Greetings from all of us at Peninsula Catholic! As you will see in this issue of the Knight Report, we have been very busy with academics, the arts, and athletics. We graduated 57 seniors, all of whom are off to college. Our parents are always ready to lend their hands and hearts to all things PC! But, without a doubt, when I reflect on this year, the one thing that moved me deeply (to the point of goosebumps!) is the outpouring of genuine compassion and love for the many refugees whose lives touched us and whose lives we touched. When you read the article, "Faith in the Forefront," it will almost appear that we planned a comprehensive year-long program to focus on Catholic social teaching through helping refugees. In fact, each action was inspired separately and yet connected beautifully to the action before it. Undoubtedly, it was the grace of the Holy Spirit working through each and every member of our PC community! Our school is blessed with many gifts. It is right and good that we extend those blessings to our larger community. I think you will agree that the impact was far-reaching—both for our students and parents and those we helped and supported, whom we now embrace as part of our PC family.

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PC’s new **ATHLETIC LOGO** was unveiled at the 2017 homecoming game.

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The Holy Spirit can work with prompts so subtle that we don’t recognize the hand of God in our own lives. This year, the Holy Spirit moved with amazing power through the PC community, in a story that follows the school calendar. How fitting. Here’s how the year unfolded . . .

“Holy Spirit, come into my heart; draw it to Thee by Thy Power, O my God, and grant me charity…”

- Saint Catherine of Siena
Summer 2016: Nancy Lamb (foreign language dept. chair) and Sarai Rosado (Spanish and ESL instructor) met with the principal of nearby Saunders Elementary School, to discuss ways that PC students could help the public school with its fast-growing population of ESL students. Plans were made for Honor Society students to visit Saunders weekly to tutor young students as they learned English at school.

Fall 2016: The tutoring program began, and it became evident immediately that many of the young children at Saunders in need of help were immigrants who had escaped traumatic living conditions before arriving in Newport News. The high school students who visited weekly became a welcome routine that not only meant language help for the youngsters but also friendship.

Christmas: Teachers talked, and the theology department found inspiration in the ESL tutor program. Also, the Syrian refugee crisis was dominating the news channels. The theology teachers wrote the Christmas prayer service with refugees in mind, realizing that Christ himself was a refugee. Students took turns telling the story— with the help of a soldier, Jesus and his parents were able to escape death. Our school community reflected on the Holy Family as refugees, and thought of the many newcomers to our area fleeing similarly dire circumstances today.

Winter 2017: In keeping with the diocesan goal for schools to engage with Catholic organizations, Sue Wilkinson (theology department chair) contacted Catholic Charities in Newport News to see how PC could assist with their efforts in the community. The response was immediate, and enormous, and a true call to action.

Lent: The PC community marked the beginning of Lent by listening to the testimonies of two refugees who found their way to safety and a new home in Newport News with the help of Catholic Charities. The incredible stories of these two young women from halfway around the world gave Sue Wilkinson an idea. What if the PC community adopted a refugee family? With a little help from signupgenius.com, a list was made of items a family would need. Families responded with immediate generosity and pledged furniture, food and even transportation. Students helped too, by cleaning out their cars (and wallets) of spare change. In all, $1,660.00 in cash and furniture valued at $2,000.00 were collected.

Catholic Charities secured an apartment, and a team of volunteers showed up to clean, haul, put together furniture, and fill the pantry. It was hard, and joyful, work.

Meanwhile, four years earlier and halfway around the world, a young father found his family threatened by the Taliban because he was a cook at the U.S. Embassy in Afghanistan. He and his wife were forced to flee to protect themselves and their five children. For four years their application for immigration was in process. Finally, after a four day journey, they arrived in their new country this spring.

They got to Newport News on a Thursday in April and entered their new home, not knowing what they would find—and probably not expecting anything, either. Sue Wilkinson met them at the door. A hot meal was waiting inside. There were beds and dressers, a comfortable couch, a table and chairs for seven to eat together.

In the months to come, Catholic Charities will guide this family through English classes and the basics on how to manage daily life. They will find jobs and their children will register in schools. They will be visited regularly, as they have already been, by some loving PC family members who have committed themselves to making sure this family’s integration into American life is not a rough and lonely road.

The bright light of the Holy Spirit shined on us this year. It has revealed in our hearts what is brilliant and generous, so that we can experience spiritual freedom… just as “our family” begins to experience their new freedom here. It has inspired our PC community to be a place where all are welcome.
PC's arts department spent the school year making their presence known in the greater community. Fine arts students and department chair Jessica Kovalcik displayed works in several regional and national shows and competitions. Beth Wigley’s leadership of the theatre program reached students at area feeder schools all year long; young students from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Elementary and Portsmouth Catholic Regional School were even featured as actors in the fall and spring productions. Finally, Kim Nguyen's band students provided music for masses, theatre productions, a spring concert, and won a “superior” rating at the annual King’s Dominion festival of music this spring.
The Class of 2017

AT A GLANCE

PC's 57 graduates earned:
- A **100%** matriculation rate
- **220** college acceptances
- **454** college credits through Dual Enrollment classes
- Over **$3.87 million** in scholarships
- A cumulative GPA of **3.88**

... and performed over **12,500** hours of service to their community.
The 2016 boys' cross country team made school history by winning all three conference titles—Tidewater Conference of Independent Schools (TCIS), Virginia Catholic League (VCL), and the Virginia Independent School Athletic Association (VISAA)—for the third year in a row. In addition, PC runner Troy Gustke ’17 was named Individual Champion for all three conference meets. Coach Mike Pilola had some choice words for his team, which he shared at the ring ceremony this spring . . .

When you win TCIS, VCL, and VISAA in the same year, it feels a little like winning the lottery. And when you do it three years in a row, I’m not even sure how to describe that. Maybe like a miracle….

Back in the 1990s, PC’s cross country team won TCIS nine times in a row. I had the honor of being on that team, and in the 9th year I even directly helped a little bit, scoring some points for the team as the fifth man. In the sport of cross country, the top five runners score the race, and I was the fifth man my senior year.

I got a plaque and an All-Conference certificate, which my parents framed and hung on the wall in their house. They’re still there. Whenever I’m at my parents’ house I see that All-Conference trophy, and I smile, but I’m never thinking about the day I earned it. I’m thinking of months leading up to getting it—of seven-mile runs in the middle of a humid July day where I felt tempted to give up, but didn’t let myself… of running to the top of a mountain… of forgetting my racing shoes and borrowing them from a friend at the last minute, barely getting them strapped on before someone fired the starting pistol. And more than that, I’m thinking of all of the people that I
earned it with. The friends I made on this team were some of the best I’ve ever had, and I’m still in touch with many of them twenty years later. Your friends, the relationships you’ve forged, that’s what you should cherish, more than any physical token. And one other thing: the knowledge that you are stronger than you thought you were. That’s something that any good sport does: it forces you to prove yourself wrong. It’s a healthy attitude, to challenge yourself to push your limits, toward becoming something better, something more.

But symbols are nice. And if any team in the state deserves to be recognized with a trophy or three, it’s these guys. Their training doesn’t start when the season begins in October. A lot of these guys start packing in 5, 7, 10 miles a day on their own, as soon as school gets out, and all summer long. Some of them don’t ever stop when the season ends, which means that they’re training like pros. Some of them are the most talented athletes we’ve ever had. And all of them are goofy, and strange, and a lot of fun to be around. They are a pleasure to coach, and they help make training fun and motivate each other to do better, which I think is part of the team’s special mojo.

That’s why the pride I feel when I look at a trophy, or a banner, or a ring, will always pale in comparison to the pride I feel whenever I see one of my runners, going out into the world, being the best version of himself. It’s an embarrassment of riches.

*PC’s top five point scorers for the three-peat season were Troy Gustke ’17, Ryan White ’18, GuruBandaa Khalsa ’17, Aaron Klimchock ’18, and Thomas Himes ’17.*
Journey to the Triple Crown: Troy Gustke
by Maureen Crone

Troy Gustke ’17 is soft-spoken, slight in build, and quiet in nature. Not one to stand out in a crowd. Unless, of course, you see him on the course…. and there, he reigns.

This year, Troy was the time leader of the boys’ cross country team. He is ranked as one of the top 30 fastest runners in the state. He has already been inducted into PC’s athletic hall of fame, and his retired jersey will hang in the hall with a distinguished group of others. He was named individual winner for each of the three post-season championship meets that his team also won. The rarity of this double-whammy is significant—it has only happened once before in PC history, when Molly McKenna ’14 won first place for her team and herself as an individual. There may be no other high school in the state who can boast such a record.

I sat down with Troy this spring to try and figure out what makes him go so very, very fast.

MC: Tell me a little about your running history. How and when did you get started?

TG: I was in 5th grade when I decided to run in a Chick-Fil-A 5k. I liked it, so I started running track when I got to middle school. And then in 8th grade I started with AAU (Athletic Amateur Union club track), and that’s when the “work” really started.

MC: When did you realize you’re awesome at this?

TG: (turning a little red) Well, at the beginning of my 8th grade year, my PR (personal record) was 19:40 (for a 5k race). After one season of AAU, though, I was down to 17:44. I started to train for real, then. I knew I could get that PR down even more. I’ve continued that this year. I scheduled everything—sleep, food, and runs—to get my best times. I ran a 16:15 at the McGough (PC’s annual home meet, in honor of Bill McGough ’89) and it was the fastest time ever for that meet. That gave me a lot of momentum for Milestat (a statewide meet in Richmond). That’s where I ran my PR of 15:46, and finished 19th in the state. My focus shifted a little after that—I stopped trying just for PR, and went for number one. At the TCIS meet, they (the top runners from Norfolk Academy and Cape Henry Collegiate) were out to beat me. I ran behind (the Norfolk Academy runner) until the last mile, and then got past him. My spike also blew out. But I beat him. I did the same at states—I ran for the team win, but also for the fastest individual time overall. As it turned out, my 15:46 Milestat time was the fastest in VISAA for the year.

MC: What are you going to take with you from your experience here at PC?

TG: I came to PC as a sophomore, when I had already been running with AAU for a few years. I was very focused on goals for myself, and thought of myself as being very serious about the sport and my individual success. I went to PC one day when they were doing summer conditioning, pre-season. And—they were playing Frisbee! I mean, they worked hard—really hard. But they had fun too. It was a family. I realized that you can’t run alone when you’re on a team like that; that’s what makes this sport great. The team is all.
Boys’ Cross Country
*Coach: Mike Pilola*
- Varsity MVP: Troy Gustke
- JV MVP: Matthew McKenna
- TCIS Conference Champions
- VCL State Champions
- VISAA State Champions

Girls’ Cross Country
*Coach: Susan Bender*
- Varsity MVP: Ana Mummert
- JV MVP: Olivia Triska

Boys’ Varsity Volleyball
*Coach: Brooke Moore*
- MVP: Dominic Adinaro

Girls’ Varsity Volleyball
*Coach: Tommy Thomas*
- MVP: Baileigh Edmonds
- TCIS Conference Champions

Girls’ Varsity Tennis
*Coach: Erin Dail*
- MVP: MaryKate Dail

Boys’ Soccer
- Varsity Coach: Kristen Glauner
- MVP: Dylan Anderson
- JV Coach: George Moss
- JV MVP: Sean Glauner
Boys’ Basketball
Varsity Coach: Ricky Epps
Varsity MVP: Lamar Claiborne
JV Coach: Jeremy Smithers
JV MVP: Bryson Dorsey

Swimming
Coach: Jenna Turner
MVP: Sam Parsons
MVP: Caitlin Compton

Wrestling
Coach: Ron Kavanaugh
MVP: Galilee Kissell

Jersey Retirement
Troy Gustke, Cross Country
SPRING SPORTS

Varsity Baseball
Coach: Jeremy Smithers
MVP: Ian Wildeman

Varsity Softball
Coach: Bill Perkinson
MVP: Emma Freakley

Track + Field
Coach: Ramsey Davis
MVP: Troy Gustke
MVP: Hannah McGlinn

Girls’ Varsity Soccer
Coach: Kristen Glauner
MVP: Rebecca Jackson

Boys’ Varsity Tennis
Coach: Erin Dail
MVP: Yan Guo

Signing Ceremony
Lamar Claiborne
Basketball
Ferrum College
A great time was had by all at PC’s golf tournament last September. Almost 100 golfers gathered at Sleepy Hole Golf Course for a day of fun-raising to benefit PC Athletics. This year marked the beginning of some new traditions, too—just ask tournament organizers Mary and Billy Via and Mike Mann, or “cart sponsor for life” Dr. Tammy Beavers. In all, over $19,000.00 was raised for PC’s athletic department.

To join the fun for our next tournament,

visit www.peninsulacatholic.com/golftournament

Tournament organizers:
Mary Brackin Via
Billy Via
Mike Mann
PC’s Office of Development
PC’s annual auction and wine festival is our school’s biggest fundraising event. Even more, “A Knight in the Vineyard” is a party that reunites friends and alumni, parents and grandparents from the past 60+ years for an evening of fellowship, friendly competition, and support of PC’s Annual Fund. This year’s highlight was a visit from Cinderella herself (Carmen Clem, ’18) and members of PC’s spring musical cast, who “charmed” the crowd with a request for funds to support the school fine arts program. As a result, the auction raised over $50,000.00 for this year’s Annual Fund. Now that’s something to celebrate!

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NOTABLE KNIGHTS

SARA BUTLER

When PC teacher Sara Butler retired in 2008, she turned her favorite pastime into a new career. Now this accomplished author has published her third book in a series, and has her sights set on more.

From 1982-2008, Sara taught classes from calculus to creative writing, and even started PC’s first film class, which she based on the “Lord of the Rings” trilogy. This December, she published the third book of her own “Earth Metamorphosis” trilogy—part of a series chronicling a “future history” of her own invention. The three books are part of a larger script yet to be put on paper, but already completed in the mind of the author. Native Storm, Sara’s first book, was re-written many times during her tenure at PC before it was published. Although she describes it as a murder mystery, her second book, Vengeance is Mine, is an allegory of the Book of Exodus. The final installment, Faith of the Father, weaves themes of alienation, fear and hatred into a story of family drama and redemption.

Sara is already at work on another book set in 2095, visiting the same world she created with “Earth Metamorphosis”. Her books are available on amazon.com

NICK VAIRO ’16

A rising sophomore in the honors program at Radford University, Nick is now the owner of Scorer Highlights, a basketball recruiting service for up-and-coming high school athletes applying for collegiate athletic offers and scholarships. His fledgling company is growing rapidly, thanks to a good business plan he developed as a student at PC, an unstoppable work ethic, and pure love of the game.

Nick always loved watching high school basketball and was the co-founder of PC’s “Blue Crew” spirit club, aiming to fill the stands at every game and get players more motivated to succeed. His team spirit inspired him to create a video for PC’s 2015 homecoming game, highlighting great shots of the players as well as the fans. The players loved it so much that Nick was instantly hired to produce highlight videos for a few seniors who were hoping for a look from college teams. He aired his videos on Youtube and twitter—and tagged the biggest video highlight service in Hampton Roads. They liked what they saw and suddenly, Nick was employed. He began filming players for Makeplayz.com, the biggest basketball recruitment service in Hampton roads at the time.

During his senior year at PC, Nick pitched his recruitment service to the “shark tank” in Melanie Weser’s business class, and got a mock investment deal. The reaction from the sharks prompted him to create social media pages and invest in professional equipment. He also expanded his reach to other area schools, and began producing videos for athletes from several Newport News and Hampton schools. Basketball season coincided with the end of nick’s first semester of college. His hard work paid off—he rolled out “Scorer Highlights” as a brand while being accepted into Radford’s honors program.

This spring, Nick joined forces with his lifelong friend Chris Taleghani ’17, and the future looks bright. They will be managing the business from Radford and Virginia Tech, and with over 100 clients so far have plans to dominate the market for “540” area code athletes in the New River Valley.

To see Nick’s work, please visit www.scorerhighlights.com.
This spring, two 50-year-alumni came back to PC for a visit and a look at how their Catholic education experience helped to shape their lives…. Lohengrin Warren Nix, a 1966 graduate of St. Vincent's, started Catholic school as a first-grader in 1954 in Newport News, Virginia. She went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Howard University, a master's from the Catholic University of America, and to a teaching career that spanned 4 decades in Washington, DC public schools. In many ways, Lohengrin is a typical PC alumna: outgoing, accomplished, academic, and intensely involved in bettering her community. In one way, though, Lohengrin stands (almost) alone. She is black. In the historic 1954 Brown v. Board of Education decision, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled to outlaw segregation in American public schools. The Catholic Diocese of Richmond decided weeks in advance of this decision to desegregate all Catholic schools that same year. Lohengrin was one of the first group of black (she dislikes the term “African American”) students to attend Catholic school in Virginia. Although she has no recollection of the Supreme Court decision itself, she felt its effects throughout her years at St. Vincent's as the white Catholic community struggled to accept integration as the new norm.

Another member of the class of '66, Wayne Barry, realized the significance of Lohengrin's Catholic school experience while doing some research on the role of the Church in the desegregation of schools in America. Wayne grew up on Long Island and never had a black classmate until he started at St. Vincent's as a teen. Lohengrin grew up in Newport News, attended the all-black St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, and lived in a predominantly black Newport News neighborhood. They would never have met if not for the mandated desegregation of schools. Their class at St. Vincent's was 26 in total, and its small size undoubtedly led to strong relationships between students even across ethnic and economic dividing lines.

The two classmates parted ways post-graduation, but reunited last year for the 50th anniversary gathering of the Class of 1966. Both chose careers in public education, and both credit their Catholic school environment for influencing their commitment to serve all children in the public school system. Wayne, who still works as a middle-high school counselor, said, “Openness, inclusiveness, and inviting dialogue-- to the point of reconciliation-- are distinctively Catholic traits. And that inclusiveness is what public education is all about, too-- everyone is served.”

While Wayne waxes philosophically on the spirit of Catholic education, Lohengrin is more pragmatic. Her school experience was marked by racism, a pushback by some of the white Catholic community to integrate schools, and a strong feeling of responsibility to her family and black neighbors to set a high standard in school. Added to that, she admits, “ I was a cradle Catholic, with parents who were very devout. They would never go against the Church-- and that included my teachers. So while I felt that I was treated unfairly at times, I also felt that I was on my own to fight those battles.”

She learned to stand up for herself, and learned a valuable skill in the process that she sees as a true benefit of Catholic education-- her social education. Attending a school with a diverse population gave her a confidence to interact with adults of other backgrounds. This is an aspect of socialization she sees lacking in public education today.

Both Lohengrin and Wayne agree that their Catholic education provided them with valuable resources-- for Wayne, his “Catholic imagination”, and for Lohengrin, tools of the trade for a lifelong educator-- to influence their life's work, and generations of students as well.
The ’50s
Peggy Nettles ’57 made a gift in honor and memory of the Hartman family.

The ’60s
John Pavlovsky ’61 has been recognized by the American Volkssport Association for completing 10k walking events in each of the fifty state capitols, plus Washington, DC. It took him about 7 years to complete this goal! He sent in a contribution in memory of his parents Joseph & Ruth, and his wife Anne, who passed away in 2003.

The ’70s
Marguerite Parker ’62 updated her contact information on our website and has volunteered to serve on PC’s Alumni Leadership Council. A graduate of TNCC & St. Leo’s, she is a retired Evidence Technician for the Newport News Police Department.

The ’70s
Members of PC’s classes of ’76–’81 gathered in December for a good old-fashioned high school reunion. They used Facebook as a means to communicate and coordinate, and still do via PC’s alumni page: www.facebook.com/pc.knights.73
The ’80s

Jennings Ames ’80 added his information to PC’s growing alumni web page. He is a Newport News Shipbuilding Apprentice School graduate and also has an Associate’s degree from Thomas Nelson Community College.

Joseph Acquaye ’86 also checked in via our website. He earned his BS from Hampton University and is the COO of 225 Auto Transport LLC in Richmond, VA.

Chris Jernigan ’88, the owner of the Bagby House Farm by day and patrol sergeant with the Richmond Police Department by night, sent in a family update. His farm offers fresh eggs, pork from heritage breed hogs, and is expanding to produce beef cattle & broiler chickens. Married for 13 years to wife Mandy, Chris is the father of two.

The ’90s

Darcy Limanni ’94 is currently working for Hennessy Advisors, Inc. as an asset manager in Novato, CA.

Dr. Scott Brendan Mackie ’96 and UNC ’00, graduated from VCU-Medical College of Virginia Dental School on Friday, May 12, 2017. He has accepted a one year dental residency with the Army and reported to Ft. Benning, GA on August 1, 2017.

Leo Shumate ’98 is currently an Executive Chef with the Bravo/Brio restaurant group.
The ’00s

Maria Credle ’00 earned a BA in psychology from Cabrini College, and her MSW from Widener University. She is currently working for PHMC as a police diversion social worker for first-time offender teens. She is married to Michael Credle and has two beautiful children - a 5 year old girl and 3 year old boy.

Patrick Papadopulos ’01 earned his Ph.D in mathematics with a focus on algebraic topology from the University of Rochester in 2016. He is currently teaching at the Rochester Institute of Technology.

Sydney Garner ’06 earned her master’s degree in Dietetic Administration and is a registered dietician at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital. She is married to Bo Garner and has one son, Benjamin Garner II.

J.T. Hosack ’06 earned his Master’s of Arts in Communication Theory with a focus on Identity and Autoethnography and is currently working as Program Director for Liberal Arts and as a Professor at the Richmond Campus of Bryant and Stratton College. He and wife Kari, a HR manager for the Richmond SPCA, welcomed son James Hosack III (Jamie) on March 16, 2016.

Alexandria Ruble ’06 graduated in May from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a Ph.D in history. She is currently spending the summer in Germany and will return in the fall to teach classes at UNC.

Kristen Voglewede ’08 is a 2012 graduate of CNU’s pre-vet program with a BA in Biology. She went on to study veterinary medicine at Ross University of Veterinary Medicine/Colorado State University and is a VetMed 2017 graduate.

The ’10s

Jessica Armstrong ’13 graduated in May from William & Mary, Summa Cum Laude with a bachelor’s degree in Chemistry and minor in Mathematics. She was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship for Chemistry research at the University of Cologne in Germany which will begin in the fall of 2017. In the fall of 2018, Jessica will begin a PhD program in Chemistry research at Yale University. A legacy alumna (parents are Jeff ’83 and Joann Shomaker Armstrong ’83 ), Jessica came back to PC this June to celebrate the graduation of her brother, Ian ’17.

Jeffrey Jahnke ’13 graduated from Hampden-Sydney College in May with a degree in Economics and a minor in Government & Public Policy. He has accepted a job offer from Arkansas- based J.B. Hunt Transport Services as a Carrier Sales Coordinator. After completing a year in Arkansas, he plans to relocate to Richmond, Virginia. Jeffrey also has a successful DJ company, 2Hype, LLC. He DJs college events, as well as private events, and has been an opening act several times at Peabody’s in Virginia Beach.
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On January 17, 2017, the Honorable Robert M. “Bucky” Yacobi passed peacefully into the arms of God. As he said, “I always liked a good fight, but I’ll concede this time.” Born and raised in Newport News, he and every one of his seven siblings attended St. Vincent’s Catholic School, as did his children Karen ’78, Mark ’82, and Sean ’83. In fact, in 1932 and for the next 32 years, there was at least one member of the Yacobi family in attendance at St. Vincent’s.

Judge Yacobi was a staunch advocate for children and Catholic education for his entire life. On the bench, he was renowned for setting kids back on the “straight and narrow” while presiding over family court. He was a longstanding and outspoken member of PC’s School Advisory Board for many years, and was a tireless leader and mentor for numerous regional and national nonprofit organizations throughout his life. His impact on his community will be felt for generations, as will the memory of his enormous personality. His family wrote, “There would be no better way to remember Bucky than to make a donation to the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society, to help a child, have a drink with a good friend, tell family and friends that you love them, and always laugh loud and hardy at your own jokes.”

The spirit of generosity, service, and family values embodied by Judge Yacobi is one the PC community strives for in all we do, and we are grateful for his mentorship and inspiration.

Please keep our cherished alumni, family and friends of St. Vincent and Peninsula Catholic, who have recently passed, in your prayers.

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Cyndi Zodda inducted into the St. Vincent Society

By Arlene Armentor

It’s been said that “the true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit.” Peninsula Catholic established the “St. Vincent Society” to honor those who have planted seeds by making a planned gift to PC in their will or other estate plans. This year, we were thrilled to welcome Cyndi Zodda as the newest member of the St. Vincent Society.

Cyndi has a long history with Peninsula Catholic, serving as Director of Development from 1989-1992 and again from 2000-2005. She fell in love with PC for many reasons, but first she says because it gave her daughter, Jennifer Ritko Frank ’90, “a platform from which she became the woman she is today.”

PC’s mission became her driving force, inspiring her to lead an aggressive marketing campaign promoting the “diamond in the rough,” showcasing PC’s legacy as well as its potential. “How many schools, Catholic or otherwise, can boast PC’s longevity?” asks Zodda. “It’s the oldest continuing operating school in Newport News. The original school on 34th Street was built during the Great Depression and survived through two world wars, Korea, Vietnam, and the current economic perils. That’s survivorship!”

It was natural that her love of PC would lead to a planned gift to help secure the future for tomorrow’s Knights. “All communities need choices for parents to choose the best environment for their children’s education, and in my mind, PC fills all the boxes, especially the grounding tool of faith.” Cyndi joins an esteemed group of society members: *John Marks’53, James Marks’53, and Carithia Prather Williams ’66. *denotes deceased community member

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