

Our Lady of Sorrows Academy

# THE CAVALIERER

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*Cavaliers*

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

## Mid-Winter Happenings

Dear Friends Benefactors,

“Unless you do penance you shall all likewise perish” (Lk 13:3). These are the strong words of Christ to His disciples that we must take to heart at the beginning of this Lenten season. Drawing from the ideas of Fr. le Roux (Rector of the seminary) in his most recent letter to friends, I am encouraging all of our students to take on some form of penance during this season.

We are all affected by the spirit of pleasure-seeking and ease, which marks our world. It is too easy to reject the cross and rest in comfort. But we are sinners and we need this penance to both correct bad habits and atone for past sins; we need it to be like Christ.

What shall we do then? Our duty of state, quite simply; this simple thing that we neglect so often. If we can just apply ourselves in union with Christ to accomplish this task, then we shall have done very much. For a student, this duty could be boiled down to charity, prayer, school work. Fasting will not help much if we can't do our basic duties. We will be working as a school on these three points, beginning with our attention at Mass and prayer.

I wish you all a most blessed Lent.

In Christ,

Fr. Christopher Pedersen, Principal



# ABOUT OLSA

## Religious Alumni

Our school is blessed to have a handful of religious alumni. Over the years, through Our Lady of Sorrows Academy's Catholic education, many students were inspired to find their religious vocations as a priest, a nun or a brother - including alumnus **Father James Torzala**, who graduated from OLSA in 2010. He was ordained in 2017 in Dillwyn, Virginia. He is currently stationed in St. Mary's Kansas and is the principal of the boys' school.

Fr. Torzala recently visited our campus to talk with our students. As he walked the halls of his alma mater, he said, *"I look back with much fondness and gratitude upon the days when I was at OLSA. I remember how wonderful it was to have daily Mass available, often having the opportunity to serve at the altar and train others to do so as well. Some other memories that stick out in my mind were the high school drama performances which we put on for the parish, and the opportunities it gave for fostering closer friendships among all those involved."* Fr. Torzala also shared that his former OLSA principal and prior, Father Burfitt, was a good fatherly example for him, which served as a motivation for him to join the seminary. Thank you for visiting us, Fr. Torzala! May God Bless you.

May we all pray for our religious alumni, as they will pray for us.



## The 6th Annual Religious vs. Cavaliers Baseball Game!



On February 8th, 2023, the upper academy's Cavalier baseball team played against their parents and our religious. The religious/parents **won by a score of 11-8** that evening. It was an exciting game! Fr. Fabula showed great defense as he played second base, while Fr. Pedersen and Fr. MacFarland swung hard against our pitchers. The religious' MVP was pre-seminarian, Mr. Kannings, who pitched an incredible game for all 9-innings. The fans had a great time rooting for both teams and enjoyed the delicious food served from our concession stand. We hope this fun tradition will continue on for every baseball season. May we pray for our Cavaliers as they begin their baseball season!



# OLSA INTERVIEW

with Mr. Diego Moncada - Upper Academy Boys Teacher

**Q: Where did you graduate from? What is your teaching background?** A: I graduated from Dartmouth College, a small university in New Hampshire, with a Mechanical Engineering degree. I have been teaching math for 12 years, mostly in local charter schools.

**Q: If you could take the high school boys on a field trip to anywhere in Arizona, where would you go and why?** A: If I could take the high school boys on a field trip anywhere in Arizona, I would take them to the Mt. Lemmon Observatory in Tucson. They have a wonderful evening program where one can look through their powerful telescopes and see stars, planets, and other galaxies.

**Q: If you were trapped on a desert island, what are three things you would bring with you?** A: If I were trapped on a desert island, I would bring my rosary to keep me sane, a shovel to explore the depths of the island, and a coffee maker because I really like coffee.

**Q: What is your favorite hobby?** A: My favorite hobby is playing golf. I enjoy golfing because it is played outdoors, and I like being out in the sun. It is also a social activity, where I can catch up with friends or family over several hours. It is also a sport that requires patience, which is always good for me to work on.

## Jog-A-Thon Reward

Our students worked hard to earn the "The Cavalier Award" during the 2023 Jog-A-Thon fundraiser. "The Cavalier Award" promised that if the school received more than \$100,000 in fundraising, then all eligible students would be rewarded with a entertaining field trip experience.

On February 16th, 2023, our students cashed in their "Cavalier Award" with an exciting day at Main Event! It was a fun-filled day of bowling, playing arcade games, laser tag battles, climbing through a gravity ropes course and so much more. A big thanks to our Jog-A-Thon committee and to our parent/teacher chaperones for making this a memorable field trip for all.





# OLSA MARCH SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



**March 7th:**

St Thomas Aquinas Field Day - *Noon Dismissal*

**March 8th:**

National Latin Exam

**March 10th:**

End of 3rd Quarter

**March 19th:**

OLSA Spring Silent Auction

## The Spring Auction

The school's faculty, religious, and parents have been working hard on gathering donations to fill our auction baskets. You will have a chance to bid on a family vacation to Hawaii, baseline tickets to an AZ Diamondbacks baseball game, our priests cooking you and your family a gourmet dinner at your home, a tactical firearms class, a baby goat, and so much more!

The auction will be on **Sunday, March 19th, 2023 from 8am to 1pm**. There will be lots of items to bid on, door prizes, yummy food, and bounces houses for the kids. Bring cash or check with you, please.

Here are the important dates to remember as we prepare for the auction - All items for the classroom baskets are due on **March 1st**. All family baskets must be turned in to Mrs. Pryor on **March 6th** with listed items and values attached.

To donate or to volunteer for this fundraiser, contact Mrs. Rena Violette at (386) 697-3804



## OLSA STAFF BIRTHDAYS

Miss Claire Pedersen

Miss Margaret Schermann



## SPECIAL FEAST DAYS

**March 7th:**

St. Thomas Aquinas

**March 17th:**

St. Patrick

**March 19th:**

St. Joseph

**March 21st:**

St. Benedict

**March 24th:**

St. Gabriel the Archangel

**March 25th:**

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

