



# *Staten Island*

COMMEMORATIVE BOOK

2020-2021

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# St. John's University is Catholic, Vincentian, Metropolitan, and Global.

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As a university, we commit ourselves to academic excellence and the pursuit of wisdom which flows from free inquiry, religious values, and human experience. We strive to preserve and enhance an atmosphere in which scholarly research, imaginative methodology, global awareness, and an enthusiastic quest for truth serve as the basis of a vital teaching-learning process and the development of lifelong learning. Our core curriculum in the liberal arts and sciences aims to enrich lives as well as professions and serves to unify the undergraduate experience. Graduate and professional schools express our commitment to research, rigorous standards, and innovative application of knowledge. We aim not only to be excellent professionals with an ability to analyze and articulate clearly what is, but also to develop the ethical and aesthetic values to imagine and help realize what might be.

St. John's is a Catholic university, founded in 1870 in response to an invitation of the first Bishop of Brooklyn, John Loughlin, to provide the youth of the city with an intellectual and moral education. We embrace the Judeo-Christian ideals of respect for the rights and dignity of every person and each individual's responsibility for the world in which we live. We commit ourselves to create a climate patterned on the life and teaching of Jesus Christ as embodied in the traditions and practices of the Roman Catholic Church. Our community, which comprises members of many faiths, strives for an openness which is "wholly directed to all that is true, all that deserves respect, all that is honest, pure, admirable, decent, virtuous, or worthy of praise" (Philippians 4:8). Thus, the university is a place where the Church reflects upon itself and the world as it engages in dialogue with other religious traditions.

St. John's is a Vincentian university, inspired by St. Vincent de Paul's compassion and zeal for service. We strive to provide excellent education for all people, especially those lacking economic, physical, or social advantages. Community service programs combine with reflective learning to enlarge the classroom experience. Wherever possible, we devote our intellectual and physical resources to search out the causes of poverty and social injustice and to encourage solutions which are adaptable, effective, and concrete. In the Vincentian tradition, we seek to foster a world view and to further efforts toward global harmony and development by creating an atmosphere in which all may imbibe and embody the spirit of compassionate concern for others so characteristic of Vincent.

St. John's is a metropolitan and global university. As a metropolitan university, we benefit from New York City's cultural diversity, its intellectual and artistic resources, and its unique professional educational opportunities. With this richness comes responsibility. We encourage the metropolitan community to use our resources to serve its needs. As a global university, we are one of our nation's most diverse institutions of higher education, enriched by a mixture of cultures, which complements an internationalized curriculum. Through collaboration with other institutions around the world, study abroad opportunities, and online courses and degrees, our outreach spans the globe. In educating students we pledge to foster those qualities needed for our alumni to become effective leaders and responsible citizens in a vibrant city and dynamic world.



Dear St. John's Graduate,

On behalf of the faculty, administration, and staff of St. John's University, we are delighted to offer our warmest congratulations on your graduation. You can take pride in knowing that, by earning your degree, you bring your years of study and hard work to a successful conclusion. Today, as you join the ranks of our more than 190,000 St. John's alumni, you also become a permanent and proud member of the St. John's family.

We hope that the knowledge and skills you have acquired will enable you to enjoy great personal and professional success. We hope that you practice the University's Vincentian mission of service and caring for those less fortunate. Such compassionate concern both enriches your own life and, indeed, makes the world a better place.

The friendships and professional relationships you have developed during your years at St. John's will remain valuable assets to draw upon as you begin your career. As a lifelong member of our University community, you are encouraged to visit campus often to participate in the many alumni activities held throughout the year and to keep abreast of the continuing development of our programs and facilities. We are available should you require career counseling or assistance in pursuing additional academic opportunities or programs that engage your passion for learning.

Thank you for being a member of our St. John's University community. Please accept our very best wishes on your graduation, and be assured of our prayers for your continued success.

Sincerely,

*Brian J. Shanley, O.P.*

Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P.  
President

Simon G. Møller, Ph.D.  
Provost and Vice President for  
Academic Affairs

*congratulations*

## *Graduating Members of the 2020–2021 President’s Society*

<b>Amanda M. Belgrave</b>	.....The Peter J. Tobin College of Business
<b>Liam Benjamin</b>	.....The Peter J. Tobin College of Business
<b>Carisma S. Collins</b>	.....The Lesley H. and William L. Collins College of Professional Studies
<b>Emily D’Alessandro</b>	.....The School of Education
<b>Julia M. Gonzalez</b>	.....St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
<b>Harrison B. Harvey</b>	.....The Peter J. Tobin College of Business
<b>Rebeka Humbrecht</b>	.....The Lesley H. and William L. Collins College of Professional Studies, Staten Island
<b>Matthew Kirschenheiter</b>	.....The School of Education
<b>Špela Kunstelj</b>	.....St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
<b>Jenna M. Marrandino</b>	.....The Peter J. Tobin College of Business
<b>Marisa L. Murgolo</b>	.....The School of Education
<b>Arpit K. Nagra</b>	.....St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Staten Island Campus
<b>Teresa Neri</b>	.....The School of Education
<b>Anthony A. Salvia</b>	.....The Lesley H. and William L. Collins College of Professional Studies
<b>Ainsley Sonnier</b>	.....The Peter J. Tobin College of Business
<b>Ryan M. Vent</b>	.....The Peter J. Tobin College of Business
<b>Kayley Wood</b>	.....The Peter J. Tobin College of Business
<b>Mary Antonia Zouvelos</b>	.....The Lesley H. and William L. Collins College of Professional Studies

# St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Gina M. Florio, Ph.D., *Interim Dean*

## Candidates for Degrees

### September 2020

#### *The Degree of Bachelor of Arts*

Jenna Said, *summa cum laude*  
Schaddai Sosa  
Natalia Tomaszuk, *summa cum laude*

Kerrin E. Woll, *summa cum laude*  
Mariam Zakhary

#### *The Degree of Bachelor of Science*

Nicholas A. Siegel

### January 2021

#### *The Degree of Bachelor of Arts*

Caitlin M. Carr  
Rebecca Konstantinidis  
Madysen Martino, *cum laude*  
Chiara P. Mauro ♦  
Chelsea Nicholson, *summa cum laude*

Alanna Saponaro, *magna cum laude*  
Ciara R. Savitsky, *magna cum laude*  
Elizabeth M. Snoor  
Christopher T. VanHouten

#### *The Degree of Bachelor of Science*

Nina M. Bogat, *cum laude*

## May 2021

### *The Degree of Bachelor of Arts*

Victoria A. Aiello  
Nicholas D. Alvarez  
Diana Arena, *summa cum laude*  
Brynn Batiancela, *magna cum laude*  
Elise O. Brockenberry, *magna cum laude* ❖  
Amanda Calafiore, *cum laude*  
Laura N. Christophersen  
Josephine A. Comitini, *magna cum laude*  
Thomas J. DeAngelis, *cum laude*  
Jacqueline DeCarluccio, *cum laude*  
Amanda DeFilippo  
Taylor Defilippo  
Marta Drzal, *magna cum laude*  
John M. Fanizzi, *cum laude*  
Dominique Ferrisi, *summa cum laude*  
Jenna Fiordimondo, *summa cum laude* ♦  
Nicole Fitzpatrick, *summa cum laude* ♦  
(Silver Medal)  
Deandra Foti  
Yulianna Gavshyna, *cum laude*  
Alexandra Grisanti, *summa cum laude*  
Chioma Ifeanyi, *magna cum laude*  
Nicolette Jiminez, *cum laude*  
Natalie I. LaCognata, *summa cum laude* ♦  
Jenny Lau, *cum laude* ♦  
Ashton Leavy  
Jacqueline M. Lepore, *magna cum laude*  
Alyssa Macaluso, *magna cum laude*  
Corrin R. Mahoney, *magna cum laude*

Boriana Marguenski, *cum laude*  
Jillian Mazzone, *cum laude*  
Kacie L. McAlarney  
Kelly L. McGowan, *magna cum laude*  
Casey L. Morales  
Arpit K. Nagra, *summa cum laude*  
Outstanding Student Achievement Medal ♦  
(Gold Medal)  
Catherine Napoli, *magna cum laude*  
Michael A. O'Brien, *cum laude*  
Erin E. Oldmixon, *cum laude*  
Deena H. Othman, *cum laude*  
Joseph P. Pellrine, *magna cum laude* ♦\*  
Kathryn Principato, *summa cum laude*  
Jamie Quinzi, *magna cum laude*  
Liana Siebel, *summa cum laude*  
(Bronze Medal)  
Jennifer Tenuto, *summa cum laude*  
(Bronze Medal)  
Julia Timpone, *summa cum laude* ♦  
Santo J. Tiralosi, *magna cum laude* ♦♣  
Sabrina M. Trantino, *magna cum laude*  
Rossana Valente, *magna cum laude* ♦  
Liridona Vata, *summa cum laude*  
(Gold Medal)  
Francesca L. Vultaggio, *summa cum laude* ♦  
Nancyrose Willis  
Alexa Zieris, *cum laude*

### *The Degree of Bachelor of Science*

Anthony J. Cantore, *cum laude* ♦  
Paul A. Kukhar, *magna cum laude*  
Cindy Muso, *magna cum laude*

Lala K. Ndao, *cum laude*  
Elijah M. Rivera, *cum laude*  
Robert S. Schiano, *magna cum laude*

### *The Degree of Associate in Arts*

Christina M. Verrilli

# The School of Education

David L. Bell, Ed.D., Dean

## Candidates for Degrees

### September 2020

#### *The Degree of Bachelor of Science in Education*

Jenna J. Else, *magna cum laude*  
Kaila V. Foy, *cum laude*

Robert A. Grant  
Michele Seidenfaden, *cum laude*

### January 2021

#### *The Degree of Master of Science in Education*

Jasmine Cira  
Angela T. Crowley

Francesca C. Scarmato

### May 2021

#### *The Degree of Master of Science in Education*

Erica M. Catalano †  
Taylor N. Chico  
Jessica Christian  
Christopher J. Cucuzza  
Samantha Cucuzza  
Lexi M. Darcy †  
Olivia Datello †  
Regina DiCarlo  
Ariana M. Didonato  
Jenna J. Else  
Katelyn A. Feminella  
Kaila V. Foy †  
Adriana L. Guarino  
Gina M. Mariano  
Jenna R. Marrazzo †  
Julia M. Milisci

Ashleigh Molinaro †  
Christina A. Napoli  
Samantha M. O'Leary  
Alexandra K. Pagano  
Megan A. Parente †  
Jennifer H. Policastri  
Joey Lynn Rasile  
Barbara A. Ruggiero †  
Diana M. Sanfelice  
Marianna Scaringella  
Michele Seidenfaden †  
Stephanie Silva  
Monica B. Suggs  
Amanda R. Thompson †  
Giulia Vecchio-Santiago †  
Kelsey Wuensch †

## *The Degree of Bachelor of Science in Education*

Nicolette N. Alcamo, *magna cum laude*  
Tabitha Amato, *cum laude* ♦  
Nikki M. Bivona, *cum laude*  
Olivia Bivona, *summa cum laude*  
Gabriella Brandofino, *cum laude*  
Kimberly C. Cammarata, *summa cum laude*  
Lauradonna Catanzaro, *magna cum laude*  
Daniella M. DiStefano, *magna cum laude*  
Nicole M. Fallon, *summa cum laude*  
(Silver Medal)  
Daniella Galifi, *magna cum laude*  
Christopher M. Ghiraldi  
Madison T. Guerrise, *cum laude*

Noelia Martinez  
Amanda R. Monaco, *cum laude*  
Kristen G. O'Byrne, *summa cum laude*  
(Gold Medal)  
Vanessa M. Perfidio, *cum laude*  
Alfred F. Romani, *summa cum laude* ♦  
(Bronze Medal)  
Alyssa K. Sabatino, *cum laude*  
Sabrina M. Schauder, *magna cum laude*  
Kaleigh Slizewski, *cum laude*  
Victoria R. Ursini, *magna cum laude*  
Kaitlyn A. Valentino, *cum laude*



# *The Peter J. Tobin College of Business*

Noreen R. Sharpe, Ph.D., Dean

## Candidates for Degrees

### September 2020

#### *The Degree of Bachelor of Science*

Thomas J. Auletti  
Robert G. Gyurindak

Vincent A. Pulcrano

### January 2021

#### *The Degree of Master of Science*

Michael J. McManus

#### *The Degree of Bachelor of Science*

Matthew J. Barone  
Joseph D. Magiera

Ian A. Murphy, *cum laude*  
Lillian Samuel

### May 2021

#### *The Degree of Master of Science*

Paul Bajada  
Tony T. Balyan  
Joseph Bertone  
Thomas P. Bonviso  
Randy Briscoe  
Noah Canderazzi  
John J. Castellane  
Joseph A. Cavalcante  
Matthew J. Dambakly  
Joseph W. Dimeo  
Bjondina Duka  
Alexander Figueroa

Christopher M. Filippides  
Michael T. Giudice  
Lauren Gonzalez  
Sara G. Gottlieb  
Robert G. Gyurindak  
Nicholas N. Hindy  
Robert D. Jones  
Shahannah Z. Karim  
Brenda Kien  
Nicholas S. Konoiko  
Samantha P. Leax  
Julianne Marsala

## *The Degree of Master of Science (continued)*

Anthony F. Molinaro  
Joseph P. Neville  
Dana-Marie Nickolausk  
Alexa R. Portaro  
John Privracky  
Giovanni M. Rizzo

Sean K. Rodriguez  
Thomas C. Smith  
Nicole E. Thompson  
Brandon M. Trefcer  
Nicholas A. Zangrillo

## *The Degree of Bachelor of Science*

Danielle F. Baudanza  
Steven A. Brion  
Vincent Robert E. Browne, *magna cum laude*  
Nicholas P. Colletti, *cum laude*  
Thomas J. Cronin  
Nicholas C. Damiano, *summa cum laude* ♦  
(Gold Medal)  
Matthew Damico  
Alexander J. DeAngelis  
Daniel B. DeSena  
Bryan A. Elliotti, *cum laude*  
Joshua Fernandez ❖  
Christopher M. Festa, *summa cum laude* ♣  
David R. Gallo  
Joseph N. Garda, *cum laude*  
Antonio M. Genovese  
Michael C. Gragnaniello, *cum laude*  
Kevin F. Hine  
Alexa Iacovino, *summa cum laude*  
Brendan J. Mackey  
Francis Maddalena  
Nicholas R. Mangone  
Virginia Martinez, *cum laude*  
Jessica L. Martino  
Robert McErlean  
John M. Motisi, *magna cum laude*  
Nadia A. Moustafa, *summa cum laude*

Cindy Nikolla, *cum laude*  
Michael C. Noone, *magna cum laude*  
Joseph M. Orlando, *summa cum laude* ♦  
(Gold Medal)  
Alexander Ortiz Jr.  
Vianna A. Passalacqua, *magna cum laude*  
Frank A. Patalano  
Burim Perasevic, *summa cum laude*  
(Silver Medal)  
Michael A. Petryczenko, *cum laude*  
Brandon M. Przybyszewski, *summa cum laude*  
Pietro F. Pugliese  
Daniel U. Quattrocchi  
Frank Rao  
Samantha Salerno  
Frank V. Scandaglia, *cum laude*  
Daria A. Semisynova, *summa cum laude*  
Kristen R. Simone  
Paola Sosa, *cum laude* ♦  
Nicole A. Spina, *cum laude*  
Kaila M. Sweeney, *cum laude* ♣  
Christian S. Talvy  
Amanda Tortora, *summa cum laude*  
(Bronze Medal)  
Alexander J. Valdes  
Charles V. Ventura  
Michael R. Verrilli, *cum laude*

# *The Lesley H. and William L. Collins College of Professional Studies*

Glenn Gerstner, Ed.D., *Interim Dean*

## Candidates for Degrees

### September 2020

#### *The Degree of Bachelor of Science*

William R. Devine  
Gabriella Grieco, *summa cum laude*

Leandra P. Maida  
Matthew P. Marciano

### January 2021

#### *The Degree of Master of Professional Studies*

Brian D. Finn  
Michael A. Napolitano

Alessandra Tormenia

#### *The Degree of Bachelor of Science*

John J. Albano  
Peter N. Attina, *cum laude*  
Victoria A. Baselice  
Madeline E. Bradford, *summa cum laude*  
Daniella N. Cangiano, *magna cum laude*  
Kelly M. DiBenedetto  
Samantha C. Ferrigno

Joseph F. Gardiner, *magna cum laude*  
JiAnna M. Grace, *magna cum laude*  
Jenna M. Kelly, *cum laude*  
Matthew Marangelli  
Arianna M. Mendez, *cum laude*  
Juliette M. Niglio, *summa cum laude*

#### *The Degree of Associate in Science*

Joseph M. Vigilante

### May 2021

#### *The Degree of Master of Professional Studies*

Christopher J. Bivetto  
Nicholas M. Bocchino  
Maryrose A. Caria

Kaysea L. Criscuolo  
Caitlin J. Faustner  
Elizabeth M. Munafo

## *The Degree of Master of Professional Studies (continued)*

Matthew T. Nicholls  
Janinka Ranasinghe  
Nicole Sannino  
Danielle R. Santora-Casuccio

Alison M. Taradash †  
Mateo Velez  
Gregory N. Zagorski

## *The Degree of Bachelor of Arts*

Joseph A. Amato  
Rosalia Pisicchio

Gina N. Tritto, *cum laude*

## *The Degree of Bachelor of Science*

Matthew J. Agoncillo, *cum laude*  
Zafirah A. Alli, *cum laude*  
Peter j. Ammirati  
Bryanna Y. Asakiewicz, *magna cum laude*  
Luigi J. Attina  
Joseph M. Bellomo  
Gianna M. Bompartito, *summa cum laude*  
Brian M. Borgersen, *summa cum laude*  
Veronica L. Bulding, *summa cum laude*  
Theresa L. Cambeis, *cum laude* ♦  
Christopher J. Cammarata  
John Colella  
Nicolette Colella  
Nicholas M. Conte  
Tijanae D. Costanzo  
Gabrielle Coudakis, *cum laude*  
Frank M. Criscitelli  
Mark A. DeMauro  
Joseph J. Demonte, *cum laude*  
Dominic A. Di Turi  
Evan Didia  
Joseph A. Favale, *cum laude*  
Vincent H. Frunzi  
Brian J. Gallagher, *cum laude* ♦  
Joseph N. Garomo  
Adrian J. Genao ♣  
Christopher Giasi  
Devin M. Gough, *summa cum laude*  
Grace C. Harris, *summa cum laude*  
(Bronze Medal)  
Tristan Herrera

Rebeka A. Humbrecht, *magna cum laude* ♦ ♦  
Dean G. Iannuzzelli, *summa cum laude*  
(Silver Medal)  
Mathew A. Jelicks, *magna cum laude*  
Tyler Johnson, *magna cum laude*  
Stephanie A. Keane, *summa cum laude* ♦  
(Gold Medal)  
John F. Kelly, *cum laude*  
Elizabeth R. Kline, *summa cum laude*  
Nicole M. Knorr, *magna cum laude*  
Francisco Lopez, *summa cum laude*  
Matthew J. Marinaro  
Alessandra C. Musso, *magna cum laude*  
Arianna R. Mutkoski, *summa cum laude* ♦  
Nicholas R. Nacchio, *magna cum laude*  
Teresa Naso, *magna cum laude*  
John A. Pasquarello  
Michael M. Percaccio, *cum laude*  
Francesco Raddi  
Matthew Rivera, *magna cum laude*  
Donald Sanxhaku  
Anthony J. Scanni  
Nicholas V. Scimeca, *cum laude*  
Deannndra M. Smith, *summa cum laude*  
(Bronze Medal)  
Ryan N. Soto  
Christopher J. Struthers, *cum laude*  
Megan E. Tompkins, *cum laude*  
Dyl Ujkasevic  
Joseph M. Venditti  
Allen S. Zaychik

## *The Degree of Associate of Science*

Matthew J. Comito  
Lauren A. DelPriore

Julianna R. Maddalena

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While every effort is made to ensure accuracy in this Commemorative Book, printing deadlines may result in omission of some names and the use of names of persons not completing graduation requirements as intended. This printed book, therefore, should not be used to determine a student's academic or degree status. The University's official record for conferral of degrees is the student's permanent academic record, maintained by the Office of the Registrar.

## ACADEMIC REGALIA

The caps, gowns, and hoods worn at college and university functions date back to the Middle Ages. Monks and students of those days wore them to keep warm in the damp and drafty 12th-century castles and halls of learning.

The gown for the bachelor's degree has a semi-stiff yoke; long, pleated front; and intricate shirring across the shoulders and back. It is primarily distinguished by its long, pointed sleeves.

The holder of a master's degree wears a gown with the same yoke effect as the bachelor's. The gown, however, is worn open, and the very long sleeve is squared and closed at the end, the forearm coming through a slit near the elbow.

The gown for the doctor's degree is also worn open. It has broad velvet panels down the front and three velvet bars on the large, bell-like sleeves. This velvet trimming may be either black or the color distinctive of the field of learning to which the degree pertains.

Generally, all caps may be of serge or broadcloth. In addition, doctor's caps may be of velvet and adorned by a gold tassel.

The hood gives color and distinction to the academic costume. The hood—a black shell-like affair of varying size for the three degrees and material to match the gown—is silk-lined, stressing the colors of the institution conferring the degree. The hood is then bordered with velvet of the color signifying the respective fields of learning.

The colors indicative of the various fields of learning are as follows:

<b>Arts, Letters, and Humanities</b>	.....White
<b>Audiology</b>	..... Spruce Green
<b>Business Administration</b>	.....Drab
<b>Education</b>	..... Light Blue
<b>Fine Arts</b>	..... Brown
<b>Law</b>	..... Purple
<b>Library Science</b>	.....Lemon
<b>Pharmacy</b>	..... Olive Green
<b>Philosophy</b>	.....Dark Blue
<b>Public Health</b>	..... Salmon Pink
<b>Science</b>	.....Golden Yellow

It is important to note that the field of learning having prior mention in the conferment of a degree, and not the department governing the major work, determines the color that is proper for the velvet of the hood. The doctor of philosophy degree requires the dark blue velvet, irrespective of the major field. If more than one degree is held, the gown and hood of the highest degree are worn.

## ALMA MATER

### “OLD ST. JOHN’S”

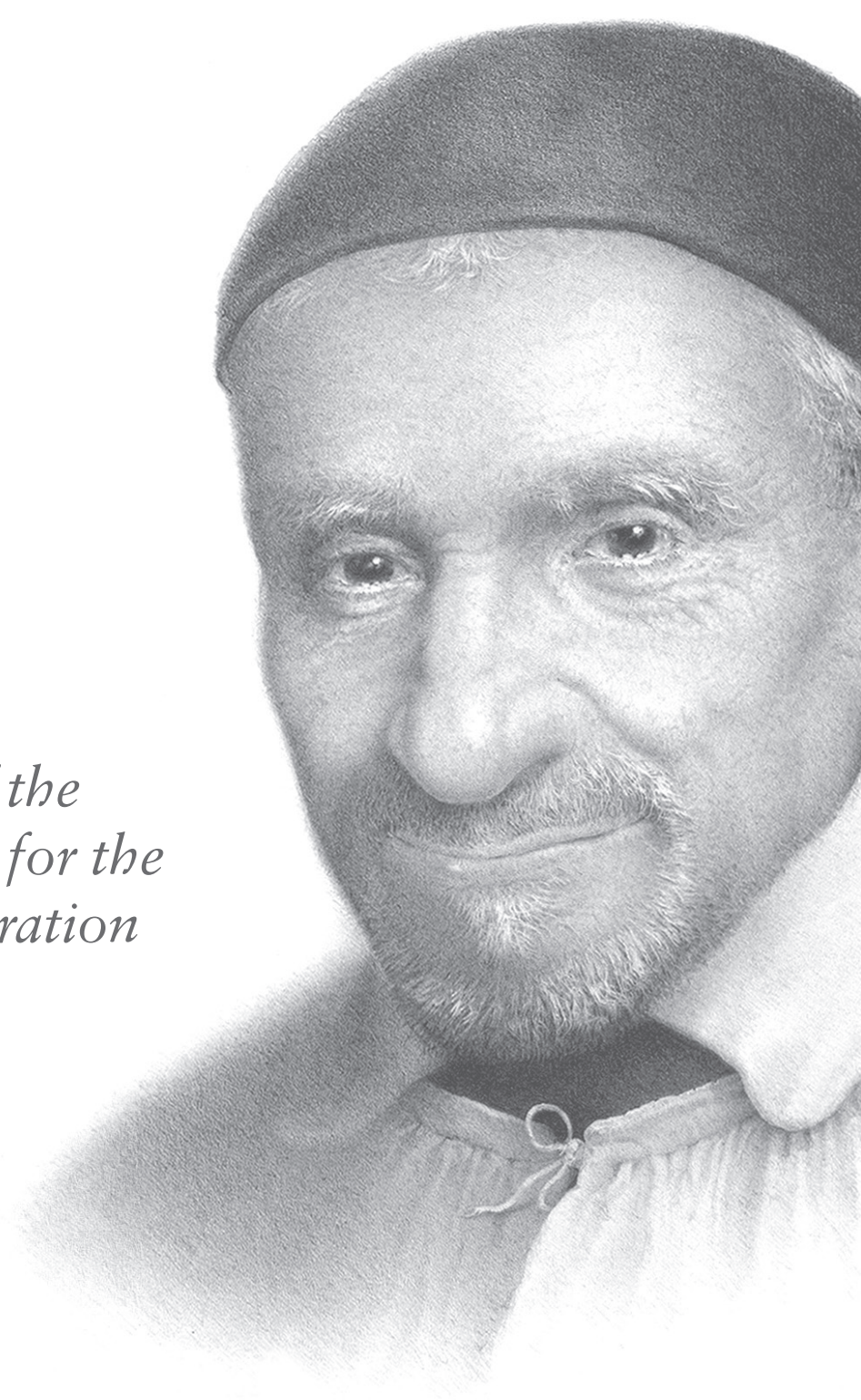
Thy children here today, galore,  
Old St. John’s! Our dear St. John’s!  
And true will they be ever more,  
Old St. John’s! Our dear St. John’s!  
Thy colors bright, the Red and White,  
We’ll wave aloft from morn ’til night,  
Victorious, we’ll show our might,  
Old St. John’s! Our dear St. John’s!  
From fervent hearts we breathe our prayer,  
Old St. John’s! Our dear St. John’s!  
As we commend thee to His care,  
Old St. John’s! Our dear St. John’s!  
That He will guard thee by His might,  
And be thy shield in every fight,  
Thou champion of sacred rite,  
Old St. John’s! Our dear St. John’s!

*Words by Rev. Carroll S. Rosensteel, C.M., and Rev. Thomas F. Ryan, C.M.*





*“God makes use of the  
humblest servants for the  
extraordinary operation  
of His grace.”*



—St. Vincent de Paul  
*Founder of the  
Vincentine community*

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