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EPILOGUE

THE LAST SEMESTER
 OF THE DECADE

NUMBERS TO LOOK AT

Nathan Fernandes ('22)



Celebration of the BODY

Benjamin Bartlett ('21)

Stemming from the teachings of Jesus Christ and his exemplary life, Catholic education strives to lead the young generation into a life of humility and sacrifice. This holds true to Saint Lawrence Seminary, an institute that finds its roots in faith and ministry. Annually, Catholic Schools Week is the perfect opportunity for every member of the SLS community to remind themselves of the great mission that they have taken upon their shoulders. EREWHILE valued, the virtues of Jesus Christ, which patron Catholic education, was our inspiration for ISSUE IV of Volume LV.

For 45 years, the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) has held its Catholic Schools Week celebration as a time to reflect and appreciate the education offered in Catholic schools, along with their contributions to Mass, local communities, and the nation. This year, the theme for the event is, "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." SLS celebrated the event by hosting a special Mass and a banquet. School was shortened to a half-day, allowing the school to come together. At the banquet, two staff members were honored for their contributions to the school. This year, Mrs. Mary Bink and Mr. Jeff Birschbach were each honored for their 35 years of service at Saint Lawrence. It's an opportunity to congratulate those who have served the school for a long period of time and who have served the school's mission faithfully. Several days after the school's celebration, SLS sent a group of staff members, organized by Mr. Francisco Saucedo, to the Archbishop's Catholic Schools dinner in Milwaukee. It is an event hosted by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee to bring the diocesan schools together to reflect on the past year and share their experiences. It's one of the few opportunities for the

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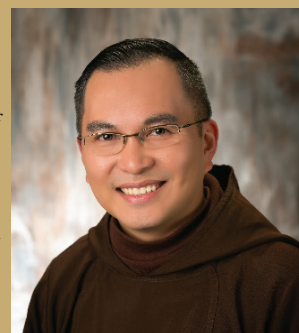
Even now, says the LORD, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning. Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the LORD, your God." (Joel 2:12-13)

The above passage, taken from the book of the Prophet Joel, is part of the first reading for Ash Wednesday. It is a beautiful passage. It comes easy on the ears and goes straight to the heart. It is a gentle reminder to all of us of what Lent is really about.

In the Book of Joel, we are told that the Israelites have just suffered a terrible blow after seeing days with no rain, their land parched, and locusts destroying their crops, leaving them without food for days. Joel sees these devastations as a sign—a warning, rather—to not ignore the Lord, but return to him. Joel then exhorts the people to do penance and to perform a fast, so as to ameliorate their fate. Joel also reminds the people that in spite of the hardships they are going through, God never abandons them, and that is a good reason for them to hope. The Israelites heeded Joel's warnings. In the end, God restored the good fortunes of their land—even to a greater extent. Prophets like Joel help us to see things through God's eyes. They remind us whenever we forget. We need their help. We need to heed their words, lest we stray from the path and wander away from God.

Lent is a time in the Church year when we are reminded more than ever to return to the Lord with our whole heart. One of the time-honored and effective ways of doing so is through acts of penance: fasting, abstinence, and prayer. During Lent, the Church urges us to fast from having full meals on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, in order to remind us that we are not nourished by bread alone, but by the Word of God. The Church also urges us to abstain from eating meat on Fridays and on Ash Wednesday. This is to remind us that making sacrifices and delaying gratification are essential if we are to set our hearts and minds to God. Fasting and abstinence also lead us to greater solidarity with the suffering Christ and the members his mystical body. They allow us, in the words of Saint Paul, to "rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep, and mourn with those who mourn" (Romans 12:15).

Finally, during Lent, the Church urges us to pray with greater intensity, frequency, and openness. Prayer is our secret weapon against the lures of the devil. Prayer is the driving force that propels us to continue whenever the road gets rough and the going gets tough. It is what sustained Jesus during his time in the desert. It will also sustain us during this time of Lent. So, in the next forty days, I invite you to heed the words of the Prophet Joel to return to the Lord with our whole heart. Let us also heed the teachings of the Church and immerse ourselves in acts of penance: fasting, abstinence, and prayer, so that we may delve more deeply into the mystery of God's love and mercy, and share in the grace of life eternal. ★



diocesan schools to gather in the same place.

During Catholic Schools Week, Saint Lawrence reflects on the theme, in all that is done. The student body is constantly learning from their schoolwork and their friends; they serve weekly in the local Fond du Lac community in various forms of ministry; they lead each other to become a positive family of driven brothers; and they succeed in both having fun and promoting the will of God. Catholic Schools Week is an opportunity to appreciate what is done as a student body and to congratulate those who continue to be role models in this journey. ★



WINTER SPORTS

Dominic Soto ('20)

BASKETBALL

season GOALS ?

RL

1. To acquire five wins by the end of the season.
2. To play as a team and not as individuals.
3. To motivate everybody to play to their highest capabilities.

Chad Dowland

Varsity Basketball Coach



Robert Little ('20)

Varsity Basketball Captain

CD

1. To help the players improve their sharing and passing skills.
2. To improve the team's focus and drive.
3. To get more wins as a team and improve our record. ★



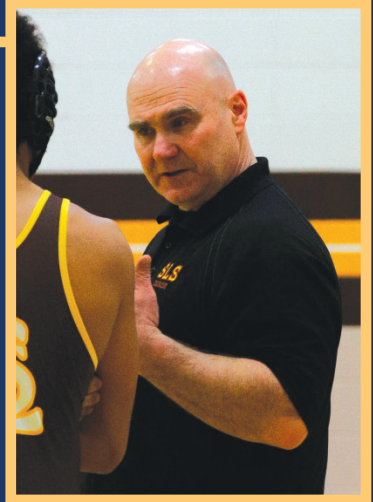
season GOALS ?

PM

1. To take 4th place at the tournament as a team.
2. To advance two wrestlers to sectionals.
3. To have two conference champs.

Daniel Trinh ('20)

Varsity Wrestling Captain



Phil McCabe

Varsity Wrestling Coach

DT

1. To have a winning record for the season.
2. To have more pins as a team.
3. To avoid making more silly mistakes and to be able to learn from past silly mistakes. ★



WRESTLING

BALLIN' UP

LIKE THE GOOD OLD DAYS



Claiemore Tango-an ('20)

Every year alumni are invited back to the Hill for the Alumni 3-vs-3 Tournament and Pizza Party. This year's tournament was held on Saturday, February 1st. Many alumni came to play and represent their classes. The tournament was run in a round-robin bracket and the gym was split into multiple courts for the event. The tournament lasted a few hours until the two finalists played it out to see who would be the Alumni 3-vs-3 Tournament Champions of 2020.

There were representatives from many classes, ranging from the Class of 1976 to the Class of 2019. Throughout the tournament the spectators saw some big plays and many exciting match-ups. In a thrilling final game, the Class of 2004 went head-to-head with the reigning champs, the Class of 2008. This year the Class of 2008 lost their streak and the

winners of the 2020 3-vs-3 Alumni Basketball tournament was the class of 2004. When asked how it felt to see the alumni come back for the tournament, alumnus and team organizer, Jordi Vazquez, Class of 2018, said, "It feels great and refreshing to see friends after graduation and competing with the other classes."

The Alumni 3-vs-3 Tournament was great fun for the players to the spectators. It brought old friends back to the Hill to relive old memories. After meeting up with many of his old classmates, Robert Arias, Class of 2008, commented about the event, "It's great. We have played for the past couple of years. It's exciting to see old classmates, laugh, and have fun." The tournament is always something to look forward to each year, and it is a great opportunity for the alumni to reminisce of years past. ★



PAVING the Path of the FUTURE

Andrzej Kielar ('22)



On the evening of February 12th, the Hilltoppers welcomed, yet again, the students from the Holyland Catholic Parishes. These middle school kids were excited to go on a field trip and SLS was ready to give them just that, a fun visit. They arrived, peering through the bus windows, eyes full of curiosity, anxious to explore the campus. Students greeted them as they offloaded the bus and soon began the tours. The kids were taken to all corners of campus, beginning with the gym and ending with the refectory. The students then began to file into the chapel one after another. Students already seated smiled as they arrived, some no doubt reminded of

their own siblings at home. As the first bell rang the rest of the student body shuffled into the chapel, and as they all took their seats, Mass began. The Mass felt special, it was out of the ordinary for Wednesday masses. One could hear how the chapel was filled with song, the voices of the kids matching that of the students, an amazing atmosphere. Axel Huiochea stated, "The visit went great, the kids really enjoyed themselves and we too, enjoyed giving them a tour of campus." Overall their visit was pleasant, maybe one of the young guys looking around campus will one day find themselves in our shoes, as Sons of Calvary. ★

SNOW Captured!

Ellison Juern ('21)

On January 25th, the Saint Lawrence students and staff celebrated the 47th annual Winter Carnival. Students put away their books, notes, and devices for a day to enjoy the great outdoors in games, healthy competition, and bonding. The morning began with a prayer to Our Lady of the Snows and the lighting of the torch, before the students ventured out into the cold.

To prepare for the day's competitions, the students signed up for events with their fraternity to give them the best possible chance of winning. In the morning, the fraternities competed in soccer, football, broomball and Ultimate Frisbee. Senior Dominic Soto said, "My favorite event was flag football. I got to spend time with my fraternity and beat the competition."

After lunch, more events followed suit. The gym and lower St. Anthony Hall were bustling with students. Some played Super Smash Bros, while others played in the 3-vs-3 basketball tournament. After a few hours of video games and basketball, the infamous rat race took place in the gym. In the rat race, one fraternity tried to sprint from one end of the gym to the other and back, while two other fraternities threw dodgeballs at them. The goal was to get as many people across the gym without getting hit. However, year after year, dozens of students get hit and ultimately very few people finish the race. When the rat race concluded, the students headed to the refectory for a snack and to prepare for the scavenger hunt around campus, in which students race to solve riddles and find information. Then students had free time before dinner and the final event, the student vs. staff basketball game.

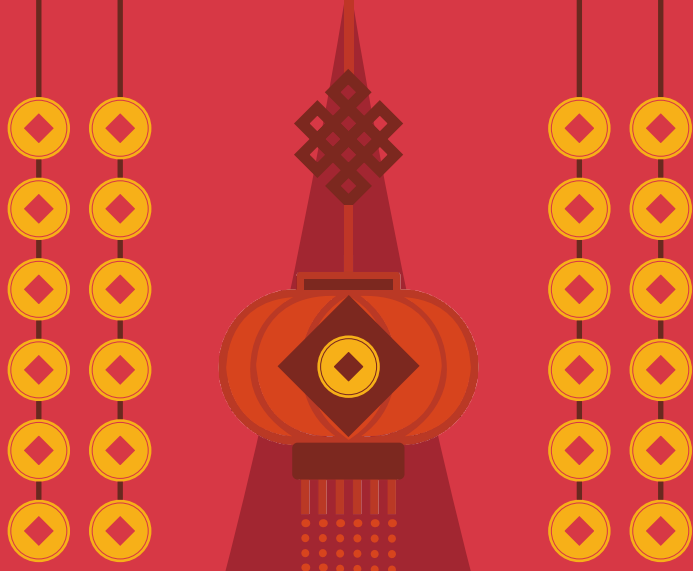
The student vs. staff basketball game has been a tradition of Winter Carnival for years. Students got to watch their favorite supervisor or staff member sprint up and down the court and make free throws. This year, some of the basketball game highlights were watching sophomore dorm supervisor, Mr. David Trinh play against his younger brother, senior Daniel Trinh, whom he was crossed up by. Another was watching junior dorm supervisor, Mr. Logan Burge, throw "granny style" free throws. After the game wound down, the winners of Winter Carnival were announced. This year the top fraternities were: 5, 6 and 10 all tied for 3rd place, fraternity 12 took 2nd place and fraternity 15 took home the gold. The 2020 Winter Carnival was a memorable day, full of fun, competition, games, and of course, snow. ★

47TH



Winter Carnival





Dominic Nguyen ('20)

Lunar New Year is a time when many of the SLS brothers from East Asia tend to celebrate the new year. This is a time when all gather to wish each other good luck, fortune, and a smooth new beginning. Each year, an animal is designated to represent those born in that year. There are twelve animals used to symbolize different things in accordance with the lunar calendar, the ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, goat, monkey, rooster, dog, pig, and finally, the Rat--which is the animal of 2020.

The rat is a very strategic and slick animal. Those born in the year of the rat are said to be quiet, humble, yet quick-witted and accurate problem solvers. This year, the Hilltoppers were fortunate to be given the opportunity to celebrate Tết in a banquet organized by Vietnamese parents from Maryland, Chicago, Vietnam, California, Wisconsin, etc. The students were served fried rice, egg rolls, Vietnamese shrimp chips, four cold cuts, banh cuon, phở--the quintessence of Vietnamese culinary, and lastly, chè for desert. John Bui, a freshman, stated, "It was really cool to see Tết celebrated at St. Lawrence. The food was really good, and I really enjoyed the dragon dance!"

In Vietnam, it is a custom to send blessings to the older loved-ones, wishing them luck for the upcoming year during Tết. In return, the individual will be given a red envelope with money that symbolizes good luck. Immediately after dinner, the students lined up, from oldest to youngest, to greet Father Zoy Garibay, wishing him a happy New Year and good health. In return, Father Zoy happily responded "Chúc mừng năm mới" and gave the students red envelopes.

After the banquet, the students proceeded to chapel for evening prayer. There, stories about the Rat were told and a traditional prayer was said. Proceeding evening prayer, a loud bang reverberated through the walls of the chapel. It was the sound of the drums as the dragon dance began. Led by junior Thomas Nguyen, the students involved in the dragon dance moved gracefully through the chapel and executed a very entertaining performance. Afterwards, the crowd followed the dragons out to the upper ball diamond to the spirit-lifting sight of fireworks. All of these events brought the community together, giving everyone a little taste of Vietnamese culture. For students who live far away from home, the SLS Tết celebration reminds them of the heritage that they are to preserve and nurture. ★

BUCKETS *at the* BUCKS

Nicholas Rodriguez ('20)

On January 31st, 23 students and a few staff members went to see the Denver Nuggets challenge the Milwaukee Bucks at their home stadium, the Fiserv Forum. The Denver Nuggets were ranked 2nd in Western conference before the game and the Bucks were ranked 1st in the Eastern conference. For the first two quarters, the Bucks dominated and maintained a lead into the second half. By half-time, the Bucks had a slight lead of 67-60. The Bucks were not fortunate enough to hold their lead against the Nuggets. By the end of the third quarter, the Nuggets scored 40 points and had a lead of 100-91.

The Nuggets furthered their lead by 14 points at one point in the fourth quarter and pulled off a win against the Bucks with the final score being 127-115.

Despite the devastating loss, the students who attended the game still enjoyed their time at the Fiserv Forum stadium. Many students had not been to a professional basketball game and seized their opportunity to see a game with fellow classmates and friends. The atmosphere of the Bucks stadium allowed the viewers to enjoy their time. Also, students got to compete in an audience game, where they had to pass a check from one end to the other. A couple of the students won, where they got 10 dollar gift cards, while others weren't so lucky. Senior Vito Correa said, "Even though the Bucks lost, I still enjoyed my time seeing them compete. They played a good game and lost to a good team. They still are first in the Eastern Conference, so they have that going for them." ★



SUPER BOWL

ALIVE



Joseph Hall ('22)

This February 2nd, thousands of people gathered in bars, at home, and with friends, to watch the most viewed sporting event in the United States, the Super Bowl. Super Bowl LIV was held at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami, Florida, between the Kansas City Chiefs and the San Francisco 49ers.

The first half began with the 49ers scoring a field goal after five minutes of play. The Chiefs answered with a touchdown run in with just 30 seconds left in the first quarter. Shortly into the second quarter, a pass by the 49ers was intercepted by Bashaud Breeland. Both teams went into half time tied with 10 points each. The half time show was a huge hit, with Jennifer Lopez and Shakira performing songs like "Hips Don't Lie" and "Get Right."

The third quarter was dominated by the 49ers, who scored a total of 10 points, giving them a 20-10 lead. Heading into the fourth quarter, things looked grim for the Chiefs, especially

with an early fourth quarter pick by 49er Tarvarius Moore. It was not until there were just seven minutes left when the Chiefs started to gain momentum with a pass of just over 50 yards. This set the Chiefs up for an easy touchdown, but even then their chance of winning was slim. That is, until Mahomes completed another incredible pass, setting them up for a touchdown which gave them the lead. The Chiefs scored 21 unanswered points in the final eight minutes of the fourth quarter alone. The result was the Kansas City Chiefs clutching their second Super Bowl title, 31-20.

Over all, this was a great Super Bowl that provided people a chance to get together with their friends and family. The Hilltoppers were happy to have a reason to gather in dorm or in the canteen and just have fun. "The spirit of sportsmanship was really in all of us," said junior Danny Draftz. While not everyone was happy with the results, everyone was happy to have the chance to forget about their daily life and enjoy America's favorite sport. ★

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ST. JOSEPH HALL

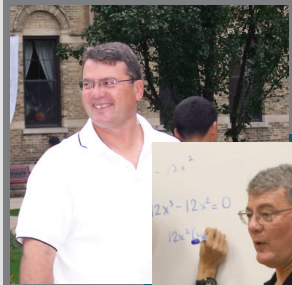
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ST. JOSEPH'S HALL, ALONG WITH EVERYTHING INSIDE OF IT, BURNED DOWN ON THE MORNING OF MARCH 8, 2014. THE PROCESS OF REDEVELOPMENT TOOK PLACE IN THE SUBSEQUENT YEARS. CLASSROOMS AND OFFICES THAT WERE LOST WERE RELOCATED TO OTHER LOCATIONS ON CAMPUS.

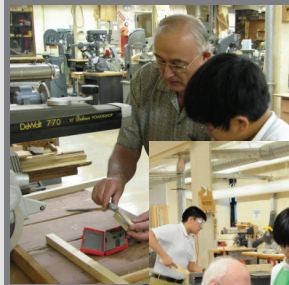
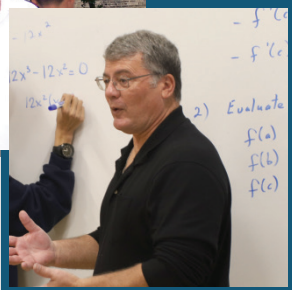


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AND SOME MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR CLASS



THE Mighty M



DID YOU Know

His son, Connor ('15), is an alumnus along with staff member Tyler McFadzen ('15).



He used to deliver balloons to parties, in costumes, to earn money.



He has a giant pet dog named Fozzy.



Robert Little ('20)

One of the most notable staff on campus makes his living down in the computer lab. His name is Mr. Phil McCabe and everyone on campus knows his name. Mr. McCabe has been on campus for the last 18 years. He started as a coach for the wrestling team, but since then he has done so much more. He began teaching 15 years ago, with classes like Accounting, Keyboarding, and Computer Applications, and currently teaches multiple phy. ed. classes, Project Design, Business Law, and Accounting. He has also taught Computer Ethics in the recent past. In addition to teaching for these last 15 years, he has also been present in the athletic programs, taking on the school's Athletic Director position

for three years. After he gets done with a day of teaching, Mr. McCabe coaches the wrestling program during the winter, and the track program during the spring.

Mr. McCabe is not only intelligent and hardworking, he is a very busy man. He currently possesses a double major in Philosophy and English and two Master's Degrees, one in Education and the other in Coaching and Athletic Administration. Even with this impressive resume, he is currently working on another Masters. In fact, this April, he will finish his third Master's Degree of Education in Curriculum and Instruction: STEAM, Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics. This being said, with this decade just beginning he hopes to incorporate more STEAM

classes, or STEAM-like classes into the curriculum at SLS. STEAM is embodied in the new Project Design class he is currently teaching.

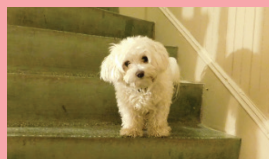
While Mr. McCabe is a very professional man, whom teaches a lot and gives his students examples from his own life experiences in class, there are things many do not know about him. For example, he gets to the Hill at 4 A.M. every morning to work out before school and his renowned yellow Jeep was bought, "In the spur of the moment." Enough said, there are many sides to our well-known, and appreciated Computer Lab supervisor, teacher, and coach and it is evident that we can learn from Mighty Mr. Phil McCabe's example. ★

It'll be
THIS YEAR,
PROMISE!

Ricky Conlin ('22)

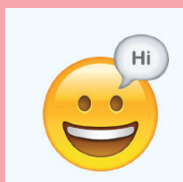
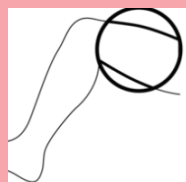
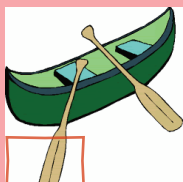
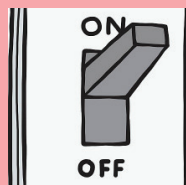


- Gerard Trinh ('23) - "I want to get better at basketball."
- Michael Olsen ('23) - "I want to be able to do a one armed pull up."
- William Le ('23) - "I want to get taller."
- Alex Krause ('22) - "I'm going to improve my handwriting."
- Gael Palacios Prieto ('22) - "Get a B- in Geometry."
- Ekin Her ('22) - "Get a good body for the summer."
- Irving Miranda ('22) - "I want to start making my own music."
- Christian Orozco ('21) - "I am starting a new workout routine."
- Emmanuel Pizana ('21) - "I want to practice playing the tuba more."
- Chris Nguyen ('21) - "I want to sleep more."
- Russel Kilian ('21) - "Join a fitness program over the summer."
- Hunter Braund ('20) - "Make the Dean's list."
- Kenny Krause ('20) - "Survive the school year."
- Philip Zampino ('20) - "Become a better person."
- David Le ('20) - "Get buff."
- Minh Nguyen ('20) - "Motivate David Le to get buff."
- Josh Prado ('20) - "To be able to bench press as much as Daniel Trinh."
- Daniel Trinh ('20) - "To not let Josh Prado catch up to me."
- Mr. Martin Vu - "Be more consistent at going to the gym."
- Mrs. Jenny Tabbert - "Finish my online courses."
- Mrs. Alex Auch - "Ride my horse three times a week." ★



Henry's Puzzling Word Problem

Aaron Tarpinian ('20)



Answer: Honor thy history teacher

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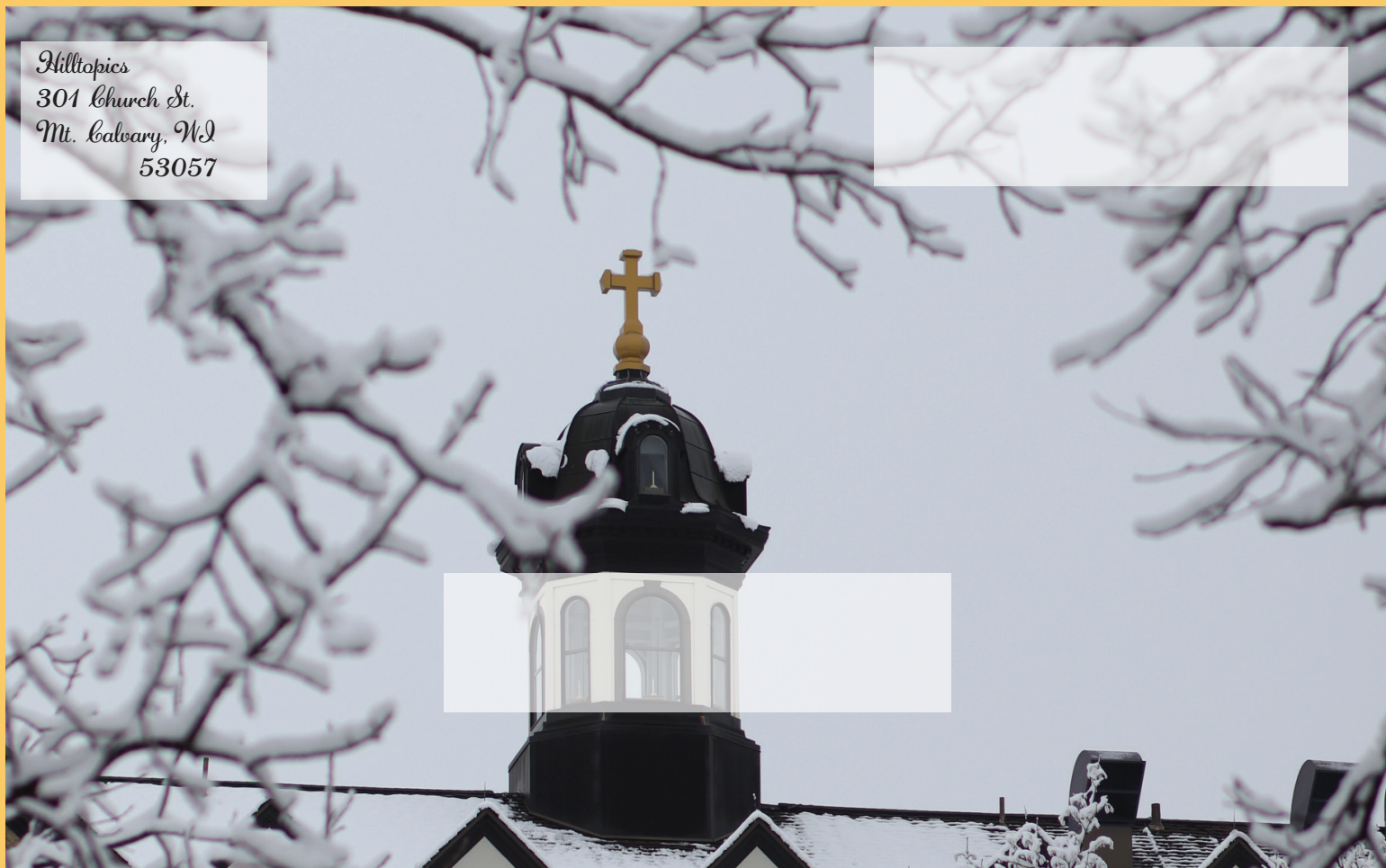
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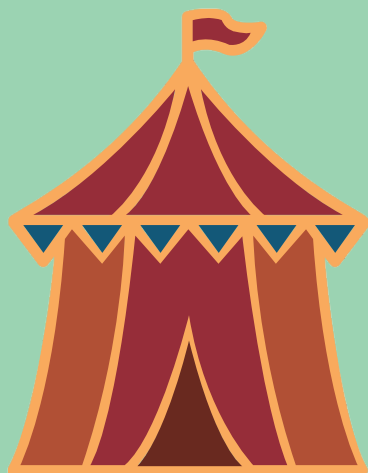
Issue IV Theme

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To the heights, from the depths--the motto that SLS has embraced and maintained ever since its primitive days, fittingly sums up every event that has occurred within the past decade, a profound period of ten years to the hilltop's community. In the heights to which we have risen, we have flaunted our distinctive colors through glorious victories, through exceptional numbers, and through a tenacious fire of faith in God that acted as our guiding light across the journey. At the same time, we have survived through the dark days of hardships, including the subsequent years to the fire of St. Joseph Hall that fostered the Hilltoppers to completely reform their daily lives. Issue IV of Volume LV, the first Hilltopics issue of this decade, is our effort of encapsulating the last 10 years into a 12-page magazine. As you explore this vibrant supercut that we have created, be reminded of the joy, the grief, the lessons learnt, and the steadfast love of Our Father who EREWHILE watched over his children, hoping that they live in faith, hope, and love forever.