Dear Friends,

As Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., has concluded his 19-year presidency at Notre Dame, we reflect on his legacy and the enduring vision of Rev. Edward Sorin, C.S.C., the University’s founder. With Rev. Robert A. Dowd, C.S.C., assuming the presidency, succeeding Father Jenkins, we anticipate new opportunities for growth.

This transition underscores our enduring commitment to Notre Dame’s rich tradition and mission. Our vision is to transform Notre Dame’s aspirations into tangible realities for all. Aligned with Provost John McGreevy’s forward-looking vision in Notre Dame 2033: A Strategic Framework, we embrace our unique Catholic identity as we reshape global higher education.

The Sorin Society nurtures undergraduates’ holistic development—mind, body, and spirit—while advancing scholarship and research. As members, you boldly translate this vision into action, investing in student success, growth, and service.

We express our deepest gratitude to each of you for embarking on this extraordinary journey alongside us.

The Sorin Society Team

Brooke Speer Kate Brown
Student Life

AN EXPERIENCE UNLIKE ANY OTHER

Annual gifts from Sorin Society members benefit areas of greatest need throughout the University, enhancing the student experience and advancing Notre Dame’s mission.

Residential life and student engagement

Notre Dame’s unmatched residence hall system places students into one of 32 halls, each with its own chapel, signature events, service initiatives, interhall athletic teams, and traditions. Additionally, with over 500 student clubs and organizations, students can explore diverse interests, fostering personal growth, learning, friendships, and community. This experience is made possible by the Sorin Society’s unrestricted funding.
Catholic Mission

Notre Dame is committed to the Catholic character of the University, transforming each student in mind, body, and spirit. Students have access to a variety of religious retreats, small groups, and daily mass services. Additionally, with numerous service opportunities and trips offered through campus groups, the majority of students engage in volunteer work before they graduate. The Sorin Society dedicates a portion of its funds to ensuring students have access to the resources and spaces they need to grow spiritually.

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Jacob Koestner ’24

Jacob chose Notre Dame because of its mission to be a force for good in the world and its commitment to integrating faith and academics. He attributes his conversion to Catholicism to the friends he made in Alumni Hall. His friends, rooted in their faith, demonstrated their deep love of faith by inviting him into the greater Catholic family.

“I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the donors who helped make Notre Dame possible for me. A Notre Dame education has been the greatest gift to my life, has transformed me as a person, and made me so much better. Thank you Sorin Society for giving me the gift of Notre Dame, allowing me to study everything I love, for giving me friendships that will last a lifetime, and for allowing me to discover who I am in my faith.”

WATCH JACOB’S VIDEO
Financial Aid

A Notre Dame education is a valuable investment in a person, and the quality and rigor are only one part of it. The University ensures that accomplished and deserving students have the opportunity to experience Notre Dame regardless of their financial situation. Sorin Society funds help the University remain a need-blind institution, committed to meeting 100% of undergraduate students’ demonstrated financial need.

“My feelings are nearly indescribable when talking about the overwhelming sense of gratitude for the opportunity of a Notre Dame education. Through the Sorin Society’s assistance with their scholarship, I can attend a university that has introduced me to amazing people and brought me incredible opportunities and experiences. So, from my family and myself, I would like to give a very heartfelt thank you!”

RYAN GUTIERREZ ’27
Undergraduate Education

The Sorin Society is dedicated to fulfilling all aspects of student needs, aligning with the University’s strategic framework. This framework prioritizes investments in research and endeavors that directly enhance students’ educational opportunities, ensuring a tangible impact on their academic journey. The Sorin Society helps fund priorities like these, empowering students to thrive and succeed at Notre Dame.

ARTS INITIATIVE
The Arts Initiative will build on our collective resources to create compelling new programs that provide intellectually rich arts experiences to the Notre Dame community and well beyond.

DATA & COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCE
A task force, kicked off in December 2023, is dedicated to discerning and developing a vision, strategy, and operational plan for data and computational science research and data and digital literacy education at Notre Dame.

DEMOCRACY INITIATIVE
This initiative will establish Notre Dame as a leader in the study of democracy both in the U.S. and worldwide, as a convenor for conversations about and actions to preserve democracy, and as a model for the formation of civically engaged citizens and public servants.

POVERTY INITIATIVE
This initiative will establish Notre Dame as a leading institution for poverty research, preparing students for careers and service in anti-poverty efforts, and turning evidence into action, illuminating proven pathways out of poverty for people around the world.

ETHICS INITIATIVE
This initiative will establish Notre Dame as a premier global destination for the study of ethics, offering superb training for future generations of ethicists and moral leaders, a platform for engagement of the Catholic moral tradition with other modes of inquiry, and an opportunity to forge insights into some of the most significant ethical issues of our time.

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING
Notre Dame is committed to research and education that improve health and well-being for all humans, with particular attention to those who are marginalized by modern health care systems. The University’s Health and Well-Being efforts include a commitment to address the nationwide mental health crisis and a new Bioengineering and Life Sciences Initiative.

More at strategicframework.nd.edu
Our Impact
Our Impact

Sorin Impact Stats

831 new members joined the Sorin Society Family in the last year.

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Impact on Students

100% of Sorin Society funds go directly to meeting Notre Dame students’ most essential needs each year.

2,058 Students received the equivalent of a $10,000 financial aid scholarship from the Sorin Society in the academic year 2023-2024.

$2.3 Million allocated for our commitment to expanding Notre Dame’s distinct student life experiences and transformative Catholic mission in the academic year 2023-2024.
Our Stories
Our Stories

Grace Clinton ’24

Grace Clinton, with the help of financial aid, channels her passion for healthcare into women’s health in Africa. Her capstone project in Botswana focuses on supporting young mothers and victims of gender-based violence. Addressing “period poverty,” Grace launched a business producing reusable pads, empowering local women through a sustainable supply chain. Awarded the Samuel Huntington Public Service Award, she prepares to establish a women’s center in Botswana, building upon her earlier work and dedication at Notre Dame.

“The kindness and generosity of donors allows students to thrive. I haven’t had to worry about getting a summer job. Instead, I’ve been able to focus on international service work that has helped me grow and helped entire countries expand their health resources.”

ANTHONY MUTO, SORIN SOCIETY MEMBER

“Notre Dame is a special place. I wouldn’t trade anything I’ve done with Notre Dame over the last 70 years. I can’t claim a prize for being the longest-standing Notre Dame fan, but I wouldn’t trade the 70 years of loving Notre Dame for anything.”
Thank You!

Thank you for entrusting Notre Dame with your selfless gifts. Your generosity directly impacts our students, faculty, and everyone dedicated to advancing our mission. You empower University leaders to address unexpected and urgent needs while providing the financial flexibility necessary to seize emerging opportunities. Whether you’ve been a proud Sorin Society member since its inception or have recently made your first gift, thank you for making Father Sorin’s vision possible.

Brooke Speer ’12
Associate Director
Sorin Society: Green / Blue Members

Kate Brown
Associate Director
Sorin Society: Gold / Founder’s Members