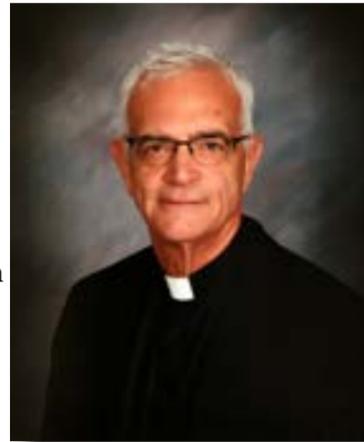


# Why I Give

My parents believed in the value of Catholic education. They made certain that my brother, my sisters, and I all received a Catholic grade school education and a Catholic high school education. I would not trade my experience growing up in Catholic schools for anything. My Catholic school education certainly helped to form me and mold me into the person I am today.



I have been closely associated with Mater Dei Catholic High School for the past seven years. I have the unique opportunity of celebrating Mass and Reconciliation with the students of Mater Dei regularly. I find the students to be attentive, reverent, and engaged in these celebrations which are woven into the schedule at Mater Dei. They are part of what we do and who we are at Mater Dei. These sacraments and other times of prayer help to set the tone for the school and make Mater Dei the awesome and unique place it is.

I can see firsthand all the good that is happening in the lives of the students at Mater Dei and because of this I have chosen to remember Mater Dei Catholic High School in my will. I want to do what I can to help ensure that future generations of students will have the same opportunity as the students do today and that I had in the past. I firmly believe the Catholic formation and education the students receive at Mater Dei is exceptional and has a tremendous impact on their lives. Sometimes this is an immediate effect on a student's life; other times I truly believe Mater Dei is planting seeds that will help the student later in life. I invite you to join me in becoming part of the Ave Maria Society so that together we can provide a Catholic education for students in the future.

## Who are members of Mater Dei High School's Ave Maria Planned Giving & Endowment Society?

They are everyday people with a passion for Mater Dei and her mission to educate young people in a faith-filled environment. They are people who choose to honor loved ones with a lasting gift. They are friends and alumni dedicated to the past, present, and—most importantly—the future of Mater Dei High School.

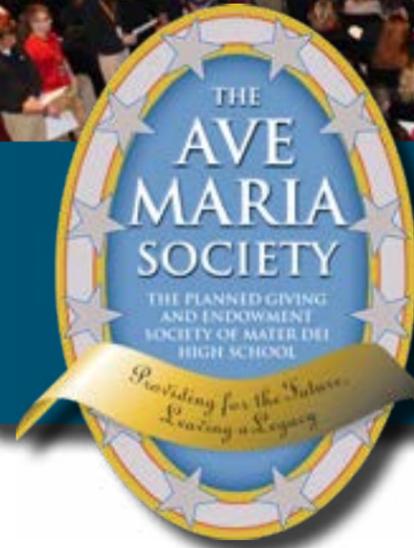
They could be you.

Becoming a member is simple. We can provide resources to help determine which planned giving option is best for you, including bequests, individual retirement accounts (IRAs), charitable gift annuities, endowments, and life insurance. Once you have made a planned gift or established an endowment with Mater Dei as the beneficiary, notify the Office of Institutional Advancement and you will become an official member of the Ave Maria Society.

For more information contact:

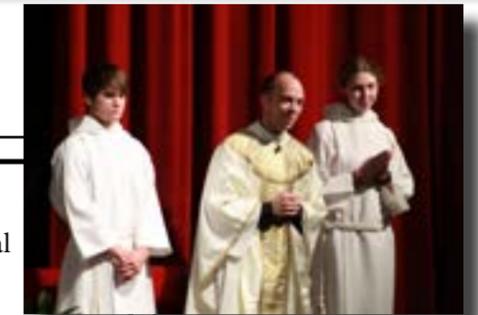
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## The Ave Maria Society Newsletter

The Planned Giving & Endowment Society of Mater Dei High School  
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The Mater Dei High School Office of Advancement and the Ave Maria Society would like to invite you to our annual

## Ave Maria Morning

Friday, April 24, 2020

Mater Dei High School - 1300 Harmony Way, Evansville, IN 47720

Schedule:

8 a.m. - All School Living Rosary and Mass in the Kempf Auditorium  
9:15 a.m. - Breakfast & Presentation: Celebrating our Success in the Nunning Media Center

Join us in recognizing the impact of the Ave Maria Society on Mater Dei High School and learn more about our plans for the future.

All MD Alumni, Friends, and Parents are welcome!



Please RSVP by  
Friday, April 17, 2020 to Mallory Hertel,  
812-421-5727, ext. 405, mhertel@evdio.org

## Ave Maria Society

Kenneth E. and Diana G. Arbary  
Dan and Andrea (Boots) '96 Baumann  
Mariann Baumgartner '58  
Pat and Beth Blankenberger  
Brandon '98 and Lindsey Boots  
Ira Joseph † and Dorothy Jane † Boots  
Ira Gerard '72 and Terry (Seib) '72 Boots  
Thomas '65 and Debra Borries  
Fr. Raymond Brenner  
Virgil '64 and Joan Brenner  
Jerry and Cherie (Nemer) '75 Burgdorf  
Juanita Byers  
Justin '56 and Shirley (Adler) '59 Clements  
Jack '60 and Phyllis (Kruse) '72 Corn  
Alan † and Mary Jane (Muensterman) '52 † Dale  
Julie (Fechtmeister) Deeg '72  
James † and Doris (Mayer) '52 Dewig  
Randal Dick '78 †  
Timothy A. and Andrea Dickel  
Rodger Duncan '60  
Mike † and Clarita † Ellert  
Butch '66 and Linda Feulner  
Fifth Third Bank  
Harold and Mary Lou † Forche  
Theresa Frielinghausen  
Bishop-emeritus Gerald A. Gettelfinger  
Andrew '65 and Darlene (Folz) '64 Goebel  
Elmer Goedde †  
Jerry '60 and Pamela (Heathcotte) '60 Gries  
Raymond '63 and Janette (Duncan) '65 Gries  
Robert and Judy (Eisterhold) '60 Griffin  
John R. Groben †  
Ralph and Linda (Will) '62 Hague  
Fred '64 and Mary (May) '64 Happe  
Jeff '84 and Leanne Happe  
William '60 † and Theresa (Boots) '69 † Helfrich  
Cheryl Herrmann '71  
Jeremy '98 and Jennifer Herrmann  
Scott Herrmann '01  
Joshua Hodge '99  
Ronald '59 and Kathy Hollander  
John R. and Ann (Logel) '66 Johnston  
Gregory † and Edwina Kempf  
Harold '54 and Shirley Kempf  
Robert King '58  
Gregory '73 and Linda Kissel  
Edward '59 and Judy (Seibert) '60 † Knapp  
James '68 † and Elvira Knapp  
Patricia Koch  
Larry '59 and DiAnne (Stevens) '60 Kremer  
Rose Kuhn '55  
Fr. Raymond Kuper †  
JoAnn Laugel '66  
Jack † and Anna † MacGregor

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Dear Friends,

What do you think of when you think of the word 'memory?' With full confidence, I think it is safe to say that most of us look at the word memory as a recollection of thoughts, some piece of information or idea we can pull to the front of our minds and remember. For me, I like to think of memories as a feeling.



For over 70 years, Mater Dei has been creating memories that are more than recalling pictures in our minds of times spent passing classes, cheering on athletic teams and studying for exams. Mater Dei has been creating memories that are deeply felt and timelessly treasured; memories that are heartfelt in making lifelong friendships, inspiring mentorships from our educators and administration and spiritually enriching by growing in the Catholic faith. It is because of this spirit of God's love that memories are truly felt in our hearts at Mater Dei.

It is that spirit of love and memories that Mater Dei continues to grow and to provide a quality Catholic Education for future generations. Catholic schools face many challenges, and Mater Dei is no exception. However, with the proper planning and your support, we can ensure the legacy of Catholic secondary schooling continues at Mater Dei for generations to come.

You can help Mater Dei continue to thrive by joining the Ave Maria Society: The Planned Giving and Endowment Society of Mater Dei High School. Planned giving and endowment growth are an essential part of our future, and I strongly urge you to make a commitment by "Leaving a Legacy" and "Providing for the Future." More than 100 individuals and families are members of the society, and we hope you will join our efforts. Regardless of the size of gift, your support will ensure the next generation of students will benefit from a Mater Dei education.

I invite you to contact us for more information to discuss how you can further help Mater Dei.

In Christ-

Andy Morris  
President, Mater Dei High School

## My Giving Journey

### Joshua Hodge '99

Walking off Victory Field in Indianapolis as a state champion in baseball in 1999 seemed like the greatest way to finish my time as a Mater Dei Wildcat. Little did I realize at the time, but my journey as a Mater Dei family member was only beginning. Mater Dei instilled in me the Catholic values, education, commitment to family, determination, work ethic, and commitment to community among countless other traits that make me the son, father, friend, co-worker and man that I am today. As a student, I was not totally aware of what was being built inside me, but I now see how Mater Dei laid the foundation for my life. I am committed to that foundation by being there for my children and as many other children as possible.



Today's world is fast-paced and seems ever changing. Mater Dei, however, has remained a block of consistency over time. The Catholic way of life doesn't change and the staff of Mater Dei works tirelessly to see that no matter what, the children that walk through those doors leave with the tools to keep the Catholic faith alive and change the world one person at a time for the better. We spend enormous amounts of money and time pursuing sports, vacations, cars, fancy jewelry and many worldly activities, but what legacy will those things leave for future generations? Our children are our greatest asset and what better gift and legacy can we leave than to know that Mater Dei will be here to mold boys and girls into Gods men and women who will lead the Church and the world in the future. Mater Dei will always be a part of my story and I want it to be here for many more stories for future generations.

## Ave Maria Society

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Jerry † and Charlotte MacGregor  
Jeffrey and Debra Marx  
Mater Dei High School Teachers  
Mater Dei Friends & Alumni Association  
Mater Dei High School  
Thomas '56 † and Mary (Koressel) '55 † May  
Paul '67 and Nancy (Morrow) '67 Mayer  
Betty (Bristow) McAtee Singer '50 †  
Robert '62 † and Jane Miller  
Joe and Wynn Mitchell  
Daniel '80 and Laura (Tenbarger) '80 Niemeier  
James A. Niemeier '69 †  
Stephen '65 and Stephanie Niemeier  
Tom '55 and Joanie (Berendes) '55 Niemeier  
Deacon Richard '50 and  
Betty Joan (Martin) '50 Preske  
Timothy Quinton  
Rex Mundi High School  
Rich Risemas  
David '70 and Darlene (Nix) '70 Robinson  
Rose Rogge  
Robert † and Rosemary † Rooney  
Donald and Patricia Rupprecht  
Robert '58 and Mary Lue (Neale) '58 Russler  
Walter † and Irene † Ruston  
Christopher and Rosetta Sartore  
Oliver and Mary Ann (Kuhn) Schapker  
Allen '62 † and Linda Schmitt  
Fr. Edward Schnur  
Larry and Janice (Goebel) '64 Schuble  
Jack † and Catherine Siemers  
Stan Singer '57 † and Lenna DeMarco  
Sr. Mary Carmel Spayd  
Sr. Mary Carmen Spayd  
Joseph T. Theby, III  
Thomas O. Tighe '62 †  
Dan and Gail (Brack) '58 Titzer  
Ross and Jennifer (Knapp) '93 Vaughn  
Cliff '88 and Sarah (Titzer) '88 Wagner  
Robert '58 † and Judy † Wargel  
Fr. William Wargel †  
Al '55 and Darlene (Berendes) '55 Weinzapfel  
James '61 and Sandra (Runau) '63 Weinzapfel  
Jerome and Helen (Folz) '51 † Weinzapfel  
Joseph '87 and Rhonda Weis  
Diane Weiss-Altstadt '67  
Frances A. Wheeler  
Thomas '71 and Carla Wildeman  
James '51 † and Eileen (Berendes) '51 Will  
Leonard Will, Jr. '64  
Leonard † and Dolores † Will, Sr.  
Robert and Kathy (Emge) '66 Wittgen  
John and Marian † Witting