

# THE AUGUSTINIAN

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“Tolle Lege”

St. Augustine High School



## Saints' Very Own Super 8 Arrive



Every single new teacher showed up for the group photo. Freshmen are so well behaved.

Max Rodriguez ('17)



By Alejandro Eros ('19)  
STAFF WRITER



By John Dye ('19)  
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By Ricardo Curiel ('19)  
STAFF WRITER

Along with the freshmen, eight new Saints teachers have also come marching in. The Saints community welcomes new teachers Ms. Nicole Quirk, Mr. Brett Crouse, Mr. Adrian Cedeño, Bro. Max Villeneuve, OSA, Mr. Joseph Slevcove, Mr. Brian Wallace, Mr. Carl Bronson, and Miss

Cindy Au (see “Saints Band Strikes Gold in Au,” page 2).

Ms. Nicole Quirk was hired as the Christian Service Director after serving as an Augustinian volunteer last year. She also teaches one block of Social Issues to seniors. Ms. Quirk always knew she wanted to be a part of Campus Ministry and enjoys the Saints community.

“There is never a boring moment here,” she said.

Ms. Quirk was raised in Providence, Rhode Island and attended St. Joseph’s University in Pennsylvania.

She loves to travel, and during her college years visited twenty-four different

countries while doing a year of study at sea. She also spent a semester living in Ghana where her group worked with victims of human trafficking.

Another addition to the community is Mr. Brett Crouse, whose connection to Saints began last year as a substitute teacher.

Mr. Crouse grew up here in California and attended Oak Park High School. He then went on to attend Cal State San Marcos.

Mr. Crouse knew he wanted to be a teacher, but he first pursued careers at desk jobs that he called “too boring to do in my sleep.” He says he loves teaching because he gets to move around and interact with the

students.

Some of Mr. Crouse’s hobbies are cooking and hiking. One of his proudest accomplishments was climbing Mt. Whitney over the summer.

When Mr. Cedeño graduated from Saints in 2008, a computer science class did not yet exist. He went on to college studying computer engineering, which he enjoys greatly. He always thought of bringing a similar course to campus. Mr. Cedeño has been sharing his vision with the school for some time, and now it has come to fruition as the Intro to Computer Science class.

Prior to teaching a full time class at Saints, Mr. Cedeño contributed to the robotics intersession class last year. He continues to work outside of teaching as a software engineer for the Anti-Submarine Warfare Base. On top of these commitments, he is continuing his education to earn an M.S. in computer science.

Max Villeneuve is an Augustinian brother of French-Canadian descent. Br. Max was born in Los Angeles, but came to San Diego to further enrich his education. He taught Sunday School at Blessed Sacrament and attended SDSU, where he majored in Religious Studies. He professed his vows in August 2014.

Bro. Max teaches two Social Issues classes to seniors and provides general support to Campus Ministry.

“I hope to contribute to the atmosphere here, and to help the students learn how to think and how to address difficult issues in our world,” he said.

Mr. Slevcove is a self-proclaimed learner, traveler, and lover of the arts, is very enthusiastic about his coming years at Saints.

Originally from San Clemente, Mr. Slevcove taught theatre and English in schools in Los Angeles County, Orange County, and locally in the Grossmont School District. He

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## Saints Chaplaincy Adopts Kirkland Brand



By Ian Haliburton ('18)  
EDITOR

From past to present, the chaplain of Saint Augustine High School has been responsible for the pastoral care of its community in all facets.

This role has been entrusted to men who are committed to the Augustinian mission and who are considered capable of spiritual guidance.

Father Bob dutifully oversaw the last 11 years of this tradition. This year, Father Kirk, previous Director of Christian Service, has assumed these responsibilities.

“It’s great to have a new job in such familiar surroundings,” Father Kirk said.

He has a different focus in his new role but is still working in the same realm, fostering spiritual growth in the community.

One of his focuses this year is to pay greater attention to the liturgical aspects of life at Saints and to provide new opportunities for common prayer.

As the new year is developing, he is working with students to prepare them to be lecturers at the weekly Mass—a novel experience for him, but one that is rewarding as he is strengthening his connection to the

students.

He has led the annual retreat for the faculty and will be organizing regular before-school opportunities for prayer and hopes to involve them in Mass as regular lecturers.

In this way, he is now more connected now to everyone who contributes to the weekly celebration. Father Kirk will still be involved in service around campus, working with Ms. Quirk, who now acts as the Director of Christian Service.

Fortunately for *The Augustinian*, Father Kirk will continue the tradition of being a columnist for our newspaper in the feature known as “Chaplain’s Corner.”

One challenge the chaplain must face this year will be adapting school liturgies to the new gym. Father Kirk sees his role in the transition as “one that honors tradition while embracing the new.”

Father Kirk is also dedicated to preserving the legacy of Father Bob’s time as chaplain.

“We both genuinely embody our Augustinian core values and our ministry flows from those,” he said.


We sincerely wish Father Kirk all the best in his new role as chaplain. May God abundantly bless his ministry in the years to come!



Father Kirk advises Father Corey before Mass.

Max Rodriguez ('17)

# Saints Band Strikes Gold in Au



**By Diego Eros ('17)**  
STAFF WRITER

After 10 years as Saint Augustine High School's Director of Instrumental Music, Maestro Brandon Jagow has moved on from the Saints community, marking the beginning of a new era for the Saints Band.

On August 1, 2016, less than one month before the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year, the members of the Saint Augustine High School Band received a somber and unexpected final email from their bearded leader.

The sudden announcement of Mr. Jagow's resignation incited a variety of feelings and questions from the members of the band. And while change can be disconcerting, Senior First Trumpet player, Nikolas Vedder kept an upbeat attitude.

"Mr. Jagow worked hard to build up the music program to what it is today," Vedder said. "We wish him all the best, but we are excited to see what Ms. Au will do with the program and what she will do to improve it."

With Mr. Jagow's sudden resignation, the responsibility has been delegated to Ms. Cindy Au, who has spent several years at Saints already as Assistant Band Director to Mr. Jagow. Ms. Au shared her thoughts as well during an interview at last week's football game.

"This is going to be one of the best years yet for the band. There are plenty of enthusiastic seniors and freshmen who are ready to absorb knowledge like little music sponges," Ms. Au said.

Ms. Au is doing an excellent job of



Ms. Au conducting the band during the football game against Otay Ranch.

Andrew Moura ('18)

continuing what Mr. Jagow started through her youthful and humorous attitude.

Band students continue to clock in an hour before school, working hard to maintain the Concert and Symphonic Bands. The 32nd Street Jazz Band, Mr. Jagow's pride and joy, displayed promising talents during their first rehearsal this past week, thriving under the new leadership and

guest coaches.

The Jazz Combo has begun training for their first gigs as well, flaunting the talents of returning seniors, Nikolas Vedder, Luis Sanchez, Kyle Faulkner, and Diego Eros.

Despite the sudden change to the band program, the student body should rest assured that the band is in good hands with Ms. Au and the experienced senior musi-

cians.

One such musician, OLP senior Sara Anfuso, said, "It is different without Jagow, but this is a great experience for Ms. Au and the band."

The entire band assures us that great performances are in store this year, and a few surprises too. But that the band will be spectacular under the capable leadership of Ms. Au will come as no surprise at all.

## Memories of Dougherty Gym



Dougherty Gym, one of Saints' treasures.



**By Aidan Dougherty ('18)**  
STAFF WRITER

Dougherty Gymnasium is one of the centers of the Saints community, and has been for well over sixty years. As the focus on campus shifts now to the construction of the new gymnasium and student center, Saintsmen look to the imminent future of campus life. Still, an outstanding aura of respect for the past and Dougherty Gym should persevere.

In 1950, Father Gallagher was given permission to begin a \$300,000 addition, including six additional classrooms and a new gymnasium. Joseph Dougherty had only been provincial for two weeks when he signed off on the project. The gym was

dedicated in his name for his support and service as provincial.

Construction was completed on December 3, 1952. What followed was a history of great athletic, spiritual, and community celebration. Throughout the years, Dougherty gym has seen hundreds of masses, basketball games, volleyball games, wrestling matches, dances, P.E classes, rallies, retreats, and award ceremonies.

There have been some defining moments that passed in the gym. Historically, on September 25, 1978 PSA Flight 182 crashed a few blocks from Saints. Students ran to the crash site to help in any way they could. Sadly there were no survivors. Dougherty Gym was used as a morgue af-

ter the crash where family members came to identify their loved ones.

Through highs and lows, this building has been a cornerstone of the Saints community and has been a fundamental element of "the Saints experience." Every student has their own memories in Dougherty Gym whether it be playing in a basketball game or cheering in the Pit. All Saintsmen share a bond that was in part created by experiences in the Dougherty Gym.

Dougherty Gym has served us well and will continue to serve this high school for years to come, but with a new purpose. The building will be repurposed as a performing arts and music theater seating 400 people. Prepare, one and all, for the next act in the story of the Dougherty Gym.

## Mrs. Crachy Joins Faculty Mass Band



**By Wyatt Pliskin ('18)**  
STAFF WRITER

Mrs. Crachy stunned Saintsmen with her incredible singing at the first Mass of the school year, leaving the entire student body wondering about her hidden talent.

In fact, Mrs. Crachy has been singing her entire life. She was a member of her high school choir and was the cantor for Sunday Mass while attending the University Of San Diego.

"I especially liked the Masses when the music was upbeat and more modern," she said.

When it came time for the first official Mass of the school year, it was decided that she and other faculty musicians would lead the Saints congregation. Father Kirk knew of Mrs. Crachy's musical background and suggested that she contribute with her voice.

"He asked me to perform this one song, and well, I can't say no to Father Kirk," Mrs. Crachy said.

She sang the song "Restless" by Audrey Assad. All listeners reacted positively.

"I didn't expect it at all, but I was shocked when I heard how good she was," Junior David Acevedo said.

This reflects Father Kirk's determination to increase faculty participation in Mass alongside students as lectors and musicians.

"Mass is meant to bring the entire community together, so participation by different members of Saints does just that," Fr. Kirk said.

Mrs. Crachy will return to sing whenever the music will be led by the faculty. We look forward to another Grammy-worthy performance.

# Letter from the Editor



**By Gian Ferrer ('17)**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Saint Augustine High School has thus far had a terrific start to the 2016-2017 school year. Without a doubt, our school and community anticipates what the new year will bring. Sometimes, it may bring new events or dances, and most of the time, it brings back long-lived traditions. No matter what the occasion or story, you can count on *The Augustinian* to cover it.

Just as the seniors gave a warm welcome to the incoming freshmen, *The Augustinian* welcomes new readers and writers. It always motivates us, the editorial team, to see new faces in the meeting room (room 318), whether they are individuals who want to write articles, take photos, or draw comics. We would also like to welcome back returning students, faculty, and members of our community.

In the past few years, *The Augustinian* has impressively evolved into a more serious and organized newspaper that focuses on concrete stories, but this year, we hope to bring back some of the humor that older editions possessed as well.

For example, last year, the paper did an excellent job in dividing the pages based on themes, such as sports or campus ministry. This year, our team would like to bring back some creativity and lightness. For example, older issues used to have board games or Saints trivia. We would like to bring back this playful atmosphere, but maintain the same organization and design as last year.

It will certainly be a challenge to find a balance between professionalism and wit, but our goal this year is to provide our readers with the best of both worlds.

One idea to make the newspaper more fun to read includes incorporating competi-

tion. Last year, when our team took on the responsibility of creating the sixth and last issue before summer, we included a quiz based on trivia from our sister school, OLP. The first one send their answers through email and get a perfect score would be the winner. The prize was an In-N-Out gift card, but unfortunately, no Saintsmen got all the answers correct.

Nevertheless, the numerous amount of emails that we received inspired us to establish a deeper and more direct connection with our readers. Another idea in the works is that of accepting poem submissions. Although our writers utilize the journalistic style of writing in their articles, a more artistic piece of rhyme and rhythm can refresh and intrigue readers. Yet another possibility is having a type of “Ask *The Augustinian*” piece, wherein we will select a question from our readers and answer it.

All of these new plans and concepts excite us as we progress through the year, but if there is one characteristic of our paper that will never change, it is our dedication. It is our goal to apply our skills as writers in the paper so that we, as students, can use this media as our voice.

We want to show who we are as Saintsmen by providing our opinions through objective articles and showcasing what our community has done that stands out. Although the newspaper takes a tremendous amount of effort and many hours of writing, editing, and designing, it is still a gift in that we can use it to express ourselves.

So for the next five issues that our new and old readers will receive throughout the school year, we will make slight changes to the content, but preserve the spirit of ourselves as high school students and the respectability of ourselves as reporters. Be on the lookout for new and interesting changes.

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# Phase II Construction Nears Completion



**By Liam Brucker-Casey ('19)**  
EDITOR

Over the summer, construction on the new Saints facilities has seen a lot of progress, including a few changes in plan. What follows is an update, and a peek into what we can expect upon their completion.

The new gym will consist of four floors, one large P.E. locker room, and two separate team locker rooms. Mr. Hearn provided some details.

“The locker rooms will be a place where you can actually take a shower,” Mr. Hearn said. “There’s a lot of locker room space where you can put your stuff.”

In addition, the new facility will have a new space for breakfast and lunch.

“We’ll have a better kitchen, so that caterers will be able to have better equipment to do more specialized things than we currently are providing,” Mr. Hearn said.

The basketball court will now be ten feet longer allowing it to be the optimal length, and there will be two practice courts separated by a net.

According to Mr. Hearn, the new gym will possibly be large enough to have all three Saints volleyball teams practice at the same time. The “Arena,” as it is sometimes called, will finally let the wrestlers have the space and amenities they need.

“Wrestling has been practicing in such a small room, and now they’re going to have the right space,” Mr. Hearn said. “It is going to be the competitive space with very high ceilings, letting in natural light, which is healthful, because it kills a lot of the bacteria by itself.”

Another benefit of the gym will be its centralized location.



**Construction is expected to be finished by February.**

*Max Rodriguez ('17)*

“Mass obviously will shift to the new gym, and team meetings will now be closer to the field,” Mr. Hearn said.

In addition, the gym is acquiring a more walkable location.

The graduating class of 2017 shall see some of the fruits of the \$12.5 Million project. Instead of the graduation ceremony being held in Golden Hall, it will be held in the Arena—a welcome change. This marks the first time in decades that a graduating class has had the opportunity to complete the ceremony on the Saints campus.

The whole construction team and staff at Saints are brimming with anticipation for the unveiling in February. We are thankful for their countless hours of planning and education which have helped make this project possible.

Last fall, Mayor Kevin Faulconer had made a few remarks about the project.

“This new center is going to create even more opportunities for students at a high school with a rich history of developing young men of character who are strong in mind, heart, and body,” the mayor said.

“With this second phase of its campus project, the school is living up to the words of St. Augustine himself to 'always improve, always go forward' and 'become that which you are not yet.'”

# Saints Football Lives up to Its Ranking

 **By Joseph Mikolaycik ('17)**  
SPORTS WRITER

The 2016 season is off to a fantastic start for the St. Augustine varsity football team. The team, full of dynamic young players, has started off 5-0 for the first time since 2011. This impressive start has not gone unnoticed, as the team is currently ranked #1 in San Diego. With an abundance of talent and determination, it's no wonder why Saints is top dog these days.

The season started off with a bang, as Saints played their first home game of the year in front of the usual large crowd and a Pit that was full of hype and spirit as they were honored with hosting the first ever PPR Snapchat Takeover. Their opponent, Ramona High School, came looking for revenge from a 41-3 loss to Saints a year ago. The Bulldogs, however, proved to be no match yet again, for our strong team of Saints cruised to a 62-13 victory. Darrel Broussard led the way with 3 touchdowns and over 100 yards rushing.

The next challenge came from a feisty Carlsbad squad. While the Lancers held the home field advantage, Saints was able to fend them off and come out with a 28-7 victory thanks to a stellar play from the "Thompson Twins," Rodney and Tariq Thompson. Rodney had 287 passing yards and 3 passing touchdowns, including an incredible 96-yard touchdown pass to junior JR Justice.

"They had a very well coached team," said Rodney, "and their defense's movement caused issues we weren't used to. But we were able to adapt and take control of the game."

The other Thompson, Tariq, had a key interception in the first half which he followed with a touchdown reception to give Saints all the momentum going into the half.



Saints takes the field before defeating Otay Ranch 44-14.

Photo Courtesy of Saints Facebook

Going into week three, the Saints knew they had a tough task ahead of them. Beating the Los Angeles powerhouse Loyola would be hard enough, not to mention the three hour bus ride all the way to LA. The Saints had previously lost two hard fought battles against the Loyola Cubs since they renewed their friendly Catholic school rivalry in 2014. Loyola came out on top in 2014, 42-35, and again last year, 23-20.

Defense was the name of the game all night. The Saints knew they would have to be on their toes, as Loyola runs a quick tempo offense that focuses on running the ball, but can also catch opponents off guard with their rare but effective passing game.

Loyola got off to a fast start, taking advantage of a rare interception thrown by the Saints and scoring on their next drive to make the score 7-0 early. Saints responded with a field goal by Liam Griste to make it 7-3, and the score remained the same until halftime.

Saints came out of the gate running in the second half and quickly took a 10-7 lead. Broussard seemed to put a dagger into the side of Loyola with a 55 yard touchdown run in the 4th quarter to make it 17-7 Saints, but a late Loyola touchdown and defensive stand gave them the ball with a minute left and a chance to win or tie. But senior Jack Spencer had other ideas.

The Loyola comeback was over as quickly

as it had started as Spencer sealed the game with an interception, giving Saints the victory.

"It was a great feeling to catch the interception to beat such a great program like Loyola," Spencer said after the game.

Week four proved to be an equally dominant performance for the Saints. Rodney Thompson ran the show yet again, passing for 274 yards and for a career high, five touchdown passes and the Saints rolled over Otay ranch, 44-14. JR Justice also added 94 yards and two receiving touchdowns.

The latest game for the Saints, which happens to be their last game before entering their week six bye week, was a narrow 26-14 win.

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## Changes to Intramurals



Saints intramurals began this week.

Max Rodriguez ('17)

 **By Michael Senoff ('18)**  
EDITOR

Deacon Hardick has officially stepped down as director of intramurals following a forty-eight year commitment, starting his move towards retirement. During his time in the position, Deac was in charge of organizing the ranking system and the schedules for teams and referees. He has truly made intramurals what they are today. Mr. Linville and Coach LaPorta have assumed Deac's place for the school year.

Due to construction imposing on the

outer basketball courts, there will not be an intramural basketball season this year. Mr. Linville plans to make up for this with a bigger and longer dodgeball tournament following Intersession.


Additionally, fees to participate in intramurals will no longer be \$3, with a \$1 forfeit refund at the end of the season. The new fee will be a flat rate of \$2 per person. Each team is allowed one free forfeit. Upon the second forfeit, that team will be ineligible for participation in playoffs.

Mr. Linville is optimistic about the future of the intramural program with the upcoming

completion of the new gym. As opposed to squeezing over 800 students and faculty into Dougherty gym, the new facility, with its generous 2000 seats, will offer plenty of room for spectators to watch intramural championships.

We look forward to the new improvements to the intramural program that will be offered in the coming months. We thank Deacon Hardick for his incredible leadership in the program, which has spanned almost half a decade. Even with new leadership and during a time of construction, we are confident that this year's intramurals will be FANTASTIC!

## Different Pit, Same Greatness

 **By Sean Panado ('17)**  
STAFF WRITER/  
ASB PRESIDENT

The PIT is one of the greatest aspects of the Saints brotherhood. Every year it proves to be one of the rowdiest student sections in Southern California. This year will be no different.

Led by seniors Thomas Rayner and James Downey, this year's PIT is already a force. New, fresh chants have been created, underclassmen and seniors have purchased several PIT shirts and jerseys, and props for this year's rivalry games have been ordered. Some predicted themes for the year are "Total Dad Movement," "Little League Team," and "Where's Waldo?"

"Because of our highly competitive football and basketball teams, this year's PIT has the potential to be better than ever. I expect great turnouts, but I especially expect everyone to be at the Holy Bowl game," Rayner said.

This year will be the first time Saints will be competing in the Battle of the Fans. It is an annual city-wide competition, hosted by the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF), in which high school student sections are judged on positive sportsmanship, school spirit, originality of cheers, and organization of the group. The final submission is sent by a video that is to be three minutes or less and the winner is awarded a championship banner.

With the new student activities center, underway, Saintsmen have already started imagining the endless possibilities for the PIT. They are more than ready to pester and frustrate competing teams in the new arena.

So long as attendance remains high, themes are followed, and cheers are chanted loudly, there is no doubt that the PIT will continue to reign supreme.

# Heisler Travels West to Serve Chaplain's Corner



John Heisler is this school year's Augustinian volunteer. Max Rodriguez ('17)

**By Daniel Wehbe ('17)**  
EDITOR

As every fall rolls around, students are eager to see who the new Augustinian Volunteer for Campus Ministry will be. This year, it's twenty-five-year-old Jon Heisler from Philadelphia.

Jon recently graduated from Mount St. Mary's University in Maryland, studying history and secondary education. Before his academic endeavors in college, however, Jon spent his high school days at Malvern Prep in Philadelphia. Malvern is one of the eight other Augustinian schools in North America.

Students at Malvern Prep are required

to go on an international service trip during their time in high school. Jon took a trip to Chulucanas, Peru, where a group of Augustinian volunteers are stationed.

"Working with them made me want to do a post-grad year of service," Jon said. And here he is.

The Saints experience has already made an impression on him.

"This community is very tight knit, and everyone is especially open towards one another," he said. "I was surprised at how I was quickly welcomed with open arms and ingrained into the Saints tradition. All the students and faculty I've come into contact with have been very friendly as well."

Each Augustinian volunteer brings

something new. Jon brings his volunteering experience, along with a "get-it-done" attitude. Jon made it clear that he wants to contribute to the community this year.

"I want to help Saintsmen on their journeys of faith. I am a very open and honest person and encourage all students to stop by the Campus Ministry Office to talk [with me] about anything from sports, to classes, to faith."

Currently he is helping Fr. Mark put together the freshmen overnight retreat. He has also been avidly promoting the upcoming Kairos retreat to all upperclassmen.

Saintsmen can rest assured that all responsibilities put in the hands of Jon Heisler will be done with due diligence.

**By Fr. Kirk Davis, O.S.A.**  
COLUMNIST

Despite our efforts to broaden its definition, the word "vocation" tends to carry with it a definite religious connotation. A couple of weeks ago, Saints alumnus Fr. Corey Tufford presided at our weekly celebration of Mass and shared with us his "vocation" story. And sure enough his story was about answering the call to priesthood. Next week, another Saints alumnus, Fr. Tom Whelan, OSA, the Director of Vocations for the Province of St. Augustine in California, will preside at our weekly liturgy. And again, the theme of religious vocation will be front and center. During this same Mass, Brother Barney and Brother Max will be installed in the Minor Ministries of Acolyte and Lector...both important benchmarks on the road to receiving Holy Orders. And at this same celebration, we will commission students and faculty as Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, as Lectors, as Altar Servers, and as Music Ministers.

The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines vocation as: "a summons or strong inclination to a particular state or course of action," and one of the best things we can engage in as human persons is to discern just what our vocation might be. How are we being called to use the gifts we've been given in the service to others? As a student to be sure, but how else? As a son? Grandson? Brother? Friend? What sort of career will most naturally make use of your gifts? Will you be a doctor, a teacher, a farmer, a lawyer? Where is the road of life leading you? Do you have trustworthy friends to make the journey with you?

I invite you all to meditate on what your own special vocation might look like, and to celebrate and embrace what you discover.

## Father Corey Comes Full Circle

**By Ian Haliburton ('18)**  
EDITOR

There is a long-held tradition at Saints that when a Saints graduate becomes a priest and celebrates Mass in the gym for the first time, he has the privilege of granting an additional day off from classes. On September 21, that is precisely what happened. Fr. Corey Tufford, ordained on June 24 of this year, extended the Thanksgiving break by designating Wednesday, the 23 of November as a day off.

Fr. Corey graduated from Saints in 2007. The story of his Saints experience is particularly impactful because when he arrived to Saints as a freshman, he wasn't yet Catholic.

"My motivation for coming to Saints was primarily my hope to become a wealthy architect," Fr. Corey admitted. "Saints would afford me a healthy intellectual, spiritual and human formation."

During his homily, he spoke of having to teach himself the Our Father and Hail Mary. He cited the Freshman Retreat as a turning point for his spirituality. The leader of his group invited him and his peers to close their eyes and imagine Jesus approaching from afar, and to take all of their sins, troubles and worries and put them into a box. Then, they were to take that box and offer it to Jesus. Fr. Corey remembers that he imagined Jesus accepting the box with love and mercy. It was then that he began to yearn for a deeper relationship with Christ. Fr. Corey officially became a Roman Catholic on December 4th, 2004, when he received the Sacraments of Initiation at Mission San Diego de Alcalá.

He then committed himself to studying the faith through theology in college



Father Corey goes from not knowing the Our Father to standing before the papal gardens. Photo Courtesy of Father Corey

and was part of a priestly discernment program, leading ultimately to his ordination.

On the topic of conversion, Fr. Corey shared, "St. Mother Teresa once said, 'In the silence of the heart God speaks.' I have found this to be true in my own life as well. If we want to discover God's will for our life and to do it, then we need to make room for more silent prayer in our lives."

He recalls that silent prayer and ef-

forts to know God more deeply enabled him to understand God's will for him and empowered him to follow the path of the priesthood.

Currently, Fr. Corey is following Bishop McElroy's request that he return to Rome to earn his Licentiate in Biblical Theology. He has left for his flight to Rome and has promised to proudly display his St. Augustine apparel when there. He

gladly awaits his next assignment from the bishop, which he will be receiving in May.

It is certainly special that Saints was able to contribute to the conversion and call to ministry of one of its students. We are happy to know that the message and vision of Saints has inspired this alumnus. Good luck, Fr. Corey, and may your ministry be fruitful!

# Saintsmen Attend World Youth Day in Poland



**By Dario Gutierrez ('17)**  
STAFF WRITER

A total of thirty-six current and former Saints and OLP students participated in last summer’s World Youth Day 2016. The event takes place every three years in a different city, with the most recent being held in Krakow, Poland from July 25 to 31. The first WYD was initiated by Pope John Paul II in 1985, who was from Poland himself.

Accompanying the students and alumni as leaders were Brother Maximille, Brother Robert from Chicago, Fr. Kirk, Ms. Quirk, and Fr. Mark.

WYD features events ranging from concerts to enormous open air Masses that are sponsored by the host country and the Church. Pilgrims can temporarily increase the population of a city by anywhere from 1 to 3.5 million people.

“It is an opportunity to connect spiritually with our brothers and sisters in the faith from all around the globe,” Fr. Kirk said. “Although there are multiple barriers, most obviously language and nationality, we somehow were able to set aside our differences and unite under one flag, Jesus Christ’s.”

Highlights of the trip included visiting the Divine Mercy Sanctuary, the Wieliczka Salt Mine, and The Auschwitz Concentration Camp. The group was able to attend both the welcoming ceremonial Mass for the Pope and the closing ceremony where he announced the next World Youth Day, which is to be held in Panama in 2019.

“The most exciting thing about the trip was not traveling through all of Europe, but seeing all of Europe and the whole world travel to one place to meet the Holy Father,” Junior Carlo Sanchez said. “Once we saw him, we were in such awe that we forgot about all the walking and sleepless nights. The rest of the time, I was at a com-



**Saintsmen and friends pose during World Youth Day trip.**

*Photo courtesy of Father Kirk*

plete loss of words.”

As they toured Europe, before reaching Krakow, the group had walked an estimated 150 miles. The trip began on July 7 in Rome, Italy. The group was fortunate enough to visit the Vatican and see Saint Peter’s relics and chains. Next were the medieval cities of Siena, San Gimignano (where they stopped to rest for three days at an Augustinian monastery), Florence, and Milan. In Milan, they visited the very pool in which St. Augustine was baptized. Along their journey they stopped at Zurich for a day trip to tour a city which houses a clock tower with a clock larger than Big Ben’s. Although it was a short trip, the group had the opportunity to take a dive in the Limmat, Zurich’s river, from a 30-foot platform only available in the summer.

Before Krakow, the group also stopped for a week in the Czech Republic for an Augustinian Youth Encounter. Here they went on a retreat with other Augustinian communities from around the world in a small monastery outside of Prague to discuss and live out the values shared by all Augustinian communities.

“The Augustinian Youth Encounter prepared me for World Youth Day,” Junior Carlos Oriol Lopez-Tenorio said. “It

helped me realize that my tourism trip was over and that now it was time to focus on my faith and how I could use it along with everyone else to ‘shine my light’ in the world. All in all, my second favorite part of the trip was meeting tons of new friends, but the first was being able to share my faith alongside them.”

We look forward to all future school-sponsored trips, including those offered during Intersession. It’s mentioned the next World Youth Day will be hosted in Panama in 2019. We are sure Saintsmen will be there again to shine their light with other Catholic youth.

# New Places Added to Learn, Sit, and Store



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This year, when the senior class received their locker designations during orientation, many were shocked to find their locker location unchanged from the previous year.

Traditionally, the majority of the senior class lockers have been on the east side of Vasey Patio, adjacent to the chapel. This year, however, changes were made to benefit the student body.

“Seniors typically don’t go to their lockers between classes as much as other students, and with construction restricting traffic flow around campus, we decided to place the senior lockers in the two hallways,” Mr. O’Beirne said.

The junior class now occupies the lockers of past seniors. Mr. O’Beirne makes no guarantees that the arrangement will remain this way when construction of the new gymnasium is completed.

This year has brought many other improvements to campus and classroom life. Such improvements have also come to Saints in the form of new chairs in the science rooms. The old stools have been replaced by rolling chairs, which the science department was inspired to utilize following a trip to Canada for the Boy’s Education Conference.

“They’re perfect for labs because students can just roll right into their groups. Plus these chairs don’t squeak like the old ones,” Mrs. Walp said.

Also, students may have noticed



**Saintsmen utilizing new chairs during AP Biology.**

there are some spaces on campus that are being utilized in new ways. These spaces are popularly called pods, mentioned previously in last May’s issue of *The Augustinian*.

The idea to use these spaces as classrooms came when the pod across from Mrs. Walp’s chemistry classroom became the office and IT control center for Mr. Igelman. Last year, the tech club made a request to use the pod between rooms 219 and 218. The Tech Club was approved for use of the pod as a workplace for repairing and working with computers and other electronic devices.

This year another pod was renovated and given a new purpose. Located between Mrs. Palafox’s room and Mr. Lamerato’s room in Villanova, this pod, now known as room 325, will be used as a classroom for Brother Max and Ms. Quirk’s Social Issues class. The room also now serves as a meeting room, similar to the “Purple and Gold” room in the library, hosting meetings for faculty, student, athletic, and campus ministry events.

These are not the only two pods on campus. There are still several pods left as storage or buffer rooms. One can only guess how those pods might also be used in the future. In the present, however, the faculty hopes all these changes will help students unlock academic success and head into the new school year.

If you have a suggestion for how these unique spaces can be utilized, please email your idea to [saintsnewspaper@gmail.com](mailto:saintsnewspaper@gmail.com). Your “letter to the editor” could be featured in next month’s issue.

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# Welcome Freshmen!



Highlights of the Saints tradition, Freshmen Welcome Week.

## ► New Teachers

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found out about Saints from a friend of a friend who told him about an opening for a drama teacher at Saints, a school which he had never heard about. “I am very excited that in the next couple years we’ll have our own theatre on campus,” Mr. Slevcove said.

He is especially eager about programs like the improv team and upcoming plays like “The Odd Couple” in the fall and a musical in the spring.

Born and raised in Queens, New York, Mr. Wallace looks forward to bolstering the religion department here at Saints. He isn’t completely new to Saints, however, having served as a substitute teacher for several years. Mr. Wallace currently teaches Comparative Religions, Faith Survey, and Morality.

“My goal is to have the best, most positive impact I can on the students everyday,” he said. “This place is special, unique, and home.”

Like Miss Au, Ms. Quirk, Mr. Crouse, and Mr. Wallace, Mr. Bronson has been at Saints before. He has been the Varsity Basketball coach for the past two years, and now he has assumed the position of freshman counselor.

Mr. Bronson gained experience working as a counselor at Del Norte High School and the college counseling company, Solutions. He had also previously coached basketball at Kearny Mesa for thirteen years. Mr. Bronson was impressed by Saints from the start.

“It was awesome. Absolutely amazing. Once I was here, I didn’t want to leave.”

## ► Football

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Saints controlled the game early, jumping out to a 20-0 lead by halftime. However, in the 3rd quarter, a 45-yard touchdown pass by the Titans followed by multiple turnovers by the Saints allowed Eastlake to get back into the game. With 9 minutes remaining, the score was 20-14, and Eastlake was driving. But on a critical 4th and 2, senior Jonathan Lewis stuffed an Eastlake run up the middle and clinched the victory for Saints. Junior Isaac Taylor-Stuart added insult to injury as he took the ball 62 yards to the house, making the final score 26-14, Saints.

The Saints look as strong as ever and are hoping to make a fifth straight appearance in the CIF finals. No matter how the season ends, all of our football athletes should feel proud and know they have the Saints community to back them up along the journey.

*William Frank ('17)*

# Alumni Win Overwatch Tournament



By Adam Gutierrez ('17)  
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Two Saints alumni, Dominic Duong ('16) and Damian Diaz del Castillo ('16), won the first prize for a tournament in an eSport called Overwatch. The tournament was sponsored by nVidia, a major computer hardware company.

Overwatch is “a class-based, team-oriented, fast-paced multiplayer first- person shooter with a very tasteful style of semi-cartoony graphics with lovable characters to play,” said competitor Dominic Duong.

Overwatch is one of the most popular games right now, as its creator, Blizzard, is well known throughout the gaming community. The tournament was held at the GameSync Gaming Center located in Miramar. Though the tournament was meant to be just for fun, it evolved into a very competitive event.

“Everyone took it pretty seriously and for the most part we had good sportsmanship, but there were some people who got angered really easily,” said Duong.

During the competition, Duong and del Castillo’s team outmatched the opposing teams. Other players scrambled to adjust their playing style in an attempt to catch up.

After winning against all of the teams there, del Castillo and Duong realized that they were the Overwatch champions of San Diego.

“I felt really ecstatic and pretty smug,” said Duong.

Duong and his four teammates each won a \$20 amazon gift card, nVidia logo’d sunglasses, and a reusable bottle.

# Student Activity Center Progress Pics



## Life at Saints

By Carlos Escobosa ('17)

