

## *“As long as it starts with Saint, and ends with Interparochial...”*

Those were the words of our third-grader, Morgan, in the early fall of 2011 when we discussed our family’s impending move from South Philadelphia to Delaware County and the idea that maybe she would enjoy going to a new school. It was at that moment that we realized how much Saint Mary’s meant to Morgan.

We had heard many wonderful things about the little school at the corner of 5th and Locust. We had seen how everyone at the school, from the principal to the custodian, treated the children like their own. We had watched as the dedicated teaching staff recognized Morgan’s early strength in, and love for reading and encouraged her with harder books and more challenging vocabulary words as early as in her kindergarten year.

Saint Mary’s quickly became a second home and safe space for Morgan. During her kindergarten year, Morgan’s grandmother died after a battle with cancer. The love and kindness shown to Morgan during that difficult time was a blessing for which we are still grateful. Never did that safe space become more important than during the spring of her second grade year when our son Harry was diagnosed with pediatric cancer. Without hesitation, Saint Mary’s rallied around our family, embracing Morgan and, by extension, her brother. With the chaos of doctor visits and hospitalizations enveloping our family, Saint Mary’s was the place where Morgan could just be a kid, surrounded by her friends and teachers who loved her.

In the fall of 2011, Harry’s kindergarten class started school. Harry was not there in person as he was completing treatment. However, he was there in spirit as the teacher had his picture in the classroom and had his classmates pray every day for their friends they had not yet met. Their prayers worked and by mid-October, Harry was able to join his class in school. One of our favorite stories is one told by the mother of Harry’s best friend, who arrived home from school and said “Guess what, Mom? That boy we have been praying for showed up today.” They remain best friends.



Harry J. Kane, Jr.  
Tina Maria Rago  
Morgan  
Harry

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Like his sister before him, Harry thrived at Saint Mary's, enjoying an education both academically and spiritually that is without peers in the greater Philadelphia area. In addition to superior academics and faith instruction, Saint Mary's understands and practices the Jesuit tradition of "Cura Personalis" or "care of the whole person." Our children were encouraged to participate in the arts, service, athletics, and any other pursuits they found interesting. They each developed a strong sense of duty to serve and have continued that commitment to service as they moved on to high school and college.



Just last month, we had the pleasure of attending the annual Harvest Hoedown at Saint Mary's. Our daughter, Morgan, was honored as this year's recipient of the Harding Award for Outstanding Alumni Service. Her nominating letter was written, unsolicited, by her brother.



As you plan your giving for 2023, please consider donating to St. Mary Interparochial School's 2022-2023 Annual Giving Campaign. There are many worthwhile causes to support throughout the Philadelphia area; however, to help children to thrive, to be loved and cared for, and to shine their light, the cause you should support *"starts with Saint and ends with Interparochial."*

Sincerely,

*Harry J. Kane, Jr.*

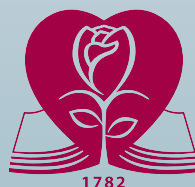
*Tina Maria Rago*

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