



Thomas More Prep-Marian

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In Christ Our Gifts Create...

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... The Gift of a Lifetime





Martin Mullen '45



Martin E. Mullen, Jr. was born on November 2, 1927 in Mt. Lebanon, PA. He attended St. Bernard's Parochial School and Dormont High School in Dormont, PA before transferring to St. Joseph's College & Military Academy in Hays, Kansas during the fall of 1943. He attended SJMA for two years, graduating in May, 1945. His main interests at SJMA were working for the school newspaper "On Parade" as a writer/editor, and as department editor for "The Corps".

After graduation, Martin entered the US Army and was sent to Germany in the occupation army. During his service history, he was editor of the Army newspaper. Following his discharge in 1947, he attended Duquesne University where he majored in journalism and worked at the Sun Telegraph newspaper in Pittsburgh, PA. Graduating in 1951 from Duquesne University, Mr. Mullen was contacted by the CIA and went to Washington, D.C. for training and briefing. He was assigned to FBIS, which was the Foreign Broadcast and Information Services and was sent to Saigon in South Vietnam.

When he returned to the U.S., Martin attended Cal State in Los Angeles and received an M.A. in English. He then taught English from 1961 to 1986 at Azusa High School in San Gabriel Valley. During this time, he enjoyed a sabbatical leave in 1968 to Paris, France. In the late 1980's, Martin began teaching writing at UCLA Extension in the evenings. As an avid reader and scholar, Mr. Mullen also studied finance, investments and had a love for old airplanes.

Upon his death in June, 2009, Martin blessed the Endowment Foundation of Thomas More Prep-Marian with the largest single donation in the history of the school. These funds will be used to increase the base of our Endowment, which in turn will fund future needs of his alma mater.

Assuring Catholic Education for the Future...

† Jean Ross Society †

The Jean Ross Society recognizes individuals that have developed an estate plan or deferred gift arrangement dedicated to TMP-Marian, the Endowment Foundation, the Alumni Association or Holy Family Elementary School. Jean devoted ten years to the success of Thomas More Prep-Marian High School, serving in the position of President. Her spiritual leadership and dedication to the success of the Catholic Schools of Hays represents the long-term giving philosophy of the Society.



Jean served "God's School" in years of budget deficits and challenging times. A very humble servant of God, she did this difficult work with no paycheck, donating all her time and talent to a mission she so passionately believes in, a true gift to our Catholic community. Members of the Jean Ross Society receive the personal satisfaction of committing a gift during their lifetime, knowing that their resources will ensure a successful future for Catholic education in Hays.

In February, 2009, a major donation to Thomas More Prep-Marian coincided with the establishment of the Jean Ross Society. This gift of \$855,000.00 was received from the estate of Fred James Neu '45, a classmate, fellow resident student and lifelong friend of Martin Mullen. The Neu funds were used to relieve past debt and provide opportunity for future growth. Outside of the Leo & Albina Dreiling Trust, which is the overall largest donor to the school, the Mullen and Neu contributions have exceeded all others.



Planned Giving

Planned giving can be made through a variety of vehicles: wills, trusts, charitable annuities and insurance policies. The Office of Advancement can assist you in determining what type of gift is most ideal to achieve your philanthropic goals.

If you have already named Thomas More Prep-Marian, the TMP Endowment Foundation, the Alumni Association or Holy Family Elementary as the beneficiary of a planned gift, we welcome you as a Jean Ross Society member. If you have not yet arranged your planned gift, we invite you to become a member. Documentation of your planned gift to one of these entities will establish you as a member of the Jean Ross Society.

As per a directive from Bishop Paul S. Coakley, all discretionary donations for Holy Family Elementary School will be administered through the Endowment Foundation of Thomas More Prep-Marian.

Faith Funds our Future

Thomas More Prep-Marian's Annual Advancement Campaign, "Faith Funds our Future", is a great opportunity to support the operation of the school. These charitable dollars are utilized as one of the primary sources of operational funding for TMP-Marian. Funds from this campaign are used for a variety of impacts such as salaries, technological and instructional needs, sports/activities and the day-to-day operations.

Your investment in our annual campaign is an investment in our teachers, programs, buildings and most of all – our students, as we teach them each day to grow not only academically, but also spiritually.

Volunteer Opportunities

We appreciate the dedication and commitment of the Capuchin Friars and Agnesian Sisters so generously given throughout the history of Thomas More Prep-Marian High School (*previously known as Hays Catholic College, St. Joseph's College, St. Joseph's College & Military Academy, Girls Catholic High School, St. Francis Seminary, St. Joseph's Military Academy, Marian High School, Thomas More Prep*).

Led by their fine example, many alumni, parents and friends volunteer their time and talents on a regular basis to the school. There are many opportunities available such as: chaperones, host families, bake sales; Center For Research (CFR); ACE Auction, Homecoming, Golf Classic; mailings, lunchroom service; costumes and stage preparation; food/drink suppliers; event drivers, student tutoring, web-site and science lab maintenance; campus ministry volunteers; debate and forensics judges; scholars bowl workers; grounds upkeep, baseball/softball field care; light construction, plumbing, electrical, cleaning; Fine Arts Night and recognition of students, Sports Booster Tailgate, ticket takers, concessions helpers; PTF Soup Supper and Valentine delivery. Please contact Sandy in Advancement at 785-625-6577 to volunteer your services.

In Kind Gifting

In kind gifting and special projects are another way to make donations to Thomas More Prep-Marian. Some examples of "in kind" gifts would be: the sorority house now 'Nations Hall' (the boys resident dorm) donated by Wilmer and Lorena Kellogg; ACE raffle vehicles for the past 20 years from Dick & Kay Werth, Auto World; maintenance and grounds equipment donated each year by Don Bickle, S & W Supply; and the use of equipment donated by Hertel Tank Service. Thanks to all of our past in kind donors; the list is long and too numerous to mention.



Special projects have also been initiated and funded by specific individuals or groups like the mascot proudly displayed in front of the Al Billinger Fieldhouse gifted by Joe and Virginia Hess. The St. Thomas More statue in the front entrance of the school was donated by Wayne Gabel and the Class of 1953 in honor of his late wife, Marie (Pfannenstiel, '53) Gabel. A teacher technology lab was donated in memory of the late David L. Wessling, '71 by his wife Michelle (Leiker, '75) Wessling, now Fisher. All special projects must be preapproved by the Department of Advancement.

Restoration Fund

A small group of business individuals, spearheaded by Jean Ross, teamed up with Bob Schmidt, Don Bickle and the Dreiling Trust to assist in raising the necessary funding for the restoration project at Thomas More Prep-Marian. The undertaking was designed to raise \$1.5 million to update and replace the electrical and mechanical infrastructure in both the Administrative Building and the Fieldhouse. Additional projects, such as interior remodeling and various site restorations are also included in the project.

Through a matching gift challenge, select individuals and the businesses of Hays have contributed over \$700,000 to this restoration project. In order to use these dollars, the contributions must be from any alumni, or friends living outside of Hays. To date we have raised \$940,000, and are committed to raising and matching these funds with strategies under way to raise the remaining \$60,000.

Many restoration projects have already been accomplished and others are in the planning stages. In December of 2007, the cafeteria had new floor tile and window treatments installed in addition to electrical upgrades to initiate the restoration project.



Architectural plans were created for much needed renovations in the Al Billinger Fieldhouse. Construction began in late April, 2009 to renovate three of the main locker rooms in the 58 year old structure. This work is now complete and being enjoyed by all. Future renovation projects will be forthcoming as donated funds allow.





Susan S. Moss

Named Director of Advancement
For Hays Catholic Schools

Susan S. Moss has been hired as the Director of Advancement for Thomas More Prep-Marian High School and Holy Family Elementary School. Susan is originally from Hays and graduated from Hays High School in 1975. After graduating from the University of Kansas, (William Allen White School of Journalism), Susan began her professional career on the East and West coasts writing, producing and composing for television, film and entertainment.

The past ten years, Susan's career transitioned into working with traditional corporate and private organizations headquartered in Connecticut and New York. Her focus has been in brand marketing, public relations, advertising, communications, investor relations and fundraising for world class brands.

A desire to get back to her Midwestern roots and closer to her parents has brought Ms. Moss back to Hays. She remembers the town fondly and is very familiar with the traditions, expectations and visions of the Catholic schools in Hays. As a mother of three children, whom have all successfully completed private schooling and higher education, Susan understands and believes in the values of Thomas More Prep-Marian and Holy Family Elementary, and is passionate in her endeavors to advance and develop their futures.

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