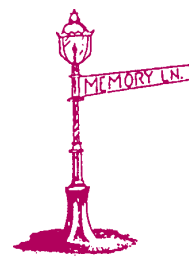




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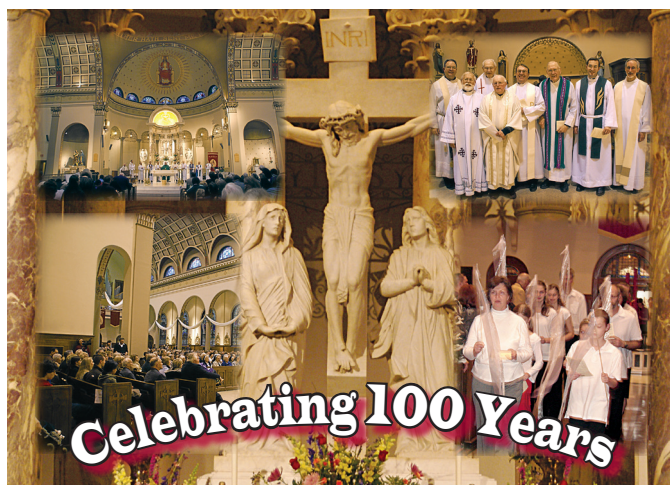
**Mark Your Calendar:** In place of our regular fall Alumni Mass/Reception, we would like to invite our Alumni to join us for our remaining Centennial Events:

*You are Invited*

Sunday, October 9, 2011...  
Centennial Celebration  
Choral Fest

Friday, November 11, 2011...  
Centennial Celebration Closing  
Mass with Archbishop Schnurr

Sunday, November 13, 2011...  
Centennial Church  
and School Tours



100 Year Anniversary Mass

**What's New With You?** Tell us about yourself: your family, your career, an honor or degree earned. Send us a note or an e-mail to [dbroerman@fuse.net](mailto:dbroerman@fuse.net). Be sure to include your year of graduation and your maiden name.

**Planning a Move?** Please help us to keep our records current! Send us your change of address. This will allow us to keep our returned postage fees down. Plus, it will make it easier for your Class Captain to locate you for any upcoming reunions.

**[www.saintmartin.org](http://www.saintmartin.org)**. Be sure to log on and get parish and school updates. Viewing our web site is a great way to stay in touch with your beloved grade school. On our web site, we have featured monthly **Centennial Spotlights** during the course of our yearlong Centennial Celebration. Historical photos are included. Log on today! You can also send us e-mail through this site.

## Join Us for Our Remaining Centennial Festivities

As you all know, 2011 marks the 100th Anniversary of our parish. We began our yearlong Centennial Celebration on St. Martin of Tours Feast Day on November 11, 2010, with a wonderful kick-off Procession and Vesper Service. In February 2011, we celebrated the Anniversary of our first Mass. Now, as our year-long festivities draw to a close, we continue in our celebration with our Centennial Choral Fest, Centennial Closing Mass of Thanksgiving, and Centennial Tours of "Tours."

On **Sunday, October 9, 2011**, at 3:00 p.m., we invite all Alumni to join us and our neighboring community choirs; St. Aloysius Gonzaga, St. Bernard, St. Catharine of Siena, St. Jude, and Our Lady of Lourdes for Choral Fest. A new composition has been commissioned for this occasion and many other familiar songs will be included in this diverse program of beautiful sounds. Among the afternoon's highlights will be the sounds of our magnificent Wicks pipe organ and the 2010 Cincinnati Opera Idol competition winner singing the *Ave Maria*. After the concert, a reception will follow in Fr. Mick Hall (church basement). This fellowship will provide an enjoyable opportunity to visit with past and present parishioners, clergy and religious who served here at SMOT.

On **Friday, November 11, 2011**, the Feast of St. Martin of Tours, we ask all Alumni to please plan on joining us in celebrating our closing event of our Centennial year. We will welcome Archbishop Dennis Schnurr as our Celebrant for our closing Mass of Thanksgiving, at 7:00 p.m. After Mass, a reception will follow in Fr. Mick Hall (church basement). As an added bonus to our closing weekend, we will offer Centennial Tours of our church (including the Choir Loft), plus both school buildings on **Sunday, November 13, 2011**, after our regular 11:30 a.m. Mass until 4:00 p.m. *Tour* guides will be available in church to inform and educate *Tourists* on architectural and historical highlights. We will also have some present and former school faculty and staff members on hand in our school buildings to reminisce with alumni about their SMOT school days.

## Happy 100th Continues

SMOT School will begin its Centennial Year Celebration as our Church Centennial Year Celebration ends. SMOT School officially began classes in 1912. That makes 2012 our school's official Centennial Year. Please check your spring issue of *Tour Times* for upcoming SMOT School Centennial Events.



### “Preserving Our Treasures”

SMOT Centennial Year has provided the perfect opportunity for our alumni to remember their grade school and childhood parish. Think back on your time here at St. Martin of Tours. For most of you, it was the foundation of your life. The time spent here at your church and school formed who you are today. We are asking each of you to consider allowing another child the same opportunity that you had. Wouldn't you love for our beautiful church to be here in another 100 years for our future generations? It's not too late to contribute to our Centennial "Preserving Our Treasures" Fund. By donating \$100 for our 100th Anniversary, you can help to make it happen. Please consider making a donation to SMOT "Preserving Our Treasures" Fund to be used for painting our church windows and repairing our church bells. Already this Centennial year, our generous parishioners and Alumni have donated over \$50,000 towards these expenses. We currently need \$10,000 more to complete the work. Your donation will help to insure that our beautiful church will be here for generations to come. Today is the day to remember your grade school and childhood parish by donating \$100 (or any amount) for "Preserving Our Treasures." An envelope has been provided for your convenience. No donation is too small. Our Centennial motto, "A Century of Caring, A Legacy of Faith" truly describes our St. Martin community. May God Bless you for your generosity during our Centennial Year of Celebration.

### Longtime Teachers Say Goodbye

SMOT School honored and thanked our retiring Principal, **Patricia Dieckman** (20 years as teacher +3 as Principal); and three other retiring faculty members; **Jim Vassallo** (43 years); **Marietta Dalessandro** (41 years); and **Diana Kramer** (12 years); for their dedicated service to St. Martin School. Together, they taught for over a century! We are grateful to God for the blessings that these educators have brought to so many of our students through the years. We wish them well in their retirements.



*Fr. Terry Blesses Our Retirees  
L to R: Patricia Dieckman, Jim Vassallo,  
Diana Kramer & Marietta Dalessandro*

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### SMOT School Welcomes New Principal

For our school Centennial Year, SMOT welcomes a new Principal, **Carolyn Murphy**. Carolyn is delighted to be here and is excited to lead us in our school Centennial Celebration Events. She is a graduate of St. James, White Oak, and McAuley High School. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Education from the University of Cincinnati, and her Master's from Xavier University. Carolyn lives in White Oak with her husband and three children. She enjoys reading and spending time with her family and friends. Carolyn is very passionate about Catholic Education and looks forward to continuing the success of our school's first 100 years.

### SMOT Alumna Hired to Teach

This school year, SMOT welcomed four new teachers and one new certified teaching assistant in addition to our new Principal. One of our new teachers, **Sarah Schablein** (Class of 1999), is an alumna of our school. As an alumna of SMOT School, **Sarah** is excited to be our new grade 6-8 Science and Social Studies teacher. Sarah enjoyed growing up as a west sider. Her Catholic education has been a major part of her life. After Mother of Mercy High School, she continued her education at The College of Mount St. Joseph. Sarah is currently finishing her Master's at Xavier University. Sarah enjoys traveling, coaching the Mercy freshman soccer team, and rooting on the Cincinnati Bearcats football team. She is currently keeping busy planning her upcoming spring wedding. Sarah is looking forward to this new chapter of her life in the familiar SMOT setting.



*SMOT Teacher/Alumna, Sarah Schablein, Greets  
Students on the First Day of School*

### Welcome SMOT Class of 2011

St. Martin of Tours Alumni Association welcomes its newest members, The Class of 2011. The following graduates received scholarships at their June graduation: **Eric Huff, Ben Merk, Margaret Kammerer, Jessica Richter, Adam Frede, Ryan Durkin, Sam Cole, Joseph David, William Hauer, David Stamper, and Mary Claire Sunderhaus.**

