Dear Friends of St. Laurence,

St. Laurence is a place of extraordinary transformation — we remain unafraid to change in order to enhance the mission of our Edmund Rice Christian Brother School. As such, we find ourselves in a very exciting time as we begin our transition and welcome our female students and their families.

We will Move Forward Together and use this opportunity to foster and invigorate a community of faith. This Essential Element focuses on providing a disciplined, safe atmosphere in which students are free to grow and take responsibility for their own learning and for the life of the community. In addition, it emphasizes the respectful relationships expected from students, families, and faculty. We are all committed to service and the formation of our family.

As our family grows, so does our success! We continue to build upon our academic excellence as we remain at the forefront of Catholic education. We are now the first STEM-accredited high school in the state of Illinois and 100% of our students use an iPad in our 1:1 high-tech environment. We encourage you to come check out all of these enhancements in our academic hallways.

While academics always remain a priority, we are excited to enrich our athletic traditions. Our athletic programs had a lot of success the past several years and now we have high expectations for our female sports programs. We hired amazing coaches for our female students and know that our shared vision, coupled with their commitment to service, will cultivate winning teams.

Our goal is to maintain this momentum and success. None of this would be possible without the help from our alumni and friends. We want to thank everyone for their continued commitment, but we also want to provide a special thanks to those who made a pledge to our Defend the Glory campaign. So far, we have raised $4.25M toward our $5M goal. These gifts provide an immediate impact to the growth of our community. Please consider a special gift and help us achieve continued success. Thank you and God Bless.

Warm Regards,

Joseph A. Martinez, ’99
President
The excitement that has been buzzing through the hallways so far this year has been unbelievable. We have experienced overwhelmingly positive feedback from our alumni, faculty, families and students about the coed transition. The girls have been a tremendous addition to the already outstanding family atmosphere at St. Laurence. In one year, we have experienced a nearly 30% increase in students after adding over 140 girls to our student population, and anticipate a student body of over 800 students in the near future.

In addition to our female students, our freshmen boys have hit the ground running and are embracing the Viking tradition. With nearly 60 Leader/Scholar Award winners in the class, I have no doubts that these boys will Defend the Glory of the Black and Gold!

With the expanded enrollment, we had the opportunity to update our facilities as we continue to provide our students a 21st century education. Some of the most exciting changes came in the classroom, where we implemented new rolling desks that complement our team-driven curriculum and have arms compatible for left or right handed students and backpack storage. We also purchased 14 ClearTouch smartboards that will elevate our interactive learning environment. Teamed with our full 1:1 iPad integration, our students are learning for the digital age.

If you have a child, relative or neighbor in grade school that is interested in St. Laurence, please contact the Admissions Office to be added to the communication list. Lastly, please follow St. Laurence on Facebook (facebook.com/stlvikings), Twitter (@stlaurencevikes), and Instagram (stlaurencevikes) to receive up-to-date information about St. Laurence.

For information regarding admissions, Viking Visit Days, events or financial aid, please visit www.stlaurence.com/prospective or contact Mr. Joe Spano at (708) 458-6900 or jspano@stlaurence.com
The breadth of service the Christian Brothers perform for people in Peru makes me proud to be part of a school in their network.

As an Edmund Rice Christian Brothers school, it’s become evident that St. Laurence is putting its best foot forward in providing its students and faculty opportunities to live out the mission of Blessed Edmund.

This past summer, St. Laurence afforded me the opportunity to go to Peru for a mission trip, and to say it was amazing would be an understatement. I worked with nine teachers from Christian Brothers schools across North America in Lima, Peru and stayed in the Christian Brother’s house in the neighborhood of Las Flores. The trip was filled with eye-opening experiences from beginning to end that went far beyond the sightseeing.

A major part of the trip involved seeing how the Christian Brothers are helping the community in Peru. We visited women who make and sell pasta and chocolates to support their organization and heard the stories of their lives. We also visited the Fe y Alegria School, which is operated by the Christian Brothers in Canto Grande. Finally, we helped build houses for families in need. The breadth of service the Christian Brothers perform for people in Peru makes me proud to be part of a school in their network. While it was a once in a lifetime experience to see Machu Picchu, the most important part of the trip for me was being able to meet the locals whom the Christian Brothers help.

Coming back to St. Laurence, I was thrilled to share my experience with fellow faculty and the students. Moving forward, I plan on encouraging anyone who is offered the same opportunity I had to take it, because it was a life changing one.
In August, we formed a new partnership with 220 Youth Leadership and launched the Platinum Leadership Program.

Leadership is a journey, not a destination. This quote by healthcare executive Bill George suggests that our leadership, like our education, should constantly be developing. We do not wake up one day, help someone accomplish something and say, “That’s it, I’m a leader!” We should always be learning, progressing and transforming to become the best version of ourselves.

In August, we formed a new partnership with 220 Youth Leadership and launched The Platinum Leadership Program. This three-part workshop series helps students learn how to define personal success, set goals the right way, create blueprints for success and focus on empowering each individual student. In the end, the workshop will create lasting positive change for students and their peer groups. The program also included a career workshop, where students learned the skills to get the job they want in the future. Nearly 40 of our juniors and seniors participated in the program. We look forward to seeing how the students put what they learned into action over the next few months at St. Laurence and in the coming years of their lives.

The leadership journey continues as St. Laurence remains the hub for innovative leadership development for high school students. Our journey does not end anytime soon — we will continue to provide real world opportunities and experience for ALL of our students to ensure that they “Leave as a Leader.”

This past summer, many St. Laurence students took opportunities that were presented to them through our leadership program to develop their abilities. Junior David Ruiz (above) traveled to London for the Summer Scholars Programme, in which David focused on skills to help him grow the Model U.N. Club at St. Laurence, which he founded his freshman year.

Additionally, our young women have jumped right into taking advantage of the opportunities St. Laurence offers. From attending workshops to being camp leaders for our Lil’ Vikes Summer Camp, our female students are fitting in seamlessly.

Jeff Clemens, ‘00
Director of Leadership

Aidan McCarthy
Illinois Leadership Seminar

Carlos Cortez
HOBY (Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Program)

Liam McCarthy
HOBY (Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Program)

Kelly Mason
Learning to Lead, Lewis University

Brigid Mundt
Learning to Lead, Lewis University

Jacob Stone
Learning to Lead, Lewis University

Josh Zavala
Learning to Lead, Lewis University

Cristian Garza
Learning to Lead, Lewis University

Elliott Dobias
Learning to Lead, Lewis University
Due to our increase in student enrollment and new offerings for our female students, we are thrilled to welcome 23 new faculty and staff members to the St. Laurence family!

Mrs. Lauren Bennett  Counselor, Activities Director, Testing Coordinator

Mr. Kyle Boekeloo  Math, Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, Head Girls Soccer Coach

Mrs. Trish Cavanaugh  School Receptionist

Mr. Kevin Dineen ’10  Religion, Assistant Baseball Coach

Mr. Pat Gaeger  Admissions Recruiter, Head Lacrosse Coach

Mr. Brian Gilbert  Social Studies, Division Dean of Social Studies, Religion

Mr. Brian Herman  English, Drama Coach

Ms. Andie Langford  Dance Coach

Ms. Kathleen Miller  English, Assistant Girls Volleyball Coach

Mr. Steve Nye  PE/Health, Dean of Students, Assistant Football Coach

Ms. Ozana Paraga  Spanish, Sports Media

Mr. Darrell Reed  PE/Health, Head Cross Country and Head Track Coach

Mr. Jim Sexton  Head Boys Basketball Coach

Mr. Alex Shimko  Social Studies, Assistant Girls Basketball Coach

Mr. George Shimko  Head Girls Basketball Coach

Mrs. Melissa Small  Student Resources, Head Girls Tennis Coach, National Honor Society Moderator

Ms. Theresa Statkus  Math/Science, Environmental Club

Ms. Susan Wagner  Science

Ms. Teagan Walsh  Admissions, Head Girls Softball Coach

Ms. Tracey Walsh  Math, Assistant Girls Softball Coach

Mrs. Katie Wells  PE/Health, Leadership, Assistant Cross Country Coach

Mr. Kyle Wood ’11  Science, Assistant Baseball Coach

Mrs. Ellen Yopchick  English, Head Girls Volleyball Coach

St. Laurence is the first school in the state of Illinois to earn the AdvancED STEM accreditation.

2017 has been exceptionally exciting for the Vikings thus far, as we continue to pursue excellence in the classroom and are seeing recognition for our efforts.

Continuing as a trailblazer for STEM on the southside, St. Laurence became the first school in the state of Illinois to earn the AdvancED STEM accreditation in 2017. In order to earn the certification, St. Laurence had to demonstrate adherence to the AdvancED STEM Standard as reflected by the school’s performance across 11 rigorous STEM Indicators. Achieving high scores across the indicators certifies that students have been equipped and trained to be innovative, creative and systematic problem-solvers across disciplines.

Among the feedback we received from evaluators was that our community works collaboratively and courageously to create a culture where solving relevant, complex problems is modeled by all school personnel, practiced by students and valued by all. This is a testament to the hard work of our students and faculty, who made so much of this possible.

With women in STEM being such a huge movement recently, we are thrilled to extend this nationally recognized curriculum to our female students!

In addition to the STEM certification, St. Laurence was also voted the “Best Private School” in the southland by readers of the Daily Southtown for the third straight year! We are thrilled to receive the honor yet again, as it shows that our community continues to strive to be the best in all that we do.
**Baseball Finishes Third in State** The Viking baseball team put the exclamation point on another banner year for Viking athletics with a third place finish in state. The Vikings defeated New Trier 11-6 in the IHSA Class 4A third place game. The Vikings came up just short of reaching the championship game when they lost to Edwardsville 3-1 in the state semifinals. They defeated Riverside Brookfield for the Regional Championship, Reavis and Br. Rice for the Sectional Championship, and Neuqua Valley, who was ranked 11th in the country and first in the state, in the Super-Sectional to advance to the State Finals.

Overall, the Vikings finished 36-6 on the year, setting a new record for wins in a season and shattering the old mark of 32. The 86% winning percentage is also a new record. Additionally, the 67 wins over the last two seasons are the most ever. Finally, the historic season saw the Vikings capture their seventh straight Regional Championship, second straight Sectional Championship, first ever Super-Sectional Championship, and the third place finish tied for the best finish in program history. It is also the first IHSA state trophy for any program since the 1993 baseball team’s third place finish.

**Wrapping up 2016-17** The bowling team kept things rolling in the winter, advancing to the State Finals for the second time in three years. Meanwhile, basketball had their best back-to-back seasons since the 2005-06, 2006-07 seasons. And, indoor track had a great season under first year Coach Darrell Reed. They finished fourth in the CCL Indoor Championships and advanced numerous entries to the indoor state meet.

On top of the baseball team’s third place finish, the volleyball and lacrosse teams both had solid seasons in the spring. Track posted their best season in years with four Vikings qualifying for the State Finals in field events.

**A Senior Class to Remember** The Class of 2017 will go down as one of the most accomplished Viking athletic classes in recent years. The success they achieved in their two years at the varsity level has not been achieved across the board like that in decades. Not surprisingly, many of the seniors will continue their athletic careers in college. In total, 28 Vikings from the class of 2017 will be competing at the next level. Best of luck to all of them!

**Welcome Girls Athletics!** With the start of the 2017-18 school year, girls athletics have officially launched! We are excited to build a strong tradition of athletic excellence on the girls’ side to match the proud tradition of the boys. The inaugural year will see the Vikings field teams in volleyball, tennis, cross country, basketball, dance, softball, soccer, and track. Additionally, girls will be competing with the boys in golf and bowling. Check the athletic website for the latest schedules to come see our girls in action!

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**Meet the New Coaches**

With the addition of girls sports, a number of new head coaches have been brought onboard to lead their respective programs. The girls head coaches are:

- **Ellen Yopchick** Volleyball
- **George Shimko** Basketball
- **Teagan Walsh** Softball
- **Kyle Boekeloo** Soccer
- **Melissa Small** Tennis
- **Andie Langford** Dance
- **Darrell Reed** Cross Country and Track

In addition to the girls hires, we have new leadership in some of our boys programs:

- **Jim Sexton** Basketball
- **Pat Gaeger** Lacrosse
- **Ben Dahm** Bowling

Visit stlaurence.com/athletics to learn more about our programs and coaches.
The energy in the school is through the roof!

As a new member of St. Laurence’s faculty, I am thrilled to have a part in the school’s extensive offering of activities for students. As our community continues to grow and diversify, the activities we offer must do the same. Early in the year, I can proudly say we are doing just that.

While we will continue to support our staple clubs, there are some big additions to look forward to. The Drama Club will return this year, with their first performance being a live radio drama of “It’s a Wonderful Life” this December. We will also add the Environmental Club for all of the green Vikings in the building.

We also anticipate the growth of some clubs, such as our Sports Media Club. With the addition of our girls sports teams, the club will have a growing list of home sporting events to broadcast live online.

As always, if our students have a specific interest in something which we don’t already offer, we invite them to start their own club. Junior David Ruiz took this initiative with his Model UN club, which has been successful thus far and continues to grow.

There’s no shortage of reasons why it’s important to emphasize these activities in our students’ lives. Obviously, extracurriculars allow students to explore things they enjoy doing and make new friends with similar interests, which adds to the overall quality of their high school experience. But as the students groom new talents and skills, these activities are helping our young men and women do better in the classroom as they learn time management, responsibility, and dedication.

The energy in the school through this historic time is through the roof, and I know that these activities will only add to it. I am excited for what the rest of the year holds and can’t wait to carry on our tradition of 100% student involvement!
Looking back on the last year, I cannot help but be excited about the progress we have made in putting together new, fun events for our alums. Through the alumni department’s efforts, we have been able to reengage and reconnect with more alums than ever before.

Of course, there are a couple of events that have become staples for many alums over the years. We held yet another successful Final Four Fundraiser in April, raising nearly $40,000 for the second consecutive year. The night never fails to be one of my favorites of the entire year, as over 400 Vikings make it back to Burbank for a night of food, drinks, basketball and casino-style gaming. Additionally, we sold out our annual Alumni Golf Outing for the second straight year. Both events have become great successes, and I can’t wait for the 2018 editions!

The 2017-18 school year is already off to a great start. We hosted our second annual Alumni Block Party, which is always a great way to kick off the football season. The Class of 1967 shared many memorable stories during their 50th anniversary weekend. It was a pleasure getting to meet members of the 1967 class and many more who attended the block party.

Our next event will be the Viking Pride Dinner on November 10. We will honor our newest inductees, whose graduation years span from 1969 to 2009. Additionally, we will celebrate the 1967 hockey and baseball teams on the 50th anniversary of their outstanding accomplishments.

2017 Hall of Fame Inductees
Matt Cmunt ’83  Hockey
Josh Hodur ’09  Football, Track
Mike Leatherman ’71  Football, Wrestling
Mike Mickas ’69  Football, Wrestling, Baseball
Jason Mielzynski ’07  Football, Baseball
Curt Ringhofer ’90  Football, Wrestling, Track
Brian Staatz ’07  Baseball
Matt Tucker ’06  Soccer
1983 Cross Country Team

Presidential Leadership Awards
Ed Crane ’75  Jim Reilly ’79
Kevin Dages ’75  Frank Tannura ’75
Tom Ondria

Alumni events raised nearly $100,000 this past fiscal year.
UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

Connect with classmates and friends and support the St. Laurence Vikings!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2017
at St. Laurence

VIKING FOOTBALL ROAD SHOW before Varsity football game vs. St. Ignatius
Check your email and social media for details

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017
at St. Laurence

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA CLAUS

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2018
at Maggiano’s Oak Brook

ALUMNI NETWORKING LUNCHEON
Registration 11:30am
Lunch served at Noon

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2017
at St. Laurence

VIKING PRIDE DINNER

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2017
at Silver Lake Country Club, Orland Park

ALUMNI NETWORKING BREAKFAST
7:30 to 9:30am

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018

ROAD TO THE FINAL FOUR FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2017
at St. Laurence

CLASS OF 1968 REUNION
Calling all members of the Class of 1968 — it’s never too early to start planning your 50th reunion for next year, and we want to help! If you are interested in taking a leadership role on your class’s reunion planning committee, please contact Adam Lotus at alotus@stlaurence.com.

For full details on these and all alumni events, visit stlaurence.com/alumni
Br. Mike Segvich ’68, a former Principal of St. Laurence, completed his fifth principal’s position in June, 2016 at Brother Rice High School in Michigan, and is now living at the Callan Residence of the Christian Brothers in Hyde Park in Chicago. Bro is one of only two alums who are Edmund Rice Christian Brothers (the other is Karl Walczak ’66). Next year he will celebrate his golden jubilee. Thanks for the update, Bro, and God Bless!

Al Haraf ‘77 continues his work as Senior Chief Public Affairs Specialist for the United States Coast Guard. From his Willowbrook office, Al helps publicize all the good works done by our area USCG. He recently appeared in a Channel 5 News story with reporter Charlie Wojciechowski about false distress calls put out to the Coast Guard. Al frequents many St. Laurence functions and sporting events in support of his alma mater and lives in West Lawn. Thanks for your service, Al, and that of all Coast Guard men and women.

James Ruff ‘85 Happy retirement wishes to James, who retired this past May after 26 years in patrol and training for the DuPage County Sheriff’s Department. He spent the last 20 years on the bomb squad; the last 10 years as its commander. He looks forward to spending quality time in the Rocky Mountains hiking, backpacking, and on his Harley-Davidson. Jim resides in suburban West Chicago. Take care and have fun, Jim.

John Pierorazio ’90 was recently featured in a Sports Illustrated article! John (aka John Vincent) is a professional singer and often performs at Mike Ditka’s Restaurant downtown. He was interviewed in the excellent article Free Verse about the United States national anthem (St. Laurence even gets mentioned in the story!). He regularly sings the anthem at Cubs, Bulls, and Packers games. Nice going, John, and thanks for Defending the Glory of the Black and Gold!

Kevin McCarthy ’79 lives in Mesa, Arizona and is an attorney practicing out of Scottsdale, and recently officiated at the wedding of another classmate, Tom Smith ’79, who is in the banking business here in Chicago. Congrats to Tom and Stephanie Smith, and thanks for the update, Kevin. I’ll look you up next time I’m in the Grand Canyon State.

Mark Pienkos ’68 is the author of a new book, 1917-2017: One Hundred Years of White Sox Baseball about the 1917 World Championship team and a century of great games and wonderful players on our South Side, along with some of his personal anecdotes as a longtime fan. The foreword was written by his good friend and fellow St. Laurence grad, Paul Ladewski ’68, a celebrated sports columnist and former Southtown baseball beat writer. Mark and his wife Ann reside in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

Daniel Corr ’82 is currently the proud President of Arizona Western College in sunny Yuma, Arizona. AWC is a public community college with a great reputation for success. Dan lives in Yuma and is doing a great job down there in southwestern Arizona. Go Vikes & Go Matadors!

Chuck Ungaro ’87 just celebrated his 10-year anniversary as Global Real Estate Manager with the Ace Hardware Corporation in Oak Brook. Chuck is responsible for Ace’s portfolio of over 13 million square feet of commercial and industrial space across 32 individual properties. He also celebrated his 24th wedding anniversary in September with his wife and two children. The Ungaro family lives in southwest suburban Homer Glen.

Ted Ptak ’67 (happy 50th STL anniversary!) retired on February 15, 2009 after serving 40 years with the Chicago Police Department, the last 27 in the Major Accident Investigation Unit. He is currently a state certified accident reconstructionist. He and his wife Kathy recently celebrated their 47th anniversary with a trip to Paris. They have three children and ten grandchildren who keep them very busy, and they also enjoy photography and traveling. They live in the Windy City. Thanks for your service, sir!

Robert Tyszka ’73 retired in April after nearly 38 years of federal service, with over eight years as an Air Force Cartographic/Geodetic Officer, and before that, as a Cartographer/Geodetic Surveyor with the United States Department of Defense. Happy Retirement wishes to Bob! He lives in California City in south central California.

Bob Lahey ’82 has a new position as President and CEO of the Construction Safety Council in Hillside, IL. Bob comes to the CSC from the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County where, as Director of Community Services & Education, he oversaw delivery of the District’s educational and recreational programs and managed a staff of 100 in eight departments. Previously, he was the Executive Director at the Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy, where he directed the start-up and expansion of a 20-acre training facility for first responders. Bob and his wife Liz and their children live in west suburban Elmhurst.

What’s your big news? Send your submission, with photo(s) if possible, to ekozak@stlaurence.com or fax to 708-458-7616 or mail to Ed Kozak, Alumni Office, St. Laurence High School, 5556 W. 77th St., Burbank, IL 60459-1398. Note that not all submissions will be used, and all are subject to editing. I look forward to hearing from you.
Q: Why did you agree to take on a leadership role for St. Laurence and the Defend the Glory campaign?

Frank Tannura: I agreed to assume a leadership role in the campaign for two reasons. First, I believe deeply that the resources provided by the campaign will fundamentally impact the educational experience provided to thousands of Vikings for years to come. And second, Joe Martinez asked me to do it! Joe is leading the St. Laurence community through transformational change in challenging times. I will do everything I can to support Joe and the team’s efforts.

Q: How has St. Laurence evolved from your time as student?

Frank Tannura: St. Laurence has evolved as the community and world around it has evolved. The school is much more diverse than in the mid-70’s and is now even co-ed. While STL has certainly changed significantly since my high school years, many things have remained the same. The school community continues to provide a safe, nurturing and challenging environment to students from a variety of neighborhoods and backgrounds. For the past six decades, STL has developed strong leaders who have enjoyed success in a wide range of professional endeavors and will continue to do so for decades to come.

Q: What lesson did you take away from STL that remains with you?

Frank Tannura: Probably most importantly, my years at STL grounded in me the importance of a strong and consistent moral compass. While I was first taught to live my life as a Christian and to always “do the right thing” by my parents, my Viking years certainly reinforced these values which have been extremely important to my personal, professional and family life. Another life lesson learned at STL was the importance of attempting to pursue excellence in all that I do. Life can be challenging and the commitment to excellence has provided rewards that certainly have provided a more meaningful life for my family and me.

Q: Why is STL important today?

Joe Silich: An investment in St. Laurence and the Defend the Glory campaign is a decision made in the best interest of our future students. Our school, our campaign, and our faculty are committed to helping students succeed academically, socially, and athletically while developing leadership skills in young adults. Being student-centric is the foundation of our culture. We are able to champion this culture by prioritizing programs and policies that foster an educational environment and support our student’s pursuit of excellence.
Goal: $5,000,000

Total currently committed: $4,259,250
as of September 1, 2017

GARRY KELLY ’65

Entering St. Laurence in 1961 after attending St. Bede the Venerable for grade school, I could not have imagined that St. Laurence would provide me such a great experience over my four years. Although I did not fully recognize it at the time, a St. Laurence education truly changed me.

Having enlisted in the Marine Corps a year after graduation, I soon discovered that, from an intellectual and maturity standpoint, I was on par with other men who had attended colleges with Naval ROTC programs. I quickly realized that the discipline, rigorous learning, and camaraderie I experienced built leadership qualities that sustained me through the Marines, and later through college, a business career, and as a husband and father.

My career took me out of Illinois, but I reconnected with St. Laurence 27 years ago. Learning more about St. Laurence’s mission and purpose led my wife Joan and me to provide annual financial support for scholarships. As time passed, I was extremely pleased to learn of and participate in the Defend the Glory campaign as both a member of the leadership committee and through a significant financial contribution.

Our commitment to St. Laurence is ongoing because the school recognizes its opportunity to encourage young people to grow in their faith and to excel academically. St. Laurence provides the leadership skills needed in an increasingly complicated world. We are proud to be a part of the St. Laurence community.

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Join your friends and fellow alumni and Defend the Glory!
JOE BEATTY ’81

For many alums, the Defend the Glory campaign has served as a way to re-engage with St. Laurence for the first time in years. For some, it’s the first time connecting with the school since graduation.

Joe Beatty ’81, however, isn’t one of those individuals. In fact, he’s been supportive of STL’s mission for the past couple decades.

Being a philanthropist is something that has already characterized Joe’s spirit, so it’s no surprise to learn that he’s been involved with many different nonprofit organizations and campaigns over the years.

As of late, however, Joe has determined that his investment is best made at St. Laurence.

Serving on the boards of hospitals and giving to his universities provided Joe with some interesting perspective on the true meaning of philanthropy. “I came to realize that those places aren’t really charities. They don’t afford me the chance to have impact. When I give to St. Laurence, my money is put to use right away and for the intended purpose, not to pay big salaries of the organization’s top executives.”

In Joe’s view, not only is St. Laurence a genuine charity — it also happens to be a great institution of learning, one that focuses on how individuals should behave in the world. “What I took away from St. Laurence and what helped to make me successful was a level of self discipline that simply isn’t taught at other high schools. It was a great training ground.”

When asked why he feels his fellow alums should consider supporting STL through the Defend the Glory campaign, Joe didn’t hesitate, “STL is a great institution of learning and they are on mission. The leadership training and modernized curriculum students receive is invaluable and exactly what’s needed in the world today. We need all alums to step forward so that price never becomes an impediment.”

MIKE TURNEY ’95

When we ask our alums why they choose to support STL, we often hear stories of faculty, staff, and coaches that made a positive impact.

Mike Turney ’95 is no different.

“St. Laurence provided me with a sense of accountability and balance that I carry with me today,” said Mike. He credits the development of his strong work ethic to the lessons he learned at STL and the teachers who taught them. “It’s more than just a job for those who work at St. Laurence. The faculty and staff put in a tremendous amount of time and do so because they care.”

When it came time to supporting the Defend the Glory campaign, the decision to do so was an easy one for Mike. “The campaign priorities — financial assistance for students and the opportunity to invest in the talented faculty currently on board at STL — are perfectly aligned.” As 80% of the campaign goal will be earmarked toward student support and faculty investment, Mike was pleased that the funds he provides will go directly toward supporting the core of the school — the dedicated faculty and students.

Mike is motivated by the current direction of the school. “I just have so many positive feelings about what is happening at St. Laurence today. There’s a great sense of direction. (President) Joe (Martinez) has a plan and knows how to execute it.”

When asked what he would say to his peers and fellow Vikings about why they should consider supporting the school, Mike responded very decisively. “Gifts of all sizes help. Understand the impact you can have on our families who are working hard to provide their children with a Catholic education, and the faculty who are working hard in the classroom every day.”
We would like to thank all of our donors who have helped St. Laurence High School take a giant step forward in securing its legacy by contributing to Defend the Glory: the Campaign for St. Laurence. If you are interested in learning more, please visit stlaurence.com/defendtheglory.

$250,000 and above
William Eckhardt '66
Kathy Hynes
George Ruebenson '66
Joseph N. Silich '87

$100,000 - $249,999
Joseph A. Beatty '81
Edward Crane '75
George Houlihan '82
Rob Junkroski '82
Tom and Mary Kay Kaufmann '75
Gerald F. and Joan F. Kelly '65
John and Paula Kelly '82
Daniel M. '88 and Eric '90 Maloney
Bruce G. Nawara '75
Patrick Quilty '75
Tom and Mary Kay Kaufmann '75
George and DiAnne Scanlon '75
Frank Tannura '75

$50,000 - $99,999
Anonymous '81
John Barnicle '82
Timothy J. Carroll '89
Brian Dowling '80
Peter and Peg Ippolito '82
Gary Misicka '89
Chuck Naso '75
Michael and Coleen Reilly '82
Michael and Linda Roche '68
Kevin Scanlan '83

$25,000 - $49,999
Anonymous '81
Thomas J. Allison '69
Patrick Cooke '85
Samuel C. Delisi '75
Michael Gomez '93
Tim and Nancy Graham '88
Daniel J. McCarthy '84
Edward McDonough '73
Kim and Jim Roach '83
Michael Stankus '76
Nicholas Tannura '78
Michael G. Turney '95
Edward Reilly Tierney '83

$10,000 - $24,999
Anonymous '75
William F. Bogolin '68
Thomas Boylan '79
Jerry Doorhy '91
Tom Doyle '84
John Dul '79
James and Joan Finnegan
Bill Flannm '74 and Janice Roche
Mike and Devika Flannery '83
Michael and Lisa Gaynor '81
Michael Kenny '78
Richard W. Krasula '65
Dr. David Raminski '77
Jim and Angel Rojas '86
Michael D. Rubin & Associates

$5,000 - $9,999
John '83 and Lori Capparelli
Joe Chiariello '81
Jim Geringer '79
in memory of Mark Botica '79
Brian Gorski '76
Alan Haraf '77
Thomas Kopko '07
Kevin Scanlan '67
Stan Sterna '83

$1,000 - $4,999
Anonymous '65
Anonymous '82
In honor of Mark Scott
Hon. and Mrs. Michael Burke '76
Patrick T. Carlson '75
Bob Coverick '74
Michael Dineen '73
Jeffrey Kacmarek '81
Christopher Kerzich '01
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THE CAMPAIGN for ST. LAURENCE
With all the great things happening lately at STL, I am often asked by alums and others how they can reconnect with and be supportive of the school. Fortunately, it is easier than ever to remain engaged with your alma mater!

**Make sure we have your current contact info!** We distribute most information electronically, so an updated email address will allow you to receive all the latest from STL. Please take a moment and log on to stlaurence.com/alumni and click on the “Update Your Information” button!

**Like us on Facebook and follow us on all social media outlets.** In addition to learning about upcoming events, you’ll see firsthand the amazing work our students, faculty and coaches are doing and why St. Laurence is the best high school in the area. Find our page at facebook.com/stlvikings.

**Attend an event.** Please see page 9 and review our upcoming events. Whether you are looking to put together a group of classmates for our golf outing or bring your whole family back to our Breakfast with Santa Claus, we offer something for all! You can get up to the minute info and register for events by visiting stlaurence.com/alumni.

**Cheer our Viking sports teams to victory!** Round up some of your high school buddies or bring your kids and show them your old stomping grounds! You can view a full schedule of home and away events by visiting stlaurence.com/athletics. Demonstrate ultimate Viking Pride and join the Viking Club—our athletics booster organization. We offer three levels of membership and each one will afford you free entry to all regular season home athletic contests! To join and receive more information on member benefits, visit stlaurence.com/vikingclub.

**Join us for our Alumni Networking Series.** Gather some old classmates or come solo and make new Viking connections. All our events are held at convenient locations across the city and suburbs. To find out where and when the next event will take place log on to stlaurence.com/networking.

**Endorse St. Laurence by making a gift to the school.** Join the growing number of alums and friends who are making STL a priority in their charitable giving. Our continued prosperity is influenced directly by the financial support we receive from our stakeholders. Gifts of all sizes are deeply appreciated and will be put to use immediately to ensure that an STL education remains accessible to our working class families. You can make your gift today by logging on to our secure website at stlaurence.com/AF18.

**Support our Defend the Glory campaign.** The campaign will provide $2.5 million for student aid; $1.5 million in faculty support; as well as $1 million for facility enhancements. To date $4.25 million has been committed toward our $5 million goal. To learn more and make a pledge, please see the special Defend the Glory section on pages 11-14. You can also make your commitment online by visiting stlaurence.com/defendtheglory.

**Did you know...?**

As of December 18, 2015, the IRA Charitable Rollover was passed by Congress and signed into permanent law, allowing taxpayers age 70 ½ or older to transfer up to $100,000 annually from their IRA accounts directly to charity without first having to recognize the distribution as income. If you qualify and are interested in supporting St. Laurence through a distribution from your IRA, please get in touch with Bob Hogan at rhogan@stlaurence.com.

As of 2014, the St. Laurence Foundation was established in order to manage the endowment and charitable investments held by the school. The Foundation, established as a separate 501c3, provides our donors with an added level of security and peace of mind. All gifts and multi-year pledges made to our Defend the Glory campaign should be directed to the St. Laurence Foundation.

Making St. Laurence a beneficiary in your estate plan is easy and takes just a few minutes. But before you act on this, please contact Bob Hogan in the Office of Institutional Advancement to receive the proper language to provide for your attorney or estate planning professional.
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B  ENDOWMENT CONTRIBUTIONS  33,170
   Annual Fund Total  $512,893
C  Sponsorship Signage  $10,600
D  Viking Pride Dinner  24,479
E  Final Four Extravaganza  35,998
F  Alumni Golf Outing  23,413
   Alumni Events Total  $94,290
G  BRICK PAVER PROGRAM  $1,950

H  Vike Hike  $25,657
I  Mother’s Club  28,400
J  Father’s Club  31,500
K  School Raffle  142,567
   School Fundraising Efforts Total  $228,124

TOTAL FUNDRAISING
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