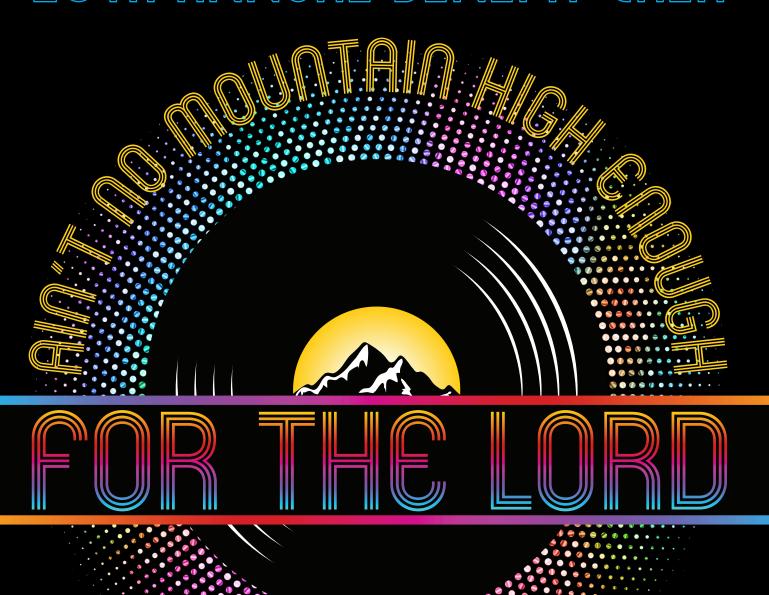
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5:15 p.m. Doors open

6:30 p.m. Dinner

7:30 p.m. Silent auction and games close

Presentation of St. Dominic Medal

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7:45 p.m. Dozen Chances Raffle and live music

8:30 p.m. Live Auction and Scholarship Appeal

9:15 p.m. Grand Prize Raffle

9:30-11 p.m. Live music and dancing with Chateau Band!

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Dear Family and Friends of Spiritus Sanctus Academy,

I have met many of our long-time school families over the years; others I have only recently met, and still others I look forward to meeting in the future. One of the great joys for me in my first year as Prioress General has been to come to know our religious Community "in a new way," and the same is true of our schools and those we partner with in the apostolate. As I get to know our school communities better, I am in awe at the many ways the Lord is at work, and at the fruit that He brings out of this work of Catholic education. I look forward to getting to know you more in the coming years as we continue this good work together.

It is with deep gratitude that I thank our Spiritus Sanctus Academy parents for entrusting your children to us as we partner with you in their formation. We know what commitment and sacrifice it requires to provide them with a Catholic education. Thank you for trusting us to form their hearts, minds, and souls, as beloved children of God and disciples of Christ. To our grandparents, extended family members, friends, sponsors, and benefactors - thank you for your support of our schools. Your goodness and generosity enables us to fulfill our mission of forming young people. We would not be able to do it without your support!

Certainly among the greatest of God's blessings to us are our students themselves. It is a truly a privilege to see the Holy Spirit at work in the formation of our students, as they open themselves up to His grace in their lives. From the newest member of our school community to the 8th graders coming to the end of their SSA education, our students are the reason that the Spiritus Sanctus Academies exist. The partnership of our dedicated and committed staff, our school families, and our benefactors and friends makes possible all that our students are able to receive and achieve.

Each year as part of our Gala celebration, we award the Medal of St. Dominic to honor someone who, by their life of witnessing to the Faith, has made a significant contribution to the Church. This year we present the 2022 Medal of St. Dominic to the faculty and staff of the Spiritus Sanctus Academy schools and to our school principals, Sr. Maria Faustina and Sr. Maria Gemma, in recognition of their ongoing commitment to Catholic education and specifically of their efforts to carry out the SSA mission in the midst of the pandemic. The families who nominated the staff and principals for this award pointed out the great deal of work and fortitude these past two years have demanded, above what is already normally required of teachers and administrators. They particularly acknowledged the efforts to return to in-person learning as soon as possible, to accommodate the constantly-changing roster of quarantined students and keep those students (and the rest of their class) moving forward even during absences, and to navigate the wide variety of regulations and requirements which schools faced during this time. I want to join my voice to theirs in thanking Sr. Maria Faustina, Sr. Maria Gemma, our teachers, and our staff for their dedication in weathering this storm and continuing to form our students in the Faith and in virtue.

Please know of our prayers for each of you - and please pray for us, as we continue our mission of leading our young people to know and love the Lord and the beautiful richness of our Catholic Faith. May our Lord abundantly bless each of you and your families.

Gratefully in Mary, Mother of the Eucharist,

Mother Mary Assumpta Long, O.P.

Prioress General

ABOUT US









SPIRITUS SANCTUS ACADEMY (SSA)

Spiritus Sanctus Academies (Latin for Holy Spirit) are private Catholic K-8 schools in the Ann Arbor and Plymouth areas of Southeast Michigan. The schools have been administered by the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist and staffed by faithfilled laity for over 25 years. As the Faith is central to the schools, Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation are offered regularly, and with a chapel at the heart of each campus, students have frequent opportunities for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

The mission of Spiritus Sanctus Academy is to create a unique educational environment in which learning and practicing the Truths of the Catholic Faith are central to the development of each child. In partnership with the families, the schools strive to provide a well-rounded Catholic education for their students, rooted in the Truths of the Faith, and the educational scholarship needed to prosper in the worldwide community of this millennium. Each student's individual talents and gifts are challenged and developed according to their capacity so that they might use them for the honor and glory of God, for their own spiritual and temporal good, and for the good of their neighbor.





SPIRITUS SANCTUS ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIPS

Since its inception, Spiritus Sanctus Academy has sought to make Catholic education affordable to every family. The Rosary Scholarship was established by Mr. Thomas Monaghan to assist families to this end. In 1999, the Brusher Scholarship was created in memory of Paul Brusher, the son of Fred and Margaret Brusher. In 2013, Margaret Brusher gave another generous contribution in memory of their son, Patrick Brusher. Each year, families in need of financial assistance are awarded monies from one of these scholarships to subsidize their tuition. During the SSA Annual Benefit Gala, individuals are invited to contribute to these scholarship funds.

HOLY SPIRIT FUND

The Spiritus Sanctus Academy Board established a distinct fund entitled the Holy Spirit Fund to provide a means for individuals to make tax-deductible donations to the school. The purpose of this fund is to proactively generate a source of revenue for the long-term stability of the schools. Since the schools are privately owned by the Dominican Sisters of Mary and not subsidized by the Diocese or a parish, the fiscal responsibility rests with the Sisters.











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THE MEDAL OF ST. DOMINIC

The Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist are pleased to present the Medal of St. Dominic each year at the SSA Annual Benefit Gala. This award is given to a man, woman, or individuals whose lives show tireless effort in the service of God via profession or volunteerism in the spirit of St. Dominic. The purpose of The Medal of St. Dominic is to raise awareness of the Dominican Sisters' mission and to recognize individuals whose daily life reflects the Christian ideals promoted by Spiritus Sanctus Academy and who have lived out the mission in one or more of the following ways:

- Contributed to Spiritus Sanctus Academy in outstanding ways
- Made significant contributions in support of the mission of the Dominican Sisters of Mary
- Made significant humanitarian contributions to their community at large

It is hoped that honoring individuals who fit this criteria will inspire others to a greater involvement in the mission of the schools and the Sisters.



THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF MARY, MOTHER OF THE EUCHARIST, AND SPIRITUS SANCTUS ACADEMY ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THIS YEAR'S ST. DOMINIC MEDAL HONOREES,

THE FACULTY & STAFF OF SPIRITUS SANCTUS ACADEMY

This year, the decision on who to award the St. Dominic Medal to was a pretty simple choice. We had multiple nominations submitted - all for the same group of people who reflect the Christian ideals that Spiritus Sanctus Academy promotes, contribute to our schools in outstanding ways, and clearly support the mission of the Dominican Sisters of Mary. Over the past two years, the faculty and staff of SSA have gone above and beyond these Christian ideals and have persevered despite any and all obstacles that have arisen.

The nominations speak for themselves.

"The faculty and staff at both the Plymouth and Ann Arbor SSA schools have gone above and beyond to maintain in-person learning during the last 2.5 pandemic school years. Not only have they all continued to show up for work, but they have given up prep and personal time to take on additional responsibilities: sanitizing, overall classroom cleaning, and COVID testing. They have taught in masks, on zoom, hybrid zoom and in classroom, from home, and while quarantined, to name just a few. Our children and the SSA community as a whole have greatly benefited from their sacrifices to make in-person learning a reality!!!"

"The COVID-19 pandemic is a global health crisis without precedent in the last 100 years. Educational institutions at all levels have been faced with decisions as to how best to continue their mission while taking into account the health and safety of those they serve and those who work within the institution. Prior to the start of the 2020/2021 school year given the available data regarding the virus and pandemic, the faculty and staff of the Spiritus Sanctus Academies (SSA) decided it would be in the best interest of the children they serve to continue in-person learning with added safety measures and social distancing in place. This decision ran contrary to the strategies adopted by many public and private institutions which largely instituted virtual or hybrid models of learning. Additionally, the approach taken by SSA was met with scrutiny by the local health authorities which required an additional layer of administrative oversight on the part of the SSA, adding more work to an already stretched staff. These decisions were not without risk to the personal health of those working at the school as risk of becoming seriously ill due to COVID infection does increase with age.



Yet in spite of these challenges, the teachers, administrators and staff at SSA have remained dedicated to the wellbeing of the children and families they serve. It has since become apparent and largely accepted that in-person learning even during the pandemic is not only the best educational approach, but is also in the best interests of the children from a social and psychological perspective. Catholic schools as a whole have been at the forefront of this through the pandemic despite the challenges and risks mentioned above. We feel that the faculty and staff of SSA have been granted graces to heroically excel in the virtues of circumspection, foresight, patience and perseverance which have been tempered by great love and joy for the children and educational mission of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist. As such, we would like to recommend them for the medal of St. Dominic."

"From the outset of the pandemic, while many other schools were divided as different groups looked out for their individual interests, the sole focus of SSA's faculty and staff, led by the principals, seemed to be, 'How can we continue our mission of educating these children, with prudence and safety, under these circumstances?' Their first thought was not of self ('what is best for me?') but of the other, of our

children. And we know from the Church that this is what love is - to will the good of the other.

Through that love, the SSA faculty and staff exemplified so many of the virtues that we try to teach our children:

- Prudence: seeking and taking counsel on a range of complicated questions from law to medicine to emotional health
- Fortitude: continuing to press on despite the many obstacles that continued and continue to arise
- Temperance: keeping an even keel in midst of strong emotions from many
- Charity: seeking the best for the children of SSA and their families

There is no better way to educate children in virtue than by modeling it. We are incredibly grateful for this gift the SSA faculty and staff has given to our family through their love of the students of SSA."

On behalf of all of the SSA families, alumni, benefactors, and our extended communities, we thank you - our principals, teachers, administrators, clergy, and custodial and support staff - from the bottom of our hearts.



Fr. Peter Kabaggoza



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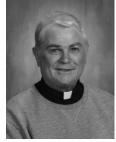
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Spiritus Sanctus Academy 26th Annual Benefit Gala









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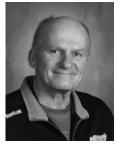
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Sincerely,

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May God bless you all!



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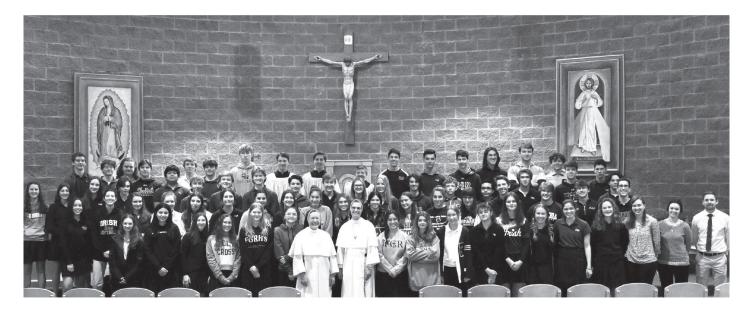
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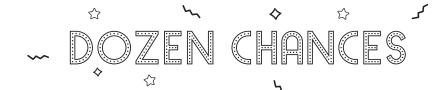
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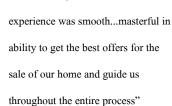












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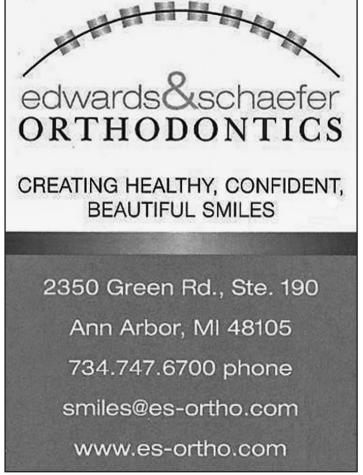


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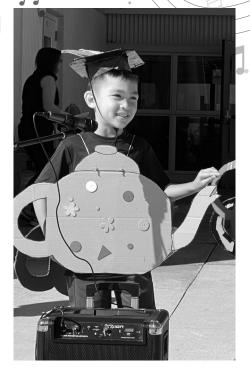


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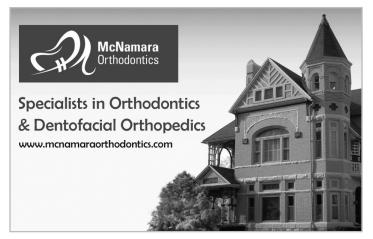




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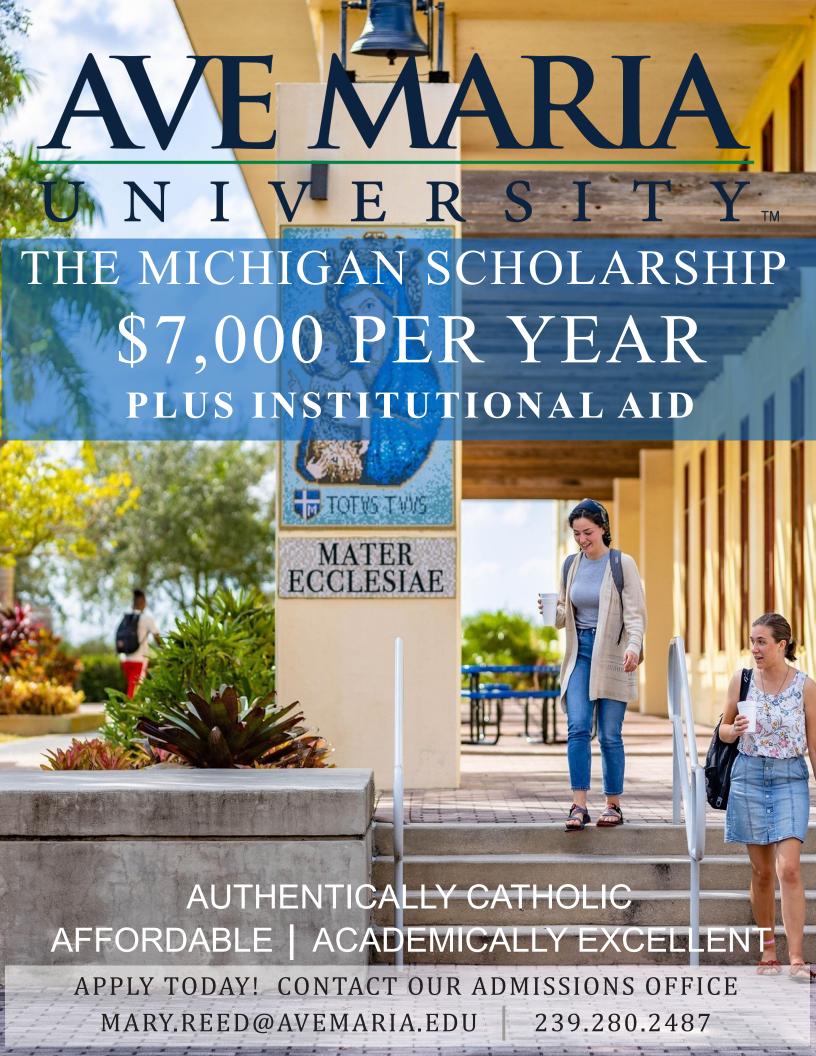
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