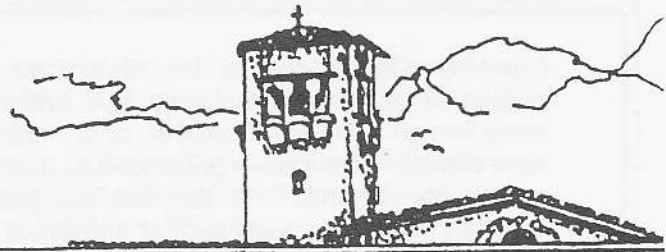


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ALUMS ATTEND ALUMNI DAY

Alumni Day 1990 was held on Saturday, October 6, 1990, at St. Clare's Facility in Santa Clara. About 350 people enjoyed the tour of St. Joseph's College complex including classrooms, offices and library in the Bank of America Building, and apartments housing priest faculty and students.

Liturgy was celebrated in St. Clare's Church with Bishop Pierre DuMaine the principal celebrant. Bishop Joseph Ferrario of Honolulu and Bishop Michael Kenny from Juneau joined other priests in concelebrating the mass. Rev. Ernest Brainard, R'40, delivered the homily. A social hour and a barbecue dinner followed with guests enjoying a balmy October evening. Raffle prizes were won by Rev. John O'Neil, R'61, \$1,000, Philip Toland, R'61, \$300, and Rev. Wilton Smith, R'52, \$100. John Ravnik displayed an attractive collection of pictures of St. Joseph's College. Gary Plimley, R'65, had a display of mementoes, and pictures from his era.

After dinner, Rev. Cale Crowley, Rector, hosted the Class of '40 in his apartment. The class of '65 celebrated their 25th anniversary in the students' community room, enjoying Irish coffee and sharing memories of their days at St. Joseph's.

Chairman, Michael Gannon, R'65, and his assistant chairman, Steve Dells, R'66 along with Don Carroll, R'58 and other committee members were rewarded for their efforts with a very successful Alumni Day, 1990. On to 1991!

ALUMNI DAY 1991 TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 21, 1991

ALUMNI DAY 1991 will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco on Saturday, September 21, 1991.

Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. and all priest alumni are invited to concelebrate. Since the class of 1941 will be celebrating their 50th anniversary, the homilist will be chosen from that class. The class of 1966 will celebrate their 25th anniversary.

After Mass a social hour will be held in the Cathedral Conference Center, followed by a sit-down

dinner. An official invitation will be mailed to all Alumni in August, so please save the date and join your fellow classmates for a fun evening.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE CLOSES 1924 - 1991

After 67 years of service to the northern California Catholic Community, St. Joseph's College closed the doors of the Facility in Santa Clara where students spent the past year. The Class of 1991 graduated ten seminarians on June 2, 1991, and the undergraduate students will continue their studies in three different seminaries: St. John's, Camarillo, the University of San Diego, and Mt. Angel in St. Benedict, Oregon.

The Very Rev. John J. Jepsen, S.S., Ph.D. was the first president of St. Joseph's when it opened its doors on September 24, 1991. The huge spanish style building sat on 1,000 acres and had modern equipment throughout. The tower was distinctly visible at a great distance and "only the gracefully ornamented cupola of the Campanile peers over the ridge of the folding hills." The San Jose Mercury reported that the cost of the building was \$1,500,000. It could never be replaced today because of the prohibitive cost - and the spacious area surrounding the building would be considered a "folly" in the present day.

Thousands of young men from the bay area, Sacramento, Stockton, Santa Rosa, San Francisco and Oakland enrolled in the high school and college. They enjoyed a certain camaraderie which still exists today and is evident at alumni gatherings. The education provided by the Sulpician Fathers was the best, as many alums will verify. Alumni have ventured into many service-oriented fields - law, sociology, psychology, teaching, politics, law enforcement, fire protection, government, priesthood, medicine, etc.

Many alumni who entered the priesthood have gone on to become bishops, one being Bishop

Dumaine of the Diocese of San Jose. Others have chosen to enter the missionary field and work in many foreign countries. However, most of the alumni have chosen the diocesan priesthood as their way of serving the Church. In the last ten years the seminary has had a multi-cultural enrollment, which will provide priests to serve the different cultures present in California today.

Lay faculty and staff members of the past hold their days at St. Joseph's as time spent in a peaceful pastoral setting, enjoying a noon-time walk around the building, noting the cattle grazing on the surrounding hillsides, joining the students on special occasions for dinner, praying in the quiet chapel, exchanging comments on the world news, etc.

One remembers men such as John McGinty who maintained the huge building for many years, and who probably chose to live close to the seminary so that he would be available for any emergency that would occur - and there were many. Others who helped maintain various duties in the building included the Boelsems, Pete the Hook, John Chase, Frank Miller, Stanley Whaley and Ted Melegas (who are presently at St. Patrick's) Bill Hill, Ruth and John Cauchi, Pat Flynn, Frank Sawyer, Jim Nunez - one could go on and on.

As mentioned above, Rev. John J. Jepsen, S.S., was the first president of St. Joseph's College. Rev. Cale Crowley, S. S., has the privilege of being the last president. In between there were many presidents, all from different areas of the United States and many of them still alive. Rev. Gerald Brown, S.S., an alumnus and former San Franciscan, served as President of St. Joseph's, and is now the Provincial Superior of the American Province of the Society of St. Sulpice. Rev. Gerald D. Coleman, S.S., also an alumnus and former San Franciscan, served as president of St. Joseph's College and is presently President-Rector of St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park.

When the big iron ball used by the demolition company to knock down the earthquake-damaged building of St. Joseph's, it just disposed of the material part of the seminary nestled in the hills. The memories will never fade away but will live in the hearts of those who lived and worked in it. They will never say goodbye.

NOTICE TO ALL FORMER STUDENTS

All transcripts will be stored at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park. If you wish to have a copy of your transcript sent to anyone, please send in a written request and a check for \$4.00 to:

ACADEMIC DEAN
St. Joseph's College
c/o St. Patrick's Seminary
320 Middlefield Rd.
Menlo Park, CA 94025
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NOTICE ALL GRADUATES FROM 1986-1991

If you received a **blank diploma** because you had only one or two courses to complete your degree, you have until **June 1, 1993** to do so. Please complete all remaining requirements and have a transcript sent to:

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Once the requirements have been met, your diploma will be mailed to you, provided you meet the **June 1, 1993** deadline. **This applies only to those who would have graduated between 1986 and 1991.**

DONALD C. CARROLL R'58 RECEIVES ST. THOMAS MORE AWARD

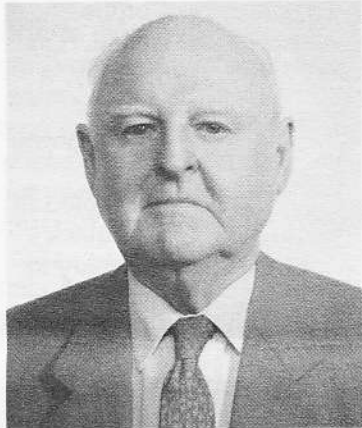
Donald C. Carroll, a member of the Rhet Class of 1958, was recently honored by the St. Thomas More Society. A Red Mass celebrated by Archbishop John Quinn in St. Mary's Cathedral was attended by many of Don's friends, lawyers, clergy, and alumni of St. Joseph's College. A dinner for the group was held in the Cathedral social area, and many tributes were paid to Don who has served the local Church in many capacities.

The Red Mass, which derives its name from the color of the vestments worn, is a Mass to pray for God's blessings upon the government and the legal profession. The award is given by the St. Thomas More Society, a group of Catholic judges and lawyers, and is named after St. Thomas More, who was Chancellor of England in the 1500's and who lost his head to the axe when he refused for reasons of conscience, to sign an oath demanded by Henry VIII.

Congratulations, Don, for the honor bestowed on you!

ALUMNI PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Father Milton T. Walsh, who served as President of your Alumni Association for two years and became Pastor of the San Francisco Cathedral during his tenure, has turned his gavel over to me. I will



continue the principles he followed for the Association.

The By-Laws state that the purpose of the Association shall be to advance the cause of seminary education; to foster the interest and welfare of the College; and

to foster a spirit of loyalty and fraternity among all members of the Association.

All persons who have attended St. Joseph's College High School or St. Patrick's College or St. Joseph's College (whether graduates or not) are members of the Association.

The affairs of the Association are administered by a Board of Governors composed of twelve persons. The President-Rector is an ex-officio member of the Board; the current officers are:

C. W. Sweeney	President
J. Dennis McQuaid	Vice-President
Jack Keegan	Secretary-Treasurer

The Association is not a major fund raising body expected to finance the seminary. However, the Alumni has been gracious in the past years, providing transportation for the students to travel to Camarillo for their annual outing, the purchase of a small computer for the Alumni Office, a gift of a VCR for the student's recreation room, and a gift to the College Endowment Fund as well as the Rector's Discretionary Fund. We know how often some student help can carry a seminarian over a tough moment, and it does make us feel good to be there when some seminarian needs a lift.

During the past year, Don Carroll started a program for Alumni lawyers involved in probate work, for the purpose of securing bequests to the college. If you are interested in this project, it will provide a way for you to thank the Sulpis for your basic education.

During the past few months, your Board of Governors have been forced to deal with the announcement that the College Seminary will be closed at the end of the academic year because of a combination of factors coming together at the same

time; namely, the earthquake of 1989 and the destruction of a sizeable section of the buildings, the delay in the sale of seminary property, and a lack of revenue from the long term lease of Seminary property for a retirement community.

We have now been advised that it is the conclusion of the Bishops and their advisors that "at this time the dioceses in Northern California do not have a sufficient number of students nor financial resources to support a College Seminary in Northern California."

The Diocese of Sacramento will send their seminarians to Mt. Angel Seminary, the Diocese of Stockton to Camarillo or the University of San Diego, the Dioceses of San Jose, San Francisco, and Oakland will send their seminarians to the University of San Diego. This geographical spread of the current seminarians, along with the historical destinations of former students of St. Joseph's and our Maryknoll counterparts is a part of our long legacy.

Your Alumni Association will continue as a viable organization to advance the cause of seminary education, to foster and support vocations to the priesthood, and to maintain a spirit of loyalty and fraternity with all members of the Association.

The Association Office will now be located at St. Patrick's Seminary, 320 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park. The records of the Association will be maintained and contacts continued through this office. Your class pictures have been salvaged (the class picture of 1964 was never returned after the last Alumni Day) from the ruins of the earthquake and are on display at St. Pats.

The Association will identify itself with processes related to future scholarship funds and continuing education programs. We welcome your suggestions in this matter.

The Governors look forward to forming a stronger alliance with St. Pats and hope that future participation in Association activity by former students from St. Pats and St. Joe's continue as an active part of our life. We must continue to promote and foster vocations; we should continue our association with former classmates.

The Rector of St. Patrick's Seminary is currently refurbishing the Chapel at Menlo Park. It is our intention to solicit sufficient funds to obtain and install a new altar in the Chapel at St. Pats. You will receive a letter from Father Gerald Coleman concerning these plans. Your donation toward the cost of the altar will be greatly appreciated. I am sure that the Chapels at St.

Joseph's and St. Patrick's were places of special meaning to each of you in the formative years of your life.

An Alumni Reunion Day is held each Fall. It is a great opportunity to renew your contacts with similarly minded classmates who are using their education and seminary training as continuing students, priests, lawyers, teachers, politicians, parents and participants in every form of life using our Sulpician training.

Each year the Alumni Day agenda honors the anniversary of the 25 and 50 year-out classes. Mass is celebrated by the class clergy attending the reunion. The homilies can only be described as outstanding. Thank you, Fr. Ernie Brainard, Fr. Tom Lacey, and Bishop Mark Hurley for your memorable words at the last three events.

One thing remains constant: all of us appreciate contacts with former classmates to discuss successes, failures, and future activities. We intend to keep you in touch with one another. We are again at a crossroad in the path we chose multi years ago, let's not lose our direction. If you feel inclined, write to your **NEWSLETTER** and share your goals and activities. Many of your former classmates will be interested in hearing from you.

I hope to see you on **ALUMNI DAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1991!**

C.W. Sweeney, R'40

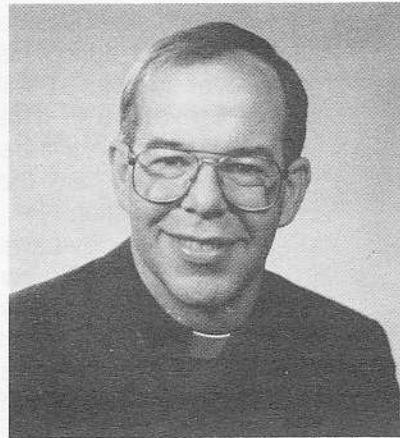
IN MEMORIAM

R'24, Rev. Bernard Burke
 Blanche Bontempi, mother of Arthur Bontempi, R'65
 R'66, James P. Schaefer
 Mary Helen De Beauclair, mother of Dale De Beauclair, R'63
 George Matulich, father of Frank Matulich, C'71
 R'42, Rev. Thomas McCullough
 Roberta Gorringer, mother of Robert, R'65, Anthony, R'68 and Randy, C'69
 R'26, Nicholas De Conter
 Ruth Woolery, mother of Rev. Edward Lewis, C'79
 R'32, Rev. Daniel P. Shea
 R'27, Rev. Msgr. Percy Bell
 R'50, Timothy Thorsen
 Marian Buchanan, grandmother of Michael Vekassy
 R'27 Richard Joseph
 Charles J. O'Callaghan, father of Mike O'Callaghan, C'70
 Maria Nguyen, mother of Su Vu, C'83
 James H. Brady, father of Frank Brady, R'58

FROM THE RECTOR

At the suggestion of Fr. Jerry Brown and Don Carroll,

I am foregoing the usual president's letter. In its stead, I am substituting an edited



version of a homily I gave on the feast of Corpus Christi. On that day, a Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park for the

Friends and Supporters of St. Joseph's College:

My dear friends,

Earthquakes tend to put things into perspective. So it was, in my case, on the night of October 17, 1989. Late in the evening, after the earthquake, I was wandering along Lafayette St. in Santa Clara, looking for a working phone. Fr. Joe Lombardo, a student, and I had been involved in a post-earthquake collision and we wanted to contact the police if possible. Walking up that darkened street, I began praying to Ly Fenn, Pop Rock, and Beansie Campbell. My mind then joined my body in wandering. In the time past, I remember thinking that we Sulpicians had been shot out of a Seminary in Paris during the French Revolution, thrown out of a seminary in Boston, burned out of our college in Ellicott City, Maryland, and bombed out of seminaries in Vietnam. Suddenly, it hit me. St. Joseph's was a first! We had made it into the history books, for we Sulpicians had never before been permanently "earthquaked out" of a place. Closings also tend to put things into perspective. As we gather to celebrate this Mass of Thanksgiving on the feast of Corpus Christi, I am once more very conscious of our Sulpician history. After 67 years, St. Joseph's is closing its doors. It is happening as we prepare to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the coming of Sulpicians to San Francisco, the 200th anniversary of our arrival in Baltimore, and the 350th anniversary of the founding of our Society by Father Jean Jacques Olier - all this in 1991.

In 1641, Jean-Jacques Olier was pastor of the Parish of Saint Sulpice in Paris. He was devoted to the Eucharist and to Our Lady, the first of the disciples. He believed, lived, and taught that by baptism we became like Our Lady. We became participants in the mystery of Corpus Christi, for

by baptism we were plunged into the dying and rising Christ. Because of baptism all of us who are nourished by the body of Christ are called to put on Christ and His Mysteries to become the hands of Christ ministering to the world. Olier chose to make the formation of priests his particular ministry in the Spirit. To that end, he gathered around himself the Sulpicians, and with them a group of other priests, sisters brothers, laywomen and laymen devoted to that same work.

Three hundred and fifty years later and a half a world away, we are their descendants as we live out various vocations and work together for the formation of priests. I am indeed very grateful to God for you, my colleagues, and friends-Serrans, Sulpicians, Alumni, faculty, staff and students. By God's gracious gift, you have been (and remain) my brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ, and together we have become spiritual sons and daughters of Jean-Jacques Olier.

I am more than grateful. I am proud of you as we gather here. For we have not only done Olier's work of fostering vocations and aiding the Spirit as He makes Christ the High Priest real, present, and effective in our world, we have done that work well. As we close St. Joseph's we can look Fr. Olier in the eye and with him Fr. Emery, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Archbishop Riordan, Ly Fenn, Pop Rock and Beansie Campbell. We can say to them: "We carried on the ministry and we did you proud. We, like you, have been bearers of grace in the Body of Christ."

We now carry out the painful task of closing St. Joseph's. As we do, Sulpician history teaches us one more very important lesson. We Sulpicians are fond of telling people, half-in-humor, half-in-pride, that in the course of 350 years we have been burned out, bombed out, kicked out, and now "earthquaked" out of some of the finest seminaries in the world. Each of those events closed particular chapters in the book Olier started writing 350 years ago. None of them have ever ended the book. For, always, there remains baptism, vocation, priesthood, and the Body of Christ. So it is now. We who love the priesthood and St. Joseph's close only a chapter in the history of pre-theologate college formation in California. We do not end the book. My hope and prayer is that 100 years from now future sons and daughters of Olier, our descendants in the body of Christ, will be able in prayer and Eucharist to look us in the eye and that they will be able to tell us because of what the Spirit wrote in the chapter called St. Joseph's, their chapters too were filled with grace. God bless you. Thank you. Auspice Maria!

ALUMNI NEWS

R'34, Rev. Msgr. Norman Allen celebrated his 50th anniversary of ordination.

R'39, REV. THOMAS F. MURRAY recently retired as pastor of Holy Spirit Church in Almaden Valley. He was honored at a reception on June 3, the anniversary of the founding of the parish.

R'58, REV. MICHAEL MITCHELL, pastor of St. Lawrence the Martyr parish in Santa Clara, celebrated the silver anniversary of his ordination to priesthood.

R'58, Rev. Michael Strange, S.S., celebrated his silver anniversary of his ordination to priesthood. He is presently in Africa where he is teaching in a diocesan seminary.

R'58, REV. MICHAEL MITCHELL visited the Alumni Office in June. He recently returned from active duty in Saudi Arabia where he was assigned Chaplain in the Third Army. He had served in the Army Reserve for 19 years and missed a few Alumni Days because of his commitment to the weekend duty. Although he wished the war never developed, he said it gave him an opportunity to put his years of training to good use. Assigned to the R&R Cunard Line ship for 28 days, Father Mitchell was happy to be available to the men coming aboard after months in the desert. Taking a shower was the top priority of the soldiers during their short stay on board. Fr. Mitchell said that 22% of the soldiers involved in the war were Catholics and that there was a great need for chaplains as there were 34 hospitals without priests. He lived in development housing units and survived on army rations. Frequently he would fly by helicopter to supply centers, and at times the dense sand blowing around prevented the pilot from seeing

clearly and they would have to turn back. When asked about the most frightening experience he encountered, he said the scuds were scary. Flying back to California, Father said it exhilarating to look out of the plane and see the green trees, lawns and anything with color. After living in an area where there were miles and miles of colorless sand, and absolutely nothing sight, to see the green foliage and anything with color was exciting, and he knew he was back in the good old USA. Father will be on sabbatical until January 1992 when he will return to the Diocese of San Jose.

R'59, JOSEPH LOOMIS is a busy man. He is an attorney in San Mateo and works as a real estate broker for Coldwell Banker in Montara.

R'65 RICHARD KRAEMER lives in Los Alamos.

He is married and has three children. He is a self-employed consultant for Public Administration. He and his wife spent ten years in the Peace Corps in Nairobi and Kenya.

R'65, GARY PLIMLEY is a fireman in San Francisco. He brought an interesting collection of St. Joseph's College memorabilia to Alumni Day where he set up a display for the enjoyment of fellow alums.

H'69 JAMES HANSEN and his wife welcomed a baby boy into their family who will join an older brother and sister. Jim recently traveled to Russia on business.

C'69, REV. DONALD D. FRASER went to Cali, Colombia, South America in August of this year. He will be pastor of San Marcos parish and will remain in Cali for three years.

C'69, REV. RICHARD GARCIA will be on sabbatical until February 1, 1992 when he will take over the duties of Vocation Director for the Diocese of San Jose.

C'71 BARRY BYERS is a director of a nursing home in Los Banos.

C'73, REV. STEVEN BROWN, M.M., is in Tanzania, Africa, and he writes that life goes along well but that the needs of the people can be overwhelming.

C'75 PAUL TREVISAN lives in San Jose with his wife and son. He is a staffing manager in resource staff for A.M.D.

C'77, SIMAO AVILA is an attorney in Santa Clara and works for the law firm of Littler and Mendolsohn

C'78, MATTHEW WILSON lives in Kalamazoo, Michigan with his wife and two children, a son and daughter. He has been working for the Church since 1978, and is currently working towards an MA in social work.

C'81 Rev. Hien Nguyen is in Rome to study Canon Law.

C'86 Michael Vekassy was in Santa Clara recently and visited the college's new complex. He recently completed his MBA and is working for Guardian Insurance Company.

C'86 REV. JOHN PEDIGO was ordained for the Diocese of San Jose. He has been assigned to St. Catherine Parish in Morgan Hill.



ALUMNI ORDAINED FOR DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE

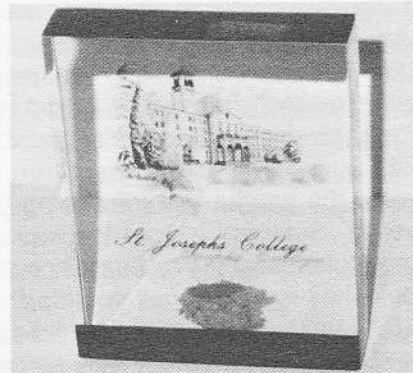
On May 18, 1991, Bishop DuMaine ordained six men to priesthood, the largest ordination class in the history of the Diocese of San Jose. Five of these priests are alumni of St. Joseph's, Rev. John Pedigo, C'86, Rev. Matthew Stanley, C'86, Rev. Rick Rodoni, C'86, Rev. Mark Catalana, C'86 and Rev. Lieu Vu, C'86. Congratulations to all of them!

ALUMNI OFFICE RELOCATED

The St. Joseph's College Alumni Association will continue as a functioning organization and will be located at St. Patrick's Seminary, 320 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park, CA 94025. Telephone 415-327-8956.

After August 1, 1991, you are invited to visit the office. As Charles Sweeney mentions in his column, the pictures are already hung on the walls, and Mrs. Sullivan will be happy to greet you. If you have any interesting news about yourself, please send it in and it can be passed on through the NEWSLETTER.

COLLEGE PAPERWEIGHT AVAILABLE



Paperweight designed by Randy Gorringer will be available to Alumni who wish to purchase one.

The paperweight, made of lucite, is 4x5", has an etching of St. Joseph's College with grains of the roof's terra cotta shingles enclosed in the lucite. The price will be determined by the number of orders, ranging from \$23.00 to \$28.00. If you are interested in ordering one, please send in a deposit of \$5.00. You will be notified of the correct cost when we have a total order and can determine the final cost. Please send your order to the Alumni Office by August 25, 1991.

A RUSSIAN EXPERIENCE

Jim Hansen, H'69

On September 30, 1990, I left San Francisco airport for Moscow with twenty-five other educators and businessmen from the Alameda County Soviet Exchange Studies (ACSES) program. The purpose of the trip was to negotiate next year's Soviet Exchange for the five participating school districts in Alameda County. This turned out to be one of the outstanding experiences of my life.

After traveling for over twenty hours, we landed at the Moscow Airport. The weather there at thirty-five to forty-five degrees was much colder than the ninety degrees I had just left in San Ramon. Initially I did not know what to expect, but when I met my Russian hosts I was overwhelmed by their warmth and hospitality. I stayed in the town of Troitsk with Peter and Valentina Ostroumova and their fifteen year old son, Roman. The family shared their two room flat with me. Troitsk is a scientific community with a population of 29,000, just forty-five minutes outside of Moscow. The major institute in the town was the Atomic Energy Institute which sponsored our visit. The citizens live in small flats in high-rise apartments which ring the city. These monolithic cement buildings are poorly constructed and maintained, and present a very cold, ominous impression of Troitsk. However, once I entered the flat of my host family I was impressed with the brightness and cleanliness of their home and the contrast with the bleakness outside. The Ostroumova family immediately offered me the use of their one bedroom while they slept in the room that tripled as the living room, dining room and master bedroom. My first meal consisted of pizza, apple pie, caviar and pepsi. I felt very much at home!

Our group toured the schools of Troitsk which included pre-school, elementary, intermediate and high school classes in session. We found the Russian students to be as energetic, curious and mischievous as our own here in the states. The Russian educators had the same concerns that the educators in America have - a lack of funds, lack of supplies, and in general, a seeming lack of public support.

Our trip to the Soviet Union included visits to Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev, Pushkin and Zagorsk. In Moscow the group visited Red Square and the Kremlin. St. Basil's was magnificent while Lenin's tomb was interesting but oppressive. After viewing Lenin's body displayed in a glass sarcophagus, we went out into the **fresh** air and passed the Kremlin Wall and into the Kremlin itself. In Cathedral Square there are at least five cathedrals constructed for different ceremonial purposes. We entered the

largest of the Cathedrals, the Church of the Assumption, and I realized that only recently had these beautiful buildings been returned to the Church. It was incredible to be present at such a momentous time in Soviet History.

After an eight hour train trip at night, our group arrived in Leningrad where we toured the Hermitage which houses a magnificent collection of art. It was formerly the winter palace of the Czars. We also visited the summer palace of the Czars in Pushkin, known as Catherine Palace. There was so much gilt work throughout the palace that I felt like wearing my sunglasses. The scope and richness of these palaces was so magnificent that it is no wonder there was a revolution.

Another nocturnal train ride brought us to Kiev, approximately 800 miles south of Moscow. The climate was mild and Kiev reminded me of San Francisco in climate, architecture, and the cosmopolitan atmosphere. While there, we witnessed Ukrainian students protesting the centralized grain distribution of the Soviet Union. Groups gathered to debate numerous political issues, and there was excitement and electricity in the air that I never would have expected to find in the Soviet Union. On a hill overlooking the square was a huge statue of Lenin. I wonder what he was thinking!

From Kiev we returned to Troitsk by way of Moscow. Our last evening was spent with our host families. Although food is scarce, our hosts made a special trip to Moscow to get a chicken for our farewell meal. They were one of the few families who had a car (Lada) which allowed them to make the trip. We bid our Russian hosts a fond farewell at the Moscow airport and headed back home with fond memories of our good friends in the Soviet Union.

My family hopes to host a Russian student in our home next summer, and it will be interesting to see his reaction to life in the United States.

Editor's Note) Jim Hansen is the principal of Dublin High School and he represented his school district for the ACSES. Jim and his wife will be host to a Russian student for the Spring quarter in 1991.



*Yesterday proud and strong, tomorrow a memory.
In her prime St. Joseph's nurtured the innocence
of youth. She cried when her children cried, and
laughed when we found joy within the comfort of her
walls. It is painful speaking of a loved one in
terms of the past. To assure eternal life to
St. Joseph's, we must return a measure of the
life given by her.*

Erwin Ravago, C'92, Edward Taylor, C'89