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A Message from Our Principal



Jim Lee Principal

Dear IHM Alumni,

As I reflect on my Catholic Elementary School experience, the things I remember most are the people. The friendships that developed during those years were important. I met my oldest friend in 5th grade and we are still in contact today.

Many of you spent nine years at IHM and made many friends. In fact, you probably continued these connections through high school and beyond.

Your participation in the Alumni Association is all about connections and friendships. You have shared a variety of mutual experiences that have helped to form who you are today. You have deep roots and it is good to nurture those associations. Please keep in touch, and let us know how you are doing.

God Bless,
Jim Lee
Principal

Alumni-Supported iPad Project Expands

IHM participated in the Net Texts Pilot Program to replace traditional classroom textbooks and create a customized, hands-on learning curriculum. IHM Alumnus Mike Messner '67 proposed and funded the project through his family foundation, The Speedwell Foundation.



The Class of 2012 piloted the project, which allows teachers to combine educational resources on the Internet with more conventional teaching materials thus creating a customized, hands-on learning curriculum. Teachers are allowed to design their courses as long as they cover the required curriculum set forth from the Office of Catholic Schools in the Catholic Archdiocese of Atlanta.



Ben Carson '13 receives his iPad as his mother, Kristi Knipper Carson '81 watches.

The program was so successful, Bob Baldonado, assistant principal, expanded it into the seventh grade classrooms. With funding from The Westerman Foundation as well as additional grants from The Shelter Hill Foundation and The Speedwell Foundation, IHM was able to purchase iPads for seventh graders.

Studies show today's students have a different way of

learning and teachers need tools to capture their interests and spark their curiosity. iPads are a wonderful tool in the classroom because they are more engaging than traditional lectures and handouts. It is IHM's hope that the students involved in this initiative will be better equipped to solve problems using technology.



Father Schillinger Takes a Sabbatical

Please keep Fr. Schillinger in your prayers as he begins his Sabbatical. He is participating in the Hesburgh Sabbatical Program at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago beginning in August and ending in December. May he return fully rested and revived, to continue leading us on our journey of faith. Also, August marks 10 years of his pastorate at IHM! Happy Anniversary Fr. Schillinger!!



Thank you for your ministry to this parish and its community.



Join Us for the Annual Picnic!

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish and School invite you and your family to the annual picnic featuring the traditional slow cooked barbeque cooked by the men of our parish and school. IHM will provide the drinks and main entrée! Please bring a dish to share based on the first letter of your last name:

- A-G Green Salad (with dressing) or Fruit
- H-Q Dessert
- R-Z Vegetables or Side Dish

We will have games, inflatables, music, and a special gift for all Alumni. Come back to where it all began!

GRACE Update

GRACE Scholars is a unique scholarship program that provides tuition assistance for students in kindergarten or first grade or for students in grades 2-12 who are entering Catholic schools for the first time. Donors to GRACE redirect a portion of their taxes to the Student Scholarship Organization of their choice and receive this contribution back the following year as a one-for-one tax credit.



As of August 31, Immaculate Heart of Mary School had received 83 designated gifts totaling \$117,317 versus 33 gifts totaling \$43,110 at the same time last year. There are a number of gifts still in the pipeline, awaiting approval by the Department of Revenue or contributions that have been approved but have yet to be submitted to the GRACE office. The \$51.5 cap in tax credits was met on August 13.

There are currently 15 GRACE Scholars ranging in age from kindergarteners to new sixth graders. Once a student is approved for a GRACE Scholarship, they keep that scholarship throughout their career at IHM School as long as their family continues to qualify.

On behalf of all of the children benefiting from GRACE Scholars, thank you for your generosity.

IHM Receives Endowment Gift from Mitchell Heir

IHM School was the recipient of a \$10,000 gift to the school's Endowment Fund from the estate of Joseph Mitchell, a parishioner at the Cathedral of Christ the King and nephew of Margaret Mitchell. The gift was received in June and the IHM School Endowment Fund was valued at \$404,747 on June 30, 2012. What follows is an excerpt from an article about the bequest to the Archdiocese of Atlanta that was first published on August 16, 2012 in The Georgia Bulletin, the newspaper of the Catholic Archdiocese of Atlanta.

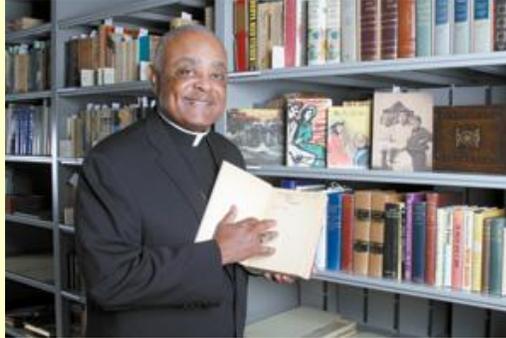
Mitchell Heir Leaves Estate To Archdiocese

Gretchen Keiser, Staff Writer, Georgia Bulletin

The Archdiocese of Atlanta has received a substantial gift from the estate of Margaret Mitchell's nephew, Joseph, including a 50 percent share of the trademark and literary rights to "Gone With the Wind."

The estate of Joseph Mitchell included a multi-million dollar bequest to the archdiocese and the donation of his home on Habersham Road in Atlanta.

One of two sons of Margaret Mitchell's brother, Stephens, Joseph Mitchell died in October 2011. He was a member of the Cathedral of Christ the King and asked that, if possible, his donation assist the Cathedral in a particular way.



Standing with the Mitchell archives, Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory holds a first edition copy of "Gone With the Wind," signed by author Margaret Mitchell and presented to her father, Eugene Muse Mitchell. The book is one item in a large collection of articles left to the archdiocese after the charitable bequest of her nephew, Joseph Mitchell, who died in October 2011. As the son of prominent Catholic Stephens Mitchell, Joe attended the Cathedral of Christ the King church and school. (Photo by Michael Alexander)

From the Joseph Mitchell estate, Archbishop Gregory has designated that \$7.5 million be given to the Cathedral of Christ the King for its building fund.

He has also assigned \$1.5 million to Catholic Charities Atlanta for its immediate use and an additional \$2 million to create an endowment fund for the social services agency to address its long-term need for sustaining income.

The archbishop has also asked the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia to create an endowment fund for each parish, mission and Catholic school of the archdiocese with a \$10,000 gift apiece from the Joseph Mitchell estate, totaling over \$1 million.

Plans call for the Cathedral parish, which has limited space on its Peachtree Road site, to use part of the bequest to purchase the nearby archbishop's residence on West Wesley and renovate it as a rectory for Cathedral priests. A new residence is planned for Archbishop Gregory and future archbishops of Atlanta on the Habersham Road property given by Joseph Mitchell.

"The Archdiocese of Atlanta has been blessed with a generous gift through the kindness of Joe Mitchell," Archbishop Gregory said. "This gift is a reservoir of the funds earned through the genius of Margaret Mitchell and her depiction of the harsh struggles of Southern life during and after the Civil War. The Mitchell family has a proud Catholic legacy, and this gift will allow that legacy and that pride to be shared with many others in the archdiocese."

"Christ the King parish, Joe's church home, the works of Catholic Charities, a passionate concern for Joe, and each parish community and our schools within the archdiocese will share in the gift of his kindness," the archbishop said. "Thus the

Mitchell legacy will help the Catholic community and those that are served by the Catholic Church to have a brighter future. We should all give thanks for Joe's kindness and remember all of the Mitchell family in our prayers."

Congratulations to the Class of 2012, our newest Alumni!



Immaculate Heart of Mary School
8th Grade Class of 2012

Alumni Updates

Breana M. Ware '03 graduated from Boston College with a B.A., English, summa cum laude and was selected for induction to Phi Beta Kappa. She also received the William Kenealy Award for commitment to social justice and leadership, the highest student honor in the College of Arts and Sciences. In addition, she was elected to Alpha Sigma Nu-Jesuit Honor Society and selected for induction to the Order of the Cross and Crown-Arts and Sciences Honor Society. Breana also participated in Mock Trial, step team, and many public service projects. After being recruited by over 50 schools, she attends Harvard Law School in Cambridge, MA.



Jonathan Gauthier '06 spent his summer working in the maintenance department at IHM School. During the school year you can find him studying Aviation Safety at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Originally his plan was to become a pilot, but due to medical issues he was unable to follow this path. Switching gears, he then made plans to become an Aircraft Accident Investigator. "Instead of me crashing the planes, I'll just clean them up!" says Jonathan.

Lillie Barnett '08 sang the National Anthem on August 2 at the Atlanta Braves vs. Miami Marlins baseball game at Turner Field. Follow this link to watch her [sing](#).

Meredith Gage '08 graduated from Lakeside High School and is attending the University of South Carolina. She was featured in the August 8 issue of DeKalb Neighbor for her involvement with the Twin Lakes Thunder Bolts swim team. She was quoted as saying "I plan to go to med school and become a pediatrician. I love kids and have always liked anatomy."



The Georgia Chapter of U.S. Lacrosse named **Claire Homrich '09** to the 2012 All-Academic Team. A U.S. Lacrosse All-Academic team member is an athlete who exhibits exemplary lacrosse skills and excellent sportsmanship while also representing high standards of academic achievement in the classroom and in service to the community. Claire is a senior at St. Pius X High School.

Luke Palmer '11, who attended IHM School from kindergarten through seventh grade and is set to graduate high school in 2015, was chosen to represent the Atlanta Archdiocese at the Saint George Trek in 2013. The Saint George Trek is The National Catholic Committee on Scouting's® high adventure Catholic leadership program for older Catholic Boy Scouts and Venture Crew members at Philmont Scout Ranch. The program brings Catholic high school youth from around the country together with selected priests, religious and seminarians for eleven days of backpacking in the context of a vocation retreat. Luke was chosen based on his demonstrated maturity, physical ability, leadership potential and an interest in the life of the Church. **Tom Burrell '93** and **Jamie Harrington '96** are Luke's Scout Leaders.

Taylor Kurosad '12 is a freshman at Marist School and plays volleyball for the Atlanta A5 Volleyball Club. She was featured in the August 8 issue of the DeKalb Neighbor.

Calendar of Events

September 29	IHM Parish and School Picnic
October 23-November 2	Book Fair
November 8	Veterans Day Celebration
February 9	All-Class Alumni Mass and Reception

Prayer Requests

Do you have a particular pastoral need? Visit the church's bilingual website at www.ihmatlanta.org. Would you like to be added to the School Prayer List? Send your request to Melissa Petersen at pmabpetersen@bellsouth.net if you would like to place someone on our prayer list.

Births

Amanda Conroy Robbins '94 and her husband Elliot are proud to announce the birth of their second son, Griffin Bradford Robbins, who was born on April 23, 2012. He weighed 8 pounds 2 ounces and was 20 inches long. Griffin's big brother Baylor (4) loves the new addition to our family as does their grandmother **Karen Trotochaud '61**. Griffin's godparents are **Tommy Conroy '96** and **Carol Conroy '06**.



Obituary

Hellen Elaine Fuller Walsh, mother of **Helaine Walsh Markewich, '61, R. Christopher Walsh, '67**, and James Walsh, died July 21, 2012. She was a founding member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

Don Hedges '66, passed on September 4, 2012. Don is survived by his wife Linda **Trotochaud Hedges '66**, his seven children and his siblings **Bill Hedges '67, Steve Hedges '69, Mary Hedges Smith '72, Diane Hedges Draa '75, Laura Hedges Hipp '76, Nancy Hedges Regan '77** and **Cathy Hedges LeBlanc '83**.

Support Your Alma Mater

You know the value of your Catholic education and how it helped shape your life. Now it's your turn to help change the world for future generations of children and lay a strong foundation on which IHM can build. IHM School relies on the generosity of its parents, grandparents, alumni and friends to support its efforts to provide a quality, Catholic education and we ask you to consider a gift to the Immaculate Heart of Mary School Endowment.

Your gift will be added to the principal of the IHM Endowment Fund and invested through the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia. Future needs will be met exclusively from the endowment's investment earnings and the corpus of the endowment is never spent. Your gift will live on in perpetuity and provide a lasting legacy at IHM.

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We love to get news from our graduates. If you have news to share contact Jennifer Sedlack at jsedlack@ihmschool.org.



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