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Dear Classmates,

It may come as a shock to have a letter come out of the blue from someone you last saw fifty years ago. We may have gone our separate ways, but throughout our lives we all carry a bit of Villanova with us.

Recently, I have found myself looking back over my lifetime and reflecting on those individuals who provided direction and support along the way. When I think of Villanova one teacher and mentor stands out, **Father William Sullivan**. His love of literature and poetry, which he passed on to me, has been an important and enriching part of my life and professional career as a writer and film maker. I think many of you may feel the same.

With Father Sullivan in mind, I reached out to Villanova Prep and spoke with them about my idea of creating an endowed scholarship that would honor him and create a lasting remembrance of his kindness and insight. This scholarship would go to a deserving student who displays an interest and ability in pursuing a college education. Villanova was excited about my idea, and together we formed a plan to create a scholarship — with your help.

Okay, so now comes the pitch. I believe that together we can pool our resources and build an endowed scholarship of substance and meaning to honor and remember Father Sullivan while helping current students at Villanova. By building an endowed scholarship we will create a legacy gift remembering Father Sullivan that will last into perpetuity.

You may be interested in knowing that the full cost of tuition for a day student to attend Villanova is \$22,750 and for a resident or boarder the cost is \$62,000. I would like to try and achieve a goal of raising \$30,000 for the **Father Sullivan Endowed Scholarship** and to this end I have offered to match gifts up to \$15,000.

With rising costs, scholarship funds become essential to many qualified students and their families - what better way to remember and honor Father Sullivan than with an endowed scholarship. I ask you to consider making your gift by filling-out and returning the envelope provided. Or you can make a gift online by going to **www.villanovaprep.org/donate** and click on the Fr. Sullivan Endowed Scholarship in the drop-down menu.

Thank you for remembering and honoring a wonderful man who helped shape our lives.



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