Most alumni will never forget their time at Villanova, but some have created a legacy to ensure that Villanova and its students will remember and thank them as well. These 450 people form the ever-growing and important Villanova University 1842 Heritage Society, comprised of alumni, parents, faculty and friends, have included Villanova in their wills, retirement plans or life insurance policies, or through other planned gifts.

In May, the University honored and recognized 40 Heritage Society members in a gathering in beautiful Picotte Hall at Dundale on Villanova’s West Campus. The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, ’75 A&S, University president, acknowledged and thanked the members in attendance, as well as those who could not attend.

“These kinds of gifts are usually left to family, and Villanova is honored to be considered as part of each Heritage Society member’s family,” Father Donohue remarked graciously. “Making a charitable bequest is perhaps the most personal and profound way individuals can philanthropically support a mission they hold close to their heart.”

The reception included Heritage Society members who graduated in the most recent decade to the decade of the 1940s, as represented by Krystin Fischer ’05 A&S, Patricia and Joseph V. Topper Sr. ’48 VSB and Barbara and William T. Walsh, Esq., ’43 VSB.

Father Donohue highlighted Villanova’s Strategic Plan, a road map for the next decade and a vision that will take the support and dedication of the entire University community. To learn more about the 1842 Heritage Society and view other types of planned gifts, visit www.villanova.edu/plannedgiving.