



On the Occasion of our 60th Anniversary
September 2024

On September 10th, the students, administration, faculty, and staff gathered to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Archbishop Mitty High School. The prayer service welcomed friends, special guests, and most notably, the presence of the very first Principal of AMHS, Fr. Allen DeLong. The original Monarchs, members of the first graduating class of 1968, also made their way back to campus for the event. We invited some of the 42 alumni who are now faculty-staff to participate in the prayer service, watched a very cool slideshow of images from throughout the six decades, and then the entire school enjoyed a sweet treat. It was a true celebration of the spirit and excellence of AMHS.

We prepared for this day for many months. There were hours of pouring through old photos, memorabilia, and documents. When the school first opened in September 1964 as an all-boys school, tuition was \$180. There were five homerooms and the school newspaper was entitled *The Gazette*. Since that time, AMHS has set the standard for academic excellence, athletics, and service throughout Silicon Valley and the world. As we write this today, we are all part of a legacy of excellence that has spanned for sixty years; and this year, we celebrate that legacy and remember from whence we came. Our Archbishop Mitty community is a special place because of all of us. We have collectively touched and transformed the lives of thousands of people all over this world.

Our task now is to continue to march forward for generations of Monarchs to come - to continue to nurture kinship in the most meaningful of ways, to dream big, to be generous in spirit, and to always, always, have faith in our future. In these coming years, we have set an ambitious vision to demonstrate our ongoing commitment to our Catholic mission; and to nurturing a culture of innovation, campus facilities enhancements, and financial sustainability. Each of these critical features are outlined in our most recent [Strategic Plan 5.0: Faith in our Future](#). I invite you to take a moment to review the plan. It has been developed with the thoughtful and collaborative input of

administrators, faculty, staff, parents, and board members. We all have a unique part to play in ensuring that Archbishop Mitty remains a leader in Catholic education today and that the students who walk our halls graduate as intellectually competent, faith-filled, just, respectful leaders of the world.

As I left our special 60th anniversary assembly, I overheard a few students talking to each other about what they had just experienced. One said to the other “Just think. We could come back to be part of the 100th anniversary of Mitty!” That comment gave me pause as I thought about the incredible responsibility we carry each day to ensure that does indeed happen. And I was overwhelmed with gratitude for the opportunity. So this year, as we celebrate sixty years of AMHS legacy, I invite you to reflect on the gift that is Archbishop Mitty High School and consider how you can be a transformative part of our future.

I hope to have the chance to celebrate with you this year at one of our many events and may God bless you and your families immensely.

With deepest gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Latanya Hilton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Latanya" and the last name "Hilton" clearly distinguishable.

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President