



# MONSIGNOR FARRELL HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

May is the Month of Mary, our Mother, and the month during which we thank God for the gift of our mothers. So...on behalf of all the men of Farrell – **thank you to all our moms for your love, your patience, your understanding, your forgiveness – and all those meals!**

Our seniors take their last lap around the track this month as they soon begin exams and conclude the month with graduation. This year we are blessed and honored to have Archbishop Dolan preside at our **Commencement Exercises** which will begin our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. The entire Farrell Family congratulates the parents of our graduates as we say *thank you* for your enthusiastic support of Msgr. Farrell High School during your son's years here. Remember: though your son may graduate, you never really leave Farrell. The friendships formed here, along with the lessons learned, will be part of your son's life wherever he may go. And remember: you will always be a Farrell parent!

**Summer uniform regulations** take effect on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Conformity to the dress and hair code has been emphasized this year so as to train your son in the proper comportment of a successful man. As I tell your sons: if you look good, you'll do well. Thank you for re-enforcing this by making sure that your son leaves the house properly dressed and in conformity with school regulations regarding his haircut, being clean-shaven and leaving the earring at home.

Among the many ways we show the true spirit of the *Vir Fidelis* is our participation in the annual Special Olympics, which this year will be on May 14. Every day I remind your son that we Farrell Men have an obligation to share God's gifts with others. We have received the gift of talents and abilities, and we in turn have the responsibility to use these gifts in service to others. This special day for some very special people shows Farrell at our best.

On a personal note, thank you for your kind words and prayers for my father and my family. He was an active member of the Fathers' Club from its early days, and Farrell is very much a part of my family. Your goodness to us is very much appreciated.

Know of my continued prayers for you and your family as we seek together to live the truth of Easter throughout the year,

Sincerely

(Rev. Msgr.) Edmund J. Whalen, S.T.D.  
Principal

Dear Senior Parents,

Can it be? How could the time have gone by so quickly? It probably seems like yesterday that you anxiously awaited your son's opening of the TACHS results (or had already opened the letter and then re-sealed it before he got home from 8<sup>th</sup> grade). Yet, the time is here and the little boy has grown into a young man. Congratulations! You should be proud of your son, and your son should be grateful to you for making him the man he is today.

In true Farrell tradition, our graduation celebration is not limited to the Commencement Exercises.

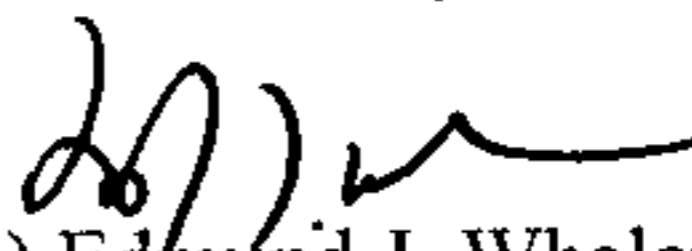
- **Senior Mass** – May 15, 10am with a continental breakfast following
- **Senior Parents' Reception** – May 15, 5pm to 7pm Lobby – This allows the senior parents to gather as a Farrell Family and share stories, food, and libations as you brace yourselves for college.
- **Commencement Exercises** – May 21, 10am. This year Archbishop Dolan will preside at graduation as we open our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations.

Additional important information is on the reverse of this letter. Please read it carefully and, as always, feel free to contact the office if you have any questions.

You will hear me say this again, but allow me a word of personal gratitude. The usual assumption a new principal makes is that the first year will be one of "peaceful co-existence" with the senior class. After all, they've been here longer, so it's usually a Cold War era détente at best. Your sons have made my first year as principal much easier. They have been enthusiastic and cooperative, and I can honestly say that much of the advances we've made this year would not have been possible had they not taken their leadership role as seriously as they did. You should be very proud of them – I know I am. And, to be honest, I'll miss them. They're a fine group of men who will be an addition to the ranks of our alumni.

Know of my continued prayers – and remember – no matter how many years go by, Farrell is always home for both them and you.

Gratefully,



(Rev. Msgr.) Edmund J. Whalen, S.T.D.  
Principal

## **IMPORTANT SENIOR INFORMATION**

- **AP EXAMS** - The fee of \$87.00 per exam is due Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, **cash or money order only!** Make your money orders payable to *Monsignor Farrell High School*. Please write on the money order your name and which exams you will be taking. ALL STUDENTS ENROLLED IN AN AP COURSE MUST TAKE THE AP EXAM. NO EXCEPTIONS! While AP candidates are not required to attend their regular classes on the day of their AP exam, they are responsible for any work they miss.
- **SENIOR EXAMS** - Please refer to the enclosed schedule of exams. All students with conflicts must see Mr. Musanti in the main office before Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- **BOOK RETURN** - Since the entire NY State Textbook operation has been computerized, we have the ability to screen textbooks carefully. **Students must return the textbook which they were originally given.** Graduation tickets will not be distributed to any student who does not return his books. All NY State Texts are to be returned on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, after the English exam.
- **OUTSTANDING FEES** - No student will be permitted to sit for an exam unless he has received a pass indicating that all tuition, fees etc. are up-to-date, and library books, team uniforms, etc. have been returned. **All payments must be made by cash or money order only!**
- **GRADUATION PRACTICE** - Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 12:30pm to 2:30pm is mandatory. Gowns and graduation ceremony tickets will be distributed at that time. Each family receives 5 tickets - 2 for the main floor - 3 for the bleachers/balcony. Please do not contact the school for additional tickets since fire regulations limit the seating of the gym. Tickets will not be distributed until all financial obligations have been met.
- **GRADUATION MASS AND BREAKFAST** - 10:00 A.M. Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. All seniors and their families are encouraged to attend.
- **PARENTS' RECEPTION** - Parents of our seniors are invited to attend this reception in the main lobby of the school on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7 p.m. (Parents Only)
- **GRADUATION** - Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 10 a.m. in the gym. Seniors are to report to first floor classrooms at 9:00 a.m. Long or short sleeved, light colored dress shirts, dress slacks, dress shoes and ties are to be worn by graduates. **Any senior who is not properly attired or whose hair style is unacceptable will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony.** Earrings, nose rings, etc. are not to be worn.
- **REPORT CARDS, DIPLOMAS & YEARBOOKS** - Will be distributed on Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the main office. THESE WILL NOT BE MAILED, NOR MAY THEY BE PICKED UP EARLIER.
- **SENIOR FAILURES** - Seniors will be personally informed of any courses they have failed for the year. These seniors must report to the Conference Room on Wednesday, June 1st at noon to make summer school arrangements.
- **JUNIOR LEVEL COURSES** - Students enrolled in Physics, Earth Science, Math 11, Level 3 Foreign Language and/or any other Junior class must check with Mr. Musanti by May 6<sup>th</sup> in order to ascertain whether or not they will be required to attend classes after graduation.

# **SCHEDULE OF SENIOR EVENTS – CLASS OF 2011**

## **AP EXAM SCHEDULE**

<u>Exam Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Exams</u>
Mon. May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7:45am	Chemistry
Tues. May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:45am	Computer A
Wed. May 4 <sup>th</sup>	7:45am	Math AB
Wed. May 4 <sup>th</sup>	7:45am	Math BC
Thurs. May 5 <sup>th</sup>	7:45am	English Lit.
Fri. May 6 <sup>th</sup>	7:45am	American History
Fri. May 6 <sup>th</sup>	11:45am	European History
Mon. May 9 <sup>th</sup>	7:45am	Biology
Tues. May 10 <sup>th</sup>	7:45am	American Govt.
Tues. May 10 <sup>th</sup>	11:45am	Comparative Govt.

## **SENIOR EXAMS**

Fri. May 13 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Social Studies IV
Mon. May 16 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Religion IV
Tues. May 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Intro. To Calc; Apps in Algebra,
Wed. May 18 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	English 4 and 4H
Wed. May 18 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Book Return
Wed. May 18 <sup>th</sup>	12:30pm	Graduation Practice – Gym (Pick up Gowns and Graduation Tickets)
Thurs. May 19 <sup>th</sup>		Senior Holiday
Fri. May 20 <sup>th</sup>		Senior Holiday
Sat. May 21 <sup>st</sup>	10:00am	Graduation - Gym

**ALL SENIORS MUST REPORT TO 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR CLASSROOMS BY 9:00AM ON GRADUATION DAY.**

**“In class” Senior Finals:** All AP Courses, Accounting, Human Anatomy, Foreign Language IV, CAD, Finance, Business Law, Criminology, Psychology, Film Study, WEB, Journalism, Creative Writing, Calc R, Studio Art, C#

# May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 <i>Teacher Appreciation Week</i></p> <p>LAX Game—2pm (Lyman)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>AP Exams Begin AM—Chemistry</p> <p>Lacrosse-v-Poly Prep-4:30pm</p>	<p>3 <i>National Teacher's Day</i></p> <p>AP Exams- AM -Computer Sci</p> <p>Lacrosse-v-Midwood-7pm (JV-4:30pm)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>AP Exams- AM -Calc AB, BC</p> <p>Var. Island Track Champs 2:30-8:30pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>AP Exams- AM -Eng. Lit.</p> <p>Volunteer Dinner &amp; Installation of Officers-7:30pm-Lob.</p> <p>Lacrosse-v-MSM-4:30pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>AP Exams- AM -US History PM -Euro History</p> <p>Band Rehearsal-2:30-6pm-Gym</p> <p>Farrell Golf Outing</p>	<p>7</p> <p><i>SAT at Farrell</i></p> <p>Band-Spring Concert</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>AP Exams- AM-Biology</p> <p>Improv Practice 3-6pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>AP Exams- AM-US Gov't PM-Comp.Gov't</p> <p>Lacrosse-v-St.Ray-5pm</p> <p>Underclass Awards - 7:30pm-Gym</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Band Dinner-Lake Club—7pm</p> <p>Improv-Lobby-7:30pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p><i>Senior Review Day</i></p> <p>AP Exams- AM-World History</p> <p>Notre Dame Lecture - Lobby—7-9:30pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Senior Exams Start</p> <p>Farrell Hall of Fame Inductions</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Special Olympics 8am to Noon</p> <p>Lacrosse-v-SI Tourney 5/7—Semis</p>
<p>15</p> <p><i>Senior Mass</i> 10:00am—Gym</p> <p><i>Senior Parents' Party-</i> Lobby-5-7pm</p> <p>Lacrosse-v-SI Tourney Finals 12/2</p>	<p>16</p> <p><i>Senior Exams</i></p> <p>Gym Set up for Graduation</p>	<p>17</p> <p><i>Senior Exams</i></p> <p>Gym closed</p> <p>Lacrosse-v-Portledge—5pm (Senior Day)</p>	<p>18</p> <p><i>Senior Exams</i></p> <p>Graduation Practice-12:30</p> <p>Book Return</p> <p>Gym closed</p> <p><i>Senior Prom</i> Hilton-7pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p><i>Senior Holiday</i></p>	<p>20</p> <p><i>Senior Holiday</i></p>	<p>21</p> <p><u><i>GRADUATION</i></u> <u><i>10AM—GYM</i></u></p>
<p>22</p> <p>Margiotta Cycle Rally</p>	<p>23</p> <p><u>SCHOOL CLOSED</u></p>	<p>24</p> <p>Frosh Isl.Track Champs— 2:30-8:30pm</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Jr. Parents &amp; College Counselor—Gym-7:30pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Forensics Nationals- Wash. D.C.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Forensics Nationals</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Forensics Nationals</p>	<p>30 <i>Memorial Day</i></p> <p><u>SCHOOL CLOSED</u></p>	<p>31</p> <p>Calendar Meeting-7pm- Conference Rm.</p> <p>Deans' Meeting-1pm- Conf.Rm.</p>				

## *Msgr. Farrell Family Association*

April 2011

Dear Farrell Family Members,

Looks like Spring has finally arrived. This means our seniors will be leaving us soon – they have a busy month ahead of them and we wish them all good luck.

On Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> we will hold our annual Volunteer Thank You Dinner & we will be installing the 2011-2012 executive board. I hope to see everyone there. Thank you to the Administrative staff for hosting us that evening.

The final events of the year are as follows:

- Tuesday, May 10 Underclassman Awards
- Sunday, May 15 Senior Communion Breakfast
- Sunday, May 15 Senior Parents Cocktail Party

On April 30th we will be hosting our annual Spring Dance at 8:00 p.m. in the Gym. I would like to thank Sally Malfi for chairing this event with her co-chair Amani Tawfik and their committee. Great job as always!

On behalf of the Executive Board, I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Mother's Day.

Sincerely,

Karen Sanicola, President  
Farrell Family Association  
(917) 699-2356

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**VOLUNTEERS' DINNER AND EXECUTIVE BOARD INSTALLATION**  
**THURSDAY, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. IN THE LOBBY**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SONS' YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

To: Seniors  
From: Sister Grazyna  
Re: State Text Book  
Date: April 2011



According to New York State law, each student receives textbooks, which must be returned to the school at the end of the academic year.

**Anyone who does not return the New York State textbook he was issued, for whatever reason, must pay for that book. Fines will be levied for books returned in an abused condition.**

Since the entire New York State textbook operation has been computerized, we have the ability to screen textbooks carefully. Students must return the textbook, which they were originally given.

**Graduation gowns and tickets will not be distributed; diplomas, transcripts and copies of school records will be withheld from any student who does not return his books or pay his fines.**

Please refer to your student handbook for any clarification. This has been school policy and each student and family has signed and submitted the parental acknowledgment of this bulletin.

**Please be aware that checks will not be accepted-  
You must pay in cash only!**

If you wish to return your books prior May 18<sup>th</sup> the shop will be open every Monday and Thursday morning from 7:15 to 8:15 AM.

Be sure to remove any book cover and empty the text of any personal

If you have a missing book and it turns up after you have graduated, you will be reimbursed for that book the amount you paid minus a \$3 service Charge.

cc: Monsignor Whalen  
Mr. Musanti

## Tour Details



### Group Fees

Registration Fee	\$95
Program Fee <sup>1</sup>	\$3199
Saver Date Incentive	\$-100
Estimated Departure Fees <sup>2</sup>	\$500
Weekend Surcharge	\$40

Total Group Fees \$3734

<sup>1</sup> Valid through 04/01/11 with \$195 deposit

<sup>2</sup> Subject to change.

### Additional Fees (as applicable)

Adult Surcharge	\$95
Single Room Supplement	\$560
Double Room Supplement	\$280
Ultimate Protection Plan	\$225
Comprehensive Protection Plan	\$180



Depart from the USA.

Arrive in the incomparable city known as La Serenissima. Meet your ACIS Tour Manager and explore the winding streets and canals. (D)

Today your ACIS Walking Tour takes you through St. Mark's Square and by the infamous Bridge of Sighs. The Byzantine architecture reminds you that Venice was once Europe's Gateway to the East. (B,D)

Take the high-speed train to Florence today. Once the city was the richest in Europe, and wealthy bankers sponsored its artists and writers. A sightseeing tour with a local guide and headsets shows you the Duomo with its baptistry and bell tower, Piazza della Signoria—the political center of the Renaissance city—and Santa Croce. See Michelangelo's masterpiece, David, with a timed visit to the Accademia. (B,D)

The morning is free for last-minute sightseeing in Florence, before taking the Eurostar south to Italy's capital, Rome. Spend the afternoon browsing the outdoor markets or test your honesty at the Mouth of Truth. (B,D)

Today's sightseeing tour introduces you to every phase of Rome's history with a panoramic drive of the city. In addition, your local guide accompanies you through the Vatican Museums, including the Sistine Chapel, and continues to St. Peter's Basilica, giving commentary via personal headsets. Later, an inside visit to the Colosseum is included with your tour manager. Tonight, enjoy a pizza dinner, Roman style. (B,D)

Today why not visit the tranquil Borghese Gardens or the shops of Via Condotti? Climb each of the seven hills, or visit some of the majestic churches such as Santa Maria Maggiore. Be sure to sample the gelato. One of the best spots for that is Piazza Navona. (B,D)

Enjoy your last day further exploring the magnificence of Rome. Tonight, why not top off the evening by tossing a coin in the Trevi Fountain to ensure a speedy return to Rome? (B,D)

Depart for the USA. (B)

*This is a preliminary itinerary for your group.*

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## Additional Information

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## Notes from ACIS

\*An additional fuel surcharge may be added if additional fees are assessed by airlines. Adult travelers age 24 and older should add in the Adult Surcharge and Double or Single Room Supplement to calculate their Total Group Fee.

**Automatic Payments plan available. Automatic Payments makes planning your trip budget easy because your payments are spread out evenly, giving you more time to pay. You choose a payment frequency (every 2 weeks, every 4 weeks, monthly, or quarterly) and your payments are automatically deducted from your checking or savings account.**

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## Passports

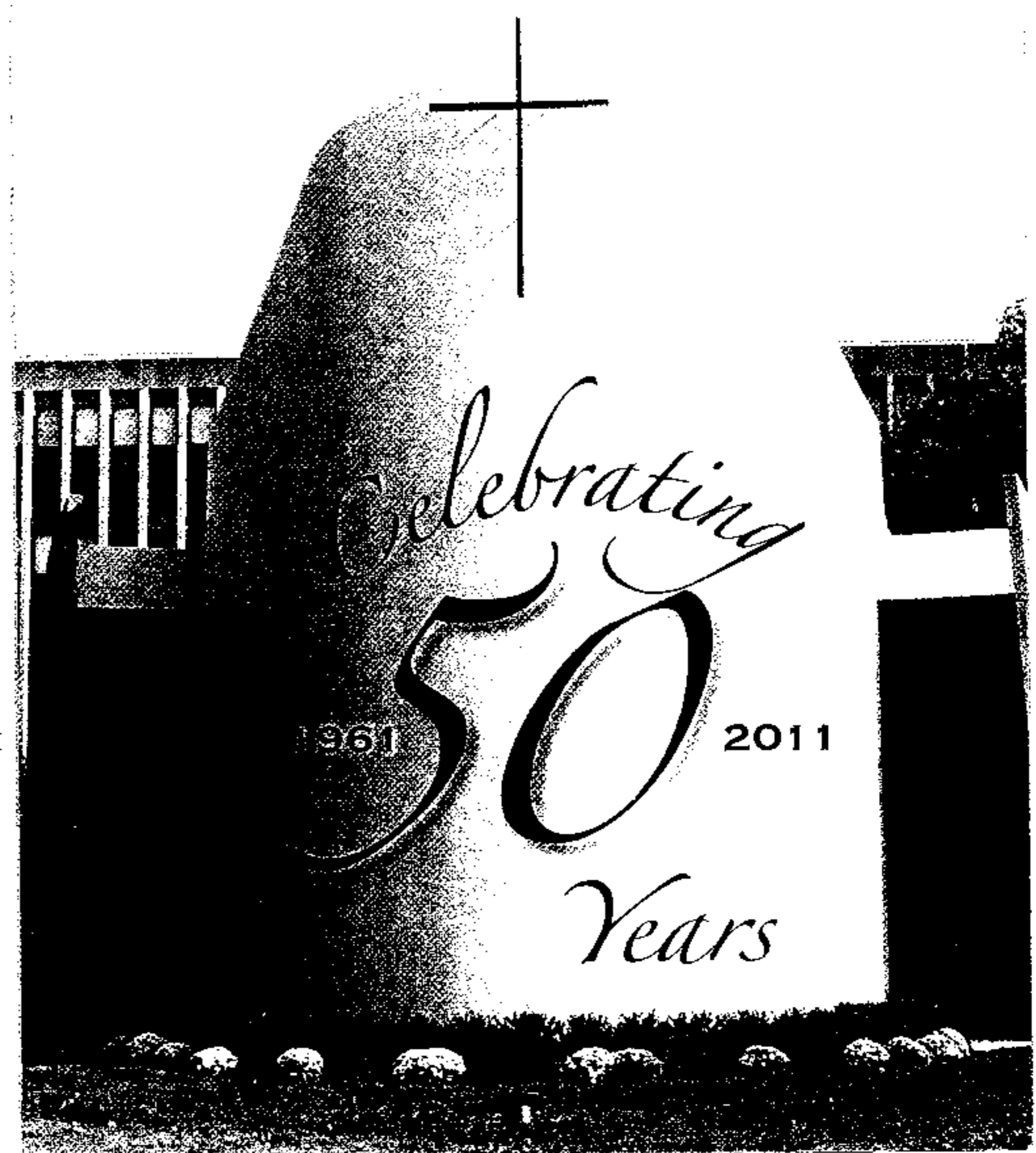
Passports are required for all ACIS trips traveling abroad. You are responsible for obtaining your own passport so please don't delay! Visit your post office or a local office of the federal government for an application form. Note that some countries require that passports be valid for six months after you return to the United States. Please be sure that yours is up to date.

We recommend visiting the internet site: [www.travel.state.gov/passport/](http://www.travel.state.gov/passport/). This is a very informative site, with answers to many passport and visa questions. It also allows you to print an application form to obtain a passport.

**Save The Date**

MONSIGNOR FARRELL  
HIGH SCHOOL  
IS CELEBRATING ITS  
**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
WITH A FARRELL FAMILY DAY!  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**

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**COME HOME TO FARRELL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**