

Our Lady of Sorrows Academy

# THE CAVALIER

October 2023 Volume 2, Issue 1



*Cavaliers*

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

Celebrating  
20 Years!

Dear Parents and Friends,

We have had the joy of commencing another academic year. The smiles on the faces of the returning students are a welcome sight, especially as they receive many new members among their ranks.

As a touchstone for this year, the entire academy is revisiting our motto: let the children come to me (Matthew 19:14). Christ wills that all, no matter how weak and small, should approach Him. We educators must embody this spirit, for we represent Christ to our students. So also every Christian must be another Christ and never become an obstacle for others as they go to Him. Thus I have invited the students to focus on their obligation in charity towards one another: "A brother that is helped by his brother, is like a strong city" (Prov 18:19).

This fall we welcome 153 students – plenty of opportunities for charity. The number of students also presents a new challenge: as we grow, where shall we put them? We must plan and build a separate school that allows for the particular formation of our girls, especially in the upper academy. We will be saving for this project and looking to providence to guide the way.

Please keep the school in your prayers, as we pray for all of our families and benefactors.

In Christ,

Fr. Christopher Pedersen, Principal



# ABOUT OLOSA

Welcome!



This school year, our Academy welcomes the Consoling Sisters, our new staff members, as well as our resident seminarian. May Our Lady of Sorrows pray for these talented individuals as they embark on the 2023-2024 school year.



**Mrs. Jeannine Wantland**  
Kindergarten



**Miss Bonnie O'Brien**  
5th Grade



**The Consoling Sisters:**  
**Sr. Maria Pia, Sr. Maria Paula, Sr. Maria Catarina, Sr. Maria Grazia, & Sr. Maria Rosaria**  
Religion, Music, and Sewing



**Mrs. Mayra Aversa**  
6th Grade  
7th/8th Grade Science



**Miss Jennifer Castañeda**  
Secretary



**Miss Michaela Wantland**  
Kindergarten TA



**Miss Grace Salter**  
4th - 6th Grade TA



**Mrs. Heather Weber**  
UA Art Teacher



**Mr. Scott Hetrick**  
Seminarian  
9th-10th Grade Religion  
UA Latin 1



**Miss Lilia Hughes**  
1st - 3rd Grade TA



**Miss Kayla Pryor**  
5th-6th Grade TA  
7th - 8th Grade History



**Mr. David Pearson**  
IT Department

*"To touch the hearts of your students is the greatest miracle you can perform." - St. Jean de Baptiste de La Salle*





# OLOSA INTERVIEW

with Fr. Christopher Pedersen- Principal

**Q: What is one of your favorite memories from your days in the seminary?** A: The liturgy. The beauty and splendor of divine worship brings one closer to the majesty of God than any other thing on earth.

**Q: Name a person in your life that inspires you the most?** A: Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, our venerable founder. No other figure in our age has acted out of love for Holy Mother Church, with such faith, prudence and courage in the face of persecution, even from within.

**Q: What do you think are the most important qualities of a successful principal?** A: The main role of a principal is to be a father. Together with the love of his children he must join the wisdom to direct and lead all to their goal which is eternal salvation. He sets the tone most conducive to this work of formation.

## Inside Look at a Day of Recollection

On Friday, September 22nd, our Upper Academy students transformed their school day into a spiritual retreat, known as a Day of Recollection. The students are encouraged to be silent throughout the day to help keep God in mind and to not distract others from their meditations and prayers.

**Here's a look into their Day of Recollection schedule ~ 8:30am:** Mass - Breakfast - 1st Conference - Private Consultations with the Priests - Spiritual Talks with the Sisters - Divine Office/Angelus - Lunch - Reading - 2nd Conference - Cont'd Private Consultations with the Priests - Cont'd Spiritual Talks with the Sisters - Closing Benediction - 3:15pm: Dismissal



*"It was nice to have peace and quiet on my Day of Recollection. Father Fabula's conferences were really good. He told us that we should set goals for ourselves to help us."* - 7th Grade Boy



*"I really enjoyed the peace and quiet of the day because I was able to do some deep thinking."*

- 10th Grade Girl



*"I liked my Day of Recollection because it gave me the opportunity to step back from my everyday duties and reflect on the purpose of those duties."* - 11th Grade Boy

*"O' Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus, make us saints."*

(Indulgence of 300 Days)



# OCTOBER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Friday, October 6th:**

First Friday Sung Mass

**Wednesday, October 18th:**

Half-Day of School - End of 1st Quarter

**Thursday-Friday, October 19th-20th:**

No School - Fall Break

**Friday, October 27th:**

Student Picture Day



*We're Celebrating 20 Years!*

This year, Our Lady of Sorrows Academy is celebrating its 20th anniversary of educating traditional Catholic students. The Academy opened its doors in 2003 and has grown tremendously since then. On Friday, September 15th, 2023, on the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, the Academy celebrated its anniversary and their patron saint with a half-day of field games and delicious treats. Each student was also given a Holy Card (shown below) to remember this special day. May God continue to bless our Academy for many more years.

## STAFF BIRTHDAYS

Fr. McFarland

Mr. Williams

Miss Mary Palmeri



## SPECIAL FEAST DAYS

**Monday, October 2nd:**

Feast of the Holy Angels

**Saturday, October 7th:**

Our Lady of the Rosary

**Wednesday, October 11th:**

Motherhood of Our Lady

**Sunday, October 29:**

Feast of Christ the King

