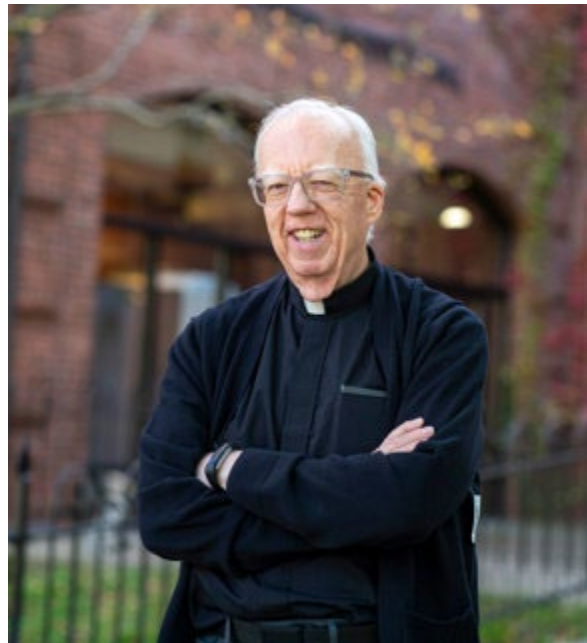




Dear Alumni and Families,

Almost a year ago, on my way back from lunch, I ran into President Plumb. In a brief exchange about my upcoming retirement, he flatly refused to accept that I was retiring. As he continued on to lunch, he turned back and said he wanted me to serve as Vice President of the new Office of Edmundite Mission. And as they say, the rest is history!

This summer marks my first anniversary in this role. Over the past year, I've had the extraordinary opportunity to build this office almost from the ground up at Saint Michael's. In doing so, I've drawn deeply from the rich legacy of the Society of Saint Edmund and our mission of "making the Church present where it might not otherwise be," as expressed in our Constitutions and Directory. I've also relied on the profound tradition of Catholic Social Teaching, especially as articulated by the U.S. bishops in the Seven Themes of Social Justice.



As we work together at Saint Michael's to renew the Catholic identity of the College, we share the story of the Edmundites' commitment to social justice in the South and South America to inspire our students. We challenge them not only to do well academically but to do good in service to others. These Catholic principles of social justice are essential in helping students understand how justice can be pursued and realized in our society today.

You can check out my weekly blog posted every Wednesday on various Catholic topics [here](#).

All my best and God bless!

Fr. David J. Theroux, SSE
Vice President, Office of Edmundite Mission



Class of 2025 Honored During Annual Commencement

Leading with compassion and standing with those on the margins were central messages delivered to members of Saint Michael's Class of 2025 during the College's 118th Commencement on May 11, 2025.

Approximately 370 students obtained bachelor's and master's degrees during the ceremony. Sixteen students were also recognized for completing graduate certificate programs. Three honorary degrees were awarded to the band Phish, founder of Dismas of Vermont Rita Whalen McCaffrey, and founder of Homeboy Industries Fr. Gregory Boyle, S.J. Boyle, whose organization has become the largest gang rehabilitation and re-entry program in the world, also served as Commencement speaker for the Class of 2025.

Several other speakers were members of the undergraduate and graduate cohorts. Margrethe Frøland of Rælingen, Norway, delivered the undergraduate address and Carol A. Goodrich of Georgia, Vermont, gave the graduate address.

[View the Commencement recap video>](#)

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Reunion 2025: A Weekend of Purple and Gold Pride and Purpose

Join us back on the hilltop for a weekend of community, connection, and celebration! Alumni from class years ending in 0 and 5 are especially invited to enjoy class socials, nostalgic events, the P-Knight celebration, and more.

This year, Reunion coincides with the **Vermont Special Olympics Summer Games**, hosted on campus, offering alumni a meaningful way to engage with this inspiring event.

Don't miss campus highlights like tours of the new Student Success Center, the Farm at SMC, and the Kelley Ski Center, plus the LGBTQIA+ crosswalk repainting tradition.

We're proud to honor our 2025 Reunion Alumni of the Year award recipients at the **Purple & Gold Brunch** (Saturday, June 7, 11:00 a.m.):

Anthony Maginnis '80

Pamela Carroll '85

Camillo "CJ" Spirito '90, M'09, P'20

Brian Langenfeld '95

Hillary Miller '15

Francesca D'Elia '20 (Young Alumna)

Allison Sherman Gardner '05, M'10 (Father Michael Cronogue Award for Service)

Tickets, schedule, and more at smcvt.edu/reunion.

Questions? Contact events@smcvt.edu.



Edmundite Missions Board Visits Selma for Statue Re-Dedication

The Edmundite Missions Board of Directors gathered in Selma this week for their meeting and to celebrate the re-dedication of the refurbished statue of Our Lady of Selma on the Missions campus. In attendance were Edmundite Fathers Dave Cray '67, Brian Cummings '86 (Board Chair), Steve Hornat '72, and Richard Myhalyk '66. Also pictured are

fellow board members, including Business Professor Emeritus David LaMarche '69, Bill Campbell '81, and President of the Edmundite Missions, Chad McEachern '91. Students and staff from the Edmundite Learning Center and Edmundite Academy joined the celebration as well.

15 Honorees Earn Major Awards at 78th Annual Block 'M' Celebration

The 78th Annual Block 'M' Banquet celebrated the achievements of 14 senior student-athletes and one coach, recognizing excellence in athletics, academics, leadership, and service.



Among the highlights, alumni Danny Divis '17 and Justin McKenzie '17—co-founders of the mental health initiative Hope Happens Here—returned as keynote speakers. Coach Damian DiGiulian was named Coach of the Year after a historic season with men's ice hockey, while standout seniors Alexandra Báez Rentas '25 and David Ciancio '25 were selected as the College's NCAA Woman and NE10 Man of the Year nominees.

[View the complete list of honorees here >](#)



Alumni, Want to Give Back? Let Us Know How You'd Like to Stay Involved!

We're looking for alumni who are interested in hosting events, sharing their career stories, or offering unique event experiences to connect with current and prospective students. This quick survey will help us understand how you can support SMC and stay involved. Thanks for being part of the SMC community!

[Take the survey >](#)



Support Saint Michael's by June 30th!

Commencement reminds us of the profound value of a Saint Michael's College education—and why the world needs more Purple Knights who lead with dignity, service, compassion, and a steadfast commitment to truth.

Pay it forward and help support current and future students with a [gift to Saint Michael's](#) by June 30th. Looking for tax-wise and convenient ways to give? Visit [Ways to Give](#) for more information.

Through June 30th, an anonymous donor will give \$1,000 to the Saint Michael's Fund for every additional person who joins the the President's Leadership Society. The President's Leadership Society recognizes donors who give more that \$1,000 in a fiscal year (July 1- June 30). Gifts can be designated to any giving opportunity and the total gift does not all need to go to the same area of campus.

All gifts, of any amount, have a tremendous impact on St. Mike's. [Make a gift today!](#)



Schedule of Events

In addition to the events highlighted below, we have plans in the works in a city near you! Keep an eye on our [events calendar](#) as details are confirmed. Interested in planning an event in your area? Email events@smcvt.edu.

June 17: St. Mike's at the New York Yankees vs. the Los Angeles Angels! First pitch is at 7:05 PM; [buy your tickets!](#)

July 11: North Carolina Purple Knights! Come watch the fireworks and cheer on the Durham Bulls as they host the Nashville Sounds! First pitch is at 6:35 PM; [buy your tickets!](#)

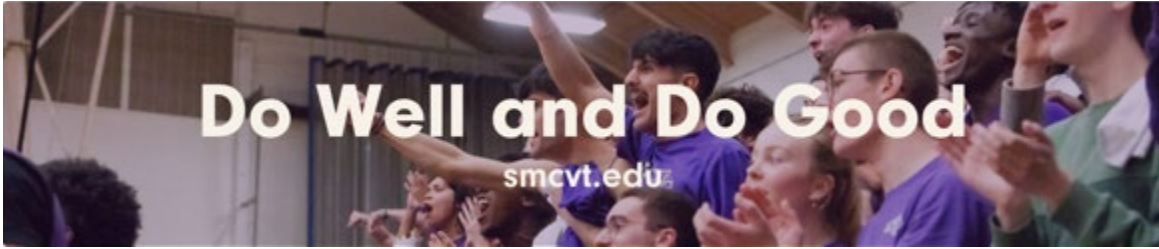
July 30: CT Knights, ready for some soccer? Watch the Hartford Athletic take on the New Mexico United at Trinity Health Stadium. Game starts at 7:30 pm with a BBQ buffet beforehand; more details to follow.

August 17: Mark your calendars for St. Mike's at the Red Sox! More details to follow.

September 9: Mark your calendars for St. Mike's at the Phillies! More details to follow.

September 18: Save the Date for the 75th Annual CT Lunch Bunch Barbecue at TPC River Highlands from 3:30-7 PM! More details to follow.

September 19-21: Save the Date for 2025 Alumni & Family Weekend! Stay tuned for more details.



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