

Our Lady of Sorrows Academy

THE CAVALIER

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Cavaliers

*Sinite Parvulos Venire Ad Me
(Let the children come to me)*

Farewell, 2023!

Dear Parents and Friends,

We spend so much time asking God for the things we seek that we often forget our essential duty. Man is created by God, for God. At this season we celebrate the manifestation of Christ to the world: *"the Gentiles shall walk in thy light"* (Isaias 60: 3). Christ is truly the Savior of all men, regardless of descent or race. What is the reaction of the Magi as they, following with faith that heavenly star, find what they were seeking? *"They found the Child with Mary His mother, and falling down they adored Him"* (Mt 2:10). Adoration is their immediate response.

Our first duty is to adore our God, our God become incarnate to save us from our sins. Before everything else, this must be our reaction, our joy. Adore this God, hidden beneath the swaddling clothes of an infant. O wonderful mystery!

The Magi do not ask anything; they bring gifts to honor the King of Kings. What do we bring to Him? With the commencement of this new year, we ask ourselves this question. We need not bring gold, but we do need to bring our hearts, our adoration, which will consist in the efforts that we make to rid ourselves of those vices that keep us from seeing the Divine hidden beneath the appearances of poverty, that keep us from approaching to his crib.

A Blessed New Year to you all!

In Christ,

Fr. Christopher Pedersen, Principal



ABOUT OLOSA —

December 22nd, 2023

The Annual Christmas Program

20 years of Christmas program traditions!



Upper Academy Boys and HS Girls performed "The 12 Gifts of Christmas."



3rd Grade and 4th Grade performed "Dominic the Donkey."



2nd Grade performed "Oh Come Little Children" accompanied by violin.



The Girls' Choir performed "Mary's Lullaby" and "Tu Shendi Dalle Stelle."

Behind-The-Scenes





OLOSA INTERVIEW

with Mr. Scott Hetrick - Resident Seminarian

Q: Where were you born? What is something you miss about home? A: I was born and raised in the suburbs of Detroit, MI. I spent my high school years in Ontario (*much the same weather as home*), in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Academy, under the direction of Father David Sherry. My favorite memories are of the wintertime: sledding, snow forts, skiing and skating with my family.

Q: When and why did you enter the seminary? A: I entered the seminary in October of 2019, directly after high school. I was very impressed by the dedication of the priests who had care of our souls, and especially Fr. Marcel Stannus, who took every free moment to bring us the example of Christ in our daily life, in our prayer, work and play. By my senior year, my mind was made up: *I wanted to be like that!* I have never regretted that decision. When I return to the seminary, I will study Theology for three years. At the end of my third and last year, I will, God willing, receive the grace of the Priesthood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and will be sent somewhere in the world to be God's instrument in saving souls.

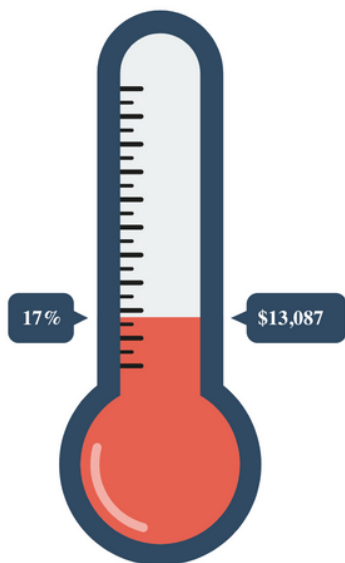
Q: Tell us about 3 of your favorite hobbies? A: (1) Music has always been a part of my life. I was singing before I could say anything, and my love of music blossomed more in high school. In high school, I started to play the piano and I joined the choir, where I learned to appreciate polyphony and chant. In the seminary, I learned to love to play the organ. (2) I have recently learned to play the guitar and the ocarina, which is an Asian flute, and am currently expanding my folk repertoire. (3) I love linguistic studies, and spend a large part of my time reading or listening to Latin, French, Spanish, German, or Greek.

Our Fundraiser Updates

Our Lady of Sorrows Academy's only fundraising event of the school year is in full swing! *The Cavaliers' Winter Soirée Dinner, Dance and Auction* will be held on Saturday, February 10th, 2024. This fundraiser is to help the Academy start their school expansion. A generous donor has covered our operating costs for this event, so all proceeds will go directly to supporting our Academy.

Thus far, through online donations and ticket sales, we have currently raised over \$13,000. Many businesses have generously donated to our auction and we have collected over \$15,000 worth of items to auction off at our event.

GOAL: \$75,000



Your ticket to the event will include dinner, drinks and a bid number. There will be live music, a silent auction, raffle baskets and more! Our 11th/12th grade students will be working the event.

*May St. Joseph,
pray for us!*



To support Our Lady of Sorrows Academy's restroom expansion project, visit our official fundraising website at www.cavalierswintersoiree.olosa.org or scan the QR code.

*Total as of January 5th, 2024



Upper Academy Girls' Play!

The annual Upper Academy girls' spring play has been announced - **Agatha Christie's, "A Murder is Announced,"** in the small village of Chipping Cleghorn, a murder is announced in the local paper. Join Inspector Craddock and Miss Marple as they unwrap the mystery and reveal the killer in a classic Christie filled with twists and hidden identities. The play will be directed by Miss Amanda Palmeri. Parent volunteers will be appreciated to help with the girls' hair, make-up, and costumes.

Miss Marple: **Alicia Taleck**

Inspector Craddock: **Hannah McQuillin**

Miss Blacklock: **Rebecca Henry**

Patrick Simmons: **Claire Busing**

Dora Bunner: **Julissa Perez**

Julia Simmons: **Cecilia Taleck**

Phillips Haynes: **Bella Bui**

Mitzi: **Melanie Young**

Edmund Swettenham: **Bella Straniti**

Mrs. Swettenham: **Meg Murphy**

Sergeant Mellors: **Cecilia de Wit**

Rudi Scherz: **Brooklyn Ngyuen**

JANUARY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Friday, January 12th:

Upper Academy Day of Recollection
No School for K-6th

Monday, January 15th:

Turn-in your fundraising money envelope

Tuesday, January 16th:

2nd Academy Conference

Monday, January 22nd:

Turn-in your fundraising money envelope

Friday, January 24th:

Early Dismissal at 12pm due to
Parent/Teacher Conference at 7pm

Monday, January 29th:

Turn-in your fundraising money envelope

STAFF BIRTHDAYS



Father Fabula

Mrs. Papandrea

SPECIAL FEAST DAYS

Tuesday, January 17th:

St. Anthony

Wednesday, January 25th:

The Conversion of St. Paul

Tuesday, January 31st:

St. John Bosco

