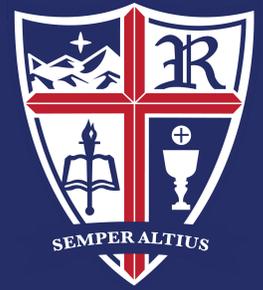


2020



PINNACLE

ROYALMONT ACADEMY



Royalmont Academy to Celebrate its 25th year!

Greetings and blessings from Royalmont Academy. We celebrate the past by resurrecting the "Pinnacle" newsletter to share with families, alumni and donors all the fantastic growth happening at Royalmont. This edition marks the beginning of our 25th year. We celebrate great triumphs in a journey starting in Oakley and expanding to a much larger campus in Mason. Royalmont now serves PreK - 12th Grade students. Our high school will enter its 7th year and currently serves nearly 50 students. We now offer dual-enrollment and College Credit Plus courses. Our preschool and grade school are also growing! Our families, alumni, and donors have made Royalmont what it is today and are helping us forge the path into the future. Thank you for being part of Royalmont Academy's past and for your dedication to investing in Royalmont Academy's next 25 years!

Veronica Murphy, Head of School

Congratulations to the Royalmont Academy Class of 2020! It has been an unprecedented year, one we could have never predicted. They have persevered and finished strong. We are so proud of all of them! Learn more about our graduates and alumni inside this issue of Pinnacle.

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Leaders
since 1996*



Class of 2018 Senior Trip - Ireland, Cliffs of Moher.

Senior Pilgrimage

Memorable moments are made inside and outside the classroom at Royalmont! Over the past few years, our seniors have engaged in life changing learning through their participation on a senior class pilgrimage.

Where have they been? Ireland, Italy, and yet to be determined destinations! Our students prepared throughout their senior year by raising money in many wonderful ways including game nights, dances, baby-sitting, and working outside jobs. Providing service to others and gathering for prayer prepared the seniors to encounter Christ in another culture and opened their minds to a much wider world across the ocean.

What did they do on pilgrimage? They visited churches, castles, local Catholic families, museums, and much more. Each day they started with Mass, breakfast together, then set out on a walking tours around each town they visited. At night, they reflected on their day with highs and lows, they played games, and shared their hopes and dreams. In each town, they stopped in churches to pray for their future, their families, and Royalmont Academy.

Our next class of seniors are very excited to start their own pilgrimage preparation!



Class of 2019 Senior Trip - Rome, Italy.



8th grade students and chaperones visited our nation's capital and attended the March for Life during the annual 8th grade class trip in January of 2020.



Royalmont High School students attended the 2020 March for Life.

Faith Formation

Forming Christian Leaders



Royalmont Academy is a Theology of the Body (TOB) Campus! You may notice a new TOB sign on the front of the school building. Saint John Paul II's Wednesday audience topic from 1979-1984 has been adopted and placed in a teachable form by Ruah Woods. Archbishop Schnurr asked for every school in the archdiocese to put this beautiful curriculum extension in our religion programs. Royalmont jumped right to it as a pilot school. Our Kindergarten - 12th grade students learn how our bodies reveal God and His plan in our lives. It is a beautiful way to fulfill our mission to help our students have a personal relationship with Christ who gave His body for us! Faith formation continues to be at the center of all activities at Royalmont. Faith is woven throughout the curriculum, not just in the classroom.

Our grade school students are led in the Rosary every day after recess. Our students also participate in weekly Mass, First Friday Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, formation retreats, the March for Life locally and in D.C., and participate in a number of apostolic activities throughout the year.



"The Mission of a Regnum Christi School is to form Christian Leaders who will Transform Society."

A Regnum Christi school is a Christ-centered educational community of excellence, focused on the integral formation of its students, offering an experience of joy that comes from encountering Christ and becoming apostles eager to exercise their Christian leadership with a spirit of mission, helping the Church build Christ's Kingdom, impact culture and transform society.



Alumni Spotlight

Matt Conner

Benedictine College, Junior



Royalmont Academy High School Class of 2018 Salutatorian

"I had an amazing experience at Royalmont Academy. The teachers were knowledgeable in their area and more than willing to help outside of class. The administration was well-organized and helped immensely with my schedule as I was taking College Credit Plus courses. I graduated with over 20 college credit hours completed.

After transferring in at the start of my junior year, I immediately felt at home among the students. I ran cross country and played basketball and am still close with several people from those teams. The coaches were very supportive and great at what they do. While there aren't a ton of clubs, if there is something you are passionate about, it's easy to start one.

Having the chapel available at all times was a huge benefit as I could drop in any time if needed, and all-school Mass was offered weekly. Transferring to Royalmont from another high school, that was Catholic in name only, was one of the best decisions I ever made."

Matt attends Benedictine College and will begin his third year studying Chemical Engineering. He is part of Benedictine's honors program as a Presidential Scholar and a STEM Fellow. He also serves as an assistant coach for the Benedictine Ravens basketball team.

Our Graduates have attended:

Ave Maria University
Benedictine College
Kent State University
Marian University
Miami University
Mount Vernon Nazarene University
Northern Arizona University
The Ohio State University
University of Cincinnati
University of Dayton
University of Kansas
University of Notre Dame
University of Toledo
Wright State University
Xavier University



Royalmont Academy Alumni, please be sure to update your mailing and e-mail address using the Alumni link on our website, royalmont.org/alumni to learn about upcoming alumni events. You can also follow Royalmont on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter.

If you'd like to be featured in the next Pinnacle or on our Alumni page, send information to kkinross@royalmont.org.



2020 GALA

Anchored in Faith

We had a fun and enjoyable evening on Saturday, March 7th, for our 24th Annual Gala! Thank you to everyone who sponsored the Gala, donated items, bought raffle tickets, purchased tables or individual tickets to the event, and volunteered your time and talent. All your support made for a fun and entertaining evening for all. Our goal was to raise \$140,000 and we are currently working on closing in on our goal. The Annual Gala and our Fall Banquet are the only fundraisers at Royalmont Academy. If you are able to do so, please help support Royalmont by attending these events or donating during our Annual Fund Drive. Our mission has always been to "bring souls to Christ by forming Christian leaders." With your help, we will continue to do so. We are passionate about our faculty and staff, students and families, alumni and donors. We are on fire with our Catholic faith and will remain true to our mission and our Church! We thank everyone who has supported us over the years, and we hope you will continue to do so today. Thank you for all you do. You remain in our daily prayers.

"The GALA is a great opportunity to come together in fellowship and fun to support our school!"

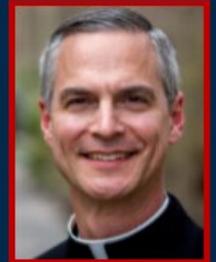


SAVE *the* DATE

Fall Banquet

November 7, 2020

Guest Speaker:
Fr. John Bartunek, LC



25th Anniversary Gala Anchored in Faith Gala

March 13, 2021

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Soul of Lion, Heart of a Servant

We Remember Bob Dwyer



Have you ever met someone who you feel like you have known your entire life? A soul who can make a person feel so comfortable and welcomed immediately within a community is rare. Bob Dwyer, a dear friend of Royalmont Academy, was this person to many. Bob was called home, to be with the Lord whom he loved, December 31, 2019.

Bob was a soul whose gift was to bring in the stranger and make this person feel as if they were loved and cared for above all else. Bob was a rare treasure to his family, the community and to Royalmont Academy. He fiercely believed in and supported the mission of Royalmont: to form Christian leaders who will transform society. He, along with a small band of mighty men and women, founded a school to be set apart by its formational process we call Integral Formation. Although it started from humble beginnings, Bob believed Royalmont into its future.

He referred to himself as “re-tread” as he returned to serve on the Board of Directors in 2016. In this capacity, Bob served as Secretary and then President. He tirelessly served on the Board with love, dedication and food! The teachers and staff were always blessed by his service as he cooked for our retreat days and Epiphany celebrations. We looked forward to his extra little touches to the wonderful creations he made for us. There was no one like Bob! He was first to ask you how you were doing, make sure you had what you needed, and helped everyone understand the heart of what Royalmont was about. We thank his family for sharing him with us, especially his wife, Kathy. We miss Bob dearly, but we know he is praying fervently for us. Bob had the soul of a lion and the heart of a servant leader. We are honored and thankful for all he did for the Royalmont community! Rest in peace dear friend.

College Credit Plus and Dual-Enrollment Options at Royalmont

The State of Ohio’s College Credit Plus (CCP) program helps students earn high school and college credits at the same time by allowing them to take semester courses from community colleges or universities for no charge. The purpose of this state program is to promote rigorous academic pursuits and to provide a wide variety of options to college-ready students. Taking a course from a public college or university is free which means there is no cost to the family of students for tuition, books, or fees. We have had college-ready Royalmont high school students take advantage of this program and many have now earned college credit while fulfilling high school graduation credit requirements. Since instituting the program in the 2017-2018 school year, our CCP students have earned a total of 79 college credits.

Dual-Enrollment courses at Royalmont allow our high school students the option to participate in college courses taught by our on-site high school teachers. The instructor teaches in our classroom and the course runs the entire year (two semesters). Royalmont has historically contracted directly with Mount Saint Joseph University, OH, and Benedictine College, KS. Students may choose to take the course for free for high school honors credit only or may opt to take the course for college credit for a small, per-credit fee. The fee is paid by the family directly to the college and is less expensive than the same 3 credit hour course would cost for a typical college student. This option allows the student to receive high school course credit at Royalmont while generating a college transcript and gaining college credits. Since school year 2016-2017, our high school students have earned 146 college credits with the dual-enrollment program, saving families approximately \$80,000 in college tuition.



The Year in Photos



Royalmont Academy named to the Cardinal Newman Catholic Education Honor Roll



The National Honor Roll program is directed by the Cardinal Newman Society and has recognized only 300 high-performing Catholic high schools nationwide since the program's inception in 2004.

Royalmont Academy engaged in a thorough internal and external review of its comprehensive program offerings before being awarded this status. It has received specific recognition for its strong integration of Catholic identity throughout its efforts, including the integrity of its mission, and the strength of its community and rich spiritual life. The Honor Roll also recognized the school's efforts at integral formation of the minds, bodies, and spirits of its students as well as its comprehensive academic program which seeks to instill a Christian vision of the world and human wisdom and culture.

"The Honor Roll is a helpful tool for families and benefactors in recognizing the quality of a Catholic high school," said Patrick J. Reilly, president of The Cardinal Newman Society. "It is external validation that a school is both focused and successful in meeting the high calling of Catholic schools to serve the well-being and salvation of students and to serve the common good."

Dr. Denise Donohue, coordinator of the Honor Roll, stated, "We are very pleased to have Royalmont Academy join in the nationally recognized ranks of excellence; this is a select group. The school has well demonstrated they are successful in meeting the key principles that guide Catholic education."

Royalmont Academy's Head of School remarked, "It is great affirmation for Royalmont to be recognized by the Catholic Education Honor Roll. This distinction confirms our commitment to the mission of Catholic education. I applaud the leadership, administration, students, parents, teachers, and staff for their hard work in assuring a strong Catholic identity permeates all that we do in preparing our students to be future leaders in both society and the Church." *Cardinal Newman Society*

CLASS OF 2020!

Congratulations to our Graduates!



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