



Saint Agnes School

Arlington Catholic  
High School

# Alumni Newsletter

April 2025

## A Word from President Keough

Dear Saint Agnes School and Arlington Catholic High School Alumni,

Below is our latest version of Fidelitas. It is chock full of news and information related to our school. We have also included a number of spotlight articles about our alumni for your reading enjoyment. We are proud of this year's publication and hope you enjoy it too!

My thanks to our Director of Advancement, Michelle Casey, our Communications and Marketing Specialist, Alecia Connolly, and the entire Advancement Team for bringing this project to fruition!

Happy reading!

Sincerely,  
Andrew



**Fidelitas**

## Alumni Spotlight: Colleen Donohoe '90

I entered the hallowed halls of Arlington Catholic High School as an insecure and shy 14-year-old, not wanting to leave the safety of my beloved K-8 parochial school. But from the moment I entered the freshman hallway on my first day of school, I was greeted, *by name*, by our beloved principal, Sr. Cathy Clifford. It was in that moment, feeling seen, known and loved, that AC became my home away



from home. In addition to Sr. Cathy, I was surrounded by noteworthy faculty; Mr. Clivio, Mr. “K” Kuznezov, Sr. Martha Ann Kelley and Mr. Bill Naughton. Each taught me to love the Lord while developing the confidence I needed to pursue academic excellence and have fun doing it! Their holistic support of all students truly embodied the beautiful words of Pope Paul VI, *“Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses.”*

I quickly became an avid and loud ACHS hockey fan, attending nearly every game, adorned in as much blue and gold as humanly possible! I like to think that perhaps my loud cheers helped in some small way to lead the boys to become the 1990 Massachusetts State Hockey Champions at Boston Garden during our senior year! In addition to my hockey fandom, I loved being active in Campus Ministry, especially *Teens Serving the Elderly*. Visits to the local Fernald School stretched me out of my adolescent comfort zone to encounter our brothers and sisters in Christ who lived with moderate and severe developmental disabilities. During these encounters with those who are often overlooked, I truly began to understand what it means to respect and uphold the dignity of the human person. God creates each of us with a unique plan and purpose and I have no doubt that these encounters enflamed my heart to protect, defend and respect all human life, especially the most vulnerable.

A firm foundation of faith instilled at home, combined with stellar formation at AC, helped reveal the great plan God had in store for my life...a *very* different plan that I had for myself. The lived witness of the AC faculty, both religious and lay taught me that saying “Yes!” to God’s plan would bring great freedom and joy! As a teen, I had no idea that these experiences were laying the groundwork for my vocation as a Catholic educator. Now nearly 35 years later, I have been privileged to serve God through Catholic education. For the past 30 years in the Archdiocese of Boston, most recently, serving as the Associate Superintendent of Catholic Identity & Respect Life Education, I was privileged to write and implement a human dignity curriculum and coordinate the teen pilgrimage for life to the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. with Cardinal O’Malley. I also trained teachers, recruited and hired Catholic school principals and co-founded the now nationally recognized St. Thomas More Teaching Fellowship. Last year, I moved to Charleston, S.C. after being recruited to serve as the Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Charleston, S.C. I had no idea what God had in store for me but I am profoundly grateful for the education and formation I received in that brick building on Medford Street.

My advice for ACHS students is to find joy in a life of discipleship with Christ! Your journey at ACHS is a phenomenal opportunity to encounter the living God who created you and desires your good. You are His unique, unrepeatable masterpieces and He loves you *beyond* measure, no matter what! With over 7 billion people in the world, He created **you** for a time such as this! No one else can accomplish the plan God has in store for you and you alone, so don’t waste these days focused on the mundane, but instead strive for Sainthood while you “walk humbly with your God” (Micah 6:8), eyes on Heaven, all for the glory of God!

*We are committed to featuring SAS/ACHS alumni and their lives after graduation in future editions of our alumni newsletter. Do you know of fellow alumni living the mission of SAS/ACHS in their professional or personal lives who would be open to being interviewed by Sister Barbara McHugh and featured in a future alumni publication? Please email Sister Barbara directly at [sbarbara@achs.net](mailto:sbarbara@achs.net) to nominate an alum or yourself!*

## Welcome Jake O'Keefe '20

We are thrilled to introduce **Jake O'Keefe**, a new member of our Advancement team who officially joined us as the **Parent and Alumni Engagement Manager**.

Jake is a proud alumnus of Saint Agnes School and Arlington Catholic High School, graduating in the Class of 2020. While he grew up in Billerica, MA, his deep connections to Arlington have always played an essential role in his life. Jake graduated from Regis College in May 2024 with a degree in Business Management.



In addition to his academic accomplishments, Jake has demonstrated a strong work ethic, gaining valuable experience in customer-facing roles. During his college internship, he explored fundraising for the Alzheimer's Association, where he was inspired by the community-focused nature of the work and the power of giving back. This experience motivated him to continue making a meaningful impact in the world, and he is excited to contribute to our school community in this new role.

As our new Parent and Alumni Engagement Manager, Jake is eager to support the school's mission and help build lasting connections within the SAS and ACHS communities. His background and passion for our schools make him a perfect fit for this role.

Please join us in welcoming Jake to the team. We are excited about his positive impact on our Advancement efforts and are confident he will be an excellent addition to our school family. Jake can be reached at [\*\*jokeefe@achs.net\*\*](mailto:jokeefe@achs.net).

## Alumni Happenings: Jackie Skinner '08

Jackie Skinner '08, a comedian and project manager at Netflix, is bringing her award winning clowning show, *Jackie & Allison into the Multiverse*, to Boston Fringe May 6-11! She and her pal Allison Villaseñor have toured comedy festivals and recently *Jackie & Allison into the Multiverse* was selected as the WINNER of BEST COMEDY at New York City Fringe Festival out of 65 shows. She'd love to see you there! [\*\*Click\*\*](#)

[here to purchase tickets.](#)



## Campus Happenings

### School Musical

The Arlington Catholic Drama Club (ACDC) put on their production of *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical*! Congratulations to all of our students on an incredible performance!



### Spring Concert

The AC Music Department held their Spring Concert this month. There were performances from the Liturgical Ensemble, Instrumental Ensemble, AC Choir, AC Advanced Choir, and the Combined Chorus, as well as some individual students. Great performances by all!





## Quiz Night

We had a full house for this year's Quiz Night! A fun night of trivia, food, drinks, and prizes was had by all! Congratulations to our winning team (pictured below)!



## Reunions

### **Class of 1975 - 50th Reunion**

**Date:** Saturday, November 1, 2025

**Time:** 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM

**Location:** Concord Colonial Inn, 48 Monument Square, Concord, MA 01742

**Contact:** Joseph Giurleo at joeg@baystatewiring.com or 978-667-9300

**CLICK HERE** for additional details!

## **o's and 5's...It's your reunion year!**

Reunions are run by members of each class and are held every five years. If your graduation year ends in a '0 or '5 your reunion year is 2025! **CLICK HERE** to view a message from our Alumni Relations Ambassador, Sister Barbara McHugh, CSJ about planning for your upcoming reunion.

## **Class Notes and In Memoriam**

Submit your class note for the next edition of Fidelitas!

This is a great chance to let your fellow alumni know what is happening in your life. Whether you've just hit a major life milestone, recently traveled somewhere new, or began a new business venture, we want to hear about it!

Click below to submit a class note today!

**Submit a Class Note**

### **In Memoriam**

If you are aware of a graduate of Saint Agnes School or Arlington Catholic High School who has passed away, we would be most grateful if you would email Sister Barbara McHugh at [sbarbara@achs.net](mailto:sbarbara@achs.net).

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