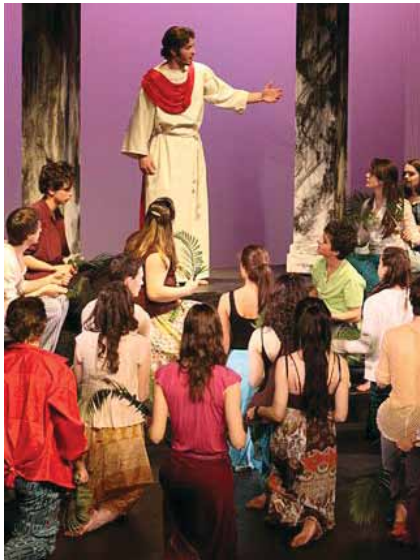


Jesus (Zack Bird '10) and the 12 Apostles seated at the Last Supper. This image replicated Da Vinci's famous depiction of the Last Supper.

Jesus Christ Superstar *By Zack Bird '10*

The Lenten season came to a close in climactic fashion with Cathedral Prep's performance of *Jesus Christ Superstar* over Palm Sunday weekend. Record crowds were in attendance to witness Prep's rendition of the celebrated musical written by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber. The H. David Bowes Auditorium opened its doors to an astounding total of roughly 3,000 spectators, including over 1,200 local grade school students for the two morning shows. A cast of 60 Cathedral Prep and Villa Maria students, with the direction and leadership of Father Mike Demartinis and Carolyn McIntyre, banded together to put on one of the greatest performances in the history of Prep's theater program.

In what is becoming a school tradition, *Jesus Christ Superstar* chronicles the last week of Jesus' life, ending with his resurrection. This musical has been a sensation since its debut on Broadway in 1971 and the silver screen in '73. Hit songs such as "What's The Buzz," "Heaven On Their



Jesus (Zack Bird '10) preaching to his followers.

Minds," and "Jesus Christ Superstar" have carried their relevance through generations and remain fresh to this day. Through a combination of lively dancing and a powerful musical score, the musical depicts the struggle and downfall of Judas Iscariot and his role in the death of Jesus. The focus of the show falls mostly on those surrounding Jesus throughout his last

few days, while also revealing Jesus' emotion and fear of his coming death.

Director Father Mike Demartinis masterfully incorporated his own religious knowledge into the show to give it further spiritual significance and strength. He and choreographer Carolyn McIntyre pieced together a show chocked-full of symbolism and religious significance, giving meaning to each and every scene. Powerful lead performances and a colorful supporting cast created an energy that was felt throughout the auditorium during each of the six performances. The live orchestra, imaginative set design, state-of-the-art lighting, and highly talented cast brought a new legitimacy to the Cathedral Prep Theater program.



Mary Magdalene (Ellise Chase '10 VMA) consoling a frustrated and worried Jesus (Jeffrey Crays '10).

The Mystery of Edwin Drood

By Brennan Kruszewski



L-R: Peter Mulard '12, Sam Longenecker '10, Drew Miller '10, Jeffrey Crays '10 and Nicholas Colao '10 perform a fight scene.

Cathedral Preparatory School's fall musical, *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, which I had the privilege of both observing and acting in over the eight weeks prior to the performance, was unlike any other show you have likely attended. For one thing, the musical was a show within a show; that is, the cast members portrayed members of a 19th century Victorian British theatrical group as they put on their premiere performance of Charles Dickens' final, unfinished novel. For another, the show has over 800 possible endings, all to be voted on by the audience themselves.

The show's plot revolved around the concept that *Drood* is a show within a show: the first number was done with all cast members being part of the theatrical troupe, welcoming the audience to their theater. The performance was clearly under the direction of The Chairman, a main character in the show in charge of the night's proceedings. The actors then assumed their roles within the show; that is to say, their British personality took the role of a character in *Drood*. The *Drood* cast members broke character back into their Victorian British personalities often, usually to poke fun at the audience or each other. The plot of *Drood* involves the mystery of the disappearance of Edwin Drood, an orphan engaged to a girl named Rosa Bud and also the title character of the show. The first act introduces the characters, many of whom are suspects in Edwin's eventual disappearance. The obvious suspect in the disappearance is Edwin's own uncle, John Jasper, an opium-addicted man with a multiple personality disorder who is in love with



The Cast of Edwin Drood.

Edwin's betrothed. In the second act, it becomes your job to choose the killer, lovers, and detective of the play.

The atmosphere as you entered the theater was electric: the cast members were already mingling with the audience, in full character, as members of "The Music Hall Royale," the British theater in which *Drood* was set. There was clearly excitement among the cast; every night was performed as if it was the world premiere of *Drood*. In fact, this was not far from the truth - Cathedral Prep presented the region's premiere performance of the show. The costumes were highly detailed and realistic; it was as if every cast member had walked right out of 1892, with British accents to match their clothing. This, as well as wonderful acting, dancing, singing, and a masterfully crafted set, all performed in a newly renovated auditorium, made for a wonderful evening for all involved. For its own part, the audience was very responsive to the comedy of the show, and more than willing



L-R: Steven Mott '10 and Brennan Kruszewski '10. Michael Barnes '10 (standing).



Prep MVP Students Play an Instrumental Role in Getting into the Christmas Spirit



L-R: Mr. Jacob Malec directs Nicolas Levandowski '11, John Miller '10, Ryan Theuerkauf '12, Jordan Hughes '12 and Christian Taylor '10 (in back) on the marimbas while Robert Buettner '11 plays the xylophone.

to participate in the voting and applause when needed. A good time was had by all who attended.

From the perspective of a senior who has participated in theater at Cathedral Prep for the last four years, it is amazing to see the changes that have occurred. From the newly renovated H. David Bowes Auditorium to the increasing number of students becoming involved in the theater program, the MVP program has come a long way since its creation just a few years ago. The cast, a fantastic mix of old veterans of Prep Theater and new blood acting in their first show ever, was truly one of the most professional and dedicated that I have ever had the privilege of working with. Excellent shows with the energy, comedy, and excitement of *Drood* will continue to be produced on the Prep stage long into the future, thanks to the strong foundations of the MVP program and the dedication of students who love to act, dance, and sing.

On Thursday, December 17, 2009, the sounds of Christmas came roaring from the newly renovated H. David Bowes Auditorium as The Musical Visual and Performing Arts Department at Cathedral Prep put on the annual MVP Christmas Concert.

Many traditional favorites were performed, along with an array of other songs. The show highlighted the talents of many Prep students. The concert, put on by MVP Director, Mr. Jacob Malec, included ensembles of percussion, guitar, choir, and jazz band.

Prep Students Get Their Phil with Conductor Daniel Meyer



Daniel Meyer, Music Director and Conductor of the Erie Philharmonic shows Andrew Yadeski '10 a score from Verdi's Requiem.

On March 4, 2010, Music Director and Conductor of the Erie Philharmonic Daniel Meyer traded in his baton for the day to come in and speak to a group of Prep students in the Advanced Percussion Ensemble. Meyer discussed what his job entails, the instruments that make up an orchestra and even shared some conducting gestures with the students. Meyer also talked about the Erie Philharmonic's upcoming show at the time, Verdi's Requiem.

As Music Director of the Erie Philharmonic and Asheville Symphony, Meyer is recognized as one of the top young conductors of his generation. This is Meyer's third season with the Erie Philharmonic. He has helped to reinvigorate the orchestra, enlivening the arts community with innovative programs and a dedication to create and sustain an enthusiastic audience for classical music. He has expanded the reach of the Philharmonic with annual performances in the Warner Theatre, Meadville, Edinboro, and Warren. Committed to music education and young audiences, Meyer has developed a series of Young People's Concerts for students in northwestern Pennsylvania. He also appears regularly on WQLN-FM and visits area schools, clubs, and civic organizations to promote the Philharmonic.

Men of Prep...Men of Honor

By Christine Eddy

When we talk about Men of Honor, we think of judges, soldiers and heroes. We have several Men of Honor right here at Cathedral Prep. Why do we label the following three outstanding senior students as “Men of Honor”? Simply because of their amazing accomplishments this far.



“Prep is really a place where you build bonds with others that last far beyond high school.”

– Brennan Kruszewski

Kruszewski plans on double majoring in history and business. “History has always been one of my strong points over my high school career and something I have been interested in since I was young. I think that it could lay a strong foundation for a career in either law or politics. Notre Dame’s business school is one of the best in the country, and I think that a business degree could help me in almost any career that I would be considering.”

Kruszewski is grateful that he was able to come to Cathedral Prep. “Prep gave me a lot of opportunities to make connections with people and to learn how to better communicate with others. It really helped me to grow spiritually and taught me a great deal about the importance of faith and God in my life as well.”

Other than his diploma, Kruszewski will walk away from Prep with a variety of friendships that will last a lifetime. “Prep has helped me to grow not only academically, but spiritually as well. I will leave with a sense that I was able to take advantage of all the opportunities presented to me.”

Everyone talks about the Prep brotherhood. For those who haven’t experienced it, you may be wondering what it’s like. Kruszewski explains, “You can’t describe it unless you’ve experienced it. Prep

is really a place where you build bonds with others that last far beyond high school.”

Most of Kruszewski’s time is spent studying, but he is also involved in a lot of extracurricular activities. “I am currently involved in the Campus Ministry team, am Secretary of Student Government, cocaptain of the Prep Drumline and a member of the cast of *Jesus Christ Superstar*. In the past, I have been involved in speech and debate, lacrosse and other musicals at Prep, most recently playing John Jasper, one of the leading male roles, in *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*. I have also been a part of missionary trips to New York City and Kentucky over the last few years and been a mentor for younger students for the last two years.”

If that’s not enough, Kruszewski does activities outside of Prep as well, including mixed martial arts and participating in community volunteer activities such as Habitat for Humanity. In the past, he has worked as a volunteer at St. Vincent Hospital and has been a part of numerous youth groups in the diocese.

So with a full plate of ongoing activities, how does Kruszewski find time for studying? He said, “It’s all about balancing your time commitments. I find that if you study for things ahead of time and avoid procrastination, you never seem to run out of time for studying.”

Kruszewski does have some advice for younger students. “Get involved. Find something you’re passionate about, whether it’s sports, service, or speech and debate. Find that activity that kindles a fire inside of you, and make it your own. Other people will see your desire to achieve and be inspired by your success.”

Kruszewski’s classmate, Noel Oduho ’10 is a native of Khartoum, Sudan. He was excited to begin a new journey at Cathedral Prep for several reasons. “I wanted to come to Cathedral Prep for the great programs it has: academically, athletically, and spiritually. Academically, Prep is one of the



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– Noel Oduho

best in the state and is recognized nationally. I wanted to challenge myself. The athletics is another reason I wanted to come to Prep; I love sports, and Prep has the best teams in the city. I also knew Prep was best for me spiritually because it is Christ-centered.”

Following graduation, Oduho plans on attending Duquesne University. He is leaning towards a career in physical therapy or pharmacy. “I would like to major in either one of those because I feel obligated to help people stay healthy. Physical therapists provide treatment to people to develop, maintain and restore maximum movement and function throughout their lives. This includes providing treatment in situations where movement and function are at risk from aging, injury, disease or environmental factors. Pharmacists are trained and skilled healthcare professionals who perform a variety of roles to ensure the finest health outcomes for their patients.”

Oduho feels very confident going into college. “I was very excited when I found out I was accepted to Duquesne. I felt a great relief when I was accepted because the school is a strong academic place. I feel comfortable and prepared academically.”

Even though Oduho is involved in three sports (football, basketball and track), he finds time to study. “During the athletic seasons, I have a stressful schedule at times. I will go to school; after school, I have practice, and then I get home around 6 or 7 p.m., depending on the sport. I’ll eat, and then do my homework and my studies before I go to sleep.”

Oduho is thrilled that he made the decision to come to Prep. “I will walk out of Prep with just about everything a person can hope to gain from a high school. All four of my years at Prep have been amazing, especially my senior year. While at Prep, I have learned what it means to be a man of God. Like my model Jesus, one must learn to persevere through tough times when nothing seems to be going his way. A person must be positive and think of what Jesus would do in the situation he’s in. Prep has inspired me to become a Christian role model in the faithless society we live in today. I must be a role model for younger generations, so they do not stray away from our Christian values. I must be a messenger of Jesus. Prep education has influenced me tremendously through all aspects of mind, body, and spirit.”

Oduho not only feels well-prepared for college, but life in general. “Prep has taught me discipline, a key factor in the outside world. I’m happy I got the opportunity to learn this at Cathedral Prep. Every rule in the handbook will benefit me in the future when I am looking for a job.”

Prep’s student body’s relentless cheering section is to be applauded for their continuous efforts. Oduho said, “The thing I like about Prep is the spirit of the student body. It is very entertaining

to watch my fellow Prep brothers support our athletic teams. Our cheering section is unique; there is none better!”

If there is one accomplishment that Oduho is proud of while at Prep, it’s the fact that he managed to take honor classes and advanced classes at Prep, while doing three athletic sports all four years!



“Prep sets the gold standard on developing spirit, mind, and body.”
– Will Lubahn

When it comes to setting the bar, William Lubahn will tell you that “Prep sets the gold standard on developing spirit, mind, and body.”

Lubahn has not made a final decision on where he will be going to school. He is debating between John Carroll, Washington & Jefferson and Elon. He is undecided but is leaning towards business.

Lubahn is thankful for the strong educational foundation that Prep has set for him. “Prep has taught me what being a man really means. The

friends and memories that I have made while at Prep will last a lifetime.”

Lubahn is busy with many activities, but it doesn’t keep him from doing well. He plays football and runs track and is also involved in German and Key clubs.

In his spare time, you can find Lubahn with his friends, playing club soccer, snowboarding and occasionally working at the soup kitchen with his mother, Terri.

One thing that Lubahn will always remember about Prep is the fact that he actually worked on the newly renovated H. David Bowes Auditorium this past summer. He worked for Perry Construction as a laborer. Lubahn said, “It was pretty amazing to be a part of changing the auditorium. I saw places in the auditorium where students aren’t allowed to go. I saw the whole building from the foundation up.”

Lubahn said, “By the time you get to your senior year, you feel like you know everyone in the class. You realize what everyone told you as a freshman makes sense.”

Lubahn is particularly proud of playing two sports his junior year. He played both football and soccer. If there is any advice that Lubahn would give, it is, “Do not procrastinate, and take advantage of all the opportunities that Prep offers.”

Best of luck to all of our seniors. May they continue to experience much success in the future.

THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK!

Cathedral Prep Debate Team wins 10th State Championship and qualifies two teams to nationals.

By: David Weston '03

After a four-year hiatus, the Ramblers have returned to the top of Pennsylvania cross-examination debate. Cathedral Prep's senior and junior team of Colin McElhinny and Kevin Ward captured the Pennsylvania High School Speech League State Title on March 13 at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania. McElhinny and Ward traveled a long road in order to come away with a state championship, and it began here at home. Every team that competes at the state championship, must earn their place at the tournament by qualifying out of their district. Each district is granted only two slots, and the McElhinny/Ward team earned one of them.

The state tournament consisted of four pre-elimination rounds and then broke to the top eight teams for a single elimination NCAA tournament-style contest. Colin and Kevin's preparation and in-round execution of argument strategies carried them to an undefeated 4-0 record at the end of the first day. Once the single elimination round started, there was no stopping this top Rambler team. They defeated North Hills in their quarter final round, local rival McDowell High School in the semi-final round, and state rival LaSalle College High School in the final debate judged by a five-person panel. The importance of debating LaSalle in the final round cannot be understated. As a Pennsylvania debate rivalry, LaSalle had earned eight state titles to Cathedral Prep's nine, so this round would decide whose school had the longer legacy. The judges' decision was a 3-2 split in favor of Cathedral Prep, giving the Ramblers its tenth state championship and a two-title lead on its state rival. To enhance the acclaim of the victory, Colin was chosen the top speaker at the tournament out of thirty-six candidates, and his partner, Kevin, was selected as the third speaker by the judges. Meanwhile, at the same state tournament, junior Jacob Werner participated in Student Congress. In only his third time participating in his new event, Jacob placed sixth in the state out of 56 contestants.

The following weekend McElhinny and Ward debated at the National Forensic League District Qualifier, accompanied by fellow squad members Matt Harkins and Mate Jurkovic. There



Front: State Champions and National Qualifiers Colin McElhinny '10 and Kevin Ward '11. Back: National Qualifiers Matt Harkins '12 and Mate Jurkovic '11.

were ten debate teams in the Pittsburgh District (including the two Prep teams) vying for two spots to compete at the national championship tournament to be hosted in Kansas City, Missouri. The double elimination tournament lasted over twelve hours on March 20, at North Allegheny High School in Pittsburgh; at the end of the day only the two Rambler teams were left standing. Colin and Kevin placed first with Matt and Mate close on their heels in second place. Both teams will be flying to Kansas City in June to compete for the top prize that the National Forensic League has to offer.

The debate team would like to thank the parents of its debaters for their time and dedication to the activity that their sons work so hard in. The success of the students would not be possible without the great support given from our debate families. In addition, the state title and national aspirations are a testament to the dedication and commitment that the Prep administration, faculty, and staff have to our debate program. The backing given to the debaters is unparalleled in the region. Special thanks to our dedicated Prep debate alumni for all of their time, advice, donations and assistance in securing the prominent place of Prep debate in Pennsylvania and nationwide.

Roll Ramblers!



Mass in St. Peter Cathedral.

March for Life – A Voice for the Voiceless

By Andrew Link '11

On January 22-23, 2010, I and 39 students from Cathedral Prep and our sister-school, Villa Maria Academy, accompanied President Fr. Scott Jabo and many other devout chaperones for the Right to Life trip to Washington, DC. While in Washington, our group visited many historical and significant structures. Inside the National Archives, we were able to get a first-hand look at the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the Declaration of Independence and other documents important to our nation's history. We then saw other historical sites including the Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, Vietnam War Memorial, Ford's Theatre, American History Museum, and the Holocaust Museum. The holocaust exhibits were unimaginable and unforgettable. They truly portrayed the Nazi oppression against innocent lives that was taking place during World War II. The day was ended with a Mass when we made our stop at Georgetown Prep, who generously let us sleep in their athletic center. We then visited the Arlington National Cemetery and saw the grave stones of John F. Kennedy and many other historical figures. Prior to the March for Life, we had a celebratory Mass inside the Basilica of the National Shrine to put a stop to abortion and all kinds of violence acted out every day in this world.

Not only was this trip speaking out for the silent lives of the unborn, it also honored the lives lost in creating this free nation we live in today. This was my first year going on this excellent trip to protect human life. I'd advise everyone to partake in this opportunity in years to come. It was a whole new experience for me and it was great to be a witness of life and a voice for the voiceless.

A special thanks to the five chaperones who went on the trip: Dr. Joseph Kohler, Sr. Mary Drexler, Ms. Jean Peterson, Ms. Kristy Martin and Fr. Scott Jabo.

Cathedral Prep Celebrates Catholic Schools Week

"Dividends for Life" was the theme of this year's Catholic Schools Week, which was observed Jan. 31 to Feb. 6, 2010. Prep kicked off the week with a beautiful Mass on Monday, Spirit Day.

Tuesday was Teacher Appreciation Day. Faculty and staff were treated to a special luncheon sponsored by Key Club. Chef Extraordinaire Frank Cirillo and his staff prepared a gourmet meal. Students helped serve faculty, staff and administration. In the afternoon, a Pep Rally was held for the Prep-McDowell basketball game.

On Wednesday, Community Service Day, meetings were held for Outreach Day. This year's Outreach Day was held on April 22, 2010. More than 550 Cathedral Prep students along with faculty and staff members took to the streets on a "school day" to help serve others in the community. The students looked forward to Thursday, Mind Day, and Friday, Body Day. Students wore their favorite hats to school on Thursday. On Friday, a volleyball tournament was held.

All week long students prayed for Catholic Schools Week in all Theology classes. During the week, Chef Frank Cirillo prepared the top five soups and the top five lunches.

Special thanks to the Father Mike DeMartinis and his campus ministry team for organizing such a great week!



Nicholas Colao '10 cleans up after Mrs. Nancy Bird and Ms. June Klins at the Teacher/Staff Luncheon.

Prep Students Grow Beards to Benefit a Brother Battling Cancer

For the first time in history, Cathedral Prep students graced the hallowed halls of the building with beards intact. Cathedral Prep's Student Government organized the first "Beard Week." Prior to Christmas break, students were able to purchase a "Beard Pass" for a minimum donation of \$3.00. Students wishing to donate more could do so. Students who purchased passes did not have to shave for the first week back following Christmas Break (January 4-8). Approximately 80 Prep students participated. Nearly \$300 was raised and will go to Junior Zac Czerwinski, who is battling cancer. Czerwinski has Ewing's Sarcoma, which is pediatric cancer of the bone.

In addition to "Beard Week," students have been organizing other fundraisers for Czerwinski. Prior to "Beard Week" the students held a dress down and collected over \$1,500 for him. Prep Parent Carole Tillman donated an ornate homemade Christmas Wreath, which was raffled off prior to Christmas break. The raffle brought in an additional \$150. In February, Student Government held a "Wing Night" at Buffalo Wild Wings, which brought in \$1,151. All of the fundraisers cumulatively raised over \$3,000 for Czerwinski.



On the ground L- R: Sean Culver '10, Alec Vroman '11, John Dougherty '10 and J.C. Mayer '10. In/On the truck L-R: Austin Dudenhoeffer '11, Mr. Brian Markley '89 and John Madura '11.

SADD Collects Mountain for Food Bank

SADD, Students Against Destructive Decisions, held its annual food drive just prior to Thanksgiving, and it was a resounding success. The student body regularly shows its care for the local community, and a testament of this goodwill was a donation of 3,419 lbs. of nonperishable food items to the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwestern Pennsylvania. This total nearly doubles the largest Prep donation over the past ten years, and it was made at a time when many in our community are suffering due to the current state of the economy.

Junior Dominic DiRaimo is the SADD President, and he is assisted by Junior Adam Blazek (Vice President) and Sophomore Chris Bleggi (Secretary/Treasurer). The club is moderated by Mr. Tony Del Rio, assisted by Mr. Brian Markley '89. A special thanks goes to Senior J.C. Mayer, Junior Austin Dudenhoeffer and Junior John Madura. These "Men of Prep" were responsible for the backbreaking task of moving this mountain of food.



Back: Justin Wiley '11, Giovanni Carrara '13, Vince Pontillo '10, Alex McLaughlin '11 and Zack Bird '10. Front: Alex Pearson '10 and Richard Wilcko '10.

Prepsters Ditch Cell Phones in Honor of National Teen Safety Week

In honor of National Teen Safety Week, members of Cathedral Prep's Student Against Destructive Decisions and Driver's Education classes joined forces to send a message out to other teens in the community in order to help save lives.

On October 21 and 22, students were asked to commit to signing a pledge card to give up their cell phones for at least one day while they are driving. Texting, cell-phone use and other activities are a major cause of needless fatalities and injury collisions. In a recent survey, 70% of teens admitted to texting while driving. In addition to signing pledge cards, teachers were stationed at the doors of the school and in the parking lots. Students who pulled up wearing their seatbelts on received an entry form to fill out to win prizes.

Driver's Education teacher Brenda Bennett with the help of SADD advisor Tony DelRio organized the event. Bennett said that she did not inform the students of her plans. Bennett was more than pleased with the outcome. Only three students were not wearing seatbelts.

In January the city of Erie passed a ban on cell phone usage while driving.



Andrew Olszewski '13 keeps a sharp lookout while on watch duty.

Anchors Aweigh on the Flagship Niagara!

In June, Cathedral Prep and Villa students will have the opportunity to set sail on the Flagship Niagara for a voyage of leadership and discovery. Sailing will be open to all Villa and Prep students including incoming freshmen. The proposed dates are June 10-28. Students will sail to Put-in-Bay, Kelly's Island and Cedar Point. The cost is \$1,350 per student. There is an opportunity to work off about \$350 if the student works 20 hours at the Niagara during this winter. Students will also receive ¼ credit. Captain Wesley Heerssen will be speaking to the Prep and Villa students soon with an overview of the trip. For more information, please contact Ms. Nancy Schaaf via email at nschaaf@cathedral-prep.com.



Lieutenant Commander Jacobs congratulates Austin George '11 for winning the Veteran's Day Essay at the VA Hospital.

Austin George '11 Wins Veterans' Day Essay

Austin George '11 won the Veteran's Day Essay at the VA Hospital with his "Salute to Veterans". In his essay George wrote about what so many of us think but don't express like we should. "We won't ever fully understand why they do what they do, but what we do know is that they fight for a cause greater than themselves, and they would go the ends of the earth to protect us, and to them, that's something worth fighting for. The love, courage, and selflessness that these people have for America and her people are insurmountable by any means."

George also wrote about his brother's deployment to Iraq and the day he left home. George reminds all of us in his essay to: "Remember the fallen, remember their sacrifice and remember all those who serve, in the past, in the present and in the future. Let no hero be forgotten, because they haven't forgotten you. They are our guardian angels, our silent protectors, our veterans. America is forever in their debt, and they are forever in our hearts."

Austin is the son of Mark & Karrie George.



Prep's JROTC Performs at Mayor's Inauguration

Cathedral Prep's JROTC was asked to perform opening and closing Honor Guard duties January 4, 2010 at Erie City Hall for Mayor Joe Sinnott's inauguration. The group performed in front of a crowd of over 300 people, including state, county and city dignitaries.

Led by cadet **Andrew Huzar '10**, cadets **Sean Thornton '11**, **Chris Braun '12**, **Pat Spizarny '13**, and **Adam Hagmaier '11** sported the always popular military chrome domes and represented Prep at the inauguration.

Prep Dishes Out Hospitality at Meal for the Needy

By Matthew Shadle '10



L-R: Alex Hanes '13, Dylan Szparaga '13, Anton Olson '11 and Andrew Clark '12 serve.

For the past 21 years at Cathedral Prep, the Key Club has done quite the service for the Erie community. Around the middle of December of every year is the Prep Key Club Christmas Dinner. The dinner is free and is aimed at the less fortunate people in the area. Flyers giving the details of the dinner are distributed to homeless shelters, the City Mission, and other housing communities. Year after year, more dinners are served than the previous year. Not only does this show how much of a success the dinner is, but also how much the community needs this dinner.

The main goal of the dinner is to give these people hospitality. Some people who come in for the dinner may have not had a good meal in a few weeks or even months. Guests are greeted at the door and are seated at a table of their choice. The server asks what the person/family would like to drink. Next, the meal is served. The meal itself is a traditional holiday dinner. Turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, corn, green beans, and



Carl Nicolia '80, father of Mario Nicolia '12, rinses trays.

cranberry sauce are the main items. The dinner also comes with a salad, roll, and dessert. The guests can have an unlimited amount of food and can also take food home. Not only does the dinner feed the less fortunate, it also focuses on the children. Since the dinner is in Cathedral Prep's cafeteria, there is an abundance of space. At the front of the cafeteria, there is a small stage where a small band plays music for about half the dinner. Other than the band, what better way to use this space than to use it for activities and games for children who come to the dinner? There are games like basketball, bowling, and mini-golf. There is also an arts and crafts table where children can color and make things to take home with them. Lastly, each child who walks through the door gets a ticket to receive a free toy at the toy table. On the way out of the dinner, each adult is given



Eric Kubeja '10 helps out with crafts.

a goodie bag full of essentials like food and hygiene products. To many volunteers, seeing these people leave with a smile on their face makes their day so much better than normal.

How does this all come together, you ask? The Prep Key Club Christmas Dinner is in preparation for months before the dinner actually comes together. To get all the food, letters are sent out to parents to ask for a donation to the dinner. The donations range from money and toothpaste to turkeys and pies. One of the many great aspects of the dinner is the community. Students, teachers, and parents of Cathedral Prep all come together and help out others in the area. Students are usually found serving food and helping with the activities. The parents and the teachers at the dinner are usually found making and distributing food to the servers and cleaning dishes. This dinner plays an integral part of Cathedral Prep's service projects. If the dinner stays strong in the future, then the Erie community will always have a helping hand from Cathedral Prep.



For the second year in a row, **Ryan Oldach '10** won the Prep Christmas card contest. Mr. Jim Sabol '66 started the contest in 2002, and it has been a Christmas tradition at Prep. Oldach did another unbelievable job in creating Prep's 2009 Christmas card. Oldach created a beautiful nativity scene. Thanks to everyone who participated and submitted artwork. Congratulations, Ryan!



Congratulations to **Daniel Ford '10** who has been awarded the Western Golf Association's Chick Evans Scholarship to be used at the Pennsylvania State University where he will major in Actuarial Sciences. The full tuition scholarship is awarded to Ford for: academic excellence, strong personal character, and having been a caddy at the Kakhwa Club for at least two years.

In March, four students from the Class of 2011—**Dominic DiRaimo, William Motsch, Alex Prichard, and Alec Vroman**, represented Cathedral Prep at the General Electric Transportation Engineers Day. Students from twenty-five or so high schools in the tri-state area were invited to participate in the hands-on experience meant to enhance interest in science, math, and engineering. The day was spent with current engineers from GE. The students listened to talks, participated in friendly engineering competitions, and saw first-hand what engineers design at the Erie Plant. The group finished second in the overall competition with a levered design that was the most cost-efficient to build yet propelled a ping pong ball over fifteen feet with near-perfect accuracy. DiRaimo, the chief architect of the design, stated, "I wanted a simple mechanism that would do the job while placing a high premium on lowering overall material costs...it's a tough economy out there, you know." Vroman, the quiet, analytical-type member of the group, nodded in agreement. Motsch kept the competition distracted by talking with the Mercyhurst Prep all-girl team during the build phase about common friendships and other trivial matters. The ever-observant Prichard noted the lunch tasted like cardboard compared to Chef Cirillo's gourmet cuisine.



L-R: Juniors Dominic DiRaimo, Alex Prichard, William Motsch, and Alec Vroman.

Adam Tome '11 recently received recognition by the Zonta Club of Erie his work in the community as well as for his academic excellence and personal leadership qualities.

Congratulations

Seven students took the National German test, and four scored above the 70th percentile and will receive Merit Awards. Three of the four scored at or above the 85th percentile and will receive a National Medal.

- Patrick Cooper '11** 71th percentile in German III
- John Madura '11** 85th percentile in German III
- Colin McElhinny '10** 88th percentile in German IV
- Aaron Wilkinson '10** 99th Percentile in German IV

Over the last three years Aaron Wilkinson has consistently been one of the top students in the nation. As a sophomore he tied for the First Place in the country. As a junior he took First Place in the PA chapter, and as a senior he was second in the PA chapter.



Aaron Wilkinson '10

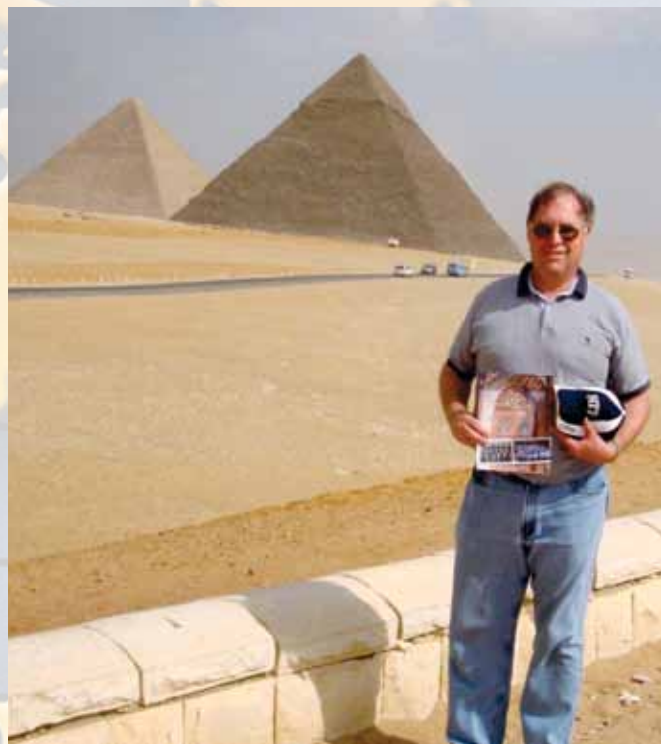


Where in the World?

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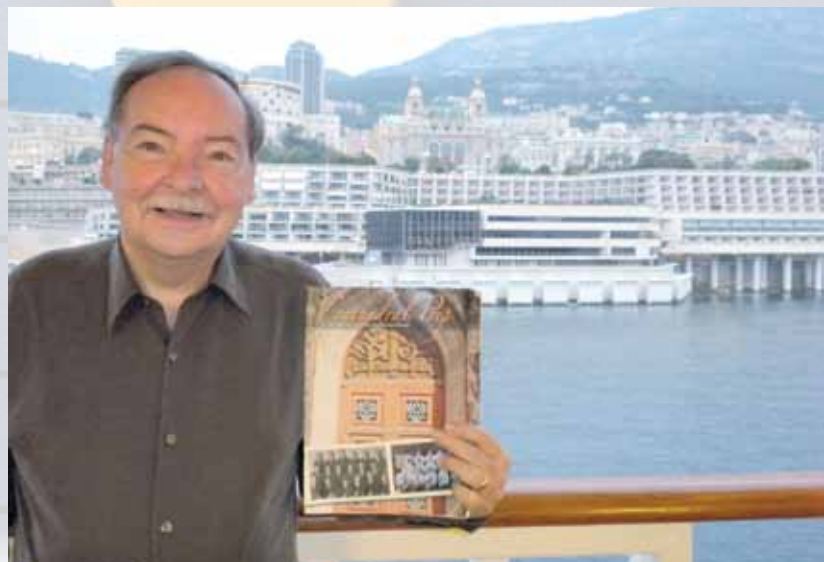
Friends of Prep and Villa alums Betsy DeVore '62 and Kathy Sertz '62 could not resist the opportunity to pose in front of the Eiffel Tower with their *Cathedral Prep Magazine* while vacationing in Paris, France.

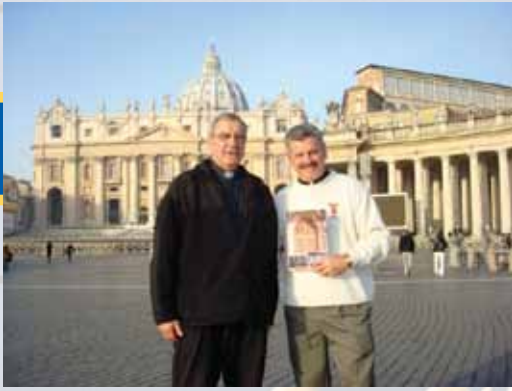


While in Egypt attending a medical conference, Dr. Carl Fuhrman '70 posed with his *Cathedral Prep Magazine* in front of the Great Pyramids in Giza. He is a Professor of Radiology and Chief of the Division of Thoracic Radiology at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

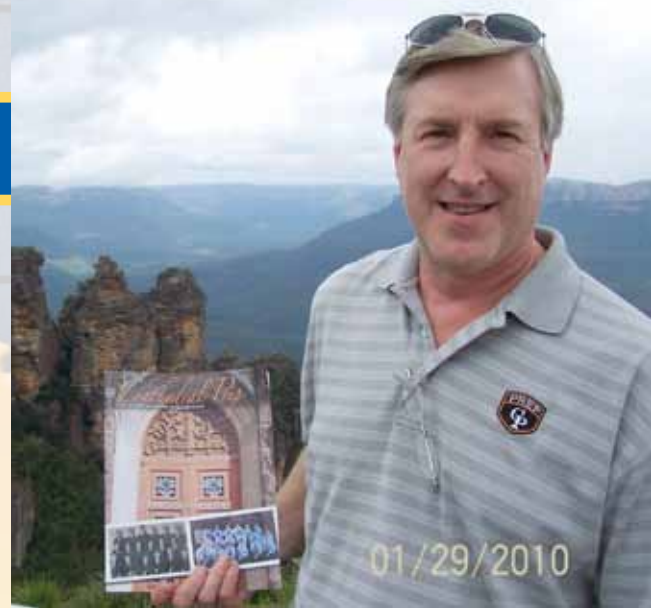


Daniel Erdely '63 really gets around with his *Cathedral Prep Magazine*. He packed his "reading material" on a Mediterranean cruise with him last fall. Here he is in the Old City in Seville, Spain. He is also pictured aboard the MS Rotterdam, anchored in the harbor at Monte Carlo, Monaco, which he visited on the same cruise.





On a trip to Italy this fall, Fr. John Detisch '80 and Msgr. Bob Malene, Pastor of Good Shepherd Church in West Middlesex, PA, pose for a picture with the *Cathedral Prep Magazine* just before the papal audience. Here they are at Vatican Square, with St. Peter's Basilica in the background.



Paul Maciulewicz '77 stands with his *Cathedral Prep Magazine* at the "Three Sisters" natural rock formation in the Blue Mountains National park near Katoomba, Australia.



Cathedral Prep parents (of Thomas Donikowski '11) Tina (VMA '77) and Michael Donikowski took their *Cathedral Prep Magazine* to the Olympics in Vancouver. Here they are pictured in front of the Olympic Cauldron.

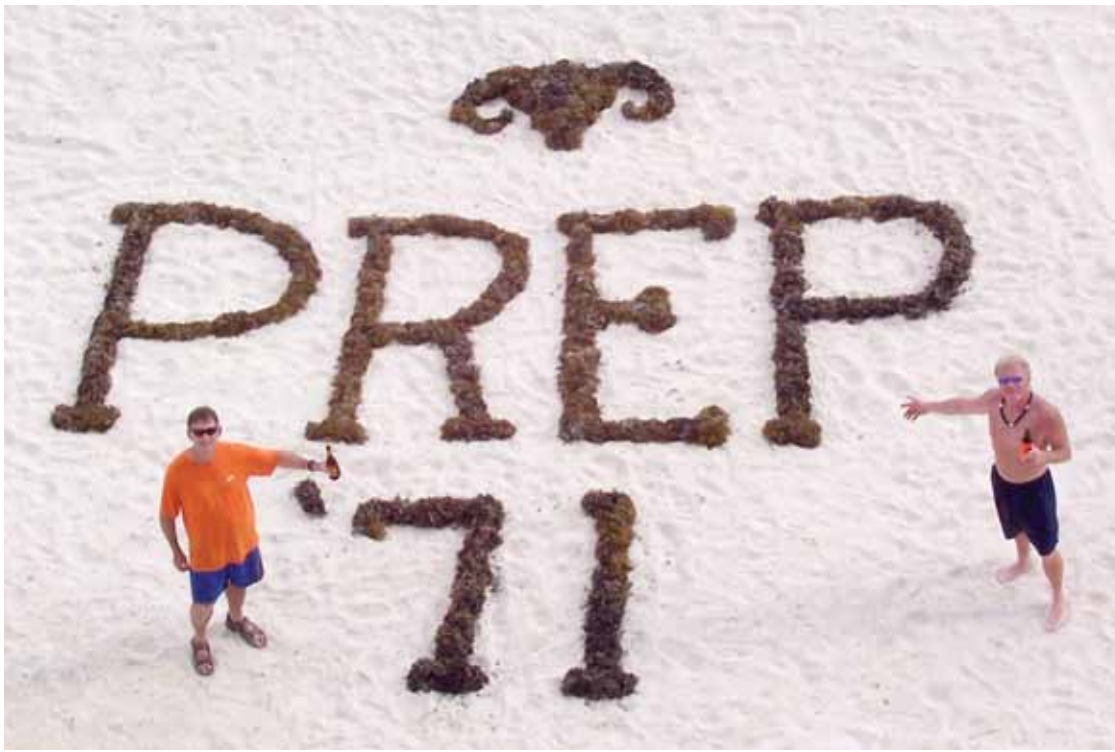


Aaron Wilkinson '10 stands in front of the Brandenburger Tor (in English "Brandenburg Gate") in Germany holding his *Cathedral Prep Magazine*. The Brandenburger Tor is one of the biggest icons of Germany, and the Berlin Wall was once standing right in front of the gate.



Where's Your Prep Spirit?

How do you show your Prep Pride? If you have a photo that might top the one below, please send it to ceddy@cathedral-prep.com, and we'll make sure to include it in the next issue of the *Cathedral Prep Magazine*.



While vacationing in Panama Beach, Florida last summer, 1971 classmates Dr. Jude Kirk and Bill Feehley reminisced about their Prep days. They used sea grass to spread Prep spirit on the Florida sands. Vacationers couldn't help but appreciate their Prep pride.

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Correction

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- June 3 VMA Graduation
- June 6 Prep Graduation
- June 24 Golf Outing
- July 30-31 Reunion Weekend

IN CASE YOU WERE WONDERING...

By Jim Sertz

When JFK Met the Prepsters



The exciting presidential campaign of 1960 made a historic stop in Erie on September 27 when then-candidate and future president John F. Kennedy arrived at Erie International Airport. That trip to Erie was Kennedy's first campaign stop following the televised debate with Richard Nixon the week before, and Catholic underdog Kennedy now had the momentum, since the debate's outcome was a stunning reversal of expectations. Kennedy stayed that evening at the old Lawrence Hotel on Tenth & Peach Streets and gave a speech the following morning to an enormous gathering of people outside the hotel, many of whom arrived early and shut down main traffic arteries in the city for hours.

Included in that throng of humanity was the entire student body of Cathedral Prep, who were delighted to be dismissed from school so they could attend the event; and, amazingly, Kennedy would be welcomed just before his address by four Prep seniors. Those four lucky selectees were Jim Murray '61, senior class president; Joe Fitzgerald '61, who was editor in chief of the *Literulae*, the school yearbook which eventually included the picture on its inside front cover; Rich Cermak '61, the president of the student council, who still

retains a remarkable recollection of that day; and John Cardot '61, senior class vice president.

Kennedy made a vivid and lasting impression on all of them. John Cardot remembers, "He was very engaging, and the one thing that stood out to me was his smile. This photograph is a prized possession of mine, and it has been shown to many people around the country; sadly, I didn't realize the historic significance of it until years later." Jim Murray recalls getting up very early for the picture. "I think we had to be at the Lawrence Hotel at 6 a.m. We were taken up to the floor where he was staying, and I assumed he would be tired that early in the morning, but when the door to his room opened there were a bunch of folks scurrying around, fully dressed in dark suits and ready to go," he said. "There was also a group of Villa girls there, and he asked me if I was chairman of the dance committee. It went right over my head."

Joe Fitzgerald remembers that Father Charles Hordis, the yearbook advisor, probably did most of the background work in setting up the photo shoot. "We waited a few minutes in a hallway. Soon he appeared and was all smiles; he spent a few minutes chatting with us and was very gracious – interested in our studies and the like. To me, and I think to the others as well, he looked and acted like a god of some sort. We went for a snack or breakfast afterward and had a communal gushing."

Kennedy made an enduring impact on Rich Cermak, who remembers the event like it was yesterday. "Soon, what had been just a TV image stepped into our group in the flesh," he recalls. "JFK took his place in the center and then, as Fr. Hordis checked his focus, the candidate turned to me and asked: 'And which one are you? Wait, I know, you're the head of the ballet squad.'" Rich continued, "How did he know that I'm on Prep's team of dancers? He must have the best briefers in the world! JFK turned to face the camera, the shutter clicked, and the result was possibly the best picture ever taken of three of the students, along with me with my mouth agape in wonder."

Murray and Cermak would travel to Washington just three years later to pay their respects to the fallen president, whose body was lying in state in the Capital Rotunda. Cermak summed it up best: "We were all inspired by a point in time when all things seemed possible, captured in a photo that surely has hundreds, if not thousands, of counterparts across the U.S. I believe our generation chose its hero wisely." Perhaps, but one thing is undeniable: four young Prep guys from Erie had one of the most memorable encounters of their lives. They will never forget when Camelot was ever so close.

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