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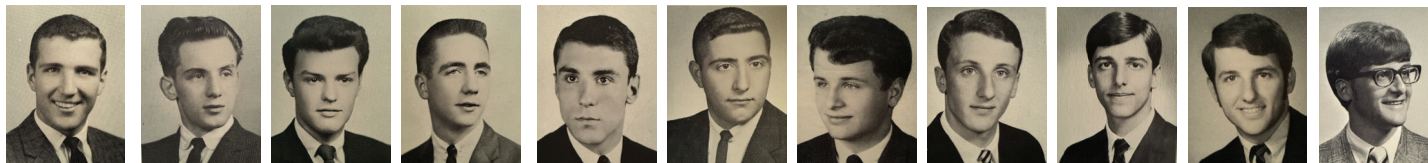


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All In The Family

Thank You Friar Thomas DeCorte, Class of 1963

In true Augustinian spirit, Austin Catholic Preparatory School in Detroit was a place where family roots ran deep. Generations of the same families walked its halls, bound by faith, friendship, and shared tradition. Friar DeCorte's cousin crew certainly embodied that legacy, their family presence echoing through the corridors from 1958 through 1972.



Leonard Carnaghi 1958	Paul Miller 1958	Dave Miller 1959	Robert DeCorte 1959	Joseph Kramer 1961	Thomas DeCorte 1963	Leo "Lee" Bonamy 1967	Chris Bonamy 1968	Mark Chancey 1969	Joel Bonamy 1970	James Bonamy 1972
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Memory Unlocked: It Was the Summer of 65

Thank You Friar Anthony Nehra, Class of 1965



"I was proud to be a scholar and an athlete. A lot is owed to my coaches, but the person I honor the most is Mr. Thomas E. Bailey. He taught me Freshman and Senior English and Junior French. He was demanding, engaging, and made everything a pleasure."

Friar Nehra adds that Bailey directed several plays that introduced students to theater. After graduation, Bailey's influence inspired Nehra and several friends to travel to New York City's Broadway, where they saw *Funny Girl* starring Barbara Streisand and *The Odd Couple* with Art Carney and Walter Matthau.



Mr. Thomas E. Bailey

Bailey also played a key role in encouraging Nehra to attend Georgetown University to experience the East Coast. Nehra later returned to Michigan for medical school and residency. After settling in Rochester, Michigan, he had an opportunity to reconnect with Bailey before his untimely death, as well as with Bailey's wife and daughter, forming lifelong friendships.

"I am a proud member of the class of 1965. This was a very accomplished group, and I was privileged to be a part of it.

Nehra maintained a full schedule while at Austin Catholic Prep Detroit: Varsity Basketball, 2, 3, 4; Intramural Sports, 1, 2, 3, 4; Debating Club 2, 3; Friar Staff, 3, 4; Letterman Club, 2, 3, 4; Sanctuary Society, 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council, 2, 3, 4; Class Treasurer, 1, 3; Section President, 2, 3, 4; Section VP, 1, and Track Team, 1, 2, 3, 4.

Friar Update:



Memorial Update:



Friars who submit a *Friar Alumni Update* are placed in a random drawing to win a Friar Alumni notebook. Here are this month's winners:

1. Agnone, John A. - 1968
2. Blair, Marilyn - faculty, librarian
3. Boyd, Gregory - 1963
4. Deprest, Gerard - 1958
5. Jackson, Marty - 1974
6. Holland, Walter "Bud" - 1965
7. Howenstein, Ed - 1971
8. Nehra, Anthony - 1965
9. Thibodeau, David - 1976
10. Stano, Gary

Annual Fund:



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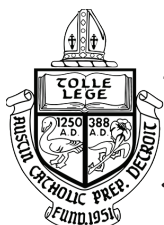
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Class of 1976 Celebrating 50th Reunion

For our planning purposes, I encourage you to make your reservation(s) as soon as possible. You can register with a credit card via this QR code; or by sending a check (with guest name if applicable) payable to Jeff Reger, mailed to my home address: 237 Williamsburg Dr., Shrewsbury, NJ 07702-4564.



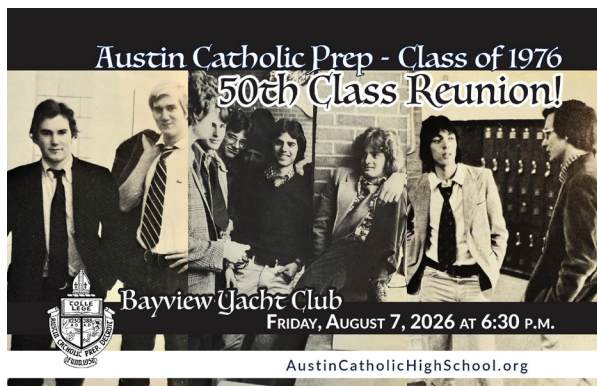
Class of 1976 50th Reunion

Bayview Yacht Club

Friday, August 7, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

100 Clairpointe Street, Detroit, Michigan 48215

C: Friar Jeff Reger - 732-239-2163 - jpreger237@gmail.com



Class of 1966 - 60th Reunion

Saturday, August 29, 2026
BAYVIEW YACHT CLUB
100 Clairpointe Street, Detroit, MI

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Pope Leo XIV Clears Schedule for Merrimack College, Includes 2025 Alumni Coppens

We are delighted to share that ACHS 2025 alumna Molly Coppens was blessed with an unforgettable moment during her recent visit to Vatican City in Rome. In a gracious and pastoral gesture, His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV, cleared his schedule to visit with the students.

Coppens, pictured here just to the left of the Holy Father, is currently on a 10-day pilgrimage, through a program of Merrimack College, that follow St. Augustine's steps through the course, which is called Pellegrinaggio in Italia (Pilgrimage in Italy).



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