

EDUCATING THE *Whole Person*



Spirit | Mind | Body



ONE FAITH. ONE MISSION.

THIS IS *Peoria Notre Dame*.

We are a Christ-centered, academically excellent Catholic high school that prepares students for college and equips them for successful and fulfilling lives. Our faith-based education and co-curricular activities develop the whole person — spirit, mind, and body. We celebrate our more than 150-year tradition of shaping the leaders and faithful citizens of this generation, showing each student that God has a plan for their lives and fulfilling that plan leads to the deepest of human fulfillment. We model and teach Catholic values, welcome all people, and provide a safe and virtuous learning environment that supports both the individual and the entire community.



Young people can receive a good education from many places — but there are few schools where they can have both an excellent education and exceptional formation in their Catholic faith. At Peoria Notre Dame, we want to form young men and women to be witnesses to the triumph of Love, to the splendor of Truth, and to the beauty of Goodness. We want to form protagonists of history. By building a new civilization with the young people of this generation, we will give the world hope and we will bring the light of Christ to many.

— **Sr. Sara Kowal, SCTJM, Principal, Peoria Notre Dame High School**

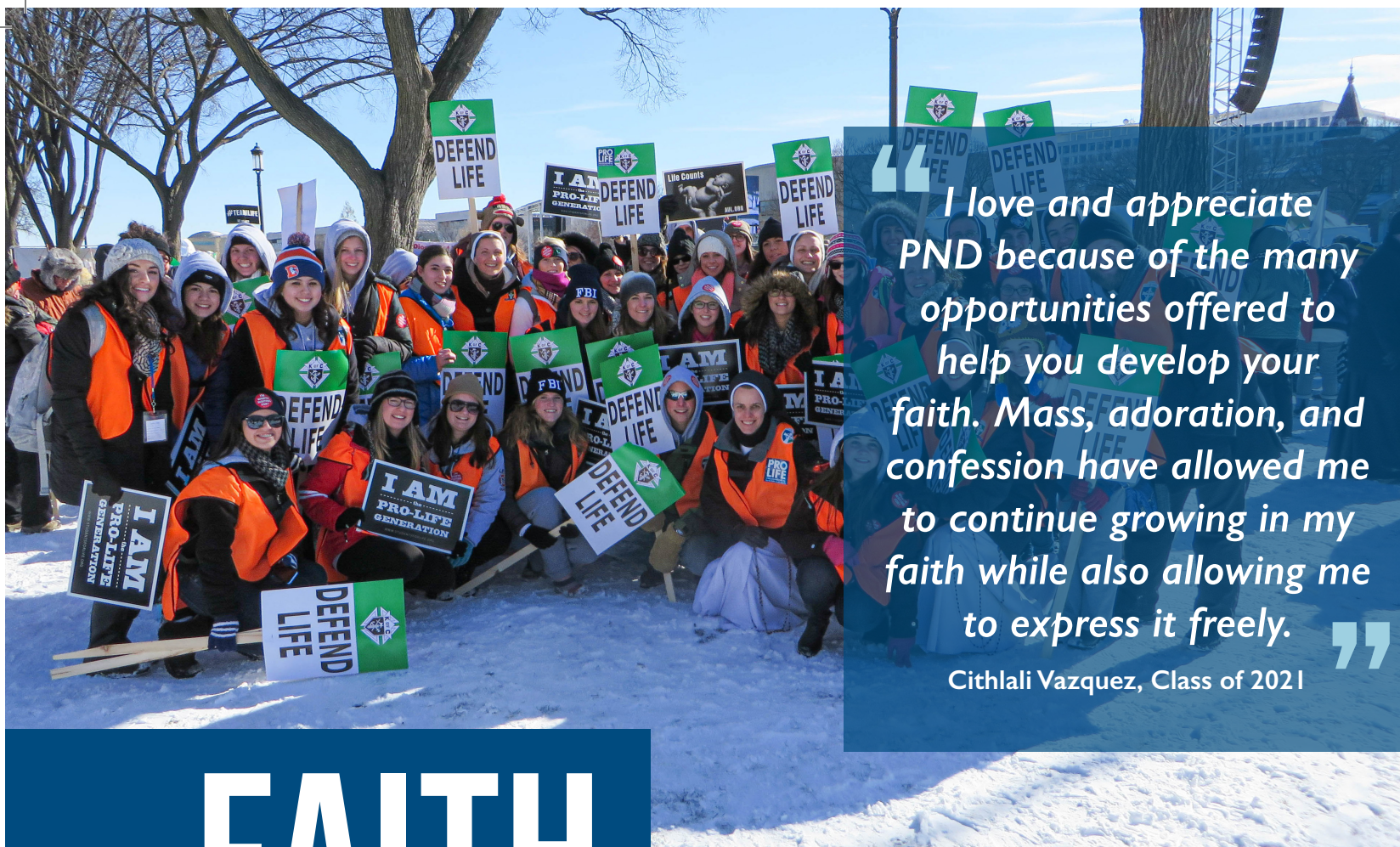


As a school whose name honors Our Lady, Mary the Mother of God, Peoria Notre Dame is worthy of its Catholic identity. The dedicated educators here help students pursue and achieve higher levels of excellence, of community, of friendship; more importantly, they care deeply about their students' spiritual growth and offer the kind of formation that makes young people into lifelong Catholic leaders. Peoria Notre Dame follows the example of Our Lady in imitating Christ in all they do, and it's a school I'm pleased to have in our diocese.

— **The Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C. Bishop of Peoria**

DISCOVER PEORIA NOTRE DAME

- Here, faith formation is more than a class subject. *page 3*
- We push our students to the heights of academic achievement. *page 5*
- We educate the whole person through athletics, arts, and many other activities. *page 7*
- We're a family committed to investing in your student, now and into the future. *page 9*
- There's so much more to PND. Come see for yourself. *page 11*



I love and appreciate PND because of the many opportunities offered to help you develop your faith. Mass, adoration, and confession have allowed me to continue growing in my faith while also allowing me to express it freely.

Cithlali Vazquez, Class of 2021

FAITH

At Peoria Notre Dame, faith formation is more than a class subject. All PND students — no matter their faith background or knowledge of religion — have the opportunity to **encounter & worship God** on campus.

We promote each student's spiritual growth through prayer, the sacraments, theological study, small groups, and service opportunities. Holy Mass is celebrated daily for the Peoria Notre Dame community, and students begin their day with an opportunity to receive our Lord in Holy Communion. Our campus ministry offers

activities for students to put their faith into action, serving those in need and the wider student community with respect and compassion. Our goal is to help students truly come to know the Person of Jesus Christ and to leave campus as witnesses of His love through all they do.



Almost
200 VOCATIONS
to the priesthood &
religious life (since 1903)



\$36,400
Raised by students for
charitable causes in 2018 - 2019



LUMEN CHRISTI

Students are welcome to join the Lumen Christi community, committed to illuminating the school with the Light of Christ.



MISSION TRIPS

Through mission trips, students can encounter Christ in the poor and in their neighbor. Each summer more than 150 students, parents, and teachers run a summer camp for underprivileged children in Miami, Florida.



CHRISTIAN SERVICE PROGRAM

Based on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, CSP is designed to send students out into the community and to help those in need. Students from the class of 2019 went above and beyond by fulfilling an average of 160 hours each.



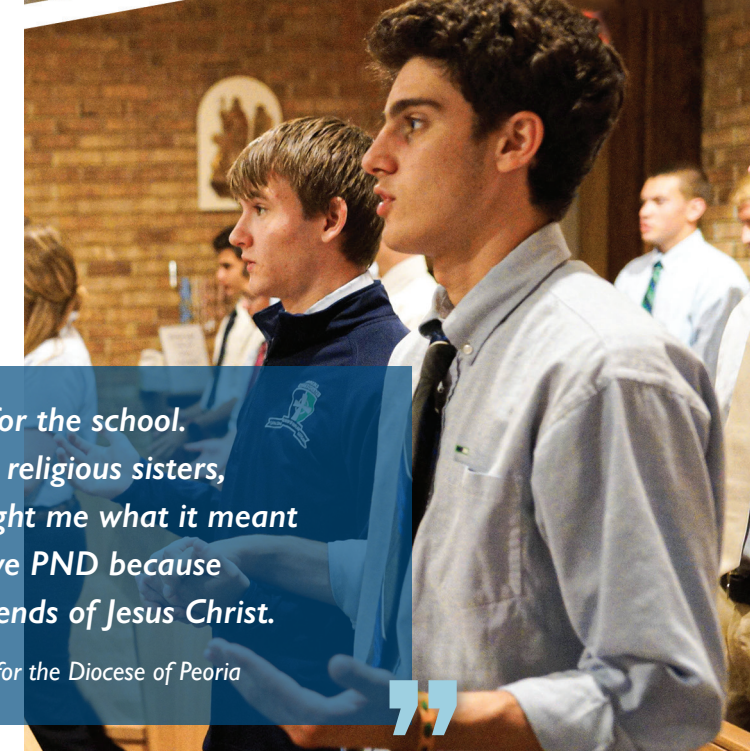
RETREATS & DAYS OF RECOLLECTION

Students step away from the daily routine for a special time of prayer and reflection, helping them grow deeper in faith. Each grade level has its own annual retreat, with several additional retreats offered throughout the year.



PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

Students have the chance to be prayerful witnesses to the sanctity of life. PND takes three buses for more than 100 students to attend the March for Life each year.



Christ really is the reason for the school. The presence of the chaplain, religious sisters, and faithful lay staff members taught me what it meant to be a disciple of Christ. I love PND because students can learn there to be friends of Jesus Christ.

Nic Wilson, Class of 2013, Seminarian for the Diocese of Peoria

Learn more about faith formation and campus ministry at pndcatholic.org.

ACADEMICS

Peoria Notre Dame is founded on **Catholic tradition** and **educational innovation**. We prepare and equip students today so they can become the leaders of tomorrow.

PND offers students a well-rounded learning experience through which they can excel in various areas of study. Our committed educators encourage students to pursue greater heights of academic excellence, intellectual achievement, and social awareness in a cooperative,

community-driven environment. Most of our graduates go on to continue their studies at four-year universities, including the University of Notre Dame, Northwestern University, the University of Illinois, and West Point.



If you want to grow as a whole person, PND is the place to do that.

Annie Fleming, Class of 2014,
Doctoral student at Regis University

Review our rigorous curriculum and course offerings at peorianotredame.com/academics.



ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

PND offers AP courses in subjects across the humanities and sciences. We also offer an AP Capstone option through which students can achieve an AP Capstone Diploma.



DUAL CREDIT COURSES

Students can earn college credit while attending PND. Nine dual credit courses are available in partnership with Illinois Central College.



PROJECT LEAD THE WAY

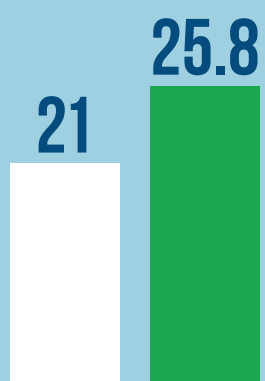
Project Lead The Way provides a transformative learning experience for students. STEM-based courses in computer science, engineering, and biomedical science teach students technical skills, critical and creative thinking, and strong communication skills.



HONORS COURSES

PND offers 40 honors classes in which students can study a variety of subjects at an advanced level.

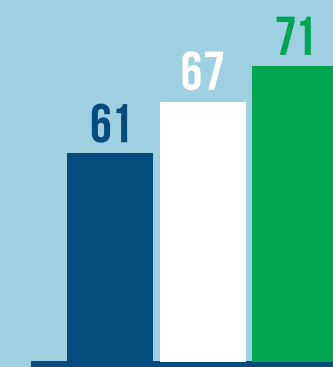
STATS:



Average ACT Score: 25.8
(class of '18)

(compared to national average of 21)

% of Total AP Students with Scores 3+ in 2018



■ Global ■ Illinois ■ PND



“At PND, I learned how to how to reason through different academic climates and environments. I was extremely well-prepared compared to my college classmates.”

Sr. Gianna Grace, SCTJM,
Class of 1992, Associate Director of
Vocations for the Diocese of Orlando
at the University of Central Florida

ATHLETICS & EXTRACURRICULARS

To educate the whole person, Peoria Notre Dame offers **athletic, artistic, scholastic,** and **socially oriented programs** so students can foster the virtues of leadership, teamwork, perseverance, integrity, and respect.

Students at Peoria Notre Dame participate in extracurricular organizations as an expression of faith, talent, and skill. Students honor Christ in the context of their sport or club, all the while developing character, building confidence, and contributing to the greater school community.

Learn more about other clubs and organizations at peorianotredame.com/clubs-activities.

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My experience with athletics was one-of-a-kind. I learned so many valuable lessons. I learned how to balance academics and athletics. I also learned how to be self-disciplined and how to manage my time. I am beyond grateful for all the friendships I made with teammates and for the support we all shared for each other.

Lizzie McClure, Class of 2017
Secondary Education and English major
& tennis player at Marian University

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ATHLETICS

PND athletics encourage student-athletes to develop good sportsmanship, and honor God through their sport.

- 13 Men's Teams
- 12 Women's Teams

2019 HIGHLIGHTS:

MEN'S SOCCER TEAM: 2nd in state.

WRESTLERS: finished 2nd & 3rd in state.

Learn more at pndathletics.com.



ARTS

Whether students are interested in the visual arts, music, or drama, they have the chance to share their talents alongside fellow artists through PND's art programs.

- Art Club
- Band & Color Guard
- Concert Choir & Jazz Choir
- Fall Musical & Spring Play

2019 HIGHLIGHTS:

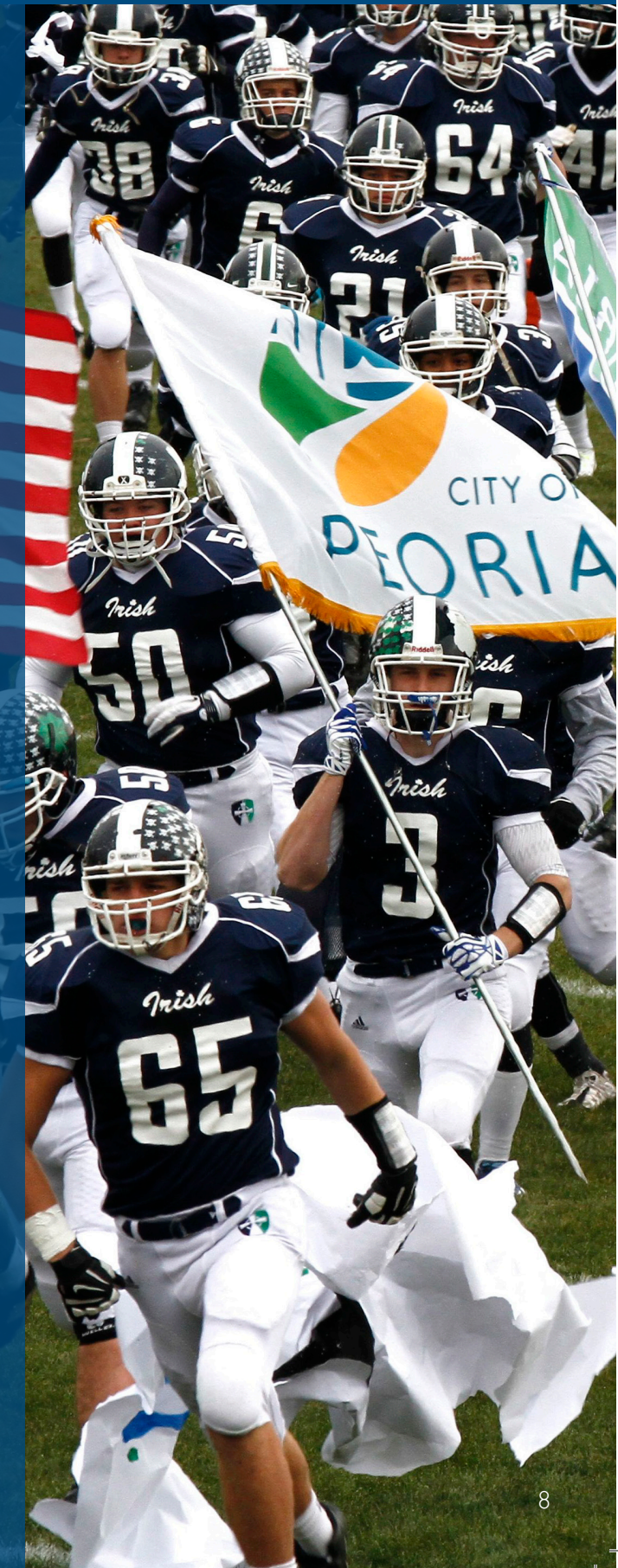
Vocal jazz ensemble Scattered! performed for the 5th year in a row at the Millikin University Vocal Jazz Festival



ADDITIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Students with a taste for scholarly, technological, and other creative pursuits can challenge their skills and find camaraderie.

2019 HIGHLIGHTS: PND's robotics team, **Icarus 2081**, went to the World Championships



Peoria Notre Dame celebrates a rich **150-year history of Catholic education** — and with each year, our family of students, parents, faculty, alumni, and benefactors continues to grow. We're invested in those who want to be part of our school community.

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The community of Peoria Notre Dame truly seemed like it wanted me to succeed. I wanted to be involved in every way that I could in high school, and my teachers and advisors fully supported it. It was a place that gave me a good education to prepare me for college along with lifelong friends.

Frankie Boley, Class of 2016

Neuroscience and Behavior major at the University of Notre Dame



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Peoria Notre Dame doesn't just have classes to inform the mind. PND forms the entire person, and at the heart of the person is the soul. Our young people need spiritual formation in a culture that often opposes what we teach. As a former high school chaplain, I've seen firsthand the conversions that can take place and the impact Catholic secondary education can make. PND forms its young people to succeed in this world and in the next.

Fr. Patrick Henehan, Vocation Director of Formation for the Diocese of Peoria

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PND inspired and empowered me to move past my own academic boundaries and strive to be more accountable and transform for the common good. PND develops young students who are intellectually distinguished, morally courageous and compassionate in the service of becoming impactful “agents of change” for the world.

Mitch Gilfillan, Class of 2002

Partner at the Quinn Johnston Law Firm

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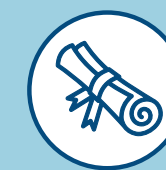
\$57,000

is the average in collective college scholarships offered to the class of 2019.



100% GRADUATED

of the senior class of 2019.



56% OF FACULTY

have advanced degrees.



55% Attend Public University

32% Attend Non-Catholic University

10% Attend Catholic University

3% Military/Work

FUNDING THEIR *Future*

We believe the blessings and benefits of a Catholic education are invaluable.

We strive to keep tuition costs as affordable as possible for families so that finances do not become an obstacle for a student to receive a Catholic education.



We want you to be part of the PND family — so when it comes to financial matters, we're committed to helping you know and understand all your options, whatever the circumstances.

— Sr. Sara Kowal

SCHOLARSHIPS

The **John Lancaster Spalding (JLS) Scholarship** is open to students whose families are parishioners in the diocese.

The **Invest in Kids Scholarship** generates private dollars for K – 12 scholarships to low-income students who attend qualified schools throughout Illinois.

SUMMER WORK PROGRAM

The PND Summer Work Program is available for any student. Students receive a \$300 credit towards tuition.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

While a family's financial situation is subject to change, we want to walk alongside you so that your child's Catholic education can remain affordable. **PND awarded more than \$600,000 in financial assistance in 2019.**

We work with **FACTS Grant and Aid Services**, a needs-based financial aid application, to determine each family's specific financial need. Those seeking to receive financial aid must fill out the FACTS application.

For any questions/needs with financial assistance, please contact our Finance department.

309-691-8741 | finance@pndhs.org

Specifics about tuition, fees, and other related financial responsibilities can be found at peorianotredame.com/tuition.

FREQUENTLY ASKED *Questions*



DOES PND OFFER TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM SCHOOL?

Yes — PND provides bus transportation to/from campus in select areas. To learn more, contact Mr. David Rudolph, Director of Transportation (transportation@pndhs.org, 309-691-8741).



WHAT IS THE STUDENT DRESS CODE AT PND?

PND requires all students to dress in uniform. More details about the dress code can be found in the Student/Parent Handbook, available online at peorianotredame.com/handbook.



WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT PND?

Our school's report card is publicly available and includes information about class size, current enrollment, grading scale, graduation requirements, course offerings, and more. You can find our report card and more information about PND at peorianotredame.com/about.



I WANT TO VISIT PND. CAN I SCHEDULE A TOUR OR A SHADOW VISIT?

Of course — we would love to see you! Personal tours are available to parents and students, whereas shadow visits are available for students only. Tours are available Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Please contact Mrs. Katie Madison, Director of Admissions, to set up your visit (309-691-8741, admissions@pndhs.org).

We wanted our kids to receive an authentic Catholic education and attend a school that would challenge them and help them succeed. We never thought we could afford it — but Peoria Notre Dame has helped us every step of the way to make it possible. Our children are thriving at PND, and though it is a financial sacrifice, it's been worth the investment. It's one of the best decisions our family ever made.

—Jose and Rosa Vazquez

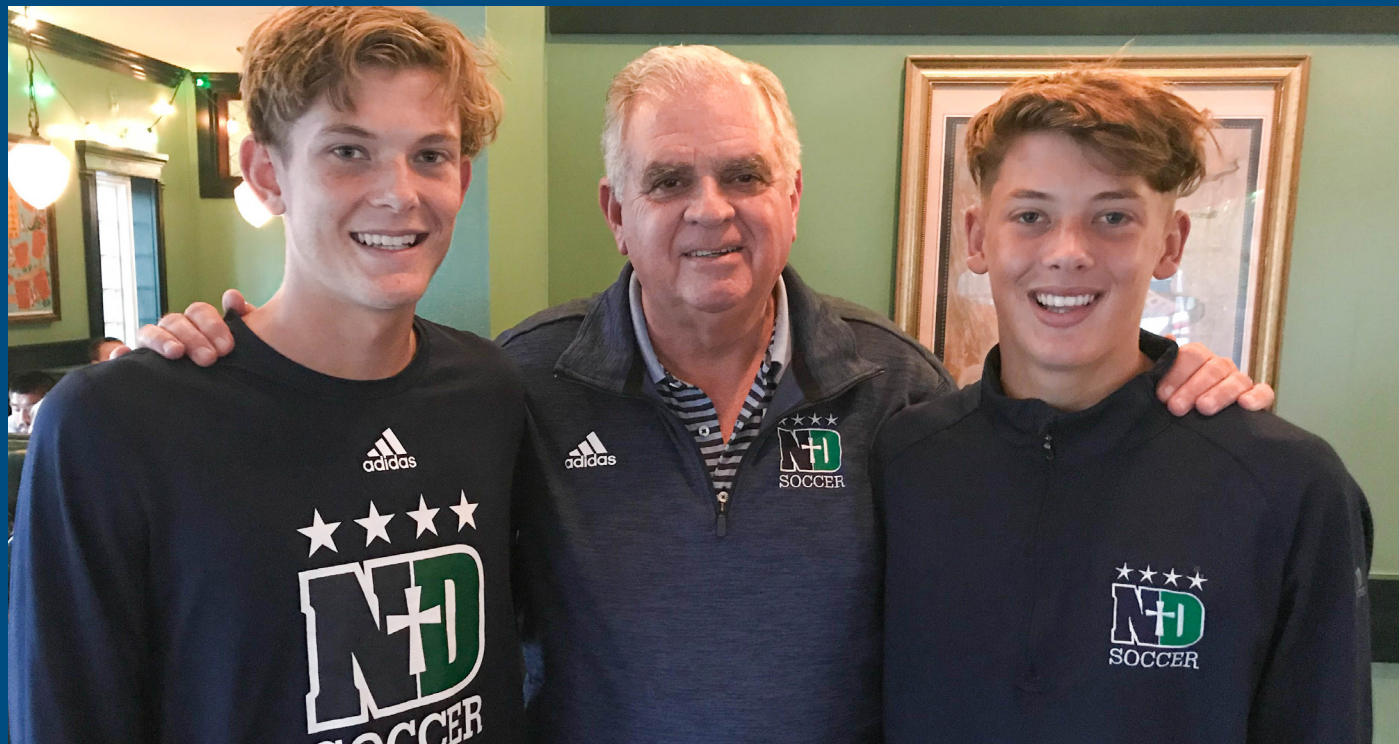
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Peoria Notre Dame provides a high school experience rooted in Catholic tradition, academic excellence, and exceptional educational standards. If you're interested in meeting us, we'd love to meet you.

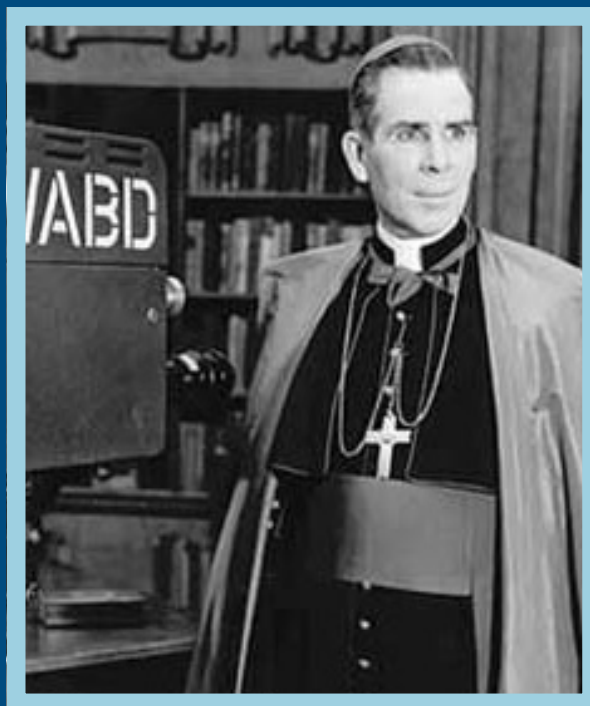
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If you would like to get a taste of PND's campus life and classroom experience, we welcome you to tour our school. You may contact Mrs. Katie Madison or go online at peorianotredame.com/information-request-form to schedule a visit.

Tours are available Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
We look forward to seeing you!



The LaHood family (above) has been a part of the Peoria Notre Dame legacy since 1934. Four generations have attended PND and her founding schools. Ray LaHood (a former U.S. Congressman and U.S. Secretary of Transportation) and Darin LaHood (a current U.S. Congressman) were both graduates of Spalding Institute in 1963 and 1986, respectively. Today, McKay, Lucas, and Teddy LaHood are prepared to carry on the legacy at PND and beyond.



NOTABLE ALUMNUS

Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen was one of the most influential Catholic Americans of the 20th century. He was a remarkable author, scholar, evangelist, and media personality. A native of Illinois, he was ordained a priest in 1919 and later served as a bishop/archbishop for several dioceses. Ven. Fulton Sheen was a well-known figure on radio and television of the time, and his preaching and wisdom touched the hearts of millions. In June 2012, Pope Benedict XVI declared Sheen "venerable."

At Peoria Notre Dame, we will always hold a special place for Ven. Fulton Sheen in our hearts: Fulton Sheen graduated from Spalding Institute, one of the three founding academies that came together to become Peoria Notre Dame.





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