



# ST. ANTHONY HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE PREPARATORY



*Faith Made Visible*

CHRISTMAS 2010

## 90th Jubilee Celebration

—October 23, 2010—

by Pat O'Shea Kelly '51  
Hall of Fame 2010



350 participants all agree; truly the place to be!

*"We just wanted everything to be absolutely perfect for everyone;"* commented **Stephanie Udabe Morales** '88, President of St. Anthony High School's parent organization (PEP), at the outset of the 90th celebration in the Gym. From the inspiring dedication of the beautiful **St. Anthony's Mural** in the lobby of the school by the **Archbishop of San Francisco, George Niederauer** '54, to "When The Saints Go Marching In" performed by **The Emperors**, the evening couldn't have been more so!

Upon entering **Shea Hall**, attendees were greeted by an impressive Honor Guard of **President's Ambassadors**. Following the mural dedication, they provided escorts to the Caruso Library for the VIP Champagne Reception for past and present Hall of Fame members, their families, and friends.

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## SAINT for a DAY —2010—

by Marcel Viens

The clouds were hovering above, but it did not rain on our "parade" of a sea of prospective Saints. On Wednesday, October 20, St. Anthony's hosted **521 eighth graders interested in becoming our next freshmen class**. Imagine that...521! Eleven students from local public schools joined 510 from neighboring Catholic elementary schools. They enjoyed visits to five classrooms based upon their subjects of interest, interacted with faculty along with our student leaders; President's Ambassadors and our Associated Student Body officers. While we won't have room for all of them...what better statement could be made about the interest around our community that this is most certainly a great time to be a Saint! There's no place like SAHS—a great tradition serving the Long Beach community for over 90 years!

Early applications can be made online at [www.LongBeachSaints.org](http://www.LongBeachSaints.org), in person or via U.S. Mail. We invite parents, students, friends and alumni to our next Open House on Sunday, January 9 at 2 p.m. Come see the **St. Anthony of Today** with our modern technology, upgraded classrooms, science labs, computer lab and much, much more. **GO SAINTS!**

# From the President and the Principal



## Faith Made Visible: St. Anthony High School Today

At Christmas-time, we celebrate the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Isn't it interesting that most images and statues of St. Anthony of Padua depict him holding the Christ Child, as evidence of St. Anthony's faith and connection with our Savior? Faith is truly made visible in the life of this Saint known as the "Saint for the Whole World", for a Universal Church.

Today, anyone entering St. Anthony High School's main doors on Olive Avenue can't miss the exciting new floor-to-ceiling artwork in the lobby. Completed in October 2010 in honor of our 90th Anniversary, **St. Anthony's Mural** was created to enliven and beautify St. Anthony High School's main entrance and to serve as a visual reminder of the life and contribution of our beloved Patron. St. Anthony is pictured in this Mural preaching, perched on a branch of a walnut tree set in the Italian countryside. Other scenes depict the town of Assisi and its monastery, as well as Padua where St. Anthony is buried.

**But what does this Saint born centuries ago have to say to us today?** You might be surprised. Even though decades of graduates recognize St. Anthony of Padua as our high school's Patron, most of us have little knowledge of this poor Franciscan priest born in 1195 who chose a life of service that resulted in Sainthood and his being honored as a Doctor of the Church.

St. Anthony was a quiet man who desired nothing more than to live a life of prayer and service. Yet God called him to leave the contemplative life and travel throughout the country preaching and teaching the Good News of the Gospel. Histories relate that Anthony was a powerful communicator who would use whatever means were available to further his message. He even resorted to climbing trees so that he could be better seen and heard. His simple humility and apostolic zeal attracted and inspired crowds of people wherever he went. **He listened to God's call, and there is no question that his faith in action yielded a rich harvest.**

St. Anthony of Padua's life is a source of inspiration for each of us in our lives today. But his life also provides a model for St. Anthony High School's own 90 years of challenge and change.

**Like St. Anthony, throughout the years the St. Anthony High School Community has been called to grow in unexpected ways while remaining true to our mission of service.** We have been challenged to listen hard as we understand our strengths and maximize the gifts God has given us. Many sacrifices have been made along the way and sometimes we have had to re-evaluate and change direction. But God's wisdom has surely guided us in this journey and our faith has been rewarded.

This year St. Anthony High School celebrates the **rich harvest of 90 years of impact and contribution for generations of Saints** who have received the gift of a Catholic education at 620 Olive Avenue. The evidence of faith and action are present everywhere we look—in the quality of our faculty and staff, in the many remarkable facilities and technological improvements on our historic campus, in our ever-expanding curriculum and programs along with enviable extra-curricular activities that represent the diversity of student interests.

But most of all the **rewards of faith are evident among our students themselves.** The students speak for themselves. They are, quite simply, **amazing**—our pride and joy, our hope for the future. In a time when so many teenagers are increasingly self-centered and unaware, St. Anthony's students stand out.

**Life at St. Anthony High School has never been better. It's a great time to be a Saint and so much of this growth and success is due to the involvement of our very active alumni and community friends who continue to care and support us in so many ways.**

Words cannot express the difference you make in your faithfulness as you respond to every call for help and every outreach, embracing every opportunity to gather and celebrate this wonderful community. This has been an eventful year that has marked a new high in our return to strength, and so much of this is due to YOU. **You are a continual source of inspiration, especially for our students, today's SAINTS.**

Thank you for your unfailing belief in the future of Long Beach's first and only Catholic high school. Thanks to you, St. Anthony remains **"a tower of truth, a guide for youth, a beacon for all the land."**

May Christ's peace be with you throughout this Christmas season and always,  
**Gina Rushing Maguire, President and Mike Schabert, Principal**





# Saints in Action



Students attending Mass to celebrate the opening of the school year



Senior-Freshmen Tug of War



President's Ambassadors deliver backpacks and read to 1st graders at a local elementary school



The Walsh Boys—Mike '64, Stephen '58, Tom '61— with Mom Walsh, 97 years young



2010 Homecoming— Honoring the CIF Champs



GO SAINTS!



"Lady Purple" Pat O'Shea Kelly '51, our Alumni Coordinator



Homecoming Queen Rebecca Rodriguez with Proud Father, Arthur



Janet Platt, Volunteer Extraordinaire, with Ambassador grandson, Cameron and Miguel Eamiguel



SAHS Cheer Squad



Ambassadors at St. Mary Medical Center's 30th Annual Dinner and Auction with Sr. Gerard



Dr. Richard '53 and Barbara McBride with Tony Marques '73 at 90th Jubilee Celebration



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## St. Anthony High School Celebrating 90 years

By Kevin Butler, LB Press-Telegram Staff Writer  
10/19/2010



The St. Anthony High School student body fills the courtyard during lunch on Monday. The school is celebrating its 90th anniversary on Saturday. (Diandra Jay/Press-Telegram)

LONG BEACH - In 1924, Theresa Wuytens - a member of St. Anthony High School's second graduating class - spent weekends helping her sharecropper father grow beets and alfalfa on land owned by the Bixby family.

Wuytens, now 102, recalls taking the streetcar to the campus, where she received an excellent, but no-frills education from the tough nuns who were her teachers.



Theresa Wuytens, 102, seen in her Leisure World apartment in Seal Beach on Tuesday, was among the first classes to graduate from St. Anthony High School, which is celebrating its 90th anniversary this week. (Jeff Gritchen/Press-Telegram)

"We had to keep our work up," she said. "No nonsense. No tennis. No baseball. No nothing."

From such humble beginnings, St. Anthony High School - opened in 1920 - now occupies multiple buildings and offers numerous sports programs, computers and some of the latest classroom technology - including, eventually, iPads.



The 375-student high school at 620 Olive Ave., which celebrates its 90th anniversary at an on-campus event Saturday, has seen tremendous changes since its founding by Sister Mary Gabriel of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM).

The second-oldest high school in Long Beach, St. Anthony High School was established to provide an educational option for the city's then-small, but growing Catholic community. Its first graduating class consisted of nine students, seven girls and two boys.

Although the school and the city have evolved over the last 90 years, St. Anthony continues to provide parents with an important educational choice, said school President Gina Rushing Maguire.

"We are an option for families who are looking for a small school and may not be able to find individual attention at other schools," she said.

Saturday's 90th Jubilee will feature as a keynote speaker, alumnus George H. Niederauer, Archbishop of San Francisco.

Six alumni will be inducted to the school's Hall of Fame, including former Long Beach City Councilman Frank Colonna, a 1961 graduate.

Students were originally taught by nuns from Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In the 1940s, a boy's high school was established, taught by members of the Brothers of Holy Cross.

Frank Kaspar, a 1947 graduate who will be joining the school's Hall of Fame Saturday, recalls the days when boys and girls were educated separately.

They did share Friday night dances, events that Kaspar said he looked forward to. In 1970, the campus resumed mixing girls and boys in the same classrooms.

By the end of the 1990s, the nuns and the members of the Brothers of Holy Cross had left the school, which like many parochial schools began relying more on lay faculty. Like other Catholic schools, St. Anthony faced serious fiscal challenges in the 1990s and early 2000s due to declining enrollment.



First graduating class at St. Anthony High School in 1923. Nine students total (seven girls and two boys).



Students of Mr. Edgar Salmingo's AP biology class Brent Cernyar, 15, junior; Raquel Johnston, 16, junior; Jhenevieve Cabasal, 17, senior; Amanda Acuna, 17, senior; and Cameron Platt, 17, senior, from left, work together to create a PowerPoint presentation for middle school students on plastic pollution with an emphasis on plastic bottles and caps using a Apple iPad during class on Monday. (Diandra Jay/Press-Telegram)

But an infusion of support from alumni and foundations has placed the school on firm financial footing once again, Maguire said.

Over the last five years, more than \$6 million has been invested to improve facilities. Enrollment has climbed 20 percent for each of the last two years - confirming the school has a bright future, she added.

Although the campus has changed somewhat since she graduated in 1951, Patricia O'Shea Kelly said that today's students are carrying on the same traditions.

"They are the same as we were 59 years ago, enthusiastic (and) in love with their school," said Kelly, who also will be inducted into the school's Hall of Fame Saturday.

## 90th Jubilee *(continued from page 1)*

Everyone enjoyed meeting and greeting, and viewing the video stream of SAHS decades down through the years, prepared by **James Anderson '60** and **George Kohn, '75**. 'Twas an elegant introduction to a memorable evening.

*"Volunteers worked all week getting the school ready; the problem was, we concentrated on the courtyard. Yesterday's unsteady weather hastened our decision to hold the event in the gym;"* announced **Gina Rushing Maguire '67, SAHS President**, during welcoming remarks. A monumental task. Our gorgeous gym looked like that's what had been planned all along! Superbly beautiful: purple and white drapery extending from the ceiling, exquisite centerpieces, decorations, buffet and cake displays (fantastic food d'Italia from Cafe Luna!).

Fellow Hall of Fame Honorees, **Frank Colonna '61, Frank Kaspar '47, Ken Miller '64, Andy Seymour '49, and Brother Stephen Walsh '58**, all provided meaningful insights into their professional endeavors, community involvement, and unstinting support of our beloved Alma Mater. Saying that being in their midst was a privilege and an honor would be a justifiable understatement. Frankly, I was stunned to be included, but grateful for the distinction.

*"Something very special happens for those fortunate enough to become 'Saints.' A life-long connection is formed that just gets better with time."* (90th Jubilee Program, *"Welcome Home Saints,"* by **Gina Maguire, President, and Mike Schabert, Principal**.) This commemorative program preserved perfectly the St. Anthony High School 90-Year story, as historically compiled by **Maureen Neeley**: *"Celebrating 90 years of consistent, unwavering, and joyful academic excellence validates that alumni, students, parents, faculty, staff, and community friends are determined to keep St. Anthony's doors wide open to continue to honor the past, celebrate the present, and lead us into the future."*

All of us who participated in this milestone event owe a deep and lasting debt of gratitude to the **90th Anniversary and Hall of Fame Committees**, and to **ALL** the amazing, talented, selfless volunteers who made the evening memorable, unforgettable, and absolutely perfect for everyone! **GO SAINTS!**



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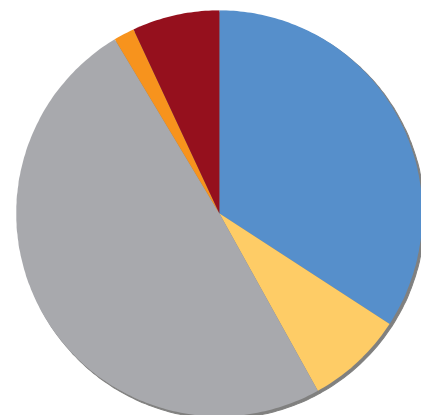
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Athletics	46,026
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>\$659,618</b>

# BE A SAINT... SPONSOR A SAINT!

Families who sent their child to St. Anthony High School years ago selected this school for the same reasons families continue to choose St. Anthony's today. Because St. Anthony's is...

- A place where a student can develop his or her faith. A place where teachers can say "one country under God" and not get their hands slapped. A place where faith and Catholic/Christian values are lived each day within a caring, safe campus community.
- A place that offers a challenging college preparatory curriculum taught by the best teachers anywhere. A place where academics is strong and each student is prepared for college and for life.
- A place where "small" is a recognized benefit that enables each student to be valued and known by name and given personal attention to support their individual growth and success.

The St. Anthony's of today is built on 90 years of rich history. Decades of Saints have gone on to achieve greatness and contribute much to our society. Today's Saints may look somewhat different than those of yesterday, but they are at heart the same, and they need the guidance and support of all of us to help them grow and thrive in today's world.

Today's students come to us from more than 30 different cities in the greater Long Beach area. They represent all ethnicities and economic backgrounds and interests. And many of them are in need of financial aid to enable them to be here. **In fact, more than 50% of our current students receive some level of assistance due to their economic circumstances.**

The cost per student to educate a child at St. Anthony High School is \$9,000. Education is expensive, and a private Catholic education is especially so. Tuition at St. Anthony High School is \$6,000 for a Catholic student today. In addition to this, there are about \$2,000 in additional fees for books, student activities, sports participation, fundraising requirements, uniforms, and so on. Our tuition is among the lowest in Southern California, but it is still a

daily challenge for many of our current families to fulfill their financial commitment for their child.

**Your gift to St. Anthony's Sponsor-A-Saint Program** is more meaningful and needed today than ever before. Even though enrollment is growing and our enrollment is increasingly balanced with students from all neighborhoods, many full-pay families are also experiencing economic challenge due to job loss or cutbacks in hours at work.

Your gift to SPONSOR-A-SAINT is the greatest gift you could give to our students and our school at this point in our history. You are truly giving the greatest gift of all—the gift of a Catholic education—to those who could not otherwise afford it.

**Please consider sponsoring a Saint this year, or making a contribution to support St. Anthony High School's greatest needs. Your gift will make a huge difference in the life of a Saint.**

## CHANGE A LIFE—LEAVE A LEGACY!

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1950	James Sartain	jsartain@socal.rr.com	1978	Maria Galletta	Classof78@longbeachsaints.org
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### 90th Anniversary Class Challenge Donations

Participating Class	Amount Donated	Number of Donors
Class of 1947	\$1,150.00	9
Class of 1949	\$700.00	6
Class of 1951	\$789.00	5
Class of 1955	\$100.00	1
Class of 1959	\$855.00	10
Class of 1960	\$150.00	1
Class of 1961	\$20.00	1
Class of 1962	\$525.00	13
Class of 1963	\$90.00	1
Class of 1965	\$350.00	1
Class of 1966	\$100.00	1
Class of 1967	\$2,370.00	14
Class of 1978	\$5.00	1
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## Dates To Remember

**Open House—Campus Tour**  
January 9, 2011

**Casino Night**  
February 5, 2011  
Jack Errion Memorial Gymnasium

**5K Run/Walk**  
April 9, 2011  
At the beach

**Graduation—Class of 2011**  
June 4, 2010—10:00 a.m.  
Jack Errion Memorial Gymnasium

**Annual Golf Tournament**  
June 20, 2010



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