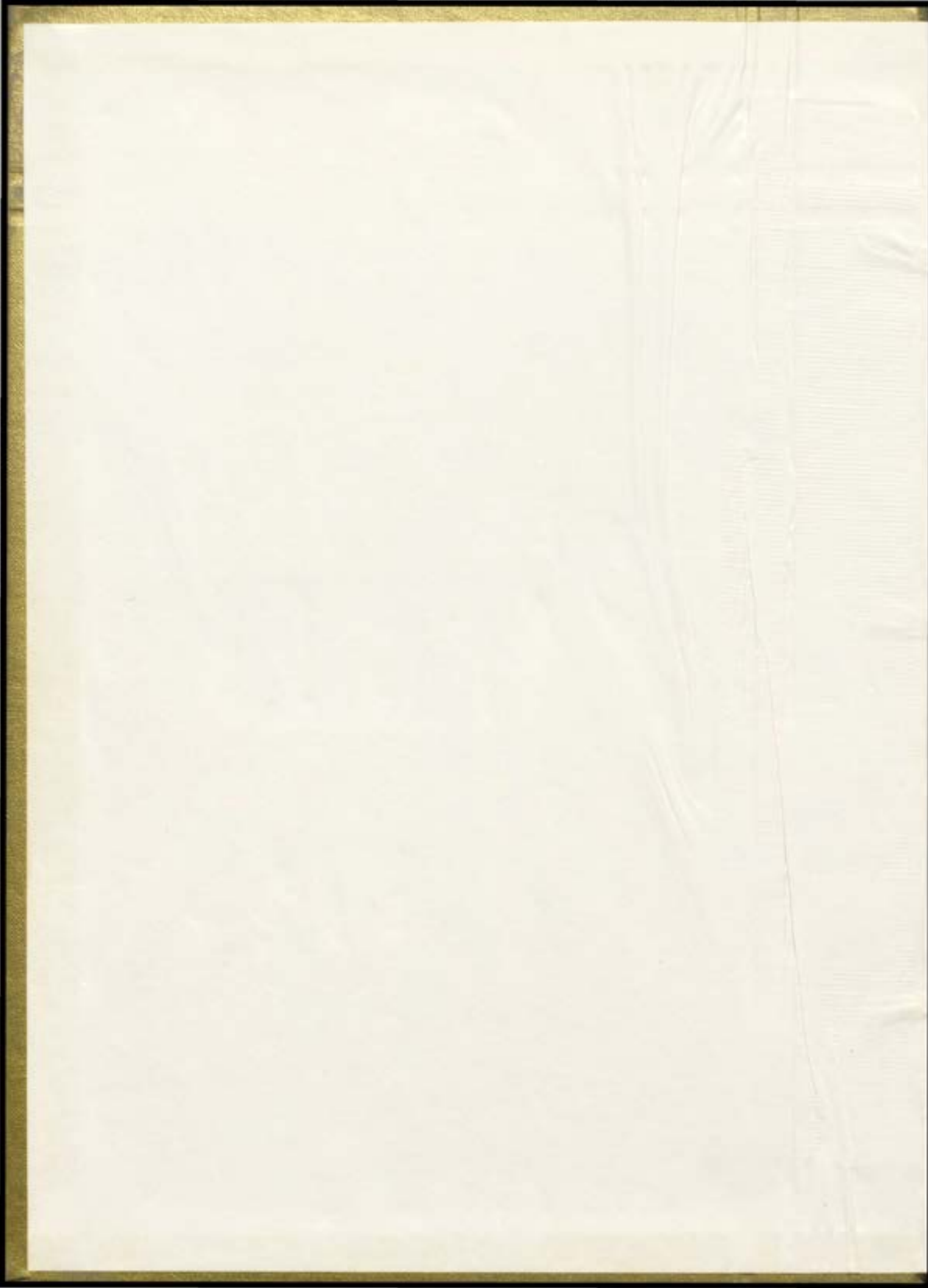


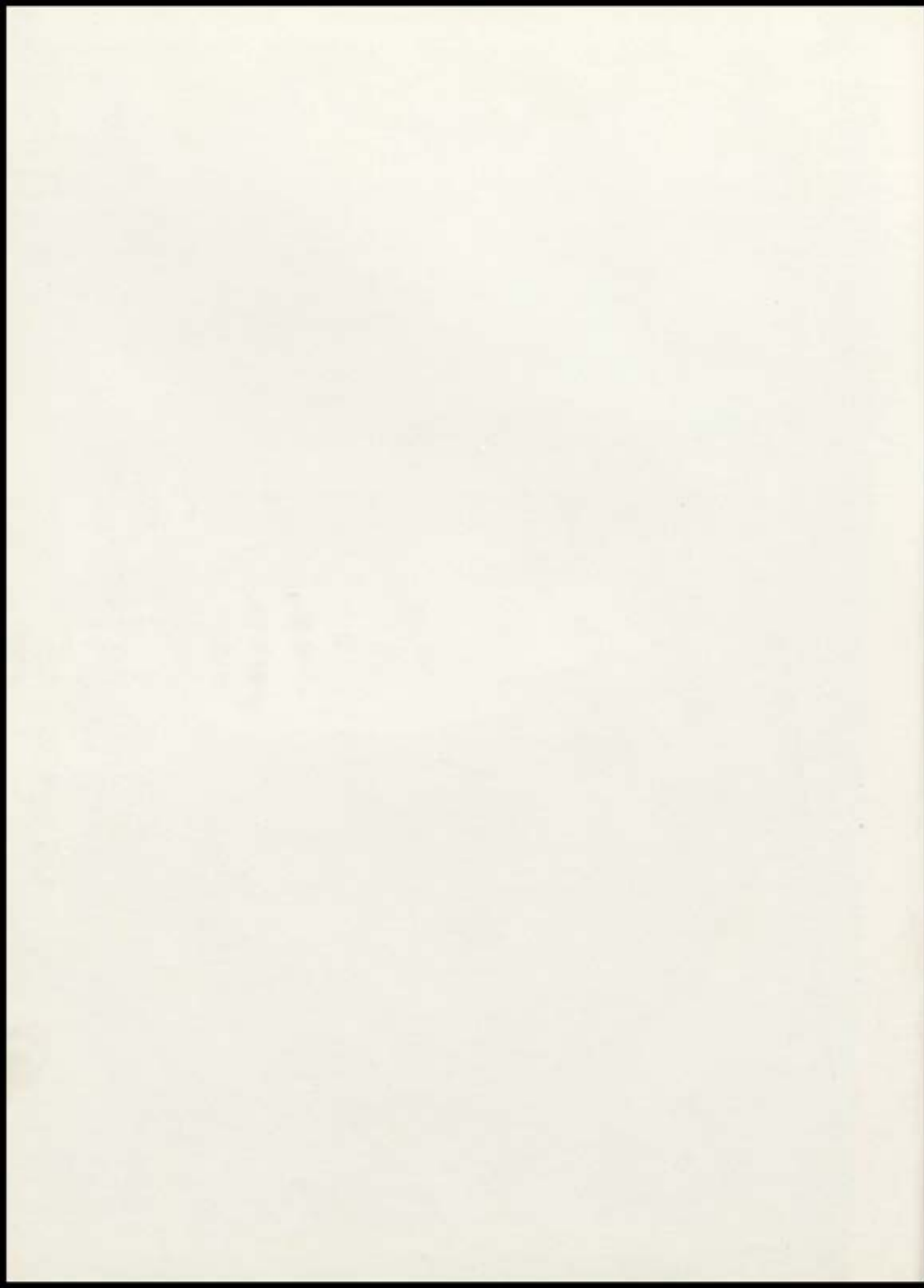


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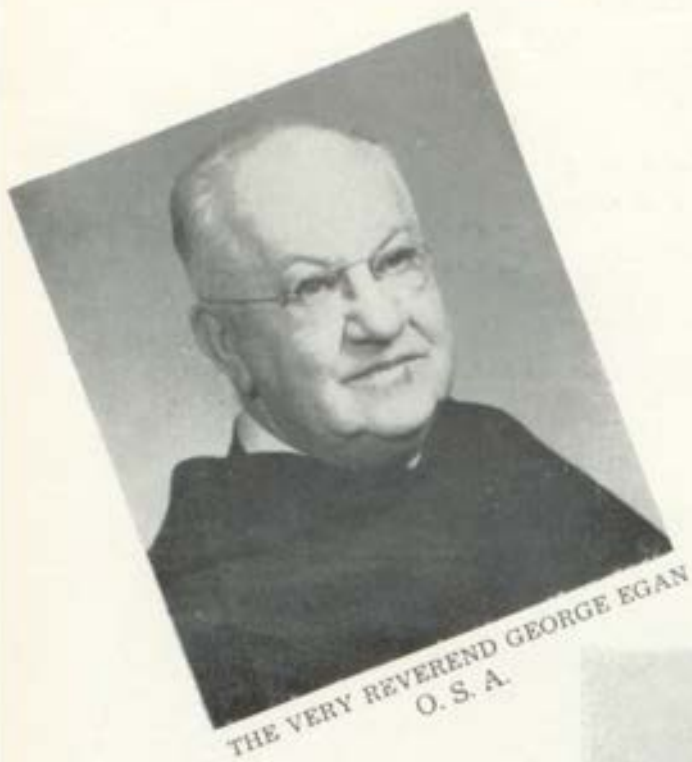


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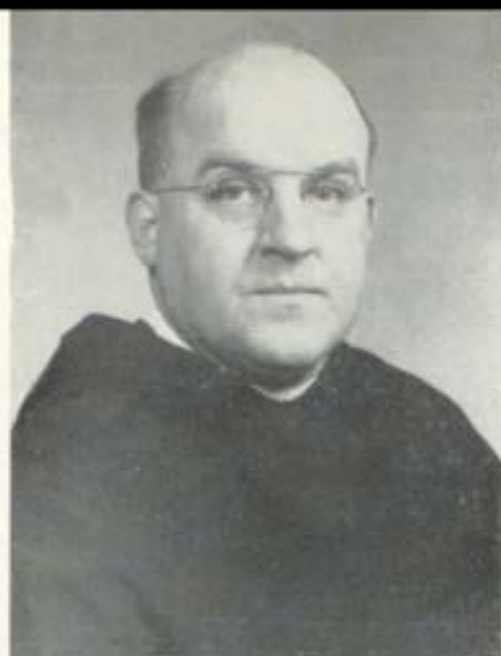
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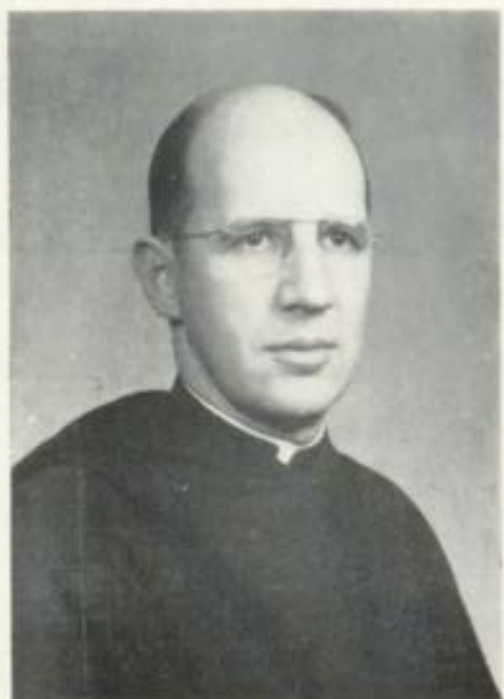
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O. S. A.



THE REVEREND DONALD AMMERING
O. S. A.





Dedication

To SISTER ANNA LAURENTIA, a truly Christlike religious, through whom we have come to know the meaning of Charity, Kindness, Patience, Peace and Benignity, we the Class of nineteen-hundred and fifty-five reverently and gratefully dedicate our Yearbook. As motherly guide during our grammar school days, home room teacher during our Sophomore year, friend and counselor during our upper class years, Sister has been generous in sharing with all, the virtues of kindness, cheerfulness and goodness with which she is so graciously endowed. Unceasingly and efficiently working for others, Sister has proved herself a true friend and inspiration whom we, her students, will forever love and cherish in our memories as teacher, guide and spiritual light. May God forever bless and keep Sister Anna Laurentia.

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Sister Elizabeth John	Seventh Grade
Sister Rita Michael	Sixth Grade
Sister Francis de Sales	Fifth Grade
Sister Eloise	Fourth Grade
Sister Anna Magdeline	Third Grade
Sister Joseph Michael	Second Grade
Sister Bridget Marie	First Grade
Mrs. Morgan Burke	Kindergarten



Classes



Our school ring, enduring symbol of our student days, is also symbolic not only of our truly Catholic Education, but also of our aim through life. The "M" surmounted by the "Cross" indicates that it is through Mary that we shall most surely arrive at Christ; hence, our yearbook theme: "To Jesus Through Mary". Pictured in each of our school rooms, invoked before each of our classes, Mary has been a constant guide and inspiration through all of our high school days, reminding us that we too may become Christ-bearers to the world.

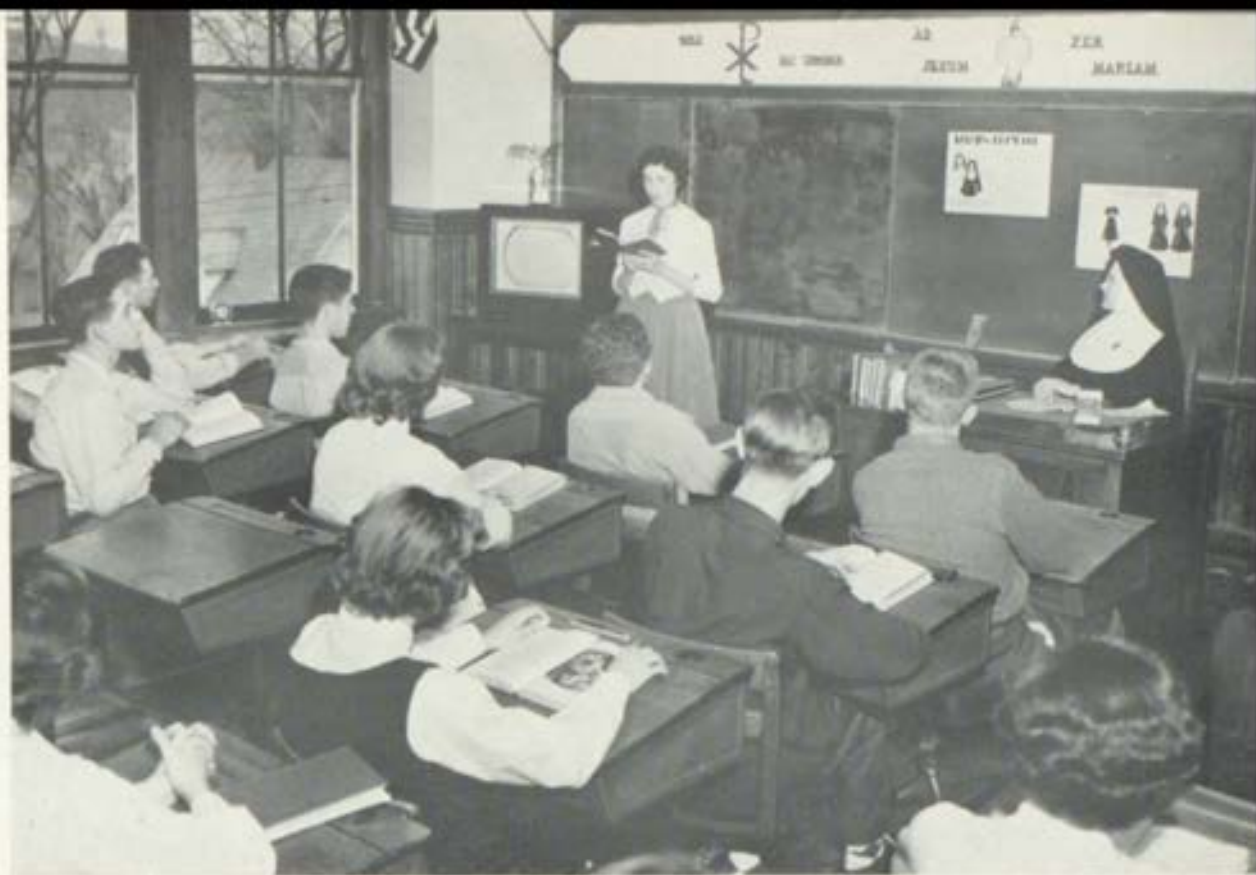
Religion



Illustrating the Truths of Faith in Religion I Class are these freshmen: J. Carroll, M. Powers, D. McEvoy, B. White, E. Hulihan, J. Keegan.

S. Teresa Agnes seems as interested as Sophomores B. Green, P. Simpson, T. Finnen and L. Bartoski as H. Hogan points out the scene of Christ's first miracle in the Sophomore Class Study of the Life of Christ.





Senior Religion Class begins daily with a sketch of the Saint of the Day, being read here by B. Burke with the topic of Vocations next on the agenda.



An enjoyable way to start the day . . . Religion II Class with Sister Marguerite.

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M. Akoury, N. Ellis and A. Grennan work out their French sentences while W. Sherwin, G. White and D. Bradley anxiously (?) await their turns.



"Vinc-conquer". That's what most Freshmen hope to do to Latin under the enthusiastic tutelage of S. Raphael with E. Saboski's help.

"Good things come in small packages," says S. Teresa Agnes about her French III Class. R. Burns, E. Shaw and R. Griffin get plenty of chances to do boardwork.

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E. Levandowski seems about to cut in on C. Brandalik's speech during a panel discussion in English I. R. Levandowski, J. Guile and M. Burke are interested listeners.



Linguistic experts are the Latin II Class and looking forward to Latin III and Cicero next year--that is, if they can count on having Sister Anna Laurentia as teacher.

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Higher mathematics computed with the efficiency of experts in Intermediate Algebra class with Sister Marguerite.



The Sophomore boys agree that proving triangles congruent is a simple matter for M. Akoury, but B. Green is wondering if he will be as successful in proving his theorem.

Citizenship Education



Mapwork makes history come to life for these Juniors in American History Class, with L. Nealon at the pointer's edge.



G. Eberle is interrupted in her dusting by Seniors avidly interested in the morning's news.



T. V. takes over for the day in World History Class as L. Bartoski tunes in for a special program.

SCIENCE



BIOLOGY—The study of life—B. Burke has an interested group of Seniors for her recitation.



CHEMISTRY—The reaction of the Juniors to scientific experiments is par excellence.



GENERAL SCIENCE--Slides and film strips provide a fascinating and facile method for learning science, agree the Freshmen.

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The new duplicator machine gets many a strenuous workout producing song sheets, school paper, AND tests! E. Hulihan, J. Butkas, A. Marsh, B. Hyde learn the technique from S. Raphael.

Senior girls enjoy their last period class every day with S. Teresa Agnes learning the finer of the domestic arts.



Since the boys have decided that a "woman's place IS in the home," it looks as though they were doing something about becoming their own future secretaries!

Class of 1955



TOP ROW: Sister Frances Regis, R. Griffin, R. Burns, J. Moore, W. Sheridan, W. Keyes, J. Styczynski, E. Flynn, W. Levandowski, J. Graney, M. Conway, Sister Anna Laurentia. BOTTOM ROW: H. Burns, M. Madigan, J. Brennan, J. Butkas, Y. Graney, A. Marsh, B. Burke, N. Finnen, G. Eberle, E. Shaw, M. Brandalik.

Class of 1956



TOP ROW: Sister Marguerite, F. Mulvihill, L. Nealon, G. Driscoll, P. Begin. BOTTOM ROW: R. Pemrick, J. Burns, M. Kennedy, M. Murray, C. Sprague, A. Flood, M. McGuire.

Class of 1957



TOP ROW: Sister Teresa Agnes, J. Reilly, B. Green, D. Bradley, T. Finnen, W. Sherwin, L. Bartoski, T. Morin. BOTTOM ROW: J. Clarke, K. McGuire, P. Simpson, J. Hayden, G. White, J. Haussler, A. Grennan, M. Akoury, H. Hogan, N. Ellis.

Class of 1958



TOP ROW: J. Graney, J. Guile, P. O'Keefe, R. Haynes, E. Levandowski, J. Keegan, J. Fitzpatrick, M. Burke, W. Kelly. MIDDLE ROW: Sister Raphael, P. McInerney, H. Bromirski, S. Arnold, G. McLenithan, J. Nealon, E. Saboski, R. Levandowski. BOTTOM ROW: K. Waters, E. Hulihan, B. Hyde, D. McEvoy, R. Sheridan, H. Bromirski, J. Carroll, J. Galvin, B. White, M. Powers, C. Brandalik.



Sister Rose Margaret stands proudly with her Eighth Grade whose zeal this year led them to form a Civics Club and start a Class Paper!



Our Blessed Mother is surely pleased with Sister Elizabeth John's Seventh Graders for their outstanding Marian Club Activities.



Sixth graders beam happily at the thought that their Fifth Grade teacher, Sister Rita Michael, will be with them again for another whole year.



Standing straight and tall and looking their finest are these Fifth Graders looking forward to the year's work with Sister Francis de Sales.



Art blossomed in all its forms this year in the Fourth Grade under the ardent direction of Sister Eloise.



The Third Graders learned reading, writing, arithmetic, spelling AND singing this year and had fun doing it with Sister Anna Magdeline.



Sister Joseph Michael thinks her Second Graders are the nicest class in the whole school, and they feel that way about her too.



The First Graders had a real store in their room this year, learned how to play musical bells and to square dance along with their reading, writing and number work as they "advanced in wisdom, age and grace" under the supervision of Sister Bridget Marie.



"We love school and our teacher" agree the tiny Kindergartners after a happy year at S. M. A. with Mrs. Burke.



Religious Activities



Running as a golden thread throughout our student days has been the Life of Christ reincarnated in the Liturgy of the Church, so that Religion exists not as an isolated subject to be learned, but as a "life to be lived". Our Sodality has been the core of our Catholic Action, deepening our appreciation of Holy Mass and the Eucharist, encouraging us to be Mary-minded, envisioning for us the ultimate extension of the knowledge of Christ throughout the world.

Autumn

October brings Rosary Month and an effective bulletin board reminder that the Rosary is the Way to Mary.



Faithfully adding beauty and dignity to liturgical ceremonies, the Choir stops during rehearsal to pose with their director, Sister Anna Magdeline.

Winter



Kneeling about the beautiful Nativity scene in the Kindergarten, these little ones make an appealing picture and bring us to the true meaning of Christmas.



FORTY HOURS: The altar beautifully decorated, the sanctuary boys in their stiff and starched best, the procession of flower girls: all a fitting tribute to the presence of The Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar of St. Mary's during the Forty Hours Devotion.



Spring



OUR LADY QUEEN OF MAY

ANNUAL MAY PROCESSION

Traditionally, in all Catholic schools, the month of May is marked by tributes of love and devotion to the Blessed Mother of God to whom this loveliest of months is dedicated. At St. Mary's the annual May Procession and Crowning Ceremony is one of the most beautiful and memorable activities of the year.



Sanctuary Boys and Sodalists, grade and high school students line up for the May Procession under Father Ammering's direction.

"O Mary, we crown Thee with blossoms today." Sodality President, M. Ruditis crowns Our Lady at the climax of the May Procession while Sodality Moderator Father Ammering attends.



Parishioners and students of St. Mary's join in prayer with the members of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality as they form a "Living Rosary".



The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality



Carrying on an active program of Catholic Action whose keynote is spiritualized living, the Sodality, under the direction of Father Ammering, is an outstanding organization of high school girls.



Is financial trouble brewing? Sodality President M. Madigan seems to be taking issue with Treasurer G. Eberle as Vice President B. Hanselman, Secretary L. Merrill and Co-Secretary J. Butkas await the outcome of the debate.



Extra Curricula Activities



Initiation, Magazine Drive, Dances, Programs, Exhibits, Plays, Prom! The roster of our extra-curricula activities runs like a calendar of the school year. Captured on the following pages, for future reminiscences, are scenes which underline the fact that even at our dances, in our programs and displays the motivating force is: "To Jesus Through Mary."



September Initiation was climaxed with Stunt Day at which the freshmen entertained the high school in unpredictable ways.

H. Bromirski proved the star of the day.



Could the seniors really be so mean? ? No, the snake was dead--else why would R. Griffin be so brave about it?



E. Levandowski and J. Fitzpatrick enjoy a banana banquet!



Senior girls pose with the refreshments before serving.

October



Marian Year Program: The Sophomore and Junior English classes worked together on a verse choir tribute to Mary to close Her Marian Year.



Receiving their awards as top salesmen in the magazine drive are: P. Graney, E. Penrick, A. Grennan, J. Brennan, S. Bouplon, J. Hanselman and B. Greene. Assisting Sister Francis Regis are B. Burke and M. Brandalik, co-chairmen of the drive.

November



November saw the first issue of The Academy Echo in its new format. Sister Anna Laurentia looks pleased with the results as do Staff members: P. Powers, J. Brennan, R. Levandowski, N. Finnen, P. MacInerney and R. Griffin.

Sodality Dance



Highlighting the social events of November was the Sodality Dance at which the "Kay-Detts" played. Father Ammering watched, and everyone else danced!



December

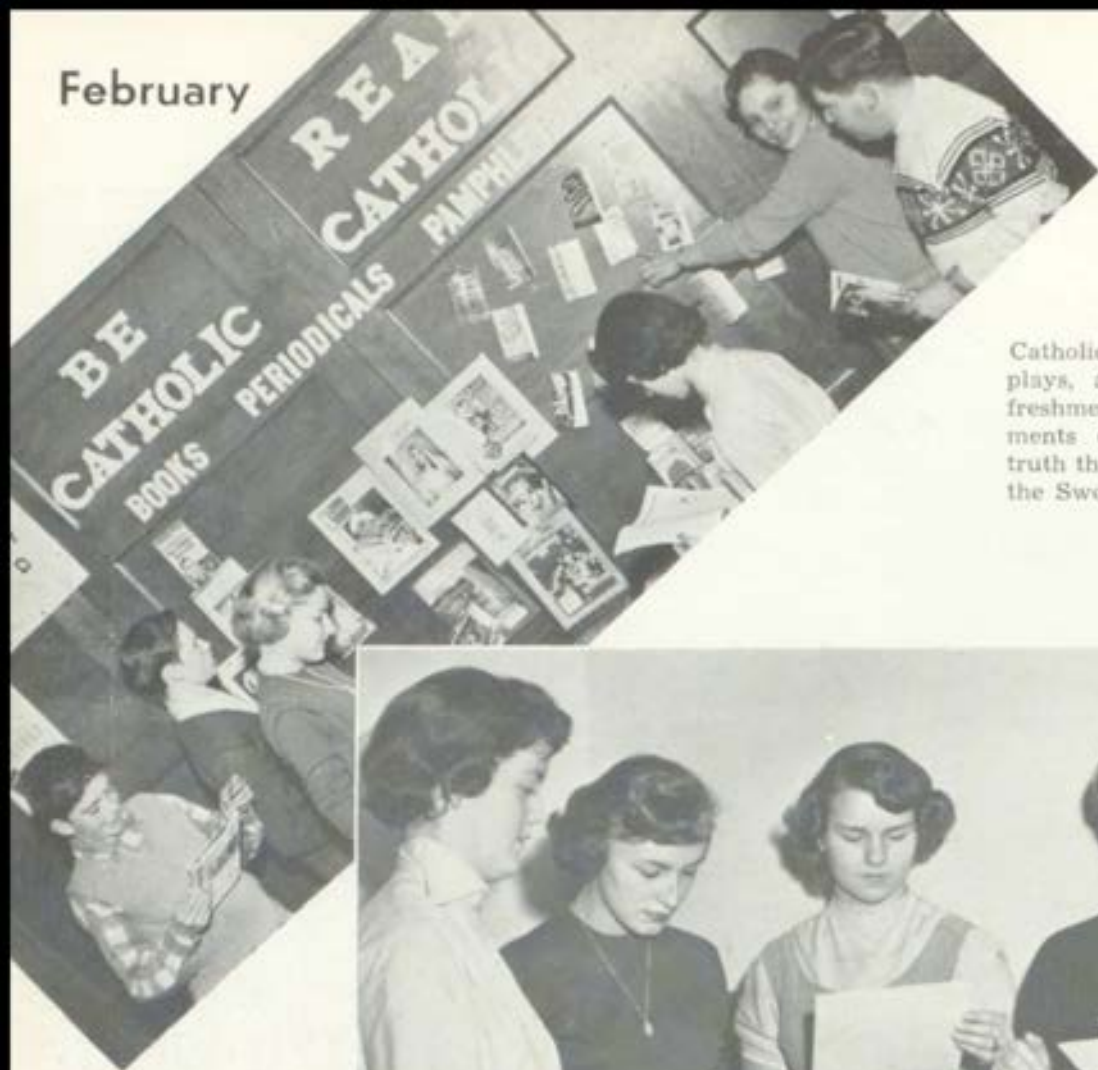


Schoolrooms are transformed, windows carry the "Good Will" message and seniors add a finishing touch to the Bulletin Board as Christmas arrives at St. Mary's.



Science goes on, although Christmas is in the air---and on the boards.

February



Catholic Press Month featured displays, a playlet produced by the freshmen and reports and assignments designed to bring out the truth that the "Pen is Mightier Than the Sword".

March

saw the third edition of "The Academy Echo" in preparation.



April

Spring housecleaning and the "new-look" for the library as H. Burns, B. Burke, A. Flood and M. J. Brandalik busy themselves about books.



Grand March led by:
R. Sheffer, M. Ruditis, D. Begin, M. J. Millett, R. Severson,
E. Shaw, W. Levandowski, M. J. Brandalik.

With May Came the '54 Prom

Top: M. Madigan and
D. Bradley

Bottom: J. Butkas and
R. Closson

M. Akoury
J. Murphy



'55 Senior Girls:
N. Finnen, E. Shaw, G. Eberle, J. Butkas, A. Marsh, Y.
Graney, M. Madigan, M. J. Brandalik.

Middle: A. M. Grennan
and J. Eldred

Bottom: T. Finnen and
M. Conway





June brought a memorable event, the Junior-Senior Banquet held at the Four Chimneys, Bennington, Vermont.



A Communion Breakfast traditionally features graduation day. Here the graduating classes of '54 and '58 pose on the day of their commencement.



Sisters and students enjoy socializing together after the "Battle of the Books".



Sports



"Our Lady, Queen of Victory, pray for us!"
Through this title, we have constantly sought aid from Mary to help us advance in Christlike sportsmanship and skill. Mass on the morning of each game and a Visit that night have been very influential in helping us attain that goal. May Our Lady help us to "fight the good fight" of life and attain to the Ultimate Victory.

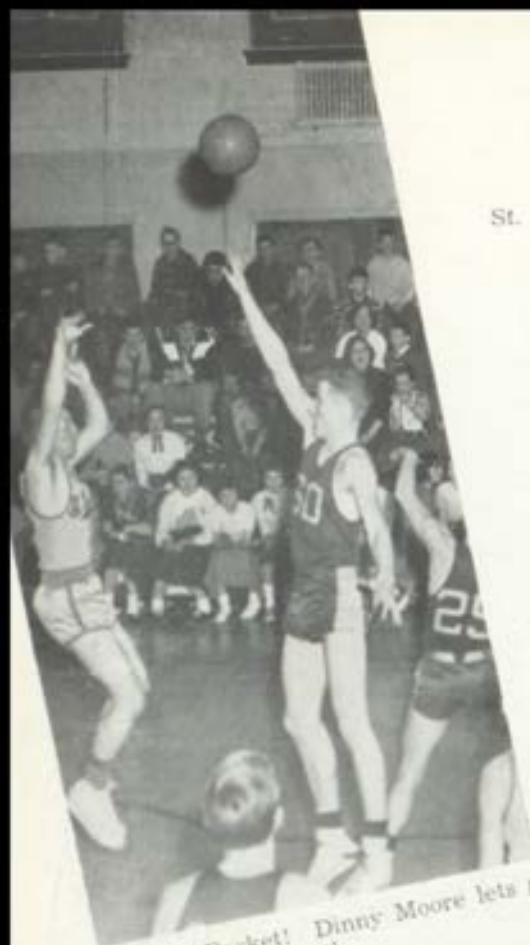
Varsity Basketball

Basketball Scores

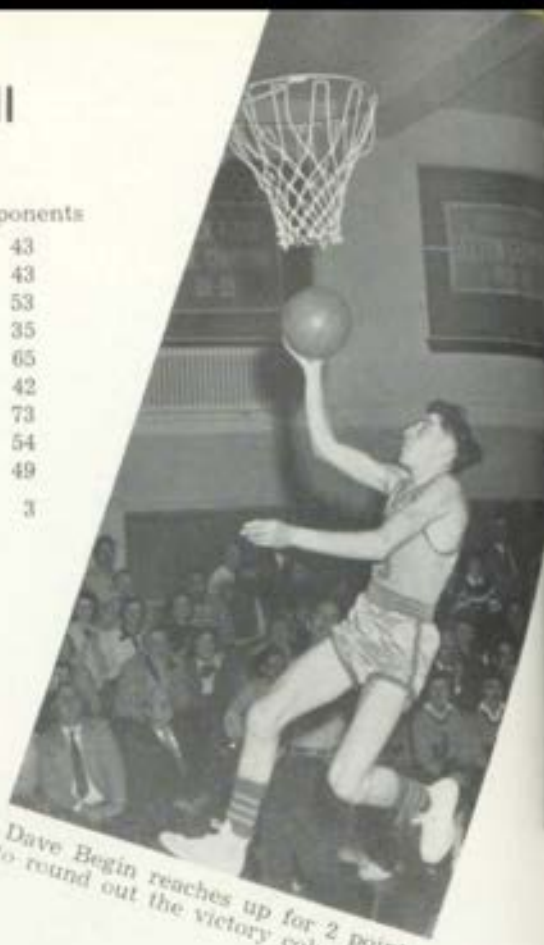
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50	St. Ann's	35
47	St. Joseph's, Albany	65
57	St. John's, Albany	42
67	St. John's, Rensselaer	73
77	St. Patrick's	54
59	St. Mary's, Hudson	49
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Complete Varsity Record

Won 7—Lost 11



It's a Basket! Dinny Moore lets go with a sure thing!



Dave Begin reaches up for 2 points to round out the victory column.

'54-'55 Varsity



Standing: Coach T. Shiland, R. Haynes, J. Moore, D. Bradley, W. Sheridan, L. Nealon, Father Ammering.
Seated: G. White, J. Murphy, D. Begin, W. Sherwin, P. Begin, L. Bartoski.

Jay-Vee Record

WON—10

LOST—3



VARSITY CHEERLEADERS sporting their nifty new uniforms: G. Eberle, B. Burke, A. Marsh, Y. Graney, M. Madigan and J. Butkas, Captain.



Responsible for that high-powered JV spirit: A. M. Grennan, B. White, J. Hayden, R. Penrick, M. Akoury, M. A. Kennedy.

JAYVEE TEAM: Standing: G. White, L. Bartoski, T. Finnen, L. Nealon, G. Driscoll, E. Levandowski, B. Greene, Coach Brandi. Kneeling: R. Sheridan, T. Morin, D. McEvoy, J. Graney, M. Conway, P. O'Keefe.

St. Mary's Wins
13-5; Moore Fans
14 in 6 Innings

Hoosick Falls
Nine Wins
Diocesan Loop

Jimmy Moore Hurls
No-hit Game for
Hoosick Falls Nine

St. Mary's Moore
Mound Marvel

St. Mary's (HF)
Wins First 8-1



St. Mary's Raps
St. Ann's—11-3;
Moore Whiffs 18

Moore Hurls
One-Hitter
For St. Mary's

Moore Tosses
1-Hitter: Hits
HR: Saints Win

Unbeaten SMA
Wins by 14-3
Moore Again

Champions Catholic B League Undefeated 1954

FIRST ROW

R. Severson, Mgr.
Rich Hayden
Joe Murphy
Jimmy Moore
Billy Sherwin
Paul Begin
Billy Keyes
Moo Haynes
Billy Levandowski, Asst. Mgr.

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SCHEDULE

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St. John's, Albany
North Bennington
St. John's, Albany

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SECOND ROW

Stan Levandowski
Bernie Davock
Bob Crawford
Dick Fleming
Don Bradley
George Driscoll
Don Morin
Coach Jim McGuire



Seniors



For many reasons, the Class of 1955 knows a special devotion to the Blessed Mother of God. Many of us have spent the full 13 years of our student days in a school dedicated to her; Her Marian Year occurred during the important days of our Junior and Senior years of high school; through constant invocation and devotion to Her, we have at last reached the goal of our first commencement. As we leave the sheltering portals of St. Mary's Academy, may we ever remain faithful to Her Who will lead us most surely to Christ and to our Eternal Commencement.



Class Officers



ROBERT JOHN BURNS
"Burnsie"
Vice President

Quiet and dependable, Burnsie is thoughtful, studious and cites Religion as his favorite subject. He dreads walking, loves driving, dreams of sleeping, and aims at a career in business.



JAMES JOSEPH GRANEY
"Smeg"
Treasurer

Humorous Smeg is a sports fan with golf his ranking interest. Always ready for fun, the life of any party, his red hair marks him out as he engineers the finances of the class.



WILLIAM JOSEPH
LEVANDOWSKI
"Billy"
President

Class president twice, manager of baseball and basketball teams, and Valedictorian, Billy is an outstanding member of the class and is aiming at the goal of civil engineering.



BARBARA ANN BURKE
"Barb"
Secretary

Looking forward to a teaching career, Barb claims she has enjoyed Latin best of all her school subjects. Since her sophomore year a proud wearer of the purple and gold cheerleading uniform, Barb has been active in all school affairs and is an honor student.



DAVID LEE BEGIN
"Dave"

Sporting a pale blue convertible, Dave is a whiz with machines and a star basketball player. Faithful transporter of choir books, he hopes to become an auto technician.



MARY JANE BRANDALIK
"Mary Jane"

Petite, intelligent, Mary Jane dislikes Biology, but Business Law fascinates her. St. Therese is her favorite Saint and the Rosary her favorite devotion.



JOAN MARIE BRENNAN
"Joan"

Musically minded, Joan's ambition is to make something of herself in the field of music, with the College of St. Rose her immediate goal of the future. Active on school programs, in Sodality and school paper work, her favorite pastime is piano playing.



HELENE ANN BURNS
"Burnsy"

Well groomed, vivacious, Burnsey hopes to become a child nurse after graduation. With the Mass her special devotion, the Navy her great attraction, and "Honestly" her pet saying, Burnsey rates among the best.





JOHANNA MARIE BUTKAS
"Josie"

Unique, fun-loving, Josie is an honor student and the life of any party. She has been active in cheerleading, yearbook and school paper work and hopes to make Air Force Nursing her career.



MARIE GAIL EBERLE
"Gail"

Co-editor of the Yearbook, twice Secretary of the B.V.M. Sodality, and outstanding in school work, Gail has also been a cheer leader for 3 years. She has a special devotion to St. Philomena and is interested in the field of physical therapy.



NORINE FRANCES FINNEN
"Norine"

Friendly, thoughtful, cooperative, Norine enjoys Biology in school—and parties out of school. Member of both yearbook and school paper staffs, Norine's favorite prayer is the Rosary; her career goal is nursing.



EDWARD JOHN FLYNN
"Ed"

Dependable Ed is the future farmer of the Class of 1955 of SMA. Ed's favorite pastime is hunting. He's not keen on school work but his choice of a favorite is Chemistry, with St. Edward his special Saint.



YVONNE HELEN GRANEY
"Yvonne"

Sophomore class treasurer and twice Cheerleader, Yvonne's favorite subject is English which explains perhaps her membership on the literary staffs of both yearbook and school paper. Aiming at a career of teaching, Yvonne's devotions are to the Mass and the Mother of God.



MARY ELIZABETH MADIGAN
"Bette"

Salutatorian, enthusiastic cheerleader, and president of the Sodality, Bette is co-editor of the Yearbook and has been on the honor roll throughout her years of high school. Ever faithful to Mass, Bette plans to enter St. Mary's Training School in Amsterdam for Nursing.



ROBERT THOMAS GRIFFIN
"Griff"

Artistically inclined and fond of science, Griff has been active in school activities as member of Initiation Committee, yearbook staff and school paper. After graduation he hopes to become an automotive engineer.



WILLIAM JOHN KEYES
"Keysy"

Tall, athletic, Keysy has great admiration for the city of Boston which of course holds the American League's Red Sox. With religion his favorite subject, baseball his great outside interest, quiet courtesy his chief characteristic, he should be a success in whatever field he chooses.





ANN MARIE MARSH
"Ann"

Freshman class treasurer, three times cheerleader, member of year book staff and school paper, Ann has been an active student at SMA. Her future plans include nurse's training at which she hopes to succeed through the intercession of her patron St. Ann.



JAMES WILLIAM MOORE
"Dinny"

Ace pitcher and basketball star, Dinny is a popular member of the student body, known for his personality and good humor. Future possibilities for Dinny include professional baseball or college with the aim of coaching in mind.



JOSEPH JOHN MURPHY
"Murph"

Outstanding good nature, generosity, courtesy and humor mark the personality of our good friend Murph, who specializes in sports and aims at a technical career.



ELIZABETH ANN SHAW
"Betsy"

Fun loving, and fond of Biology, Betsy is known for her demure ways and ticket selling technique at basketball games. Active on Initiation Committee, yearbook staff and school paper, Betsy is interested in elementary teaching as a career.



WALTER THOMAS SHERIDAN
"Sheik"

Tall, dark, and eligible, Sheik is the "Beau Brummel" of the class known for his mannerly ways and smooth talk. More interested in sports than schoolwork, he nevertheless likes business subjects and is interested in law as a profession.



JOHN JOSEPH STYCZYNSKI
"Iggy"

Our tall, lanky bell ringer rates business subjects his favorite and hopes to work with machines as a mechanic in the future. Active on Initiation Committee and on staff of yearbook, his Senior Year marks his 13th in SMA.





Appreciation



The Class of 1955, speaking through the staff of the ECHO, wishes to express its sincere gratitude to all who contributed in so many ways to the publishing of this Yearbook. Particular thanks are due to our patrons and advertisers whose generosity makes this book possible, to our yearbook photographer, Mr. William Andrick, and to our yearbook publisher, Mr. James M. Brahan. That God may richly bless them is the sincere prayer of The Class of 1955.

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