

BURKE FUND (CONTINUED)

great friend, successful businessman and faithful Catholic gentleman that Tom was. The naming opportunity is an effort to honor the lasting legacy of service which Tom leaves to Iona. Though his loss is keenly felt, his example lives on in our hearts and will nurture future generations.

For more information on how your gift can help fund the much-needed updated and expanded library, while memorializing Tom Burke, please contact Amy Torigian Parise at (914) 637-7739 or atorigian@iona.edu.

EVENTS (CONTINUED)

All present seemed to enjoy the opportunity to speak directly with Br. Liguori about the College's future. Br. Liguori received an invitation to come back in the spring to make an admissions presentation at Loyola Academy.

The Metropolitan Club – Patrick J. Lynch '59, chair of the Board of Trustees, hosted a lovely dinner at the Metropolitan Club on November 8. The setting for the dinner, the club's library, was extremely apropos, and Br. Liguori's address prompted a lively discussion, during which many attendees expressed their support of Iona. Discussion of the changing library paradigm, from book warehouse to multimedia research and scholarship center, intrigued attendees. Those who pledged support acknowledged that the needs of today's students have changed; further, having a digital-age library will not only benefit Iona's students, but will enrich the entire College community.

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LIBRARY CAMPAIGN GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY



Brother Liguori along with Patrick Martin, a million dollar donor and members of the Board of Trustees break ground on October 27, 2007.

From left:
Patrick J. Martin '62, Michael P. Beckerich '72, Andrew J. Dolce '57, Brother James A. Liguori,
Lawrence I. Wills '82, James P. Hynes '69, '01H, Charles W. Schoenherr '82.

Visions of Excellence: A Campaign for Iona's Library took an important, symbolic first step toward construction on Homecoming Weekend during a groundbreaking ceremony on campus October 27.

Iona senior and honors student Taran Cardone addressed the assembled crowd of trustees, alumni, city dignitaries, students and friends. "Without libraries that are truly equipped to serve the needs of our scholars, what have we?" Cardone was echoing a similar question from science fiction author Ray Bradbury. Cardone's answer to her question, "a dim and uncertain future at best," was powerful.

Cardone shared tales of time spent studying at Ryan Library and expressed a desire for the library to become a center for collaborative study and

multimedia projects. "In a world that is emphasizing the importance of interpersonal competencies such as teamwork, critical thinking and problem solving, this additional space is a true necessity," she said, adding, "I cannot express the overwhelming need for this aspect of the new library."

The standing-room-only crowd gathered in the library's John Cardinal O'Connor Café, a Starbucks coffee lounge that is a recent addition and a nod to the changing demands of today's college libraries. With the stacks as a backdrop, College administrators and special guests discussed the need for the library's impending improvements, and waxed nostalgic as a video played of the library's history.

Alumnus and donor James P. Hynes '69, '01H (whose record-setting gift to the College allowed for the construction of the Hynes Athletics Center) also spoke, sharing some of the specifics of the plans. He detailed some of the group study and multimedia options the renovated library will offer students, and he recounted how the previous campaign, *Vision into Reality*, transformed the campus. "We are the best Iona we have ever been," he said.

Noting that interest in Iona has reached new highs, Br. Liguori said that Iona's "brand of Catholic education, which is focused on liberal arts education, whose center is the library" is a strong draw for students across the region. In building the actual structure, added Br. Liguori, "we are building the future of Iona."

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Dear Friends,

On the Saturday of Homecoming and Family Weekend in October, members of the Iona community gathered in Ryan Library for a groundbreaking ceremony launching Phase I of the library expansion and renovation. Fortunately, as we headed outdoors to “break ground,” the storm clouds parted and the sun appeared, heightening the sense of excitement for the work ahead of us.

It is a very gratifying moment when a campaign reaches a point where years of planning and fundraising are realized and we can begin the process of actual construction. Though a groundbreaking ceremony is a symbolic act, for us it was the moment when the years of talking, thinking and planning reached one crowning point.

Of course, the challenge for us is to keep this momentum going into Phase II. The faster we achieve our goal, the faster the library will be completed. As always, I thank you for your support and for sharing this Vision. I would also like to extend to you my warmest wishes to you and yours for the Christmas season.

Sincerely,

James A. Liguori

(Br.) James A. Liguori, CFC
President



THOMAS J. BURKE FUND KICK-OFF EVENT

On Friday, November 30, friends and family members of Thomas J. Burke '68 joined the Iona community in remembering his life at a reception in the lounge in Spellman Hall. Plans were announced to name Spellman lounge the Thomas J. Burke Lounge in his memory.

As the room filled with Tom's classmates, fellow alumni, friends and family, including James P. Hynes '69, '01H, a fellow classmate and good friend, announced his commitment to the Tom Burke Fund with a challenge matching gift of \$500,000 toward the \$1 million naming opportunity. As we ask for contributions to raise the balance, we remember the stellar Ionian, excellent athlete, wonderful husband and loving father,

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Marian Casali and trustees Stephen V. Reitano '72, '75MBA and Linda Bruno '76, '79MSED.

VISIONS OF EXCELLENCE EVENTS

Supportive alumni hosted several off-campus *Visions of Excellence* campaign events at exclusive venues in Manhattan and Chicago last fall. At the events, friends of the College had an opportunity to listen to Iona President Br. James A. Liguori give his “State of the College” address. The College remains on an upward trend, and Br. Liguori noted the school's successes, while making it clear that specific challenges need to be addressed in order to maintain positive momentum. Chief among these challenges is completing the library in a timely manner, an endeavor many at the events pledged to help. A thumbnail sketch of the events follows:

The Core Club – Julia Considine Greifeld '79 hosted alumnae and Br. Liguori for dinner and conversation in the artful atmosphere of this exclusive New York City club. Attendees included Annemarie Anzalone '81, Annamarie P. Reilly Camella '74, Jo Anne Simon '74, Mary Beth King, Mary Ellen Moore '81 and Theresa A. Gottlieb '78, Esq. This meeting served a dual purpose: to share Br. Liguori's message about the library, and to plan for the 2008 commemoration of the 35th anniversary of women at Iona. Amidst very poignant comments about what Iona has meant to her, Greifeld pledged a \$200,000 gift to the library from her and her husband, Robert '79. Mary Beth and Tom King '81 pledged an additional \$50,000, and participants left with a new sense of enthusiasm about Iona's future and their role in it.



Julia Considine Greifeld '79 host of the Core Club VOE roundtable event.

The Union League Club – Joseph M. Murphy '59, '83H invited businessmen to this historic Manhattan club, founded in the 1860s to preserve the Union. The attendees hold Iona degrees ranging over a 50-year span, from 1950 – 2000. In introducing



Patrick J. '66 and Jean Canavan with Br. Liguori at an event held in their Chicago home.

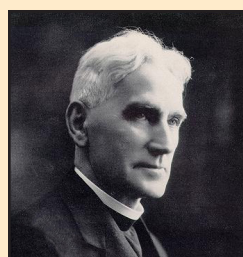
Br. Liguori, Murphy spoke to the guests, sharing his personal story and connection to Iona. A graduate of Rice High School and a beneficiary of a Generoso Pope scholarship, Murphy said that the Christian Brothers had an inestimable effect on his life, and that his time at Iona was a great experience. Attendees enjoyed the opportunity to dine and converse with Murphy and Br. Liguori.

The Canavan Home – Jean and Patrick J. Canavan '66 hosted a spectacular event in Chicago at their Lake Shore Drive property with unobstructed views of Lake Michigan. Catered by Wolfgang Puck and attended by Chicago-area alumni, neighbors and colleagues of the Canavans, the celebration hit a high point when the gracious hosts pledged \$100,000 to the *Visions of Excellence* campaign – and promised future events could be held in their home. (Continued on back cover)

Ryan Library - A brief history 1947–1988

November 1947

Approval obtained for construction of new library building to be named in honor of Brother Patrick J. Ryan.



Winter 1948-49

Library staff moves the contents of the library rooms from Walsh Hall and Cornelia Hall (then the Administration Building) into the new Ryan Library.

March 13, 1949

Blessing and dedication of the Ryan Memorial Library by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York.



November 1962

The old cafeteria is converted to group study space. This area is now the Reference Room.

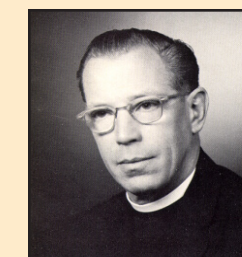
April 22, 1961

Blessing and dedication of the Ryan Library expansion (west and south wings, with a new central core).



September 1976

Br. Alexander Ferdinand Thomas retires after serving as chief librarian for over 30 years. Patrick J. Larkin is appointed as his successor.



Fall 1983

The 200,000th volume is added to the collection (John James Audubon's *Birds of America*, edited by Roger Tory Peterson and Virginia Marie Peterson).

Fall 1987

Integrated library software (NOTIS LMS) is installed to computerize library operations.

February 1948

Construction begins on Ryan Library and is completed within the year.



March 1949

Gold-leafed copy of the Code of Canon Law, a gift from Pope Pius XII to commemorate the opening of Ryan Library, arrives from Rome.

Spring 1988

Online public catalog, named ROCKy (Ryan Online Catalog, knowledge for you) is launched.

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