

St. Francis Seminary,  
Loretto, Pa.,

May. 24, 1925.

Dear Pat: -

I had a chat with your brother,  
Patrick O'Connor, last Sunday at the  
ball game between St. Francis and  
St. Bonas and he told me of your  
success in your classes and this  
is just a little note to congratulate  
you upon your winning of the  
Valedictory honors. I was very glad to  
learn that one of my friends had led  
the class of which I was formerly a  
member. Are there very many left

from the 60 who began their Fresh-  
man year there?

I, myself, have dropped back a year  
due to uncertainty about my vocation  
and after a year at home, I returned here  
and hope to be graduated in 1926. I  
made the break last Fall and entered  
the Seminary and am now preparing  
for the priesthood under the sponsorship  
of the Altoona diocese. Uncertain as  
things look at present, I may be able  
to conform to the system and become  
a priest after a few years. If you  
have any intentions of becoming a priest,  
and are considering this diocese, I am  
certain that you will be extremely welcome

to St. Francis and would enjoy your  
studies here. We have about 8 St. Bonas  
men in the Seminary now, some of them  
having made their College course there. Need-  
less to say, we have little or no trouble to  
keep everyone hopping.

The baseball games were great. They were  
free of fight and pep and Hughie McFloskey  
had his hands free to keep the game young. Bonas  
had a very big team and had little or no difficul-  
ty in scoring at will. However they kept  
the games interesting by not playing too well.

I had hoped to get up to St. Bonas this  
Spring for a little visit but my plans  
are pretty well shot and I shall be unable  
to make the trip. I trust that if you  
are in Johnston at any time this summer,  
that you will look me up and spend

a few days with me.

They are quite busy preparing for exams these days. There is only one of any real importance and that is Philosophy, a subject which they specialize on here to a great extent.

I would be extremely glad to hear from you at some time in the near future if you find an opportunity to drop me a few lines about yourself and Bonas.

Trusting that this letter finds you in excellent health with all things prepared for the big day,  
Adieu,

Your old friend,  
Tom Reilly.