

# ST. JOSEPH'S - ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Fall 2002 Newsletter

## ALUMNI DAY APRIL 27, 2002 ANOTHER GRAND SUCCESS

by Dr. Robert S. Gorman, R'52

There we were .....surrounded by howling Indians, hungry Bears, terrible Trojans, and Ramblers of various size and shape. Some wore Roman collars; many were with elegant wives. There were also younger warriors, men without silver hair or shiny solar generators. It was a formidable army—in the ancient words of Father Olier, “totally awesome”.

But the Serra Club's open bar; the large, elegantly furnished reception room (with its Williamsburg brass chandeliers); tables laden with cheese, melted chocolate, giant strawberries and classic appetizers; even a live combo playing soft oldies—mellowed out the crowd of about two hundred. You could see the spirit of Fr. Mulligan smiling and nimbly dancing a jig of delight! A handsome couple swirled on the small dance floor remembering stolen, treasured, summer nights at Rio Nido and Lake Tahoe.

I'll never forget walking along the quiet cloister one October evening long ago when Fr. Canfield, S.S. came strolling by me going the other way. As he passed, he whispered, “Barbara asked me to say ‘hello’”, and just kept going. Barbara was a great dancer, a beautiful, summer, sun-tanned memory, and his favorite niece!

I never heard another word, and he was the Prefect of Discipline. I had dodged a bullet. Praise the Lord!! (Actually, I think she was also related to Fr. Joe Riddlemoser, S.S.—“You give me nothing”....etc.)

After the cocktail hour, the crowd semi-glided over to the dining room. The dinner, catered by Mile Miraglia, was one of the best I've had since the smoky, huge, chicken barbecues down by the handball courts at St. Joe's—with mighty John McGinty at the helm. These old time barbecues were followed by a swim in the pristine, even drinkable, water of Rev. Chuck Dillon's immaculate reception pool—with Ben Cummins and “Monk” both doing full reverse somersaults off the low



Bob Gorman  
Master of Ceremonies

board, i.e., going off frontwards and then doing a back flip. And they were the old guys—at least twenty-one or twenty-two!

Yes, this Alumni Day was a great one and behind its success were two old expressions: “God helps those who help themselves” and “Work is love made visible”. Msgr. Jack Brenkle worked hard on that homily for the Mass and his words about the 800 pound gorilla went straight through to a lot of troubled hearts. Walt Harrington and Dennis O'Brien also worked hard and generously to restore the famous “CUR House” and its

surroundings. Behind the scenes, Pat Cloherty (Alumni President) and Jim Murphy (Alumni Coordinator) put in many hours as a team—setting up sound systems, reception area, catering services, parking and a two page list of other things to do. They were assisted by Rev. Jerry Coleman, S.S., and Cecil White, the Librarian, Brett Lowart, Chuck Smith, Vince Briare, John Ravnick, Msgr. Pete Armstrong and his St. Pius musicians, the seminarians and workers who set up and cleaned up professionally, Sr. Yolanda and the other Sisters of Jesus the Priest who did the dishes and prayed for all of us, the liturgy choir and lectors, Paul Gorman for entertaining us after dinner with his banjo, the generous people who donated valuable trips and prizes for the raffle and auction, the speakers who were eloquently brief, Chuck Renati for the 1951 choir CD, the whole Alumni Board for six months of planning, the wives and friends who came to share the joy of the guys they love. Others sent letters from unexpected places far away.

I'm sure I've missed some people but you helped, too, and we are grateful.

May the celebration next year be just as good or better. Until then, good cheer, good health, and God bless!

“Forsan et haec olim meminisse juvabit!!” “The Iliad, in honor of Fr. Ward, S.S. ♦

# COME TO THE SOCCER REUNION ON ALUMNI DAY

Yes, everyone seems to agree that it's high time for a soccer reunion! By popular demand, we are having our first get together in twenty-five years of the soccer alumni. All those who played on the St. Joseph's High School and/or the St. Patrick's College soccer teams are cordially invited to meet and exchange memories of game-winning goals and outstanding defensive plays.

Please contact your circle of friends so that we can have a maximum number of

former soccer players attend this reunion. The date for our reunion is May 3, 2003. This will give everyone time to make this date a priority. Coach Gordon Lacey—the main man behind our soccer success—Kevin Tobin, John Mosunic, Sal Chavez and others are coming, and we would also like to see you as well!!

Please contact: Mike Sheehan, (707) 664-1217, email: bioresource2@prodigy.net or Peter Gosch, (408) 227-2371, email: mgosch@everdream.com ♦

## 1972 Varsity Team



*Back Row: Howard Taormino, Manager, Carl Watt, John Buhagiar, Joe Cirimele, Jim Farley, Paul Hagan, Al Montelongo, Charlie Clifford, Coach Gordon Lacey.  
Front Row: Tom Diaz, Manager, Hank Huerta, Oscar Mendoza, Bill Roonan, Mike Falzone, Walt Griffeth, Bob hernandez, Andy Galvan, Manager.*

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## DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Our annual Day of Recollection will be held on Saturday, March 8, 2003 at St. Patrick's Seminary. You will be mailed a registration form in February, 2003. If you do not receive one, call Jim Murphy at (650) 591-3492 or email him at MURPUR@aol.com.

Our Retreat Director this year will be Rev. Joseph P. Healy, Associate Pastor at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Belmont. Start off the year with a personal day of reflection. Mark your calendar now!

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## ALUMNUS OF YEAR AWARD

If you have any nominations for our Alumnus of Year Award, you can send them to Kevin Connolly, R'59, 1912 Calaveras Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95405 no later than January 31, 2003. You may also contact Jim Murphy at (650) 591-3492 or email him at MURPUR@aol.com

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## NOTICE RE VOLUNTARY DUES

You should have received your annual notice for voluntary dues in September. We realize that this is a difficult time for many financially, however, our Association can only continue with your support. If you have not yet made your contribution, we urge you to do so now. Please make your check payable to "St. Joseph's-St. Patrick's College Alumni Association" and send it to St. Patrick's Seminary, 320 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park, CA 94025. Many Thanks!!!!

## CORRECTION

The dues notice mailed in September incorrectly stated that our annual Alumni Day would be held on April 26, 2003. The notice was in error. Our 2003 Alumni Day will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2003. You will be mailed invitations in March or April of 2003.

# ALUMNI UPDATES

**Patrick F. Cloherty, R'64**, our esteemed President, has passed on the gavel to our new President, Philip E. Murphy, H'73. We thank Pat for his years of dedicated service. He truly worked for your Association, encouraged many Alumni to participate, and located hundreds of missing Alumni. Heartfelt Thanks, Festus!! We warmly welcome his successor, Phil, and we look forward to the continuing success of the Association under Phil's leadership.



*Phil Murphy and Patrick Cloherty*

**Rev. Jim Hagen, R'63**, continues his ministry in Tijuana, Mexico. Jim writes as follows: "Some years ago, the Society of San Vincente de Paul of Tijuana started to build a 20 bed hospital. They ran out of funds with 15 steel beams sticking out of the ground like asparagus. I offered to help out with the rest of the construction. Thanks to the help of many workers on both sides of the border, we have been able to continue with block by block and shovel by shovel of cement. Our hope is to finish this year and have a hospital dedicated to all of Tijuana's needy. You can make contact with Fr. Jim by mailing him at 142 Kearney St., Chula Vista, CA 91910.

**Rev. Bill O'Donnell, R'50**, was sentenced to six months in federal prison for crossing the line at the School of The Americas at Ft. Benning, Georgia during a protest. He is presently at the federal prison camp at Atwater, CA. Although some may not agree with his position, it is refreshing in this day and age to have someone truly express his convictions through action.

***Fr. Bill forwards the following reflection: THE PEN EXPERIENCE***

*Life in the Pen is like living in a bad marriage, or in the case of a priest, having to live in a horrible rectory, where the spouse, or in the case of the rectory the pastor, is a dominating, arrogant, angry, egotistical, lying, ambitious, insensitive user.*

*The Pen is raw crime and punishment; the only kindness and gentleness, in spite of their resentment for being caged, is among the inmates. In the Pen rehabilitation is strictly personal and individualistic and therefore officially purely accidental. The word is not in the guards' training manual. Their mission is to control, dominate and secure in order to force compliance.*

*How to cope is every inmate's challenge. By becoming a well integrated schizoid is one way. What I mean is: Ok, Warden, you got my body; order it around all you want and it will comply. But my mind, heart and spirit are mine. You can't even touch the "me" inside. That's my world, Warden, you are not invited in.*

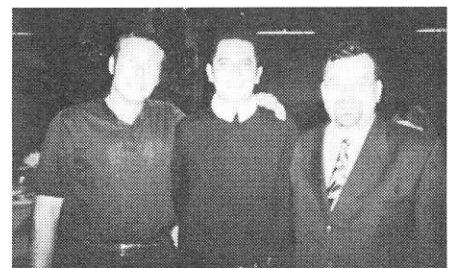
*That leaves God in, just as God is not in prison, God, if I welcome God, is present in my soul. God, unlike the Warden, shares her word, his truth, her justice, but fundamentally God shares his humility. That makes the inmate more powerful than any agent of the Bureau of Prisons: and infinitely freer.*

*In that way the Pen is translated into a monastery where prayer, meditation, silence and serving fellow inmates becomes the grace time to grow into greater intimacy with God.*

*No authoritarian marriage, rectory or regime can penetrate God's kingdom.*

*Doing time becomes one of the secret keys that eventually will lock up, never to be opened again, the door to the terrorist's School of the Americas.*

**Brother Laurence J. Lujan, CSSR, C'87**, professed perpetual vows as a member of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists) on September 14, 2002 at St. Joseph's Church in Denver, where he is serving in parish ministry. Joining in the celebration were Father David Allen and Michael Vekassy (both C'86). Father Allen is the pastor of St. James Parish in Denver; Mr. Vekassy is Treasury Operations manager at Guardian Life in New York City.



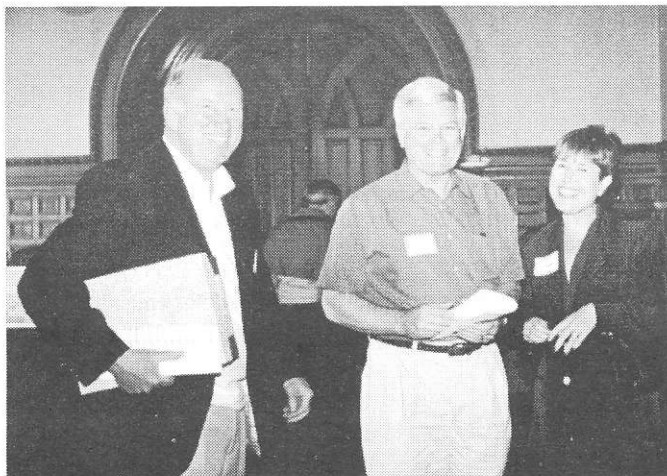
*Fr. Allen, Brother Lujan and Mike Vekassy*

**Rev. Bill Kenny, R'64**, of Las Vegas, Nevada has had an interesting 2002.

On August 9, 2002, the Las Vegas Review-Journal reported that while Fr. Bill was saying Mass at Christ the King, a man knelt before Rev. Bill Kenny, revealed a loaded handgun tucked in his waistband and made an admission that sent many of the 50 worshipers to their knees in prayer. The man said 'I murdered my wife. I want a blessing from you, and forgiveness from God' Fr. Bill told the man that he would deal with him later, finished Mass, offered him forgiveness, and then called the Police. All ended well.

In October of 2002, Fr. Bill received the Circle of Roses Award. The award is an acknowledgement to an individual or a group who have made a difference in the lives of those living with HIV/AIDS. Inscribed on the award, a glass piece bearing the recipients name, is the following etching: Experience the Little Flowers of Life—reaching out to all those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. Congratulations, Bill! ♦

# ALUMNI DAY 2002

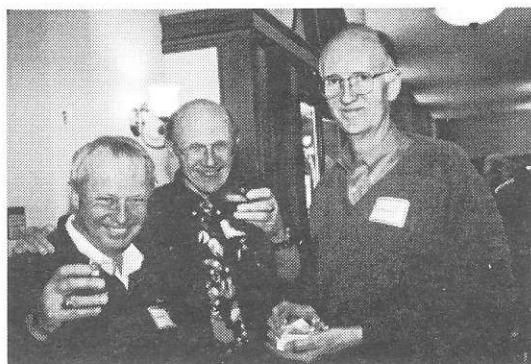


*President Pat Cloherly, R'64, Dennis McQuaid, R'57 and wife, Susan*

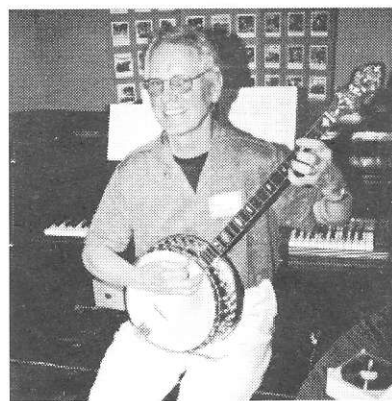


*Lou Galliani, R'62, reciting the names of his class*

*Arnie Kunst, Greg McAlister and Bob Murnane, R'61*



*Revival of Choir led by Mike Mitchell, R'52 and Mike Collins, R'53*



*Paul Gorman entertaining*



*Bob Gorman presenting Alumnus of the Year Award to Vince Briare*



*Board Member Kevin J. Ryan, R'53 & his sister, Helena (Ryan) Baranski*



*Jerry and Lynne Horan at Alumni Mass*

# In Memoriam

**Moorman, Hon. Adrian C.** on April 10, 2001 of cancer. He was the brother of Lawrence Moorman, R'61. Adrian was elected Coroner of San Mateo County in 1990 and died in Office.

**Kelly, Michael D.** on June 29, 2002, noted Architect, and  
**Kelly, Raymond**, on August 9, 2002, Building Contractor. They were the brothers of John J. Kelly, R'42 and Donald C. Kelly, R'52.

**Kitchen, William, R'41**, on July 23, 2002 at Roseville. William was ordained in 1949 and later laicized. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor, four children and four step-children.

**O'Shea, Deborah (Breen)** on July 28, 2002, mother of John O'Shea, H'66, and a parishioner of Holy Name in San Francisco.

**Horan, Gerald E., R'52**, on July 30, 2002, of cancer, husband of Lynne Horan. Jerry was a teacher at De La Salle in Concord, CA. and a mentor to many. He was one of the finest athletes to ever graduate from St. Joseph's College.

**Prusmack, Gertrude Mary**, on August 23, 2002, mother of Thomas M. Prusmack, C'70 and wife of the late Dr. John J. Prusmack.

**Perlite, Rev. Paul, R'41**, on September 26, 2002. Fr. Paul was ordained in 1946 and had been the pastor of Sacred Heart in Olema and St. Thomas in San Jose. For the past 17 years, he was in residence at St. Rita's in Fairfax. He was the unofficial Chaplain of Sausalito salmon fishermen and the local 'Mosquito Fleet'.

**Cervantes, Morris (Mo), Jr.** on September 29, 2002, husband of Mary Lynne and father of Michelle. He was the brother-in-law of Steve Dells, R'66. Mo worked for almost 30 years at Kaiser Permanente; he was the Union Rep and member of Local 250 SEIU.

**Murray, Rev. Thomas F., R'39**, on October 13, 2002 at Palo Alto, CA. Father Tom was ordained in 1944 and the founding pastor of Holy Spirit in San Jose. For the past 12 years, Fr. Tom was in retirement at St. Simon's in Los Altos. His ministry was deeply involved in Social Justice.

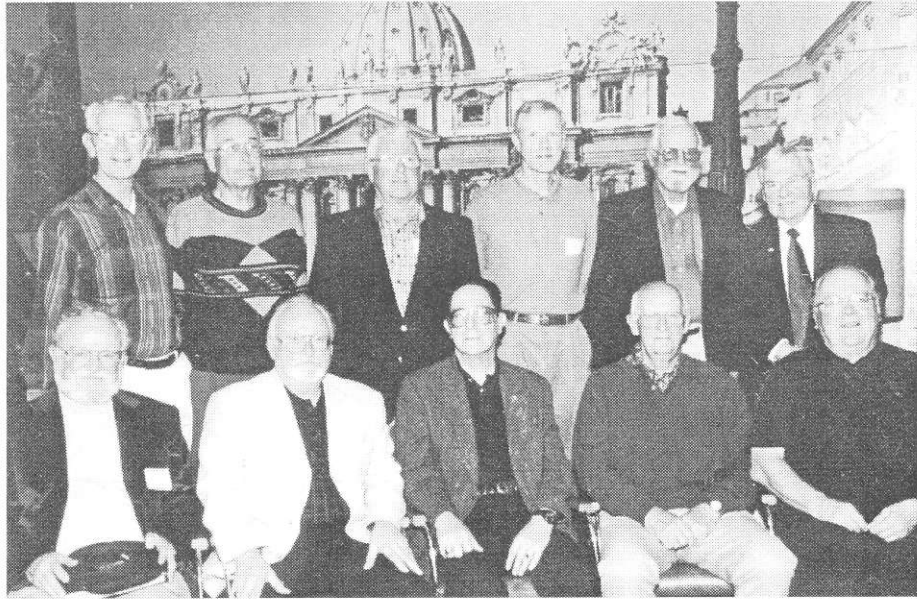
**McDonagh, William F., Sr.**, on October 28, 2002 in San Francisco; a native of Clifton, County Galway and father of William. He was the uncle of Rev. John Cloherty, R'54, James P. Mannion, R'61, Patrick F. Cloherty, R'64, Thomas Mannion, R'65 and John McDonagh, R'66. William was a noted San Francisco Contractor and Developer.

**Kelly, James J., R'54**, on November 6, 2002 at Plesanton, CA. Jim was a retired Lieut. of the SFFD, accountant, and longtime friend of Bill W. His classmates, Rev. John Cloherty and Rev. Pat Curran, presided at the funeral Mass. The Pallbearers were his classmates Rev. John O'Connor, John McAuliffe, and Dan Collins. Jim is survived by his wife, Ann, six children and three stepchildren.

**Reardon, Catherine P.**, on November 10, 2002 at Petaluma, CA, age 92, mother of Art Reardon, R'66. She is also survived by her children Jack, Susan and Catherine. Catherine was a 49 year member of St. Thomas the Apostle parish in SF and a dedicated member of the Sodality.

**Renati, Delfina** on November 14, 2002 at San Francisco; mother of Charles "Chuck" Renati, R'51. Delfina was born in Conio di Carrega, Italy near Genoa. She was 96.

## RHET CLASS OF 1952 – 50TH ANNIVERSARY



*Back Row: Don Khles, Mike Mitchell, Dick Mayo, Don Kelly,  
Earl (Ed) Curran, Bob Gorman.  
Front Row: Terry Loughran, Ron Rader, Felix Luma,  
Ed George and Rev. Jack Brenkle*

## Your contact...

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*Happy Thanksgiving*



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**(not April 26, 2003)**

