



The Michaelight (November, 2013)

Saint Michael Academy Alumnae Association (SMAAA)

"Round his flag we'll rally ever. Nothing can our union sever."



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Saint Michael Academy

Mission Statement

Rooted in the Catholic tradition and Spirit of the Presentation Sisters, the mission of Saint Michael Academy was to educate young women in a loving and caring community, assisting each to develop her unique gifts and talents to live a fully Christian life.

New York Times Article

After more than a century on the West Side of Manhattan, St. Michael Academy had assumed the traits of some of its best students: cash poor, underestimated by peers,



Pope Francis Declares Venerable Sr. Honora "Nano" Nagle...

[Founder of Presentation Sisters bestowed as Venerable](#)

Updated: 17:03, Thursday, 31 October 2013
Pope Francis has promoted Nano Nagle on the ladder to

capable of defying expectations with breathtaking regularity...[\(read more\)](#)

sainthood

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Pope Francis has promoted Nano Nagle, the founder of the Presentation Sisters, on the ladder to sainthood.

The Vatican's announcement said the Pontiff had bestowed the title "Venerable" on the 18th century Cork woman.

She had already been declared a Servant of God in 1994, a move that placed her on the first of four steps to canonization.



Nano Nagle was born in 1718 to wealthy parents in Balgriffin, Co Cork, and was educated in Paris.

Aged 36, distressed by the plight of the poor, she founded her first school in a two-room cabin in Cove Lane in Cork City.

Two decades later, in 1775, she founded the Presentation Sisters with a mission to bring the gospel message to people on the margins of society.

The congregation founded hundreds of schools here and around the world.

Its leadership team is based in Monastrevin, Co Laois, from where it oversees the work of 1,200 sisters worldwide - 650 of them in Ireland.

In a statement the congregation's leaders expressed their delight with the pope's decision.

Head of the Leadership Team Sister Mary Deane said that by proclaiming Nano Nagle "Venerable", the Universal Catholic Church had recognized her as a woman of faith, hope, and heroic virtue whose vision and work transformed the lives of very many.

She added that for the Order's Sisters, associates, and for the friends of Nano throughout the world, the Venerable Nano had been, and continues to be, a source of inspiration and challenge as they respond to the needs of today in fidelity to the gospel and in her spirit.

Sr Mary also announced that a celebratory mass to mark the

purposes.

announcement will take place in Cork next month along with a series of smaller events across Ireland and in the congregation's areas across the world.

Sr. Patricia Anastasio, President
Sisters of the Presentation
84 Presentation Way
New Windsor, NY 12553
845-564-0513

Might We Suggest...

that those of you who would like to ensure the legacy of Saint Michael Academy do so by [giving a donation to the Presentation Sisters](#). Please send your contribution directly to the Sisters' motherhouse, and note in the memo line that it is an SMA Donation:

Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Administration Office
84 Presentation Way
New Windsor, NY 12553-4949



Reunion Photos

Reunion 2013 Photos

Our wonderful photographer, Marianne Smith (daughter of Joan Smith, Class of '49), has once again made our reunion photos available to us at no cost to the SMAAA.

Here's what Marianne wrote to us...

I was so happy to see the gang again!

Here is the information for CVS

<http://www.cvsphoto.com/home>

login: my email marianne@mariannesmithphotography.com
password: stmichael2013
album name St Michael 2013

Here is the information for photobucket

<http://s1225.photobucket.com/user/MariannaSmith777/library/StMichael2013>

Looking fabulous!!!
Love, Marianne



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Reunion 2014

REUNION 2014 (That's right, we said "2014")

It's never too early to put the
SMA annual reunion on your calendar.
Next year, the reunion will take place on

Saturday, September 27th

Our reunions are always open to all classes.
It is a great way to connect with some long lost
classmates, or catch up with those
you just don't see enough.

So, when you get your 2014 calendar, mark the date in

BIG, BOLD, RED LETTERS!

*Psssst...Class of '64...this will be your 50th!!!
Class of '89...this will be your 25th!!!
Just sayin'...*

Join SMAAA Today!

Your annual dues enable us to keep the spirit of SMA alive through our newsletter, our website, our reunions and (soon) our charitable outreach. Your dues go toward covering our operating expenses. This emailed newsletter costs money (approximately \$400/year), mailings cost money (last year's reunion mailing cost us close to \$1,000), just being in existence costs money (filing fees, etc.)

To remain a voting member of the SMAAA you must renew your membership annually. **Please become a member of the SMAAA, or renew your existing membership, by sending this year's \$25 dues to:**

**Jeanne Billings
SMAAA
6 Greenacres Avenue
Scarsdale, NY 10583**

Please make your check payable to "SMAAA" and don't forget to include your updated contact information in with your payment.

We would appreciate it if you would forward this email to all of your SMA classmates and/or post it to your Facebook page. ("Nothing can our union sever!")

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What's Shakin'?

WHAT'S SHAKIN BACON



Please write to us at SMAAANYC@aol.com with news of yourself,

your family, your friends, your DOG (well, maybe not).

Meeting up with your friends? Tell us about it. Better yet, send us some pictures of your gathering.

Moving? Please send us your updated contact information.

Remember...that's SMAAANYC@aol.com! (And don't forget to add us to your address book so that we don't get shuffled into your spam folder.)

Thanks!

Class Notes

**IT'S COMING....
THE CLASS OF '74
SMA SISTERS HOLIDAY REUNION DINNER IN NYC!!**



**SAVE THE DATE:
FRIDAY DECEMBER 27
PLACE: TBA**

Passings



We received the sad news that Catherine Liegey Gerrity, class of '58, passed away in September.

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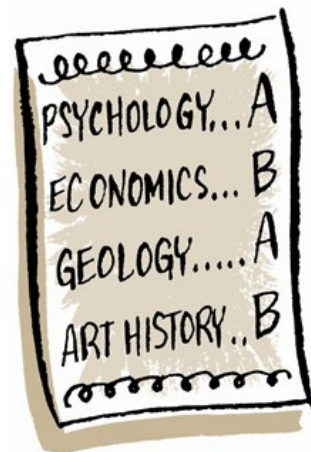
Visit us at www.SaintMichaelAcademy.com and let the good times roll!

Make sure to register, so that you can begin to connect with your classmates.
Read past newsletters and keep current with all of the SMAAA news.

We find ourselves when we find each other.
Come find yourself at www.SaintMichaelAcademy.com.

Transcripts

Need your school transcript?
Please call Kenya in the St. Michael Parish Office (212-563-2547) and she will help you!



facebook

See that little blue facebook icon at the top of this newsletter? (It's waaaay up there, on the left, above the header.) Please click on it and "send" us to your facebook page, so that your SMA friends can know we exist. Odds are that they will want to join the SMAAA, read all



**the news about their classmates,
and plan for an upcoming reunion.
One little click is all it takes. Thanks!**

