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Blessings be upon you!

With this edition of the High Desert Catholic, we highlight our gratitude for those who have responded to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in their life.

In April, we honored volunteers from around the diocese at our 21st Annual Diocesan Volunteer Appreciation Banquet, held at the Atlantis Casino Resort. We gathered together more than 500 people and honored almost 60 volunteers from many of our parishes and institutions from across northern Nevada. The next day, St. Rose of Lima hosted more than 1,000 people, who listened to Dr. Scott Hahn and Sister Norma Pimental speak on the truth and beauty of the Eucharist, a significant milestone in our own participation in the National Eucharistic Revival.

These events showcase the receptivity of heart we are highlighting in this issue of the High Desert Catholic. The generosity of our volunteers, parish and diocesan staff, as well as our priests and deacons makes ministry possible, spurred on by the love of God and the many graces he gives us. You cannot give what you do not have, but we easily recognize those who receive God's many gifts and graces and use them to carry out the Church's mission.

Notably, you will read about Tom Dolan and his own experience of faith, the challenges of life, and his generous response to the needs of our community. In recognition of his extensive philanthropic leadership for both civic and Church initiatives, Pope Francis bestowed on him the honor of being a Knight of St. Gregory the Great. This papal honor makes him only the third known recipient of the award in the State of Nevada and among only a handful in the world. His kindness and contributions to the Church in northern Nevada are truly momentous and highlight how our local Church thrives based on the generosity of its members.

This issue serves to recognize exceptional individuals in our community who actively build up the Church through their faith. Their stories contain trial and hardship, but show also how faithfulness and a joyful spirit characterize their generosity. They

deserve to be recognized and celebrated alongside the many other visible signs of grace and momentum you will read about happening across the diocese made possible by the generosity of many in our community. †

Yours in Christ,

MOST REV.
DANIEL HENRY MUEGGENBORG
*is the eighth bishop of the
Catholic Diocese of Reno.*



¡Que las bendiciones sean con todos ustedes!

Con esta edición del High Desert Catholic, destacamos nuestra gratitud a quienes han respondido a los impulsos del Espíritu Santo en su vida.

En abril, honramos a los voluntarios de toda la diócesis en nuestro 21º Banquete Anual de Agradecimiento a los Voluntarios Diocesanos en el Atlantis Casino Resort. Reunimos a más de 500 personas y homenajeamos a casi 60 voluntarios de muchas de nuestras parroquias e instituciones de todo el norte de Nevada. Al día siguiente, St. Rose of Lima acogió a más de 1.000 personas que escucharon al Dr. Scott Hahn y a la hermana Norma Pimental hablar tanto sobre la verdad como la belleza de la Eucaristía, un hito significativo en nuestra participación en el Avivamiento Eucarístico Nacional.

Estos eventos muestran la receptividad del corazón que destacamos en este número de High Desert Catholic. La generosidad de nuestros voluntarios, del personal parroquial y diocesano, así como de nuestros sacerdotes y diáconos hace posible el ministerio, estimulado por el amor de Dios y las muchas gracias que él nos da. No se puede dar lo que no se tiene, pero reconocemos fácilmente a quienes reciben tanto los numerosos dones como gracias de Dios y los utilizan para llevar a cabo la misión de la Iglesia.

En particular, leerá sobre Tom Dolan y su propia experiencia de fe, los retos de la vida, al igual que su generosa respuesta a las necesidades de nuestra comunidad. En reconocimiento a su amplio liderazgo filantrópico tanto para iniciativas cívicas como eclesíásticas, el Papa Francisco le concedió el honor de ser Caballero de San Gregorio Magno. Este honor papal le convierte en el tercer receptor conocido de la condecoración en el estado de Nevada y uno de los pocos en todo el mundo. Su bondad, además de sus contribuciones a la Iglesia en el norte de Nevada, son verdaderamente trascendentales y ponen de relieve cómo nuestra Iglesia local prospera gracias a la generosidad de sus miembros.

Este número reconoce a personas excepcionales de nuestra comunidad que construyen activamente la Iglesia a través de su fe. Sus historias contienen pruebas y dificultades, también muestran cómo su generosidad se caracteriza por la fidelidad y un espíritu alegre. Merecen ser reconocidos y celebrados junto a los muchos otros signos visibles de gracia e impulso sobre los que leerán que suceden en toda la diócesis, hechos posibles gracias a la generosidad de muchos en nuestra comunidad. †

Suyo en Cristo,

EL REVERENDÍSIMO
DANIEL HENRY MUEGGENBORG
*es el octavo obispo de la
Diócesis Católica de Reno.*

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Tom Dolan and team at St. Peter Canisius groundbreaking.



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Volunteer attendees enjoying a beautiful banquet.



Knights of Columbus recognition.

APRIL 26, 2024

21ST ANNUAL DIOCESAN VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BANQUET

The celebration evening was held at the Atlantis Resort Casino, and the 518 attendees enjoyed an evening to remember. Awards are given, annually, to volunteers who go above and beyond the ask from the parish and school. Two designees were specially recognized by Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg for their service and commitment to the Diocese of Reno. Tom Dolan, featured in this issue, was bestowed the honor of Knighthood of St. Gregory the Great from

Pope Francis for exceptional service to the northern Nevada and Catholic ministries. The Honorable Susan Malone received recognition as a contributor to the Safe Environment office and her many international contributions to the church. Special recognition was given to the Knights of Columbus Bishop Manogue 4th Degree Assembly, honored on their Centennial celebration. Find more information and photos on the website.

ST. PETER CANISIUS RENO RODEO FUNDRAISER:

MAY 5, 2024

St. Peter Canisius held a very successful fundraiser at the Reno Rodeo Arena complete with rodeo entertainment, food and music. It was also the first Mass ever held on rodeo grounds! The event planning was led by the efforts of Tom Dolan, Rick and Kathie Reviglio. More than 10,000 people were in attendance and over \$300,000 was raised in one single day from tickets, raffles and food cash purchases. A heartfelt thank you to all that participated and supported!



St. Peter Canisius held the first Mass at the Reno Rodeo Arena.

TOP NEWS DID YOU KNOW?

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current news and events?

Did you know that Bishop Mueggenborg contributes regularly to the Faith Forum column in the Reno Gazette Journal? You can find the topics of discussion with his answers on the website under Faith Content: Bishop's Faith Q&A.

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A TEST OF FAITH

BY JENNIFER MARIE PELFINI

“You have three months to live.” Those were the six words Tom Dolan had to digest in 2015, as he sat in the office with the top care surgeon at the Mayo Clinic in Phoenix, Arizona. “I was in shock. All I could grasp onto was the thought that, with God, I am never alone,” Tom said.

Tom is no stranger to adversity. When he received his fatal diagnosis of incurable lung disease, he immediately clung to beating the odds, carried by his faith in God. Anyone who knows Tom will share with you that he is real, he is blunt, but he is always honest and fair as a man of deep integrity. These are characteristics that people have come to admire about him.

This April, Tom was bestowed with the Knighthood of St. Gregory the Great by Pope Francis. It's not only an honor to be cherished, it is one rarely given. Only in the past year have the first two recipients been awarded it in the Archdiocese of Las Vegas. Tom's distinction derives from decades of leadership, charitable contributions, and works that have defined the essence of who he is, a man who gives passionately for the causes that change people's lives.

Grounded in Faith

Tom was born in Minnesota and raised in Southern California as the youngest of eight children. His family was poor, and they lived a modest life. Daily life in his family was about survival, primarily controlled by his father's disease of alcoholism. His mother taught him how to endure in the world by holding on to faith. His brother Neal became a priest, who retired as a monsignor, and had a tremendous influence on him.

After high school, Tom attended junior college. When his brother Mike, Tom's “Irish twin,” accepted a football scholarship at the University of Nevada in Reno, he asked Tom to transfer schools so they could be together. Tom and Mike partnered to pay for Tom's out-of-state tuition. They both worked whenever they could, Tom as a busboy and



Tom Dolan post-op surgery 2015.

dishwasher. In his last years of school, he also served as a junior parole officer, supporting his concentration in social psychology and minor in welfare and corrections. Additionally, he did undercover work for the narcotics squad, posing as a teenager, all the while trying to balance work with school. Tom looks back today at those moments and realizes that God has always been in his story. Moving to Reno to be with Mike ended up becoming a decision that ultimately transformed his life.

After graduation, Tom accepted a job to work for his college roommate's father, Don Weir, at his Dodge dealership. Over time, he progressed from sales to executive roles and seized his opportunity to purchase his first dealership. From there, he would build a legacy enterprise to pass down to his family.



Tom Dolan with his daughter Danielle and sons Ryan and Brady.

On the Shoulders of Giants

Tom's moment that heavily influenced his giving, was during 2008 while reading an obituary in a newspaper spread on a local real estate mogul. He was touched by how he was recognized as a philanthropist and the legacy he left behind. Tom thought, "I want to be a philanthropist." And from that day, Tom began to understand the significance of giving back. At first, he tested it to see what would happen when he gave. He came to realize that the more he gave, the more his business grew and became more successful. He came to believe that if he continued to give more and more his family would be safe, and he could let go of the feelings of insecurity, which came from the fear and trauma he'd been carrying from his childhood.

The Darkness of Disease

On his rise to prosperity with all the pressures surrounding it, alcohol was a coping mechanism. Tom struggled with the influence of alcohol in his life and began to suffer the pain of the very disease he detested living through in childhood. "My father was an alcoholic. I did not understand the power this disease had over me and how it was destroying the life I had worked so earnestly to provide for my family. I was creating the opposite of the safety and security I had been seeking."

His turning point came when his son Ryan's wife Melissa was in her final months of pregnancy. Ryan and Melissa acknowledged that Tom was in denial of his alcoholism, and they couldn't risk leaving their child in his care. Ryan informed his dad that he would not be allowed to take the baby anywhere with him, ever, not even for an ice cream.

Tom said, "I was crushed at that moment. But that was the exact moment I recognized I had a problem and that it was beyond me to solve. I needed God more than ever. But the disease had me in its grip, so I continued to drink for the next few months in denial. The reality was that I couldn't go on living without my children and grandchildren. On August 1, 2010, I checked myself into rehab.

I have not had a drop to drink since then. I will always be in recovery, but I know my relationship with God and my family is enough for me to stay sober. I want people who suffer from alcoholism to know there is a way to recover and to get their life in balance. You are not alone with God."

While Tom fought that difficult battle, he regained the trust of his children over time. Through demonstrating to them the value of contributing to the community, he recognized it was the best way he could ever give back. This year, Tom celebrates 14 years of sobriety.

Giving Purposefully

Tom's enormous contributions span across the Northern Nevada Catholic ministries, educational institutions, public health and safety, and businesses. His giving will have a legacy impact for decades to come.

After his near-death experience and critical health diagnosis in 2015, he began to give in a new way, guided by his faith. When going through his lung transplant and double bypass surgery (a 12-hour surgery), he realized that this kind of care was needed in the Reno community, and so he helped to establish the Thomas S. Dolan Pulmonary Rehabilitation Center at Renown South Meadows Medical Center. Tom said, "I told the doctor at the time, I don't want you to tell me how I'm going to die, I want you to tell me what I have to do to live." It's no surprise that after receiving his grim diagnosis of four years to live after surgery, and finding a way through it, he again paid it forward. Tom created a support group at one of his dealerships that provides education on where to go and how to find what you need when you learn of a terminal diagnosis. The group meets monthly. "With God there is always a way. I want to provide hope for the hopeless."

In 2016, he established the Thomas S. Dolan Endowment for Seminarians for the Diocese of Reno with a lead gift of \$1M. Tom has been a benefactor to Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada on many initiatives and has served as a board member for over 20 years. Catholic Charities is

close to his heart, and he views the organization as part of his extended family.

As a proud alumnus of University of Nevada, Tom is a visible supporter of the University of Nevada and his beloved Wolf Pack. He received the Distinguished Nevadan Award in 2020, which is the most prestigious award given by the Board of Regents from the University of Nevada. A newly funded Tom Dolan Locker Room for the baseball team will be completed by this fall. He contributed to the expansion of St. Therese the Little Flower Catholic School with \$1.7M in funds to the project. The new multipurpose facility at the school will be named the Dolan Family Center in honor of him and his family. Every year, the Dolan Class Project Initiative creates a playful participation for schools to vie for over \$100,000 in funds that are donated across area schools. He is proud of his sons Ryan and Brady for advancing the program and carrying on a Dolan tradition.

Tom just received the SIR award from the Associated Contractors of Nevada. It's given in honor of his outstanding contributions to the quality of life in the Northern Nevada construction industry. As an active civic leader, he is also an Honorary Chief Deputy of the Washoe County Deputy Association. He's been a supporting member for over 20 years.

Building a Church

The most recent example, and probably the greatest impact across the area, is Tom's leadership in overseeing the complex restoration and expansion of the largest parish in the diocese, St. Peter Canisius in Sun Valley. As featured in the previous two issues of the *High Desert Catholic* magazine, this parish is the largest in the diocese and needed the most care. Tom asserted his leadership through his daily involvement in the project, overcoming financial and physical hurdles daily. By the time the church is completed, he will have provided \$2M in funds and guided the project to a no-debt completion. While the church is under construction, he also donated one of his dealership buildings to use as a gathering place for Mass and faith formation activities.



Dolan Class Project 2023 with recipient Our Lady of the Snows Catholic School.

"Without Tom, this church would not have been built, period! It is his service and leadership that has facilitated fundraising and project planning through execution," said Father Edgar Villanueva, Pastor of St. Peter Canisius. "This parish community is now also my family," said Tom.

A Family Man Who Honors God

"Tom is a man who witnesses his priority values of faith, family, and community in everything he says and does. It has been an honor to get to know him [over the] past couple of years and to experience the passion that underlies his generosity," said Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg.

Tom is a devoted Catholic father and family man with his three children, Ryan, Brady, and Danielle. The larger Dolan family counts 252 people! He is a mentor and community leader who has contributed millions of dollars and thousands of hours of his time toward the progress of the Northern Nevada community and Catholic ministries, impacting thousands of lives. His Dolan Auto Group enterprise has grown from 27 employees to over 600 and comprises ten franchises and nine award-winning dealerships. Tom leads the business while maintaining a family-oriented culture with the now-famous tagline of "Get in... and join the family!" As a successful entrepreneur, Tom contributes to the welfare of others by living the mantra of "giving back." His legacy reaches beyond him, and he's raised a family who value philanthropy in following their father's footsteps. They now serve along with him as leaders in the community.

Tom said, "Family is everything. Reno became my family. I have built a life influenced by my faith in God. I am grateful to be alive to see the outcomes that my passion through His works has been able to fuel in the community."

Tom's papal honor was announced at the Diocese of Reno Volunteer Appreciation Banquet on April 26, 2024, and on June 15, 2024, his formal investiture as a Knight of St. Gregory the Great took place at St. Thomas Aquinas Cathedral. Look to the website for more information. †

Tom Dolan with his family after receiving Distinguished Nevadan Award in 2020.



UNA PRUEBA DE FE

POR JENNIFER MARIE PELFINI

“Le quedan tres meses de vida”. Esas fueron las seis palabras que Tom Dolan tuvo que digerir en 2015 cuando se sentó en la consulta con el cirujano de cuidados intensivos de la Clínica Mayo de Phoenix (Arizona). “Estaba en estado de shock. Lo único a lo que podía aferrarme era al pensamiento de que, con Dios, nunca estoy solo”, dijo Tom.

Tom no es ajeno a la adversidad. Cuando recibió el diagnóstico fatal de una enfermedad pulmonar incurable, se aferró inmediatamente a vencer las adversidades, llevado por su fe en Dios. Cualquiera que conozca a Tom compartirá que él es real; es franco, pero siempre es honesto y justo como un hombre de profunda integridad. Estas son características que la gente que lo conoce ha llegado a admirar de él.

El pasado mes de abril, Tom fue investido Caballero de San Gregorio Magno por el Papa Francisco. No sólo es un honor que hay que apreciar, sino que rara vez se concede. En el último año sólo se ha concedido a los dos primeros galardonados en la Archidiócesis de Las Vegas.

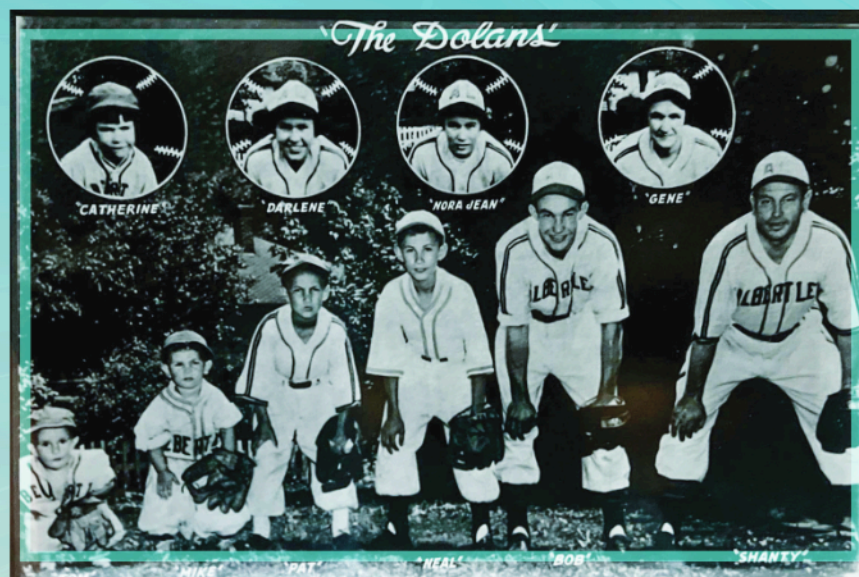
La distinción de Tom se deriva de décadas de liderazgo, contribuciones caritativas y obras que han definido su esencia: un hombre que da con pasión por las causas que cambian la vida de las personas.

Arraigado en la fe

Tom nació en Minnesota y se crio en el sur de California como el menor de ocho hermanos. Su familia era pobre y llevaban una vida modesta. La vida cotidiana en su familia consistía en sobrevivir, controlada principalmente por la enfermedad del alcoholismo de su padre. Su madre le enseñó a resistir en el mundo aferrándose a la fe. Su hermano Neal se hizo sacerdote y se jubiló como monseñor, lo que influyó enormemente en él.

Después del instituto, Tom asistió a la universidad junior. Cuando su hermano Mike, el “gemelo irlandés” de Tom, aceptó una beca de fútbol en la Universidad de Nevada en Reno, le pidió a Tom que también se trasladara para estar juntos. Ambos se asociaron para pagar la matrícula de Tom fuera del estado. Los dos trabajaban siempre que podían, Tom como ayudante de camarero y lavaplatos. En sus últimos años de escuela, también trabajó como oficial de libertad condicional junior, apoyando su concentración en psicología social, así como su especialización en bienestar y correcciones. Además, hizo trabajo encubierto para el escuadrón de narcóticos, haciéndose pasar por un adolescente mientras





trataba de equilibrar el trabajo con la escuela. Tom mira hoy hacia atrás a esos momentos y se da cuenta de que Dios siempre ha estado en su historia. Mudarse a Reno para estar con Mike se convirtió en una decisión que acabó transformando su vida.

Tras su graduación, Tom aceptó un puesto para trabajar para el padre de su compañero de universidad, Don Weir, en su concesionario Dodge. Con el tiempo, fue progresando de las ventas a los puestos ejecutivos y aprovechó la oportunidad para comprar su primer concesionario. A partir de ahí, construiría un legado empresarial para transmitir a su familia.

A hombros de gigantes

El momento que más influyó en la generosidad de Tom fue en 2008, cuando leyó en un periódico la necrológica de un magnate inmobiliario local. Le conmovió cómo se le reconocía como filántropo y el legado que dejaba tras de sí. Tom pensó: "Quiero ser filántropo". Y desde ese día empezó a comprender el significado de devolver. Al principio, lo probó para ver qué pasaba cuando daba. Se dio cuenta de que cuanto más daba, más crecía su negocio y más éxito tenía. Llegó a creer que, si seguía dando cada vez más, su familia estaría a salvo y él podría desprenderse de los sentimientos de inseguridad que provenían del miedo y los traumas que arrastraba desde su infancia.

La oscuridad de la enfermedad

En su ascenso a la prosperidad, con todas las presiones que la rodeaban, el alcohol fue un mecanismo de supervivencia. Tom luchó contra la influencia del alcohol en su vida y empezó a sufrir el dolor de la misma enfermedad que detestaba haber vivido en su infancia. "Mi padre era alcohólico. No comprendía el poder que esta enfermedad tenía sobre mí y cómo estaba destruyendo la vida por la que tanto había trabajado para proporcionar a mi familia. Estaba creando lo contrario de la seguridad y protección que buscaba".

Su punto de inflexión llegó cuando la esposa de su hijo Ryan, Melissa, estaba en sus últimos meses de embarazo. Ryan y Melissa reconocieron que Tom negaba su alcoholismo y no podían arriesgarse a dejar a su hijo a su cuidado. Ryan informó a su padre de que no le permitiría llevar al bebé con él a ningún sitio, ni siquiera a tomar un helado.

Tom dijo: "Me quedé destrozado en ese momento. Pero ese fue el momento exacto en que reconocí que tenía un problema y que resolverlo estaba más allá de mis posibilidades. Necesitaba a Dios más que nunca. Pero la enfermedad me tenía atrapado, así que seguí bebiendo durante los meses siguientes en negación. La realidad era que no podía seguir viviendo sin mis hijos y mis nietos. El 1 de agosto de 2010, me interné en rehabilitación. Desde entonces no he vuelto a beber ni una gota. Siempre estaré en recuperación, pero sé que mi relación con Dios y mi familia son suficientes para mantenerme sobrio. Quiero que las personas que tienen alcoholismo sepan que hay una forma de recuperarse y de equilibrar su vida. No están solos con Dios".

Aunque Tom libró esa difícil batalla, con el tiempo recuperó la confianza de sus hijos. Al demostrarles el valor de contribuir a la comunidad, se dio cuenta de que era la mejor manera en la que podía retribuir. Este año, Tom celebra 14 años de sobriedad.

Dar con determinación

Las enormes contribuciones de Tom abarcan los ministerios católicos del norte de Nevada, las instituciones educativas, la salud y la seguridad públicas, así como las empresas. Sus donaciones dejarán un legado que perdurará durante décadas.

Tras su experiencia cercana a la muerte y su crítico diagnóstico de salud en 2015, comenzó a dar de una nueva manera, guiado por su fe. Al pasar por su trasplante de pulmón y las cirugías de doble bypass, él se dio cuenta de que este tipo de atención era necesaria en la comunidad de Reno. Así que él ayudó a crear el Centro de Rehabilitación Pulmonar Thomas S. Dolan en el Centro Médico Renown South Meadows. Tom expresó: "Le dije al médico en ese momento: no quiero que me diga cómo voy a morir; quiero que me diga lo que tengo que hacer para vivir". No es de extrañar que, tras recibir su sombrío diagnóstico de que le quedaban cuatro años de vida después de la operación, y de encontrar la manera de superarlo, él volviera a devolver el favor. Creó un grupo de apoyo en uno de sus concesionarios que ofrece información sobre dónde acudir y cómo encontrar lo que uno necesita cuando se entera de un diagnóstico terminal. El grupo se reúne mensualmente. "Con Dios, siempre hay un camino. Quiero dar esperanza a los desesperados".



En 2016, estableció la Dotación Thomas S. Dolan para Seminaristas de la Diócesis de Reno con una donación principal de 1 millón de dólares. Tom ha sido benefactor de Caridades Católicas del Norte de Nevada en muchas iniciativas y ha servido como miembro de la junta directiva durante más de 20 años. Caridades Católicas está cerca de su corazón, y él ve la organización como parte de su familia extendida.

Como orgulloso ex alumno de la Universidad de Nevada, Tom es un visible defensor de esta y de su amado Wolf Pack. Él recibió el Premio Nevadan Distinguido en 2020, el premio más prestigioso de la universidad por la Junta de Regentes. Este otoño se terminará de construir un vestuario Tom Dolan para el equipo de béisbol. Además, contribuyó a la ampliación del proyecto de la escuela católica St. Therese the Little Flower con 1,7 millones de dólares en fondos. La nueva instalación multiusos de la escuela se llamará Dolan Family Center en honor a él y a su familia. Cada año, la Iniciativa del Proyecto de la Clase Dolan crea una participación lúdica para que las escuelas compitan por más de 100.000 dólares en fondos donados en todas las escuelas de la zona. Él está orgulloso de sus hijos Ryan y Brady por impulsar el programa para así continuar una tradición de los Dolan.

Tom acaba de recibir el premio SIR de los Associated Contractors of Nevada. Se otorga en honor a sus destacadas contribuciones a la calidad de vida en la industria de la construcción del norte de Nevada. Como líder cívico activo, también es Diputado Jefe Honorario de la Asociación de Diputados del Condado de Washoe. Él ha sido un miembro de apoyo durante más de 20 años.

Construir una iglesia

El ejemplo más reciente, y probablemente el de mayor impacto en toda la zona, es el liderazgo de Tom supervisando la compleja restauración y ampliación de la mayor parroquia de la diócesis, San Pedro Canisio en Sun Valley. Tal y como aparece en los dos números anteriores de la revista High Desert Catholic, esta parroquia es la más grande de la diócesis y la que más cuidados necesitaba. Tom hizo valer su liderazgo mediante su implicación diaria en el proyecto, superando a diario los obstáculos financieros y físicos. Para cuando la iglesia esté terminada, habrá aportado 2 millones de dólares en fondos y habrá guiado el proyecto hasta su finalización sin deudas. Mientras la iglesia está en construcción, donó uno de los edificios de su concesionario como lugar de

reunión para la Misa y las actividades de formación en la fe. “Sin Tom, esta iglesia no se habría construido, ¡y punto! Tanto su servicio como liderazgo han facilitado la recaudación de fondos y la planificación del proyecto hasta su ejecución”, declaró el padre Edgar Villanueva, párroco de San Pedro Canisio. “Esta comunidad parroquial es ahora también mi familia”, dijo Tom.

Un hombre de familia que honra a Dios

“Tom es un hombre que da testimonio de sus valores prioritarios de fe, familia y comunidad en todo lo que dice y hace. Ha sido un honor llegar a conocerlo [durante] los dos últimos años y experimentar la pasión que subyace a su generosidad”, declaró el obispo Daniel Mueggenborg.

Tom es un devoto padre católico y padre de familia con tres hijos: Ryan, Brady y Danielle. ¡La gran familia Dolan cuenta con 252 personas! Es tanto un mentor como líder comunitario que ha contribuido con millones de dólares y miles de horas de su tiempo al progreso de la comunidad del norte de Nevada, así como a los ministerios católicos, impactando en miles de vidas. Su empresa Dolan Auto Group ha pasado de tener 27 empleados a más de 600 y cuenta con diez franquicias, además de nueve concesionarios galardonados. Él dirige el negocio al tiempo que mantiene una cultura orientada a la familia con el ya famoso eslogan “Súbete al coche... ¡y únete a la familia!”. Como empresario de éxito, contribuye al bienestar de los demás viviendo el mantra de “devolver”. Su legado va más allá de él y ha criado una familia que valora la filantropía siguiendo los pasos de su padre. Ahora sirven junto a él como líderes en la comunidad.

Tom dijo: “La familia lo es todo. Reno se convirtió en mi familia. He construido una vida influida por mi fe en Dios. Estoy agradecido de estar vivo para ver los resultados que mi pasión a través de Sus obras ha podido alimentar en la comunidad”.

El honor papal de Tom se anunció en el Banquete de Agradecimiento a los Voluntarios de la Diócesis de Reno el 26 de abril de 2024. El 15 de junio de 2024 tuvo lugar su investidura formal como Caballero de San Gregorio Magno en la Catedral de St. Thomas Aquinas. Consulten el sitio web para obtener más información. †

