

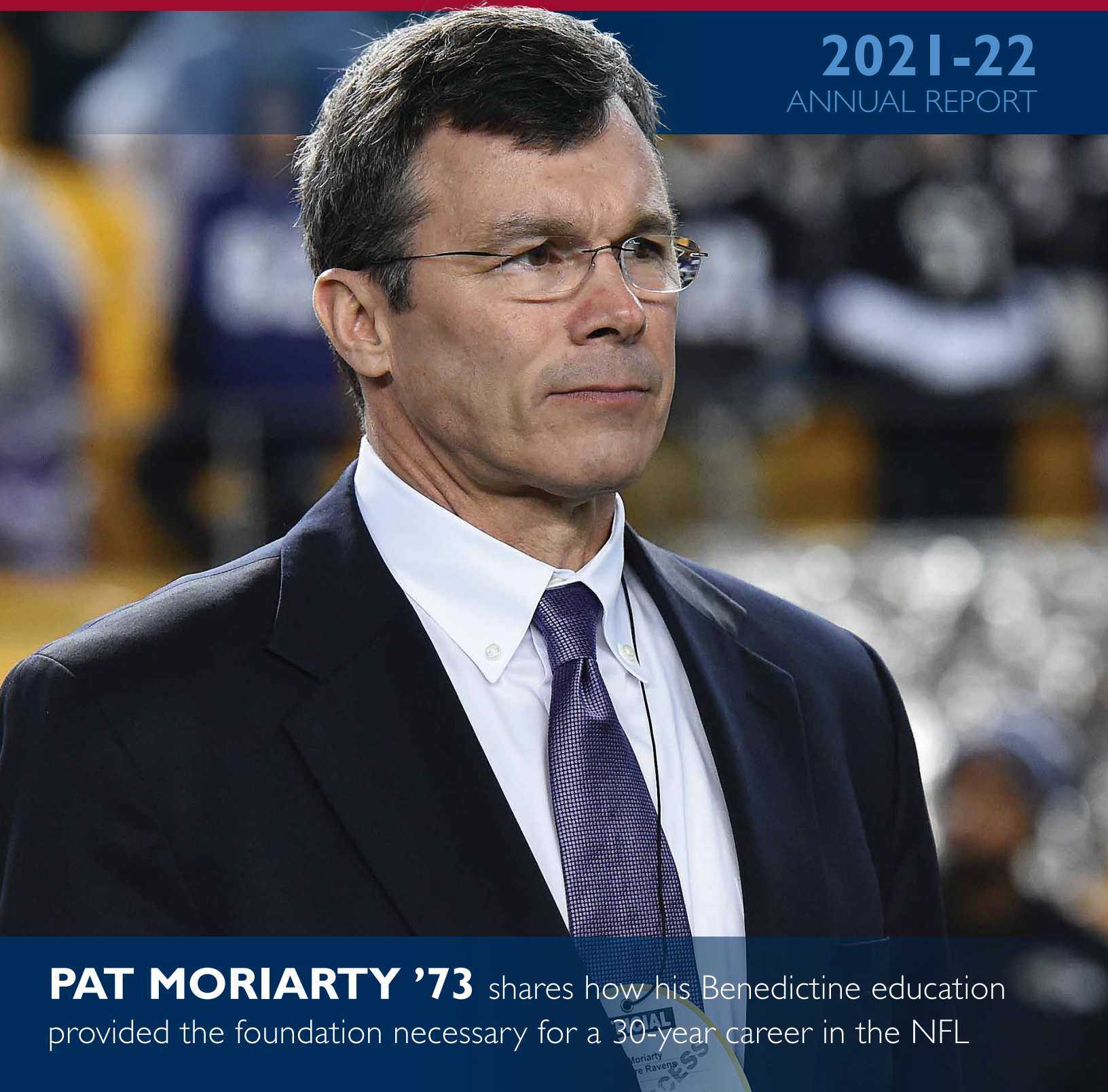
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A JOINT MESSAGE FROM
ABBOT GARY HOOVER, OSB '74 AND MR. RYAN RYZNER '95

DEAR BENEDICTINE COMMUNITY,

When it's all said and done, it really is tough to beat the fall season in Northeast Ohio. The heat and humidity of the summer give way to the crisp mornings and evenings of October and November. As the leaves change to their yellows, oranges, and browns, our pre-winter silver lining has always been that when they fall, the view of downtown from the highest point in the City of Cleveland at 2900 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive only gets better. While the changing of the seasons may come off as predictable and repetitive, the first portion of the 95th year of Benedictine High School has been anything but, and there is much to be celebrated.

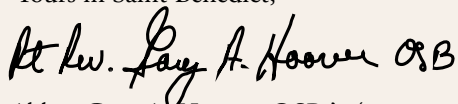
First, the monks of St. Andrew Abbey held their Centennial Celebration in September. A group of monks from other abbeys, representatives from Slovak associations, religious and civic dignitaries, and supporters of the mission gathered to commemorate the 100 years since a group of monks from St. Procopius Abbey in Chicago came to Cleveland to educate young men in the city. It truly was an evening to remember.

As far as the school is concerned, our current students completed their first quarter that consisted of high academic achievement and personal growth. Musicians and fall sports teams were able to showcase their talents on the big stages, the assembly of a motorcycle by the Engineering Club began, and student leadership within the school has been a driving force in creating and maintaining a culture of positivity, creativity, and accountability. We are proud of these accomplishments, and many more lie ahead as the rest of the school year unfolds.

We were also blessed to have celebrated the accomplishments of a select group of alums as well. The Hall of Fame and Hall of Honors induction ceremony was our opportunity to recognize the remarkable careers and achievements by Bengal athletes on the track, hardwood, diamond, and gridiron. These men have been immortalized, and their names will be added to a group that already includes the most decorated athletes in our school's rich history. In addition, Fr. Anselm's 54 years of service to Benedictine High School are not only noteworthy, but they serve as inspiration for decades of students and families. He has served as a teacher, counselor, priest, cook, travel guide, and friend. The countless number of lives that this humble man has touched embodies the true spirit of the Benedictine Hallmarks of Community, Stability, Stewardship, and Prayer. The Hall of Honors, which recognizes members for their contributions to Benedictine High School, would be incomplete without him.

Finally, may our annual celebration of the birth of Jesus into our world renew in each of us the faith that our Lord said could "move mountains." We ask for continued strength and guidance that will carry us to successfully living our mission of shaping a diverse group of young men into the leaders in the tradition of St. Benedict.

Yours in Saint Benedict,



Abbot Gary A. Hoover, OSB '74
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Over 475 Celebrate Abbey's Centennial Mass and Banquet on September 18, 2022



Cleveland Bishop **Edward Malesic** (Center) flanked by (l-r): **Abbot Austin Murphy, OSB** (Illinois), **Fr. Justin Dyrwal, OSB** (Pastor of Assumption Parish), **Abbot Gary Hoover, OSB '74**, **Abbot Lawrence Stasyszen, OSB** (Oklahoma), **Abbot Placid Solari, OSB** (North Carolina), **Abbot Augustine Curley, OSB** (New Jersey), and **Bishop Roger Gries, OSB '54**.



Abbot Gary, followed by **Bishop Roger Gries, OSB** and **Abbot President Jonathan Licari, OSB** process out of Assumption Church.



Concelebrants included (l-r): **Msgr. Robert Siffrin** (Youngstown), **Fr. Vincent Velas**, (Pittsburgh), **Fr. Andrew Hvozdovic** (Scranton), **Fr. Thomas Nasta** (Philadelphia), **Fr. Steven Brunovsky** (Fairlawn), and **Fr. Pavol Zvara** (Rome).

Scenes from the Abbey Centennial Mass



Sister Agnesmarie LoPorto, SND representing the Sisters of Notre Dame.



Sister Regina Kusnir, SC representing the (Vincentian) Sisters of Charity.



Bishop Roger Gries, OSB was the homilist.



Fr. Michael Brunovsky, OSB directs the Assumption Parish Choir.



Dolores Hornack likes red.



Bro. Gregory Coyne, OSB (l) of Saint Andrew Abbey processes with **Bro. Kevin Coffey, OSB (r)** of Saint Procopius Abbey followed by **Bro. Nicholas Spisak, OSB** of Saint Andrew Abbey and **Bro. Ignatius Isaac, OSB** of Holy Cross Monastery (Chicago). **Bro. Philip Petrow, OSB (far left)** is next in the procession.



Master of Ceremonies **Mayor Tom Perciak '66** of Strongsville, Ohio.

and Banquet on September 18, 2022



The crowded ballroom awaits the start of the program.



Music was provided by the Jeff Pecon band.



Mr. Andrew Rajec, President of the First Catholic Slovak Union.



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Lenny Toth '70 and his wife **Cathe**.



Tim and Helen Sweeney with **Dan O'Neill** during the reception.



(L-R): **Wendy Lawson**, **Fr. Michael**, **Ian Lawson '16**, and **Abbot Gary '74**



Abbot Gary presents plaques to **Chuck St. John '54** of St. John Funeral Home (l) and **Ed Wrobel, Jr.** of Orban's Flowers (middle) for their 100 years of support.



Sister Barbara Sable, SS.CM of Danville, Pennsylvania gives the closing prayer.



Bishop Anthony Pilla of the Diocese of Cleveland poses in St. John's Cathedral in 2002 with his full complement of auxiliary bishops (l-r): Bishop A. Edward Pevec, Bishop Martin Amos, Bishop Pilla, Bishop A. James Quinn, and Bishop Roger Gries, OSB.

Fr. Gregory's Dream, Part 4 (2001-2008) Centennial History by Fr. Gerard Gonda, OSB '71

A BENEDICTINE BISHOP AND BOUNDARIES BEYOND BUCKEYE

On the feast of Saint Benedict, Wednesday **March 21, 2001**, Abbot Roger Gries, OSB, got an unexpected phone call that would change his life and the history of Saint Andrew Abbey. It was from Cleveland **Bishop Anthony Pilla**, a good friend who had just left the abbey after having celebrated the St. Benedict's Day Mass. When he returned to the chancery, he had a call from the pope's representative in Washington, D.C. relating that **Pope (later Saint) John Paul II** had appointed Abbot Roger as one of two new auxiliary bishops for the Diocese of Cleveland. Bishop Pilla told Abbot Roger that he had until Monday to give a response. However, he could not share the news with anyone – even his 87-year-old mother, **Dorothy Gries**, former main office secretary at Benedictine High School, who was residing at the Little Sisters of the Poor Home for the Aged in Warrensville Heights.



Abbot Clement being interviewed on national television in 2002 by Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ of EWTN.

Monday was **March 26, 2001**, Abbot Roger's 64th birthday. According to the recent changes in the law of the American Cassinese Congregation of Benedictine monasteries, abbots had to resign on their 65th birthday. Abbot Roger had already scribbled a note in his calendar for March 26 saying "365 days to go." Instead, he went to Bishop Pilla's office on his birthday, which was the feast of the **Annunciation** that year (because March 25 fell on a Sunday), and echoed Mary's response to the Archangel Gabriel, "Let it be done to me according to God's will."

Then the diocese made the news public – that Abbot Roger and Fr. Martin Amos, the pastor of nearby St. Dominic's Parish had been named as the two new auxiliary bishops to Bishop Pilla and that their ordination as bishops would take place at St. John's Cathedral on **June 7, 2001**. Saint Andrew Abbey and Benedictine High School were suddenly in the news all over northeast Ohio. Positive public relations resulted from the many television interviews and newspaper articles.

It was unusual before that time for a Benedictine monk or abbot to be named a bishop in the United States. Most bishops in the Catholic Church come from the diocesan clergy – except in mission countries where foreign religious order priests often have more training and experience than the younger native diocesan clergy. However, the late **Pope Paul VI** had shaken up Great Britain

in 1977 when he by-passed all the diocesan priests in England and chose a Benedictine abbot – **Basil Hume** – as the new archbishop of Westminster, the highest ranking Catholic prelate in that country. Later, as **Cardinal Hume**, he would visit St. Andrew Abbey in 1980.

In 1977, Pope Paul VI also named a Benedictine as archbishop of Milwaukee. There had never been a Benedictine bishop serving in the United States in the 20th century before that appointment. But by the time Bishop Roger was appointed auxiliary bishop in 2001, there were five other Benedictine bishops serving in U.S. dioceses.



Abbot Clement with BHS alumni and noted Hollywood directors and producers Joe '89 (left) and Anthony '88 (right) Russo.

The very next day after the episcopal ordination, **June 8, 2001**, the monks of the abbey turned their attention to electing a new abbot. **Fr. Clement Zeleznik, OSB '50**, the veteran popular BHS physics teacher and long-time novice master of the abbey, who had been serving as the associate pastor of Assumption Parish in Broadview Heights was elected as the fifth abbot of Saint Andrew's Abbey. The 69-year-old new abbot was blessed by **Bishop Roger** on **September 8, 2001**, the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the 74th anniversary of the first day of school at Benedictine High School in 1927.

The very next day, **September 9**, did not give the new bishop any time to relax as he boarded a plane with 30 pilgrims for his first trip to eastern Europe, recently freed from the Iron Curtain of communism. The pilgrims began their tour in the Czech Republic and on the second day, **September 11, 2001**, after Bishop Roger celebrated Mass at St. Adalbert's Benedictine Abbey, they received the shocking news of the terrorist attack against the **Twin Towers** in New York City. They were able to get their flight to Hungary before all planes were grounded for the time being.

On the Feast of the Sorrowful Mother, **September 15**, the patroness of Slovakia, the Benedictine pilgrims joined thousands at the national shrine of **Our Lady**

of **Sastin** in Slovakia with **Cardinal Jozef Tomko** (who died on August 21, 2022 at the age of 98) and many other bishops. The Slovak pilgrims applauded the Americans and wanted to shake their hands and pat their backs in support. The national Slovak Telephone Company gave the U.S. travelers four days of free calls to phone relatives in America.

Back in Cleveland, the new abbot also did not have time to relax. Abbot Clement inherited a **\$4.7 million capital campaign** called “Charting Excellence ... Navigating our Future” that was planned during the previous year with Abbot Roger. It was the second major capital campaign involving the school in 20 years. It sought to raise funds to strengthen the school’s endowment for student scholarships and faculty compensation and to renovate all the 1940 classrooms in the main building as well as to modernize the restrooms and repair the roof. The campaign would reach \$4 million by 2005.

Abbot Clement was a respected theologian and spiritual director and used every opportunity to deepen the spiritual life of his monks. He committed himself to give weekly conferences to the monastic community. He also wrote a spiritual column for the **“Ora et Labora”** publication of the abbey and high school. On **February 27, 2002**, the abbot was the featured guest on **EWTN’s national television program “Mother Angelica Live”** with substitute host Fr. Mitch



Monks in Sampor, Slovakia survey land for the first Benedictine monastery in centuries.

Pacwa, SJ. Abbot Clement explained the spirituality of **Venerable Concepcion Cabrera de Armida**, a Mexican mystic, wife, mother, and foundress of several religious orders in the 1920s whose diary of revelations about the priesthood he had translated from the original Spanish.

However much Abbot Clement wanted to focus on the spiritual life, he was repeatedly pulled back to focus on challenges facing the high school. **Fr. Gerard Gonda, OSB '71** had been named principal in 1999 and guided the high school through a four-year enrollment increase from 346 students in September of 1999 to 458 students in September

of 2003. Investments suffered when the national economy struggled creating budget deficits which needed the influx of more and more fundraising dollars. At the same time, it was hard to maintain an effective advancement department which had the dual task of raising funds for both the abbey and high school.

In 2004 Abbot Clement asked the high school’s Board of Trustees to implement a change of administration by separating the role and duties of the **president** of the school and the **principal** of the school. In 2004, he named **Fr. Albert Marflak, OSB '65**, who had been serving as prior of the monastery, as the president of



*The new Benedictine monastery of the Transfiguration in Sampor, Slovakia and **Fr. Joachim** of our abbey speaking in Slovak at its dedication on May 24, 2010. **Bro. Gabriel** of our abbey, a native of Slovakia, accompanied Fr. Joachim.*



Bishop Roger Gries, OSB '54 continued to return for special abbey and high school events. As the second **Mr. Benedictine** (1954), he congratulates the 2008 **Mr. Benedictine Dan Williams** (left) as Dan's older brother **Marty Williams**, the 1996 **Mr. Benedictine** (center), looks on. They have been the only brothers to win this prestigious award. Their grandfather, **Martin Brinza**, graduated from BHS in 1942.

Benedictine High School. Previous to this appointment, the president of BHS had always been the abbot. Under this new arrangement, the principal would focus on internal educational matters, while the president would take the responsibility of working with outside benefactors and long range planning along with the Advancement Director. Fr. Albert would hold the president's job for four years.

In the fall of 2005, **Mr. Sal Miroglotta** was named the second lay principal of Benedictine High School succeeding **Fr. Gerard** who took over as president when **Fr. Albert** finished his term. Over the next three years, Benedictine would give a strong emphasis on increasing the use of technology in the classroom. Alumnus **Mr. Joseph Gressock '66**, who actually was a son of **Saint Andrew's Parish**, returned to BHS as principal in the fall of 2008. During his six years in office, he focused on renewing a sense of pride for the Benedictine tradition among the students and instituted a Priory system which mixed 12 students of all four classes into deaneries to promote closer unity.

Already during Abbot Roger's years in office, the abbey also took steps to strengthen its relationship with the Catholic Church in **Slovakia** which had miraculously emerged in 1989 from the grip of communism. In 1998, **Archbishop Alojz Tkac** of Kosice, Slovakia had visited

Cleveland and helped initiate a program whereby each year two of his diocesan seminarians from Slovakia would spend nine months in Cleveland, experiencing monastic life at the abbey for three months, modern suburban parish life at the **Church of the Assumption** for three months, and social outreach at downtown **St. Malachi's Parish** for three months. The program continued successfully for a decade with **Fr. Michael Brunovsky, OSB** as the coordinator. All the Slovak seminarians who participated in this unique program, with the exception of one, persevered and were ordained priests in Slovakia.

Abbot Clement assumed office halfway through this program and encouraged it. Of full Slovak heritage from both parents, he traveled to Slovakia twice after his election. His first trip was from **September 29 to October 6, 2004** when his hosts were seminarians of the Diocese of Kosice who had gone through the nine-month program in Cleveland. He was accompanied by **Andrew Hudak, Jr.** who was the director of the **Slovak Institute** that is located at St. Andrew Abbey. Abbot Clement's second trip to Slovakia was in the fall of 2008 after his resignation as abbot.

The highlight of the first trip was visiting a new Benedictine monastery that recently had been founded in the town of **Bacurov** by three young Slovak diocesan

priests who desired monastic life and wrote to St. Andrew Abbey after the fall of communism asking if several monks could be sent to Slovakia. Another option was for the three candidates to be trained at our abbey and then be sent back to start a Slovak monastery.

However, St. Andrew Abbey did not have the personnel needed for such a bi-lingual project. So, the three diocesan priests crossed the border and joined the Benedictine Abbey in **Tyniec, Poland**. After they made their year of novitiate formation and pronounced first vows, they were sent back into Slovakia to try and start a monastery – but with no money. They were given an abandoned rectory by a bishop in a town called **Bacurov** in central Slovakia. They grew their own vegetables and raised chickens.

As they increased to six monks, the bishop gave them a plot of land in the hill town of **Sampor** in which to build a new monastery. Abbot Clement welcomed one of the first members, **Fr. Jozef Brodnansky, OSB**, to live at St. Andrew Abbey for a year (2005-06) while raising money in the United States. Remarkably, only five years later, the main monastery building and chapel were completed and dedicated by the local bishop and the abbot from the Abbey of Tyniec in Poland. Representing St. Andrew Abbey at the dedication were **Fr. Joachim Pastirik, OSB '60** who speaks fluent Slovak and **Bro. Gabriel Balazovic, OSB**, a native of Slovakia.

Known as **Transfiguration Monastery**, the monks pursue a more contemplative life but also go out to give retreats and conferences. Under Abbot Clement, the community of St. Andrew Abbey made the decision to send a certain percentage of each donation received in Cleveland to Transfiguration Monastery until its building projects are completed. They now number 15 monks.

Back in Cleveland, Abbot Clement turned 76 and began to deal with health problems. He soon realized it was time for a younger man to lead the abbey and high school. (To be continued...)

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Among the monks with birthdays near Christmas are (l-r): **Fr. Thomas** who turns 44 on December 28, **Fr. Joachim** who turns 81 on December 9, and **Bro. Gregory** who turns 29 on December 13. You can call Fr. Joachim at Regina Health Center for his birthday or for Christmas by dialing **330-659-4161** and asking for Fr. Joachim.



Fr. Anselm and his German classes take a group photo before eating lunch on the annual German trip.



Fr. Joachim had some of his portrait sketches displayed at Regina Health Center.

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MORE SCENES FROM THE ABBEY CENTENNIAL BANQUET



Mayor Ben Holbert (Class of 1977) of Woodmere Village



Abbot Placid Solari, OSB of Belmont Abbey (North Carolina) at the reception with the newly-elected **Abbot President Jonathan Licari, OSB** of St. John's Abbey (Minnesota).



Officers of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association (L-R): **Terese Joyce** (FCSLA Life Sr. Br. 141 Treasurer), **Barbara Sekerak** (FCSLA Life National Auditor), **Alan Banvich**, husband of **Joann Banvich** (FCSLA Life Director) and **Jack Seich**, husband of **Sue Ann Seich** (FCSLA Life Trustee)(not pictured).



T.J. Beltavski (Class of 2016) and his wife, **Christina**



Mary Ann and Tony DeFranco (Class of 1966)

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1922-2022

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Monks Honor Archbishop Schrembs, Early Friend of the Abbey and BHS

In this centennial year of 2022, the monks of Saint Andrew Svorad Abbey reflect in gratitude on the many ways that the late **Archbishop Joseph Schrembs** of Cleveland assisted our community in its early years. On **November 2, 2022**, which was actually the 77th anniversary of the death of Archbishop Schrembs, Abbot Gary, Bishop Roger, and the monks of the abbey drove to St. John's Cathedral to chant vespers and lay a memorial wreath on the tomb of Archbishop Schrembs.

Installed as Bishop of Cleveland on September 8, 1921, he was almost immediately approached by members of the Executive Committee of the Slovak Catholic Federation after their meeting that year in Youngstown at which they decided that Cleveland would be a good location for a Slovak Benedictine monastery and high school for boys. Archbishop Schrembs was enthusiastic about the idea. His brother, **Fr. Rudisind Schrembs, OSB**, was a monk of Saint Vincent Archabbey. Both brothers had attended St. Vincent's College.

Our founder, **Fr. Gregory Vaniscak, OSB**, a monk of St. Procopius Abbey and an active member of the Slovak Catholic Federation, conveyed this information to his superior **Abbot Valentine Kohlbeck, OSB**, in a personal letter dated November 13, 1921. After an initial consultation with his monastic community, Abbot Valentine visited Archbishop Schrembs, whom he had sat next to in study hall at Saint Vincent's College. The bishop offered Saint Andrew's Slovak Parish in Cleveland to St. Procopius Abbey after the current pastor, **Fr. John Liscinsky**, agreed to resign and be given another parish.

After Fr. George Luba, OSB came from St. Procopius Abbey and in 1927 opened Benedictine High School,



Archbishop Schrembs suggested to Prior Stanislaus that the monks approach the superior of the Notre Dame Sisters about purchasing St. Mary's Institute on Buckeye Road which would provide larger quarters for the new priory and high school. With the help of Archbishop Schrembs, the property was purchased for a negotiated price of \$119,000 in 1929.

Realizing the need of the monks for more income, Archbishop Schrembs created a new Slovak parish dedicated to St. Benedict Skalka, by dividing St. Ladislaus Parish and entrusted it to the care of the Slovak Benedictine monks.

On October 2, 1934, Archbishop Schrembs blessed the first abbot of Saint Andrew Abbey, Stanislaus Gmuca, OSB, in St. John's Cathedral. Archbishop Schrembs remained a strong supporter of our abbey and high school even as he received Bishop Edward F. Hoban as his coadjutor in 1942. Archbishop Schrembs died on November 2, 1945.



PAT MORIARTY '73 shares how his Benedictine education provided the foundation necessary for a 30-year career in the NFL



This interview took place on October 18th, 2022 between Baltimore Ravens Senior Advisor to the General Manager Pat Moriarty '73, and Benedictine Director of Media and Communications Brian Devers '08.

Pat Moriarty: High school football was everything. My dad took me to all of the high school football games...St. Ignatius, Cathedral Latin, and especially Benedictine. The athletes that come to mind are Larry Zelina, quarterback Jim Betts, and my future coach Tony Russ. I could only dream of one day playing for Benedictine. To have that experience and eventually get inducted into the Hall of Fame, to go in with an august group like that, it was very humbling.

(My dad) didn't push me out on the field but just the way he talked about it. "That's Larry Zelina, he's the leading scorer in the state of Ohio, and, look at that, he's also their kicker, too." He just made it exciting.

(My parents) were always there for us, just offering encouragement, win or lose.

Bulldog>Bengal>Yellow Jacket>Brown

Pat Moriarty '73 was a Gesu kid, son of Tom, Sr. and Claire. He followed his brother Tom '72 to Benedictine and both were followed by Michael '74. Pat would earn All State in football and track. Tom and Pat both would play college football, Pat at Georgia Tech, Tom at Bowling Green. Both would play in the NFL, Tom for five seasons (four with Atlanta and one with Pittsburgh), and Pat in 1979 with the Cleveland Browns. Pat scored two touchdowns with the Browns that season. He spent the next two training camps with the Browns and Dolphins and retired after that.

Despite a low-usage professional playing career, the impact that Pat has had on the NFL puts him in rare air. He has been an executive with the Baltimore Ravens since the beginning of the Baltimore Ravens. While we as Clevelanders lament the loss of that franchise when they moved in 1995, the worst part might have been losing out on Pat Moriarty's career as an NFL financial executive.

Pat Moriarty '73



General Manager Eric DeCosta (L) and Pat Moriarty (R)



Pat Moriarty with his father, Tom Moriarty Sr. in 1979

In the summer of 1967, Pat Moriarty wasn't thinking about any of this. He was being introduced to Benedictine football.

PM: Obviously, sports played a big part in my time at Benedictine. The biggest thing it did was teach me the value of teamwork. Your success as an employee, as a business owner, as a leader, comes from teamwork and the ability to bring everyone together. Everyone should be trying to accomplish the same thing.

The most important thing I was taught academically was critical thinking.

I remember Coach Augie Bossu saying: "If you're not moving forward, you're going backwards. You're never standing still." You should always be trying to get better. That includes stepping outside of your comfort zone. When I found myself trying to prepare for the real world, I went to work for KeyBank in Commercial Banking. It was a great period in my life. I really learned a lot in terms of business, how to read financial and income statements, what makes businesses successful and where problems occur. A lot of those problems stem from leadership and decisions that are made by those companies.

1982

PM: One of my first jobs as a commercial credit analyst, I was assigned to the Cleveland Browns. I'm reading their statements, going to meetings with their management staff, discussing their corporate financing problems and solutions. I was integrated into the financial side of sports. After a decade with KeyBank, I was offered a job with the Browns as their Director of Business Operations in 1994. That was their day-to-day management and being the key liaison with their bankers.

1995

PM: Ozzie Newsome and I both went with the old Browns to Baltimore...It was like starting all over. For all intents and purposes, it was starting all over. We had a new name, new colors. The colors and name stayed with Cleveland, and rightly so. In that respect, there were a lot of challenges. Ozzie was, for the first time, totally in charge of football operations as general manager and I was CFO and working with Ozzie on a day-to-day basis on salary cap management and contract negotiations.

The Salary Cap

Let's pause the interview for a second and briefly explore the salary cap. The NFL has a hard cap, which means your team cannot exceed the salary cap for any reason. This is different from the NBA, where one can exceed the cap under certain situations, such as retaining a homegrown star, but you end up paying a luxury tax based on how far you go over. Baseball has no salary cap.

In a salary cap league, your team just can't spend money like you're the Yankees. You have to plan years in advance and negotiate well. You may end up signing the wrong guy to a long contract and doom your team to mediocrity. You may not have enough money to sign a free agent you want. The ability to evaluate talent and pay accordingly is one of the main differences between successful franchises and struggling franchises. The Ravens have two Super Bowl wins since 1995, which ties them with six teams for third most. They have the ninth most wins. By any metric, they have existed in the top third of the NFL since their inception.

The Baltimore Ravens

PM: I think one of the things that has helped our organization throughout the years has been the consistency, operationally. We've really only had three coaches in the history of the Ravens. Ted Marchibroda for the first three years, Brian Billick and now John Harbaugh since 2007. On the Football Operations side, we've had Ozzie Newsome and now our current General Manager Eric DeCosta. Eric started with us from day 1 as an in-house scout, worked his way up and is now General Manager. Because of that stability, we've been extremely consistent with how we've managed the salary cap and overall football operations in 4 key ways.

1. We draft well. Drafting is the lifeblood of any football team.
2. Coaching those guys we draft.
3. Funding them and extending those guys. We put an emphasis on signing our own guys.
4. Maintaining flexibility: Under a salary cap, you can't sign everybody and you have to maintain flexibility and have room under the cap to sign people.

When I took on my career as an NFL executive, I had no idea where it was going to lead me. I've been very fortunate and lucky to stay with the same organization throughout my career, to work with Ozzie Newsome, with my current general manager Eric DeCosta...It's been a dream come true and I think we're known as one of the more successful franchises over the last couple of decades. When I was inducted into the Hall of Distinction, it was extremely satisfying to be acknowledged for those accomplishments by my high school.

Benedictine Influences

PM: Gary Stevens, who went on to coach in college and the pros, was a phenomenal coach. Tom Iwan was extremely important to me in track, freshman football and math. Chuck Palsa and Tony Russ, who were a great inspiration, they taught me a lot on how to conduct myself and represent the school in the right way.

Fr. Anselm, tremendous role model. Fr. Dominic, who helped out coaching with track, was a great man. Fr. Roger, Bishop Roger, who was my algebra teacher but also taught me football, was a great role model and leader.

When I go back to Augie Bossu...I don't know what I can add to Augie Bossu. I'd like to mention one thing...I thought he was one of the most competitive persons I've ever met. Sometimes people don't use that term because he was such a quiet, noble character and very stoic...but to me, he was someone who demanded the best from his coaches, his players, and himself. He expected to win. He taught me how to be successful in life. You achieve success whenever you're able to translate a set goal to reality. Everything we did was with goals in mind, as individuals and as a team. He taught us how to make a plan, how to prepare for the unexpected, how to develop good habits, how to learn from our mistakes. People thought he was old school and he was, in his approach to the game, but he took risks to do whatever it took to



win the game, strategize, and move people in different positions. He was a very innovative coach who thought outside the box.

The biggest thing he taught me, if you decide to put in the attitude and effort to succeed, you would do so, but without pride. He wasn't rah-rah, he wasn't big on speeches. He just sat here and said "do your job."

1972

PM: My senior year, when we beat Cathedral Latin 14-0, they arguably had their best team in the history of their school. I remember how happy Coach Bossu was, how he was beaming after that game. He did it with just a smile on his lips, and a quiet pat on the back and a 'good job.' That's all you could expect and that's all you wanted.

When I talk about Augie Bossu being as competitive as he was, I'm now in that business. In the NFL, we live and die every week.

2022

I'm speaking to Pat in Week 7 of the season and he threw out some stats to illustrate how competitive it's been across the NFL this season.

PM: Seventy-three games have been within one score of each other in the 4th quarter. Fifty-six games have been decided by one score. We're 3-3 but we've only trailed for 6 minutes total this year. It's a humbling sport.



Ozzie Newsome, Eric DeCosta, and Pat looking on at a Ravens practice.

He credited his family for working to accommodate his chaotic schedule in a job with many upsides and downsides.

PM: For almost 30 years, I've been in the NFL and for 30 years, I joke, I haven't really worked for a living. The only thing, it takes away from your personal life. The people who sacrificed the most are my family, my wife of 37 years, Lynn, my son Kevin, 33, and my daughters Laura, 31, and Katherine, 28. I was always running to one of their games, late, like normal, but we tried to be together as much as possible as a family. My family was on the field for Super Bowl 47 in New Orleans, but they were also there for me when we didn't make the playoffs.

My family has been my rock through that and I'm extremely appreciative to them.

A REFLECTION BY **MIKE MAZUR,** CLASS OF 1968

Yesterday along the banks of the Chagrin River I spent a few hours on an overcast afternoon with nine others who all met in 1964... a time spent at lunch talking... conversations... stories... recollections... for a relatively short time human voices replacing emails, texts, twitters, and tweets... for when old friends gather, talk is the order of the day... discussing the lives lived before we met growing up in all parts of the city... our lives when we met our freshman year at Benedictine, our education there and the teachers, sports participation and those who coached us, and a variety of activities as we learned of life... and of our lives since with all aspects of our development including further education, military, careers, families and now health... bringing about smiles... laughs... and some sadness as we remembered those who are no longer with us... we remembered what was... spoke of what is... and voiced concern as to what the future may bring... all these thoughts flowing like a river of conversation... flowing... winding its way into an ocean of appreciation of experience... leaving the group smiling, savoring our time as we bade farewell and returned to our homes... they say talk is cheap... but a few hours with old friends in constant chatter is priceless....life is good.



(L-R): Ray Champa, Frank Polimene, Mike Gambatese, Angelo Coutis, Matt Smith, John Mahr, Mike Mazur, Tom Scott, Bob Horvath, Mark Tenaglia

HALL OF FAME & HALL OF HONORS INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS



Terry Heil '84, Master of Ceremonies



Fr. Anselm Zupka '58



Brent Marcoguiseppe '63



Ron Grosel '88



*From left to right: 1st Row: Salem Simon '97, Ron Grosel '88, Bob Hricik '65
2nd Row: Chris Leanza '99, Fr. Anselm Zupka '58, Ron Gajoch, Brent Marcoguiseppe '63*

On November 13th, the Benedictine Community celebrated the Hall of Fame and Hall of Honors induction ceremonies. It was a well-attended affair with many past inductees coming out to support their fellow Men of Benedictine.



Salem Simon '97



Chris Leanza '99



President Ryan Ryzner '95

Hall of Honors

Fr. Anselm Zupka O.S.B. '58

The longest-serving teaching monk in the history of Benedictine, Fr. Anselm has spent 54 years in the classroom and continues to teach at the school. When he reached his 80th birthday in 2020, he became the first teacher in school history to be actively teaching there at that milestone age. He has been the moderator of the National Honor Society, German Club, Travel Club, and the Key Club. On weekends, he has assisted at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Parma for 55 years.

Hall of Fame

Jim Trueman '53

One of the best cross-country runners in school history, Trueman finished 11th in the state meet as a senior. At the annual Knights of Columbus Indoor Track meet, he won the mile run and was a member of the record-setting two-mile relay team to help the Bengals win the team title. Later, he founded the Red Roof Inn motel chain and became the owner of the car that won the 1986 Indianapolis 500. Jim died in 1986.

Accepting on Jim Trueman's behalf was Mr. Ron Gajoch.

Brent Marcoguiseppe '63

A hard-hitting and powerful outfielder, Marcoguiseppe helped the Bengals to a school record 26-3 mark in 1962 reaching the state semi-finals. He was an All-East Senate selection and All-Scholastic choice and played in several all-star games. In football he was an All-League choice at tackle for the Bengals East Senate championship team that finished 9-2-0.

Greg Marn '65

Best known for his performance as a junior in the 1963 Charity Game victory over St. Ignatius 30-16, Marn completed three of four passes for 97 yards from his halfback position to lead the Bengals. In that game,

Marn scored on a run and added a two-point conversion run, threw one touchdown pass and completed another pass for a two-point conversion. As a senior in 1964, Marn led the Bengals to the East Senate title and won first-team All-League honors.

Greg Marn has since been coaching high school football in Kansas to great success and was with his team as they battled in the playoffs. Accepting on Greg's behalf was classmate **Bob Hricik '65**.

Ron Grosel '88 was a three-year starter for the Bengals at running back, Grosel graduated as the third-leading scorer in school history with 228 points on 38 touchdowns. He earned All-Ohio honors as a senior and was a two-time All-Independent choice. In a key 14-13 win over Fremont Ross in 1987, he carried 33 times for 252 yards and two touchdowns. In baseball, he earned *Plain Dealer* All-Scholastic honors.

Salem Simon '97

A dominating lineman on both sides of the line of scrimmage, Simon helped the Bengals to the 1996 state title with the 14-3 win over Columbus DeSales. He earned All-Ohio and All-Scholastic honors and played in the annual North-South All-Star game. He helped the Bengals to the state title in track with top four finishes in the shot put and discus. He starred at Northwestern University and later signed a free agent contract with the Baltimore Ravens.

Chris Leanza '99

Graduating as the third-leading scorer in Bengals basketball history, Leanza finished with 1,182 points. He was a four-year letter winner who helped the Bengals to three consecutive state final four appearances resulting in back-to-back state titles. He continued his basketball career at Yale University where he was a two-time All-Ivy League selection and a team captain as a senior.

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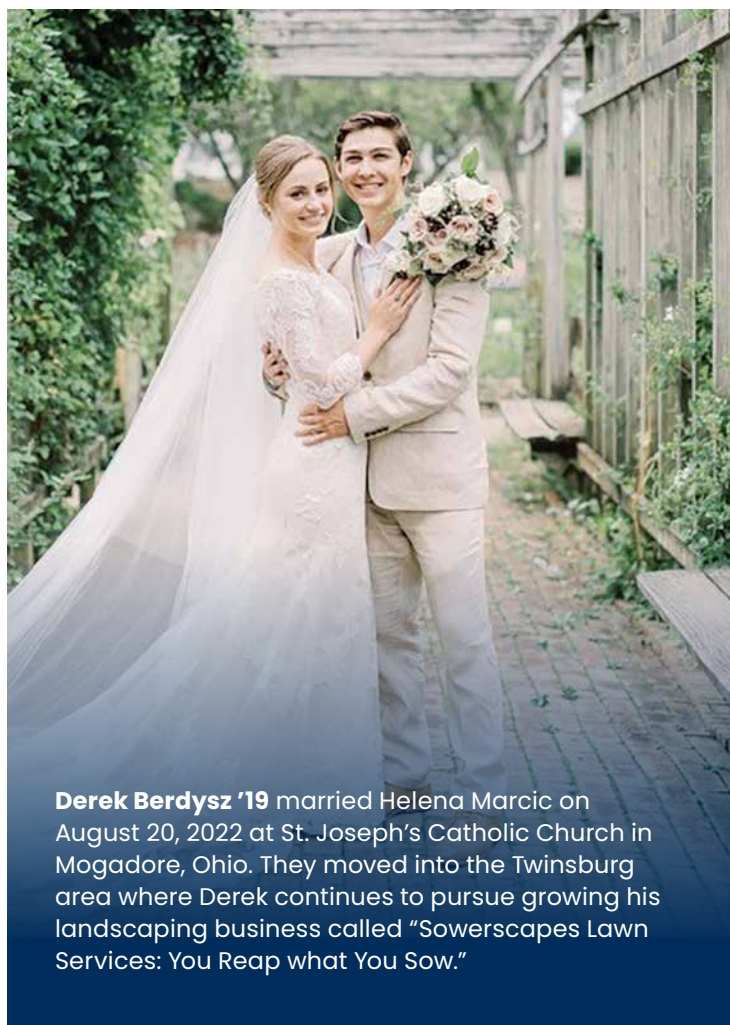


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Peter Knab '15 and his Baseball Odyssey

Peter Knab's transcript from Benedictine High School shows how he met all the academic requirements to receive his diploma in May of 2015. However, the transcript doesn't tell the full story of all the special efforts Peter had to take as only the second student who attended BHS for four years in a wheelchair. The late **Chester Korzinski '68** was the first. Peter's ability to manage his cerebral palsy has continued to develop in remarkable ways in the past six years.

While he was a student at BHS, Peter liked to attend Bengal varsity home baseball games that were played at **Nobby's Field** (named after alumnus **Nobby Lewandowski '55**) at Case Western Reserve University. Peter would park his wheelchair behind the wall and screen at home plate in front of the fans in the stands and launch into a very audible play-by-play that reflected his admiration for the style of **Tom Hamilton**, the Cleveland Indians long-time radio broadcaster.

On Monday, **May 19, 2014**, during the morning all school convocation, Peter was surprised when Tom Hamilton himself walked through the door and greeted Peter personally and then addressed the Benedictine student body about how he was inspired to hear about Peter's idea of giving the play-by-play at the Bengal baseball games.



"For people like me, the heroes are Peter," Hamilton said to the students present in the auditorium. "I don't feel I'm worthy (of being Peter's inspiration)." As Hamilton spoke to the students about how Knab could teach them so much about life and about following dreams, the 18 year old smiled the entire time.

After graduating from Benedictine, Peter enrolled at John Carroll University and continued to pursue his dream of becoming a professional sports announcer. He also began attending more and more professional sports games. At first he attended with a companion, but eventually he was able to go to games on his own, learning

how to use the RTA Rapid Transit to his benefit. Remarkably, Peter was able to attend 77 of the 81 Cleveland Guardians home games this season alone.

However, his next challenge was to be able to see the team on the road. By 2017 he had traveled by bus to Detroit and Cincinnati and by 2018 he began to fly to the Guardians' away games. In September of this year, Peter was featured in an online story by **Mandy Bell** in the **Guardians Newsletter**. The story was entitled, "Cleveland's Biggest Fan." Through Mandy's interview, Peter explained, "I have to do a lot of advance scouting, if you will."

He relies on staff at the airports to help him get from the gate to city transportation terminals. He's learning to best utilize ride-share apps like Uber and Lyft. He studies the bus routes ahead of time for each destination as well as economical lodging options. Peter attended over 120 Guardian games this season including 46 on the road.

However, Peter's biggest thrill of this baseball season occurred on Friday, October 7, when the Guardians asked him to throw out the first pitch for Game One of the American League Wild Card Series. Peter had moral support for his big moment because his uncle, Joe Knab, was there to see it. But the Catholic belief in the Communion of Saints means that his late father, who passed away in 2016, was probably watching from a higher section.



Tom Hamilton and Peter Knab in 2014.

FALL SPORTS WRAP



GOLF

Nick Vitantonio '24 tees off the Golf Sectional at Quail Hollow.



CROSS COUNTRY

Fred Bonner '24 in the Cross Country Sectional.



SOCCER

Charlie Roberto '24 works against a Firelands player in the playoffs.



FOOTBALL

The Bengals trot out to face the Spartans in Boardman, OH.

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RECENTLY DECEASED

The following members of the Benedictine community have entered Eternal Life between August 3, 2022 and November 30, 2022. We also include those outside of these dates of which we only recently received notification.

Class	Name	Deceased Date
1946	Joseph Sigmund	9/11/22
1951	Donald Pillar	10/2/22
1952	Andrew Kula	9/21/22
1954	Richard Wintucky	8/26/22
1955	Dr. Angelo Daprano	10/25/21
1955	Charles "Chuck" Piazza	10/18/22
1957	Fr. John Kovach	7/15/21
1958	Richard Skalsky	9/21/22
1960	Thomas Weiskopf	8/20/22
1963	William Dulik	9/24/22
1975	Stephen Andrassy	7/13/22
2008	Jordan Hall	10/17/22
	Helen Gebura	7/14/22
	Louise Weber	7/23/22
	Thomas Salem	9/13/22
	Anna Marie Chulik	10/22/22
	Donald Clark	10/21/22
	Dr. Edward Mansour	11/17/22

Correction: In the last issue of the ORA, the deceased John Lennon of the Class of 1947 was incorrectly listed as Class of 1951.

If anyone knows of other recently deceased alumni, please contact the alumni office at 216-421-2080 ext. 342 or alumni@cbhs.edu

In Memoriam

TOM WEISKOPF — PROFESSIONAL GOLFER



Tom Weiskopf of the Class of 1960 died on Saturday, August 20, 2022 at the age of 79. He was a nationally known professional golfer and probably the greatest golfer to come from Greater Cleveland. Sports writer Chris Lillstrung, in an extensive feature story in the *Lake County News Herald* at the time of Weiskopf's death, quoted the legendary Jack Nicklaus as stating, "Tom Weiskopf had as much talent as any player I've ever seen play the tour."

He won the 1973 British Open, he was the runner up four times at the Masters, a 1976 U.S. Open runner up, and had 28 event wins as a professional. In 1983 he became a golf analyst for CBS Sports. That same year, he began designing golf courses with architect Jay Morrish and then in 1984 became actively involved as a consultant in golf course design. He created over 80 golf courses in 18 states and 10 countries. Several golf publications named his courses in the list of top 100 courses in the U.S. and in the world.

Tom was born in Massillon, Ohio but moved with his family to Bedford, Ohio when he was entering the sixth grade. He attended sixth, seventh, and eighth grades at St. Pius X Elementary School and entered Benedictine as a freshman in the fall of 1956. His parents, who were avid golfers, bought Tom his first set of clubs when he began at the Home of Champions. Chris Lillstrung quoted Tom as remembering, "I'll never forget the first time that I played 18 holes. I had a 92. Two months later it was down in the 70s. The next year, as a sophomore at Benedictine, I made the varsity golf team."

During his sophomore and junior years at BHS, Tom was coached by the legendary **Fr. Florian Hudac, OSB '34**, who was himself a very good golfer. **Fr. Basil Hrin, OSB** was his senior year coach. While at Benedictine, Tom was a three-time district champion and a three-time state qualifier – twice on the Bengals' team in 1958 and 1960 and as an individual in 1959.

Tom was inducted into the Benedictine High School Athletic Hall of Fame in its second class in 1993. He sent a letter that was read at the ceremony acknowledging the impact that Benedictine had on his development as a person and as an athlete.



GOLF ... it's a birdie three ...

The 1960 golfing season finds Benedictine as the defending champion of the Metropolitan league. Besides winning the loop crown, the Bengals of last year finished third in the district tourney at Seneca golf course. Benedictine's Tom Weiskopf was medalist with a two-over-par 74.

Weiskopf along with Jim Radomski, Bob Krusoe, John Stipkala and Sal Forlani are returnees from the '59 squad.



THE 1959 BENEDICTINE VARSITY GOLF TEAM—Top Row: Captain senior Lou Domjan, sophomore Don Sobolewski, senior Bob Roy, senior Ed Stefank. Row Two: Junior Jim Radomski, senior John Zvolensky, junior Jim Zamiska, sophomore Jim Szablewski. Row One: Senior Jim Lewis, junior Tom Weiskopf, sophomore John Shumar, sophomore Ron Skala.



DEFENDING CHAMPIONS—The roster of Benedictine's 1960 varsity golf team lists (standing, left to right): Don Sobolewski, Tom Weiskopf, Ed Hudak, John Stipkala, Bob Krusoe. (Kneeling): Bob Frijouf, Sal Forlani, Jim Radomski, Steve Kandra, Bill Lusk and Jim Zamiska.



In Memoriam of Benedictine High School and friends of Saint Andrew Abbey



Richard Wintucky, 86, of the Class of 1954, died on August 26, 2022. Dick worked as a Senior Specialist for IBM. He also served in the U.S. Army overseas in Korea. He and his wife, Lori, regularly attended Benedictine events. They had three sons. They were married for 62 years and were active parishioners at St. Barnabas Parish in Northfield where Dick's classmate Bishop Roger Gries, OSB celebrated his funeral Mass.

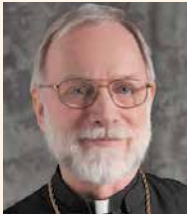


Dr. Angelo Daprano, DDS, 84, of the Class of 1955, died on October 25, 2021. After serving in the U.S. Army, he used the G.I. Bill to attend dental school at Case Western Reserve University where he later also studied orthodontics. He apprenticed in Florence, Italy before settling in San Francisco where he opened his practice and also became a partner in a chocolate shop. After retiring as a dentist he launched a second career opening four restaurants and establishing Daprano and Company which imported the world's finest confections. He also traveled extensively and led tours.



Donald Pillar, 88, of the Class of 1951, died on October 2, 2022. Don was one of five brothers who attended BHS: +Fr. Conrad, OSB '39; +Michael '44, Edward '53, and John '58. He was the uncle of Gary Pillar '71. Don worked as a dispatcher, but his first love was baseball. He played varsity baseball at Benedictine under

Coach Joe Rufus. He was an active alumnus who continued to socialize with his classmates for many years. His wife, Sandra, died in 2011. His funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Columbkille Church in Seven Hills. Representing BHS was Fr. Gerard Gonda, OSB.



Fr. John Kovach, 82, of the Class of 1957, died on September 15, 2021 in El Monte, California. He graduated from Duquesne University and then entered Saints Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Pittsburgh. He was ordained as a priest of the Ruthenian Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh on March 25, 1965 by Bishop

Nicholas Elko. He served in many parishes before being incardinated into the Eparchy of Parma in 2006 from which he retired in 2010. He then moved to Sherman Oaks, California assisting at the Pro-Cathedral of St. Mary of the Eparchy of Phoenix. He was buried at Calvary Cemetery in Cleveland.



Anna Marie Chulik, RN, 88, died on October 22, 2022 in Naples, Florida. Her husband, Theodore, passed away in 2003. She was the sister of the late **Fr. James Forgac, OSB of BHS** and the late Sister Margaret Mary Forgac, VSC of the Vincentian Sisters of Charity. Anna Marie grew up in Youngstown, Ohio and graduated from St. Elizabeth Hospital School of Nursing. In 1978 she became director of the School of Nursing at Trumbull Memorial Hospital. She was a benefactor of Saint Andrew Abbey for many years.



Jordan Hall, 32, of the Class of 2008, died on October 17, 2022 in a tragic plane crash in West Park, Florida. He was with his instructor when the small plane crashed into a house killing Jordan and his instructor. Jordan was only five hours short of getting his pilot's license. He was an entrepreneur, a fisherman, and a snowboarder and flying was one of his many passions. His memorial service was held at Benedictine on October 29, 2022.



Charles "Chuck" Piazza, 85, of the Class of 1955, died on October 18, 2022. Chuck took pride in being a man of Benedictine where he was inducted into the 2002 Hall of Fame for his exemplary involvement in wrestling, baseball, and football. In addition to being named Athlete of the Year in 1955, he also holds the title of being the only Benedictine athlete to place in the top 4 in the State Wrestling Championship three years in a row. He went on to become a carpenter, a profession he worked in for over 45 years. In 1986, he was honored with the Excellence in Craftsmanship Award by the Cleveland Builders Exchange for his carpentry skill. He had a second career as a hair stylist and owned two barbershops with his dad, Joe. He was the beloved husband of 43 years to Janice, father of four, grandfather of seven, great-grandfather of four. His funeral Mass was celebrated at Saints Cosmas and Damian Church in Twinsburg.



Donald Clark, 91, passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, October 21, 2022. As a longtime resident of Lake and Geauga counties, he was co-founder of Clark Rubber and Plastics now celebrating 50 years in business. He was the father of seven children including **BHS alumni Bob '87 and Mike '91**. He is survived by Joan, his wife of 64 years, 16 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. A supporter of BHS, he was a devout Catholic and his funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Helen's Church in Newbury, Ohio.

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JUNE 16-17, 2023

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Please contact alumni@cbhs.edu.

THANK YOU!

DEAR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS,



Chris Lorber '04

It is hard to believe that the Christmas Season is upon us! The year likely went so fast due to all of the initiatives, events, and developments that have taken place in the last year at both Benedictine High School and St. Andrew Abbey.

The Annual Report and recognition of our generous philanthropists grows on an annual basis. **Thank you for a record-breaking year**

of support! The Benedictine Community thanks you and acknowledges your generosity which allows for our young men to grow in mind, body, and spirit, and for our monks to continue their mission spreading God's word.

Family, friends, community leaders, like-minded philanthropists, alumni, and abbey representatives from across the nation joined us on Sunday, September 18, 2022 to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the monks and St. Andrew Abbey. With over 475 guests in attendance, stories were shared, congratulatory remarks were acknowledged, and prayers were provided as the monks embark on their next 100 years! Special recognition goes out to our centennial celebration committee and centennial planning chairman, Fr. Gerard Gonda, OSB '71, for all of the assistance over the last year.

The Benedictine Community continues to witness daily developments as it relates to the construction of our Centennial Campaign: *A Present and Future Community of Faith*. Construction crews have been on campus daily putting the final touches on the beautification of the Rufus Courtyard along with the brand new, 5,000 square foot entrance which will connect the main academic building with The Howley Science Wing. Science labs are currently under construction with an anticipated completion date later this spring!

Just like we celebrated the monks' 100th year anniversary in September, we'll look forward to our annual Blue and White Gala on **Saturday, March 11, 2023** as we come together to support our current Men of Benedictine through scholarships

and tuition assistance. The event will take place at The InterContinental-Cleveland, and is the single most important evening of the year. We would love to have you participate in this one-of-a-kind event! For sponsorship and attendance information, please contact Mrs. Ashley Arko at arko@cbhs.edu or 216-421-2080 ext. 280.

I invite you to campus to see all of our developments, as well as to meet with students who benefit from your generosity. You'll be inspired as you hear and learn of their experiences. And, likewise, if you wish to visit with the monks or join for vespers, please be sure to let us know. We'll assist to coordinate a visit.

As we grow and continue to carry on our missions, I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. And, most importantly, I thank you for the **gifts** you provide to our students and monks.

Yours in St. Benedict,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ch L '04".

Mr. Chris Lorber '04
Vice President of Advancement



Standing to honor America at the Abbey's Centennial Banquet on September 18 were (L-R): **Lynn Andrews, William Andrews, Bill Andrews '88** (blocked), **David Smith, Janetta Andrews, Juliet Schmidlin, Christopher Lorber '04, and Gina Smith, wife of Dan Smith '82.**

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