



The fall semester opened with a bright, energetic group of freshman on campus, residence halls nearly filled to capacity, the introduction of the new core curriculum and several new academic programs in place.

The semester also opened with our annual Mass of the Holy Spirit, celebrated on a beautiful late summer day with a procession across campus led by a bagpiper and faculty in full academic regalia. The Mass of the Holy Spirit is a great tradition at Catholic colleges and universities. It allows us to commence with the academic year as we begin all things as Christians: recalling that we are in the presence of God and asking the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to guide and bless our endeavors.

We have come to see the Mass of the Holy Spirit as an important bonding event for new and returning students, which reminds them that there is something different and unique about a Catholic Jesuit university. It is part of a larger picture here at Canisius that has us explore numerous initiatives to enhance our religious identity.

Our Campus Ministry Office is recruiting faculty, staff and students to explore Jesuit spirituality through a diverse set of retreat offerings. Last year more than 20 people enrolled in the 19th Annotation Retreat based on the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius Loyola. This is an intensive program that requires a significant commitment but our campus ministers have developed less intensive programs to meet the needs of students and staff.

Members of the college's staff are also enrolled in the Ignatian Colleagues Program, a collaborative venture of 24 of the Jesuit universities and sponsoring provinces, which is designed to provide emerging leaders in our schools with a deeper understanding of Ignatian values and Jesuit history.

Initiatives such as these are increasingly important as we continue to expand the collaboration between the Jesuits and the lay staff, and faculty here at Canisius. Rest assured that this is a high priority.

God bless you,

*Vincent M. Cooke, S.J.*

**President**

Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J.

**Executive Vice President &**

**Vice President for College Relations**

John J. Hurley '78

**Associate Vice President for**

**Public Relations & Executive Editor**

Debra S. Park MS '06

**Managing Editor**

Audrey R. Browka

**Director of Creative Services**

**& Layout Editor**

Andalyn Courtney

**Contributing Designers**

Shaun M. Maciejewski

**Director of Alumni Relations**

Eileen L. Hudson '83

**Contributing Writers**

Elizabeth M. Bohen '74, MS '76

Kristin E. Etu '91

Laura B. Grinnen '06

Eileen C. Herbert '04

Eileen L. Hudson '83

Marion Mittler

Debra S. Park MS '06

Kirsten L. Reppert MS '07

Rachel Voerg

Mark Weber MSED '08

**Illustration**

Neville Harvey

**Photography**

Shaun Maciejewski

Tom Wolf '86

**To Contact Us**

We are eager to hear your comments about *Canisius College Magazine*.

Please send correspondence to:

*Canisius College Magazine*

2001 Main Street, Lyons Hall

Room 209, Buffalo, NY 14208

Phone 716-888-2790

Fax 716-888-2778

*Canisius College Magazine* is published four times a year by Canisius College at: 2001 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14208 USPS 908-760

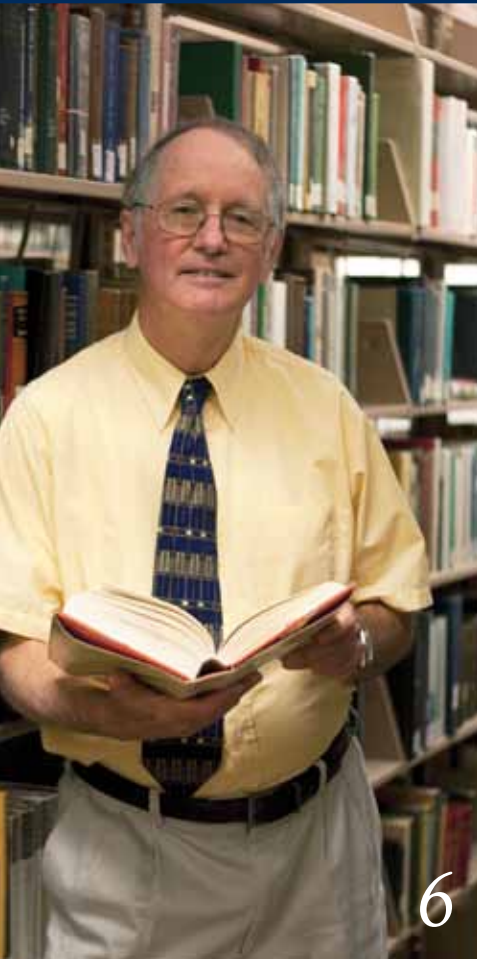
Periodical postage paid at Buffalo, NY

Postmaster send change of address to: Canisius College, 2001 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14208

**6 | Faculty Profile**

**A NOVEL EDUCATOR**

Robert J. Butler, PhD, educates the minds and inspires the souls of Canisius students.



6

**10 | Jesuit Spirit**

**ONLINE MINISTRY**

Ryan G. Duns '02, S.J., blogs about his faith and his vocational journey.

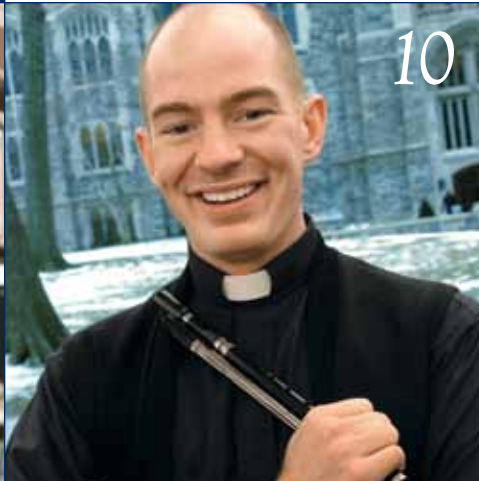
**14 | Cover Story**

**THE ART OF LETTING GO**

Avoid the trap of helicopter parenting to ensure a successful college experience for your children.



14



10



32

**32 | Alumni Profile**

**SHAPING LIVES**

SHAPE magazine Editor-in-Chief Valerie A. Latona '91 helps women lead healthy, balanced lives.

**departments**

**4 BLUE & GOLD BRIEFS**  
CAMPUS NEWS AND NOTES

**9 FACULTY NOTES**  
FACULTY NEWS AND UPDATES

**20 A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP**  
CAMPAIGN NEWS AND UPDATES

**22 CANISIUS CONNECTIONS**  
ALUMNI NEWS AND NOTES

**36 AS YOU WERE**  
STORIES FROM THE PAST