

Assumption College Catholic High School

Dear Alumni:

Hello again. I would like to start off by telling you that the Assumption College High School Alumni Committee has continued to improve the Newsletter, now to be called, "The Grapevine", as well as adjustments and improvements in handling Alumni business. I'd like to thank Rick and Lil Dumouchelle who have returned to assist your Alumni Committee in a limited capacity. However we still "NEED YOUR HELP!" in order to continue to be an effective and growing committee. Can you assist with:

- * Producing a semi – annual Newsletter,
- * The Alumni Reunion,
- * Annual Alumni golf tournament,
- * Financial contributions

If so, "*we need you.*" Please telephone the Alumni office, send a letter, an email message, or contact a committee member.

We are facing the fact

that Alumni Association membership is decreasing. This is of course due to lost, and deceased members but more importantly by the lack of interest of Assumption College High graduates since the 1990s.

Your Alumni Committee works very hard to keep "Purple Raider Pride and Traditions" alive. Times change and so has Assumption...but it's still a great school, with many things of which to be proud. Your contributions help this by supporting a wide number of important school activities. For example, the Senior Boy's Basketball Team won its first WSSA and SWOSSA championships since 1984. On your behalf your Alumni Association made a generous contribution to send them to OFSAA. The Assumption College High School Robotics team was also provided key financial

assistance.

We can't forget the Assumption College High School Foundation, which contributes approximately \$15,000 in scholarships to Assumption College High School students every year. This is the largest high school scholarship endowment in Essex County.

Therefore, if you kindly choose to contribute to the Alumni Century Club or the Foundation, your contribution is greatly appreciated, and the money is used for good purposes.

Thank you for hearing my plea, and take care always.

Alumni President

Hunt Hool '79

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Alumni Reunion 2015

This past November marked the end of the annual Alumni Reunions. Mass was celebrated by Fr. Q. Johnson (amazing Homily) followed by a wonderful night of memories with hundreds of Alumni gathering in the Fr. Armstrong gym. We have to acknowledge the time and dedication of our devoted volunteers. Many have put in 20 + years of volunteering. The Alumni Association: **Hunt Hool '79, Denis Malette, Bruno Limarzi '72, Lisa Paolatto '81, Michael Duchene, Fr. Q. Johnson, Mark Daoust '77, and Linda (Lesperance) Presello '81.** Alumni angels: **Laurie Browning, Lucile Caron, Louise Kelly, Pauline Kenney, Anna Sisti, Lois Rindlisbacher, (Stanwick) '76, Sue Rau and Sue Walker.** Photographers **Tom Sobocan, Mike Duchene, Jessica Rindlisbacher '19, The Crew: Matthew Presello '12 (Musician at Mass) Alex Presello '10, Michelle Presello '14, Connor Balzer, Lisa Ternosky '10** (Alumni who made their mom very proud) Special thanks to **Denis Malette, Bruno Limarzi, Michael Duchene**, for going the extra miles and miles. To **Mike Tamai**, Assumption's afternoon Custodian, who was an exceptional help. The WECDSEB, Assumption Staff and Students. Thanks must be given to all those who travelled from all over the world to join us. Once a Raider always a Raider. We look forward with much anticipation to 2020 and what it will bring to us. One hundred and fifty years of Assumption College Catholic High School. Truly serving in the love of Christ. Thank you all!

Linda (Lesperance) Presello '81—Alumni Reunion Chair

Dear Bannon Family:

From Hunt Hool

Once upon a time, (fall of 2013), in a land far, far, away, (Quebec), the Bannons, Dean and Mary (Ulicny), both ACH class of '79, were driving through the picturesque hills of Maine on their way to the longtime family cottage in Quebec. When they reached the Canadian border at Woburn, Quebec, they presented their passports to the Customs officer, stating their destination was their cottage. The Bannons had travelled this route a hundred times over the years without any incidence. However, not on this occasion. When asked, "Where do you reside?", they replied, "Windsor, Ontario". The officer countered with, "We have an officer from Windsor." Now as we have all experienced some tense moments at the border for various reasons, the Bannons began to wonder if Canada Customs really had an officer from Windsor in Woburn, Quebec, or not, or was this a test to confirm their honesty. The Bannons were asked to exit their vehicle, and follow the primary officer to secondary inspection inside the office.

Suddenly, the Bannons were confronted by the secondary Customs officer. The Bannons quickly observed the officer's name tag on the exterior of his uniform. It read, "HOOL". The Bannons immediately asked, "Are you related to Hunt Hool?", their classmate at Assumption. Justin Hool advised them that he was Hunt's son. Woburn is 1200 kilometers from Windsor. What a coincidence!

The Bannons showed their true colours, PURPLE! They invited Justin and his girlfriend, Lee-Ann, to their cottage for Thanksgiving with many of the entire Bannon family. The Bannons would continue their kindness over the next two years, providing hospitality and friendship to a young couple, alone, and a long way from home. Justin has since been transferred back to the Windsor Tunnel, where I know that some of you reading this may run into him. Please don't ever hesitate to mention your Assumption connections.

On behalf of my son and daughter-in-law, married August 28, 2015, in Quebec City, I would like to thank you, the Bannon family, so very much for befriending Justin and Lee-Ann, while so far away from home.



Windsor Doctor Honoured with Prestigious Family Medicine



A Windsor doctor who has helped transform the local medical scene by creating and running the residency program for family medicine has been honoured as one of Ontario's seven regional family physicians of the year.

Dr. Dale Ziter '75

"is somebody very dedicated to medical education in this community and has done a lot to deserve this award," said Windsor paediatrician Dr. Mark Awuku, one of several doctors who nominated the longtime physician for the award from the Ontario College of Family Physicians.

In addition to running the residency program, Ziter has a huge load of patients — about 3,000 — which is not uncommon among some of the older doctors who started practising when the shortage was so severe that

physicians got used to working 12 to 14 hours a day. Ziter started the residency program in 2003, before there was a medical school in Windsor, and has helped close to 100 residents become family doctors, turning it into a thriving program with a stellar reputation. A much higher-than-average number of graduates end up staying here, which has helped improve the doctor shortage problem. "And this is all to the credit of Dr. Ziter," said Awuku.

The region covers from London to Windsor, and Ziter received the award after many letters of recommendation from patients, fellow doctors, former residents and students.

"When I found out about the process, it made it even more of an honour to see how this award was born," Ziter said from Toronto, where he received the award.

"It's nice for Windsor's medical community to acknowledge that we do good things down here in Windsor," he said. "Windsor is getting on the map with the medical school and the quality of care we deliver."

He was quick to credit those around him, including his receptionists Sue Smith and Liz Rizzo. A native of Windsor who lives here with his wife Cheryl and their three children, Ziter is part of a health-care dynasty. His father Dr. Michael Ziter, 94, practised until he was 90, and his brother Dr. Paul Ziter and sister Christine, a pharmacist, work with him in the complex at Howard Avenue and Memorial Drive.

Ziter said his patients have been calling his office to congratulate him on the award. "They make me better," he said. "My patients continue to make me better as well as my students and residents, who continue to make me want to learn more."

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Where are they now...

Veronica Boretsky

Veronica retired in 1991 after years of teaching Advanced and General English.. She continues to apply her English teaching skills to new Canadians at the local YMCA. Her travels have been more adventuresome than most as she has bicycled in the lower Alps of Italy and Austria, safaried in Kenya and bicycled along the Danube River in Germany and Aus-

tria. She reports that retirement is enjoyable as she keeps active swimming and bicycling.

Jerry Philp

Jerry retired in 1994 where he taught Science at the Grade 9 and 10 level as well as Gr. 13 Biology. He and Joanne have 3 children and are all Assumption Grads. John ('73) with wife Sandy live in Richmond, Va., and

have 3 children and 1 grandchild; Mark ('75) with wife Anita also live in Richmond, Va., and have 4 children; Ann ('76) with husband Peri live in Slokan, B.C. have 3 children. Enjoying life in Colchester, visiting their kids, Jerry and Joanne lead a more serene life and spend some winter weeks in Florida. Retirement is "great" and home activities in Colchester is the life.

Jim Rodrigues

Jim retired in 2002 having taught at Assumption from 1971 and later at St. Joseph's High School Grade 9 through OCA Physical and Health Education. Jim and Dianne have 2 adult daughters, Lisa and Dayna, who are a big part of their lives. He taught

part-time in PHE Methodology at the U of W Faculty of Education from 2004-2014. A 3 week road trip to B.C., a cruise to Alaska, a month-long journey to Australia and New Zealand and a tour of Cape Breton, N.S. Highlight their travels. Jim stays active through Old Timer Sports, and he and recently retired Dianne golf,

swim and go biking. Jim recognizes the many joys of retirement and the challenges of aging. His many contacts are also long-



Denise Hebert '81

Her projected retirement year is 2018 as she continues to teach Phys Ed., Science, English, Geography, Religion, Special Education and Student Support. Her favourite activities are coaching, golfing and visiting Minor League Baseball Stadiums; the latter are part of her travel destinations along with Disney, and

their cottage in Michigan. With two more years to retirements she looks forward to seeing what the 'real retirees' have to say. Her involvement with the Alumni reunion is a welcome contact with former colleagues and students.

Wayne Racine

Wayne retired in 2003 where he taught Social Sciences

Grade 9-12, Guidance, Chairperson of Student Services. He has two children, and 4 grandchildren. Wayne enjoys watching his grandchildren play sports. He vacations in Mexico every winter and attends out of town hockey tournaments for his grandsons.

Alumni Chatter

Julie Bondy '81 (Hunter) is a realtor with Manor WINDSOR Realty since 2003 and has been their top Saleswoman since 2003. She has two children, Hunter 13 and Lauren 9.

Ken Peters '84 is currently living in San Miguel de Allende, Gto, Mexico and has been there for 16 years. He loves getting the Alumni Newsletter. "The memories are great."

Norm E. Thibert '42—Born 1925; bilingual since birth; High School Assumption '42 Assumption College BA '46, MD at Western '51; married in '52 to Mary Reinhart. Certified Specialist in Internal Medicine 1958; Practiced in Windsor 1956-1999. Retired at 90 years young December 1, 2015. Married again in 2014 to Cecile Mascaro.

Lorette Dupuis '76

"Your plea in the fall newsletter has made its way to me. As an update, I continue to work for the City of Ottawa – Board of Health, as a public health nurse in an enhanced leadership role since completing my Masters of Public Health, (University of Waterloo) in 2010. After over 30 years working at Ottawa Public Health, retirement plans are underway which may also include a return to the warmer climate of Windsor – from the snowy winters of Ottawa. I spend much of my spare time, volunteering with Athletics Canada and Boccia Canada, doing classification assessments for athletes with a disability to ensure they are grouped appropriately for fair and equitable competition. I received the Queens Diamond Jubilee Award for my dedication to this work. Hope all is well in Windsor as spring arrives....and please let me know the plans for this year's Alumni reunion, as I will likely attend, knowing it's our 40th year since graduation."



Gregor Waters, Martha and Todd Lucier '81

Northern Edge Algonquin Retreat

By Kim Pallozzi

Sometimes trekking off the beaten path can lead to exactly the right destination. In the case of Todd and Martha Lucier, both former teachers for the Windsor Essex Catholic District School Board, following their instincts and leaving the crowd behind proved just that.

They are the owners of Northern Edge Algonquin, an all-inclusive nature retreat facility in Algonquin Park. The successful business would not have been possible if they had not made the sudden and bold leap to leave their stable teaching professions in pursuit of their passion for the outdoors.

Todd was first introduced to Algonquin as a teen when his parents took his family to a lodge in the area.

"Later in university, Martha and I came up on our honeymoon and stayed at the same lodge where my family stayed when I was younger. We went hiking and canoeing and it was quite a different world," he says. "Even when we got married and started looking for a home, we both said we wanted a forest for a front yard and a lake for the backyard, or vice versa. That was 33 years ago."

Todd taught from 1987 to 1995 and Martha was a supply teacher for one year. Even throughout their teaching careers, the Luciers always knew that extending their talents outside the classroom was somehow on the horizon.

The idea of helping people learn through nature always seem to be their calling.

"I was teaching at St. Wilfred Elementary in the east end for about 3 years and I taught at

Catholic Central High School," Todd says. "I was always taking my kids outside and the transformation that I saw when I took them to go canoeing on the Detroit River and around Peche Island was amazing. So many of the high school kids were coming back to class the next day and high-fiving me and saying that the trip was the best of their educational careers. I realized that I was coming up with what Martha and I really wanted to do with our lives."

Martha recalls her involvement in an outdoor recreation program in university. "One day coming back from a canoe trip, Todd and I discussed what it would be like if we had our own place in Algonquin to bring students to, because I always felt that nature is the most powerful teacher." In June 1993, the couple received a phone call that the log cabin of their dreams had become available.

The cottage was simply a family retreat until 2 years later, when Todd felt a sudden shift. "I went to school in September and picked up my timetable and all of my courses had changed. I went home and thought this is not quite right." I remember a teacher shared that her father had passed away over the summer and she looked me in the eye and said: "Todd, he never did what he really, really wanted to do. It broke my heart."

I look back on that day and there were things that were pushing me out the door to some degree. I typed a resignation letter. We knew it was the right decision. That was 20 years ago.

Martha recalls her husband coming home from handing in his resignation letter and "we were

sitting on the couch kind of dumbfounded thinking, Oh my God! What did we just do? How is our family going to respond?"

Luckily, their family was supportive of the dream, especially Martha's father. He reassured them with his blessing.

The Luciers feel that those words are the cornerstone of the success that their retreat enjoys to this very day.

Celebrating their 21st Anniversary this year, Northern Edge Algonquin is a "TripAdvisor.ca" favourite. It is considered a Canadian Signature Experience by Destination Canada and has been featured in the New York Times.

With travelers coming from far and wide even attracting such exotic guests as Tibetan monks and Peruvian and African shamans, Martha explains how, "we are building bridges to other cultures, and other ways of being, that are offering ways of living more fully."

What makes Algonquin Northern Edge most meaningful to all the Luciers is not only the unique impact they are having on their guests, but that they can enjoy the property of their dreams with their family and friends. Martha emphasizes the importance of their long-time friend and business partner Gregor Waters, also from Windsor, who is vital to their success due to his multi-talented gifts as chef, gardener and master craftsman.

"Having our 3 children and our grandchildren involved is very special."

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BONIFERRO/LANDRY GOLF DAY

Once again, family, friends, and alumni, are invited to the 9th annual Guy Boniferro/Mark Landry golf outing on Saturday, May 7th, 2016, at 11:00 am at the Kingsville Golf and Country Club. So dust off your clubs, if you haven't already, and join us for an afternoon of golf (9 holes) and camaraderie. Dino Latella '82 is once again "the hostest with the mostest", organizing this annual event, as well as the defending champion with a very active eraser.

Please contact the Alumni office or just show up and join in the fun.

Countdown to the 150th Anniversary Celebration—2020

Assumption College High celebrates 150 years of "Goodness, Discipline, and Knowledge", at the Reunion on Saturday, November 7th, 2020. Only 4 1/2 years until the big celebration, but don't wait until the last months or weeks to organize your class.

The ACH Alumni Committee has already started working and planning. We need volunteers from every graduating class at ACH, to act as class representatives to make phone calls, emails, "*Save the Date*" notices, *Facebook*, etc., to contact your classmates. Several grads have already stepped forward for their respective classes, which will be compiled, updated, and listed in each issue of the Newsletter. The Committee will assist by providing class lists and contact information in order to make this a huge successful Reunion.

If you or a group are interested, please contact the Alumni Committee by voice message or email at the Alumni office, (519) 256-7801 ext. 2225, or achalumni@gmail.com.

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Sgt. Wren Dosant—Windsor's New Diversity, Inclusion and Recruitment Outreach Officer



Sgt. Wren Dosant, '81 was announced on Feb. 29th, 2016 as the Windsor police force's new diversity, inclusion and recruitment outreach officer.

"I'm here to change the culture, from within, but also to recruit a diverse community to the Windsor police," Dosant, 54, said during a press conference after the announcement was made by police Chief Al Frederick.

Internally, Dosant said the job will focus on developing training programs for Windsor police officers in the areas of anti-racism, anti-discrimination and cultural diversity.

Outside of the police force, he said he plans to continue building relationships with community organizations and to help strengthen the trust between the community and the Windsor Police Service.

"We want this to be a community driven initiative where they can reach out to me," Dosant said, adding he plans to utilize the power of social media to reach as many people as possible.

"We have to be proactive and we have to be reflective of the community we serve."

According to the 2011 national household survey, Windsor ranked third in the proportion of visible minorities for cities in Ontario.

Frederick said Dosant's new position will be crucial for breaking down existing barriers.

"We know perfection is never going to occur," Frederick said. "But it's about a recognition that we need to change on a constant basis and we are making a commitment to that through our diversity officer."

The announcement of Dosant's position coincided with a report which evaluated the Windsor Police Service's Human Rights Project.

The project, which launched in February 2011, was a culmination of a decade-long undertaking to address internal and external human rights complaints within the police force.

The Windsor Police Service Board voted unanimously to pass the project which was a collaboration with the police service, Ontario Human Rights Commission and the Ontario Police College.

The report was released in October 2014 and reviewed the force's existing 210 policies and programs.

The goals of the report identified strategies to promote human rights through education and training of officers and developing organizational changes that promote human rights values through employment, accountability, accommodation and community relationships.

Following the completion of the report, York University Prof. Lorne Foster, of the department of equity studies, and Prof. Lesley Jacobs, of the department of social science, evaluated the initiative. On Monday, they released their findings which detailed the police force's success with making policy changes on eliminating racism on the employment side but failure to bridge the gap with the

community.

"I think it has a lot to do with the misunderstanding and lack of publicity of the initiatives and changes the Windsor police have initiated over the course of this project," Foster said. Foster said it was "tremendously bold" for the police force to proactively review all of their policies through a human rights lens.

Dosant's new position, which was an informal recommendation in the review, is one Foster said doesn't always work because of limited police resources.

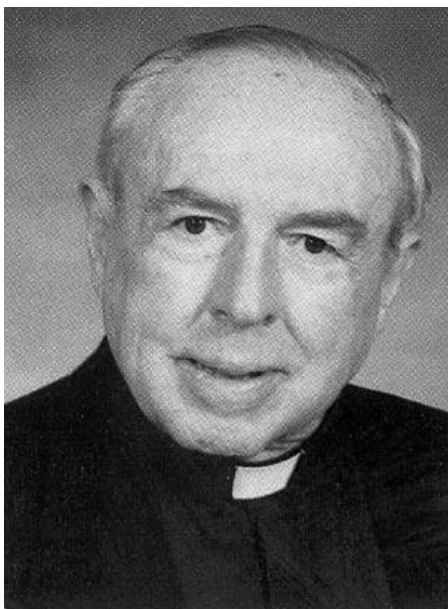
"It fills a role where you can communicate better with minority communities that traditionally have a distance with the police," he said.

"It's a vital, vital role that many police forces don't have ... and it's a very strong and important initiative Windsor now has."

Dosant said as a child of immigrants who moved to Canada in 1948 from Trinidad and Tobago, he's living proof that you can achieve your dreams through hard work and determination. "I'm a pioneer, a trailblazer and I see hope and inspiration for others from diverse communities to follow in my footsteps," Dosant said.

As for the new position, he said his primary goal will be to communicate with the public. He can be reached by email at wdosant@police.windsor.on.ca, by phone at 519-255-6173 ext. 1 or on Twitter at [@wdosant62](https://twitter.com/wdosant62).

Tyler Brownbridge/Windsor Star



January 15, 1926 – January 10, 2016

George Edward Beaune, CSB

Father George Edward Beaune, CSB, died peacefully at The Hospice of Windsor and Essex County. He was 89 years old. He had been a Basilian for 70 years and a priest for 62 years.

The Congregation of St. Basil

Confrères are reminded of the usual suffrages for his soul.

George was born in Windsor, ON, the son of the late Edouard Beaune and Maria Plante. He was the third eldest in a family of eight children: Jeanette Forton, Raymond, Claire Tetreault, Eva Chevalier, Leo, Marie Malone, and Alice Champagne.

George attended St. Joseph Grade school and High School in Windsor, transferring in grade 11 to Assumption College School, where he met the Basilians. Three years later, he entered the Basilian Novitiate

in Toronto, and was professed on August 15, 1945. George graduated with a BA from the University of Toronto in 1948 and with certification from the Ontario College of Education in 1950.

George was ordained to the priesthood on June 29, 1953 in St. Basil's Church, Toronto by Cardinal McGuigan. Others ordained that year were Dave Bauer, Dave Belyea, Bob Crooker, John Egsgard, Michael Goetz, Leon Hart, Bernard McCarron, Gerald McGuigan, Donal O'Gorman, Ed O'Reilly, Joe Penny, James Poupore, Peter Sheehan, John Stortz, Cy Udall, and Claude Vincent. His First Mass was celebrated in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Windsor, with Father John Francis Boland CSB preaching.

George Beaune served the Congregation in many different ministries in Canada, France and the USA. He remarked once that he has not stayed more than a few years in any one Basilian local community. However, wherever George was sent to minister he touched the hearts of people and left a lasting impression.

Owen Lee and George Beaune lived together for a short time only. Says Owen: "What I remember about George Beaune is how he attempted to sing 'Dearie, do you remember how we waltzed to the Sousa Band?', and modestly signed his copy of the Gloria Hymnal 'George Beaune, the Boy with the Golden Voice.' I lived with him for one year at dirt-poor Holy Rosary Seminary and never was heard a discouraging word from his always smiling lips."

George spent some years in what we now call "Initial Formation." He was Assistant Novice Master at the Pontiac Novitiate from 1963 to 1965. Dave Katulski CSB recalls: "I first met Father Beaune during my novitiate

year in Pontiac, MI (1963-1964). George was Assistant Novice Master under Father James Collins. It was a very large novitiate class and George was the person that many of us went to for sage advice and guidance. We knew that he was a man of prayer and someone who understood what we were going through. He was a wonderful Basilian and a wonderful priest." Tom Sepulveda CSB was in that same Novitiate class: "Father George Beaune was a big help during the novitiate. All 49 of us in our group deeply appreciated both his gentle and genteel manner. On many occasions he greatly helped calm the various problems and differences which arose among such a large group."

Bernard Buisson, CSB was one of George's novices in Annonay; he recalls the effect that George Beaune had on him and on the Annonay community. He recounts how George opened for them a new vision of Theology and spirituality after the II Vatican Council; he credits George with giving him a sense of a dynamic and inviting Church and teaching him to pray more deeply. "*Le Père Beaune, très ouvert par rapport à la communauté locale d'Annonay plutôt conservatrice, avec le Père Marcel Lextrait CSB, son assistant, nous ont fait découvrir de passionnants cours d'exégèse, de théologie et d'histoire de l'Eglise aux facultés catholiques de Lyon chaque vendredi. Avec eux, on a beaucoup travaillé les textes du concile Vatican II et les comptes-rendus du fameux pré-chapitre de 1967, que nous avons traduits en français. Père Beaune, qui commençait à avoir la fibre "charismatique" m'a beaucoup appris à prier et m'a donné le sens d'une Eglise dynamique, accueillante, en pleine évolu-*

tion et m'a fait connaître des auteurs spirituels qui m'ont beaucoup marqué pendant des années."

George Beaune was from Windsor; his Basilian brothers with Windsor connections knew him well. Jim Carruthers CSB: "He was one of our best pastoral leaders. The care of souls was primary and there are thousands who knew this care. In France, he was loved by the confreres and students but he failed in trying to teach the students to play softball. It used to frustrate him when they would use the ball for soccer." Wilfrid Janisse CSB: "He was a beloved pastor much admired by his parishioners and those who worked with him. George Beaune was a compassionate priest, a Good Shepherd who believed in the love and mercy of God."

Tributes from two other Windsor Basilians follow here. Joe Quinn

CSB: "I had the privilege of getting to know George at a deeper level when he moved to The Devonshire Seniors' Residence. He was filled with his usual apostolic zeal, confronting a new set of people. George was loved by all who met him and to whom he ministered. In the last weeks of his life, George was no longer able to concelebrate Eucharist with me in the chapel. When he could, he celebrated the Eucharist in his room from his bed with his friend Jeff and others in attendance. It's fitting that he died on the feast of the Baptism of Jesus. George knew he was God's beloved son and he tried to please his Heavenly Father."

Q Johnson CSB: "George by his life and friendship, his caring and his love which embraced so many, left me with a deeper understanding of mercy, and of a merciful Saviour. Mercy lay at the root of all George's

homilies both in the words he used and in his loving delivery. Mercy lay at the heart of every absolution, leaving George's penitent, frequently myself, with the warmth of forgiveness by a loving Saviour."

***May Father George
Edward Beaune,
CSB, rest in the
peace of Christ.
St. Basil, pray for
him and pray for us.***

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Linda De-Paoli-Raco '80 LIVED her Art



If her Villanova high school students were having a bad day she would let them in her classroom, pin up a large piece of paper and give them the freedom to let it all out on what she called anger art.

Her former art student Elsa Elliott said the teens created some of their best pieces that way. And there were other ways De Paoli-Raco became one of those teachers that changes lives. Listening. Encouragement through her ever positive, don't-say-you-can't attitude. Potlucks or grilled cheese sandwich day during art class. "She could make someone who was having the worst day in the world smile or laugh by the end of her class," Elliott said. De Paoli-Raco died Oct. 18 at age 53 after battling leukemia for more than a year. At her funeral, student after student told Argelia Raco "your mom changed my life." Argelia, 28, said even when her mom was sick, she could make a bad day better. "Pretty much the way she would light up a

room," her daughter said of what she will remember most of her mom.

It's difficult to pick because her talented mother was good at so many things. Artist. Teacher. Roadie. Amazing cook. Wife. Mother of two and second mom to many.

Lisa Bastien '90, the head of the arts department at Villanova in LaSalle, taught with De Paoli-Raco for 15 years and the two became close friends. "She lived her art. She was constantly creating." Art ran in her family. Linda's father Sergio De Paoli, who died in 2013, was also a teacher, well-known portrait artist in the community and a master violin maker. Her style was energized, kind of dreamlike and sometimes with a bit of fantasy mixed in, Bastien said. "Her art had the same kind of full-bodied, generous character that she had when she was directing her students because the students always came first." De Paoli-Raco wore handmade jewellery and hats, started a theatrical makeup club at Villanova, loved dressing up for Halloween and could take nothing and craft it into something special. Her daughter remembers wanting a pricey Power Wheels car when she was about four years old. The family got a new fridge and her mom surprised the kids with a convertible she had fash-

ioned out of the fridge box. Elliott, 22, said her eccentric art teacher became her mentor, friend and second mom. "She was the type of person who never looked at a student and just saw them as a student. She got down on their level and she was like a mother to everyone." She often told her students 'nobody's a bad artist' or that she didn't believe in the words 'I can't,' Elliott said. That's also the message her son Rob Raco, a former drummer turned actor, will remember for life. "She always taught me to follow my dreams and express it. Don't believe in no."

Raco said his mom had this Roadie/Rock Mom side, too. She was a wonderful cook who would have dinner ready for the band while they were in town or rehearsing, he said. She loved Led Zeppelin and got to hang out a few times with lead singer Robert Plant. She was in a concert line in Detroit and had some art for the band and her son said she got invited backstage. Bastien, who gave the eulogy at the funeral, said she feels lost without her extraordinary friend. "She was one of the most passionate, interesting people that I've ever met."

Assumption Grad '80

A Message from Vince Bugeja—retired ACH Custodian

Hello friends of the Assumption Alumni, my name is Vince Bugeja. My association with the Alumni is not through being a student or a teacher at Assumption College School, I was just a custodian. I worked there for almost thirteen years. Originally I was hired as a painter, after that I was a maintenance man repairing lockers; broken glass and helping Fr. Gracious Agius in the boiler room taking care of keeping the classrooms warm in the winter. Then came the custodian job.

My wife Doris and I have four children, Janet, Michael, Carmen and Joyce. They are all Assumption Graduates. We also have three grandchildren who are ACS Grads. Dr. Candice Duff, who is a Chiropractor, her brother Kyle who was on the dream team, Electrical Engineering, and Wesley Frowley who is in his last year at the University of Windsor. For most of the staff and students, I was known simply as Vince.

I first fell in love with Assumption College School back in 1961 when I was working for Versa Food in the Cafeteria kitchen. It's impossible for me to remember many names but I do like to mention John and Gary Strong, Shady Monahan who was a border and a football player, who unfortunately broke his left leg in one of the games.

Now getting back to working for the Basilian Fathers. It was in 1973 that I was hired. I must say that I was respected by most staff and students, and became very friendly with most of them. I remember when I was on maintenance, a few times I caught students damaging something and talked to them, and of course every one of them would plead with me not to report them to 112, which I never did; all I would say to them was "you call me friend but you are hurting me." That is more work for me. They never did again, and that's how I gained their respect. After months on that job Fr. Agius told me that since I came the amount of damage was reduced to half. On the custodian job, my workload was from the Athletic department to the second floor. By having to clean the athletic department I got to know many of the players in each sport. That hardest players #1 Vince Power, who is at the present time the Deputy Chief of the Windsor Police, his brother Ray, and Tom Waslyuk and Brendan Roberts; I also want to mention Mark Philip and Pat "the moose" Leblanc, Mark "Harpo" Bartolotti, among others. Quarterbacks Joe Siddall and Marco Marentette, Coach Jerry Phillip.

When it comes to hockey, Jackie Rossasen and most of his team mates were on their last year; but then there was Gary Roassasen who was a jolly good fellow and so were his team mates. Fr. Cullen and I used to talk a lot about hockey, but one of the things I remember him telling me is that even if it's the best player on the team, and he falls behind in his school work, he won't play him. Winning games was always his goal but for a student to fail his subjects just couldn't accept it. I used to go to their games when it was possible and the players really liked that. Fr. Cullen appreciated that as well. It looked as if I was their biggest fan. Fr. Cullen was a good coach and off the ice was a real gentleman. May God Bless his soul.

Basketball was another sport that I really enjoyed perhaps because it was played right there at the school, and I always watched, especially when I was on the afternoon shift. I could watch more of it. Mr. Jack Hool was the coach in this sport and was very successful at the helm. The Purple Raiders won trophies while he coached the basketball teams, with Mr. John Upham at his side. Of course all players had to do their part but Carlo Boniferro was superb, in my view.

Until the full-funding by the Ontario government came in, ACS had their own Private Board, run by the Basilian Fathers. The Principal of the School was always a priest. I worked under a few of them and we always got along well. Some of the teachers were nuns. Every year in the month of May, there held general assembly where they give awards to students and staff according to the accomplishment (I guess.) One of the awards was what was called "Special Christian" award. This one is usually given to a priest, but in 1978 the student council decided that I deserved this honour for the award that year. I was speechless when it happened but I did say that I will cherish it all my life. I remember not long after that I was sweeping a hall and two nuns were going by, one of them was Sr. Catherine Litchi, who said to me, "you are the bulwark of Assumption." It was the first time I heard that so I didn't know how to take it. Later I looked it up, and had a little giggle. Every time I read the Alumni Newsletter and find a name of an ACS Graduate who is successful in their field it gives me a very good feeling.

So the moral of this article is that Assumption College School make my life a happy one.

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