

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

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Spring 2019 Newsletter

*We honor the past; We celebrate the present;
We plan for the future.....TOGETHER.*

Your Alumni Association

Thank you to all our volunteers and supporters for your dedication and hard work in ensuring that the Alumni Association of St. Joseph's/St. Patrick's College lives on. The

Association was founded in the early 1980's on the premise that the friendships and memories started at St. Joe's and/or St. Pat's are far too valuable to not celebrate and foster.

ALUMNI DAY – May 11, 2019

Alumni Day is slated for Saturday, May 11, 2019, at St. Patrick's Seminary. The activities begin with mass at 4:00pm for those who wish to attend followed by happy hour in the Seminary library. Dinner and evening program begin at 6:00pm at which the presentation of the honoree classes, awarding of Alumnus of the Year plaques, and drawing of raffle winners take place. Alumnus of the Year Awards will be given posthumously

to the late Bishop Rich Garcia R'67 and to Brian Cahill R'60. Honoree classes will be Rhet '59 (60 years); High School and College '69 (50 years); H.S. and C. '74 (45 years) and H.S. and C. '79 (40 years).

Look for the Invitation in your mail with details or contact Don Carroll at donandmaryjocarroll@gmail.com

Dues Reminder

While we still have over 1,500 alums for whom we have good contact information, our income is declining as our numbers decrease because of illness and death. Many thanks to those of you who have generously given so far. However, if you haven't given this year or perhaps never donated before, we could use your support now. Any amount is

welcome. Let's keep this band of brothers together. Remember, our only source of funds comes from our Alumni. Thank You.

Make checks payable to, and mail to: St. Joseph's – St. Patrick's Alumni Association, 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025.

ALUMNI DAY – 2018



Gathering for Prayer

Alumni Day, April 28, 2018 - was a great success. More than 200 Alumni, spouses, and friends came together to celebrate friendships and memories. Family and friends

of the late James Kennedy and Rev. Mateo Sheedy joined us in recognizing their loved ones as Alumni of the year. Following are mix of pictures from the event.

ALUMNI DAY - April 28, 2018



Friends sharing drink and food



Two "Don's"



Gary Orlando introducing 45th Anniversary College Class



Enjoying happy hour, God bless Robert Garman (L)



God bless Brian Joyce



Jim and Brian



Alumnus of Year Jim Kennedy's wife and family



Honorees of 60th Rhet Class



Good friends



Friends catching up

ALUMNI DAY - April 28, 2018



Association leaders Dan Carroll and Jack Sutcliffe



Honored Alumni Class



A happy gathering



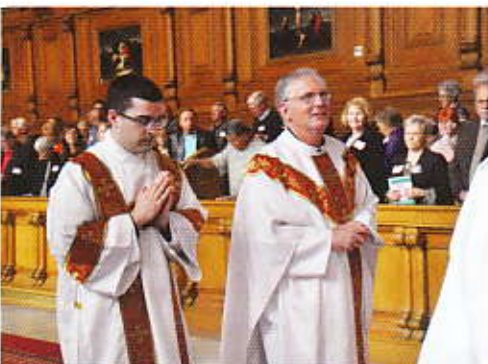
Enjoying wonderful food



Gene Yamashita honoring her brother Rev. Maico Sheedy



Remembering some of those who left us



At Conclusion of Mass

TWO WONDERFUL MEN

We remember two wonderful men and St. Joseph Alumni - Bishop Rich Garcia and Bishop Frank Quinn. We lost Bishop Garcia on July 18, 2018, and Bishop Frank Quinn who is nearing his 98th birthday.

Reflections on both

Below is homily delivered by Rev. Mark Weiner's homily delivered at Bishop Rich's funeral mass (slightly edited)

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My dear brothers and sister, the loss is palpable.



*Bishop
Richard Garcia*

Bishop Garcia. Or Bishop Rich. To some, just Rich. And, of course, there was one person, his mom, who until the day she passed, called him "Rickie." He was this tall. She was this tall. And he called her "Maaaa." Today, however you may have known him, we gather to surround him with our love, and to accompany

him in prayer as far as we ourselves can go – to the very edges of the next life, handling him gently into the eternal merciful, all encompassing, love of God himself.

As we do so it is only right, and completely expected, that memories of Bishop and his life, and his ministry come to the fore. The outpouring of love and sadness since his death, and especially over these last four days of prayer, has been touching, beautiful, overwhelming, and a great consolation to his family. He touched the lives of so many people from many different walks of life. Whoever you were – whatever demographics you fit – he cared for you. For many of us his naming in 1997 by Pope Saint John Paul II as a Bishop was a very encouraging sign of hope and light in a very dark time for the church.

Whether it was as your Bishop, your friend, your family brother or uncle, whether he confirmed your children, married you and your spouse, blessed your new building, presided at Eucharist at this altar, or shared a meal at your table – we all have memories of the warmth, genuineness, care, compassion, we encountered in this man of God, often called a "gentle giant" who chose, from today's second reading, "In Him We Live" as not only his episcopal motto, but demonstrated it in how he lived.

In Him he lived. While there have been excellent and comprehensive obituaries of Bishop Rich, I am sure he would not want me to turn this homily into a second-rate synopsis of them or some sloppy eulogy. He would expect a homily at this point in the Mass. The challenge is: Rich lived the Gospel of love so beautifully, I'm not sure where the distinction can be found between a eulogy and a homily where he is concerned.

We cannot help but to remember him today and tell the

stories – eulogizing. Yet when you remember his life you see how the Gospel can be applied and lived in the world today with seeming ease, simplicity, and beauty – homilying. So, in remembering, we see how he lived the gospel as a disciple in the world today.

Remembering is actually a very powerful and wonderful gift we have. So often in today's hectic and mad paced society we forget what a gift it is. We mistake memory for – if I get everything done on my "to do" list today, I've remembered it all!

But for those who lived thousands of years ago, such as those at the time of Christ, they did not have the conveniences we enjoy today. They had no pictures, no recordings with which to remember someone. All they had was what was up here. And the Jewish understanding of memory was when you remembered someone, or some event, or something – that person or event or thing lived again for you. It is a little difficult to describe – but easy to demonstrate. I invite you now, in the quiet of your heart, to remember Bishop Rich. Maybe you can remember something you heard him preach – a word that challenged you, or a word that comforted you. And how he could do that weaving Spanish and English together effortlessly. Maybe you can remember how he never seemed to forget a birthday or anniversary and how it made you smile every time you tried to read his scrawl that passed as handwriting. Maybe you remember his true concern for the poor, those in prison, migrant workers and immigrant communities. Maybe you can remember his laugh, his joy at seeing you and calling your name. Maybe you remember being enveloped in one of his gigantic, overwhelming and almost suffocating embraces. Or maybe you can remember his moustache – which changed sizes depending upon how carefully he had shaven on a given day.

And that's the power of memory: I see it on faces. Even though he is not present to us in the way we are used to having him present, you can once again be challenged or comforted by the words he spoke. You can hear his voice weaving between Spanish and English; you can see his scrawled signature on the last card he sent you, you can hear the compassion in his voice for those in need, or hear his laugh, or feel his joy again, or feel buried in his big embrace because – whether you are remembering something from two weeks ago, two months ago or twenty years ago – the time drops right out – and the memory lives for you again. It's present and real to you.

This is the power of memory.

It is not lost on me that Alzheimer's – which Bishop Garcia was diagnosed with in March, 2018, – seeks to rob a person of their memory. And while this insidious disease made life a bit more difficult and kept Rich from doing some of what he may have otherwise done, by all reports the devastation it could have wrought on his memory it did not. Those who called or stopped to visit – he seemed to know immediately who we were and could easily have real conversation about life. I will always be very grateful that in my last visit with him everything, with the exception of him lying in a hospital bed, was as easy and normal as ever: He asked about my parish, he asked about my work as a missionary of mercy, he asked about my parents and, when I went to share communion with him, he asked if I had a letter of good standing to do ministry since I was from outside his diocese.

But perhaps most importantly for us today – as our source of true hope and real consolation – are not the memories we have of Rich, but the memory that he as a Bishop, a priest, a man and a human being centered his life on, remembering in word and action on how...

On the night before he died for us he took bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to his disciples. ... And in a similar way when supper was ended, he took the chalice, and once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples.....

How fitting it is that the Gospel we heard today recalls for us the words and promises Jesus spoke at the Last Supper. Promises of many dwelling places, and to come and take us with him. See – Jesus knew the power of memory, so he told us to remember him, keep him alive, make him a part of this moment, make him present.

And so, let us come to the altar and accompany Rich in love and prayer as far as we can go – to the edges of the next life, and remember as he remembered, so that even when the loss is palpable we never forget the hope and promise we share in Christ, who is the way and the truth and the life. In this life and the next, it truly is...In Him we live.

A Tribute to Bishop Frank Quinn on his forthcoming 98th Birthday, September 11

Bishop Frank Quinn is truly an esteemed alumnus of St. Joseph's High School and College, R+I. Frank was ordained nearly 73 years ago on June 15, 1946, and he is now the oldest living bishop in the United States. *(if only we had more bishops like Frank and Rich, editor's comment. What follows has been slightly edited.)*

A few years back Ed Gaffney sent the following from his

classmate Larry Moorman which blew him away with his description of the "only saint [he] ever knew": "SO HAPPY BIRTHDAY FRANCIS Ecce sacerdos magnus qui diebus illis placuit eos. Behold a great priest who in his day lived a life of Grace, Mercy, compassion and agape Christian love." You are worthy of 95 (now 98) years and more. So many people have seen your example and are moved more than you know. We are all blessed in having been touched by your grace."



Rhets '65 Nick, Denis, Gene, and John with Frank – July 2018

Yes, Larry, you are so right. Frank Quinn is certainly an "agape Christian." For you to use this truthful word to describe our friend Frank is for me an invitation to re-read First Corinthians 13, where the Apostle Paul offers a list of attributes of agape that most of us find difficult (if not impossible) most of the time, and that Frank has embodied and exemplified in his long and fruitful life as a real "agape Christian."

Frank is patient, never in a rush to judgment, always open to one more piece of information, like a good detective or a good journalist. Hmm, maybe he should renew a paper and call it "The Monitor."

Frank is kind, never thinking of himself as more important than others . . . Frank is not jealous; "what's the point of that?" he once asked us in a talk at the seminary years ago. Since he didn't answer this question on that occasion, I tried to think of a good reason to be jealous. I failed then and now.

Frank is not pompous nor inflated, never asking to be addressed in flattering terms like "My Lord" or "Monsignore." He is not rude; for example, on the business of fancy titles like "Monsignor," he was too kind to tell the Vatican that their mimesis of the courtly parlance of princes is *depassé* and unevangelical (unless "Come apart with me and rest a while" counts as a solid biblical basis for the divine institution of the monsignorate). Frank is happy to pray for the church and glad to be a member of God's people; he doesn't seek his own narrow self-interests, but promotes the common good of both his religious community and his secular community.

Frank is not quick-tempered; he takes time to think things over, and to wait until a better alternative comes along. Frank does not brood over injury. Once he shared with me that some people didn't like editorials he wrote in *The Monitor* or things he preached in a sermon. And sometimes, he said, they would express their opinions in a sour sort of way. To the best of my knowledge, that never got under his skin. Frank invited me to write a column for *The Monitor* many decades ago in the late 60s. He showed me some letters he got about one of my columns. I was pretty young and immature. I think he sensed I was ready to brood over an injury. So, he told me, "Oh, I don't mind if people call me names. The main thing you can do when that happens is reflect on whether you said something that triggered their anger. If I did, I would offer an apology and let it go at that. In this article, you didn't write with negativity; you just shared what was on your mind. You can't please everyone, you know."

Frank does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. Since the way Frank searches for truth in his life is humble, fresh insights keep occurring to him. His joy is genuine when he discovers something he hadn't seen before.

Frank bears all things. Maybe it is because Frank keeps his mind open to new perspectives that truth keeps unfolding for him. I think that also accounts for his patience; he doesn't get obsessed with other people's mistakes. He thinks it's enough for him to focus on his own responsibility.

Frank believes all things. He is a deeply spiritual believer in God as the source, guide, and goal of all this is (Romans 11: 36). But don't ask him to explain everything he believes,

because he is still contemplating the hiddenness of the mystery of the universe.

Frank hopes all things. He is not naive or foolish about life being easy. Nor does he expect that everything is always moving forward in a wonderful way. But he is confident that there is more yet to happen to flesh out the story of God's love in our world.

Frank endures all things. He doesn't "put up" with things in a way that drives him crazy with fear or anger. He is smart enough to realize that there are some things he just can't change and to realize that there are other things he must change, so he prays for the serenity of acceptance of things beyond his power to control, and for courage to do the things he is supposed to do.

I wish we had more bishops like him. But the minute I say something like that, I realize that Frank was given to me as a friend at various points in my life, and then didn't see for long chunks of time, so that when I think back on his entirely positive impact on me I too can start to pray for these attributes of charity in my life. It's never too late to start to do the sorts of things that Frank does so well.

And yes, I know that today is not September 11. I know I am almost a whole week late (now 6 months early) to wish Frank a happy birthday. But because Frank is well-read, I know he is wise enough to realize that—as Lewis Carroll instructed Alice Little—today (and every day other than September 11) is his "un-birthday." So, I wish him—as the Mad Hatter did in Alice's topsy-turvy Wonderland—a "VERY MERRY UN-BIRTHDAY" and many more to come. ■

St. Joseph's – St. Patrick's College Alumni Board of Governors 2019



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Alumni Board Planning High School Sports Hall of Fame Event for Fall 2019

The St. Joseph's-St. Patrick's College Alumni Association Board of Governors has formed a Sports Hall of Fame committee to identify top Intramural & Interscholastic Athletes who played at the high school.

The inductees, who must have either graduated from St. Joseph's or attended at least four years during their Rhet years, will be honored at an evening event to be held this Fall. The committee has been in contact with St. Patrick's Seminary as a potential event site, but has yet to determine the final date, time, and location.

Chaired by Mike Sheehan, High School Class of 1971, the committee is in the process of creating an Intramural section (prior to Fall 1967) and an Interscholastic section (1967-1980) for outstanding student/athletes who deserve recognition for their achievements at St. Joseph's High School. The Intramural section of the Hall will focus on selecting seminarians who participated on the Bears, Cardinals, Indians, Ramblers, and Trojans teams. The Interscholastic section will honor boys who competed for St. Joe's in soccer, basketball, baseball, and track/cross country against outside high schools.

In addition, the entire 1970-71 soccer team, which logged a superb 21-5-3 record and finished 3rd as consolation champions in the Central Coast Section (CCS) Playoffs, will be inducted.

To date, the committee has conducted substantial groundwork, collecting the names of nearly 70 nominees. However, the Alumni Board is still especially interested in receiving nominations for athletes who ran the bases, pounded the hardwood, and swam the lanes as members of one of the primary Intramural teams prior to 1967. Although St. Joe's continued its Intramural program after 1967, most of the outstanding athletes participated primarily in Interscholastic sports.

To nominate a former graduate or for more information, please either email Mike Sheehan at mike@bioresourceinc.com or phone 707/321-2151, or email Pat Cloberty R'64 at pmcloberty@comcast.net. ■

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IN MEMORIAM

The Lord has told you, O man and woman, what is good and what he wants from you, He wants you to promote justice, to be faithful, and to live obediently before your God. Micah 6:8

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Thank you!

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