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DEVELOPMENTS by Roy DeMars



THE SALESMAN

So! Last month I found it necessary to reapply for my Nebraska driver's license. The trip to the Courthouse always seems to provide excitement of sorts and this trip was no exception as I found myself in line with fellow alumnus, Carol Parker '63 Benker. Actually, the two of us were the extent of the 'line.' Following the ritual of dispensing information and cash, it came time for the appropriate picture to be taken. Driver's license photos are notoriously horrible. Following the sitting, Carol and I shared our photos with each other and chuckled at the results. Neither of us seemed to recognize either of the photos as presented.

I mention this little episode because as of December, we have begun our 10th year as an Alumni/ Development office. I, for one, find that very hard to believe. If you don't mind, I will continue to use the same photo.

Over the last 10 years, I have managed to learn a few new things. Above all else, I have learned that absolutely anyone can make a substantial contribution through a Planned Gift. It did take a little time but eventually the process made sense to me.

I'm a salesman by trade. And, I suppose that it was for that reason that I was hired. It took someone with a fairly good 'line' to withstand the interviewing process. One had to have a tough hide to stare down the tall, slouching figure at the edge of the elongated, board room table. After all, the imposing form dressed in black with the exploratory eyes was Msgr. John McCabe.

Like attorneys, salesmen have developed a questionable reputation over the years. Justified or not, there is a degree of hesitation when discussing this line of work. However, there are 'tricks of the trade' just like any other and I'm expected to use my 40+ years of selling to

address Planned Giving. For the principled salesperson there are two values that should be followed. First, the initial thing a salesman must do is develop a relationship with the potential client. Should one walk up to the individual with the line, "Would you like to buy my toothbrush," the odds are that you will not come away with the sale. It's of the utmost importance that each get to know one another first. There is a degree of trust that must be established between both parties and this is only accomplished through personal exchanges to determine the character of each.

The other norm that I've always followed is the idea that no matter what, you will not sell something to a patron that he/she does not want in the first place. In the case of Planned Giving, people are searching for ways to help but without sacrificing needed income and security.

Our mission then is to demonstrate how a Planned Gift can be made by an individual(s) and directed to our Hastings Catholic Schools. This is being accomplished through relationships built around our alumni and parish community. The newsletters you are reading, the reunions that have been attended, the relationships that have been established and built upon, the sporting events, the socials, the seminars, the breakfasts and even the day to day conversations are what is needed to open up dialog in this regard. Once this is accomplished, our patrons are more inclined to lend an ear and give consideration to making a substantial contribution to our churches and schools by these means.

Please pardon me for repeating myself but absolutely anyone can make a substantial contribution to their favorite charitable organization. It only takes a desire to do so and some painless conversation. Following that, it then becomes a decision for you, the donor.

Randolph Family Scholarship Benefits STC Graduates

Much is sometimes made of 'the good old days' but for some, 'the good old days' might not have been quite that good.

In September of 1962, I was attending Regis College in Denver, CO along with STC graduate Mike Crowley '61. This was prior to Interstate 80 being finished so the shortest, quickest route found us on Highway #36 that runs the entire length of northern Kansas. It's a lonesome highway today so you can imagine what it might have been 45 years ago. Night travel was sparse to put it mildly. Most likely, one kept the tank on the top half because there were no such thing as Casey's in those days. More than once we found ourselves pulling up to closed service stations and dumping what might have been left in the hoses in order to get to the next town.

But no matter how bad it was, there was one individual who was just a bit worse off than we were. His name was Patrick Jude Randolph.

At that time Pat was attending St. Mary's of the Plains in Dodge City, KS on a football scholarship. (I wonder what coach's shoes he stole there in order to suit up for the game?) Pat played both ways, offense and defense and he had a 'full ride' with the help of former sports newspaper writer, Doyle E. Smith. Doyle frequently serviced St. Mary's with pictures that he had taken or clippings that he had written about Pat. Most likely, he was featured making a crunching tackle or the name 'Randolph' appeared in some fashion at the top of the sports page. Classmates of Pat such as John 'The Jet' Kealy, Norb Parr, Dick Karsting, Chuck Hoy, Pat Michael, Ron Horton, Tom Stark and others claim that Pat owned the controlling shares of stock in the Hastings Daily Tribune.

Whatever the particulars might have been, Pat found himself in Dodge City playing football. However, Pat had no car, no means to travel from Hastings to



Dodge City. Even today, experienced travelers need to follow a map in order to find their way to the southwestern city in Kansas. So, Pat hitchhiked.

On some occasions, Pat would find his way with Mike Crowley and me as we were coming from or returning to Denver. Many times we would have to drop Pat off at the Norton motel and he would begin his journey to the southwest at 6-7 - or 8 in the evening. During some Christmas holidays, the weather became a real factor. Yet, he put his bag on his shoulder and stuck out his thumb, hoping for a ride all the way to Dodge City.

It was difficult and Pat never forgot. This past month, Pat and Mary Jo Randolph began the Randolph Scholarship at Hastings College for a graduating Senior from Hastings St. Cecilia. Pat wanted to help Hastings College in addition to a high school student in need. The scholarship provides for an endowment funded by the Randolph family to be used perpetually. In addition, this endowment could be added to at other times by him or others. This is a \$1,000 scholarship that becomes effective in 2009. This is a very nice gift and a good way to express his appreciation for both Hastings St. Cecilia and Hastings College. For additional information as to how you might add to this scholarship or begin one of your own, please contact the HCS Development Office.

A NEW SULLIVAN ARRIVES IN OMAHA



Mike and Patricia Guilfoyle '69 Sullivan are all smiles as they hold their first grandchild, a girl, Payton Ryan Sullivan. Born to Ryan '95 and Carrie Sullivan on New Year's Eve, 2007, the new Irishman reached a length of 22" and weighed in at 8 lb., 8 oz.



Hastings Catholic Schools Charitable Gift Annuity Rate Table

Age	Single Life	Two-Life
70	6.5%	5.9%
75	7.1%	6.3%
80	8.0%	6.9%
85	9.5%	7.9%
88	10.6%	8.7%
90	11.3%	9.3%

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2008

(The following is a reprint from the STC Links with the permission of Fr. Troy Schweiger, Superintendent of the Hastings Catholic Schools.)

To Be A Saint

We began the solemn season of Lent this past Wednesday. It is a time for reflection, repentance, and renewal. Earlier this school year, I read an article by Msgr. Roh from Falls City Sacred Heart that posed a reflection question that I think is relevant for this season. I will rephrase it for our location. "Why do we spend \$3M annually to have a Catholic school system in Central Nebraska?" Hastings Catholic Schools can only exist because of the dedication and commitment of the entire community to the Catholic education of our youth. As a result, I think Msgr. Roh's question to be one that all of us should pray about and be able to answer.

Are we a private school that just happens to be associated with the Catholic church? Are we a school that measures our success on how big a salary we can prepare our students to receive or even on which prestigious college our students can enter? Are we a school that limits our definition of success to this world only? I truly don't believe that our parents would answer Msgr. Roh's question in those ways. I DO believe that we can answer the question as did Eduardo Verastegul, the actor who was the star in the recent movie "Bella." Mr. Verastegul, after a spiritual conversion that brought him back to Catholicism, stated that he finally has a clear purpose in his life. He said: "I was not called or born to be an actor, nor created to be famous, nor rich, nor an engineer, a doctor, a success. I was called to be a saint."

Pretty basic and pretty clear! I would propose to you that this – forming saints – is why we are here, nothing less, nothing more. Without that, everything else is really meaningless. While a school can't be a saint, it can help call students and families to holiness. After all, holiness is what makes a saint a saint. The natural question then is: How do we educate our students to be saints? What does it mean? First, it means that we respect grace; that we acknowledge that God and God alone is the source of holiness. We cannot chisel saints the way Michelangelo chiseled out the block of marble to make his David. Only God can move our hearts. At the same time, we recognize and cooperate with God's invitation and set the table for him to come. God respects our freedom and never forces us to respond. We can provide the environment where God's grace can work. We can make sure to remove any obstacles to that grace.

Second, to educate our students to be saints means we must form the intellect and will of our students in the image and likeness of God. Intellectual formation means coming to truth, and knowing how to find truth. It means instilling knowledge about God's purpose in creation, the reality of sin, the plan He ordained starting with Abraham and finishing with Jesus Christ

and the forming of His Church. It means understanding the Nicene Creed. Intellectual formation is about doctrine, dogmas, commandments and content. But, it refers to more than just faith. Discovering the truths of creation in science, social studies, music, art, etc. can lead us to appreciation and love of the One who created. Intellectual formation involves all subjects. To be Catholic means we are zealous in pursuing truth in all areas of study.

The other half of saint "making" is to form the heart, the affective dimension of the human soul. It means leading students to the fountain to drink of God's love. It means helping them respect and appreciate Jesus, the Word of God, the Church, the Sacraments, Tradition, the Liturgy, Personal Prayer, the Community of Faith and the place of authority in the community. It means treating human beings as stamped by God with His own image, from conception to natural death. It means calling students to greatness, opening their horizons to see the incredible dignity that each of them possesses. As strange as this may sound to modern ears, it even means at times helping students see how their choices can lead them away from God's fountain of love. While we all make mistakes and sin because of our fallen human nature, none of us are intrinsically evil or irredeemable. We respect each other's dignity by helping each other take responsibility and grow as Peter did during the Passion of Christ. On the journey, there are bound to be bumps in the road, but we are on the journey moving together toward God – that is what matters. No matter what crosses may come our way, at our Catholic schools, there is a dazzling array of opportunities for our students to form their heart in the heart of Christ.

To be a Catholic means we strive to be Catholic all day long, in every classroom, in every activity, in chapel and out of chapel, when convenient and when inconvenient. Are we there yet? No, Lent reminds us that we are not there yet, that all of us, myself, students, faculty staff and parents need to continue the process of repentance, reform, renewal and rejoicing. This side of eternity we will not have the perfect school, but we WILL have a school infused by God's grace, always hopeful, always striving to grow, always a place where the mind and the heart can be formed by God, always a place where we journey together toward Christ. By the grace of God, in our Catholic Schools we have the opportunity to experience God's fountain of love, let us never forget that reality.

Why do we spend \$3M annually to have a Catholic school system in Central Nebraska? So our students, faculty, staff and families can become saints together on the journey toward God. Praise be Jesus.



News from the Alumni Director

Carol Brouillette '64 Poppe

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Wow! It didn't take long for 2007 to fly away! We are now in the planning stages of events that will take place in 2008. If you would like to help with any of these events please contact the Alumni Office. Mark your calendars for the following dates.

STC Alumni Phone-a-thon: We wish to extend our heartfelt "Thank You" and request your continued support for the phone-a-thon project. We certainly appreciate the sacrifices you have made in regard to this endeavor and also to the Teachers Matching Gift Appeal through the Development Office. The phone-a-thon goal of \$40,000 was met with your generous donations of \$40,178. 491 alumni/friends contributed to the Matching Gift. We presently have about 2600 alumni. **Thank You** to those who have supported us in the past year. There is no doubt with the help of more of our 2600 alumni and friends, we will reach our new goal of \$41,000 for 2008. As a HCS family member, we encourage you to partake in this project. Also, as in the past, these funds assist STC Alumni Office (25%) and the remaining portion (75%) being placed in the St. Cecilia High School Endowment. This endowment continues to grow and provides our Hastings Catholic Schools with over \$200,000 annually. Phone-a-thon information for 2008 will be mailed in March.

Alumni Basketball & Volleyball Tournament: March 28th & 29th is set for the Tournament. On Saturday evening the party will be at the Knights of Columbus Hall starting at 7:00 p.m. The fee for spouses and non players will be \$7.50 at the door. Please contact: **Rod Kitten '85** (402) 469-3942 or **Thera Krueger '01, Krissy Schropp '01, Coby Rogers '01** Washburn (402) 984-6577 or the STC Alumni Office (402) 462-6566 to pre-register your team members.

Senior Breakfast 2008: The annual 'Senior Breakfast' will be **May 14, 2008.** We invite the senior class for a special breakfast furnished by the STC Alumni Office. This is our way of inviting them to be part of the STC Alumni Association.

Annual Alumni Golf Tournament June 20, 2008: We are looking forward to another exciting day of golf at Southern Hills Golf Course. Coffee and rolls will be served at 8 a.m. during registration. Scheduled tee time is 9 a.m. Please return the registration form by June 1, 2008 with payment to the Alumni Office or contact **Kevin Sass '78** (402) 463-6606, **Corey Anderson '92** (402) 463-5278 or **Kory Bumgardner '92** (402) 461-4878. Lunch and awards will follow the tournament. As in the past, there will be fabulous prizes thanks to our sponsors and local businesses. The tournament will be open to Alumni and to the public.

The Grand Bag August 14, 2008: This will be our 3rd annual **Grand Bag – Ladies Night Out.** Co-chairs are **Michelle Brouillette '97** Sorensen (402) 499-4394, **Stacie Widhelm '97** (402) 463-9613 and **Becky Bassett '94** Anderson (402) 463-5278. This fundraiser benefits the Hastings Catholic Schools. If you would like to donate a 'new' handbag, send a monetary donation and/or help in any way, please contact one of our co-chairs or call the Alumni Office.

Reunion 2008: September 12 & 13, 2008: Mark your calendars for these days in September 2008. Honor years end in 3 & 8. Please contact the Alumni Office for class lists to start preparing for another September reunion. There will be more information in the next Blue Hawk 'Connection'.

WEDDINGS

Jeff Murman '99 to Rachael Krings, June 23, 2007.

Joshua Hurst '98 to Nichole Wander, July 29, 2007.

Justin Pittz '95 to Erin Schack, September 29, 2007.

Nathan Kolbet '03 to Angela Klippert, November 15, 2007.

MaryBeth Wahlmeier '99 to Eric Himmelberg, January 5, 2008.

Kristen Willmes '02 to William Nejezchleb, January 26, 2008.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations Dorothy & **Neil Sheedy '53** celebrating 50 years together on February 8, 2008.

BIRTHS

Kaleigh Ann Williams, baby girl born August 28, 2007 to Dan & **Naomi Krienert '95** Williams.

Calen Kenneth Spady, baby boy was born October 29, 2007 to Chad & **Kerry Glaser '93** Spady.

Nicholas Alan Kvetensky, baby boy was born October 31, 2007 to Josh & **Becky Kolbet '99** Kvetensky; grandson to **Art '78** & **Lauri Kolbet.**

Joseph John Roth, baby boy was born November 5, 2007 to Chris & **Molly Lawless '89** Roth.

Emily Grace Hentzen, baby girl was born November 17, 2007 to Doug & **Tami Kimminau '96** Hentzen.

Samuel Dennis & Benjamin Richard, twin boys were born December 19, 2007 to Greg & **Kristen Abraham '92** Bousquet; grandson to Rich & **Sue Faber '70** Abraham.

Payton Ryan Sullivan, baby girl, was born December 31, 2007 to **Ryan** and Carrie **Sullivan '95**; granddaughter to Mike and **Patricia Guilfoyle '69** Sullivan.

Ian Timothy John Learmouth, baby boy was born January 4, 2008 to Tim and **Beth Plein '99** Learmouth; grandson to **John '68** & **Michelle Plein.**

Oliver Roy DeMars, baby boy was born February 11, 2008 to **Adam** & Regina **DeMars '92**; grandson to **Roy '62** & **Gay DeMars.**

Audrey Ann Rossow, baby girl, was born February 11, 2008, to Matthew & **Larissa Luther '94** Rossow. Granddaughter to Robert & Jean Miller '69 Luther.

BLUE 2008 – April 12, 2008

CAR RAFFLE
New 2008 Chevrolet Malibu
Tickets are \$100 ea.
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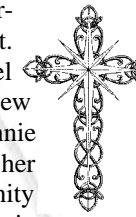
MEMORIALS

Rose Theis\$300
Richard Loskill\$2150



ALUMNI DEATHS

Connie Witt '69 Kort of Hastings passed to eternal life October 29, 2007. Services were at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Fr. Michael Houlihan officiating. Burial was in Parkview Cemetery. After high school graduation, Connie attended Kearney State College and received her degree in child care from Central Community College at Hastings, NE in 1998. In 1973 Connie married Larry Kort at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Doniphan NE. She worked with the infants at Pooh Corner Day Care in Hastings and was active in Marriage Encounter. Survivors include her husband, one daughter: **Julie Kort '93** of Hastings and four sisters: **Colleen '57** Kober and **Karen '59** Koch of Hansen, NE, **Judy '62** Clinch of Lincoln, NE and Jackie Dixon of Colorado Springs, CO. Memorials may be given to the Connie Ann Kort Memorial Fund.



Richard Loskill of Hastings passed to eternal life December 8, 2007. Survivors include his wife, Shirley; daughters, Donna Hawkinson, Judy Nauert of Hastings, Sarah Frink and son, **Chris Loskill '99** both of Lincoln, NE; six grandchildren including **Ashley Nauert '05**. Memorials may be sent to the family for the Hastings Catholic Schools.

Edward Kathman passed to eternal life January 5, 2008. Survivors include his wife Mary, and sons James and **Joseph Kathman '84** of Juniata, NE. Memorials may be given to St. Cecilia's Catholic Church.

STC ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT

2008 REGISTRATION FORM

"Saints 4 Person Scramble"

Friday, June 20, 2008



8:00 a.m. Registration *** 9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

6TH annual Alumni Golf Tournament "Saints 4 Person Scramble" – Southern Hills Golf Course – Hastings, NE. Morning coffee and rolls, green fees, cart, 18 holes of golf, chance at \$20,000 hole in one, flight prizes, flag prizes and luncheon are all included in your entry fee. Plus a "hole" lot of fun! We encourage everyone to team up with your spouse or friends for this tournament.

Name: _____ Grad. Yr. _____ Spouse: _____

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City/State /Zip: _____ email: _____

Alumni Golf: Yes _____ No _____ \$65.00 \$ _____

Spouse: Yes _____ No _____ \$65.00 \$ _____

If you don't have a team, we will find one for you. TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____

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