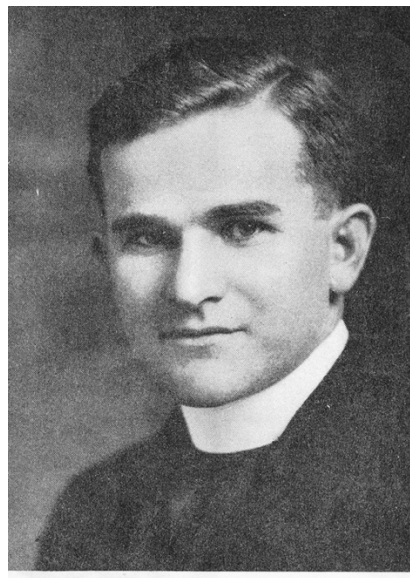


House of Allnoch

St. John Paul II & St. Teresa of Calcutta



Carl Mitchell "Bucky" Allnoch '27



- General biography:
  - Born in Victoria, TX on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 1908.
  - Graduate of STH Class of 1927 and Hall of Honor Member.
  - STH Athletic Hall of Fame Member.
  - He was ordained to priesthood in Houston, December 21, 1935.
    - He was ordained with fellow STH graduate Father Ernest Magee (also future principal of STH).
    - All but two years of his priestly life were spent at St. Thomas as teacher, coach, athletic director, principal and superior of the Basilians.
  - Principal of STH from 1959-1967.
  - Legendary Head Football Coach.

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- Interesting stories/information:
  - Loved horses and was an avid horse raiser and rider.
    - This is where he got his nickname “Bucky”.
    - He rode horses onto the STH campus and was fond of wearing tall black riding boots with his priestly cassock.
      - He would put black shoe polish on his boots to ensure they matched his cassock.
  - At 5’6, 125 lbs., he played football and hockey as a student.
  - He established a trade school at St. Thomas during World War II to assist the war effort, and was assistant pastor of St. Anne’s Church in Houston from 1948-1950.
  - As athletic director and coach:
    - Father Carl built the original St. Thomas Stadium in 1937.
    - Back to back to back state championships (’37, ’38, 39).
    - Defeated public school St. Jacinto High School in 1941.
    - Co-founder of Texas Catholic interscholastic league (precursor to TAPPS).
    - Conditioning drills included using the football team to clear the newly acquired Memorial Drive property.
      - He used a converted Dodge Eagle (how fitting) as a tractor to pull out tree stumps.
      - Players would clear brush and level the ground by hand!
  - As principal:
    - 1959-1967
    - Constructed the multipurpose auditorium building on campus in 1960.
  - Chapel named for him.
  - Student Athlete Award named for him:
    - Carl Mitchell Allnoch Athletic Memorial Trophy for Excellence in Academics.
  - Letter to graduates in 1964:
    - *“We trust that you have learned to love God above all things, and furthermore, to love your neighbor as yourselves; that you realize that self-discipline is essential for a mature person and finally, that you have used your talents wisely, so that you may attain that excellence which still remains a challenge to you.”*
  - Story from legendary golfer and graduate Jackie Burke about Father Allnoch:
    - “In 1940 Allnoch was a priest ... and instructor ... and head football coach ... who could rival any Marine drill sergeant from Burke’s future years in World War II. But Allnoch could also dish with subtlety ... and one particular lesson remains as vivid this day to Burke as the day the Basilian delivered it decades ago. “He put the number 50 on this board,” Burke recalled without hesitation. “And the number 51 on the other board. And then told the class ... if you earn this one ... do not spend that one.””

St. John Paul II



- Born Karol Wojtyła on May 18th, 1920 in Poland and died April 2nd, 2005.
- Feast Day is October 22nd.
- Notable information:
  - Lost his mother at age 8 and also eventually both his siblings.
  - His father died when he was 20.
  - He survived three near fatal accidents including being hit by a truck twice!
  - He was an aspiring actor and was romantically involved with a beautiful Jewish actress.
  - He was also an avid outdoorsman and skier.
  - Poland was under German Nazi occupation so he was forced into labor at a rock quarry.
  - In his early twenties he felt the call to the priesthood but had to study in clandestine underground seminaries due to the Nazis.
  - During his time under German occupation, he worked to save the lives of many Jews by hiding them out or having them adopted by Christians, and later was officially recognized and honored by Israel for his heroic efforts.

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- The communist Soviets later occupied Poland and Wojtyla actively worked to resist them.
- He became famous for his outdoor retreats for young and married people.
- He eventually became Bishop of Krakow and then eventually a Cardinal and was closely involved in the proceedings of the Second Vatican Council.
- The communists hoped to build the first city without a church called Nova Huta and Wojtyla famously resisted this effort by hosting an outdoor mass in the new city. When tanks and soldiers showed up, he called their bluff and they went away.
- He was elected the 264th successor of St. Peter on October 16th, 1978.
- He spoke 12 different languages.
- He was one of the most traveled persons in history, visiting nearly 130 countries.
- He holds the record for the most seen person in history (with physical eyes). For instance, almost 10 million people showed up to see him in the Philippines.
- He began the largest regular gathering of youth in world called World Youth Day.
- An attempted assassination in 1981 was carried out by the KGB (the Soviet Intelligence Agency). He lost 60% of his blood but survived. Upon release from the hospital he immediately forgave his would-be assassin.
- He is recognized with helping to bring down the Soviet Union with his support of the Solidarity Movement in Poland.
- Quotes:
  - “Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought.”
  - “God has assigned as a duty to every man the dignity of every woman.”
  - “There is no place for selfishness and no place for fear! Do not be afraid, then, when love makes demands. Do not be afraid when love requires sacrifice”
  - “It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; He is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is He who provoked you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is He who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is He who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle.”
  - “Do not be afraid. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.”
  - “We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father’s love for us.”
  - “There is no evil to be faced that Christ does not face with us. There is no enemy that Christ has not already conquered. There is no cross to bear that Christ has not already born for us, and does not now bear with us.”

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



- Born Anjezë Gonxhe Bojaxhiu on August 26th, 1910 in what is today Macedonia (she was Albanian) and died September 5th, 1997.
- Feast Day: September 5th.
- Notable Information:
  - Father died when she was young.
  - Her mother would routinely invited the poor of the area to their home to dine.
  - She joined the Sisters of Loretto and went to school in Ireland.
  - She was eventually transferred to missions in India.
  - At mid-life she had a calling in which she heard Christ, who she referred to her as her love, tell her He had a mission for her to serve the poorest of the poor.

- She set out to found the Missionary Sisters of Charity who were dedicated to serving the poorest of the poor of India.
- Much of her work dealt with caring for dying children who she would embrace as her own. Many people accused her of “wasting” resources on these “doomed” people but she pointed out that she was showing these children the only love they will ever experience.
- Her work also had her care for the outcasts of Indian society called the Pariah.
- Most of her extraordinary work went unnoticed until a famous British journalist named Malcolm Muggeridge heard reports of this little nun.
- He went to investigate and what he saw changed his life.
- He was an atheist and meeting Mother Teresa threw his life into disarray. He attempted suicide but was saved and from then on he became a Christian.
- His wife asked Mother Teresa what to tell the people of the West when she returns. Mother Teresa responded, “A much worse poverty exists among your people. While these people are physically poor, they are spiritually rich and know God. Your people are terribly impoverished in spirit and so are much worse off.”
- In 1979, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.
- Quotes:
  - “Love begins at home.”
  - “The hunger for love is much more difficult to remove than the hunger for bread.”
  - “Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty.”
  - “Wash the plate not because it’s dirty nor you’re told to wash it but because you love the person who will use it next.”
  - “It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.”
  - “There are no great things, only small things with great love.
  - “Let us always meet each other with smile, for the smile is the beginning of love.”
  - “If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.”
  - “Our poor people are great people, are very lovable people, they don't need our pity and sympathy, they need our understanding love. They need our respect; they need that we treat them with dignity.”
  - “We think sometimes that poverty is only being hungry, naked and homeless. The poverty of being unwanted, unloved and uncared for is the greatest poverty. We must start in our own homes to remedy this kind of poverty.”
  - "We must not be surprised when we hear of murders, of killings, of wars, of hatred. If a mother can kill her own child, what is left but for us to kill each other.”
  - "It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish.”
  - "Abortion kills twice. It kills the body of the baby and it kills the conscience of the mother. Abortion is profoundly anti-women. Three quarters of its victims are women: Half the babies and all the mothers.”