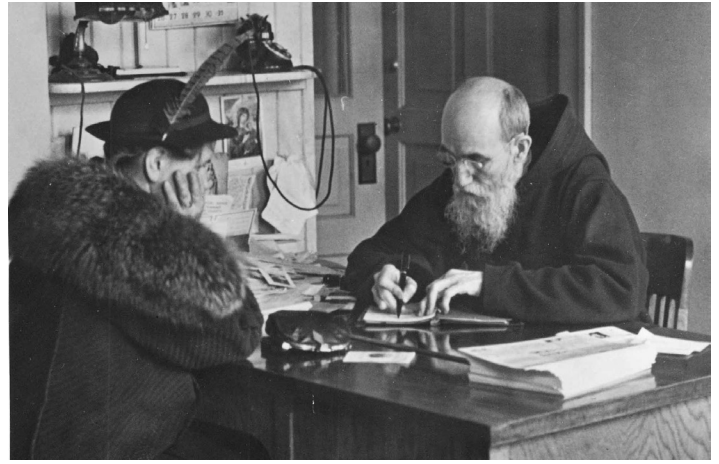
At St. Bonaventure, Casey's grades became a problem once again; nonetheless, he made his final vows, later being ordained a deacon and then a simplex priest. As a simplex priest, he couldn't preach or hear confessions. Blessed Solanus Casey accepted this role and never complained, showing love for God through his own actions.

He lived in the monastery for over 20 years, working, among other jobs, as porter, or doorkeeper. It was as porter that Fr. Solanus Casey became well-known. To most it would seem to be a minor role, but it was this role that his talent for speaking and the powers of his prayers were recognized. Soon, reports of miraculous healings and conversions were attributed to him.

Solanus Casey was also a co-founder of the Capuchin soup kitchen in Detroit that opened up during the Great Depression.

Near the end of his life, Fr. Solanus was in constant agony and pain because of an infection. On July 31, 1957, Fr. Solanus Casey passed away.

His legacy lives on as a man who gave up his entire being to Christ, always seeking to serve and thank God. Blessed Solanus Casey was the quintessential servant of God, carrying out his works in a humble yet impactful way. ■



# EXCHANGE RATE

ST. LAWRENCE PARTNERS WITH COLEGIO SANTA ANA



## WHY DOES ST. LAWRENCE HAVE A GERMAN EXCHANGE PROGRAM BUT NOT A SPANISH EXCHANGE PROGRAM? NOW IT HAS BOTH.

BY: ALEX AUCH

Though for years students have asked, "Why isn't there a Spanish exchange program at SLS?" the idea for this exchange began really at the end of last school year, when Mr. Bartel and I were discussing professional goals for the upcoming year, and he suggested that starting an exchange be high on my list. I accepted the challenge and got started during the summer, making connections with other Spanish teachers through various Facebook groups.

One of those groups included a teacher from Vermont who was friends with a teacher in Peru. She shared that the school in Peru was looking for a school in the U.S. to start an exchange program. I replied, we communicated, and she connected me with Mrs. Gabriela Vidal, a teacher from Colegio Santa Ana, a Catholic school located in Lima, Peru.

The school is run by the Sisters of Saint Anne, and the sisters have a convent attached to the school similar to the friary here at SLS.

Mrs. Vidal and I started discussing our goals and ideas for an exchange, and she visited our school in Oc-

tober. After that visit and further conversation, Father Zoy, Mr. Buelow and I visited the Colegio Santa Ana in Peru in November. During that visit, we set dates and began working towards making the visit happen.

In February St. Lawrence hosted Mrs. Vidal, fellow teacher José Rodriguez and the first group of Peruvian students. It was important they visited in the winter, as most of them had never seen snow before!

While the 14 sophomore-, junior- and senior-level Peruvian students were here, they attended classes. They also went on a few field trips, including a campus visit to Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee, a visit to the Milwaukee Public Museum, a hike at Ledgewick County Park, a tour of Lambeau Field and an outing to the Fox River Mall.

Then, similar to the German exchange program, Peruvian students went to the homes of SLS host students on March 2 during SLS's Winter Break. They returned home to Peru on March 7. Plans to send SLS students to Peru next year are in the works! ■

ALEX AUCH IS A SPANISH TEACHER AT ST. LAWRENCE





(Above) At Ledgeview Nature Center, students learned about native Wisconsin plants and animals. (Below) Though a late winter snow storm was not a welcome sight for Midwesterners, it gave the Peruvians a chance to play in the snow. Many of them had never seen snow before! (Opposite) Fr. Zoy (center) poses with the Peruvian students and teachers. They arrived in time for SLS's annual Cultural Heritage Night and participated by serving food and performing a series of cultural dances. Here they appear in their costumes.

# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK HONOREES



Every year, to kick off Catholic Schools Week, St. Lawrence Seminary honors some of its long-serving faculty and staff at the Catholic Schools Week Mass and banquet. This year we recognized three men whose contributions to St. Lawrence over the years can hardly be measured: Chuck Lefeber, Ron Schaefer and Br. Neal Plale. Chuck has worked at St. Lawrence for over 35

years as a coach, science and phy. ed. teacher, and most recently as a driver's ed. instructor. Ron retired this fall after working at St. Lawrence for eight years as a custodian and coach. Br. Neal has been an integral part of the Capuchin community for over 40 years as a teacher, dorm supervisor and liturgical musician. Thank you for your service and dedication to St. Lawrence! ■

## CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2018!



# CATCHING UP WITH COACH

WE TOOK A 30 SECOND TIMEOUT TO CHECK  
IN WITH MR. LEFEBER BY: JOHN VU '19

*Sons of Calvary:* What year did you start at St. Lawrence and what first brought you here?

*Chuck Lefebor:* I believe it was 1981; I was an assistant coach for football.

*SoC:* What caused you to stay at SLS for so many years?

*Lefebor:* There were several reasons: I liked the mission and what it represented, I loved the family atmosphere and how everyone treated each other. I like how I'm treated here.

*SoC:* You coached at New Holstein [High School] while you taught here. What differences did you note between a public school and SLS?

*Lefebor:* Oh boy! One of the biggest differences were how involved the teachers are in students' lives and how the teachers help the students excel and grow as individuals.

*SoC:* What is the biggest change you've noticed at St. Lawrence?

*Lefebor:* I think one of the things I've noticed is that the lay staff has become more involved in the school. There are fewer Capuchins working up here now and there are more lay people willing to step up and take the Capuchin's responsibilities like teaching, coaching and supervising.

*SoC:* What's your favorite memory at St. Lawrence?

*Lefebor:* You know how freshmen are so gullible? We used to have screenings for scoliosis, and when the freshmen went to get their backs checked, sometimes I would make remarks about how bad the curvature was in their spines. I would tell them about how the nurse had a cranking machine that would stretch out their spines and make them taller, making a kid go from 5'4" to 5'10". There would actually be freshmen who would walk into the infirmary and ask the nurse where the machine was kept. ■





## LORD OF THE RING

### An Interview with Wrestler Kelly Paulsen '18

by: Daniel McTigue '19 photos by: Isaiah King '18

*Sons of Calvary:* When did you first know you wanted to wrestle?

*Kelly:* I started wrestling when I was a freshman. I used to play hockey and the only contact sport at SLS was wrestling so I decided to give it a shot.

*SoC:* What was your biggest obstacle on your road to state?

*Kelly:* Jon Roll [Elkhart Lake/Howards Grove] was my biggest obstacle. He was ranked number 4 in the state, while I was only 11. He was the only person who was able to beat me in the regular season.

*SoC:* What was it like to wrestle at the Kohl Center?

*Kelly:* It was really cool. It was a whole new experience having thousands of people watching you wrestle.

*SoC:* Who was your toughest competitor at state?

*Kelly:* That would be the number

1 ranked [Josh Frerk] from Denmark. He beat me twice at the state competition. He ended up taking third while I took fourth.

*SoC:* As a freshman, did you think you'd compete at State?

*Kelly:* No, I never thought so. It had always been my goal and hope but I never thought I would actually make it. ■



### Paulsen's Record By the Numbers

#### 2017-2018 SEASON

Wins: 23

Losses: 3

Pins: 15

#### CAREER

Wins: 76

Losses: 21

#### STATE DIVISION 2

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# Buckets and Brotherhood: Alumni Return for the Annual 3-on-3 Tournament

by: Peter Hall '19

photos by: Alejandro Reyes '19 and Francisco Saucedo '02

For the past four years, St. Lawrence Seminary has hosted an annual alumni 3-on-3 basketball tournament. The event provides alumni with a chance to catch up and compete for class pride.

Current students also enjoy the event as they get the opportunity to see former students (some of whom are current staff members!) battle it out on the court.

This year, the tournament was held on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. A total of ten alumni teams, spanning the 41 years between 1976 to 2017, competed in the tournament this year.

The Class of 2008, consisting of Jeremy Sanchez, Ray Higgins, Robert Arias and Shane Salm, emerged victorious for the second straight year. "It was a great opportunity for me to see old friends and have fun," said Sanchez of Chicago. "I definitely plan to come back next year."

Ricardo Diaz '17, also from Chicago, returned to the Hill for the event for the first time since graduation. "My favorite part of this event is definitely just being able to see and chill with my old classmates," he said.

You don't need to play if you show up: many alumni simply come to catch up with friends, cheer on their classmates and reminisce on the past. No matter the results, the alumni 3-on-3 tournament is always a great time for players and spectators alike. ■



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## Twelve Angry Men

A different type of dramatic presentation has been employed in this year's annual spring play entitled *Twelve Angry Men*. The already well-known device, new for the Hill, has been termed theater 'in the round'. The single importance and benefit of such a stage technique is manifested even more vividly by the tense mood and feeling the playwright



12 Jurors In Heated Discussion

Reginald Rose successfully conveyed in the creation of his masterpiece.

The play itself is in three acts; and is concerned primarily with twelve jurors. Their heated discussion involves a young man accused of murder. But in the course of its development the play exposes the personal characters of two specific men, represented by Bob Pesola and Dave Gilles as Juror No. Three and Juror No. Eight, respectively. (Also put into use was the natural ability of

(con't. on p. 3)

## Field Day on the Way!

By Jim Smith

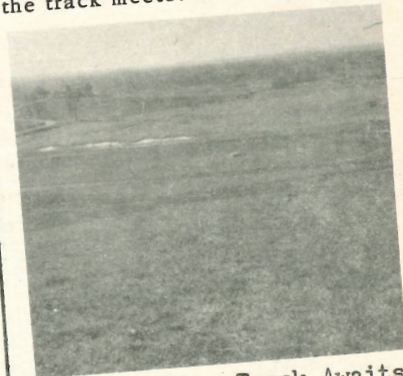
The day is almost upon us when Field Day, 1968, will burst forth from the dark committee rooms into the green hills and dales of S.L.S. Advance weather predictions for the May 8th spectacular (as compiled by the Hilltopics Weather Bureau, Special Field Day Division) include temperatures in the high sixties or lower seventies. The day should dawn bright and sunny with little possibility of rain (or snow). We hope.

Preparations for Field Day have been going on for the last few months with various committees, under the direction of John Molling, engaged in planning such things as suitable torture for the freshmen class and new students. The drive to sell Field Day raffle tickets has also been going strong, as you have undoubtedly been made aware of by a number of persistent ticket pushers! According to SLS's resident mathematician, Fr. Jude, every ticket you hold increases your chances by 50% to win one of the five beautiful prizes, which include a stereo record player, an AM-FM radio, a watch and two crisp five dollar bills. Pre-Field Day handball and tennis tournament competition has been enhanced by two trophies to be awarded to the winners.

Field Day itself will begin when the Hill's 240 odd athletes rise to the call of reveille and offer their day to God at Mass. The fun begins with a tower shower

and the scavenger hunt. (Ever try to find the inside wrapper of a bar of Clearasil soap on a minute's notice?) The long awaited freshmen initiations will also be held in the morning, along with such fun events as the three-legged race.

Class will duel class in the natural highlight of Field Day, the track meets. The Hill's talen-



Unsuspecting Track Awaits Field Day

ted and not-so-talented athletes will again be separated into A and B division. Times for the various events will be posted and the Field Day Committee asks that students be in the proper areas at the proper time. Hilltopics does not wish to venture any predictions, but it appears as though strength of numbers will work in favor of first, third and fifth classes.

The afternoon will be capped off with the traditional volleyball duel between the Caps and the

(con't. on p. 4)

## Brothers of Calvary

ARRIVING AS STRANGERS, LEAVING AS FAMILY

by: Bryant Romero '04

I grew up on the South Side of Chicago, the Back of the Yards neighborhood in the '90s. At the time, it was a gang-riddled community with skyrocketing violence. We had moved to the area prior to the turmoil to be closer to family. As the years went on, the community shifted and I saw family members become statistics. My parents did not want me to follow that path. I tried to reassure them that I wouldn't.

That didn't matter; my mother forced me to attend St. Lawrence. When I say this, I literally mean she physically forced me out of the house to go away to boarding school. I specifically remember my thin legs falling limp as a sign of anxiety when she closed the door to the house. When I arrived, I didn't know a single person at Calvary.

St. Lawrence challenged me not just academically, but socially, too. I had really only grown up with my brother and sister, and even then I

pretty much kept to myself. I was an incredibly introverted young man. I did not set out specifically to make friends; I just wanted to pass my classes. Boarding school is a little different, though: you have to live with others. It was primarily through sports and random interactions that I started making friends.

My friends came from New Orleans, Chicago, Milwaukee, Fondy, India and Saudi Arabia.

I think it was by the end of sophomore or beginning of junior year when I finally realized I belonged here. I was part of something bigger. By that time, I had made a pretty entertaining group of friends. I had fun hanging out with them, studying with them, and of course getting into harmless mischief with them.

One of the biggest benefits of

SLS is that it will expose you to the rest of the world. My friends came from New Orleans, Chicago, Milwaukee, Fond du Lac, India and Saudi Arabia.

We graduated from St. Lawrence, and these friendships followed us. Over the years I've gotten to watch my friends' families grow, learn about what schools their children attend and listen to them tell about the interest rates of their mortgages. I never really thought about it until now, but through these friends, I have experienced the variety of life, from Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, monsoons in India, marriages, divorces, baptisms and even funerals (R.I.P. Eric Gonzales).

I am only thirty-two years old, still with a full head of hair, and my close circle of friends from SLS is still intact (a few with heads already balding). We never really talk about how long we have been friends. We are just enjoying life together now.

I was married this past November in Mexico City. Of course, my SLS brothers were there to show their love and support. They came from California, Texas, Louisiana, Wisconsin, and Illinois. Having been a part of their weddings and holding their babies, I was glad they could be there for me, too. There's a brotherhood that forms on the Hill that can't be found anywhere else. I'm glad I found it here. ■



SLS alumni at the wedding of Rebecca and Alfonso Ruelas. From left: Chadwick Flores '02, Alfonso Ruelas '04, Luis Rodriguez '04, Rebecca Ruelas, Ulises Ruelas '03, Justin Flores '03, Bryant Romero '04 Quan Nguyen '04 and Chaing Yang '04.

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