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ALUMNI DAY 1993

Alums gathered at St. Mary's Cathedral Center on September 18, 1993, for their annual Mass and Dinner. Rev. Miles O'Brien Reilly, R'58, was the principal celebrant and Alumni clergy concelebrated. Rev. Msgr. James Flynn, R'43, delivered the homily. Members of the Alumni formed a Choir group assisted by Rev. Donald Osuna, R'57, and Rev. James Aylward, R'58.

Honored guests were Gordon Lacey, former Sports Director at the College, Brian O'Kane, former principal of the High School, and Rev. Richard Kalkman, S.S. The Little Sisters of the Holy Family, honored guests, enjoyed a dinner they didn't have to cook!

Chairman, Joseph Reilly, H'68, welcomed the guests and created a questionnaire for alums to list the top ten reasons they should have stayed in the seminary. "The reason I should have stayed in is that I miss the fun of sneaking out!" was a winning response.

The auction was successful and winners of the raffle were: Joseph Reilly, \$500.00, Fr. Robert Giguere, \$300.00 and Ned Barker, \$100.00

Irish Coffees" were served after dinner, and once again, old memories were revived and new ones filled niches for future flashbacks.

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THE DATE FOR ALUMNI DAY 1994 HAS BEEN SET FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1994. IT WILL BE HELD AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL IN SAN FRANCISCO. THE FOLLOWING ANNIVERSARIES WILL BE CELEBRATED: R'29, 65th, R'44, 50th, C'69 and H'69, 25th.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

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LETTER FROM THE HOLY FAMILY SISTERS

Dear Friends.

Our very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Blessed 1994. May God bless you with happiness, peace and true joy that will never cease.

For us Little Sisters, we are about to live a sad event. Because of lack of personnel caused by the fact that we have very few vocations, and many of our Sisters are elderly or ill, our Major Superiors face a very difficult situation. They have to recall some Sisters from different places and we are in that group. We will have to leave St. Patrick's during the summer of 1994.

This being our last Christmas here, we want to take this opportunity to thank Priests, Seminarians, and Friends everywhere. You have helped us through life's pathway to a better understanding of the greatness of our vocation which is to serve Christ in His Priests and future Priests by our prayers and work.

Our thoughts go to our venerable and dedicated predecessors who arrived here in July 1903, dedicating themselves for the Diocese of San Francisco, they did the humble tasks and cared spiritually.

Just to mention a few who have been outstanding by their generous dedication, we think of Sister Arsen-Marie (Alice Corbin) and Sister Gemma (Gabrielle Paille also called "Beautiful Canada") both of whom were chef cooks, Sister Marie-Rosario (Margaret Paroli) and Sister Catherine Corbin, who devoted themselves here until a very respectable age; there is also our dear little Sister Blanche-Aimee who since 1953 has been assigned as sacristan at St. Joseph's College and St. Patrick's.

If the Lord asks us the sacrifice of leaving this seminary so dear to our hearts, it is with this consoling thought that we do so: "Mission Accomplished." (Cont'd. page 2)

ALUMNI PRESIDENT'S CORNER

WE ARE STILL HERE!

WE ARE ALIVE!



In fact, we're almost thriving. Last year, as you know, was the first year we went, to a voluntary dues structure to support your Alumni Association. The response

was wonderful! With just one request letter and without any capacity for fund raising follow-up, we raised - or rather you contributed nearly \$25,000 in 1993.

As you will see from other articles in this newsletter, those funds have been put to good use. Please note the letter from Fr. Coleman, Rector of St. Patrick's Seminary and the article by Fr. Rich Garcia, Vocation Director of the Diocese of San Jose, who have successfully utilized our scholarship funds.

Shortly, you will be receiving a request from us to make or renew your voluntary dues contribution for 1994. It is our hope that the generosity of our Alumni will continue and will enable us to expand our involvement in supporting priestly vocations in Northern California.

Elsewhere in the newsletter you will find the names of your current Board members and former Board members who have recently stepped down after completing their terms. My heartfelt thanks goes to each who has served your Association so well.

However, I do wish to mention in a special way two of our Board members:

Recently departed from the Board is Al McKim, Rhet'43, who made a special contribution to the Association while a Board member by setting up our computer and getting it to work. Al also served as our Treasurer and assisted Ginny Sullivan in keeping track of income and expenses. Thank you Al for you have done!

The second member of our Board who must be acknowledged again is our former president, Don Carroll, R'58. Don has continued to serve on the Board as he has done since the Association was reborn some 13 years ago. This year, Don took it upon himself to do all of the legal work to properly incorporate the Association as a non-profit corporation and to process the State

and Federal applications for our tax-exempt status. This work had to be coordinated with the Archdiocese of San Francisco. His success in completing this work has enabled us to make "tax-deductible" the dues contributions which we receive from you.

One of the highlights of 1993 was a wonderful Alumni Day dinner at St. Mary's Cathedral on September 18. At the Golden Jubilarian's table were: Dan McInerney, Dick Trapp, James Stephens, Arthur Solari, Jim McCarthy, and Msgr. James Flynn. Special honorees of the evening were Brian O'Kane, R'51, former athletic coach, Gordon Lacey, and former professor Rev. Richard Kalkman. The homily at the Mass that evening was delivered by Rev. Msgr. James Flynn, R'43. A huge 'thank you' is owed to Chairman Joe Reilly, H'68, and his committee who organized a terrific, most enjoyable evening.

Already, we are looking forward to our Alumni Day in 1994, where, among other special classes, we will be honoring the 65th anniversary of the Rhet Class of '29, who will be represented by Dr. Raymund F. Wood, one of our most vigorous and 'young at heart' alums.

Finally, 1994 will mark a tremendously sad occasion for the Seminary with the departure of the Little Sisters of the Holy Family. A letter from the sisters is included in this newsletter. They leave with our fondest memories, our deepest thanks and our prayers for their future endeavors.

J. Dennis McQuaid, R'59

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Mexican Sisters will replace us and continue the ministry we have been doing for the past 90 years.

ADIEU; dear Priests,
ADIEU; dear Seminarians
ADIEU: dear St. Patrick's Seminary
ADIEU; dear Friends
Always we will be united in prayers
Always we will remember.

ADIEU! ADIEU!

To one and all a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

The Little Sisters of the Holy Family

Sister Rachel Lessard, p.s.s.f.

A VIDEO TRIBUTE TO ST. JOSEPH'S

Although St. Joseph's Seminary no longer stands, alumni and their families can enjoy an entertaining video that will help keep fond memories alive forever. The 36-minute "End of an Era" music video was created as a tribute to the thousands of faculty members and students who played a part in St. Joseph's long and prosperous history.

The video begins with archival photos of St. Joseph's taken soon after the seminary was built. This first section also looks at student life, including shots of students who attended St. Joseph's during the 1930's and 1940's, and closes with a collage of pictures from past Alumni days at the seminary site.

The next section offers a nostalgic look at the many Sulpician fathers who taught at St. Joseph's, followed by a Sports tribute that recalls the glory days on the playing field and courts. In addition, the video recounts the sad days following the 1989 earthquake, including footage taken during the demolition of the main building in Fall 1990.

With the sounds of Natalie and Nat King Cole's "Unforgettable" in the background, the video ends on an upbeat note with fond remembrances of some of the people and structures that formed the heart of St. Joseph's.

To purchase a copy of the video, please call Ginny at 415-327-8956, or send \$30 to 320 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park, CA 94025. All proceeds go to support the Alumni Association and its mission to encourage priestly vocations.

Michael Sheehan, C'75

ALUMNI BOARD ELECTS NEW MEMBERS

At the December meeting of the Alumni Board of Governors, the following alumni were elected to serve on the Board:

Rev. Mark Catalana, C'86, Paul Trevisan, C'75, William Finnegan, R'61, Terrence Culloty, C'75, Rev. Larry Silva, C'71, and Rev. Robert Silva, R'59. The other members on the current Board include: Vincent Briare, R'48, Donald C. Carroll, R'58, Emeritus, Patrick Cloherty, R'64, James Del Biaggio, R'66, Steve Fitzpatrick, R'61, Rev. Richard Garcia, R'69, Robert Gorman

R'52, Walter Harrington, R'51, Emeritus, Jack Keegan, R'61, Rev. Dave McCarthy, C'73, Michael Sheehan, C'75, Charles W. Sweeney, R'40. Emeritus, Rev. Milton Walsh, C'74 and Rev. Gerald D. Coleman, S. S., R'62, Ex-Officio member.

The following recently retired from the Board: John Ahlback, C'74, Rev. Quang Minh Dong, C'86, Rev. Joseph Landi, C'87, John McDonnell, R'58, and Alton McKim, R'43. The Board is deeply indebted to these men who gave their time and expertise to create a better Alumni Association.

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SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE ASSISTS

LOCAL VOCATIONS MINISTRY

Recently the St. Joseph's - St. Patrick's Alumni Scholarship Committee assisted the Diocese of San Jose in its vocations ministry.

As Director of Vocations for the Diocese of San Jose, I am most grateful for the assistance I have received. A total of \$360.00 was given to me to help finance the food costs for a VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT DAY last Fall. A total of ninety young people attended the day which was for Asian and Hispanic men and women. The Religious Vocation Directors in the Archdiocese of San Francisco, the Dioceses of Oakland and San Jose, and the Office of Vocations in the Diocese of San Jose sponsored the day.

Recently one of the seminarians from the Diocese of San Jose was the recipient of \$480.00 to cover costs for tutoring in English.

We are all very grateful for the generosity of the Alumni. It is the generous spirit that helps the mission of St. Joseph's - St. Patrick's College to live on.

Rev. Richard Garcia, R'69

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SCHOLARSHIP FUND RECIPIENT OF GIFTS

The Scholarship Fund has recently received donations in the name of deceased persons. The Alumni Office acknowledges such donations and informs the family of the deceased of the offerings in the name of their deceased family member or friend.

Any alumni who are interested in this procedure, should include such information in funeral notices and direct requests be sent to St. Joseph's Alumni Office, 320 Middlefield Rd. Menlo Park, Ca 94025.

IN MEMORIAM

Rev. Edwin Casey, R'24
 Rev. Edward R. Allen, R'26
 Thomas J. Lee, Jr. R'32
 Rev. Mark Nolting, C'73
 Rev. Thomas Regan, R'35
 Kathryn Carroll, mother of Donald Carroll, R'58
 Ursula McHugh, mother of Daniel McHugh, R'63
 Rev. Msgr. Joseph D. Munier
 Rev. John S. Cronin, S.S.
 Father of Rev. Sidney Hill, R'51

ALUMNI NEWS

R'29, RAYMUND WOOD visited St. Joseph's College in November, 1933. He took many pictures of the buildings that are still standing. He writes that "the Chapel and its north and south wings are very impressive, and are still structurally intact, though many windows have been broken by vandals, and weathering of interior walls will soon set in." Raymund will celebrate his 65th anniversary of his graduation from St. Joseph's this year, and we expect to see him and other members of his class on Alumni Day, 1994.

R'41, MOST REV. FRANCIS A. QUINN, D.D., retired in the latter part of 1993. Most Rev. William K. Weigand, D.D. has succeeded him as Bishop of the Sacramento Diocese. Happy Retirement Bishop Quinn!

R'53, EDWIN BARKER, writes that he and his wife are enjoying a beautiful new home in Corvallis after living in the Bay Area most of his life. He is working three days a week for the Hospice in Salem, providing counseling, and support to terminally ill patients and their families. He says this is the most satisfying work he has ever done. He still misses his Bay Area friends.

R'61, STEPHEN KELLY writes that he would like to contact alums who are interested in EAST-WEST meditation, especially Zen, ecology-spirituality issues and vegetarianism. Steve lives in San Bruno.

R'63, GERALD MARING writes that he enrolled in St. Thomas Seminary, Denver, after he withdrew from St. Joseph's. He received a B.A. from St. Thomas, a teaching credential from USF in 1967, and his Ph.D. from the University of Missouri in 1977. He is married, has three children who

are busy at school with many extra-curricular activities. Gerald has completed his second book for teachers which was published in 1993. His wife is a research technician and does community work. A very busy family, these Marings!

C'71, RALPH MORALES is married and has two sons and a daughter. He is involved in Alcohol Policy Control. C'72, REV. STEVE BROWN is in Africa for the Maryknoll Fathers, on leave from his Diocese of San Jose. He writes that he visited Fr. Cale Crowley in Lusaka and met Fr. Tom Reilly, M.M., C'73 while there. They had a "St. Joe's" reunion.

C'72, MARTIN ROSS travelled with his mother and two friends from San Antonio to attend Alumni Day. He enjoyed meeting old friends, and Frank Matulich, C'69, who was going to San Antonio on business the next day spent some time with Marty in San Antonio during his visit.

C'72, BOB DEMATTEIS flew in from Portland, Oregon for the Alumni Day celebration. He enjoyed seeing his college friends again.

C'73, LARRY ALMEIDA is married and has two children. He is a Librarian in Pierce, Idaho, a town of 750 people. Gold was first discovered in Pierce in 1860. Larry says he enjoys the small town and says hi to his former classmates.

C'74, PETER GOSCH resides in Singhofen, Germany, and recently retired from his position of school teacher. He is planning to come to California and start an Alternative Health business. Peter plans to return to the U.S. in June of this year.

C'79. DUANE FEDERIGHI is pursuing graduate work at Sacramento State.

C'83, BRIAN MULVANEY attended Alumni Day in September. He lives in Cheyenne where he is manager of SKIPPERS SEAFOOD 'N CHOWDER HOUSE.

C'84, STEVE SCARPER received his Masters Degree in Counseling at San Jose State. He is currently teaching fifth grade at the Carden School in San Jose.

NEWS ABOUT FORMER FACULTY MEMBERS

REV. JERRY BROWN, S.S. is in his second term of serving as the Provincial for the Sulpicians.

Rev. John Olivier is enjoying his retirement and caring for his house, cooking, shopping, etc.

Being free of a schedule makes his retirement ideal.

BRIAN O'KANE'S THOUGHTS ON ALUMNI DAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1993

I want to thank the class of 1968 for asking me to be their guest this evening. The committee may not have realized that they were taking a certain risk in making this choice. I have not had an opportunity to speak in front of a large group in quite some time and I do have all these wonderful things to say. In addition I have recalled that one of the faculty members told me immediately after the '68 graduation that I had spoken too briefly; people wanted to hear more. I have decided to take Leo Sachs' admonition to heart and, after this brief pause, to gather my thoughts, to speak a little more fully.

What I will do is share some recent serendipity and the reflections that it triggered. On the day that Ginny phoned me I had already been thinking about St. Joe's. That morning I had gone to the funeral of the father of a classmate of mine, Charlie Renati. At the funeral were five of us who had been Sixth-Latiners together in 1945, Charlie, myself, Walt Harrington, Jim Casey, and Pete DuMaine. I had been reflecting afterwards on how long those friendships have persisted. When I received the call from Ginny in the afternoon I began thinking about the members of the class of '68 and began contrasting the moods of '45 and '68. Also, I reflected that it can be said of both groups, the Freshman class of 1945 and the Seniors of 1968, that their members have followed many different paths. While granting the obvious validity of that observation, I would like to suggest an additional point of view. To do this I'll use an analogy about life that appeals to me.

At one time, for most or all of us, life resembled a clear blue sky. We knew what life was all about just as well as we understood the significance of a clear blue sky covering us. However, in the night, a period of quiet and reflection, the sky ceases to be clear and simple. Bits of light are scattered here and there. For thousands of years human beings have looked at those bits of light and made explanations of what

they have seen. First the bits of light were said to be imbedded in the covering sky which rotated around the earth. Then the wanderers, the planets, were noted and the schemes began to become more involved. Over the centuries many names have been associated with the schemes: Ptolemy, Aristotle, Kepler, Copernicus, Galileo, Hubble, Hawkings. Some of these schemes have been radically different and their authors could be said to have followed radically different paths. It may also be said, and in most cases more accurately, that they followed the same path. They started with a scheme that was handed down, they took the data that was current, they tried to make sense out of it all.

If the centuries of human observation are collapsed to a single lifetime and the goal is changed from making sense out of the patterns of stars to make sense out of life, it can also be said of many of us, perhaps all, that while we have seemed to have taken different paths, we have really stayed on the same one we began a long time ago. We have tried to make sense out of life, to determine what is in the center and what rotates around what. There are many in this room who are "lovers of the night sky".

An image of myself has come back to me recently. It's of a rosy-cheeked lad in catechism class with his hand up. I always had questions for the sisters. I have become comfortable again with that image of myself.

In a nutshell, for myself, I'm happy I was a Sixth-Latiner in 1945; I'm happy I had the opportunity to preside at the graduation of the class of 1968. I'm happy I have questions still.

From an English class of years ago come words of Marlowe that I can embrace fully as my own. "Lente, lente currite noctis equi." There are experiences to have, things to do, questions to ask. "Run slowly, slowly, horses of the night."

I would like to thank the class of 1968 for the opportunity to say this.

WE NEED YOUR IDEAS AND HELP

St. Joseph's - St. Patrick's Collete Alumni has had many ALUMNI DAYS in the past, and would like to have your ideas on how to improve the day.

This October we will hold another gathering at St. Mary's Cathedral Center, and if any of you would like to be on the Committee for Alumni Day 1994, please let us know.

The Alumni Board will discuss the event at their May meeting, choosing a chairman and setting up special committees. The Chairman is usually chosen from one of the classes to be honored. We are aware that everyone is busy with business and family, but there may be some of you who would have the time to participate. Actually, committee meetings afford one to join in some "remember when" discussions and then ideas begin to pop into some of our brightest minds.

If your class is celebrating their 5th anniversary, 20th, or whatever, and you would like to help make it special, phone, write or visit the ALUMNI OFFICE and offer to be on a committee, offer an auction item, or offer suggestions on how to make it the best day ever! New blood for any adventure usually adds to the success of it.

Let us hear from you:
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320 MIDDLEFIELD RD.
MENLO PARK, CA 94025
415-327-8656

The Alumni Office is open between 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you intend to visit the office, please call ahead.

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Office of the President/Rector

7 February 1994

Mr. J. Dennis McQuaid
St. Joseph's College Alumni Association
320 Middlefield Road
Menlo Park, CA 94025

Dear Dennis,

I am truly overwhelmed by the incredible generosity of the Alumni Board of St. Joseph's College in your grant to St. Patrick's Seminary of \$3000 to help us provide scholarships to bring potential seminarians to St. Patrick's Seminary.

As I mentioned to you at your meeting of February 3, this scholarship assistance will provide a wonderful opportunity to bring potential candidates to the seminary who otherwise would not have this opportunity. Consequently, I feel that your gift is carrying on the very best of the tradition of St. Joseph's College - of providing seminarians for St. Patrick's Seminary.

As I have mentioned to you before, we frequently remember our benefactors and alumni at the celebration of the Eucharist and I want all of you to know of a very special remembrance in these prayers.

I thank you all most profoundly

Sincerely yours,

Patrick D. Coleman, S.S.

President/Rector

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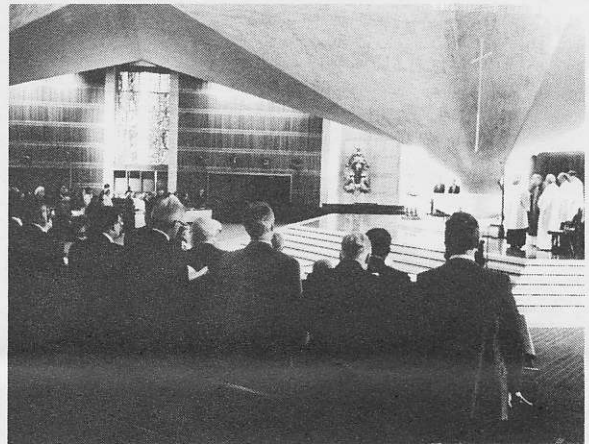
Rev. Richard Kalkman and
Alums of Class of C'70



Ginny Sullivan, Larry Percell,
Rev. Dave McCarthy and Rev.
Craig Forner checking in.

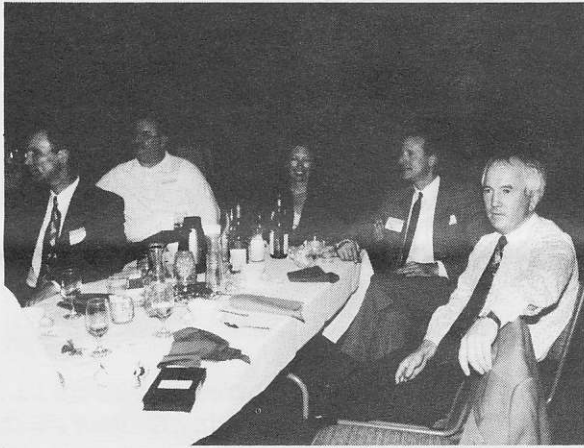


Alums of Class of R'59
Rev. Tony McGuire, Clement
Dougherty, Mrs. Kevin Connolly,
Rev. Robert Silva, Bob and
Betsy Norris, Bruce and Maureen
Bergondy, Dennis McQuaid, Kevin
Connolly and John Ravnik



Mass in Cathedral with Alumni
Choir

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Gordon Lacey, former Sports Coach at St. Joseph's College



Rev. Donald Osuna, R'57 and THE FLOATER



Little Sisters of the Holy Family, Gerardo Menchaca, Seminararian, Bob Galliani, R'68



11/93 Facade of Chapel and wings. Note statue of Christ on the Cross is now facing building. (Photo courtesy of Dr. Raymond Wood, R'29