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Dear Fellow TAC Parents and Grandparents,



Having been tested for COVID-19 before the start of the academic year, and then shortly





## Rosary Procession

On September 15, 2017, the Rosary Procession took place in front of the main building. The procession was led by the St. Ignace Parish choir and the St. Ignace Parish Knights of Columbus. The procession was a beautiful sight and a great way to celebrate the feast of the Assumption.



## Schubertiade

On September 16, 2017, the Schubertiade took place in the main building. The Schubertiade was a wonderful event and a great way to celebrate the feast of the Assumption.

Right: The Schubertiade was a wonderful event and a great way to celebrate the feast of the Assumption.

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School was one of those. She could answer questions and show me that the program worked.

My advice to TAC parents is: Keep informed about the College, so that you can answer questions whenever they may come up. It's especially important where we live, in suburban New York, because where you send your kids to school is a kind of status symbol around here. When I'm asked where our kids go, I'll usually answer with an explanation of the school before I give them the name. People — even people who have no interest in sending their kids here — when they hear anecdotes, details, and stories about the school, want to know more.

**What are some ways to reach more parents?**

To reach more parents, to ensure that those parents are more connected to the College on a more regular basis, to have them feel more engaged and informed. The idea is to create a sense of community for our parents that lasts well beyond those four short years.

I would also like to help create more opportunities for parents to volunteer for the College. It can be something simple, such as answering career questions about their industry over the phone, or it can be something as big as hosting an event at their home.

**What are some ways to help create more opportunities for parents to volunteer for the College?**

Love for the College will keep them united. The parents who currently have enrolled students are certainly easier to engage, because they have a reason to be on campus and reason

to ask the school questions. It's the parents of graduated students whom we need to engage more, so that they don't feel as though it's all done as soon as their student graduates. We need to encourage them and tell them, "We want you to be a part of the community, and you are still a part of it. You are a part of the College, and you can help. Don't feel funny about going to a TAC Christmas party in your town. You are completely welcome. We want you; we need you!"

**How can we help spread the word about the College?**

The first thing is to help spread the word. Engage the communities that you're a part of so that you can let people know about the College and what a great place it is. That way we can send more students here and help them when they graduate. We can make the TAC community broader across the country and the world.

Beyond that, I would contact Robert Bagdazian, the director of alumni and parent relations. There is so much parents can do. They can help people understand, appreciate, and want to send either students or money to the College. Then they can help on the other end: When kids graduate, they can help them find a community in any city where they may work. TAC is not a huge college, but there are graduates all over the place. It doesn't take much to help newcomers feel welcome. When you add the parents, alumni, and friends, you really can start to create communities around the country.

The timing is perfect for parents to get more involved, because the College is putting a concerted effort into making the Parents' Association more robust and extending its outreach. If there's a specific thing we need, and you want to be one of the people we go to, let us know.



The Cummings family: Alexander, Ian ('22), Sophie ('23), and Paula



## Recent Reads from TAC Moms & Dads

### Alexander Cummings

*Father of Ian ('22) and Sophie ('23)*

Alexander Cummings, who holds an MBA from Yale and has worked on corporate values programs for some of the world's best-known corporations, has published his first book, *Virtues Work: Soar at Work. Soar at Life. Here's How*. A how-to guide for readers who want to become their best selves, the book presents the virtues in a practical way, offering tips on how to incorporate their practice into everyday life. Although focusing on the application of the virtues in the workplace, *Virtues Work* contends that virtuous conduct in the office will spill into — and enrich — all other aspects of life as well.

### Dr. Susan (Burnham '78) Waldstein

*Mother of Johannes ('02), Maria-eresia (Braden '05), Pater Edmund, O.Cist. ('06), Benedict ('11), and Andreas ('19)*

What are the Christian's responsibilities toward the environment? A new book sets out to answer this question, decoupling it from the snares of ideology and partisanship by turning to the intellectual tradition of the Church. In *The Glory of the Cosmos*, prominent Catholic scholars consider environmentalism from the vantage of Catholic philosophy and theology, particularly the works of St. Thomas Aquinas. Among the book's essays are "Hierarchy in a New Natural Science," by Dr. Susan (Burnham '78) Waldstein, professor of philosophy at Franciscan University of Steubenville. (Another of its notable contributors is Dr. Waldstein's second son, Pater Edmund, O.Cist. '06).

### Noelle Mering

*Mother of Abigail ('22)*

Writing with Dr. Carrie Gress, Noelle Mering has published two books in the last two years about making the family home a sacred space, *Ecology of Home: Finding the Eternal in the Everyday* and *Ecology of Home II: The Spiritual Art of Homemaking*. Whereas the first installment focuses on design, the second considers the art of homemaking and its relationship to some of the deepest truths of the Faith. Both are filled with large, beautiful photographs that not only complement the text but inspire the reader. Mrs. Mering's next book, *Awake Not Woke*, is due to be released this spring.

### Dr. Andrew Seeley ('87)

*Father of Luke ('12), Felicity ('14), Edward ('16), Elisabeth ('19), and Richard ('22)*

### Michael Van Hecke ('86)

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