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Opening doors of Mercy



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COVER:

Opening doors of Mercy (see article page 4).
Pictured are four Mercy girls who will be featured
at Making A Difference 2016 (see pages 20 & 21)



Dear Mercy Community:

December 8, 2015 marked the official start of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. The symbolic opening of the doors (be they at the Vatican or of the Chapel in the Mercy Convent) is very meaningful to all of us at Mercy Burlingame.

- We open the doors to new students and their families as they begin their journey through high school. We encourage them to take advantage of a strong academic program and a wide variety of extra-curricular and athletic opportunities. We get them involved in ministries that reflect the critical concerns of the Sisters of Mercy. Most importantly, we provide the opportunity to become part of the Mercy sisterhood.
- We open our doors every day to 370 young women. They enter, as our mission statement attests, to learn to “lead with compassion, strive for excellence and to proclaim Gospel values in word and deed.” In addition, they give us reason to revel in their enthusiasm and enjoy their sense of fun. We have the opportunity to teach them and to lead them on their way to do what Mercy girls do, change the world, each in their own way.
- Our doors are always open to our Mercy alumnae. “Once a Mercy girl always a Mercy girl,” is not just a slogan on a t-shirt. It is what Mercy is all about. We may be housed in a mansion but Mercy is always home to our alumnae. Being a part of their lives is an important part of who we are.
- We welcome through our doors the Mercy Sisters, our neighbors and our greater community. Whether they are visiting or attending an event or a wedding or simply walking on our campus our Mercy hospitality welcomes all to this beautiful campus.

As I write this we have completed our WCEA/WASC reaccreditation process. For nearly twenty months we worked on our self-study and then spent three very full days with the visiting team as they assessed the report. The final part of the process will happen in May when the accrediting agencies review our report and the report of the team and issue the actual number of years for our reaccreditation. The ending meeting with our visiting team was the most positive I have had the opportunity to experience in more than thirty years in education. They praised the honesty and transparency of our self-study and our realistic sense of where we are today and our opportunities and challenges for the future. In the next issue of the Oaks we will give you a full report.

Walt Disney wrote, “We keep moving forward, opening up new doors and doing new things because we’re curious...and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths.” Mercy keeps moving forward and opening doors because we are curious where the future of education and technology is leading us. We open doors to involve our students in new opportunities to serve. We open doors because, as Catherine McAuley wrote, “We can never say ‘it is enough’.”

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Hanrahan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Karen Hanrahan
Head of School



Opening doors of Mercy

What came as incredibly good news to the Mercy community was Pope Francis' announcement in March that he was calling for an Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, beginning with the *Feast of the Immaculate Conception* on December 8, 2015 to the *Feast of Christ the King* on November 20, 2016.

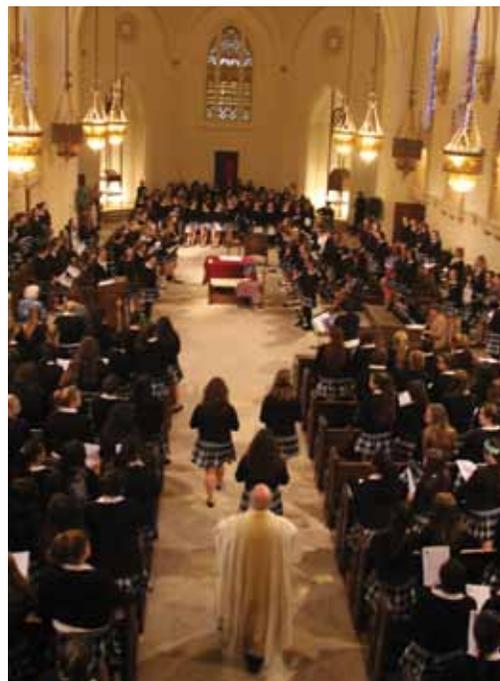
Popes have declared "holy years or jubilee years" since 1300. We have had approximately 25 of them in the last 700 years. Most recently we celebrated the Great Jubilee Year of 2000. Holy/jubilee years provide opportunities for all of us to pause, to remember that we are basically "on the way and in pilgrimage" through this life. A Holy Year is meant to call our attention to a particular aspect of the Mystery of God and to enter into that Mystery as deeply as we can for the strengthening of our own spirit and for service to others.

Mercy High School opened the Year of Mercy celebration at our Immaculate Conception liturgy on December 8th. The liturgy began with the ringing of a bell which signaled the opening of the year of Mercy. Senior Anissa Silva danced in honor of Our Lady and the celebration concluded with a gentle singing of Silent Night, in a dimly lit chapel.

The Sisters of Mercy inaugurated the year by inviting all those who participate in their ministries to attend a ritual celebration. Sr. Mary Waskowiak welcomed those gathered and Sr. Suzanne Toolan composed a song for the occasion titled *Your Name is Compassion*. Students and faculty members participated in a choral reading highlighting the Sisters' journey from Kinsale, Ireland to early Gold Rush San Francisco in 1854. Finally Sandy Flaherty, Director of Mission Integration, read her original poem "A Mercy Dawn" (Full work on back cover).

To celebrate the Year of Mercy, we have planned several events which include: faculty/staff retreat, Living Mercy: In Conversation with the Sisters of Mercy in February; participation in the #MakeMercyReal campaign sponsored by the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy; a presentation by Congresswoman Jackie Speier on Mercy in Civil Society in April; a young adult Taize Retreat in July; and a Mercy Day Celebration combining the students of St. Peter's School in San Francisco and Mercy Burlingame, in September. If you are interested in finding out more about the Year of Mercy events planned please contact Sandy Flaherty at sflaherty@mercyhsb.com.

—Sandy Flaherty, Director of Mission Integration



Papal Visit 2015

In September, I had the privilege of going to Washington, D.C. with my husband Lars Lund, President of Serra High School, for the canonization of Junipero Serra by Pope Francis. From the moment we arrived at the White House for the Welcome Ceremony to the beautiful Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception our hearts were touched by Pope Francis. It was a blessing to be in the presence of the Pope and to hear his profound message. This trip became a pilgrimage of faith, a journey that was inspirational and filled with joy.

—Mary Lund, Director of Advancement





Circle of Mercy 2015

Clare Pool Purpura '75 receives the Catherine McAuley Award

Mercy High School Burlingame held its annual Circle of Mercy dinner honoring our generous benefactors; It was an evening filled with inspiration and excitement! During the evening, Karen Hanrahan, Head of School, presented Clare Pool Purpura '75 with the Catherine McAuley Award (*Clare is pictured above with husband Andy*). This award honors those who truly represent a commitment to Catherine McAuley's vision and the education of young women. Their generosity of spirit, commitment to the values and vision of the Sisters of Mercy and Catherine McAuley are truly an example to us all.

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From the first day that Clare stepped into the halls of Mercy as a freshman she immersed herself in Mercy and her passion continues today. She was an honor student, chorale member, and Student Body Secretary her senior year. Today, Clare is a member of the Mercy High School Board of Directors, a charter member of the Steering Committee for Making A Difference, served as Chair of Making A Difference 2013 and is a generous benefactor.

Clare attended St. Mary's College where she remains active today in alumni workshops and career nights with seniors. Clare began her career as a 4th grade teacher at St. Stephen's School in San Francisco before becoming a financial advisor for more than 30 years. For the past 13 years Clare was a Managing Director at Merrill Lynch in the Venture and Private Equity Group. Clare was ranked #4 in 2013 in Barron's top 100 Women Financial Advisors and #37 in 2012. She is also a founding member of the Private Equity CFO Conference.

Clare is a champion of Mercy education. Clare has been an extremely generous donor and has supported Making A Difference since 2009; she has a deep commitment to providing financial aid so that other girls can benefit from a Mercy education. Clare's passion for Mercy is infectious! At the event, she was joined by family, friends and Mercy classmates who share her passion for education.



The Circle of Mercy honors those donors who have shared in our mission through an annual leadership gift of \$1,500 or more.





Mercy Day 2015!

On Thursday, September 24th, our Mercy Community celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy. It was on this day in 1827 that Catherine McAuley, the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, dedicated the first House of Mercy on Baggott Street in Dublin, Ireland. The House of Mercy served as a shelter for women in need, a school for children and at times a soup kitchen for the hungry.

Our "Mercy Day" began with an All School Photo, Liturgy, special service projects, followed by lunch and rally. This year the Mercy Girls were so excited to work with the Special Olympics, by creating a unique Opening Ceremony filled with flags, music and a procession of all of the athletes and their coaches on the lawn of the mansion. The girls then worked with the athletes on training activities to get them ready for their upcoming competitions. Sophomore Teresa Gamboa, pictured above, was one of the student-coaches for the day and made a special connection with one of the athletes making a funny face for the camera! Other service activities included making cards for members of the Armed Forces, Forest Rangers fighting local wildfires and residents of Marion Oaks. It was a fun-filled day and one that truly represented the spirit of Mercy.

Faculty Honored

On Mercy Day the following faculty were honored for making a difference in the lives of our students and dedicating themselves to Mercy. A heartfelt thank you!



35 years

Kathy Mountain



30 years

Jen Lambdin



20 years

Patsy Ohta



10 years

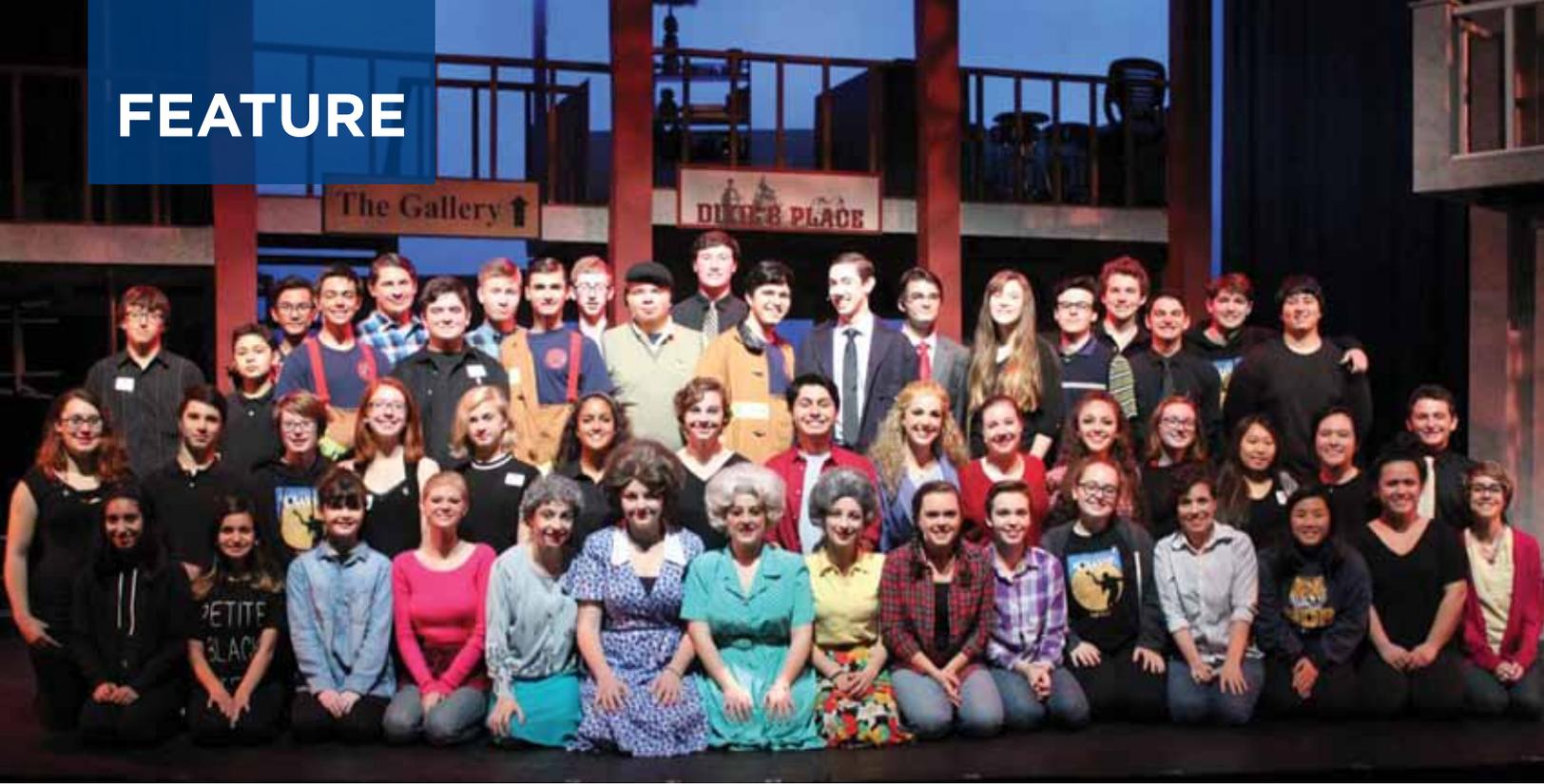
Susan Roughgarden



The great feast that unites the Mercy world is Mercy Day. Its origin dates back to September 24, 1827 when the House on Baggot Street opened as a school for the education of poor young girls and as a residence for homeless girls and women.



FEATURE



The Performing Arts!

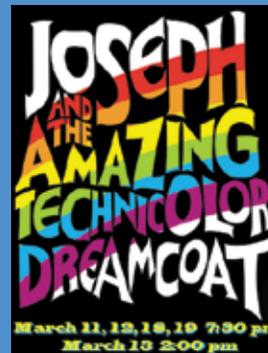
Roxanne

This past Fall, Tri-School Productions students from Mercy, Serra, and Notre Dame presented Roxanne. The play was based on the 1987 movie starring Steve Martin and Daryl Hannah. It was adapted by Tri-School Productions Director Darva Campbell and Artistic Director Jay Jordan. Cat Bigelow played Dixie, the café owner and Roxanne's landlord. Maddie Rozansky, Gabrielle Zaslove, Michelle Curran, and Isabelle Torre stood out as the old biddies, while Julia Hurley and Sarah Grace Boland completed the Mercy cast as the doctor and shopkeeper. The crew was headed by Stage Manager Graeson Fee. Helping her behind the scenes were Emily Kelly, Taylor Brennen, Vivian Bright, Uma Dowd, Angelina Cortez, Kiana Loo, Kayla Fagliano, Kat Gardner and Carolina Salame. Mercy girls took promotions into their own hands contacting KPIX Channel 5, and Mercy was featured as their Cool School of the week!



Mercy High Produces Quality Theater With 2 Other Schools

It's hard to cast a play in an all girl school, so three schools on the peninsula work together to put on a production. That's what makes Mercy High this week's Cool School. (10/30/15)



Don't Miss...

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Tri-School Spring Musical at Serra

March 11, 12, 18, 19 - 7:30 pm

March 13 - 2:00pm



Willy Wonka's Candy Factory

In December Mercy's Dance Department performed Willy Wonka's Candy Factory as their Christmas Dance Concert. Girls from all four grades wowed audiences with their amazing dance abilities with this festive exciting program.



Don't Miss our Spring Dance Show!
Totally Television
Wednesday, May 11th
7:30pm at the Skyline College Theater



Christmas Concert

Mercy's annual Christmas Concert at the Kohl Mansion, featured the Tri-School Mixed Chorus & Mercy's chorale groups as well as members of the Tri-M Music Honor Society performing vocals and instrumental numbers. Duets and quartets were featured throughout the evening as well as full ensemble performances. The melodic voices and beautiful holiday setting truly kicked off the Christmas Season.



Under the Big Top

Four Mercy Burlingame students, Gracie DeBattista '17, Bianca Gonzalez '17, Andrea Sanchez '16 and Katie Schmidt '17 were thrilled to have been chosen to participate in the production of "Circus Olympus" at Riordan High School. The play re-tells the story of five Greek myths under the whacky world of the Big Top.



On Campus

Pink Week

This past October, the students of Mercy High School yet again showed support, love and selflessness as they cut and donated over 400 inches of hair in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. What began as a few girls donating their hair during collaboration has bloomed into one of this service-based school's most philanthropic weeks. The gracious acts go far beyond the gates of Mercy High School, with hair stylists and students from Skyline Cosmetology School volunteering their time and talents, DJs from Level Up entertainment in Berkeley, bringing the best beats to the hair-cutting rally, and survivors with Mercy ties contributing their own personal stories and journeys. Throughout the week, students participated in Pink-themed athletic events, t-shirt sales and an extremely successful fundraiser event at Lucy on Burlingame Avenue, benefitting the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Last semester, the *Breast Cancer Research Foundation* selected Mercy to take front page on its website, honoring Mercy as "A Small High School That Makes a Big Difference," in their, "Stories That Inspire-Fundraiser Spotlight."



Cassandra Miller - National Merit Commended Student

We were pleased to announce at the Mercy Day Liturgy that Cassandra Jo Miller '16 was named a "Commended Student" in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program. Head of School, Karen Hanrahan, was thrilled to be able to share "Mercy Day" in this special way and presented the Letter of Commendation to Cassandra in front of her classmates at the end of the liturgy. Cassandra shares this award with about 34,000 "Commended Students" throughout the nation having placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who have been recognized for their exceptional academic promise.



Robotics Strong @ Mercy

Mercy Burlingame has been actively involved in a Robotics Program for the past five years. Last year, the club members learned to program Boe-Bots, LEGO, and Sphero robots. This year, at Girls on the Green, a recruiting event for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls, the Robotics Team worked with the girls to create solar powered cars which they were able to take home with them.



For the 2015-16 school year, Mrs. Jen Lambdin, Science Department Chair, stated that “they are coordinating with a local chapter of SeaPerch to build an underwater Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) robot that will maneuver in the swimming pool.” Building this ROV from the kit has provided students with the opportunity to learn about not only robotics, but also engineering, science, technology and mathematics (STEM). Students have learned important engineering and design skills and have been exposed to the many careers that are possible in naval, ocean and marine engineering.



A Night to Remember... Mercy's Annual Winter Formal was held at AT&T Park on the Virgin America Club Level. Not even a torrential downpour could keep our girls from having the time of their lives! The girls thoroughly enjoyed the evening and took advantage of some of the best backgrounds for amazing pictures while dancing the night away!



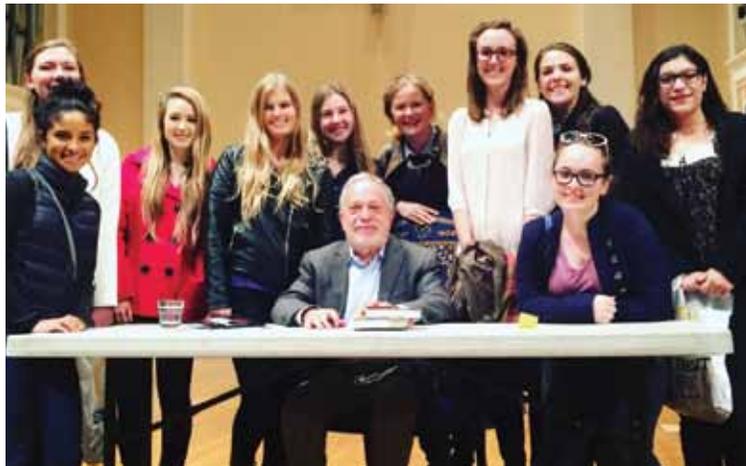
Learning Economics from a Pro

Seniors from Mercy's Economics class visited the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco to hear former Chairman of the Federal Reserve Ben Bernanke speak on part of the Club's series on Ethics and Accountability.

Mercy faculty, Rhiannon Salter stated that "the girls really enjoyed hearing his stories about his time at the Federal Reserve." Mr. Bernanke was appointed chair

of the Federal Reserve in 2006 and in 2007 the bursting of the housing bubble set off a domino effect that brought our global financial system to the brink of meltdown. He spoke of the efforts and how, with the help of a few key leaders, they were able to prevent an economic collapse of unimaginable scale. Mr. Bernanke was very entertaining during the interactive question and answer session, fielding some very insightful questions from the audience about student loans, the national debt, debt ceiling, federal funds (interest) rate and the amount of physical gold in the vaults! This was a great experience for the girls to be able to better understand economics regarding ethics and accountability by all.

Economic Students Bolstering their Classroom Knowledge with an Expert



On a field trip to U.C. Berkeley, Mercy Economics students listened to Former Secretary of Labor to the Clinton Administration and UC Berkeley Professor of Public Policy Robert Reich speak about the release of his new book, "Saving Capitalism: For the Many, Not the Few". After a campus tour from alumna Ms. Salter (2010), and dinner in the dining hall with Cal undergraduates, the group excitedly moved to their final event hosted by local radio station, KPFA.

Reich spoke about the ways that our economic system combines with public policy to increase inequality in America today. He argued that no nation does capitalism better than we did in the 1950's and that

politics and public policy need to adapt to combat the widening gap in income equality. He spoke at length about his time working as Professor of Public Policy at the University of California, Berkeley and how inspired he is by the persistent optimism of young millennials and members of Generation Z (or iGen) in challenging the status quo and fighting to make capitalism and our government work for all Americans, not just those who can afford to advocate for their special interests.

Reich even addressed the group of Mercy Seniors directly in response to a question asking about advice for soon-to-be high school graduates in today's economy. His advice? For young people to get involved in the political process to make their voices heard. Senior Kendall Gordon (fourth from left), stated, "Seeing Robert Reich was an amazing experience! It was so interesting to hear about how topics we had learned in class were being used in the real world and their effects on America." —*Rhiannon Salter, Social Studies and English Teacher*

PHOTO (above left to right), Leslie Villatoro, Ciara Calallan, Bridget Bell, Kendall Gordon, Julia Hurley, Economics/AP Gov and English teacher Rhiannon Salter, Hannah Lahey, Layla Mustafa, Alexis West, and Graeson Fee.



World Religion

The World Religions class recently took a field trip to Chinatown and North Beach. The purpose of the trip was to educate the students on Chinese culture and worship practices. The oldest Taoist/Buddhist Temple in the US is located in Chinatown. Students visited this temple as well as St. Mary's Old Cathedral and The National Shrine of St. Francis. This year the students were fortunate to have met Angela Alioto while at the Shrine

of St. Francis. She gave them a very vivid account of the history of the shrine and had such an affect on them, that several students even wrote about Ms. Alioto's presentation in their papers. One student remarked how Ms. Alioto made her appreciate the shrine more because of the knowledge she shared of it. Overall, the students had a very enriching experience that led them to view Chinatown and North Beach neighborhoods in a different light.

—Peter Diaz, Service Learning & Immersion Coordinator, Religion Teacher



Wheel of Fortune Cookies Sophomores and "The Joy Luck Club"

The sophomores in English 2 Honors read *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan as one of their selections for their summer reading assignment. In one of their class sessions, they presented a literary "Talk Show" where they discussed various topics which covered different aspects of the novel, such as character relationships, use of literary devices, analysis of themes, cultural norms, etc. Emma Miller, Katherine McGee and Amadis Welch creatively fashioned a game of "Wheel of Fortune Cookie" for their talk show presentation. English teacher, Mrs. Kathy Mountain, stated that "This project also demonstrated the girl's knowledge and appreciation of Chinese culture which they were introduced to in reading this novel by the famous Chinese-American author, Amy Tan."



Red Cross Club

A huge thank you to those from our Mercy community that participated in our first ever Red Cross Blood drive hosted by our newly organized Red Cross Club. The Mercy mansion dining room was converted into a blood donor room with 6 beds and several areas to register and many Red Cross personnel to help facilitate the process. It was a huge success! At the end of the day, over 43 pints of blood were donated by members of our local community, Mercy students, parents, faculty and staff. The Red Cross was amazed at the response and very pleased given the recent blood shortage that has hit our area. Many of our Mercy girls donated and/or volunteered to help make this event run smoothly, and all of their hard work and blood donations are greatly appreciated. The Red Cross Club is hoping to hold a similar blood drive each year in order to help our community.

—Pat Bradley, Science Teacher & Red Cross Club, Moderator



Mercy Mission

St. Anthony's - Mercy Girls Serving Others

For the past five years, Mercy High School Sophomores have spent their Service Retreat day in San Francisco working at St. Anthony's. The girls were given a brief orientation regarding the area and people that St. Anthony's currently serves. They were then divided into groups and that day served in the Dining Room, at Presentation Center, the Adult Day Health Center and at the Madonna Residence, another Adult Day Health Center. Angie Simonetti, Department Chair for Religion, stated that, "The service retreat at St. Anthony's makes real for our sophomores Catherine's call to serve the marginalized. This experience allows each student to truly experience the materially poor and see how their presence makes a difference. After this retreat they go on to continue to serve the marginalized using this retreat as a springboard."

Soap Labeling

In preparation for the Super Bowl, twenty-five Mercy High School Burlingame students, Sisters of Mercy and Associates joined forces to help young women who are being trafficked. On January 28th the group gathered in the Acacia Room at Mercy Center, watched a documentary on how to identify those being trafficked, and then labeled two thousand bars of soap. The label alerts the recipient that services are available for those being trafficked. The hope is that someone being trafficked will pick up the soap and see the help-line number attached to the underside of the packaging. All two thousand bars of soap were then delivered to S.O.A.P. (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution) for hotel delivery.



Mercy Partners with St. Peter's Elementary

St Peter's parish was founded in 1878 in the Mission District of San Francisco and Mother Baptist Russell actually prayed in that church when she came to California. It was her dream that a school be a part of that parish, and the Sisters of Mercy have been an integral part of that church and parish up to today. It serves a diverse urban community and offers them a good Catholic education. In that vein, Mercy High School has partnered with St Peter's elementary in many activities: Halloween Carnival for their 1st graders, retreat center for their 6th grade class, Mercy students spend time at St Peters during Urban Plunge and the faculty & staff held a holiday shoe drive this year for students at St. Peters. Next year the entire St. Peters school will be joining us for our annual Mercy Day celebration. We are honored to welcome them on our campus for Mass, lunch, service opportunities and a rally!



OLA & Mercy Join Forces

Our Lady of Angels in Burlingame and Mercy High School join forces to reach out to our senior adult parishioners. For the first time in the 17 year history of OLA's Senior Outreach Program, 15 students and their teachers from the Service Learning Classes at Mercy will be joining us each month to celebrate the Eucharist, share a meal, enjoy fellowship and conversation with our senior community. This joint collaboration has been in the planning stages for nearly two years. These students will experience first hand how much effort it takes from all of our dedicated parent and student volunteers to host this monthly luncheon for 130 people. OLA would like to applaud religion teachers; Angie Simonetti (Religion

Department Chair, Campus Ministry) and Peter Diaz (Service learning Immersion Coordinator, Campus Ministry) they have worked tirelessly to bring service learning opportunities into their curriculum. The girls now have time during the week to spend quality time with those members of our community who gave so much in their younger years, by making home visits. These students are sharing conversation, personal stories and life experiences. We can learn about the future when we confront the past. —Kelli Benz, OLA Outreach Coordinator and Mercy HS Board of Directors



Justice For All

In light of Pope Francis' document Laudato Si and the Sisters of Mercy critical concern for the earth, the Mercy High School Burlingame Community honored four individuals at their annual Justice Liturgy on January 21st. Mercy Burlingame graduates Sr. Pat Ryan '49 and Catherine Riordan Regan '62 and Mercy faculty members Peter Diaz and Jennifer Lambdin were acknowledged for their work in sustainability and ecological justice. The good works of each honoree were highlighted at the liturgy. Among the many good works performed, Sr. Pat Ryan and Catherine Regan were facilitators for the Awakening the Dreamer Symposiums and Peter Diaz and Jennifer Lambdin have attended permaculture classes and have created three separate student gardens on the Mercy Campus. Each recipient received an award and were acknowledged as role models of leadership and service.



Athletics

Feller Signs Letter of Intent

Sarah Feller, Student Body President, signed her letter of intent to play soccer for Colorado Christian University. The following is a press release from CCU:

Getting to Know Sarah Feller

What are you most looking forward to about CCU

(as a school)? I am really looking forward to growing in my faith as well as sharing it with others, as well as leaving home and trying new things.

What are you most looking forward to about CCU (soccer)?

I am looking forward to helping a great team get better, as well as grow in skill myself. I'm looking forward to sharing a field with the Lord and a group of women who love the beautiful game as much as I do.

What are your hopes for the soccer team within the four years you are at CCU?

I hope that the program grows stronger and becomes more well-known. I'd like to see us pull out a championship or two, but mainly I hope that we can all get to be better players and that we all work well together. "I'm really excited to get to play the beautiful game I love with a new set of people and continuing to play it with the Lord. It's been a goal of mine to play soccer in college, so getting this opportunity is a dream come true. I can't wait to take on this next season and hopefully bring home some more wins." *CCU Coach McPherson on Sarah: "Sarah is a very well rounded player with the technical ability it takes to impact every aspect of the game. Her set pieces are dangerous with either foot, her ability to finish will impact our success, and her tactical awareness with consistent execution will create dangerous scoring opportunities for others."*

2015 Fall Sports Highlights

Congratulations to our Cross-Country team for advancing to the CCS finals once again. The team placed 13th in the final standings within their division 4 as 6 girls qualified for the race. The team also placed 6th overall in a very competitive WBAL.

Congratulations to our Varsity Water Polo team for winning the PAL Ocean division. The team came up just short in their quest for a CCS bid. The team finished league play with a solid 11-1 league record and finished with a most impressive 16-8 overall for the season. Special recognition goes to Senior Maddy Gomes who was voted MVP of the Ocean division by the league coaches.

Congratulations to our Frosh Volleyball team for winning the WBAL Frosh division. More impressively, the team finished with an overall 18-1 record. Great job ladies. The future of our Mercy Crusader Volleyball program is very bright!

They're off to Vegas! Congratulations to the Varsity Pom, JV Pom, Hip Hop and Jazz Dance Teams for their first place wins at the Jamz "Slam City Championships" at the Cow Palace. Their first place wins qualified them for bids to the Las Vegas National Championships at the Orleans Arena February 26th.

Mercy Cheer is off to see the Mouse! The Varsity Cheer team qualified for USA National Cheer and Dance competition in Anaheim California. They will be competing against teams from all around the country on March 26 and 27th. Let's hear it for all of our Mercy spirit squads.



Senior H2O Polo Standout

Star Senior Water Polo player, Madison Gomes, was selected as MVP of the Ocean Division of the Peninsula Athletic League (PAL). She was also selected to participate in the Pacific Zone Senior Girls All-Star Game. This annual event was a showcase game for the top seniors from the Central Coast Section versus the top seniors from the North Coast Section. Maddy has received the following awards during her Water Polo career at Mercy: All-League Honorable mention as a freshman for the PAL League, 1st Team All-League her sophomore, Junior and Senior years and named Central Coast Section (CCS) Honorable Mention both Junior & Senior years - Maddy was also named Offensive MVP for her 2015 Mercy Varsity Team. Way to go Maddy!

WBAL/PAL All League Athletes

Fall 2015

Cross Country:

Meghan Moyer - *1st team all-league*
 Zoe Jinishian - *2nd team all-league*

Tennis:

Angelina Zamattia - *1st team all-league*

Volleyball:

Lexi Cavagnaro - *Honorable Mention*

Water Polo:

Maddy Gomes - *MVP/1st team all-league*
 Marena Kibblewhite - *1st team all-league*
 Daisey Paulsen - *1st team all-league*
 Claire Justman - *2nd team all-league*
 Cassandra Bradley- *Honorable Mention*

Cross Country



Varsity Golf



Varsity Water Polo



JV Water Polo



Mercy's Fall Sports Award Recipients

Fall 2015

Volleyball-Varsity

Coaches Award - Lexi Cavagnaro
Coaches Award - Kathleen Glasser
Coaches Award - Sophia Barberini

Volleyball-Junior Varsity

Coaches Award - Kat McGee
Coaches Award - Grace Collara
Coaches Award - Jordan Hanks

Volleyball-Frosh

Coaches Award - Claire Baldocchi
Coaches Award - Kate McHale
Coaches Award - Allison Remulla

Water Polo-Varsity

Most Valuable Offensive Player -
 Maddy Gomes

Most Valuable Defensive Award -
 Marena Kibblewhite

Coaches Award - Lauren Murphy

Water Polo-Junior Varsity

MVP - Carolina Salame
Most Improved - Victoria Ortiz
Coaches Award - Olivia Benedetti

Cross Country

MVP - Meghan Moyer
Coaches Award - Kylie Wong

Golf

MVP - Carmela Roque
Most Improved - Deirdre Bonitz
Coaches Award - Emma Curia

Tennis

MVP - Angelina Zamattia
Most Improved - Julia Chopoff

Varsity Volley Ball



JV Volley Ball



Frosh Volley Ball



Varsity Tennis



Varsity Song Pom



JV Song Pom



Cheer





MAKING a difference Scholarship Benefit

Your gift will change a young girl's life.

Making A Difference is not just about providing financial aid, it is about providing an opportunity for a young girl to attend Mercy, an opportunity which can change her life forever.

Mercy High School has always offered tuition assistance to our students. This commitment allows us to fulfill our mission of educating young women of all economic backgrounds. However, rising costs and a challenging economy make it difficult for many families to afford a Mercy education. The requests for assistance have dramatically risen over the past few years. In 2004, we established our "Making A Difference" Program in order to raise the additional funds necessary to help us reach our goal of ensuring that all qualified applicants who dream of a Mercy education are afforded that opportunity. This program is a crucial source of funding for our tuition assistance program. Funding for Mercy's tuition assistance comes from individual donations, foundations, grants, endowment interest and the "Making A Difference" Program.

Through "Making A Difference," we have raised nearly \$1.5 million allowing us to say "yes" to more students. We are seeking support from our Mercy community to help us meet the increased needs of our families. The Making A Difference 2015 program raised over \$280,000. The Benefit is being underwritten by the Board of Directors. 100% of all sponsorships, donations and ticket sales directly assists girls in need of financial aid.

This year's Benefit Dinner is more important than ever!

- Mercy's tuition for 2015-16 is \$20,242.
- Nearly 33% of our families receive financial aid.
- Financial aid and scholarship funding for 2015-16 is over-\$800,000 of which \$280,000 was raised through our Making A Difference program last year.
- The Making A Difference Scholarship Benefit Dinner is underwritten by the Board of Directors allowing 100% of donations to benefit our students in need of financial assistance.

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- * Sponsors of \$1,500 and above will have a reserved table for twelve at the Making A Difference Benefit and two tickets to the Circle of Mercy in October.
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**Making A Difference
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a sell-out!*

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A gift of any amount is greatly appreciated!



MPC

Mercy Parent Club

Mercy Parent Club

The school year was off to a dynamic start with a Welcome Barbeque for parents and faculty sponsored by the Mercy Parent Club (MPC). It was an evening filled with great excitement as new parents joined our school community and returning parents renewed friendships after summer break.

MPC hosted our traditional **Mother Daughter Tea** for moms, daughters and grandmothers who enjoyed a beautiful sit-down tea in the Mansion. Mercy dads and daughters came to our **Father Daughter Dance**, an evening filled with music, games and dancing! We also honored all of the dedicated teachers, staff and administration with our **Faculty/Staff Appreciation Luncheon**, a tradition started more than 25 years ago.

“A Taste and Take Wine Event” was a huge hit with wine lovers, vintners and connoisseurs! The event featured more than 10 wineries with many of the winemakers present who discussed their wines with our guests. The Mercy Parent Club provided exquisite hors d' oeuvres and 50% of all wine sales were donated to Mercy by the wineries. Parent volunteers are busy getting ready for **“Mai Tais at the Mansion”** which will take place in March.

Special thanks to our MPC officers, event chairs and dedicated parent volunteers who make these events possible.





A Toast to Mercy 2015

A Taste & Take Wine Event
Thank you to our Sponsors!

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Mai Tais

at the Mansion

Saturday, March 5, 2016

6:00pm • Kohl Mansion

Food, Libations,
Silent and Live Auction

All proceeds benefit
Mercy High School

Presented by
the Mercy Parent Club

Reservations online at
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Alumnae

Angela Silva '09 *Sustainable Gardening in Italy*

My name is Angela Silva (pictured above) and I graduated from Mercy in 2009. This past summer I was fortunate enough to embark on a journey of a lifetime. I spent 3 months working in Italy where I traveled to various farms throughout the country. I learned how to sustainably cultivate and harvest a multitude of fruits and vegetables and then together with the host family, we brought the harvested produce to the local market to sell. By living and working with these Italian families, I indeed became highly educated on sustainable agricultural processes as well as quite the saleswoman, but more importantly I learned a lot about myself. I learned that it is possible to be both independent and gregarious simultaneously. I subjected myself to what would seem like frightening situations to most of my peers – traveling abroad alone living with strangers for whom English is not their primary language. For me, this experience was anything but frightening; in fact, it was exciting. I thrived in every situation I was in and made life-long relationships. I took advantage of my time in Italy and became an expert on the culture, cuisine and even perfected the Italian language. To be quite honest, I attribute a lot of my ambition and dauntless behavior to my education and experience at Mercy. PHOTOS: Above - Pulling the weeds surrounding the zucchini plants at the farm of the children's camp in Sarzana; above right - Building a clay house in Abruzzo, Italy that will be used to host future "work-aways" like myself.



Three Generations of Mercy Girls

The Junior Ring Ceremony is a time-honored Mercy tradition. At the Class of 2017 Ring Ceremony, we were delighted to have with us three generations of Mercy alums: Eugenia Dubbiosi Holand '59, her daughter Lynette Hovland '81 and granddaughter Michela Hovland '17 who received her class ring. Congratulations to all of the members of the Class of 2017!



Decorating Kohl Mansion

Thank you to our wonderful Mercy High School Community for designing and executing the most stunning Christmas decor at Kohl Mansion! Each one of these creative ladies played a major role in making the Mansion a holiday showcase. Special thanks to current Mercy Moms - Patricia Gimbal, Kelly Lustenberger, Monica Melkesian, Libby Schaul, Jamee Schorno and Una Uniacke. Special thanks also to Moms of Mercy Alums (MOMAs)- Lisa McCormick, Kelli Benz, Terry Christensen Dahlberg '85 and to Mercy Alum Debbie Rogers Petrucci '73 who came back to continue this holiday tradition.



Kathy Lautze Krause '68 receives SVdP Award

In October, Kathy Lautze Krause '68 received St. Vincent de Paul's 2015 Community Supporter Award for her volunteer work. Kathy answers the phones weekly in the main office taking calls from clients who cannot pay their rent, PG&E, etc. along with other needs. She has been a member of their Eat Your Heart Out Fundraiser committee for four years and has worked with the ladies at Catherine's Center teaching them healthy cooking. Kathy is also involved with There With Care that provides meals, food and supplies to families that have a critically sick child. Monthly, Kathy cooks at St. Charles Church using the food that

they receive from the food bank to make meals for TWC clients. She still has her small accounting business but prefers to put most of her energy into volunteer work. Kathy has been happily married for 38 years and has two adult daughters.



Jocelyne Takatsuno '96 "Global Living Room Chat"

Jocelyne Takatsuno '96 spoke with interested students, faculty and staff at our first "Global Living Room Chat" in the Reception Room on issues concerning refugee relocation world wide. Jocelyne Takatsuno has extensive experience in the field of International Affairs having worked over 10 years with International Rescue Committee. She has worked in a number of countries in Africa, particularly Darfur and Uganda, in East Asia, particularly Myanmar (Burma), and in the Middle East, among them Syria and Jordan. She graduated from Mt. Holyoke and received her MS in Foreign Service from Georgetown. She is presently living in Turkey. During

her talk she commented on the insightful questions asked by our students primarily because of their high interest in community service. Teacher Peter Diaz commented, "I found Jocelyne's presentation very informative on her work with immigrants and countries in crisis. She spoke of how her organization tries to give some sort of stabilizing presence to people whose lives are turned upside down by conflict in their respective country. She did everything from logistically trying to transport food so people could eat to caring for the emotional well being of women who have been beaten and raped by family members. Her personal stories made her work come alive and feel very poignant."



Alumnae Spotlight

Mercy prepares our students for the opportunities tomorrow brings. Our alumnae continue to grow and flourish in college, graduate school and beyond. Each issue of The Oaks will feature an Alumnae Spotlight, highlighting a different woman each time touting her achievements and how her experience at Mercy has shaped her future. We hope you will be inspired by these amazing women.

Alumnae Continue to Play Lacrosse in College!

Lacrosse is an up and coming sport that is quickly rising in popularity around the world. More people are beginning to take an interest and starting to play competitively. Lacrosse is projected to be an Olympic sport by 2024, which would likely mean a large increase in the amount of athletes devoting their time to this sport. Mercy is well ahead of this trend, having offered lacrosse as a sport for many years, which has already benefitted many of our students. Two of our distinguished young alumnae, Christine Doherty '13 and Frances Siu '15, have honed their lacrosse expertise and continued to use that skill and the other benefits gained through being a part of the Mercy Lacrosse team as they moved on to college. We chose them for our Alumnae Spotlight this month and reached out to get some insight on how lacrosse and Mercy have helped them during this important time in their lives.

Christine Doherty is currently a student at George Fox University near Portland, Oregon. She has not only been playing on her school's division III Lacrosse team for three years, but she has also been captain since freshman year. Last season, Christine was honored as a Northwest Conference (NWC) scholar athlete, which is a student athlete with a GPA of 3.5 or above, and was selected to be on the all NWC second team for lacrosse. Christine was also a student body officer while at Mercy, which greatly influenced her experience both at Mercy and later in life.

Frances Siu was approached to join the U19 select Lacrosse team for American International Sports Teams (AIST), which will represent the US abroad, traveling through England and Scotland from August 1st to the 10th during the summer of 2016, experiencing European culture and competing with top players from around the world. Frances is a student at the College of San Mateo.



Christine Doherty '13

What does it mean to you to be a Mercy Girl? To me, being a Mercy Girl means that I will always have a place to call home and friends to turn to for the rest of my life. Being a Mercy Girl means that you graduate as a woman who values education, dedication, self-worth and confidence in oneself and others. The confidence that Mercy instilled in me through being a student body officer (SBO) and in other forms of leadership has helped shape me into who I am.

What did you like best about playing lacrosse at Mercy? Other than the sport itself, something that I loved the most about playing lacrosse at Mercy was the team atmosphere. Playing lacrosse at Mercy taught me so much about how to work hard as team members and have fun at the same time.

What was one of your best memories from Mercy? One of my best memories from Mercy was being a SBO. I had so much joy planning and organizing fun events and rallies for the entire school. Even if it was stressful at times, seeing the expression on all of the girl's faces was worth it. I also really enjoyed both going to Kairos and having the opportunity to lead a small group my senior year.

How did Mercy impact this next phase of your life? Some ways that Mercy has impacted the next phase of my life is through showing me my love for servanthood. At school, I am a social work major and plan on continuing school to get my masters in social work. As of now, I am planning on either working as a social worker in the pediatric unit of a hospital or in child protective services. But, I know that whichever path I go down that the Lord will provide me direction, with His plan for my life. Thanks to the confidence that Mercy instilled in me, it provided an amazing foundation for me to build a life that will focus on serving others. I am thankful for the laughter and memories that Mercy provided for my life, and hope that Mercy will have the same impact for other girls.



Frances Siu '15

What does it mean to you to be a Mercy Girl? In my opinion, being a Mercy Girl means being a well-rounded woman within today's society. It's not only about academics, but includes community, athleticism, and leadership as well. Being a Mercy Girl, means being a woman who is not only talented in one area of life but in multiple, so that she may participate and be successful in the various events life offers.

What did you like best about playing Lacrosse at Mercy?

Playing lacrosse gave me the opportunity to not only play on a team, but contribute to a family like structure. I did not grow up with sisters, so the team allowed me to become close with girls who shared a familiar love for the game as I did. I enjoyed that no matter who you were, lacrosse brought all types of personalities together. I also appreciated having a supportive coach who taught me valuable lessons that were relevant both on and off the field. Being surrounded by a strong team was one

of the best things lacrosse has offered me, and will be something I'm going to cherish forever.

What was your best memory of Mercy? I think my favorite thing about Mercy is that the opportunities and chances you'll get are endless. If I had not gone to Mercy, I never would have met my best friends who are an important part of my life today and I also would probably not have been as involved and in love with the game of lacrosse as I am today. Mercy offers a community that pushes you to do your very best, so being in that community allowed me to branch out and push myself harder than I ever have before. Making life-long friends and participating in a sport that broadened my skills is something that I won't forget.

How did Mercy help you in this next phase of your life? Mercy has allowed me to become a more confident woman, on the field, in my social life, and much more. Mercy has taught me that no matter what you do with your life, you must hold your head high. I think that's crucial especially in college and in the future when I enter the workforce, because confidence is a quality that not many obtain and it definitely makes you stand out amongst a crowd.

—Emma Miller '18, Marketing Intern



1965

Homecoming 2015 Honoring Alumnae from 1935 - 2005

This past September the halls of Mercy were filled with excitement as alumnae from the 1940's to the 2000's returned to Mercy to celebrate with their classmates. The day began with the Mercy Associates hosting a beautiful Coffee with the Sisters in the Motherhouse. Mass was celebrated by Father Stephen Howell with music by Sister Suzanne, Sister Marguerite and Sister Jean Evans and other members of the Sisters of Mercy choir. The Mass ended with the singing of the Alma Mater and the Mercy Fight Song!

Following the Liturgy, over 230 "Mercy girls" gathered to celebrate their class reunion with a reunion luncheon in the Mansion. Class pictures were taken on the Senior Stairs or on the green. For some of our graduates, this was their first time back at Mercy since their graduation!

Mom & Daughter
Nancy
Compani '65
and Lisa Kling
Fandrich '90



The Carey Sisters
Gina Herrera '90
& Megan Carey '95



ALUMNAE Homecoming/Reunion Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016

All Mercy alumnae are invited!
Celebrating classes ending in '6 and '1

10:00 a.m. Coffee with the Sisters

11:00 a.m. Mass

Noon - Reunion Luncheon, Kohl Mansion. Advance reservations required. Reservations can be made at www.mercyhsb.com.





Class Notes

Calling All Alums!

Let us know what you are up to! We love to have information for the Class Notes section of the Oaks, as well as information we can use in an article! Use the enclosed envelope to send us your news and photo or e-mail us at alumnae@mercyhsb.com. We look forward to hearing from you soon!



1951

Gail Pighetti Rocca writes, "Ed and I celebrated our 60th Wedding Anniversary on January 29th this year (2015). We have been blessed with good health and our issues are more age related problems. Ed is now a 12 year colon cancer survivor. We now have 3 adult children, 3 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. I always wanted to have 6 children, but did end up with 6 grandchildren. Hello to the class of 1951, best wishes and fond memories!"

moved to Oakhurst in 1976...worked 35 years for Sierra Tel as manager of corporate communications and customer service...served on state and national telecommunication boards and committees...husband Ron worked for Sierra Tel for 34 years as a buildings and construction supervisor...happily retired and live just outside the south gate of Yosemite National Park, which we visit often...we volunteer at the Yosemite Sierra visitors bureau and continue to be very much involved in our wonderful (unincorporated) community...wonderful memories of Mercy, especially Sister Mary Suzanne and Sister Mary Ernest and the greatest classmates!"



1960

Sr. Bernadette Hart (PHOTOS) writes, "These are some photos from a luncheon at Max's restaurant in Burlingame. My class, '60, meet there every January-whoever is free to come. This year 16 of us gathered. Pictured at left:

- #1 Susan Torriglia Monahan and Joyce Moresci Brucato.
- #2 Kathleen Belletto Cammarata, Mary Conway Zodrow and Rosemarie Welp Keebler.
- #3 Rosemary Kennedy, Maria Iskiw (behind); Helen Moran Bredderman, Barbara Rose Thieman Billings, Kay Ingalls.
- #4 Sister Bernadette Hart
- #5 Joanne Hickey Prolo and Megs Mackesy Booker

Susan Torriglia Monahan writes, "The class of 1960 gathered for lunch organized by Pat Camarena. Wonderful time to see 20 of our classmates. I'm still singing at Santa Clara University mass and enjoying work at Mission College."



1961

Jeanette Lazare Brown writes, " I have spent the last 50 years in the town of Redding, CA. raising my son and 11 years later my daughter. I loved raising my children, but then I got to enjoy my son's 4 children and my daughter's son, all of whom are adults now. The son Mardy and his lovely wife, Lisa moved to Dallas, TX area some 16 years ago and now have 6 grandchildren, thus giving me 6 great-grand children. In order to be near them and enjoy

Sharon Mazzei Colgate (PHOTO ABOVE) writes, "Married 54 years...4 children...8 grandchildren...lived 15 years in San Mateo and worked for the school district in Title 1 programs...."



PHOTOS:
1961 Carolyn Jeane Buhs SND above left pictured with teaching staff and students on the veranda, below teaching social studies to her students
1964 Nancy Rutherford Prescott in Kenya center holding baby
1964 Jeanette Brown Ganahl pictured with her daughter in Italy

these little ones, I talked my husband of 46 yrs., Ron, to sell our home and move to Texas. We did, and settled in the town of McKinney, TX. We really enjoy family gatherings and attending various events and outings with the family. So glad the decision to move has been a positive experience. As a final comment I'd like to mention that my high school buddy, **Patt Thiemann Herfindal '61**, and I are still in touch and try to see each other every year or two. Happy New Year to all you Mercy Girls."

Carolyn Jeane Buhs SND de Namur PHOTOS is still teaching in South Sudan and writes, "Greetings from South Sudan! On November 19, 2015, Solidarity Teaching Training College-Yambio in South Sudan, celebrated the Graduation of 50 students. Having completed a two-year Pre-Service course, or four years of two-month In-Service course, each student received a certificate signed by the National Minister of Education. They will go out to teach in Primary Schools around the country...We're having insecurity problems at present. Please join us in praying for peace."

1964

Jeanette Brown Ganahl (PHOTO) writes, "I retired this fall from the California Department of Education as an Education Administrator and spent a month traveling in Italy with my daughter, Kerry. Now I am planning to be able to spend more time with my 96 year old father who still lives independently in Millbrae, in the house I grew up in. Life is good!!"

Judy Epidendio Etchamendy writes, "Still living in Carson City, NV. Really like all the seasons that we have up here. The desert has a beauty all it's own. Have two grandsons. Jess is 21 and Gabriel is 20. Have one from each daughter. Our oldest daughter Gayle lives in Carson and has gone back to school. Our youngest daughter Lynn, lives in Elk Grove (where we lived for about 10 yrs., then back to Carson). My passion, now that my grandkids are grown, is quilting and I probably quilt 3-4 hours a day. Still love the 49ers, Giants and even the Raiders. I watch more sports than my husband even though he played in high school. Really enjoy reading about all the people in the classes behind me and the ones in front of me. Of course, Peg graduated in '65, so knew lots of her friends, also."

Nancy Rutherford Prescott (PHOTO)

writes, "To the Mercy High School Alumnae, Happy Healthy Brighter Peaceful New Year! My siblings are fine, **Joan Rutherford McCorkell '63**, **Carol Rutherford Cohen '67**, **Barbara Rutherford Crest '68** who went to Mercy, Mark and Terri went to Burlingame High. Husband Mark and our children and grandchildren are doing well from 5th grade to pre kindergarten...in 2015 I took a trip of a lifetime to Nairobi, Kenya, Africa. What a life changing experience! The African people were wonderful, benevolent welcoming people. I've wanted to go all my life, and finally went as a missionary! Mark stayed home with our 5 pets and prayed for the 15 Americans in Africa. Mark and I have had a great 4 years together with God in the middle of our marriage."

1966

Carol Haines Peters writes, I just finished with 8 months of fighting breast cancer. If you remember I had children's leukemia in 1990 and a bone marrow transplant to save my life. So to get another cancer 25 years later put my faith to test again. I didn't ask God "why me Lord?" I asked him was he sure? And

Class Notes



PHOTOS:

1969 / to r: **Debbie Higgins Hamer, Janice Bazzani, Cherie Ree Emberson Gluck, Rene Bouscal Pecota, Norreen Bulotti and Lynne Rosaia.**

1972 Elizabeth Fajardo and Jan Pelfini Marshall '59

1967 Sally Mulready with her grandchildren

he answered "yes." I had both breasts removed and 4 months of chemo and 2 months of radiation. I did very good with all of it, better than they expected. I am now ready to get on with my new life. My faith in God, Blessed Mother and Holy Spirit helped me get through my ordeal. They never left my side. My husband, Rich, was the best partner and support as always. We can now celebrate our 46th year of marriage. My children, lots of friends and family came to my aide as well. I praise the Lord for all the people he sent in my path. Now I am sure I will be asked to be in others paths. God Bless and be with you all!"

1967

Nadine Mignault Goyhenetche writes, "With 3 sons and 1 daughter, I had one candidate for Mercy, but she chose co-ed (obviously already very comfortable with boys!). Now we have FIVE grandsons... and are expecting our first granddaughter in December. PERHAPS in 14 years I'll finally get my Mercy girl!"

Sally Mulready PHOTO writes, "I read the Mercy News and enjoy hearing about other grads, particularly from my class of 1967. Here is brief synopsis of the past 30+ years wow!! : moved to Gilbert Az in 1985, enjoyed 35 year career as a Marriage and Family Therapist, retired a year ago. I enjoy time with my three wonderful sons and their families. I have two remarkable grandchildren and a third on its way in March. I am in a loving relationship am thoroughly enjoying retirement with lots of world travel (I am headed to Myanmar next week) and am carving out time to draw and paint. Life could not be fuller and more blessed. by the way, I visit my brother and his family in Burlingame a couple of times a year and have often gone for a run through the Mercy campus... it is wonderful to see it so beautifully active and cared for."

1968

Kathy Lautze Krause in October, Kathy Lautze Krause '68 received St. Vincent de Paul's 2015 Community Supporter Award for her volunteer work. *(see photo and full story on page 25).*

Margaret Dillon Waters writes, "I retired on 1-1-16. My husband Bill Waters, which some of my classmates might have known, passed away suddenly on 11-2-15 at 66 years young. Bill went to St. Barts in San Mateo and Serra High school so think of him when you talk to God. I am surrounded by my children, grandsons and family and friends and plan on completing Bill and my 'bucket list' travels."

1969

Janice Bazzani PHOTO writes, "In September 2015, on a trip to WDC and New York, Class of 1969 Mercy west coast alums met east coast alums for a lively brunch and mini reunion in Sag Harbor, NY."

1972

Elizabeth Fajardo (PHOTO) writes, "Here is a photo of **Jan Pelfini Marshall '59** and myself on Halloween at the store (Macy's), 'who are the real mannequins?' We're just having a little fun!"



Cathy Rach Parrish (PHOTO above) writes, "I am very happy to announce the birth of our first grandchild, Miss Joanna Frances Ledbetter, born January 5, 2016 at the Naval Medical Center San Diego. Her mother, **Meghan Rose Parrish Ledbetter** (Mercy class of 2003) and father, Josh Ledbetter, are currently stationed in San Diego with the US Coast Guard. Josh is an Electronics Technician serving aboard the USCG Cutter Boutwell. Meghan's career as a preschool teacher will happily be replaced with being a full-time Mom. It was my honor and pleasure to be present for the birth. I foresee many trips to SoCal to love on this precious baby girl!"

1974

Jan Isble Dolan writes, "The class of 1974 has a face book page it is 'mercy ladies' please post in our next news letter so we can keep in contact with our classmates. We meet for lunch or dinner every few months, and really have a great time!"

1978

Mariann Byerwalter - In November 2015, Stanford Health Care announced that Mariann Byerwalter will serve as its interim President and CEO, effective January 2, 2016. Byerwalter is currently Chairman of the Board of Directors of SRI International, and a board member of Stanford Health Care. In addition, she is currently a Director on the boards of Pacific Life Insurance Company; Franklin Resources, Inc.; WageWorks, Inc.; Redwood Trust, Inc.; the Burlington Capital Group; and Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford.

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1988

Marcella Gehlhar Ramos (PHOTO) above writes, "Since graduating, I will be celebrating my eighth year as a branch manager with First Federal Savings and Loan, including three years at the Marina Branch in San Francisco so far. I also have the pleasure of leading the Rotary Club of Fisherman's Wharf as its president this year. Five years ago I married the love of my life, Salvador Ramos, at El Patio Espanol in San Francisco, where we had the ceremony and reception with almost 300 guests. We don't have kids but enjoy our nephews immensely, the youngest of whom is 11 months old and the other, two years. We live in San Mateo and enjoy the diversity of the Bay Area by frequenting the movies, Rotary fundraisers, and various eateries in our spare time."

1996

Jocelyne Takatsuno, see page 25 for "Jocelyn Takatsuno Speaks to Mercy Students."



2002

Aisling McElligott (PHOTOS above) writes, "I recently moved to Ireland with my husband of 5 years, Liam McElligott. I have opened up my own Beauty Studio in Kilflynn, Co. Kerry. I lived in San Francisco for many years after graduating with honors in International Business from University of the Pacific in 2006. Decided to change careers a few years ago and went to Cosmetology school at the acclaimed CINTA AVEDA Institute in San Francisco. Been living in Ireland since April and loving it. No children yet, but hope for a family soon!"

Class Notes



PHOTOS: 2006: Molly Klase Vasquez '06, Caitlin Koulakis '06, Carmen Kestekyan Antonian '06 and Sarah Klink Ross '06; 2006 Carmen and Tigran Antonian; 2008 Katrina Mae Cabauatan and fiancé Eric Galamay.

Mercy Volunteer Corps

Are you ready for adventure? Is this your time to embrace compassionate service, spirituality, and a simple lifestyle? Do you have a year to spend... cultivating Mercy and Justice in our world? Think of a year of service with Mercy Volunteer Corps!

In partnership with the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, women and men of Mercy Volunteer Corps (MVC) enter into relationship with people who are economically poor and marginalized. MVC promotes social change by placing and supporting volunteers for one year of service in the U.S. and South America. Mercy Volunteers work in education, healthcare, and social services while living together in community and growing spiritually.

Mercy Volunteer Corps is looking for dedicated women and men who are:

- 21 Years or Older
- High School or College Graduate
- Motivated by the Gospel to Serve
- Comfortable with the Catholic Church
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- Flexible and Adaptable
- Gifted with a Sense of Humor
- Single or Married With No Dependents

For more information, please visit the Mercy Volunteer Corps website at www.mercyvolunteers.org or contact Angie Carlton, the Community Coordinator for the West Midwest at angiecarlton@mercyvolunteers.org or by phone at 402-399-2438.

2006

Carmen Kestekyan Antonian

(PHOTOS) writes, "This year has been an amazing year! I got married on June 27, 2015 to Tigran Antonian, who is a Sergeant with the San Francisco Police Department. We met in 2011 and got engaged last year in Las Vegas where we saw Celine Dion for my birthday in March! Our wedding was beautiful with many close family and friends. We honeymooned in Italy and enjoyed a relaxing break after all the wedding chaos! Mercy girls in attendance were Molly Vasquez (Klase), Caitlin Koulakis, Sarah Ross (Klink). All from class of 2006. I have also been working for a great company in Foster City called Sycomp. I recently got promoted from an executive assistant to a marketing position. I have been with Sycomp for about 3 years now and love it there!"

2008

Katrina Mae Cabauatan writes

(PHOTO) "I have some great news that I would love to share with my fellow Mercy girls! I will be graduating with a Master in Nonprofit Administration from University of San Francisco's School of Management in May! I am also extremely excited to announce that I will be getting married in June to Eric Galamay, my boyfriend since I attended Mercy and a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps!"



Eva Martinez PHOTO

writes, "I am currently a first year at UC Irvine School of Medicine. I am specifically in the PRIME-LC Program (Program in medical

education for the Latino community). On top of the medical school curriculum this program will allow me to better acquire the tools necessary to serve the underserved latino community. As a member of this program I will also be getting a masters on top of my MD."

Adrienne Kleid and Laura Mees

(PHOTOS), best friends since their junior year Closeup trip to Washington DC, have somehow managed to become engaged within a month of each other. Adrienne and her fiancé, Timothy Curtis Schoneau, met at San Fransisco State and after nearly 7 years of love and a move Honolulu together are finally getting married. He decided to pop the question at the Honolulu Christmas parade, just as all the lights



PHOTOS: 2008
Left - Adrienne Kleid and her fiancé Timothy Curtis Schoneau.
Right - Laura Mees and fiancé Sam McDowell

came on. **Laura Mees** and **Megan Chan**, bridesmaids, (Mercy '08), have already put together the planning spreadsheets and budgets for this joyous occasion. They're as excited about welcoming Tim into the weird family of friends as they are about the planning spreadsheets. Templates available upon request. **Laura** intends to sign papers legally binding her to Sam McDowell at some city hall, somewhere, someday. The couple lives with their two dogs in Emeryville and share a passion for fitness, pragmatism, and lazy Sundays. They are currently crafting a brilliant and comprehensive prenup, and just adopted the perfect puppy to add a little chaos to their home. Both their dogs kindly request that you send your congratulations in the form of bacon or peanut butter. *(written by Adrienne and Laura)*

2009

Angela Silva see "Sustainable Gardening in Italy" on page 24.

2010

Jenise Spiteri writes, "I'm in Switzerland training for the next winter Olympics right now."

2011

Chrystelle Azcona writes, "I got my real estate license in 2013 while studying at Sonoma State University with the hopes of going into residential real estate after graduation. I graduated this past May

with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing only to fall in love with commercial real estate after talking with a Mercy SF alum that has since become my mentor and brought me on as her leasing associate at Kimco Realty, we're a real estate investment trust that owns and operates North America's largest portfolio of neighborhood and community shopping centers such as Westlake Shopping Center in Daly City, Cupertino Village across from Apple HQ, and Olympia Place in downtown Walnut Creek. I currently negotiate leases and manage 15 shopping centers out of my office and try to focus on maintaining mom and pop type shops since that is the essence of community shopping centers. If any fellow Mercy alumnae ever wants to open a business at any of our centers, I'd be more than happy to help them out!"

2014

Vanessa Lieberman writes, "I started my first year at Ringling College of Art and Design, studying Interior Design, but soon realized that if I wanted to sustainable build and design, Ringling College would not offer me the classes for that and I was not quite sure what I really wanted to do. I then began to apply to some schools, one of them being Eckerd, where I am currently a sophomore. Eckerd College in Florida is very different from Ringling College of Art and Design, but I think it is a good difference. Currently I am taking a Winter Term Course about Independent Films and attended the Sundance Film Festival. Before heading to the festival, we learned about the making of independent films, as well as watched and discussed films that premiered at Sundance. While at the festival, we wrote reviews, news and any information that was interesting about the festival or Park City, Utah itself."

ALUMNAE Homecoming/Reunion

Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016

All Mercy alumnae are invited!

Celebrating classes ending in '6 and '1

10:00 a.m. Coffee with the Sisters

11:00 a.m. Mass

Noon - Reunion Luncheon, Kohl Mansion. Advance reservations required. Reservations can be made at www.mercyhsb.com.



Planned Giving

The Easiest Way to Make an Impact *A Gift in Your Will or Living Trust*

- **Ready to start planning today?** Interested in helping Mercy High School, Burlingame with our mission but feel overwhelmed by the thought of writing another check or giving up your assets today? A simple, flexible and versatile way to ensure we can continue our work for years to come is a gift in your will or living trust, known as a charitable bequest. A charitable bequest is one or two sentences in your will or living trust that leave to Mercy High School, Burlingame a specific item, an amount of money, a gift contingent upon certain events or a percentage of your estate.
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Five Wishes *November 2015*

In November 2015, three members of our Board of Directors, Clare Pool Purpura '75, Kelli Benz, Sister Judy Cannon, RSM and Mercy's Advancement Director Mary Lund hosted an afternoon session on Five Wishes for alumnae and friends.

Five Wishes was originally introduced in 1996 as a Florida-only document, combining a living will and health care power of attorney in addition to addressing matters of comfort care and spirituality. The goal of Five Wishes is to help people talk with their family, friends and doctor about how they want to be treated if they become seriously ill so family members will not have to guess what they really want.

We presented the Five Wishes, provided some basic will and estate planning information to take home, and discussed the importance of sharing their life story with younger generations in their family. The program was well received, provided an opportunity to discuss the very sensitive topic of thinking about end-of-life issues, of how you want to be treated and how to begin to share your desires with those close to you and your doctor. For more information, contact Director of Advancement Mary Lund.

ALUMNAE

Elizabeth M. Chadwick '38

Sue Borchers Galipeau '59 daughter of Joan Lucier Borchers '36 (dec), sister of Katherine Borchers Carr '67 and Bonnie Borchers Fragomeni '73

Katherine Griffin '45

Mary Harvey '54

Catherine McCabe Jordan '44

Patricia L. Kennedy '51

Elizabeth Weaver Knebel '49

Beth Wachter Lange '80

Sara Jane Greening Robertson '61

Janet Selenger Robertson '53 former member of Mercy High School Board of Directors, wife of Paul Robertson, sister of Sr. de Chantal Selenger '61

Patricia Pallanche Samuels '38

Arica Vorsatz Baird '00 sister of Alison Vorsatz '98, cousin of Ellen Vorsatz '12 and Kim Vorsatz Carey, niece of Elizabeth Vorsatz Smiley '79

Barbara Dillon Wagner '58

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Fabian Abellana brother of Felicity Abellana '08

Bob Barron father of Bonnie Barron '76

Mary Battaini mother of Susan Battaini Coyne '72, Joan Battaini Nayala '75 and Michelle Battaini '77

Teresa Corrine Benavidez very good friend of Clare Dolim, former Alumnae Office Staff

Brad "Rocky" Bertetta son of Bonnie Pors Bertetta '55

Ron Brovelli husband of Andrea Minucciani Brovelli '61, father of Jacqueline Brovelli Suarez '82 and Tricia Brovelli '94

Thomas Byrne husband of Maureen McCue Byrne '53, father of Michelle Byrne Kozlowski '79, Monica Byrne Truettner '77, Melissa Byrne Albrand '81 and Mary Agnes Boals

Tracy Albers Castillo daughter of Sandra Albers, Mercy Advancement Assistant

Andrew Conway father of Theresa McVicar '80, brother of Nancy De Smedt '53

Reynaldo Dela Rosa grandfather of Alister Borabo '19

Edward Joseph Doherty brother of Marjorie Doherty Sangmaster '48, Kathleen Doherty Moran '53, Moira Doherty Bromham '60 and Peggy Doherty Fallon '65

Robert Dario-Dominguez father of Rachael Dominguez '85

Bruno Fatica grandfather of Olivia Benedetti '18

Armindo Ferreira Diniz grandfather of Kelcie Ferreira '06

Carmelita Floresca

mother of Maricar Floresca-Arsalane '86, and grandmother of Sabrina Arsalane '14 and Alexandra Floresca '16

Martin Frank husband of Ellen Hudson Frank '63

Frances Garbini grandmother of Gina Mei Anderson '95

Mike Germano father of Kristina Germano '08

Yvonne Giuseponi mother of Gabrielle Giuseponi '13

Revelia C. Hall mother of Ramunda Hall Owens '82, Bernetha Hall '83 and Jennifer Flowers '74

Catherine Harrigan great aunt of Stacey Longwich '98, Mercy Director of Marketing

Robert Harrold husband of Yvonne Craig Harrold '65

Bill "Coach" Heilman former Mercy Track and Field coach and father of Roxanne Heilman '92

Don Isble Husband of Kathleen Isble '68

James Keane brother of Mary Keane Belleveau '34 (dec)

Margaret Joyce Kircher mother-in-law of Mary Francis Schaffer Kircher '78

Ave Lovi mother of Carla Lovi Brosnan '68 and Mary Ann Lovi Button '72

Frances McVeigh mother of Sharon McVeigh Pettigrew '67 and Margaret McVeigh Dipseo '81

Jack Menges husband of Colleen Krause Menges '54

Raymond Monteverdi father of Julie Monteverdi McCarthy '67

In Memoriam

Please remember the following alumnae, alumnae family members and friends of the Mercy High School Community in your prayers. Please note we have tried our best to list all deceased members and relatives of the Mercy Community. In the event we have missed someone, please contact Mercy at 650.762.1190 and we will include their name in the next Oaks.

Jack Montserrat grandfather of Emily Naughton '17 and father of Patricia Naughton, Mercy San Francisco alum

William Francis Murphy father of Mary Murphy '87 and Patricia Murphy Tyson '90

Marianne O'Reilly mother of Maeve O'Reilly '06

Judy Paraveti she and her husband, Ed (dec.), were former directors of Mercy Caffetera

Douglas Robertson husband of Mary Elise Kron Robertson '70

Ron K. Rock Sr. grandfather of Marie Rock '19

Mary Saunders grandmother-in-law of Aimee O'Donnell Saunders '97

Frank Scerri great uncle of Shay Scerri '13 uncle to Steve & Jill Scerri, Mercy's Graphic Communications Coordinator

Ron Sciandri father of Rebecca Sciandri Griffin '88

John Shubunka father of Christine Shubunka '79

Bill Waters husband of Margaret Dillon Waters '68

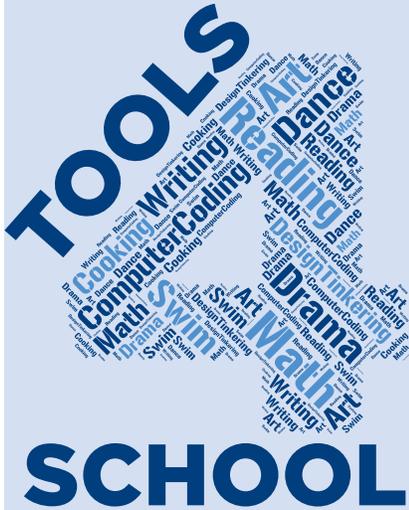
Ann Bernadette Wilkinson daughter of Cecilia Wilkinson '56

Jospeh Zamagni grandfather of Marisa Pashby '13

The Mercy Mass Program - At each of our school liturgies we pray for those people who have been acknowledged in the Mercy Mass Program. Donations are made in memory of a loved one and to honor others for anniversaries, birthdays, or at times of illness. To enroll a loved one in the Mercy Mass Program, simply contact the Mercy Advancement Office at 650.762.1190 or salbers@mercyhsb.com on visit www.mercyhsb.com.



Spend Your Summer at Mercy High School Burlingame!



SCHOOL

- for 6th & 7th grade girls
- **Transitional Tools** for 8th grade girls

Explore the Arts & Sciences in Mercy Burlingame's Unique Summer Programming

June 20 - July 15 • 8:30am - 3:00pm

Tools 4 School - This four week program is designed for girls entering grades 6 & 7 in the Fall of 2016. Classes consist of math skills, reading and writing groups, beginning computer coding, design tinkering, musical theater, drama, dance, swimming and cooking. The first three Fridays will include field trips for further exploration. Tools for School is designed to encourage creativity, build confidence, learn new things and meet new friends.

Transitional Tools - This four week program designed for girls entering 8th grade in the Fall of 2016 builds on the Tools 4 School program with an emphasis on critical thinking skills, preparation for HSPT and field trips that are more focused to this age group. There will also be many familiar aspects to the program such as: art, dance, cooking and musical theater.



MERCY Summer STOCK

for girls entering 5th -9th grade

Ever dream about being on stage? Do you live to dance? Are you passionate about the arts? Perhaps you have no experience, but you're willing to give it a try? Then this program is for you. Come out and be a part of something great!

June 20-24

9:30-11:30

Choose from:

- Crazy Cupcakes
- 3D Art week 1
- Poetry Jam

12:30-2:30

Choose from:

- Photography week 1
- Videography week 1

June 27-July 1

9:30-11:30

Choose from:

- Hip Hop week 1
- Pitch Perfect week 1
- Acting week 1
- 3D Art week 2
- Fashion and Design

12:30-2:30 Choose from:

- Photography week 2
- Videography week 2

July 5-July 8

9:30-11:30

Choose from:

- Hip Hop week 2
- Pitch Perfect week 2
- Acting week 2

12:30-2:30

Choose from:

- Screen Printing
- Photography week 1

July 11-July 15

9:30-11:30

Choose from:

- Jazz/ballet
- Pitch Perfect
- Poetry Jam

12:30-2:30

Choose from:

- Photography week 2

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A Mercy Dawn

by Sandy Flaherty, Director of Mission Integration

Asleep in its quiet slumber,
a-chill and embraced by a misty fog
of one San Francisco morning,
the steamer Cortez arrived quietly,
docked without notice
at the golden city's port.

Stepping into a morning still sleeping,
Mercy walked off the ship and onto
the Jackson Street pier.

Sole possessions in hand,
with memories of home to comfort
and a mission not yet revealed,
Mercy made her way up Montgomery Street,
ushering in the rising of the sun
and the dawning of a new day.

Refrain: I Arise Today
With eight thousand miles behind her
and an Irish homeland still coveting her soul,
she found Charity and welcome
at the doors of little St. Patrick's church on Market Street.

A simple greeting, yet timeless in its scope,
Mercy met Charity in the company of hospitality and
grace. In Patrick's sanctuary the two Sisters, genuflected
within the sacred, and settled in for morning prayer.

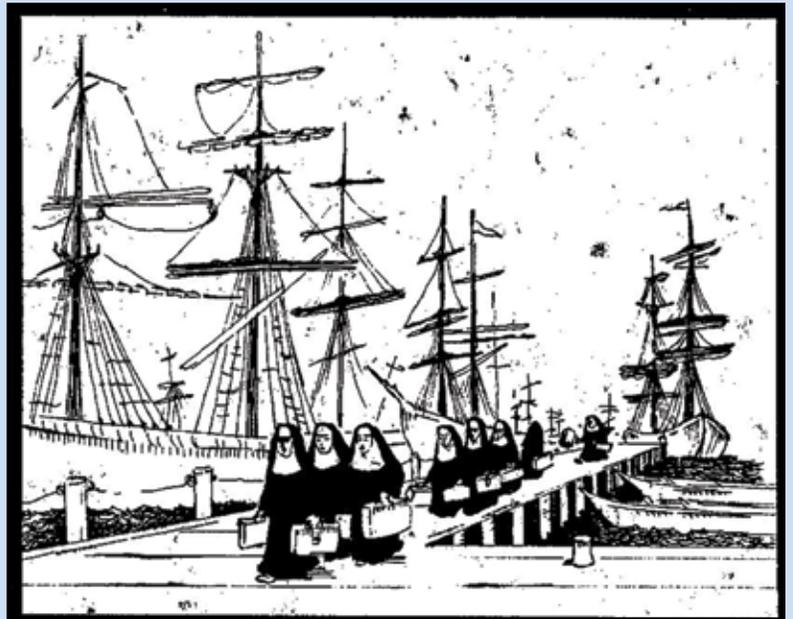
Nourished by the Eucharistic encounter,
Mercy and Charity emerged from morning Mass
to find the city awake and expectant.
On the front steps of the church,
Charity introduced Mercy to the children of a city
groaning into its own becoming.

A city's children tentatively hopeful,
Mercy's compassion warming a chilly dawn,
the morning greeting was soon interrupted,
when a child named Providence reached through the
pleasantries and took hold of the cross dangling at
Mercy's skirts,

Tugging forcefully,
coaxing her forward,
pulling her into the crowd of poor gathered,
commissioning her into the mission for which
she had arrived.

Refrain: I Arise Today

In the days to come
Mercy would rise well before dawn,
to touch the Source which is joy,
to honor the Christ she had met as a child,
to meet the Crucified One out in the streets,
to cleave to the Resurrected One rising within.



And from the depths of that still point
Mercy's sacred consolations enfolded
the indigent poor,
young women in search of their dignity,
the imprisoned reaching for redemption,
a city held hostage by cholera's violent grip.

And from that six room cottage on Vallejo Street,
Compassion would stir,
Mercy would rise,
and pour out into the streets,
down the aisle of ward seven at St. Mary's Hospital,
into cell block three at San Quentin Prison,
across the canvas floor of a tent in Golden Gate Park,
onto the military base at the Presidio and
into the rubble of the violent shaking of 1906 and beyond.

Amid the poor,
among the sick,
and with the suffering,
Mercy did age in wisdom, beauty and grace,
girt about with dignity and strength,
embodying the dying and rising of our God.

She is mystery, yet rooted in earth.
She is one of us, yet beyond us.
She is here with us now, yet a vision of what we hope to be.
She is 1854, yet 2015.
She is 160 years, and so joyfully counting.

As She is
so are we here.
Arise!

Step into a morning still sleeping,
usher in the rising of a new day.
Touch the source which is joy,
cleave to the Christ who is yours.
Dawn, Mercy, dawn!
Dawn the Mercy you were missioned to be!

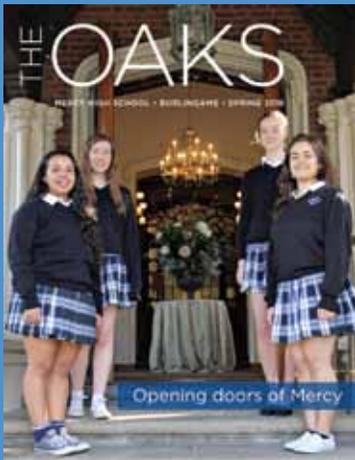
Arise!
And behold the Mercy of our God!



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MaiTais at the Mansion
 Saturday, March 5, 2016

Spring Concert at Mercy
 Monday, May 9, 2016



Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat

Tri-School Spring Musical at Serra
 March 11, 12, 18, 19 - 7:30pm
 March 13 - 2:00pm

Mercy Art Fest at Mercy
 Tuesday, May 10, 2016

Mercy Dance Concert Totally Television
at Skyline College
 Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Making A Difference
 Thursday, April, 21, 2016
 6:00pm

Baccalaureate Mass
 Saturday, June 4, 2016
 (OLA)

Spring Open House
 Tuesday, May 3, 2016
 6:30pm

Graduation
 St. Ignatius Church (USF)
 Sunday, June 5, 2016



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Mercy High School SPRING Open House!

Tuesday, May 3, 2016
 6pm - 9pm

Explore Mercy's campus, meet our students, teachers and administrators and learn more about our community. Register at www.mercyhsb.com