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# FROM WHERE I SIT...

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...we've come a long way – and a bright future lies ahead!

I saw a greeting card recently. I believe it was a card to celebrate one's graduation. On the front of the card was a drawing of Winnie the Pooh and Piglet. Winnie the Pooh was staring intently at a line of footprints — and saying to Piglet: "They only tell you where you've been."

We inaugurated our celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Padua Franciscan High School at the Bruin Benefit in April. Certainly an important part of such an anniversary celebration is, like Winnie the Pooh and Piglet, looking at the line of Padua's footprints and considering where we have been. We take the time in this jubilee year to reflect upon our past, to be mindful of our history and our heritage, to remember the events and the persons, over many years, that brought us to our present day. It is a good and worthwhile thing to make this memory, for it is those events and those persons which have shaped Padua Franciscan High School — not only as an institution but also as a community.

When Padua Franciscan opened its doors in the fall of 1961, it opened its doors to a building only half completed. That image, to me, is a striking one — and a meaningful one. From the beginning, Padua Franciscan was "a work in progress." Eventually the architects and contractors and construction workers completed hallways and classrooms and offices that are the physical place known as Padua Franciscan High School. But you and I know that Padua Franciscan is more than just bricks and mortar. Well before that first day of school, well before the first shovel of dirt was turned, there were those who had a vision — those whose

hopes and dreams, whose energy and enthusiasm, whose dedication and commitment to Catholic and Franciscan education laid our sure foundation. And from the moment that first school bell rang to begin the first class period of our long history — and ever since then — faculty and staff and students, administrators and parents, families and friends have continued to build on that foundation in countless ways, big and small. Through all those efforts which shaped curriculums and clubs and athletic programs, which shaped our tradition in the fine arts and our generosity in outreach and service, which shaped us as a school for young men and shaped us again as a school that also welcomed young women, which shaped who we are and what we do in mission and ministry — so we have become that community of *holiness and learning* which is known as the Padua Franciscan family.

It is this building up of a community that is, I believe, at the heart of our celebration of this anniversary year. We look at footprints — the footprints of those who have gone before us, who have led the way, who have shared our lives. We remember and celebrate and give thanks to God for those persons, those relationships, those lasting lessons learned, those values and ideals that make us who we are today. It is my hope that it is precisely this that we hold in our minds and hearts, that we treasure and cherish, that we lift up with joy and gratitude — not only in this jubilee time but every day and always. For whether one graduated at that first commencement in 1965 or most recently as the Class of 2011, it is those relationships, those life-lessons, those values and ideals that are of enduring worth and that we take with us and hold onto for our continued growth and good.

Once again, the pages of this *Paduan* are filled with accounts of persons who have been and are a part of our rich heritage — describing the ways in which Padua Franciscan High School has provided opportunities, has shaped lives, and has offered a bright future. For that too is what our anniversary is about: not just where we have been but also and especially where we are going, not just the footprints but also the path that lies ahead — that bright and promising future that is before us because of where we have been and who we have been together these past fifty years. We will continue to build together — build relationships, build hopes and dreams, and build a community of holiness and learning for many years, for many generations to come.

As you read in these pages (and elsewhere) about the events planned for the coming year, I truly hope that you will be a part of those events as much as you are able. Come and be with us in this special time. Perhaps you are frequently in touch with the Padua community and a part of our activities — or perhaps it has been awhile since you have visited the school or awhile since we have heard from you. Please continue to let us know where you are and what you have been doing. You too have helped to make us who we are today. Please join us as we celebrate together — renewing, strengthening, and deepening those fifty years of relationships that have made us the Padua Franciscan family.

With prayers for blessings of peace and everything good —

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Fr. Theodore J. Haag, O.F.M., President

# JOSH ROBERT THOMPSON

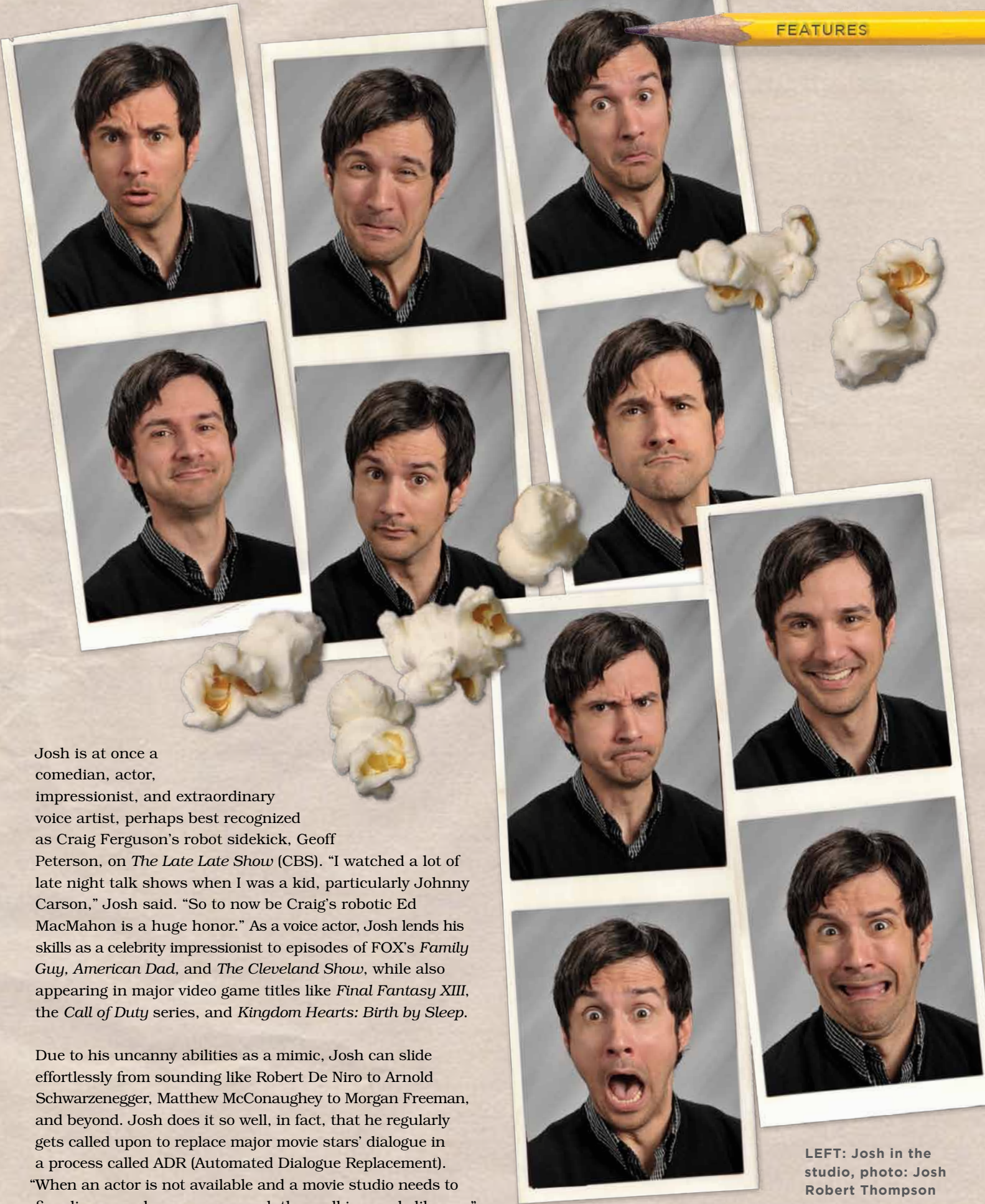
## MAKING AN IMPRESSION IN HOLLYWOOD



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*ever underestimate the power of old-time radio, late night TV, or midnight monster movies. For **Josh Robert Thompson '93**, these early broadcasting influences gave rise to an entire career in showbiz as, in his words, “a professional schizophrenic” extending his multiple personas throughout radio, television, video games, and at a theatre near you.*





Josh is at once a comedian, actor, impressionist, and extraordinary voice artist, perhaps best recognized as Craig Ferguson's robot sidekick, Geoff Peterson, on *The Late Late Show* (CBS). "I watched a lot of late night talk shows when I was a kid, particularly Johnny Carson," Josh said. "So to now be Craig's robotic Ed MacMahon is a huge honor." As a voice actor, Josh lends his skills as a celebrity impressionist to episodes of FOX's *Family Guy*, *American Dad*, and *The Cleveland Show*, while also appearing in major video game titles like *Final Fantasy XIII*, the *Call of Duty* series, and *Kingdom Hearts: Birth by Sleep*.

Due to his uncanny abilities as a mimic, Josh can slide effortlessly from sounding like Robert De Niro to Arnold Schwarzenegger, Matthew McConaughey to Morgan Freeman, and beyond. Josh does it so well, in fact, that he regularly gets called upon to replace major movie stars' dialogue in a process called ADR (Automated Dialogue Replacement). "When an actor is not available and a movie studio needs to fix a line or replace a swear word, they call in people like me," Josh explains. "For the TV version of *Tropic Thunder*, I ended

LEFT: Josh in the studio, photo: Josh Robert Thompson  
 ABOVE AND COVER: Photo: Stephen Crompton



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**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:**

**As Robert De Niro, and Arnold Schwarzenegger, photos courtesy: CBS.**

**As More Than Freeman, photo: Alex Lake**

**Don J Cable, photo: Dave Uhrin, Sr.**

up recording dialogue for the five major principles — Robert Downey Jr., Jack Black, Tom Cruise, Nick Nolte, and Matthew McConaughey. So when you hear Tom Cruise’s character, Les Grossman, say “fudge” instead of the other word, that’s me!” Josh also narrated 2010’s *Yogi Bear* as Morgan Freeman, and in Great Britain he is known as the ubiquitous character “More Than Freeman,” doing for that nation’s “More Than Insurance” what Flo has done for Progressive here in the States.

**HEARING VOICES**

A self-diagnosed child television addict, Josh spent much of his youth glued to the TV set, fascinated with actors who could become any character they desired. “I have often joked that I owe my entire career to three things: 1) being born in the Midwest 2) being an only child and 3) being raised by classic television,” he says. At age eight, his grandmother presented him with a Fisher-Price tape recorder that gave him his first vehicle to slip into a world of his own making. “Bob Hope, Milton Berle, Red Skelton, Johnny Carson – were all big time influences. I watched what they did and mimicked it into my tape recorder, creating my own radio and TV shows. Naturally, I did the voices of both host and guests!”



At age 9 he stepped onto the stage at The Cleveland Playhouse as a cast member in the performance of *Peter Pan*, but found the most joy in creating his own works in the privacy of a basement “studio.” He continued to record fun audio adventures for his own amusement, sometimes with friends, right through his Padua years. In his junior year, however, he discovered the joy of performing for others, taking the stage as Persian peddler, Ali Hackim, in Padua’s spring musical production of *Oklahoma!* “That was the first time I got huge laughs from an audience. I delivered this one funny line and then made my stage exit. The scene wasn’t over, but I could still hear people applauding wildly,” he recalls. “Then someone backstage said, ‘They’re clapping for you. They love you.’ After that, I was hooked. I owe my entire career to that show,” Josh recalls. The tape recorder gave way to the video camera as Josh and fellow classmates began creating feature-length movies (*Dracula* with **Bill Caco '92**), short films and fictional television shows. “All throughout high school, **Dave Uhrin '93** and I did something called *D n J Cable*,” Josh explains, “which was basically this idea that our favorite Padua teachers were moonlighting as talk show hosts. Between the two of us we played 50-plus characters and built these elaborate sets in my basement. Only about ten students ever knew about it, but it was done very respectfully. I’m just glad we didn’t have YouTube back then!”

A few years after graduating, Josh headed out to Los Angeles where he immediately began work on his own local television program. “It was a late-night horror movie show called Schlock Theatre, as a tribute to Ghouardi (Ernie Anderson),” he explains. “Now I was out of the basement and doing a real show in a real studio.” It was around this time that Josh also began performing as a stand-up comedian and earned his degree in TV, Radio, and Film production from California State University at Fullerton.

### A RARE TALENT DISCOVERED

Following graduation, Josh continued to indulge his passion for impressions and improve comedy by producing a number of long-running shows on L.A. public access TV. Then in 2003, during the California recall election, he decided to prank call the TV show *Fox and Friends*, pretending to be Arnold Schwarzenegger. His dead-on impression fooled the hosts and immediately caught the attention of *The Howard Stern Show*, where he became a mainstay of the program as “Fake” Arnold—fooling celebrities and the media for nearly a decade. Before long, Josh signed with several talent agencies and began picking up roles as a voice actor in animated series and video games.

His decade of work in public access TV finally paid off when an episode of his satirical televangelical show, *The Apostle BG*, caught the attention of *The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson* writer, Joe Strazullo, who wrote Josh his first on-camera, national television appearance as Governor Schwarzenegger. Soon after, Josh became a regular *Late Late Show* player, appearing in dozens of sketches as Robert De Niro, Schwarzenegger, and the voice of Morgan Freeman. Five seasons later, Josh became the official puppeteer and voice of Ferguson’s robot skeleton sidekick, Geoff Peterson.





“The Geoff Peterson role is among my most favorite,” he says. “All of my interactions with Craig Ferguson (*Late Late Show* host) are totally improvised. That he trusts my comedic instincts enough to do that is a huge honor in this business.”

Always a self-promoter, Josh began to post clips of his impressions on YouTube. A British ad agency exec searching the Internet for impressionists happened upon Thompson’s Freeman impression. Picking up the phone, he contacted Josh’s agent and offered him the chance to play “More Than Freeman” as the insurance company’s icon, a multi-year gig that began last November. With the approbation (and adulation) of Mr. Freeman himself, Josh began appearing on British tele commercials and in other advertisements. “It’s a bit disconcerting to drive down a highway and see huge pictures of yourself on billboards, dressed in a mustard-colored suit,” he says, “But I could get used to it.”

### AN APPRECIATION FOR THE PAST

“I’ve never received any negative feedback from the people I’ve impersonated,” says Josh. In fact, he reports that Morgan Freeman, to whom he was recently introduced backstage at *The Late Late Show*, said to him, “Say, aren’t you the one who does impressions of me?” When Josh sheepishly admitted he was, Freeman grinned and said, “You might just come in handy someday.” Never truer words were spoken as, several months later, due to a scheduling conflict, Josh was called in to record Morgan Freeman’s narration for Warner Brother’s *Yogi Bear* movie.

As much as Josh Robert Thompson is talented (the Screen Actors Guild made him use his middle name because of another actor with a similar name) he is both soft spoken and humble about his success. “I tell kids who want to get into the business to have reverence for the old days, although I see it less and less in young people in general, particularly in the business of entertainment,” he says. “I’ve gotten so far because of the values instilled in me at Padua. I’ll back up what I learned there 100 percent. I’ve learned that if you are nice to people, they are nice to you and want to work with you over and over again.”

On a recent visit to the school, Josh remarked that his last memory of Padua was graduation day, June 1993: “While everyone was excited about going to parties that night,” he recalls, “I could not wait to get out of there and go see *Jurassic Park*...and then shoot my own version of it in the basement!”



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#### CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:

In the recording studio, photo: Josh Robert Thompson.

As More Than Freeman, photo: Alex Lake.

With Geoff Peterson (*The Late Late Show*), courtesy: CBS.

Speaking at Padua, photo: Stephen Crompton.





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# PADUA MARKETING CAMPAIGN

## *Nets Multiple National and NEO Awards*

The new student recruitment campaign launched this school year by Padua Franciscan High School has not only yielded an increase in applications, but recognition by marketing professionals from Akron to Atlanta. Two separate panels of marketing and advertising professionals — one in Akron, Ohio, and the other in Atlanta, Georgia — have recognized Padua's campaign with an unprecedented eleven marketing and advertising awards...so far.

On February 22, the editors of *Higher Education Marketing Report*, the leading national publication of educational marketing, announced that they had awarded Padua an unprecedented six Gold awards in its annual competition. Only 214 out of 2,500 entries received this designation, and most were awarded to colleges and universities. Among the award-winning elements of the Padua campaign was the school's new recruitment "package" containing

an interactive DVD, direct mail pieces, and other promotional items that included various indoor and outdoor advertising. The school's magazine also received a Gold award.

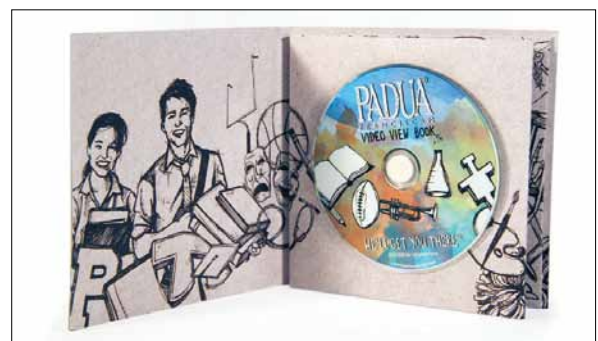
Then, on February 25, the Akron chapter of the American Advertising Federation announced that Padua had been awarded three Gold and one Silver ADDY® awards. Gold was given in the categories of Direct Marketing to Business or Consumer, Interactive Media, and Special Effects. The overall packaging design of the recruitment kit received a Silver ADDY. Just a month later, the material received a Gold award in the District ADDYs, qualifying it for national competition.

The new Padua campaign was developed in collaboration with 427 Design, LLP of Akron, Ohio. As a result of this relationship, Padua has received more than 70 national and local awards for its marketing since 1991.



"We'll Get You There!" reflects the school's distinctive Franciscan philosophy of enabling students to succeed in college, career, and in life based on the development of individual talents and abilities. "The truth of this statement is evident each year as colleges offer nearly 70 percent of our grads at least one academic scholarship," says **Jerry Jindra '70**, Padua's vice president for Institutional Advancement.

For copies of Padua's award-winning materials, email [GJindra@PaduaFranciscan.com](mailto:GJindra@PaduaFranciscan.com).



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### *Padua Stadium Press Box Mural*

Thanks to Padua's franchise friends (and french fries) from area McDonald's restaurants, a colorful mural has been installed on the back of the Padua Stadium press box. The mural represents several of the outdoor sports and activities at Padua. We're lovin' it!

## FRIAR CLUB DINNER *Gathers Old and New Friends*



The Padua Friar Club is comprised of long-time and loyal friends of the school who have demonstrated their commitment to the school through their extraordinary generosity.

Although Friar Club members gather several times a year to enjoy Padua athletic, artistic, and social events, the clear favorite is the annual Friar Club dinner held each November at the pavilion of Padua's Camp Cordé facility (see photo). Among those inducted this school year were Eileen and



Ray Fox, whose support of Padua Franciscan extends five decades. They are shown here receiving their membership certificate from Padua president, Fr. Ted Haag, O.F.M. Others inducted were **Dr. Joseph Hanna '79** and Dr. Maria Ramundo, **Lucian LiPera '65**, the John Petrunak Family, Ed and Carole Gaydosh, Jane and **Doug '67 Luke**, as well as George and Julianne Keco.



# NEW SOCCER/LACROSSE FIELDS

## *Under Construction*



Despite the winter weather, construction began in late December on the new soccer/lacrosse fields at Camp Cordé off West Ridgewood Drive in Parma.

By late spring, rough grading had been completed, and the sprinkler system and drain tile on the main field installed. Work is progressing ahead of schedule and seeding should be completed by late summer. When finished, the site will contain three fields.

The school plans to re-name the facility. Those interested in naming rights to the 19-acre facility should contact **Jerry Jindra '70** at 440.845.8224 or write [GJindra@PaduaFranciscan.com](mailto:GJindra@PaduaFranciscan.com).



# RED, WHITE & BREW'N

## *An Experience Like No Other*



Padua Franciscan Alumni Association Presents...

**red, white, and brew'n**

An experience of wine, beer, and food.

On Friday, March 4, the Padua Alumni Association presented their 1st annual Red, White & Brew'n event in the school gymnasium. The event consisted of a wine and craft beer tasting and various food sampling stations. The response to this event was overwhelming, selling out in less than a month. In addition to the 8 local craft beers, 12 wines from various countries, and several foods stations, guests received a commemorative wine glass and a chance at various door prizes.

The Alumni Association would like to gratefully recognize The Brew Kettle, Great Lakes Brewing Company, Sammy's Catering, Verso Bistro & Pizzeria, Johnny's Bar, and Padua's own Fr. Ted for their donations to this event.

Only a limited number of tickets will be sold for next year's event scheduled to take place on Friday, March 2, from 7-9 p.m. Ticket information will be available soon, or you can e-mail [RHolz@PaduaFranciscan.com](mailto:RHolz@PaduaFranciscan.com).



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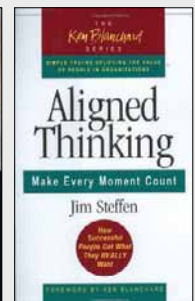
To celebrate Padua's 50th anniversary, he is

offering it free to the first 30 Padua alumni or parents who apply.

Details at [SSAinternational.com/Padua](http://SSAinternational.com/Padua).

Ray taught at Padua from 1963 to 1971. He was moderator of the Key Club when it was recognized as best in Key Club (Kiwanis) International in 1970, and runner-up in 1971.

He is author of Aligned Thinking: Make Every Moment Count.





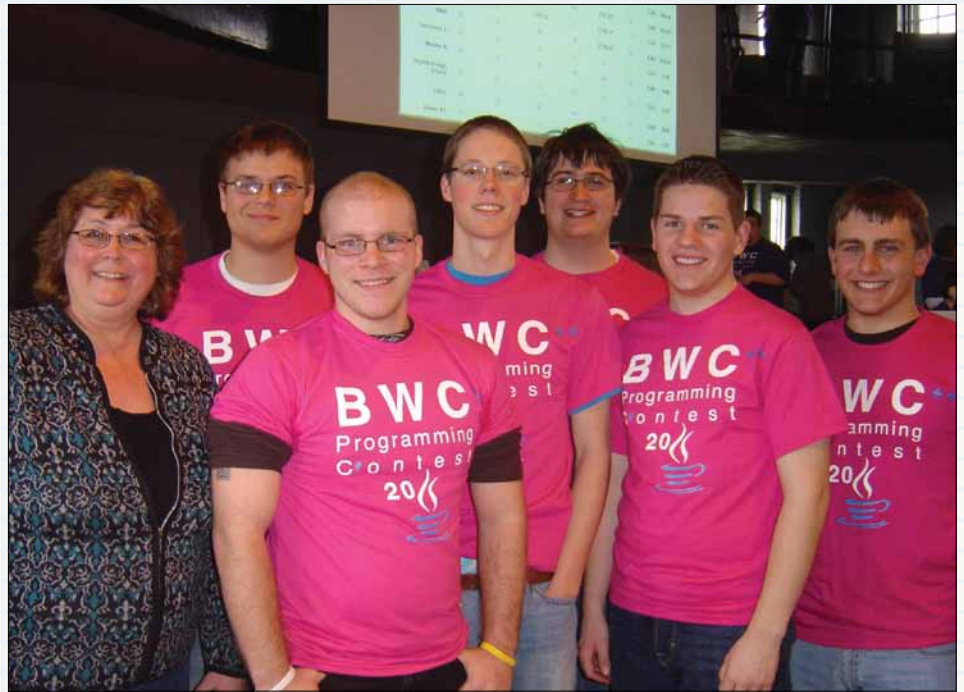
# STUDENT NEWS

The following students had their artwork chosen in regional competition for the 2011 Governor's Show:

**Thu Nguyen '14, Hien Nguyen '12, Lindsey Rusnov '11, Taylor Smith '11, Kristin Breitmeyer '11, Ryan McKrell '12, Victoria Vincent '12, and Emily Yates '12.** Works by Hien Nguyen, Taylor Smith, and Lindsey Rusnov were selected among the top 25 choices from over 1,000 entries by the judges. The winter photograph by Kristin Breitmeyer, "Glazed Over," was chosen to be among those entries to be displayed at the state capitol in April, along with selected other statewide regional entries. Also, Lindsey Rusnov received an award for her portrait, *Grandpa's Dilemma*, in the 12th Annual National Arts Program.

Congratulations to the following students whose original poems were selected and published in *Pine Tree Poetry: Book 5*, a national publication of poetry by students in grades 5-12, published annually: **Christine Bernazzoli '11, Ryan Capp '12, Kevin Bednar '12, Rebecca Hinkelman '12, Maura Hennie '12, Jessica Smith '12, Ryan McKrell '12, Elizabeth Antonik '12, Brian Ostrowski '12, Michael Fuchs '12, Sarah Krafcik '12, and Tyler Weeks '12.**

**Alexis Nieszczur '14** was selected as a finalist in the 2011 Stop the Hate: Youth Speak Out Essay Contest. Alexis's essay was selected from more than 1,700 submitted by students in grades 6-12 throughout a seven-county area. Prizes were awarded at a special awards ceremony at Severance Hall in April, and Padua was awarded a free field trip to the Maltz Museum.



**The Padua Speech Team** made an impressive showing at the OHSSL District Tournament. Special recognition goes to our first-ever STATE qualifier, senior **Liz Malloy**. A two-day competition featuring over 500 competitors, Liz made it all the way to the semi-final round. At the Parma Rotary 4-Way Speech Contest, Liz took first place out of all Parma-area students for the third year in a row.

Congratulations to **Alexander Dzurnak '11** who was named an Eagle Scout for Troop 810 (Cuyahoga Valley District).

The following students had work accepted into and won awards in the **2011 Scholastic Art and Writing Competition**. Their work was chosen from over a thousand entries from students in Cuyahoga County:

**Hien Nguyen '12** received two Gold Keys, two Silver Keys, and an Honorable Mention for entries in both photography and digital art; **Lindsey Rusnov '11** received two Gold Keys and one Honorable Mention in the digital art category; **Aaron Switalski '11** received a Silver Key for a graphic design entry; **Victoria Freedman '11**

received an Honorable Mention in photography; **Emily Yates '12** received an Honorable Mention in the printmaking category.

**Hien Tran Nguyen '12** and **Lindsey Rusnov '11** received special recognition in the Cleveland Clinic Expressions Art Program, sponsored by the hospital's Office of Civic Education. Lindsey's artwork, titled "Grandpa's Dilemma" illustrates research on the relationship between aging and exercise. Hien's work, "Can You Stop Me" supports research on the effect of smoke inhalation by firefighters. Their work was selected from among 800 entries from three states and two countries.

Congratulations to two teams that competed in the Baldwin-Wallace College ACM Student Chapter High School Programming Competition. The Team "Bruins #1," made up of **Alex Dzurnak '11, Kevin Bednar '12, and Ryan Freeman '12**, placed 11th overall in the competition. The "Team Rocket" team, made up of **Pat Hamilton '11, Eric Mustee '11, and Mike Hipp '11**, placed 8th overall and was recognized as a winning team. They each received the prize of a mini-mouse.



The following seniors received awards from the Italian American Cultural Foundation for their essay entry:

1st place, receiving a \$500 award:

**Alexandria Miranda**

2nd place, receiving a \$300 award:

**Sabrina Rocco**

3rd place, receiving a \$200 award:

**Stacy Camarato**

In addition, the following seniors were recipients of the **language award**:

**Alexandria Miranda** (\$400); **Stacy**

**Camarato** (\$200); **Marissa Bennett** (\$200); **Jessica Nekl** (\$100); and **Alexandra Adamich** (\$100).

**Alexandria Miranda** also won 1st place and a \$500 scholarship in this year's "Il Cenacolo Scholarship" competition.

The following juniors were the winners of the essay contest:

**Gina Bona** (\$300); and **David DeFlorentis** (\$100).

## 50TH ANNIVERSARY KICK-OFF *Yields Record-Breaking Results*

Padua's annual Bruin Benefit — *Celebrazione* this past April officially began the school's 50th Anniversary celebration, which will carry on throughout the coming year with a wide variety of great events — something for Every Bruin! At the start of the evening, Padua Franciscan president, Fr. Ted Haag, O.F.M., explained to the crowd of more than 250 people, "Our gathering tonight is for a purpose: to preserve the 50-year tradition of Padua Franciscan High School and ensure its bright future; to strengthen our mission and ministry; to provide for the needs of our community." That message was heard

loud and clear, and the generosity of the guests was overwhelming as this year's event yielded \$130,000 in support of Padua's financial aid program — a new Bruin Benefit record!

This year's Bruin Benefit had something for everyone — hundreds of silent auction items, live auction items, and various raffle items.

Plans are already under way for next year's event scheduled for Saturday, April 21. We are currently recruiting volunteers to work on the planning committee. If the excitement of a benefit auction sounds interesting to you, please contact [RHolz@PaduaFranciscan.com](mailto:RHolz@PaduaFranciscan.com).



## DID YOU KNOW?

- Padua's graduating class of 2011 received nearly \$17,000,000 in scholarship offers.
- The enrollment of Padua's MedTrack program will increase by 32 students this fall, with a waiting list. MedTrack is Padua's unique four-year advanced math and science program designed for students who wish to explore and prepare for a career in the medical profession. The 2011-12 school year marks the program's third year and will contain nearly 80 students.
- The AV room in Padua's lower level is being completely renovated this summer and will become a state-of-the-art, multi-media center capable of hosting and broadcasting long-distance learning classes, ideal for MedTrack activities. The improvement is being made possible, in large part, by charitable contributions.
- When lacrosse was added to the list of interscholastic sports this spring, Padua sports comprised a total of 21 teams, requiring 65 coaches of all types!
- Despite school policy that students must put a lock on their locker, Padua students don't lock them. It is a culture of trust unique to Padua Franciscan.
- Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, recently stated that Padua was among the top 5 percent of high schools sending qualified applicants to the Miami University Honors Program, saying it was "clear that you are producing top-notch graduates."





## OLYMPIC DAY *A Padua Tradition*

What started in 1989 as a winter diversion for students has become an increasingly popular tradition for Padua students, faculty, and staff. Olympic Day consists of a series of zany events and class-organized activities that pit grade levels (and a faculty team) against each other.

Although the events that make up Olympic Day may change from year to year, some of the 'staple events' that have stood the test of time include tug of war, sumo wrestling, and the ever-entertaining lip sync competition. Classes compete against each other with different point totals for 1st, 2nd place, etc.

The faculty-sponsored lip sync is clearly the overall event favorite (and most important for the team overall score). This is a double-point event (10 points to the winning team) and the performances are judged by the talented team of the cafeteria staff. Placement in the lip sync is based on the most creative representation of the theme, originality, enthusiasm, and actual "mouthing" of the songs. Pantomime and costumes are also considered. This year's overall winner of Olympic Day was the senior class.

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## *Bottle Caps Galore*

Why collect bottle caps? For seniors **Mandy Farinelli** and **Ian Fasnacht** the answer is simple... to potentially save a person's life. Mandy and Ian spearheaded the bottle cap campaign after finding out that for every 1,000 bottle caps collected, the Cleveland Clinic would provide a chemotherapy or radiation treatment for someone who could not afford the cost. Over the course of the school year, this project took on a life of its own as other classes picked up the spirit and began to ask friends and family to save all kinds of plastic caps. To date, the students have collected thousands of bottle caps, proving that even the simplest contributions can be life-giving to others.







## *MedTrack Students Tour Parma Hospital*

Freshmen and sophomores in the MedTrack program were recently given a behind-the-scenes tour at Parma Community General Hospital as part of MedTrack's quarterly Career Speaker Series. As underclassmen, these sessions are designed to help students explore the major professions within healthcare, such as primary care, nursing, pharmacy, and others. The after-school trip focused on the laboratory/pathology and radiology/imaging departments, including an explanation of the steps one must take to achieve that goal as well as an introduction to the technology used in each of these fields. To learn more about MedTrack, visit [PaduaFranciscan.com/MedTrack](http://PaduaFranciscan.com/MedTrack).



## *Padua Team is Named Finalist in MetroHealth Competition*

MetroHealth's Department of Neurology sponsors an annual video competition to educate teens about brain health. The 60-second videos are all created by teens for teens, with the topic and key facts provided. Students in Mr. Jake Lantz's 10th period health class were split into teams to create a submission for this year's competition, which focused on headaches. One of the teams was named as one of five finalists, which netted the entire class a celebratory cake and plaque, courtesy of MetroHealth.

Congratulations to sophomore **Austin Stacho** and juniors **Joe Chmura, Katie Hill, Kevin Howell, Alyssa Hoying, Michael Jindra, Biagio Niro, Olesya Rabosyuk, and Haley Reck.**







## *Ain't No Sobbin' at the Spring Musical*

Under the direction of producer Mrs. Tamara Stoica-Plasterer and choreography of Ms. Rebecca Gellott, the students in the production of *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* not only sang but danced their way through the entire show. Starring in the performance were **Kurt Freeman '11** (Adam) and **Liz Malloy '11** (Millie), **Kevin Howell '12** (Benjamin), **Frankie Castrovillari '12** (Caleb), **Daniel Liwosz '13** (Daniel), **Chris Rojas '12** (Ephraim), **Matt Logan '11** (Frank), **Allen Liwosz '11** (Gideon), **Miranda Conway '14** (Alice), **Lyndsey Bokar '12** (Dorcas), **Jacqueline Uhlik '11** (Liza), **Olesya Rabosyuk '12** (Martha), **Sarah Janowich '11** (Ruth), **Amanda Farinelli '11** (Sarah), as well as dozens of others in the cast and crew. *Did you know... the musical is based on the 1954 Stanley Donen film of the same name which is, itself, an adaptation of the short story "The Sobbin' Women," by Stephen Vincent Benét, based on the ancient Roman legend of The Rape of the Sabine Women.*



## *Padua Community Retreat Says "Welcome Home"*

As one of our 50 Events for the 50th, Padua is sponsoring a Welcome Home Retreat for Padua alumni, parents, and friends. "Welcome Home" is the greeting that pilgrims hear as they enter Assisi and begin their journey walking in the same footsteps of our patron Saints Francis and Clare. As "pilgrims" throughout our lives, we are all invited to return "home" to Padua to reflect on where we have been and where we are going – both on our individual journeys and as part of the Padua Franciscan family. Please join us on Saturday, November 26, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for this very special retreat. While celebrating things we are thankful for during Thanksgiving weekend, won't you take some time and reflect on the Lord's grace and blessings? The cost of \$30 includes continental breakfast, lunch, snacks, and all materials. Registration is available online at [PaduaFranciscan.com/50](http://PaduaFranciscan.com/50). **Please register by November 11.**



# PADUA STUDENTS SET WORLD RECORD

## for Longest Charity Kickball Game



While most teens were enjoying the long Memorial Day weekend, 40 Padua Franciscan students stayed at school. They were not studying, however. They were on a mission to break the world record for the longest kickball game in an effort to raise money for childhood cancer research as part of the Kick-It for Cancer program. After 51 hours of continuous play, they succeeded on both counts — raising nearly \$10,000 and making their mark in the *Guinness Book of World Records*®.

The marathon game kicked off on Friday at 3 p.m., as students from Padua's Peer Ministry, Teen Institute, and (Kiwanis) Key Club began their quest, continuing their play rain or shine, night and day, until just after 6 p.m. on Sunday when they safely surpassed the previous record of 50 hours. The effort was part of Padua's 50 Events for the 50th anniversary year celebration.

For the statistic-minded sports fan, the game ran 474 innings. When the last out was called, the "red" team had beaten the "black" team by a slim margin of 431 to 306. No one has come forward looking for a re-match however.

Funds from sponsorships as well as the sale of Kick-It t-shirts were donated to CureSearch



TOP: The Padua Kick-It team as they prepared to break the world record for the longest kickball game on record. They are joined by Cleveland Indians mascot Slider and young cancer patient Quinn Clarke who founded Kick-It as a way to raise funds for childhood cancer. | BOTTOM: Exhausted, but happy, Kevin Howell collapses into the arms of Michelle Peters at the end of 51 hours of continuous kickball that lasted 474 innings.

for Children's Cancer, a national non-profit organization which funds the Children's Oncology Group. The Children's Oncology Group is the world's largest, cooperative children's cancer research entity. Money raised

supports bench-to-bedside research which includes developing studies, enrolling, and treating patients as well as interpreting the results of the clinical trials. For more information on Kick-It, go to [kick-it.org](http://kick-it.org).



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# A MESSAGE *from The Class of '86 Reunion Committee*

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*Dear Fellow Class of 1986 Alumni:*

Can you believe that 2011 marks the 50th year of Padua's existence? Even more important, 2011 marks 25 years since we graduated! It's hard to believe that it has been that long since we last walked those halls together. Although most of us have been back to Padua since we graduated (some of us even have students there), we have never been back there together as a class. We will go down in history as the first co-ed class to graduate from Padua.

The theme for our reunion is "**Reconnect with classmates. Reconnect with friends. Reconnect with Padua.**"

Our class has been very instrumental in the success of Padua. **Dave Stec** is the current principal. **Ann-Marie Lehman-DiPaolo** serves as a Trustee on the Board of Trustees and on the Alumni Association. **Brian Heinzerling** and **Elaine Stupka-Heinzerling** are the current co-chairpersons of the Alumni Association. **Jerry Koler** currently serves as the chairperson of the Finance Committee on the Board of Trustees, currently serves on the Endowment Committee, and is a former chairperson and treasurer of the Alumni Association. Jerry was recently inducted into Padua's Hall of Fame as an outstanding alumnus. **Rob Moss** was inducted into the Hall of Fame several years ago for athletics. **Jackie Frawley-Visci** served on the Alumni Association Board for several years.

A lot has changed over the last 25 years, both for each of us as well as at Padua. Many of us are married with kids, our waists are a bit wider, our hair is a bit thinner... Padua has a front entrance, a football field with lights, a wrestling room, Wi-Fi, new biology labs, and owns Camp Cordé.

Your reunion committee would like to continue to make a difference at Padua. As part of our 25th Reunion, we would like the Class of 1986 to make a class gift to support the conversion of Camp Cordé into athletic fields for the students' use. We will provide you with more information about this important project later this year.

We hope that you are able to come to the 25th reunion events to catch-up and reconnect! Also, please review the list of missing classmates (also below) and help us locate our missing friends.

For questions, please call or e-mail Dave Stec at Padua at 440.845.2444 (DStec@PaduaFranciscan.com) or Jerry Koler at work at 440.884.7042 (kfg99@aol.com).

We are looking forward to reuniting with all of you!

Sincerely,

Kathy Novak-Boff, Ann-Marie Lehman-DiPaolo, Brian Heinzerling, Elaine-Stupka Heinzerling, Jerry Koler, Shelle Demmerle-Powers, Brian Sobecks, Dave Stec

*Two events (see right for details) are planned for this year.*

## *The Following '86 Classmates are Considered Lost in our Files.*

*E-mail [RHolz@PaduaFranciscan.com](mailto:RHolz@PaduaFranciscan.com) to update their info.*

Amer, Ayman

Bouch, Glenn

Bowden, John

Butz-Shea, Donna

Cofta, Paula

Girnaga, Stefan

Gromofsky, Kristin

Hubbard, Daniel

Humphrey, Joseph

Kasper, Jeanne

Kiss-Benke, Steven

Knowles, Phillip

Kontra, James

Lamers-Glaser, Sandra

Langa, Steve

Lanzalaco, Daniel

Lawler, Thomas

Leszko, George

Lyons, Eugene

Matthews, Michele

McConville, David

Messina, Joseph

Miller, Daniel

Olivera, Ronald

Paras, Melissa

Pawlowski, William

Pichler, Gregory

Satory, David

Schmidt, Paul

Stakolich, Robert

Stefanko, Todd

Sykora, Stephen

Szalkowski, David

Szymanski, Kevin

Watson, Christopher

Williams, Laura

Zivcsak-Pleasnick, Renee



# ALUMNI CALENDAR

## What's Happening Through October 2011

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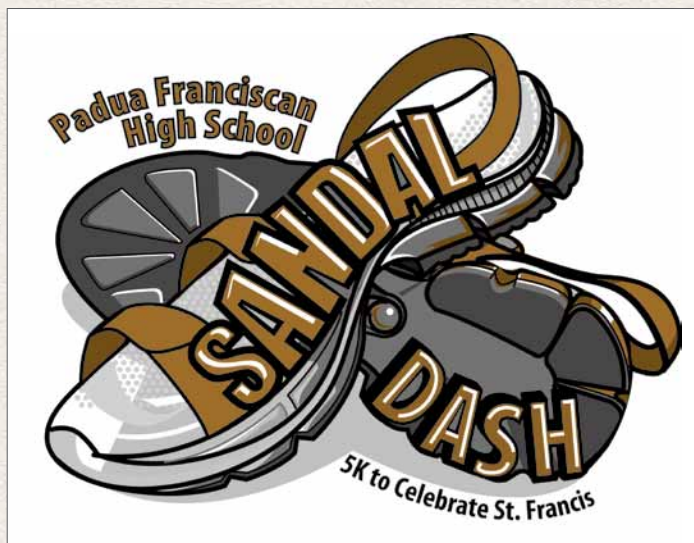
For more information on any of these events, e-mail [RHolz@PaduaFranciscan.com](mailto:RHolz@PaduaFranciscan.com) or call 440-845-2444, ext. 106.

### SANDAL DASH/5K TO CELEBRATE ST. FRANCIS OCTOBER 2

Join us for this 50th Anniversary 5K / 1 mile walk and kid fun run on Sunday, October 2. The race will start at Padua at 9 a.m.

### HOMECOMING FOR ALUMNI AND THEIR FAMILIES OCTOBER 14

Don't miss homecoming for alumni families on Friday, October 14, as the Bruins take on Lake Catholic at Padua Stadium (7 p.m. game). The Padua Alumni Association will again sponsor a designated area for alumni and their families with food and drink.



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## CLASS OF 1986 Reunion Events

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### EVENT #1

- WHEN:** Friday, October 14, 2011
- WHAT:** Homecoming Football Game – Padua vs. Lake Catholic
- TIME:** Food provided by Alumni Association – 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Game starts at 7:00 p.m. – we will be in the north end zone for the game
- WHERE:** Padua Football Stadium

### EVENT #2

- WHEN:** Saturday, October 15, 2011
- WHAT:** Informal Social (food and beverages)
- TIME:** 7 p.m to 11 p.m.
- WHERE:** Camp Cordé West Ridgewood Road



# IT WAS SEPTEMBER 1961...



*John F. Kennedy is president. Construction begins on the Berlin Wall. The Andy Griffith Show is entering its second season. The Highwaymen have the number one song on the radio – Michael Rowed the Boat Ashore. The Guns of Navarone is a huge summer blockbuster. Jim Brown is the NFL's reigning rushing leader, from an era when the Browns were fun to watch. And last, but certainly not least, a new all-boys school opens its doors in Parma, Ohio – Padua Franciscan High School...with tuition of just \$210.*

## What will you be doing 50 years later, in September 2011?

### COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

Of course you will be celebrating Padua's Golden Anniversary with an entire weekend of events! We invite you to join us for any event you choose, or make a weekend of it and really show your Bruin Pride.

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

##### FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS.

Alumni and their immediate families receive free admission to the football game and tailgating inside Padua Stadium. Crown Conference champs (all sports) will be honored on the field immediately prior to the game. Tailgating begins at 5:30 p.m. and game time is 7:00 p.m. *Football players of every decade: please check out the 50th website for special information on getting connected with our Padua team.*

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

##### DOUBLE DECKER DANCE.

With a new "twist" on an old favorite, the band Twist will perform in the gym while a DJ spins your favorites throughout the decades in the cafeteria — beginning with the '60s & '70s at 7, the '80s at 8, and so on. The cafeteria line and Brew'n Café will be open to purchase some of your favorites such as Padua cookies, plus a variety of candy from the past five decades. *Make this your reason to gather your high school friends to reminisce!*

Tickets are \$10 each, cash at the door.

Please RSVP for planning purposes at the 50th website. This event will be from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. in the gym & cafeteria.

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

##### REDEDICATION MASS.

Padua's annual Family Mass will be very special this year as the Franciscans rededicate the school. Join us for Liturgy in the front of the school — bring a blanket or chair. Liturgy at 4 p.m. RSVP at the 50th website.

##### ANNIVERSARY DINNER.

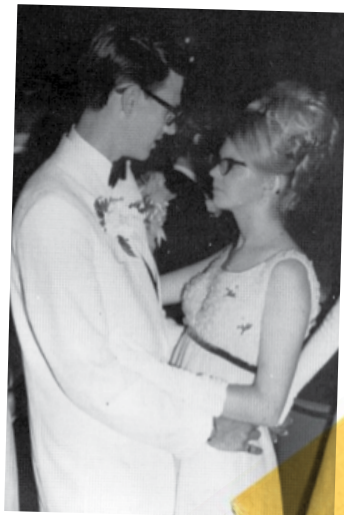
The culmination of Anniversary Weekend activities, the sit-down dinner features food/carving stations celebrating the school's ethnic heritage as well as more traditional fare. Tickets are \$50 each and will include appetizers, an extensive variety of main and side dishes, dessert, and beer and wine. Begins at 5:30 p.m. in the gymnasium — advance reservations only.

##### MINUTE TO WIN IT KID EVENT.

While alums, parents, and friends of the school are enjoying the Dinner, their school-aged children (K-8) are welcome to enjoy a special Minute to Win It competition, based on the hit TV show, hosted by Padua's Teen Institute students. Children will be split by age brackets so that it is fair and fun for all. Tickets are \$5 per child and will include a full kid-friendly dinner. Begins at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria — advance reservations only.

*Make reservations or purchase tickets for events by going to the Anniversary Website at [PaduaFranciscan.com/50](http://PaduaFranciscan.com/50). You can purchase online or download a form for mailing.*





Flash to 50th video!

### PADUA ADDS NEW GIVING OPTIONS

Donors have asked for different tools to make giving easier and Padua was happy to oblige. In addition to the tried-and-true method of writing a check to Padua, donors are now given the choice to pay online using a credit card (single or monthly payments) or via automatic monthly withdrawal. Check out these options at [PaduaFranciscan.com/Development](http://PaduaFranciscan.com/Development).

### TAKE A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE

Padua is putting together a special "Memory Lane" to help Anniversary Weekend attendees reminisce. We need your help! Did you save old Padua newspapers, mass booklets, theater programs, commencement and baccalaureate programs — anything that can round out our new archives and help us tell the school's history? Please contact Laurie Keco Grabowski at 440.845.2444, ext. 171, or [LGrabowski@PaduaFranciscan.com](mailto:LGrabowski@PaduaFranciscan.com) with any printed material or memorabilia you might be willing to lend or donate — the sooner the better!

### HELP US FIND EVERY BRUIN

*Every Bruin* is the theme of the 50th anniversary, and we take that to heart. We want to find *every single Bruin* so that they can be connected to all the good things that Padua is doing today. Ask your friends – did they get this copy of *The Paduan* magazine? If not, then we do not have a valid mailing address for them. Please send an email to Cheryl Kuhn in the Office of Institutional Advancement at [CKuhn@PaduaFranciscan.com](mailto:CKuhn@PaduaFranciscan.com) with any missing information.

### CALLING ALL THESPIANS!

As part of **50 Events for the 50th**, Padua is planning a Theater Reunion on Saturday, July 16, beginning at 1 p.m. in the cafeteria (with a chance to explore the grounds and eat outside, weather permitting, so bring chairs/blankets). This is your opportunity to reconnect with your theater pals and also network with others in the field. From *No Time for Sergeants* to *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* and everyone in between, **Every Theater Bruin** is welcome (including the cast, crew, and orchestra)! Sandwiches, veggie trays, cookies and water will be provided — feel free to supplement with additional non-alcoholic beverages/food as desired. Please RSVP at [PaduaFranciscan.com/50](http://PaduaFranciscan.com/50) so that we can plan for your arrival.





## SPORTS *Notables*

### WRESTLING

#### *Bruins Place 4th at State Championships*

Padua wrestlers placed 4th out of 190 Division II teams at the 2011 State Championships this past March. This effort ties a school record of four state place winners set in 2010 and sets a new school record with three wrestlers reaching the State semi-finals. State placers this year were:

112 lb **Bobby Mason '12** (5th place), 130 lb **Brent Fickel '12** (3rd place), 135 lb **Collan DaFonseca '11** (7th place), and 140 lb **Andrew Romanchik '11** (4th place).

Other notable accomplishments for this year's team included a district runner-up team trophy and a second place finish in the North Coast League Tournament. Senior **Andrew Romanchik** was voted the NCL Tournament most valuable wrestler.

### FIGURE SKATING

#### *Skaters Capture 3rd State Championship*

This past February, Padua figure skaters won their third state championship (in the past four years)! The 6th annual Ohio High School Team Figure Skating Competition featured 16 teams. Padua entered 40 individual events and came home with 34 medals including the short program title, showcase title, team spirit trophy, and state champion title.



*"With the unending loyalty of our fans and the relentless drive of our skaters, Padua has made a lasting impact."*



Front row (l to r) Danielle Kelly '15, Andrew Spagnola '16, Michaela Pinzone '15. Second row: Monica D'Amico '11, Alexandra Kay '13, Michelle Meszaros '11, Captain Alexandria Miranda '11, Victoria Vincent '12. Back row: Audrey Leibfried '12, Casandra Hipkins '13, coach Crystal Hancy '01, Janelle Spagnola '16, Andriana Nativio '13, and Alexandra D'Amico '14.

Padua captain **Alexandria Miranda '11** had this to say about her team after their extraordinary accomplishment...*"Winning States three out of the past four years has been amazing! The Bruin skaters have proved that we truly are the best. The high school state figure skating competition has been*

*a great experience for my teammates and me. With the unending loyalty of our fans and the relentless drive of our skaters, Padua has made a lasting impact. I'm so proud of what my team has accomplished. In just four years we have gone from, 'Who's Padua? To... 'Padua, the team to beat!'"*



## Lacrosse Team Addition Increases Athletic Teams to 21

It has been a few years in the making, but the Bruins now field their own boys lacrosse team and the program is receiving immediate state attention.

The Bruins rank in the top five lacrosse teams in the state, starting their inaugural season with a 4-0 record. Special thanks to **Stan Sieniawski '70** for his contribution of team equipment.



## PADUA COACHES *Hauser and Messina Announce Retirement*

Long-time Padua hockey coach, **Doug Hauser '77**, and head volleyball coach, Anthony Messina, announced their plans to retire from coaching early this spring.

Hauser exits the ice after a coaching career spanning 28 years. The definition of Hauser's coaching prowess is found in the record books. He retires with a career record of 561-282-39, the third most wins by an Ohio high school hockey coach. During his reign as head coach, the Bruins won three state championships ('88, '89, '06), had four state runner-up teams ('91, '00, '01, '07), and captured Baron Cup titles in '88, '95, and '05. In 2007, the OHSAA awarded him its Sports, Ethics and Integrity Award for his contributions to high school hockey.

A 1977 graduate of Padua, Hauser played hockey at his alma mater for three years before joining the Junior Barons during his senior year. As a college student, he skated for The Ohio State University for one year, followed by three more at Kent State. "Over the 40 years of Padua's hockey program, Coach Hauser has been involved for most of it," says Kevin Leigh, the school's athletic director.

"We wish to thank Doug for his 28

years of dedication to his alma mater and its hockey program," Leigh says. "His commitment, knowledge, and skill have established Padua as one of the top programs in the area and the state. Thanks to him, Padua enjoys the second best overall hockey record among Ohio high schools."

Replacing Doug Hauser will be **Sean Evans '97**. Evans has served as a Padua assistant since 2000 and is a 1997 graduate of Padua. He was a two-year captain at Padua and also played two years of junior hockey. Evans teaches psychology at Parma. "I'm absolutely thrilled," he said. "It's obviously a big tradition to continue. I'm looking forward to building on what Doug has done for the past 28 years for the program."

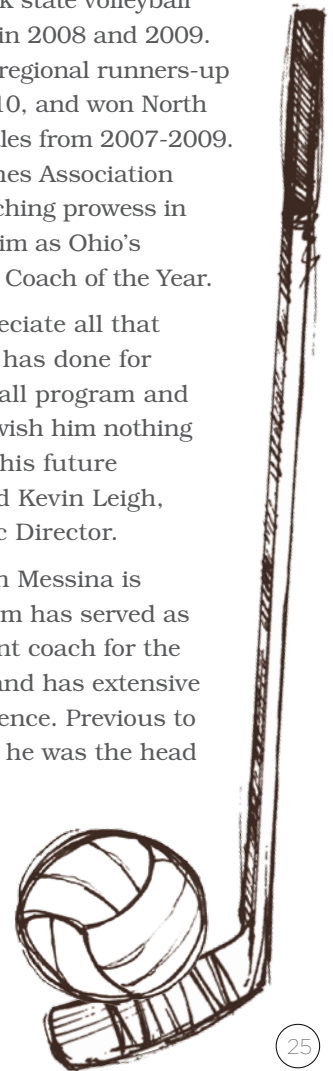
Hockey alumni are reminded of the following events to benefit the Padua hockey program: July 23, Third Annual Brew 'N Brat and alumni game at Hoover Arena; and August 19, Hockey Golf Outing at Pine Hills. For information on both, contact Coach Evans at [paduahockeyteam@hotmail.com](mailto:paduahockeyteam@hotmail.com).

Volleyball coach, Anthony Messina, retires after compiling a truly impressive 104-26 record during the five years that

he led the Lady Bruins, including two back-to-back state volleyball championships in 2008 and 2009. His teams were regional runners-up in 2007 and 2010, and won North Coast League titles from 2007-2009. The State Coaches Association honored his coaching prowess in 2009, electing him as Ohio's Division II State Coach of the Year.

"We deeply appreciate all that Coach Messina has done for Padua's volleyball program and our school. We wish him nothing but the best in his future endeavors," said Kevin Leigh, Padua's Athletic Director.

Replacing Coach Messina is Jim BeHarry. Jim has served as Padua's assistant coach for the past five years and has extensive coaching experience. Previous to being at Padua, he was the head volleyball coach at Berea High School. Jim is also the director of the Maverick Volleyball Club in Parma.







## PADUA ATHLETES *Sign Letters of Intent*

Congratulations to the following student athletes who will continue their academic/athletic careers at the college level:

<b>Kyle Tomko</b>	Football	Ashland University	<b>Carly Molls</b>	Volleyball	University of Toledo
<b>Zach Paul</b>	Football	University of Akron	<b>Roberta Craider</b>	Golf	Lourdes College
<b>Nico Sidari</b>	Football	Morehead State	<b>Cody Miller</b>	Baseball	James Madison
<b>Collan DaFonseca</b>	Wrestling	Ashland University	<b>Zach Kelley</b>	Baseball	Heidelberg
<b>Andrew Romanchik</b>	Wrestling	Ohio University	<b>Mike LaGuardia</b>	Lacrosse	Mercyhurst College
<b>Tabitha Meeks</b>	Volleyball	Heidelberg	<b>Tony LaGuardia</b>	Lacrosse	Mercyhurst College

## IN MEMORIAM

**Russell Balogh '87**, June 14, father of **Michael '08**

Luming Banaga, MD, mother of **Robert '92**, **Ron '93**, and **Roy '94**

Tom Belovich, father of **Vincent '79** and **Steve '77**.

James and Mary Ann Budimlic, parents of **James '85**

Patricia Budzinski, mother of **Philip '85**, **Hilary '87**, and **Bridget '90**

Richard Bukach, father of **Jack '78**

Dale Buttolph, father of **Corey '98**

Ed Campobenedetto, father of **Ed '69** and **Bob '73** and grandfather of **Jennifer '99**, **Scott '01**, **David '04**, and **Kristen '07**

Thomas Cooper, father of **Steve '85**

Larry Dacek, father of **Nick '04**, **Matt '07**, **Ashley '10**, and **Kimberly '10**

Pearl Danish, mother of **Mark '77**

**Thomas Docktor '72**, March 25, 2011

Paul Dworzniak, father of **Mary Jane '88** and **Paul '92**

William Erdman, father of **Pat '67**

James Faltinsky, father of **Mark '81** and grandfather of **Kathryn '09**

Raymond Fox, father of **Bruce '67** and **Brian '69** and grandfather of **Bruce '98**

Vida Galla, mother of **Ron '66** and grandmother of **Ken '93** and **Carrie '95**

Peter Gaughan, father of **Peter '73**

Jennifer Green, sister of **Brittany '12** and **Kenny '14 Mackulin**

Joseph Hlavaty Sr., father of **Anthony '81** and **Michael '82**

Theresa Horonzy, wife of **Michael '71**

Kenneth Kaelin, father of **Kristin '90** and grandfather of **Tim '05** and **Heather '06**

Eric Klimo, brother of **Lisa '87**

Irene Lonjak, mother of **Jeffery '69** and **George '73**

Franklin Melena, father of **Kent '78**, **Scott '81**, and **Kimberlee '91** and grandfather of **Franklin '14**

Lucille Mencin, mother of **Larry '78** and grandmother of **Kelly '11**

Ronald Mencini, father of **Ronald '77**

John Milia, father of **Tony '73** and grandfather of **Nino '96**

Bertha Moss, mother of **Joe '79** and **Rob '86**

Mary Nemeth, mother of **Jim '76**

Colleen Neville, wife of **James '85**

Nancy Oseredczuk, mother of **Jennifer '01** and **Christopher '04**

Daniel O'Shaughnessy, father of **Patricia '87**, **Mary '92**, **Dan '97**, and **Jim '97**

Carmino Principe, father of **Dennis '68**, **Brian '72**, and **Michael '75**



Paul Schodowski, father of **Paul '79** and **Dan '80**

Frank Schultz, father of **A.J. '97**

Filomina Sekerak, daughter of **Marisa Danese '98**

Nino Seritti, father of **Nino '70** and **Anthony '76** and grandfather of **Nick '98**

Valerie Smolinski, mother of **Justin '00** and **Chris '03**

**Franklin Spilker Jr. '68**, February 18, 2011

**Michael Taylor '91**, May 18, 2011

Kathleen Thomas, wife of **Steve '75**

Perry Troiano, father of **Vince '71** and grandfather of **Jeanette '01** and **Mallory Chernick '03**

Stanley Tytko, father of **Janette '87**

Evelyn Wenz, mother of **Larry '71**

**ABOVE:** This famous 1944 photo of B24 aircraft over occupied France was taken from Tom Belovich's plane.



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1969

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In January, presided over by Bishop Richard Lennon at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, **James Hickey** was certified as a lay ecclesial minister.

**Joe Halko** was reelected as president of the Franklin-Grand Isle United Way Board of Directors on April 14. He has served on the board for six years.



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1970

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**Bart Timm** is now serving as executive director of MBA programs at The George Washington University where he oversees all aspects of six MBA programs.

As head baseball coach at Coker College, **Dave Schmotzer** captured his 600th career victory this past spring.

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1971

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**John Fristik** qualified for, and competed in, the Ironman 70.3 triathlon world championship race in Clearwater, Florida, in November 2010.

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1985

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In February, **Darrell Boff**, vice president of operations at Cintas Corporation, was a 2011 DMSA honoree.

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1987

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Last year, **Barb Kuchar-Walsh** received a Special Achievement Award at State Farm Insurance Company for her leadership on a multi-year, workforce planning project with claims and human resources. In February, she was selected as a senior analyst.

**Dave Clark** won a silver medal for his apple cider at the National Homebrew Competition, a prestigious amateur competition with over 6,000 total entries.

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1988

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**Jennifer Melchior-Hansen** has been promoted to the position of executive director of sales for Radio Disney. She has been with the company since 2000.

## Somethin' Bruin

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1991

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**BIRTHS:** Matthew Paul born to Kristy and **Paul Novak** last July.

Manager, producer, and performer **Mike Smolen** and his band Destination recently released their first major rock album globally. Check it out on iTunes under the brand name Destination (Original Raw Metal).

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1994

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**BIRTHS:** Rachel Scarlet was born to **Jennifer Lindow-Eskin** and her husband Peter in July 2010.

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1997

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Working in the movie/TV industry in Los Angeles, **Veronica Daniel** has worked her way up to the position of art director for a new TLC reality show – *Spouse vs. House*. The show airs on Wednesdays at 10 p.m.

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1999

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**BIRTHS:** Aiden Thomas was born to **Heather O'Malley** and her husband Steve in March 2010.

Eve Marilyn born to **Beth Kikta-Heinen** and her husband Jim on July 10, 2010.

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2000

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Currently working for the Naval Research Center in Washington DC, **Bernie Matis** received his Ph.D in physics from Temple University in Philadelphia.

**Michael Wick** and **Jessica Markowski '01** got engaged on June 5, 2011. They plan to be married June of 2012.

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2001

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**BIRTHS:** Asher Thomas born in Cincinnati to **Rachel Seskes-Berning** and husband Matthew in May 2010. Lucas Charles born to **Sarah Brizius-Schulz** and her husband Kale.

**Nikki Parker** is engaged to Christopher Carson and is planning an October wedding at St. Anthony of Padua Church.

Last month, **Aaron Lime** married Ashlee Lemke in Youngstown.

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2003

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**Lauren Heath** has earned a doctorate in physical therapy from Cleveland State University and will marry Matt Pilkey in August.

A third-grade teacher in a small school in Arcadia, Ohio, **Jaclyn Burton** married Ryan Pessell in May.

A recent graduate of the University of Akron School of Law, **Jacqueline Trepka-Carlson** passed the Ohio Bar exam, was sworn in before the Supreme Court of Ohio, and admitted to the practice of law in May.

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2004

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**BIRTHS:** Andrew Christopher born to Kayleigh and **Chris Fatica** in November 2010.

With a degree in communications, **Rachel Levi** graduated from Xavier University after playing four years of golf there. She plans to enter LPGA qualifying school.

A realtor with Assad & Crea Realty Group, **Rich Ganim** is engaged to Megan Hanousek of Broadview Hts.

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2005

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After graduating from Case Western Reserve University in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in biochemistry, **Brian Brannigan** entered Marine Officer Candidate School in Quantico and is now a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps.

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2006

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A member of the marching band at Purdue University, **Jason Mlady** marched in the 2010 Thanksgiving Day parade.

A 2010 graduate of St. Francis, **Lisa Kocin** was on the golf team for four years and graduated as a physician's assistant in May.

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2007

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At the 161st commencement at Baldwin-Wallace College in May, **Mark Cudnik** received the Milton T. Baldwin Prize, which is given to the student with the highest grade-point average.



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# LET'S BE PILGRIMS TOGETHER!

## *Pilgrimage to Assisi July 11-21, 2012*

*A Message from Father Theodore Haag,  
O.F.M., President*

Since the summer of 2001, Padua Franciscan High School has been sending members of our faculty and staff on the Franciscan Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome so that they might become better acquainted with and have a deeper appreciation for the tradition and values of Francis and Clare — so that they might become better collaborators with the Franciscan friar community in living out and passing on that lasting heritage. Much of the way in which our Franciscan identity and mission is currently experienced and expressed within our

school community is a result of the benefits of our participation in the Franciscan Pilgrimage program.

And so I would like to invite you to join me for this wonderful opportunity as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Padua Franciscan. It is my hope that you will seriously consider taking part in this extraordinary experience with me and other members of our Padua Franciscan family. Let's be pilgrims together! For, without hesitation, I can assure you that this experience will indeed be for each of us and for all of us a time of renewal in faith and love, in joy and peace — a time of rich and lasting blessings!



### **PLANNED ITINERARY\***

**DAY 1:** Departure

**DAY 2:** Rome: Arrival & Orientation

**DAY 3:** Rome: Papal Audience; St. John Lateran;  
San Francesco a Ripa

**DAY 4:** Rome: Free morning; St. Peter's

**DAY 5:** Greccio; Assisi

**DAY 6:** Assisi: Chiesa Nuova; Santa Maria Maggiore; Porziuncola

**DAY 7:** Assisi: San Damiano; Carceri

**DAY 8:** La Verna

**DAY 9:** Assisi: Basilica of St. Francis

**DAY 10:** Padua

**DAY 11:** Depart to USA from Venice to Cleveland

#### **\*Program subject to change**

The cost per person of \$3,800 includes round-trip airfare from Cleveland, transportation within Italy, lodging, and most meals. Space is limited, so reserve your spot on this very special journey by November 15, 2011. A more detailed brochure and deposit information is available at [PaduaFranciscan.com/50](http://PaduaFranciscan.com/50). Please contact **Laurie Keco Grabowski '89** at 440.845.2444, ext. 171, with any questions or to obtain a detailed itinerary.