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Fading Catholic Institutions

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When my email delivered the sad news that another Catholic college was closing its doors, thoughts were swirling in my head like pieces in a kaleidoscope trying to formulate an understanding of the situations affecting the closing of Catholic schools. Reflections always take me back to look at the past. Catholic education as we know it in America began with the great immigration. Schools of higher education in America were founded by Christian religious groups, often to train clergy. Harvard, Yale and Dartmouth were founded by Puritans. The College of William & Mary was founded by the Church of England. The Presbyterians established Princeton and the Dutch Reformed Church followed with Rutgers. Just as waves erode, the colleges and universities are no longer religious in nature.

Catholic education grew to embrace not only higher institutions of learning but also elementary and secondary schools, not just for an elite group, but for all the children of the immigration waves of the past 150 years.

Catholic immigration from Europe brought religious and cultural group values. Religious personnel and priests accompanied immigrants who settled in urban areas. Hundreds of like-minded and like-living were kept together. When children were exploited in public schools, parishes, using their local resources, developed their own schools, sports leagues, and academic competition. This Catholic environment encouraged tremendous growth and advancement. It helped to protect Catholics from prejudice (signs that said "Irish Need Not Apply").

Religious sisters and brothers staffed many of these elementary and high schools that permitted a low overhead for operational costs. In these schools, the

Tips for Staying Sane in a Crazy World

Millie Grenough (*Spalding University, KY, '61*) will be our first keynote speaker presenting at the National Convention. Millie is a grandmom, peace activist, overall rabble-rouser, author of *Oasis in the Overwhelm*, Clinical Instructor in Psychiatry at the Yale University School of Medicine, and admits to being hard-headed.

It took a near-death bicycle accident to wake her up to the craziness of her own lifestyle. She realized that unless she did something different, she would not

be around much longer. Healing in her backyard hammock, Millie looked for ways to avoid the rat race when she returned to work at the fast-paced clinic. She developed four 60-second Strategies that did not cost a cent and could help her whenever, wherever. They worked. Her colleagues noticed, and wanted them for themselves.



Millie Grenough

Millie's *Oasis Strategies* have now helped thousands of people around the world find greater balance, focus, and pleasure. Teachers, parents, caregivers, and activists use them to nourish their sense of clarity and calm even in the midst of dire challenges. Her *Oasis Training Program* has graduates throughout the USA, Europe, Latin America, and New Zealand.

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Mark your calendars for KGP's 46th National Convention on July 21-22, 2023 in Detroit, Michigan. We hope you are able to join us! See details on pages 6-7.

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A Message from KGP's National President

See you in Detroit!

"Making A Difference" is the theme of our convention in Detroit, Michigan. This theme is relevant as many Kappas make a difference every day in their communities through their commitment of faith and service. Many of the speakers for the convention program are Kappas sharing their expertise. Networking will also be provided to hear what differences all Kappas are making in their communities and across the world.

Please accept this invitation to join us as the convention offers us the opportunity to come together to share stories and rekindle friendships.

This is my last Presidential message, and it has been an honor to serve Kappa Gamma Pi. I especially appreciated the support and advice from all of you.§

In Kappa,

Susan (Sue) Smith Jaros Lourdes University, Ohio, '90 Kappa Gamma Pi National President president@kappagammapi.org

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Are you interest in serving on the Kappa Board? Reach out to President Susan Jaros at president@kappagammapi.org to see how you can help!

In Loving Memory

- Anne-Marie McEligot (Holy Names University, CA, '61)
- Justyna Carlson (Georgian Court University, NJ, '66)
- Karen Newmann (Fontbonne University, MO, '84)
- Marge Diemer (Chestnut Hill College, PA, '49)
- Maria Kinsella, MD (The College of White Plains, NY, '47)
- Mary A. (Gilpatric) Russell (Holy Names University, CA, '51)
- Violetta Daniels (Lone Mountain College, CA, '52)

If you know anyone who has passed on please send an email to admin@kappagammapi.org. §

Unpack Your Sack



Cynthia Keleman MA

Cynthia Keleman (Madonna University, MI, '94) will be our second keynote speaker at the National Convention. She will be presenting to her talk on "Unpack Your Sack." She will be discussing how our past emotional experiences influence how we interpret and perceive interactions and relationships today.

Refer to the Winter 2023 Newsletter for more information.§

Cornaro Donations

As an organization two scholarships are awarded to Kappa members pursuing a graduate degree or professional program. Your donations make it possible for Kappa to award these scholarships to Kappa's making a difference. A complete list of our generous donors can be found on our website. §

Remembering Mary Russell



Mary Russell

Mary A. (Gilpatric) Russell (Holy Names University, CA, '51), leaves behind a husband, John Russell, and six children. Mary worked as a teacher at the Peaceful Glen in Vacaville, CA. She supported her husband's career while raising a beautiful family and retiring to San Diego, CA. She presented

the St. Catherine's Medal at the University of San Diego. Throughout her lifetime, she was active in local parish ministries and encouraged families to pursue academic excellence and the faith. She enjoyed many friendships with her fellow alumni, Kappa Gamma Pi, Navy Dental Wives Club, San Diego Genealogy Society, friends and family. Mary loved sharing memories of growing up in Boston and of her time in Girls Latin School. Mary was an avid correspondent and genealogist who connected families. She travelled to Idaho, Ohio, New England, Newfoundland, England, Scotland and Ireland to do research, meet family, and gather first-hand information. Mary published Butchers and Merchants, to document her family's connection to the Ryan family of County Kilkenny, Ireland and their immigration to America, as well as newsletters to ancestral lines. She served as the British Isles Genealogy Association Chair for Irish studies for the San Diego Chapter. Mary has been a guiding light for her children and grandchildren enabling their success.§

Human Trafficking

Kelly Broeg and Emily Cole from Her Song will be our third keynote speakers at the National Convention talking to us about Human Trafficking. Human trafficking involves the use of force, fraud or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act. Human trafficking is a human rights issue and it is economically driven by demand. Traffickers seek out someone's vulnerabilities for the purpose of exploitation.

Kelly Broeg worked in sales and commercial real estate for about ten years before taking a leap of faith into full time ministry. She accepted a role at Rock City Church overseeing local outreach initiatives working with the prison locations. Through Rock City



Kelly Broeg

Church she was connected to the Tim Tebow Foundation leading to the role she has with Her Song today. Kelly felt God called her to work alongside people who were incarcerated. She has learned a lot about people, their journeys, and what led them to where they are now. Many of these people, she learned, had been trafficked and struggled with addition as a result. Each day she works to help the one, the one she can help to the other side towards freedom.

Emily Cole received her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Strategic Communication from Miami University of Ohio. She was part of a street outreach organization called Out of Darkness where she met women on the streets who are vulnerable to trafficking. Emily worked at the Ohio Attorney General's Office as the Anti-Human Trafficking Coordinator and as a Grants Coordinator. She focused on bridging the



Emily Cole

gap in victim services and spreading awareness across Ohio through anti-trafficking training and advocacy. She also led a weekly meal night at Columbus Dream Center serving homeless individuals in the community until her position as the Residential Manager at Her Song. From a young age she felt called to

work with vulnerable populations, specifically those who have been trafficked. From her work with the Dream Center, she heard stories of traumatic experiences that involved lack of choice, addiction, abuse or brokenness in the home. Her Song's residential program is the exact tool to help these women to be self-sufficient and know they are loved and worthy of healing.§

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In her book *Oasis in the Overwhelm: 60-second Strate-gies* for Balance in a Busy World, Millie points out that growing up the 5th of 7 children in a working-class family in Louisville, Kentucky, her parents modeled how to get through tough times with grace. Their neighbors called the Grenough home "the house with the swinging doors" because they took in so many sick relatives, troubled teens, and immigrants and this they managed to do with one bathroom. Millie and her older sister Mary Agnes were fortunate to receive scholarships to Nazareth College, now Spalding University in Louisville; they were both named Kappa Gamma Pi awardees.

After graduation from college in 1961, Millie faced the big question: What now for the rest of my life? Being an idealist, she chose the Maryknoll Sisters. After eight years as a Maryknoll Sister, including three years in Bolivia and Peru. She realized God was calling her in a different direction – to live an "ordinary life, with ordinary people, doing what she can where she is."

That path has had many intriguing chapters and continues to evolve. Millie has worked as a waitress, an ESL Instructor, social worker, professional coach, sang in Mexican restaurants and nightclubs, instigated Sing it! Groups for people who thought they couldn't sing, is certified in Eye Movement Desensitization & Reprocessing-Level II with specialties in Trauma Healing and Performance Enhancement, and has presented her Oasis Strategies to educational and health groups in Europe, Latin America, Myanmar, and the Philippines. Her work in South America and Europe and her trainings with Jon Kabat-Zinn, Thich Nhat Hanh, Ilana Rubenfeld, and Francine Shapiro have opened her to many facets of wisdom

Millie reports she is "happily married for 36 years to a sweet Brooklyn Jewish man who is Abbot of the New Haven Zen Center." Her major activities now are collaborating with the new generation of *Oasis Trainers*, working as a volunteer member of the *City of New Haven Peace Commission*, and learning from, and with, her six lively grandchildren.§

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tenets of faith and a prayer life were developed. Children walked to schools and parishioners walked to church on Sundays. As time went on Catholics found themselves better educated, more prosperous and more acceptable in the community because of this immigration machine.

Urban areas became crowded and mobility increased. Access to cars and better roads saw Catholics move to suburbs. Walking to church was no longer the norm. Urban churches began to empty, and as new suburban parishes were founded, transportation was usually required to attend. Tight communities began to crumble. Church attendance declined.

Vatican II alters the scene

Vatican II blew in winds of changes to Institutional Church. Vernacular languages replaced centuries old Latin. Altars turned 180 degree. Women no longer had to wear hats in church. Communion fasting was reduced to one hour. Lenten regulations were lightened. Gone were Ember Days and some Days of Obligation. Meatless Fridays vaporized. Holy Week services were revised as well as the regular Mass prayers. Religious habits almost disappeared as rules changed to permit secular dress for many religious orders. While these institutional changes were being incorporated to help reflect the changes in society, key issues on faith and morality did not change such as those concerning abortion, birth control, ordination of married priests and women.

Vatican II's vision of a more vibrant church watched as the number of religious vocations dropped, Religious brothers, sisters and priests asked to leave their lives of dedication and service. Minor and major seminaries were restructured or closed. The loss of these stalwart contributors to Catholic education, coupled with prosperous parishioners moving away, meant that urban churches affected by the mobility of the times could no longer sustain the operational costs of parish schools. Slowly parish elementary schools closed or merged. Enrollment nationwide dropped. As the usual flow from elementary to high school sputtered, high schools began to close. Rising tuition costs, necessary to keep schools open, became too high for those remaining in parish schools.

Following the closing of the schools, urban parishes with aging buildings and reduced numbers of parishioners found that they could no longer keep the doors open. The church's handling of the priest sex scandal contributed to the financial woes of the church. Na-

tionwide the beginning of the closing or combining of these over a century old church impacted church attendance. The Archdiocese of Chicago closed one-third of the parishes. Urban parishioners now have to drive to another urban church. However, when these urban churches were built parking lots were not on the drawing board. Hence, another issue affected attendance.

During the time of closings in the Archdiocese of Chicago came COVID! Churches introduced parishioners to the virtual Mass when all churches were closed. Sunday Mass obligation was lifted. The obligation was restored the first Sunday in Advent 2022, except for seniors and those with health issues.

So few priests!

COVID time brought to the forefront other issues such as the dilemma of aging, retiring priests and the diminished number of clergy. Onto this shrinking group of active priests additional responsibilities have been placed: pastoring without an associate, covering two or more parishes. Some take on additional duties at the chancery tribunal. While the laity, through their Baptism, can assume some responsibilities, such as serving as Eucharistic Ministers Lectors, Ministers of Care, and Grief Ministers, the pastor still is the only one to anoint, hear confessions and say Mass. Deacons can baptize and perform marriages. The need for bi-lingual priests is growing. New priests are recruited from Latin America, Eastern Europe and Africa. Not all priests possess the leadership skills necessary to run parish finances or maintain multiple parishes. The result often disappoints and demoralizes laity who see clergy who do not have the competencies to lead. Priests become overwhelmed and frustrated and cannot address the plethora of pastoral, sacramental and administrative tasks.

The laity who attended Catholic colleges see their colleges affected by these same trends. Separate schools for men and women were merged as the costs to attend these institutions rose. The number of clergy and religious who staffed them declined and those additional duties were assigned to overworked remaining staff. Many did not have skills or training to accept the new positions. Lay people filled positions, increasing the cost. The pipeline from high school students was declining. Catholic colleges found that they had to compete with non-Catholic colleges and attract students from all faiths. An emphasis on ecumenism embraced the colleges.

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What should a Catholic college do now?

With a decline in Catholic schools and the pipeline that fed into Catholic colleges, and with the closing of churches, the question becomes what is the role of surviving Catholic colleges today? DePaul University in Chicago is the largest Catholic University in the country with 23,000 students. Less than 40% of students identify as Catholic. It recently welcomed its second lay president who is a practicing Episcopalian. The inauguration included an interfaith blessing with teachings from Buddhist, Indigenous, Christian, Muslim, Jewish and secular traditions. We are told that faithbased universities can remain relevant by reflecting on those directions given in the past by men like St. Vincent DePaul who focused on justice and helping the poor. Vincent De Paul Societies exist throughout this country.

In the beginning of this article, we talked about institutional church and spiritual church. Much of what is included here is about institutional church and not spiritual church. Although St. Thomas Aquinas has commented upon the difference, the best example I can think of for comparing the two is St. Francis of Assisi and his encounters with God. God told him to rebuild his church. Francis at first started to repair old churches before he realized that God wanted him to rebuild spiritual churches. So like Vincent De Paul he left his riches and concentrated on helping the poor, reflecting, and praying. He encouraged others to do the same. We are now at a time when we need to rebuild the spiritual church.

Kappa Gamma Pi has adjusted to the changes that occurred since its founding as a women's honor society to becoming coeducational; from being exclusively Catholic to embracing all faiths that attend Catholic colleges.

Kappa Gamma Pi's motto, Faith and Service, reflects the need to become the salt of the earth to help faith-based colleges and universities accept the call to relevancy and to restore spiritual church. As we approach our 100th Anniversary in 2026, my vision, as these pieces come together, shows that we still hold that small flame which can be used to rekindle the spiritual church and prevent more fading institutions. §

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

Hebrews 11:1



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In memoriam...

Anne-Marie McEligot (Holy Names University, CA, '61)

Violetta Daniels (Lone Mountain College, CA, '52)

Your contribution in celebration of a special anniversary or jubilee or in memory of a deceased person is appreciated. Please send donations to the KGP National Office. A letter acknowledging your gift will be sent to the honoree or to the family of the deceased.

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- Attention to detail and editing skills.
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- Strong oral and written communication skills.
- Ability to set and meet deadlines.
- This is a paid position for Kappa.

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KGP 46th BIENNIAL NATIONAL

BUSINESS MEETING

Friday, July 21, 2023 - 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Eastern Time

Your attendance and participation at our biennial convention is vital for the continuation and growth of this great organization. At this business meeting National Board members are nominated and voted upon. In addition, those in attendance will also review, and modify as needed, the Constitution that governs the day-to-day operations of Kappa Gamma Pi.

"Making A Difference"

Saturday, July 22, 2023 - 8:30 am - 3:00 pm Eastern Time

Morning Breakfast - Embassy Suites.

Breakfast is available for members of guests not staying at Embassy for \$20.

8:30 - 9:00 am

Registration

9:00 - 9:10 am

Welcome & Recognition of Kappa Members - Susan Jaros (Lourdes University, OH, '90), National President

Opening Prayer - David Seeger (Lourdes University, OH, '05), III VP and IVP Nominee

Pledge of Allegiance - Carl Cain (Niagara University, NY, '16), IIIVP Nominee

9:10 - 10:00 am

"Tips for Staying Sane in a Crazy World" - Millie Grenough (Spalding University, KY, '61)

10:00 - 10:10 am BREAK

10:10 - 11:00 am

Unpack Your Sack - Cynthia Keleman (Madonna University, MI, '94)

11: 00 - 11:10 am BREAK

11:10 - 12:00 pm

Human Trafficking - Kelly Broeg and Emily Cole

12:00- 1:00 pm LUNCH

1:00 - 1:45 pm

Rescued & Rewarded - Betsy Shortle (Ursuline College, OH, '88), Past IIVP and IVP

1:45 - 2:00 pm

Tribute to Kappas - Katie Pease (St. Catherine University, MN, '10), Past National President and Board Member

2:00 - 3:00 pm

Kappa Sharing - Katie Pease (St. Catherine University, MN, '10),

Past National President and Board Member

What are you doing to make a difference?

3:00 pm Adjournment

National Convention Mass Options

Saturday and Sunday mass at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (37200 Neville St. Romulus, MI 48174). Saturday Anticipatory Mass at 5:00pm and Sunday mass at 9:00am and 11:00am. Church is approximately 6 miles away from the Detroit Wayne airport.

St. Stephen Catholic Church (18858 Huron River Dr. New Boston, MI 48164) with mass on Saturday at 4:00pm and Sunday at 7:30am, 9:30am, or 11:30am. Church is approximately 7 miles away from the Detroit Wayne airport.





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KAPPA GAMMA PI NATIONAL CONVENTION

Making a Difference

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