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Nativity's

# TRAILBLAZING

Coed Class

*PLUS:*

**Every Step of the Way:**

The Remarkable Impact of Women at Nativity

**Trailblazing Memories:**

My Journey As One of the First Female Alumni

EDUCATING YOUTH FOR A LIFE OF CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

In 2014, Nativity embarked on the creation of its elementary program and expanded our school to serve more students on Milwaukee’s southside. This started with our first 4-year-old kindergarteners who were also our inaugural coed class known as our “Trailblazers.”

Reflecting on the past ten years at Nativity, our growth has been truly remarkable:

- We gradually and intentionally built our elementary program year by year to ensure that we are meeting the academic, spiritual and social-emotional needs of every student that walks through our doors.
- We expanded our Camp Thunderhead program to serve more students than ever before.
- We continue to offer exemplary graduate support services to our high school-aged alumni.
- We are the #3 K–8 school in the state of Wisconsin.



So much of our success is because of the trust and support of our families, teachers, staff and donors. We celebrate those who have paved the way for us — years before an elementary school was even envisioned — and those finding the very best solutions for our students today. Our identities have been nurtured through the dedication and leadership of so many Latinos over the years, including Rosario Sanchez who wove the beautiful strengths of Latino culture into the foundation of Nativity.

As Nativity’s inaugural K4 teacher in 2014, I often reflect on how much I have learned about my leadership, faith and how to best serve my community. I, too, have grown with this inaugural class, both professionally and personally as my husband and I got married, bought a house and welcomed a baby girl. Nativity has a way of getting deep inside your heart and making an impact on the various facets of your life.

In May, we will proudly welcome the first Nativity graduating class to include females. I cannot wait to see the positive impact they, along with all our other alumni, will have on the Milwaukee community and beyond. We hope you enjoy our newsletter’s forthcoming stories on women who poured their hearts into our students and mission over the last thirty years. These examples serve as a reminder of how important the women and the lay people of the Catholic Church have been to the work of the Society of Jesus.

Thank you for your partnership and your incredible generosity in providing transformational opportunities for Nativity students, families and alumni.

We are looking forward to celebrating many more years, serving more students and helping them to “Go, set the world on fire” as St. Ignatius boldly said!

Vanessa Solis  
President, Nativity Jesuit Academy

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“The Trailblazers”  
Nativity’s class of 2024.  
Our first graduating  
coed class.

**Nativity Jesuit by the Numbers**

**WHO WE SERVE**

**256**  
Total enrollment  
in K4–8th grade

**97**  
High school-aged  
alumni through  
our Graduate  
Support Program

**98%**  
Students qualifying  
for a Choice voucher

**100%**  
Students  
self-identifying  
as Latino

**UNIQUE MODEL OF EDUCATION**

**Extended school day**

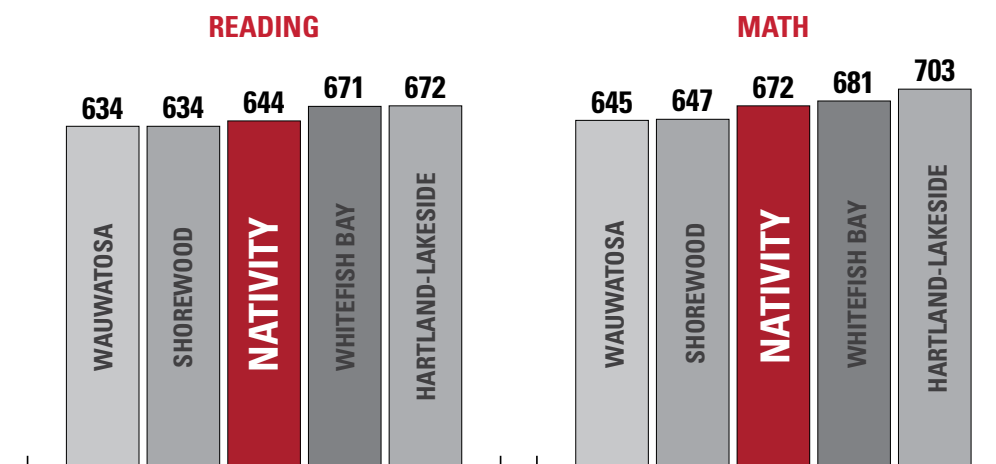
**Year-round instruction, including our Camp Thunderhead program in the northwoods of Wisconsin**

**Graduate support services**

**Formation in our Catholic, Jesuit tradition to be “men and women for others”**

**PROVEN RESULTS**

**Average 8th Grade Scores on the 2023 Statewide Forward Exam**



**We Couldn’t Do It Without You!**

Nativity’s unique model of education and proven results are possible because of generous people like you! Thank you for your consideration in supporting our current wish list:

- **\$30** funds one Nativity student’s annual retreat experience
- **\$120** funds physical education (P.E.) equipment for one grade level
- **\$500** funds an appreciation lunch for Nativity’s faculty and staff
- **\$1,000** funds hands-on manipulatives for students to be able to physically represent and practice concepts in math class

Any amount towards these wish list items is greatly appreciated!

**Please give today through the enclosed envelope  
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*Thank you for making a Nativity education possible!*



# EVERY STEP OF THE WAY:

## *The Remarkable Impact of Women at Nativity Jesuit Academy*



Nativity is one of 2,525 Jesuit schools throughout the world. As an order of priests within the Catholic Church, the Jesuits rely on the dedication and efforts of laypeople to bring their tradition and ministries to others.

Women's involvement in the Society of Jesus goes all the way back to the days of St. Ignatius of Loyola. When St. Ignatius was injured in battle by a cannonball, his sister-in-law nursed him back to health. Additionally, dedicated women benefactors supported Ignatius during his pilgrimage and studies. Notably, women were among the first recipients of his spiritual exercises. From its inception, women have played a central and significant role in the Society of Jesus.

To this day, the Jesuits continue to examine the position and participation of women in their ministries. This includes a special commission established in 2021 that seeks to promote the co-responsibility, collaboration and inclusion of women alongside Jesuits in their mission and ministries.

The immense value and importance of women is deeply felt at Nativity Jesuit Academy. Women currently shape all facets of Nativity's mission and model of education. Vanessa Solis

is Nativity's first Latina president, and one of only twelve women to serve as president of a North American Jesuit school. Additionally, there are six women currently serving on Nativity's Board of Trustees, 34 women serving as faculty and staff, 26 women currently serving as mentors through Nativity's Graduate Support Program and numerous women benefactors whose financial support makes the Nativity model of education possible. It is the collaboration of women in Nativity's mission, with their many and varied talents and contributions, that have led to our students' success over the past 30 years.

The leadership and service of women feels especially poignant during this historic year. In May we will graduate our first coed, "Trailblazing" class and welcome our first female alumnae in Nativity's history. Women embolden and enrich our work, and serve as exceptional role models to our students.

The following profiles highlight just a small selection of the many women who have made a lasting difference for Nativity's students and mission since our founding in 1993. We celebrate all that women have made possible over Nativity's 30-year history!

### Reflection from Sr. Jean Ellman, SSND

*Former Nativity Teacher and Curriculum Lead*



I got involved with Nativity right at the beginning with the first class of boys. One day I got a call from Bill Johnson, SJ as founding president, seeing if I had any interest in teaching and supporting curriculum development as Nativity started. I have a master's degree in bilingual education and reading, and used to be the principal at Bruce Guadalupe, so I was very familiar with the community and how to tailor the academics to meet student needs. The first class had 14 boys, and everyone pitched in with teaching. Larry focused on discipline, Bill focused on raising money, Annie Otto was Bill's secretary, and I oversaw the curriculum. We all taught classes as well.

As students started with us in 6th grade, it was very common for them to be below grade level, especially in reading and math. With the help of many volunteers, such as Mary Keane and Judy Keyes, we were able to specialize and tailor instruction to meet specific student needs. Class size is so important, and I think it is one of the reasons Nativity has found such success over the years. It is so important to be seen and known, and a small school like Nativity makes that possible.

It was incredible to see the school take shape. In the beginning, we had students who were very influenced by or fascinated with gangs. Five years later, there was a culture built that was serious about education. Students and parents were buying into the Nativity model of education. Education is liberating and can remove obstacles you are facing. I was especially struck by the faith of the families, especially the parents. They trust in God, love God and know that God loves them. They are dedicated to one another and find joy in life.

During my 11 years at Nativity, there were so many proud moments. It makes me very happy to think about how many kids continued on

to a good high school and graduated, and then continued on to college or found another worthwhile path. I see alumni out in the community today. Many are married, have families and are interested in serving their community. They have found success and are continuing to reach the fullness of their potential.

Those were happy years for me. Even with the growth of the school I am so glad to see that it is continuing in a similar way. The values remain the same. It is so important that girls are included in the Nativity model of education. Women have enormous influence on others so they must be educated. I see how often women take second place

to males, and this inequity tends to be even greater in the countries that many Nativity families are from. Nativity recognizes the role that women play in the transformation of society and is helping girls to become their own person. They have so much to give!



## Reflection from Rosario Sánchez-Ledesma, MID

### Former Nativity Principal

This caring, compassionate and conscientious Latina leader from Milwaukee's southside has touched countless souls with her life's work. Her multifaceted professional background in government, business and education uniquely positioned her to hold a place of authority, influence and impact at Nativity. James Mullooly, PhD, former Nativity teacher, coined the term the "Ro-Factor" to describe her capacity to build a culture of trust and belonging using "Latinidad" as an asset. She worked at the school in ascending roles from 1996 to 2007 as business manager, assistant to the president and principal. Today, she is the principal and co-founder of LIFECAMP, a leadership development company located in Milwaukee's bustling Deer District. She co-founded the business with her brother José Sánchez. Together, they help others be the best version of themselves through coaching, consulting and professional development. Rosario is happily married to Juan Mario Ledesma, mom to three adult children and co-authoring works for the LatinX Historical Collective at UW-Madison. We deeply admire her grace, perspective and passion for Nativity. Here she shares some of her story...



If you would have told 29-year-old me that I would leave the high-paying private sector and join a tiny start-up school on Milwaukee's southside, I would not have believed it. I

was a successful professional Latina in corporate America. I had represented Rotary International as a graduate scholar in Mexico while working at the World Trade Center. I was living my dream!

Then, one of those life-defining moments occurred in 1996. My career took an unexpected direction. Maria J. Avila, an Ignatian Associate, Nativity board member, lifelong mentor and friend introduced me to Fr. Bill Johnson, S.J. He was seeking a business manager for Nativity. He offered me the job. I accepted a 10-month contract — 10 months turned into 11 years!

My parents, Natividad and Javier were the impetus behind my big decision. They immigrated from Mexico to the United States in the late 1960's. They wanted their children to receive a first-world education and life. They believed faith, family and education were the keys to success and happiness. My sister and I, alongside my seven brothers, understood that church, education,

hard work and helping others were the standard in our household. Another contributing factor to my decision was that I was an activist for social justice in education. During my undergraduate years, I advocated for diversity, equity and inclusion in higher education. Nativity invited me to step into the work at ground zero.

Nativity also filled a systemic gap in education that I knew all too well. As a young family, we lacked systems knowledge in higher education. With the help of many good people, we made our way. My eldest brother Javier was the first to graduate college. Since then, we have attained advanced degrees, bachelor's degrees, technical degrees, distinguished military service and have established three award winning family-owned businesses. Two of my nephews hold PhD's in science. Good public policy and allies created the pathways to higher education for us. I felt called to do the same.

Representation and roots matter. I became Nativity's first Latina principal in the summer of 2003. I was the bridge between the school and key stakeholders on the southside.

I brought "Latinidad" as an asset — honoring, embracing and utilizing my Latino heritage and ethnicity as assets. Nativity parents and teachers helped create a positive school culture, preserving traditions, history and hope. Today, I see Latinidad amplified, especially through Vanessa Solis' leadership and our alumni. When our students see positive Latino role models, they see what is possible.

Over the past thirty years, Nativity has made an indelible mark on those who have been called to teach, volunteer and donate to its mission. I am grateful for the lifelong Nativity friendships and community. During my era, Nativity was an all-boy school. I long dreamt of the day when girls could benefit from the curriculum. It warms my heart to know that our first class with females will graduate this spring. *Hooray! ¡Sí Se Puede!* Our world is a better place thanks to Nativity and the generosity of its benefactors.

Rosario Sánchez-Ledesma and her brother and LIFECAMP co-founder José Sánchez



## Reflection from Katie Mehan

### Nativity Volunteer and Supporter

"I began volunteering at Nativity when the school was located next to St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Two friends, Louise Berg and Terry Fetherston, asked if I would help record tuition payments which were mostly in cash. The three of us came on Tuesdays and shared an office with Rosario Sanchez. A few years later Bridget Coffey joined us as a volunteer, and later as the Business Manager. The standard fare was ordering tacos for the group including Fr. Bill and any visitors. Nativity eventually moved to the current school on 29th Street after a successful campaign and many hours of planning. I also pitched in with advancement efforts including the capital campaign and banquets. It was always such fun working with so many dedicated administrators, faculty, staff and volunteers. One of my greatest joys was getting to see and know so many outstanding young men each and every time I was at Nativity.



I am proud of my family's involvement with Nativity. My husband John was on the Board for several years and served as Board Chair. My parents generously contributed to Nativity's campaigns, most recently the renovation of the Nativity chapel. My brother Michael Wheeler has also contributed over the years and his business donates the janitorial supplies. Michael and I are proud that The James and Virginia Wheeler Foundation continues to carry on my parents' wishes by providing donations for Camp Thunderhead and other needs of the school.

It is really exciting to reach the point of graduating Nativity's first coed class.

Expanding from the all-boy middle school model, Nativity now ensures academic excellence



**Nativity has set the standard for the rest of the Milwaukee area.**

across all elementary and middle school grades, with both young men and women included. Nativity has set the standard for the rest of the Milwaukee area.

Beyond the incredible academic foundation, Nativity is second to none for the values and religious teachings that are foundational for life. K4-8th grade Catholic education is fully lived out, with high standards, parental involvement and clear expectations. The Latino community is booming, and I don't know where they would get a better education than at Nativity."

## Reflection from Daryela Romero

### Nativity Parent of Alumnus Luis '17 and Current Students Leilani '24 and Jose '29

"I knew of Nativity since I was a little girl. The 'Nativity boys' got to go away to camp. They were going to get into a good high school. They had a reputation in the community that they would grow up to be something special. There was always a part of me that thought "why do the boys get to do that?"



When I became a parent, I knew that I wanted that for my kids. Since Nativity was just a boys' middle school at the time, I was happy that my son Luis made the cut and graduated in 2017. My daughter Irilyana, however, did not have the same opportunity.

It felt like a miracle when Nativity opened its first coed class just in time for my younger daughter Leilani to enroll in K4. I will be forever

grateful that Nativity opened its doors to girls. Women are capable of so much, and I've seen this empowerment at Nativity. Leilani is currently in 8th grade, and part of the "Trailblazing" coed class that will graduate in May. My younger son Jose is currently in 3rd grade.

Camp Thunderhead led to the most growth for my kids. Luis seemed like a little boy when he left for camp, but by the time we went up to see him for parents' weekend he was doing his laundry, folding his clothes, taking care of himself and had matured in completely new ways. In Latino culture, it is not very common for the boys to be expected to help with cleaning and chores. Time at Camp Thunderhead taught him these

habits, showing him that he is so capable and that he should be contributing in this way. As they grow and mature in their responsibility, they figure out that they can do it on their own and have a sense of pride because of that.

For Leilani, I had a harder time letting her go to camp, but girls deserve the same opportunities. After seeing Luis' transformation at camp, there was no way Leilani could miss out on the experience. At camp, Leilani completely blossomed and discovered her true self. She was recognized as "Camper of the Week," which was a really special moment. Leilani can be quite reserved, but at camp she was told that she should be open to growth, outgoing and that she could do it. This reinforced her evolving identity and helped her see how special she is. Not only do her parents see it, but her teachers, her camp counselors and her friends saw it too. It truly was what she needed. In our community, there are stereotypes of what girls can experience and contribute

in comparison to boys. I saw Camp Thunderhead break down that stereotype. Boys and girls can both equally experience, grow and accomplish their dreams.



## Reflection from Liz Fonferek

*Nativity's Middle School Social Studies and Religion Teacher*



I never actually applied to work at Nativity, but instead received an email asking if I was interested in learning more about the school and the role. It was ironic, because at the time I really wanted to work at an all-girl high school. I had no idea about the Nativity story, but when I came to see the school and interviewed, I just knew it was meant to be.



My first day on the job, I drove five hours north to be part of the 5th grade retreat at Camp Thunderhead. Here I was, surrounded by middle school boys and staying overnight in a cabin with the moms. From the start, my time at Nativity has been all about 'jumping in.' I truly embraced the Jesuit value of being open to growth and have been involved in so many aspects of our students' experience: running the choir, coaching track, being part of launching the ministry team and being a mentor to three Nativity graduates.

Mentoring has gone beyond the student-teacher dynamic; it is centered around who we are at our core as people, without professions or titles defining us. It focuses on celebrating the best in one another and supporting through the challenges that life inevitably brings.

Our students and graduates have such great hearts. I am always on the journey alongside my students and my mentees as we transform ourselves through the love of God and of one another.

It has felt special to now get to teach the younger sisters of boys that I have previously taught. I am proud of the access that it provides, with girls getting the same Nativity experience that boys were given. We provide the opportunity to everyone who wants it. During our expansion, I feel like we stayed true to our mission. We didn't split genders but remained focused on building one cohesive community and remaining together. I see such confident young women from this "trailblazing" coed class who will graduate in May. They are coming into their own, and discovering the many options that they have to build on their strong Nativity foundation.



## Trailblazing Memories

*Reflection from Alexandra, Class of 2024*

My name is Alexandra, and I am a member of the "Trailblazing" coed class. It is incredible to think about how much has happened over the last ten years. I've been attending Nativity since I was four years old. It has given me lifelong friends skills that I will carry with me for the rest of my life. As a member of this Trailblazing class, I feel so proud. My classmates and I will be the first female alumni and the first coed class to graduate from Nativity.



I am the youngest child in my family of four. My brother graduated from Nativity in 2012. When Nativity decided to open the first ever coed class, my parents were so happy. I'm told that I spent my first month of K4 crying. I had no idea at the time that school would play such an important role in my life.

I have so many memories of my time at Nativity but the one that sticks out to me the most is Camp Thunderhead. My classmates and I were the first group of girls to ever attend camp. I was so nervous, but I was thankful that my sister, Bryanda, was a camp counselor. I noticed when I was in 6th grade and some of 7th grade, I didn't have a lot of confidence and was quite shy.



Camp Thunderhead helped me build my confidence and has shown me how to be a leader. Our 7th and 8th grade

years, we were seen as leaders to the younger girls. My classmates and I were there to help the 6th graders adjust to Camp Thunderhead. It is sad to think that I'll never go back to camp as a student but I know I will return as a camp counselor one day.

From K4 to 8th grade my teachers have pushed me to grow as both a learner and as a person. They want us to try our best and to be open to new challenges. They push me to try it on my own before asking for help which builds my confidence. They've always been a resource for me whenever I need advice or someone to talk to. I appreciate all of the teachers who have helped me grow and had patience with me over the last 10 years.

Attending Nativity is unique because what we get to experience is so different from other schools. Although many of us will be attending different high schools next year, we will always have the special Nativity bond. If I could share one piece of advice to Nativity students, it would be that it goes by fast, so enjoy every moment and don't take it for granted.

## Student to Graduate Support Coordinator Alexis Sanchez '10



I am sad to be leaving my classmates and Nativity, but I know that I am prepared for high school. I have been accepted into Cristo Rey, Divine Savior Holy Angels, St. Joan Antida and St. Thomas More. I haven't decided where I am going yet but I know Nativity will continue to support me along the way. Someday, I hope to work in health care to help others.

### Before I graduate, I want to say thank you:

- To my family, thank you for choosing to send me to Nativity and for supporting me.
- To my former and current teachers, thank you for preparing me for high school and for being someone I could always count on.
- To my classmates, I am proud of you! Thank you for growing with me at Nativity and for pushing me to be myself.
- To those who support Nativity, thank you for providing these unforgettable experiences. Because of you, I have lifelong skills and friendships that are so special to me.



Sincerely,  
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Many students don't see themselves returning to work at their alma mater. For Alexis Sanchez, Nativity Class of 2010, that wasn't the case. As he says, "During my 8th grade year as we were pulling away from Camp, I knew I'd be back."

When it was time for middle school, he was excited about the possibility of attending Nativity. Although he struggled with homesickness the first few weeks of Camp Thunderhead, he was thankful for the experience. "When I was younger, I was introverted," Alexis says. "Nativity taught me to be open to new opportunities and growth. These are lessons that have helped me in high school, college and life."

After graduating from Nativity, Alexis attended Dominican High School and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. In 2018, he returned to Camp Thunderhead, but this time as a counselor.

In 2022, Alexis joined Nativity full time. Alexis serves as the Graduate Support Coordinator. He supports students and families throughout the high school search process. After their graduation, he continues to support Nativity alumni in high school through the mentoring program.

"It really is a full circle moment," says Alexis. "As a first-generation student, Nativity helped my family and I navigate high school and college. Now I get to give back to the community that gave me so much."



## Called to Service Ruben Garcia '09

Nativity alumnus Ruben Garcia '09 believes that his return to Nativity was his way of living out Nativity's mission of educating youth for lives of Christian leadership and service. Currently serving as Nativity's School Program Coordinator, he reflects "It is important to me to give back to Nativity for everything they did for me."

Selecting Nativity was an easy decision for his parents. Nativity was close to home, had small class sizes and had strong Catholic, Jesuit values. As he was leaving for camp for the first time, his family cried together in the parking lot. Despite the initial shock, Ruben was able to thrive at the school. "Nativity and Camp Thunderhead helped me grow independently and academically," Ruben says. "These skills helped me navigate high school, college and beyond."

After graduating from Nativity, Ruben went on to attend Marquette University High School and University of Wisconsin-Madison. In 2014, he returned to Camp Thunderhead as a counselor. He has served as a camp counselor ever since.

## Spring 2024 Alumni Updates

- **Irving Ibarra '03** is now on the board of Nativity Jesuit Academy and serves as a mentor to a Nativity student from the Class of 2023.
- **Francisco Hernandez '15** works as an advisor for Marquette University's Seizing Opportunities and Academic Readiness (SOAR) pre-college program.
- **Leo Martinez '17 and José Villanueva '18** are recipients of the Father Joe Juknialis Scholarship. **Father Joe Juknialis** is a generous donor who has offered to financially support dedicated Nativity alumni with their college tuition.
- **Omar Madrigal-Chavez '19, Josiah Zarate Tapia '19, and Alan Fuentes Sánchez '19** are the newest scholars for the All-In Milwaukee college program. They are among nine Nativity graduates to participate in All-In Milwaukee.
- **Francisco Hernandez '10** has earned a new role at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School as an alumni advisor. He has been working at Cristo Rey for five years.
- **Ruben Garcia '09, Alexis Sánchez '10, Adalberto Carrillo '14, and Dylan Ocampo '14** served as counselors at Camp Thunderhead during summer 2023.
- **Nativity Jesuit Academy's Northwoods Campus**, affectionately known as Camp Thunderhead, is currently seeking staff for the summer of 2024. All candidates, including Nativity alumni, are encouraged to apply at [www.nativityjesuit.org/about.employment-opportunities](http://www.nativityjesuit.org/about.employment-opportunities).

## Postgraduate Updates from Nativity's Class of 2020

- **The Nativity Class of 2020** (current high school seniors) are performing exceptionally well academically. Collectively, their average cumulative GPA stands at a strong 3.11, and their average for the Fall 2023 semester is a 3.05.

## Mentoring Program

The Nativity Mentoring Program is looking for dedicated individuals interested in serving as mentors to high school-aged Nativity graduates. Mentors are paired with a Nativity graduate at the start of freshman year and work together with the Graduate Support Program and the student's family to help support their academic and personal goals. Students and mentors participate in monthly meetings, which include a guided conversation over a shared meal, and social events such as a fall cookout and spring bowling night. Nativity will be hosting a happy hour for current and prospective mentors on Wednesday, May 22 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Zócalo. **Interested in attending the happy hour or learning more about how to become a mentor? Contact Alexis Sánchez at [sancheza@nativityjesuit.org](mailto:sancheza@nativityjesuit.org).**



## 2024 Companions Award



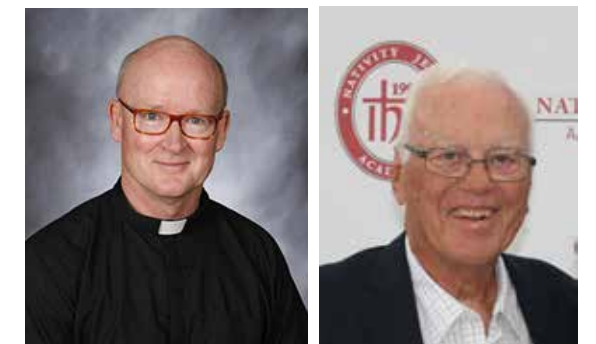
James and Virginia Wheeler

Members of The James and Virginia Wheeler Foundation are the recipients of Nativity's 2024 Companions Award! This award is named in honor of the Holy Companions—St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Peter Faber and St. Francis Xavier—whose friendship with God and with one another became the nucleus of the Society of Jesus. Great works rely on the cooperation and support of friends in our mission, and the Wheeler family partnership has shaped Nativity's students and mission since the school's earliest days.

The Wheeler family's support began in the 1990's and has impressively engaged three generations of involvement during Nativity's 30-year history: Jim and Ginny Wheeler, Michael Wheeler and Debbie McNear, Katie and John Mehan and Jack Mehan. The family's philanthropic support has touched nearly every facet of Nativity's model of education, including operating support, capital campaign contributions, our Camp Thunderhead program and high school scholarships for Nativity alumni. Beyond their philanthropy, the Wheeler family has been actively involved with many activities at Nativity. Katie volunteered in Nativity's business office during the school's early years. John had years of tremendous service as a trustee and board chair. Michael generously provided numerous cleaning disinfectants and floor care supplies over the years. Nativity students' lives are greatly enriched by the Wheeler family's care!

## 2024 St. Ignatius Leadership Award

Also receiving awards at the 2024 Scholarship Dinner are Fr. Bill Johnson, SJ and Larry Siewert, the founding president and principal of Nativity Jesuit Academy. They are the recipients of the St. Ignatius Leadership Award, which aims to recognize individuals who have profoundly influenced Nativity's mission and model of education. St. Ignatius of Loyola believed that one's life purpose should be of love and service to others. The annual recipient of this award is someone who embodies the true spirit of Nativity Jesuit Academy.



Fr. Bill Johnson, SJ

Larry Siewert

What started as a dream for an all-boy middle school in the early 1990's took shape to become a K4–8th grade co-ed academy which is an educational leader in Milwaukee. Thank you Fr. Bill and Larry for the depth of care and commitment you have given to Nativity's students, families and mission!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



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