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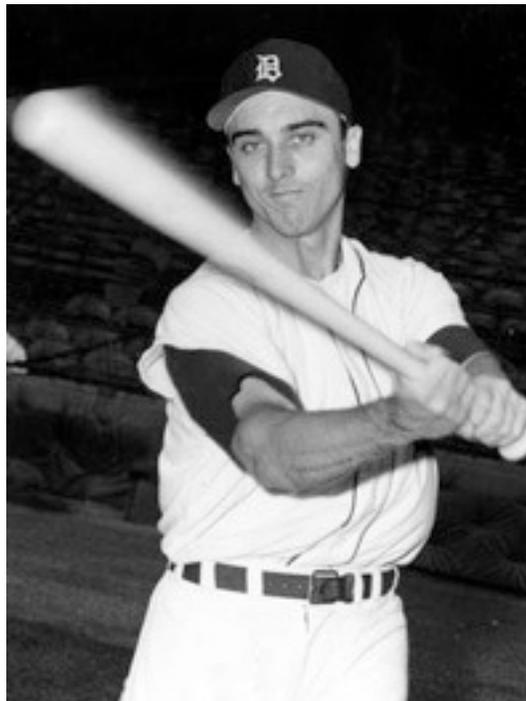
**RENO BERTOIA '52, A MAJOR-LEAGUE HIT IN THE CLASSROOM**

AFTER AN ASTONISHING RISE TO THE DETROIT TIGERS, HIS REAL CAREER WAS IN EDUCATION

**KEN CARRIERE May 7, 2011**

It is the spring of 1957. *I Love Lucy* is in first place in the TV ratings, Dwight Eisenhower is in the White House, and the baseball world is in shock. The top hitter in the game so far this season isn't Ted Williams or Willie Mays or Stan Musial. No, the player whose batting average is flirting with the mythical .400 mark is a 22-year-old from Windsor named Reno Bertoia, the third baseman for the Detroit Tigers. "I don't think I'm doing anything different from last year," a happy, bewildered Bertoia told *The Globe* in May, 1957. "Jack (Tighe, the Tigers' manager) gave me a chance to play, a few hits dropped in, then a couple of lucky ones, and I suddenly had confidence. I guess that's about the only difference. I have confidence." He also has a second calling, one which no newspaper articles of the time mention: Even as he's dominating major-league pitching, Bertoia is spending his off-field hours pursuing a BA at Assumption University in Windsor, with an eye at one day becoming a teacher. "He knew he wouldn't be playing baseball forever," remembers one of his daughters, Ruth Bertoia. "You're going to prepare before, so you don't have that moment where you think, 'What am I going to do next?' He always knew what he was going to do next." While it might seem unusual for a 22-year-old sports star to be spending his spare time at the library, instead of the bar, Bertoia's passion for education burned brightly throughout his life. It was why he studied the game relentlessly, it was why he prepared early for the next stage of his life. Most of all, it is why generations of Windsor students today remember him fondly standing at the front of a classroom, not in the middle of a baseball diamond. Reno Peter Bertoia was born on Jan. 8, 1935, in St. Vito Udine, Italy. When he was 22 months old, his parents, Libero and Rina, moved to Windsor, at the time perhaps the only city in Canada where baseball challenged hockey for sporting supremacy. The local kids all adored the Detroit Tigers, whose games were just a short bus ride across the river, and Bertoia shared that devotion. Against improbable odds, his next-door neighbour happened to be Hank Biasatti '41, another Italian-born Canadian who played in the major leagues. Biasatti, who gave the younger Bertoia his old

baseball gloves, also gave him a living, breathing idol: Proof that a dream of playing professional baseball could come true. Even though he didn't play organized ball until he was 13, Bertoia's skill and diligence were apparent to everyone, and soon he was scooping up offers from teams throughout Windsor and Detroit like he scooped up groundballs. What impressed them were not only his natural-born skills, but his desire to continually improve them, to educate himself on the field. "He was very disciplined," Ruth says. "He had high expectations all around. He knew his game, he knew all the strategies, he would always try to teach the strategies. He'd always say



skills were important. He would often try to give me a lesson, these are the strategies and tools you need in baseball, and they'd actually transfer into real life." Even at a remove of 60 years, his rise to the majors is astonishing. Reno Bertoia stepped into a major-league batters box for the first time. The baseball gods must have been in a mischievous mood that day, for Bertoia was

making his debut against Satchel Paige, at 47 the oldest player in the majors. He quickly struck out. Whereas most deals involved nothing but cash, Bertoia got the Tigers to agree they would pay for his postsecondary education. For the next few years, Bertoia played for the Tigers while also working towards his BA, which he got in 1958. Although he still had several years of major-league ball ahead of him, he was now ready for his second career of teaching. In fact, during the off-season, he started serving as a substitute teacher. After playing his final game in 1962, he slid easily into what would become a three-decade career in the Windsor Catholic school system. It was here, his family feels, where he made his biggest impact. "His legacy was teaching," Ruth says. "He only played baseball for 10 years; he was a teacher for 30. He always said baseball was just a small part of who he was." His passion for education proved to be contagious. Ruth has been touched by the number of his former students, many of them strangers to her, who have told her recently how having her father as a teacher inspired them to become teachers themselves. It affected his home life, too: All three of his children went into teaching. Yet he never completely left baseball behind. He continued to follow the Tigers, and was honoured with induction into the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame in 1988. In 2007, he was invited on a trip to Italy as a guest of honour for an Italian pro-league game, throwing out the first pitch. One of the inevitable factors of high-profile athletic success is that it tends to overshadow other aspects of a person's life. The headlines of all Bertoia's obituaries say "former Tiger," but Ruth dismisses the suggestion that this must be frustrating. "He would just say, baseball opened a lot of doors. It gave him a lot of opportunity," she says. "So that's a blessing, it's not a frustration. But it doesn't define who he is. 'Reno Bertoia the baseball player' doesn't define him well. If you said he was a well-rounded athlete, a humble man, a passionate teacher, I would say all of those would be more defining of him." Bertoia died of lymphoma on April 15. He leaves his wife, Joan, children Carl, Gina and Ruth and stepchildren Beth, Jennifer and Christopher.

## Alumni Homecoming Saturday, November 5th, 2011

All former students, friends of Assumption, their wives, husbands, etc., are invited to this gala evening. Mass at 7:00 p.m. in our very own chapel, then enjoy a cool cocktail in the Armstrong Gym along with incredibly delicious appetizers prepared by the students of the culinary Arts Department (led by Chef Diane Nehmetallah) who specialize in 'high skills' area. The appetizers are going to be a reflection of the multicultural diversity at Assumption. Connect with your classmates, other alumni and former staff members. Class pictures begin at 8:30 p.m. with the class of 1946 and 1951.

### WE NEED YOU!!

Our reunions have always been crowded with happy people. To continue these successful and memorable events, your help is needed to encourage your classmates to join in the fun. **Though much of the focus is on the 5-year anniversary groups, ALL ALUMNI are welcome to attend.**

### YOU CAN HELP

Volunteer to organize or help organize your class by phone, fax, email or other means. Provide and/or organize the picture displays for your year.

### WHAT TO DO

If you can help in any way, contact the Alumni Office by phone at 519-256-7801 ext. 299.

So far, the following have generously volunteered to be a class contact for the following Grad Years:

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1986	Maria Ferrarelli	519-969-4344	
1991	Melissa Jo Meyer (Coulter)	519-969-9543	smlntrl@cogeco.ca

1996 PLEASE VOLUNTEER

2001 PLEASE VOLUNTEER! YOUR TIME CAPSULE WILL BE OPENED. COME AND SEE WHAT'S IN IT!!!!!!

GOOD LUCK and see you on **Nov. 5th, 2011!!**

### REUNION SCHEDULE

Sat. Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**7:00 P.M.**

**HOLY MASS**

(in school CHAPEL)

This will fulfill your Sunday obligation

We invite all Priests in attendance to concelebrate

**7:45 p.m.**

Cocktails in Armstrong Gym & featuring International Appetizers

**8:30 p.m.**

Class Pictures in Armstrong Gym  
(Starting with class of '46 & '51)

**7:45 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.**

Good Fellowship in Armstrong Gym

**Cover Charge \$10.00 at the door**

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Attention Class of '61: This year marks your 50 year reunion.

## 2011 – 40TH ANNIVERSARY: St. Mary's Academy/Assumption College School

A PARALLEL HISTORY OF TWO SCHOOLS WITH SHARED VALUES AND GOALS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN WINDSOR AND ITS SURROUNDING AREAS.

### Part I:

September 1971 marked the change of Assumption College School from an all-male bastion as did St. Mary's Academy from an all-female academy into one co-educational institution of learning.

Unfortunately, one of the schools had come to an end. Their educational destinies melded into a single school, forever changing their uniqueness after each had existed for over a century as traditional and singular institutions. This anniversary article will focus the first part on the origin and development of this parallel history.

St. Mary's Academy's origin was driven by the desire of Catholic parents of Windsor to educate their daughters in a faith-based

along Ouellette Avenue. As early as 1901 St. Mary's Academy graduates formed the Alma Mater Association (Alumnae) and yearly reunions followed. Mother Mary of the Rosary served as Superior of the Academy for many years. The A.M.A. provided scholarships, bursaries, and embellishments to the Chapel and parlors of the school.

Paralleling these events was the all-male 'College de l'Assomption', begun by the Jesuits in 1857. Father Pierre Point erected the school on the parish grounds to serve the needs of the Huron Indians and the French-speaking population of the area. Its curriculum consisted of Preparatory, Commercial and Classical Courses. When the Jesuits left the area in 1859, laymen, led by Mr. Theodule Girardot, kept the school running under difficult circumstances. Like the Sisters of the Holy Names, the Basilians, a religious teaching order of priests, were recommended to the Bishop by Mr. Girardot, to assume the teaching and administration of the college.

September 1870 saw Fr. Dennis O'Connor and his confreres of the Congregation of St. Basil assume the direction of the college work. Fifty-eight students were enrolled that year.

Both St. Mary's Academy and Assumption College School endured many hardships but with the support of the local community, both steadily grew and underwent expansions.

St. Mary's Academy stood next to St. Alphonsus Church and the Sisters and school became committed to the life of the parish. In turn, the pastor, Fr. Theodore Wagner, and his parishioners helped to support and furnish the new boarding school. With its expansions and the stately grounds of the school, St. Mary's Academy became an imposing structure in Windsor and was referred to as "Windsor Castle".

The Academy became renowned as a centre of Catholic scholarship, culture and piety. The cultural aspects of St. Mary's, besides fine arts and classical studies, included the refinements of "la belle courtoisie", that is, the social graces expected of young ladies as community leaders. As a result, the Academy drew prominent visitors of the day, such as Florence Nightingale, Lord Byng, Governor-General Stanley and Brother Andre, among many others.

The Assumption College School building of 1870 was formerly a three-storey military barracks which had housed Canadian troops protecting the border area during the American Civil War by fending off potential attacks from Fenian raiders, as had occurred in other parts of Canada.

Both schools encouraged and fostered religious vocations to the priesthood and religious life respectively. Assumption emerged as a liberal arts college for young men and the eventual affiliation with the University of Western Ontario derived such benefits as young women students in their enrolment, its extension courses, and 'secularization'.

St. Mary's Academy celebrated its Golden Jubilee in fine style in 1914. The Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary were credited not only for the fine education imparted to their students but also for experiencing a refining influence on the whole Windsor community.

November, 1927, to the dismay of both Sisters and pupils, it was announced that a tunnel was to be built between Windsor and Detroit, with the exit terminal where the Academy stood. The historic Academy was to be demolished.



schooling and in the predominant French language of Windsor at that time. A religious teaching order of nuns was requested.

The Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary had been founded in Longueuil, Quebec, near Montreal in 1844 by Mother Marie Rose. The religious order had for its motto "Jesus and Mary, my Strength and my Glory", and was asked to fulfill this need.

In 1864, a time when Windsor itself was only 10 years old as a municipality, with a population of not more than 3000 inhabitants, four Sisters of the Holy Names arrived to open a select school for girls and promptly set to work in a home on Goyeau Street belonging to Dr. J. Coventry. The initial enrolment was seven pupils.

With such limited accommodations and an ever increasing demand for educating the young women of the area, a new site was chosen on land donated by Mr. Vital Ouellette, at the corner of Ouellette Avenue and Park Street; a new school or academy was erected facing Park Street. Today that would be the location of the exit to the Windsor – Detroit tunnel.

The first St. Mary's Academy opened in November 1867, the year of Canada's Confederation. By 1870 an annex was constructed, and again in 1884, and a third annex by 1907, three times the size of the original building. This was built at the back of the Academy,

**HAPPY 80<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY, JOE LAPORTE!**



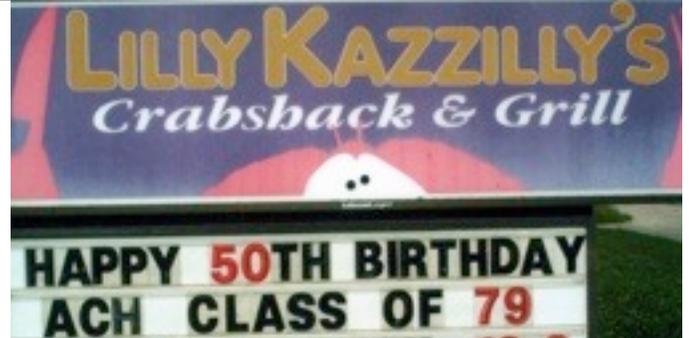
On Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, a large group of former Assumption teachers assembled at Huron Lodge to celebrate Joe LaPorte's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Needless to say, Joe was very surprised and overwhelmed to see so many of his former colleagues. His old math department and other ACH staff members were present: Aldo Bertucci, Ken Billey, Lil Dumouchelle, John Fantetti, Gary Fera, Sandro Ferranti, Loretta Giacomini, Brian Hogan, John Hogan, Bruno Limarzi, Greg Mailloux, Nello Paolini, Gerry Philp and wife Joanne, Sue Rau, Lucia Sbrocca-Ferrara, Peter Scarpelli, and John Upham. Joe's wife Mary-Agnes and son Paul and long time friends Stan and Anne-Marie Monaghan also joined in the festivities. Hunt Hool brought greetings from his dad, Jack. Joe and others present had a chance to talk to Jack on the phone. It was a great reunion and a great chance to reminisce with Joe. Thanks to Lucia Sbrocca-Ferrara for spearheading the organization of this party! **Editor's Note:** Just as we went to press, Joe passed away (Aug. 10). Look for a tribute to him in the next edition.

**BONIFERRO/LANDRY GOLF OUTING**

A beautiful day was had by all at the Kingsville Golf and Country Club! A well attended golf outing raised \$600.00 for the "LOGAN FERRIS" charity fund. Dino Latella did another fantastic job organizing this event. We will continue to remember Guy Boniferro and Mark Landry at this event next year on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Everyone is welcome. Go Raiders!



Members of the '79 Class  
Celebrating turning 50 this year

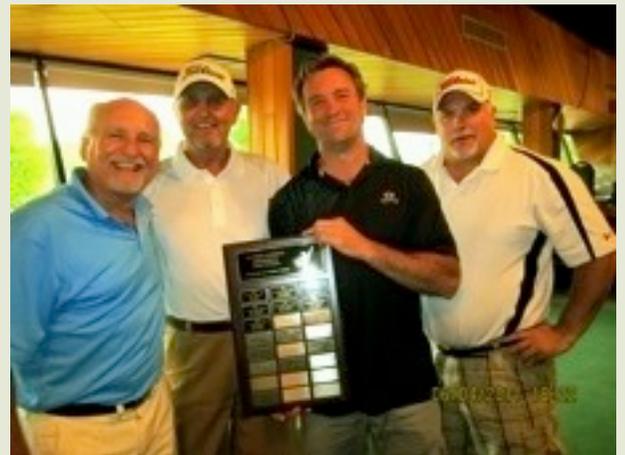


**Father Sheedy ACH Alumni Golf Tournament**

On Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011, sixteen foursomes played in the Assumption Alumni golf tournament. Once again, Fr. Sheedy and Fr. Armstrong provided a beautiful day for golf, dinner and fellowship.

This year saw many groups decked out in purple and white – from golf shirts to golf shoes – especially the class of '75 (see page 7). There was a lot of school pride showing that day. The foursome of Gary Ulicny, Hunt Hool, John Garswood and in absentia, Jack Hool, won the tournament (John Campigotto in photo in blue, far left).

**Next year the tournament will be held on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012. There is always room for newcomers, so call your classmates and come join us that day.**



## New Principal for Assumption College High School

Joseph Ibrahim, a 1986 Assumption grad, has been appointed principal at Assumption for September 2011.



Joseph taught for the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board in many capacities from 1993 until he was appointed the Site Administrator and Guidance Counselor at St. Michael's Adult High School in September 1998. He then became Vice-principal of St. Michael's in September 2005 and four years later, principal. He also held the position of Supervising Principal of Summer School for the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board from February 2006 until July 2011. Joseph is married to Dawn (Murphy) also an '86 grad and they have nine beautiful children: Marion, 18 years old, Joseph 16, Louis 15, Clare 13, Sophia 11, Anthony 10, John 8, Madeleine 6 and Domenic 1.

Joseph writes: "As new immigrants to

Canada, my parents settled in Windsor and worked very hard to establish themselves and to provide for my brothers and me. Moving across the world from Lebanon to Windsor took great courage and sacrifice, sacrifice that I am extremely grateful for because I cannot imagine another country so richly blessed. I was barely ten months old when we first arrived but Arabic was my first language before I attended C. G. DeSantis Catholic Elementary School. I credit my parents' vigilance and care for keeping me on the right track. They always wanted the best for us and Catholic Education was at the top of the list. When we had to choose a high school we selected Assumption even though we were out of the boundary. From the first day in grade nine, I knew that it was the right decision. I received an excellent education and was given the opportunity and tools to explore and begin to reach my potential. Also, it was at Assumption that I met my wife, Dawn, with whom I have nine beautiful children. I remember my time at Assumption with fondness and consider it a great honour to be returning as principal.

As I begin my transition back to Assumption I already see that excellence remains a tradition. I want to thank my predecessors and the entire school community, for making Assumption what it is today and for providing a solid foundation for us to continue to educate today and for the future. The education of our children is a tremendous responsibility and thankfully it is a shared responsibility. The school community needs all of the partners, parents, teachers, support staff, priests and religious, administrators and alumni, working together for our students. It is my intention to collaborate to provide our students with a world-class Catholic education that will prepare them to make the world a better place in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Together we will give them the tools to navigate and properly use the ever-increasing flow of information and resources to creatively and cooperatively develop solutions. The education we provide must help them to develop their mind, body and soul to its fullest potential. With the help of the community I hope to provide them with this and an experience that will allow them to realize their full worth, to God and to each other.

My parents had faith in the Assumption College High community and it was well placed. I was taught goodness, discipline and knowledge. I am privileged and honoured to be able to lead a remarkable community in carrying on this great work at Assumption College Catholic High School."

In Christ, Joseph Ibrahim

WELCOME BACK TO ASSUMPTION, JOSEPH!



A few days after Reno Bertoia died, someone called to tell me that as a kid of eight, he remembered riding the tunnel bus to Detroit with his father to go to his first baseball game.

They were headed to Tiger Stadium. And that's when his father noticed that the young man seated ahead of them was infielder Reno Bertoia of the Detroit Tigers. He was headed to the game along with a busload of fans.

No limousine. No chauffeur. Just riding the bus like anybody else. And that's when he was leading the American League in hitting, ahead of the great Ted Williams.

That story is not apocryphal. Reno told me once how after Detroit brought him to the majors in the 1953, he continued to live at home and ride the bus across the river. He would walk to the stadium.

Things were different.

Back then, the young ballplayer slept at home in his boyhood room on Langlois Avenue.

Afternoons after the game, Reno would ride the bus home with Billy Martin, Al Aber and Ned Garver. The neighbourhood would be abuzz with these major leaguers invading the kitchen of Reno's mother who would ladle out steaming plates of pasta.

And finally the ballplayers would emerge outside, sign autographs and throw the ball around with some of the neighbourhood kids.

Things were a lot less formal.

I loved the way he used to talk about those early years before he broke into the majors. Baseball was what he lived for. He grew up in the Hickory Road area and played in an empty field next to the old incinerator plant. Later, he played on diamonds at Stodgell Park. But in those days, kids batted around a taped

baseball and scrounged gloves from neighbours.

Reno used to laugh about those years because he never actually owned a glove until he signed a pro contract. He borrowed them from Hank Biasetti '41, a former Philadelphia Athletics player who lived in the neighbourhood and brought home new gloves at the end of every season.

As a kid, Reno barely took the time to pour himself a bowl of cereal in the morning, because from the moment he got up till daylight faded over the ball diamond and nearby factories, he was outside.

When he finally played organized ball, Reno was spotted by the scouts right away. That's because he was quick in the infield and moved like a panther, snagging errant balls and making double plays look easy. It was Rev. Ronald Cullen at Assumption who saw his potential and started showing him off.

His debut in the majors was in September 1953 and he faced the great Satchel Paige and fanned on three pitches. Reno told me, "I was scared to death."

But during the summer of 1957, his bat was golden and he briefly led the American League. I still recall a quote in The Windsor Daily Star from Detroit's hitting coach: "That boy just keeps chugging along like a train running out of Kansas. He's now first!"

I was 11 then. I tuned in games from Bracebridge where I lived. Reno was my hero. And at one point, when he was batting .398, he was ahead of everyone in both the American and National Leagues.

But Reno never got ahead of himself. He was far too humble and down to earth. Whenever he was invited to give a speech, he'd begin by sharing a funny anecdote about how people would run into him at a coffee shop and remark,

"Don't I know you? Didn't you used to be somebody?"

All I can say now is that he'll always be somebody.

For me, as a kid, he wasn't just a ballplayer — he was someone from my hometown who had made good. He made a difference. He played hard. Played for keeps. Played in a way that taught me never to accept second best.

I'll miss those telephone calls this summer to join him for a game at Comerica Park.

I'll miss sitting beside him to watch his beloved Tigers. Reno knew the hitters. Knew every pitch before it was thrown. And he'd stay right to the end of the game — this was still his team. He wasn't giving up on them.

And I'll never forget that image of him slumping back in his stadium seat next to me, and yanking down his baseball cap and studying the game with such cool intensity.

It was like he was sitting in the dugout, and wearing the number 16 he wore with the Tigers.

By Marty Gervais, Windsor Star



**Stay tuned for information in the Spring 2012 issue on a Reno Bertoia Bursary for a deserving Assumption Student.**

**The Century Club is comprised of those former students and friends who have contributed \$100.00 or more within a given year to the Alumni Fund to sponsor Alumni activities including the newsletter. Following are the individuals who have contributed in the last twelve months. Thank you for your contribution.**

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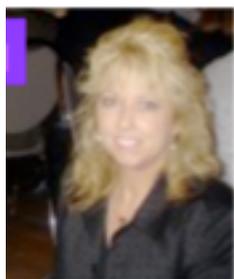
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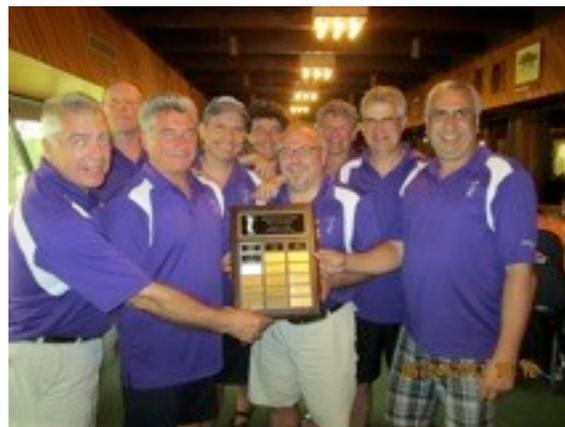
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**Ms. Colley-Vegh** has been appointed principal at St. Anne's High School in Lakeshore for September 2011. We thank Ms. Colley-Vegh for her years of dedication to Assumption and wish her the best at St. Anne's. We will miss you! Diane Nehmetallah reflects on Ms. Colley-Vegh's contributions: "Ms. Colley-Vegh is a dedicated, inspirational leader whose passion for education and doing what's best for the students shines through in her every action and decision. She is a constant supporter of the Debate Team, the Arts, Sports and the Culinary program, to name a few. Ms. Colley-Vegh can easily be spotted at any school event, showcasing her purple Raider spirit and pride in our school. She is an inspiration to all females, demonstrating that beauty and strength are easily achievable for any who set their mind to it. Known for her soft spokenness and quiet nature, you can never underestimate the positive change she can inflict and inspire in students, colleagues and anyone else she meets in her travels. I am proud to call Ms. Colley Vegh a mentor, colleague, and friend."

**Spirit Award Winners**

Denis Dadalt, Ted Paterson,  
 Dan Tullio, Bob Sandre, Dale  
 Ziter, Sal Cimino, Paul  
 Loebach, Art Magri and Vito  
 Ruisi, all from the class of  
 1975  
**WAY TO GO RAIDERS!!**



Dear Assumption College High School Alumni,

*What a wonderful time to be a graduate of this marvelous institution!*



Many of ACHS grads have graciously become involved in the very important program to restore Assumption Church. Under the guidance of **ASSUMPTION HERITAGE TRUST FOUNDATION**, Assumption Parish, your fellow alum and the community at large are carrying on a legacy started many years ago by the forefathers and First Nations peoples of this region. Assumption Parish is the oldest continuous parish in Canada, west of Montreal. This long and steady relationship must be celebrated and preserved.

**The Basilian Fathers Arbor Garden**

The Basilian Fathers' Arbor is a significant area of remembrance and devotion meant to preserve the ideals of the Basilian Fathers — goodness, discipline and knowledge. Binding themselves to God by vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, the Basilian Fathers have dedicated themselves to

the Church, centering their work on the education of youth and in the work of higher education.



A beautiful seat wall in tribute to the memory of the great **Father Ronald James Cullen, CSB**, is available for name recognition as are: **Walkway Bricks, Cornerstone, Seat Benches, Walkway Paths, Storyboards and the naming of the Basilian Fathers Arbor itself** are examples of ways in which the legacy of the Basilian Fathers can be permanently recognized. Along with **The Basilian Fathers Arbor**, there are several other initiatives offered which may be of interest to you, or someone you know.

Join the many ACHS graduates who have already answered the call today. We invite you to visit the **ASSUMPTION HERITAGE TRUST FOUNDATION** Website, [www.assumptionheritagetrust.org](http://www.assumptionheritagetrust.org) to learn more about The Campus Master Plan project which will transform this heritage site of national significance. Stay in touch and keep up to date by subscribing to the AHTF e-newsletter at my email address; [cgiglio@ahtmail.org](mailto:cgiglio@ahtmail.org).



I am honoured to be a part of this exciting project and I hope that all of you will consider celebrating and recognizing the contributions of our beloved Basilian Fathers.

In Christ's Peace,  
 Connie Giglio (Renaud '82), Director, Public Affairs, Assumption Heritage Trust Foundation

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**Bob Bellacicco '86, speaks to Assumption's Graduating class of 2011**

"Faculty, parents, ladies and gentlemen and most importantly, the class of 2011. It is a great privilege as an alum of the class of (cough) .....1986 to address you this evening. Wow, 1986. That's 25 years ago. You weren't even born. Do you know who was born that year? Lindsay Lohan, Shia LeBoeuf, Megan Fox and Lady GaGa. Brian Mulroney was the Prime Minister of Canada. My history teacher Mr. Malette would be proud. Here are some of the things that were cool when I graduated: Mulletts, Leg warmers, Jordache Jeans and Brooke Shields. Popular movies: Aliens, Top Gun, Ferris Bueller's Day Off, Pretty in Pink. TV Shows: The Cosby Show; Family Ties, Cheers, Who's the Boss, Alf, Pee Wee's Playhouse. #1 songs that year: Addicted to Love by Robert Palmer; Walk Like an Egyptian by The Bangles; Papa don't Preach by Madonna and Kiss by Prince. Gotta try to re-connect with the grads...Let's try this one.....Dancing on the Ceiling by Lionel Ritchie (that's Nicole Ritchie's dad). A lot of things have changed but one thing that hasn't? Twenty five years ago I was sitting where you are today and I too was listening to an old guy reminisce about the past. Tonight, I want to talk to you about accepting the journey you are about to embark on and staying focused during that journey. Yours starts tonight. You may not realize it yet but you are about to embark on a journey where decisions will impact the road you travel. For some this journey might be a smoother ride than for others. Some of you know where you are going. Some of you have an idea of where you are going. Some of you have no idea where you are going. That was me. I had no idea. I was a grad without a cause. In fact I signed up for something because I felt the pressure to continue on with my education like the rest of my class. My advice... Do not panic if you are unsure what direction you are headed. I signed up for business administration at the University of Windsor because it sounded cool. As it turned out, it wasn't so cool for me".

**For the rest of Bob's message, please visit our website at [www.achalumni.ca](http://www.achalumni.ca)**

Family and friends were sad to learn of the passing of Bill Dolishny on April 18, 2011 at the age of 71. We congregated at Reid Funeral Home near his home in Leamington to celebrate his life with his wife and my mom Bernadette (Betty), my sisters Stacey and Jennifer, and brother Kevin. Grandchildren, friends, family and neighbours also joined to fill the hall with love and support, and most remarkable were Bill's students from Assumption who heard the news and travelled from across the province to join us. Many other Assumption students wrote touching tributes, sent emails, or wrote messages online.



To many of us, dad was known as Uncle Bill. He taught a variety of classes at Assumption from the mid 70s to the late 80s, and clearly he touched many lives. I remember when I made a short film to celebrate his retirement, he didn't have any pictures of the work he did with the Drama Club on shows like Man of La Mancha, Anne of Green Gables, The King and I, and of course Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat among others. I put out a call to his fellow teachers and students, and we were able to recreate almost a dozen of the shows he worked on. You can see the poster here and the film in two parts.

Joseph poster: <http://bit.ly/onNF9U>

Part 1: <http://bit.ly/pwoMfO>

Part 2: <http://bit.ly/raWRbi>

Bill suffered ill health, and passed as a result of a number of heart and respiratory complications. Despite his challenges, he enjoyed spending time with his large family when possible, and in particular enjoyed the beautiful warm spring we were enjoying this year. I have a picture on my phone of dad sitting outside enjoying the sun. Mom was very proud of the fact that she was able to send pictures with her new camera phone, so all the children and grandchildren were there in spirit when we weren't able to stop by.

Bill touched so many lives and we're sad to see him gone. But his spirit lives on, evidenced by an online post written by former student Tim Philips:

"I, like so many of Bill's students, benefited from his knowledge, experience, and tenacity, but Bill taught me so much more. When faced with an impossible situation, I always find myself thinking, 'how would Bill solve this problem?'"

Dad loved taking the family to Algonquin Park whenever he could, and wrote a poem a few years ago that captured his role as husband, father, and friend.

We'll be holding a private ceremony this fall at Smoke Lake in Algonquin Park. I'd like to thank mom for keeping this beautiful poem, and honouring me with the privilege of reading it at dad's service. I'd also like to thank my sister Jennifer Pizzuti (Dolishny) '92 for helping me with this note.

Rick Dolishny '85 [rick@dolish.com](mailto:rick@dolish.com)

## Autumn in Algonquin

Most autumn mornings in Algonquin are about the same. First you can't see the sun because of the mist off Lake of Two Rivers.

And even if you could, it would be a while before it cleared the crest of Brewers Hill.

But finally it climbs enough, and burns off the mist, and it can be seen. And you're ready for it.

You've been up for at least 2 hours;  
Listening to birds,  
Watching chipmunks,  
Running to the john to get some more clothes on  
Because it's cold  
in the morning, in Algonquin, in autumn.

This morning is the Sunday before Thanksgiving  
We drove up Friday night, and timed it to hit Huntsville for 6:00 a.m..

Breakfast at McDonalds.  
And our first glimpse of the colours for this year.

For 20 years, Thanksgiving has been the same.

Drive up - kids asleep.

Huntsville at 6 and then on to the park.

We would ooh and aah our way through to Dwight, all the while being critical of God's paintbrush because the colours weren't as good this year.

But once we pass Dwight, which means a stop at Henrietta's for her fresh, gooey sticky buns, the colours start to pick up.

Passing the gate, and into the Park proper, they just EXPLODE.

Once again -- the best ever! How can they be so bright?  
Eyes are swimming with reds and yellows and oranges and purples.

And in between, the dark green conifers  
Acting as sentinels of dark among the splashes of light and bright.

Canoe Lake outcrop -- first lake drink.

2 Rivers -- noon -- tents up -- walk time.

Then supertime. But first the fire.

If we start at 4, by 6 the cooking coals are perfect

For hot dogs and hamburgers.

Then different reds and yellows and oranges and purples

To sit and stare into and finally, really, truly relax.

The stars will come out.

White sparks to join the yellow ones from the fire.

Sleep comes after the fire goes out -- never before. Rest is total.

Awakening like a revelation.

All is well with the world.

As you lay and listen and become one with nature

Peace grows with the morning.

Finally, Breakfast,

Another ritual all its own

And then Tear down, Pack up, Head out.

Going home, the colours seem even better.

Until we drop down the Highway 11, and turn south

Now it's just a long drive home

Back to jobs and boyfriends and girlfriends and school and life.

But at ages 57, 50, 30, 28, 24 and 20

The colours still pull this family together as they have for 20 years  
And more.

And they, the colours still wrap us in a blanket of insulation

Against all the coming storms of winter.

Wm. R. Dolishny July 1997

**Jolie, J. Ernest '42** sends regards to other 1942 grads. "I still have fond memories of Red Rochon."

**Mansfield, Jack '50** writes: "Last Saturday (7/30) a few of us from the Class of '50 had lunch at the VFW here in Michigan. Nothing elaborate, just beer and burgers. Dave Simon, John Brothers, Doug Stover, Larry Thomas (Class of '51) and myself, Jack Mansfield. Everybody looked in good health and spirits. We had a nice time."

**Cundari, Joseph '52** writes: "You are doing a marvellous job - keep up the good work. Please use this contribution towards the newsletter."

**Lamphier, Gary and Antoinette '72** - To the Bertoia family:

"My wife Antoinette (Ferrarini) and I were very fortunate to have Reno as our grade 12 history teacher at Assumption in the 1970s. We of course knew he was a former pro baseball star, but what struck us most was his humility, his humanity, his humour and his concern for the well being of his students. In short, he was a great guy, an inspiring human being, and he leaves an indelible mark on our lives, almost 40 years later. Our sincere condolences to you. Regards, Gary & Antoinette Lamphier, Edmonton, Alberta

**Ryan, Bob '81** - lives in Scottsdale Arizona since 1985. He is an independent manufacturers sales rep, married with three beautiful children. Wife Jill, son Andrew (11), and twins Julia and Mathew (9)

**Dosant, Wren '81-** "Hello Assumption Newsletter Staff: Here I am, cancel the missing ! I've often thought about writing this letter, since you've inquired of my whereabouts I thought now was the right time. After four great years at F.J. Brennan I was fortunate to attend Assumption High School in the fall of 1981. I received a Catholic based education from the best high schools in the city, my blood runs red and purple. My first few days at Assumption were spent trying to dodge Marty Palazeti, we had history from previous athletic matches. I was now on his home court, trying my best to avoid a "confrontation". It finally happened, Mr. Morga's economics class was the last place I thought I was going to have to try and throw down with Palazeti, this was one of three times that I feared for my life, the other two involved my father and my job. I saw "Pal" enter the room, he looked bigger and stronger than I recalled, his eyes darted around, he spotted me in the corner and bee-lined towards me. My body froze, I anticipated the worst, "Pal" looked down at me and said " There you are, welcome to Assumption" . Your body signals become tangled when several emotions come over you at once, I tried to do or say something cool, the best I could muster was "Hey, thanks", while perspiring and shaking like a bobble head. Marty Palazeti was one of many

friends I made at Assumption (teachers, students, Basilians, custodial, and cafeteria staff included). With goodness scratched off my list I was now looking around for discipline, that came in the form of Mr. Hool and the notorious staff of Room 112. The knowledge was there for the taking, every teacher did their best to ensure you understood what was being taught, all you had to do was apply yourself. As I reminisce, I see 1981 as one of those 'coming of age' high school dramas where you run the gamut of emotions as you begin to move along in the game of life. I was fortunate enough to fall in love with and marry another Assumption alumnus, Gioia Civiero '88. To all of you at Assumption in 1981 thanks for accepting me as one of your own, I aspire to Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge every day of my life."

Yours Truly, Wren R. Dosant '81

**Matos, Eduarda '85** - "Mr. Bertoia was my Grade 12 history teacher at Assumption (1984-85), and what an amazing influence he had on me. He inspired me to believe that the poor immigrant kid who put Napoleon on trial in our history class could go on to be a successful corporate lawyer. Many years after being his student, I went back to Windsor for a visit and saw an article in the paper about Mr. Bertoia. I thought of looking up his number and giving him a call, just to say hello and thank you. I also wanted to let him know that I did become that corporate lawyer he saw in me. I never did call him, and that is my biggest regret. I just wanted to tell you, his family, about the amazing influence Mr. Bertoia had on my life. Thank you, Eduarda Matos"

**Lawrence (Larry) Marentette '38** celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011.

He very well may be our oldest alumnus.

Larry writes: "I still remember some of my teachers who gave me a good education like Fathers Guinan, Thompson, Armstrong and Lajeunesse. They helped me to live a good life." The following is some excerpts from an article printed in the St. Petersburg Times in Florida.

PALM HARBOR (April 2011)



The commissioner runs a tight operation. Larry Marentette, 89, stands near the dugout watching as three of his players take turns at bat and eight others field. Mike Collins, a winter resident from Illinois, walks by him heading to the outfield. "Hey, do you know where you're supposed to be?" Marentette hollers at him. "You should still be back there catching." Collins backtracks. "Okay, Larry, whatever you want. You're the boss." The dialogue causes the two men to chuckle. Marentette wouldn't go so far as to call himself bossy. Assertive? Absolutely. Strict? Definitely. "I actually like to say that I've got an outgoing personality," he said jokingly. "My team knows that I have Larry's rules. We all have fun and nobody gets hurt. That includes no slides and no tags." His methods seem to be working. Since 1984, Marentette has managed the Highland Lakes Softball League (in Palm Harbor, Florida). From September through June, players ranging in age from 55 to 90 meet on Thursday morning at Palm Harbor's Sunderman Complex to play for 90 minutes. For the rest of the story, check out the link:

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/humaninterest/softball-league-stays-in-one-piece-playing-by-larrys-rules/1164214>

Congratulations, Larry!



**CAN YOU HELP ME FIND MY OLD FRIEND?**

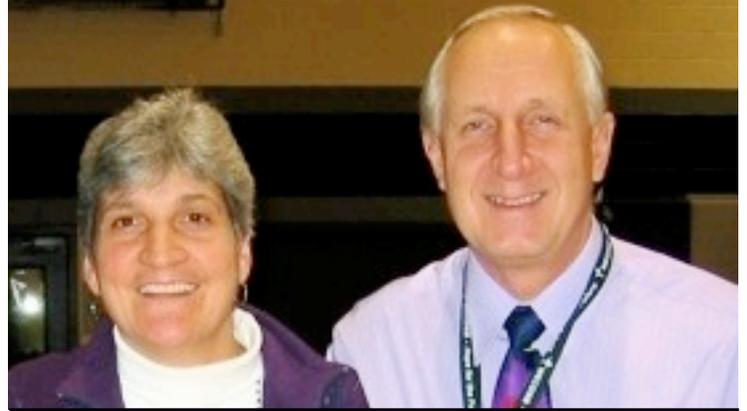
**CONTACT US BY E-MAIL, PHONE OR IN WRITING AND WE WILL BE HAPPY TO HELP YOU FIND CLASSMATES. OUR DATABASE CURRENTLY CONTAINS OVER 13,000 LISTINGS AND IS CONSTANTLY UPDATED. TO PROTECT THE PRIVACY OF OTHERS WE WILL ACT AS AN INTERMEDIARY AND HELP YOU GET REACQUAINTED.**



Dr. Gerry Cooper is shown after being appointed associate dean of the Windsor program of the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry Wednesday.

**Photograph by:** Nick Brancaccio, The Windsor Star, The Windsor Star

Gerry Cooper '73 arrived at the helm of Windsor's medical school almost by accident. He was crumpling up newspaper pages and throwing them into the fireplace at his chilly Sudbury home one winter night when a job advertisement caught his attention. The Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry was looking for an associate dean at its satellite campus in Windsor. Cooper, an associate dean at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine at the time, was excited about the prospect and the chance to move back to Windsor, his hometown. He asked his wife what she thought. "Go for it," was her reply. Wednesday, Cooper was formally introduced as the medical school's new associate dean, ending a long search for a permanent replacement for Dr. Tom Scott, who resigned in late 2009. Dr. Mark Awuku, a Windsor pediatrician, has been filling the role as the acting associate dean. "I'm very humbled and very excited to be here," Cooper said. "I knew that this was a job I truly wanted to have." Cooper, who has extensive experience in teaching and research with a focus on mental health, said his goal is to broaden the reach of Windsor's medical school and make it a destination for future doctors from across Ontario. "I know the significance of a medical school for a community like Windsor," he said. "It's an economic driver and it also drives all parts of the community." Cooper said he looks forward to seeing the first class of Windsor medical students graduate next May. One of the main goals of the local medical school is to retain graduating doctors in the area and Southwestern Ontario, he said. Born and raised in Windsor, Cooper received his bachelor and master's degrees from the University of Windsor before obtaining a doctorate in education from the University of Toronto. From 1984 to 2008, he held various management positions at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. He then became an associate dean at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine. Cooper has written extensively on various mental health and addictions related topics.



**MRS. DUMOUCHELLE  
RETIRES AFTER 32 YEARS  
OF TEACHING AT ACH  
Plans to continue work with  
Alumni**

Tribute by Steve Chevalier  
Math Department Head

In all my years in education there are two people that I have considered the ultimate master teachers – John Staley and Lil Dumouchelle. John Staley was dedicated to catholic education that I thought was unequalled, but God's plan lead me to Assumption and I met this person that I'd heard had purple blood in her veins. This fine lady exudes the qualities of a true professional in this wonderful field of catholic education.

In a day where the norm seems to be "what can you do for me today?", Lil still maintains that call of service put forth by God. She has never wavered from the ideal that the students are the most important people in our professional lives. Decisions that she reached were made with the well-being of the student and the consideration of her colleagues being paramount. She has been a mentor to countless young budding teachers, assisting and encourage them to reach their students in a kind and empathetic manner.

Where the norm appears to be self-serving interests, Lil is a breath of fresh air. She has never been shy to stand up for what is right. She continues to be that beacon of hope so that people will do things for the right reason. Her moral compass is something that has always inspired me and others in the math department.

Lil has been the pillar of strength for the Raider community - whether it be running the Alumni Association, assisting with Graduation, cheering the sports teams on, attending the musicals, plays, debates, science fairs ..... She is Assumption's biggest fan and biggest supporter.

Anyone can be replaced. BUT Assumption will never see the likes of a Lil Dumouchelle again. She is a "once-in-a-lifetime" and we at Assumption have been so fortunate that she has been part of our lives too. She will be missed but NEVER FORGOTTEN.

My prayer and hope is that God's plan will include good health and wealth of well-deserved blessings. Steve

**1955-1956**

Excerpts from John Kelly's "Assumption High School"

At the start of the year, the student population numbered 882 students, of whom 182 were boarders. Tuition fees were \$110 at the junior level and \$120 for grades 11-12. Board and tuition for the boarders was \$670.

As the new high school Principal, Fr. Ron Cullen had a staff of 26 Basilian priests, 18 Basilian scholastics, 9 male lay staff and 11 female support staff. There were 116 Raider grads that received their diplomas at year-end.

Several Assumption teams met with sports success during the year. Fr. Armstrong's Sr. Varsity Football squad captured both the city title and the Western Ontario championship. The Junior Varsity team coached by Father Donoher and Mr. Snyder mirrored this title.

This scenario was re-created with the Raiders basketball program. Fr. Armstrong's Junior Varsity hoopsters had a successful year going 10-0 in league play, then going on to blow out both Forster and Patterson in the city playoffs. A two-point loss to London Catholic Central in the playoffs was the only blot on an otherwise perfect season.

But the greatest plaudits for the year had to lay with the Purple Raiders Senior basketball team, which captured a rare All Ontario championship. Coached by Fathers Sheedy and Donoher, the team excelled throughout the year and brought home the first All- Ontario title in Assumption's history.

The quality of Assumption's players that year was reflected in the choice of the All-City team for basketball. Three members of the first team quintet were from the Raiders provincial championship squad: Bob Gardner, Byron Rourke and Leo Innocente.

Other activities that year included: the Young Christian Student, Mission Society, Sodality of the Blessed Virgin, St. John Bosco, The Crusader, The Reporter, the Assumption Band, Drama Club, the Dads' Club, Canadian and American Mothers' Club, the Camera Club and the Oratorical group.



**1980-1981**

**Excerpts from John Kelly's "Assumption High School"**

There were 1800 students registered at Assumption for this school year, of whom 136 were boarders. Tuition for Grades 11-13 was \$575, while the boarders paid \$3000.

Father Frank McCabe returned as Principal, supported by 95 staff members. Some 312 graduates received their diplomas at the June convocation.

Many of the year's athletic laurels went to the Cross Country team. The Senior Boys' and Senior Girls' teams won S.W.O.S.S.A. honours, while the Midget Boys won an O.F.S.A.A. silver. The Track and Field athletes flourished as well, with both the Junior and Midget boys winning the S.W.O.S.S.A. titles. The only other championship was won by John Hogan's Freshmen Boys Basketball squad who took the W.S.S.A. title. Jackie Pidgeon was recognized as the Most Valuable School Athlete, while Eva Freisinger and Ritchie Coughlin were designated as the Best Student Athletes.

Successful school sponsored activities included The Crusader and the work of its photographers, Reach for the Top, a Canadian Constitutional Conference, Student Council and its Awards Assembly, Math Contestants, Oratorical Club, a 277 pint blood drive, the Drama Department putting on the play "Pippin", the radio station CA.CH., the Senior Concert Band, Junior Band, Assumption Singers, Stage Band, Pep Band, the Mothers' Club and its Fall Fashion Show and Annual Spring Fair, the Dads' Club, the Italian Club, school trips and rock climbing expeditions. Special days were sponsored during the year: Vocation Day, Dallas Day, Flower Day, and Spaghetti Day.

**MOMENTS TO REMEMBER**



**THANK YOU SAMMY DAVIS JR.**

**1960-1961**

Excerpts from John Kelly's "Assumption High School"

Some 850 students chose to attend Assumption this year, and of these, 185 were boarders. Day student tuition was pegged at \$145, while the boarders paid \$1200 for tuition, room and board. The new principal was Fr. James Francis O'Neill. Once again this year, there was no yearbook at the school. Fr. Cullen's Senior Hockey squad won the W.S.S.A. hockey title this year, the first of six straight W.S.S.A. crowns it would claim.

**C L A S S O F ' 8 1**

Our 30th Anniversary of Graduation, this Nov. 5th. We are open to offers and suggestions for our celebration. See contact info on page 2.

## 1985-1986

Excerpts from John Kelly's "Assumption High School"

The student population dropped to 1,685 this year, with some 315 being frosh, but only 75 boarders. Tuition was \$720, while room and board was \$3800.

This fluctuation of enrollment caused the Basilian writer to comment:

The opening of Holy Names High School in the former Norfolk Campus of Assumption has resulted in the drawing-off of approximately two-fifths of the number of Grade 9 students who would otherwise have come to Assumption. This is the principal cause of the enrollment decline indicated, and should be the start of a trend for the next three years.

If projections prove accurate, the overall enrollment of Assumption should decrease by approximately 150 students per year for each of three years, and stabilize at around 1,200 to 1,350. Some of the decrease caused by the opening of Holy Names should be offset by an agreement which has been reached between the Windsor and Essex County Separate School Boards, to allow students from the West side of the County to attend Assumption (ie. Assumption will have five County grade schools designated as feeder schools, and can anticipate enrollments of up to 150 students per year from these schools).

Father Don McLeod returned for a fourth year as Principal. He was supported by a staff that numbered 114. The Class of '86 was quite large in size with some 328 students accepting their diplomas.

The sports teams had a banner year. The Senior Boys' Football Team was crowned W.S.S.A. Champs. This was followed by similar successes for the Junior Boys' Basketball team, the Hockey Raiders, and the Senior Girls' Lady Raiderette Volleyball squad. The Senior Co-ed Competitive Cheerleaders were good enough to qualify for the World Cheerleading Competition in Chicago, after winning ECKO.

Around the school, the Players staged "The Sound of Music", and special note was made of Mr. Ron Stephens' twentieth year of producing drama at Assumption. The Can Drive hit a total of 58,590. That old Catholic tradition of fundraising through Bingo was continued as the teaching staff organized bingo nights during the year.

The yearbook was dedicated to the memories of students Anita Hall and Mike Lori, and former staff member Sister Mary Houle, all of whom died during the year.



FRONT ROW Greg Lepine, Dave Tronchin, Jay Owen, Jeff David, Paul O'Brien, Sean O'Rourke, Marcel Pizzuti, Tony Cramp. SECOND ROW Coach Owen, Darren Lalonde, Roy Wagner, Andy Vasily, Dave Cocchetto, Mark Rajsigl, Dave Pellarin, Jeff Topliffe, Carlo Ciaramitaro, Mike Ventrella, Coach Hunt. THIRD ROW Coach Limarzi, Todd Mailloux, Jarrid Chippett, Don Kelly, Rob Letteri, Joe Siddall, Angelo Piplica, Marcel Garrisi, Dave Cramp, Dan Kelly, John Miceli, Coach Morencie. BACK ROW Dan Potvin, Steve Buttery, Rocco Marchetta, Paul Scadden, Dean Bortolon, Gerald Hlady, Rob Arkell, Rob Fallenbuchi, Sandro Tesolin, Charles Gravelle.

**Attention Class of '86: This year marks your 25 year reunion.**

## Bursaries and Awards

Basilian Fathers of Assumption Bursary .....	Francisco Acevedo-Hernandez, Carolyn Tran
Fr. Vincent Guinan C.S.B. Bursary .....	Trevor Thompson
Fr. Donlon C.S.B. Bursary .....	Ashleigh Arca
Sylvia Romano Award .....	Brittany Kennedy-Spicer, Dylan Tidwell
W. Fred Jordan Memorial Award .....	Reid Mitchell, Giselle Renaud
Mike Lori Memorial Award .....	Kayla Bondy, Reid Mitchell
Frank Mascarin Memorial Award .....	Margaret Jean Oteng-Pabi
Frank Mascarin Bursary .....	Brittany Kennedy-Spicer, Karli Lucier
Assumption College School Council Rosemary Limarzi Bursary .....	Ashleigh Arca
Assumption College School Council Patrick Keane Bursary .....	Branden Markham
Assumption College School Council Bursary .....	Laura Gagnier
Aramark Bursary .....	Stephanie Gaitan, Zainab Ikpong, Margaret Jean Oteng-Pabi, Dylan Tidwell
Lorraine & Louis Merlo Award .....	Marisa Market
Cliff Krete Memorial Award .....	Serena Hsu
Jack Zucchetto Memorial Bursary .....	Francisco Acevedo-Hernandez, Karli Lucier
Freed's Bursary .....	Holly Echlin, Marisa Market
Camille Reaume Christian Fellowship Bursary .....	Katrina Passador
Joe MacMillan Award .....	Katrina Passador
Norbert Armstrong Award .....	Brittany Kennedy-Spicer
Fr. Charles Armstrong C.S.B. Award .....	Katrina Passador
Siddall Family Award .....	Gabrielle Malette, Donminic Pizzolitto
Sisters of St. Joseph Bursary .....	Jennalyn Kelly
Fr. Leon Hart C.S.B. Award .....	Dominic Pizzolitto
Fr. Vincent Pare C.S.B. Award .....	Gisele Renaud
Jack Murphy Class of '45 Award .....	Dianna Le, Parveen Malik, Rose Zhao
Fr. Steve O'Neill C.S.B. Award .....	Serena Hsu
Sisters of the Holy Names Bursary .....	Alexandra Zybowska
Fr. Matt Sheedy Scholarship .....	Vanessa Aversa
Assumption Secondary High Skills Major Bursary .....	Ashleigh Arca, Dallas Boow, John Ennis, Robin Giacchini
Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program Award .....	Chelsea Holland
Fr. Q. Johnson Award .....	Mary Grace Badian
The Crowley Brothers Award for Most Improved Graduating Student .....	Eric Droski
The Crowley Brothers Award for Overall Excellence .....	Vanessa Aversa
Gerard Hebert Memorial Scholarship .....	Katrina Passador
James Molnar Bursary .....	Warren Pawlikowski
Logan Delisle Community Scholarship .....	Gabrielle Malette, Katrina Passador
Polonia Centre Academic Award .....	Alexandra Zybowska
Laura Girimonte Memorial Bursary .....	Gabrielle Malette
Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus & Mary Scholarship .....	Ashleigh Arca, Morgan Phillips
Paul Whelan Prize .....	Giselle Renaud
Reno Bertoia Education Bursary .....	Ashleigh Arca

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## Bursaries and Awards

Fr. Cullen & Mr. St. Germain Academic Scholarship .....	Amanda Toufeili, Alexandra Zygowska
Harold Rindlisbacher Award .....	Megan Girard
Fr. Ronald Cullen, C.S.B. Award .....	Trevor Thompson
Giuseppe Slongo Spirit Award .....	Robin Giacchini
Corny Caverzan and George McTavish Award .....	Reid Mitchell
Kit Lacasse Memorial Award .....	Natalie Turcano
Joseph Pelletier Scholarship .....	Mark Ariola
Culinary Guild of Windsor Junior Chef Award .....	Robin Giacchini
Assumption Student Council Award .....	Jenna Bontorin
St. Clair College of Applied Arts and Technology Entrance Scholarships .....	Colleen Thomas,
..... Mary Grace Badian, Nikki Bondy, Brittany Kennedy-Spicer, Katie Labelle, Karli Lucier, Elias Massara,	
.....	Levon Wall, Joseph Walker, Dylan Tidwell

## Academic Excellence Awards

Arts .....	Sarah Harrison
Business Studies .....	Jonathan Bernal, Zainab Ikpong
Catholic Studies .....	Robin Giacchini, Sarah Harrison
Experiential Learning .....	Megan Girard, Steven Sigrist
English .....	Sarah Harrison, Danny Razo, Colleen Tomas
Mathematics .....	Blaise Jacob, Katie Labelle, Alexandra Zygowska
Modern Languages .....	Vanessa Aversa, Amanda Toufeili
Physical and Health Education .....	Zainab Ikpong, Karli Lucier, Chelsea Miller,
.....	Reid Mitchell, Cory Smith
Science .....	Vanessa Aversa, Katie Labelle, Amanda Toufeili, Alexandra Zygowska
Social Science .....	Amanda Toufeili, Alexandra Zygowska
Technology Studies .....	Zylyne Ajavon, Ashleigh Arca, John Ennis, Tony Ferrari,
.....	Robin Giacchini, Nadine Taha
IB Theory of Knowledge .....	Cynthia Loewen, Amanda Toufeili
IB Creativity, Action and Service .....	Marisa Market
IB Extended Essay .....	Vanessa Aversa, Amanda Toufeili
IB Learner Profile .....	Katrina Passador
Principal's Scholars .....	Ashleigh Arca, Mark Ariola, Vanessa Aversa, Jonathan Bernal, Jenna Bontorin,
..... Christopher Chamberlain, Holly Echlin, Sarah Harrison, Jessica Hsu, Jennalynn Kelly, Cynthia Loewen,	
... Gabrielle Malette, Marisa Market, Katrina Passador, Dominic Pizzolitto, Amanda Toufeili, Alexandra Zygowska	

## Outstanding Achievement Awards

The Catholic Student Award of the Catholic Education Foundation of Ontario .....	Katrina Passador
Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award .....	Robin Giacchini
Juliette Rondot Award, College/Workplace Proficiency .....	Robin Giacchini
Governor General's Academic Medal .....	Sarah Harrison
Dr. J. Coyle Award, University Level Proficiency .....	Sarah Harrison



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**S T U D E N T   A T H L E T E S**

The Fr. Armstrong Award (Male Student-Athlete)  
 The Fr. Sheedy Award (Female Student-Athlete)  
 The Fr. Pare Award  
 The Mary Kulyk Award  
 Athlete of the Year - Sr. Male (Fr. Cullen)  
 Athlete of the Year - Sr. Female (St Mary's Academy)  
 Jr. Student Athlete of the Year – Female  
 Jr. Student Athlete of the Year – Male  
 Dennis Palamides Award

Reid Mitchell  
 Gabrielle Malette  
 Ryan O'Neill  
 Tammy Boow  
 Dallas Boow  
 Alexa Georgiou  
 Quinn Conlon  
 Garrick Loewen,  
 Trevor Thompson

**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER - (MVP) GIRLS (Sr)**

Volleyball  
 Soccer  
 Basketball  
 Slo-Pitch/Gary Weir Award

Alexa Georgiou  
 Gisele Renaud  
 Tanisha Elliott  
 Alexa Georgiou

**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER - (MVP) BOYS (Sr)**

Baseball  
 Football (Offence)  
 Football (Defence)  
 Volleyball  
 Basketball  
 Hockey  
 Wrestling  
 Soccer

Dallas Boow  
 Jonathan Carter  
 Dallas Boow  
 Vil Labrado  
 Dallas Boow  
 Chris Hebert  
 Ryan O'Neill  
 Brian Hawkins

**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER - (MVP) GIRLS (Jr)**

Basketball  
 Volleyball

Julia Bevacqua, Clarice Labrado  
 Michelle Presello

**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER - (MVP) BOYS (Jr)**

Basketball  
 Football  
 Volleyball

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 Marquise Hanson  
 Yasser Hamadani

**Cross Country**

Girls  
 Boys

Nadia Pizzolitto, Gabrielle Malette  
 Garrick Loewen (Jr), Reid Mitchell

Swimming  
 Badminton

Avery Dent, Gabrielle Malette  
 Andrew Aversa (Jr) Garrick Loewen (Jr)  
 Steven Kulesza (Sr), Chris Zykowski (Sr)

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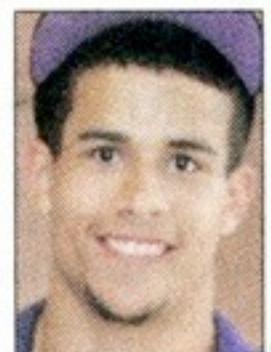
2011 WECSSAA BERTOIA/SIDDALL DIVISION CHAMPS

Some might say the signs were everywhere pointing to an Assumption win in their high school baseball championship. For one thing, they were playing for WECSSAA's Bertoia/ Siddall Division title, named after two former Assumption baseball stars in Reno Bertoia and Joe Siddall. For another, the final was played on the Fr. Cullen Diamond at Mic Mac Park, named after the school's long-time baseball coach. The Purple Raiders took in all the appropriate cues and defeated the Kingsville Cavaliers 14-2 in a mercy-rule five-inning game. "This means a lot to our school," Assumption winning pitcher Patrick Tazzman said. "Baseball has a big tradition there and this is our first championship in a while." The skies unleashed a downpour just as the Raiders broke into full post-game celebration mode. "How fitting that we started the season in the rain and we're ending it in the rain," Assumption coach Steve Bauer said amid the happy chaos. Tazzman overcame a rocky start to hold the Cavs to three hits and two runs while striking out five and walking two over three innings of work. He spotted the Cavs a quick 2-0 lead in the top of the first on a leadoff walk, a wild pitch and a bunt single which was compounded by a throwing error from first baseman Joey Nantais but the Purple Raiders answered right back with three runs in their half of the inning and never looked back. A swinging bunt single by Dakota Theoret put Assumption in front for good at 3-2 and he went on to drive in two more runs and steal a base. "Everyone was hitting today," Theoret said of Assumption's 10-hit attack. "At the beginning of the year, we were slow starting because of all the rain but by the end of the year we were all doing our jobs." Indeed, eight of nine Purple Raiders contributed an RBI to the victory. Jacob Lutvak drove in a

run and stole three bases and Dallas Boow tallied a hit and two RBIs. Boow replaced Tazzman on the mound and gave up three hits and struck out three in two innings. "We work as a family on this team," Tazzman said. "We have a special connection with each other." Brady Rieve started for Kingsville but left after giving up a leadoff walk in the second inning. Jordan Martin took over but couldn't hold the Assumption bats in check. The Purple Raiders scored seven times in the second, including five with two outs, making it 10-2 and all but assuring the trophy was theirs. [mcaton@windsorstar.com](mailto:mcaton@windsorstar.com)

**Editor's Note:** Trevor Thompson (left below) and Dallas Boow (right below) were both named as All-City Baseball Stars.

Trevor will be attending the University of Windsor in the Civil Engineering program, while Dallas will return to Assumption for another year.





**John Innis, Ashleigh Arca, Robin Giacchini, Lucas Morris**

On Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Assumption College Catholic High School took home the people's choice award and the critics choice award for the 2011 Big Brothers and Big Sisters 25th Battle of Hors d'oeuvres at the Ciociaro club. Students Asleigh Ann Arca, John Ennis, Robin Giacchini and Lucas Morris represented their school with pride and professionalism. A special thanks goes out to Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Russo-Romeo and Mrs. Colley-Vegh for their continuous support and dedication to both the students and myself (Mrs. Nehmetallah). Below is the winning entry.



On Friday, May 13th, 2011 four of our Specialist High Skills Major students participated in the Iron Gryphon competition at St. Clair College. They competed against Ste. Anne, Catholic Central, and the two teams which represented Cardinal Carter. Although each school prepared and presented beautiful dishes using honey as the "secret ingredient" (i.e. the required ingredient), Assumption, once again, received first place honours, with one of their three dishes receiving a perfect score.

**Congratulations to Ashleigh Arca, Dallas Boow, John Ennis and Robin Giacchini!**

**WOW! SHE DID IT AGAIN!**

Congratulations to Ashleigh Ann Arca of Assumption College Catholic High School who captured the Gold once again at this year's Regional Qualifying competition in London, Ontario.

Ashleigh graduated this past June and will be attending the University of Windsor in the faculty of Fine Arts.



**Newsletter Editor  
Lil Dumouchelle**

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Rick Dumouchelle**

*(Happiness is another finished newsletter)*

**ATTENTION! CLASS OF 1975**

**Don't forget to come out to Lilly Kazzilly's this year on Friday, Nov. 4th, 2011 anytime after 8:00 p.m. It'll be great to catch up on news with everyone. See you there!!**

## My Money's On Assumption!

On Friday April 29, 2011, students from Assumption High School went to University of Windsor's Odette School of Business for the 7th annual Odette Stock Exchange Competition. Equipped with sharp investment strategies and a solid knowledge of historical market trends, they were given \$10000 and the goal to make it grow! The preliminary rounds were quite successful, as the vast majority of our students saw steady portfolio growth.

The tournament featured a record 248 students and 52 teams from schools across the Windsor/Essex County region. Assumption's team of Dominic Pizzolitto, Ryan O'Neill, Mike Zajner, Austin Faulkner and Jon Bernal had over 19% growth through 5 quarters of investment which qualified them among the top 7 and entry to the championship round.



In the final rounds of live trading, a string of shrewd maneuvers by Ryan O'Neill and Jon Bernal led the Raider charge. As the tournament drew to a close, Assumption's team continued to distance themselves from the competition and cruised to a convincing 1st place victory! Congrats to these 5 business students! They represented the Raider family with class. Special thanks to Mr. Frias for helping in the activities. Mr. Bracken's personal opinion - "we were the best looking team there too. These guys are dressed for success!" **Editor's Note:** Mr. Bracken is a business teacher at Assumption and obviously very proud of his students!

### Special Thank You to:

The family of Anthony DeLuca '58, and his wife Maria along with their five children, Anthony Jr. '87, Marisa Fontana '88, Anita Carlini '93, Marlena '99 and Adriana '01 who have supported the Assumption Alumni Association over and over by preparing the U.S. newsletters for distribution to our American alumni. We know that Fr. Cullen was very appreciative of their help and support as we still are now. May God continue to bless your whole family!



Despite the rain and the very muddy conditions there were over 40 students from Assumption who volunteered at the tree planting on May 1, 2011 at Malden Park. They came out on a Sunday morning and worked so hard and helped to plant more than 1500 trees for Earth day. This is AMAZING!!!



### The ACS Concert band (51 students) competed in the Music Fest Canada Regional Competition in Kingsville.

Groups are judged by 3 judges, usually professional musicians with band experience. They have all the music in front of them and know exactly how each and every note, phrase, piece goes. Groups are judged by not only how well they play their own parts, but how well they play them together. (tempo, dynamics, phrasing, style...) To make a long story short.....our kids nailed it!

Not only were we one of the biggest groups but also we were one of the best!

### We finished with a Gold Medal!

Daniella Pallisco earned the Top Musician Award with her masterful performances on the Timpani.

With this Gold finish we are invited to compete at the Nationals....which are in B.C. this year. Mr. Zanier, ACS Music Teacher



June 24, 2011

### DALAI LAMA CONNECTS WITH ASSUMPTION STUDENTS

It has been a very exciting time for a group of students at Assumption College Catholic High School. In early May, the students organized a Free Tibet awareness event, offering cupcakes and a Tibet fact during their multicultural festival. Following that event, many students (members of various school clubs including Kids for Peace, Educare and several grade 11 World Religion classes) wrote hundreds of letters to the Dalai Lama in Dharamsala, India. The students asked personal questions, offered support to his people in exile from Tibet and commented on his ongoing struggle for social justice. A banner and several class pictures were also sent along. The students were thrilled when the Dalai Lama responded to their letters. The spiritual leader of the Tibetan people offered his support for their interest in seeking justice, compassion and non-violent beliefs. The Dalai Lama also indicated he was inspired by the students and responded to some of their questions. Catholic Studies Chairperson Jeanne Sauro '78, led the students in their efforts. Sauro says, "As part of the Buddhism unit, I would always focus upon a justice issue related to the religion. Because I am fascinated by the compassion and justice of the Dalai Lama, I decided to use these letters as a justice campaign and a literacy component. I wanted students to have the experience of writing to a Nobel Peace Prize winner, and discuss their views of justice and the Tibetan exile." Sauro says the students were excited to participate and even did a flash mob in the cafeteria during one lunch hour, entering the room with a banner, a Tibetan flag and a trumpet. The event ended with the entire student body singing "when I grow up, I will be stronger, just like a waving flag."

#### ASSUMPTION COLLEGE HIGH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE

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- Reunion Chairperson Lil Dumouchelle
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- Newsletter Committee
- Hunt Hool, Michael Duchene, Rick & Lil Dumouchelle, Mark Fathers, Denis Malette, Fr. Stortz and Tessa Kenney '75

## BEYOND DEBATE

On Friday, April 15, 2011, eight members of the Assumption Debate Team hit the road for a tournament in Chatham. They were the only representatives from the Windsor/Essex County region and faced a series of opponents from the LKDSB and SCCDSB. Despite facing brand new opponents, they certainly continued their winning ways in impressive fashion! When the dust settled and scores were tallied, Assumption teams swept the podium!

3rd place - Jessica Ventimiglia & Emma White

2nd place - Sioban Girard & Daniella Pallisico

1st place - Kaitlyn Meloche & Norman Nehmetallah

The tournament was comprised of entirely grade 11 and 12 students, with one exception. ACS's Kelsey Rhude and Marissa Bumanlag, both grade 9, did a great job with a 3-3 record. This duo is sure to be a powerhouse as they approach the senior grades of high school.

This tournament victory carried particular significance, as it was ACS's first ever win at a Parliamentary Style Debate.

Congratulations to these students, who have been working on research for this debate since mid February. They were gracious in victory and represented all of us with class.

Special thanks to Mrs. Nehmetallah for all of her help in the preparation of this tournament

### ASSUMPTION STUDENT EARNS ACCOLADES!!

Since early March, Assumption College Catholic High School student Laura Limarzi has competed in a series of public speaking contests through Optimist International. Monday March 7th marked the first of these Grade 11 student delivered a children's rights speech on around the world. She beat out a strong field of local competitors and advanced to a regional contest.



Despite changing the second round, same result; 1st qualified her for a competition, in Ontario. Once superior research delivery proved to as she collected consecutive spot in the

a few details for she achieved the place! This victory third round of Port Stanley, again, Laura's and well timed be the right stuff, her third victory and thus a provincial finals.

On April 16, Laura carried this momentum into the final contest, and delivered easily the most powerful talk amongst the competitors. **This fourth straight victory capped off an incredible run for one of Assumption's finest!!** In total, she won **\$2600 in scholarship money** in the process.

Not to be content with resting on her laurels, Laura is also being acknowledged for her strong support of Catholic Education. She is featured on the front page of the Catholic Register on why she values Catholic Education.

Way to go Laura! We're so proud of you!



**BERECZ, Dr. Joseph, '55**

Died in Naples Florida on Wednesday January 19, 2011 at 73 years of age. He was the loving husband of Anita. Dear father of Kathleen '79 and husband George DeFaria, Denyse Berezcz '81, Dr. Steven '83 and wife Allison Berezcz. Special grandfather of Joseph, Alexander, Benjamin, Ross, William, Charlotte and Thomas. Son in-law of Mary Tarcia. Predeceased by his parents Joseph and Margaret Berezcz and father-in-law George Tarcia. Dr. B. was a retired Ear, Nose and Throat Surgeon and will be forever remembered and loved by family, friends and neighbours. **Editor's Note:** Please look for a beautiful tribute to Joe by his daughter Denyse in the Spring 2012 issue.



**PARENT, John Robert (Jack) '64** After a long and courageous battle on April 27, 2011 at 65 years of age. Beloved husband of Mary. Cherished father of Laura '85 and Chuck, John '88 and Marla. Dear son of the late Emmanuel and Nellie Parent. Son-in-law of the late Clare and Florence Demcie. Dear brother of the late Julia and Ray Bengele, the late Bill husband of Lena Parent, the late Jim husband of Val Parent, the late Dick husband of Barb Parent, Dolores wife of the late Bob Ducharme, Beverly and husband Ken Newby, Winnifred and husband Reg Wilson, June Rose and husband Bob Hayes, Pam Warnakulasuriya and brother-in-law of Norman husband of the late Phyllis Demcie, the late Richard husband of Joanne Demcie, Leonard and wife Nancy Demcie, Bobby and wife Linda Demcie, Nancy Brown, and Jane and Omer Houle. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Jack spent most of his life in sales however his work as a personal care worker at Malden Park was most rewarding.

**MORAND, Joseph Alphonse "Joe", '71.** It is with broken hearts that we must announce the passing of Joe Morand, after a six month struggle with cancer, on April 23, 2011, at 57 years of age. Joe will forever be



sadly missed by his wife Nancy (nee Masaro) of 27 years and their children Julie and Steven. Beloved son of Florence Morand and the late Francis Morand (1999). Dear brother of Gerry (Cindy) Morand, Jean "J.B.", (Kathy) Morand, Claudette (Chris) Address, Peter Morand and the late Philip. Brother-in-law to Barbara (Dave) Willick, Rick Masaro & Charlene Norton, Carol (Rick) Martinello, Donna (Colin) Thompson and Janet (George) Bernik. Joe was an Insurance Broker with Will Insurance, in Tecumseh, who took great pride in his work. He made many friends over the years, some who shared his love of sports playing golf, hockey, and baseball. Joe was a wonderful and honest man who will forever leave a void in our hearts.

Joe was a graduate of Assumption College School in 1971. He continued his fondness for ACH by connecting with classmates and other alumni, usually through golf. Joe was a strong supporter of alumni activities and the Century Club. A very close and dear friend to Hunt Hool. We will always remember you.

**KELLY, Dennis M., '74** passed away April 24, 2011 at age 55. Beloved husband of Mina; loving father of Dennis (Kristen) and Heather (Christopher) Schoenfeldt; dear brother of Robert (Julia); proud grandfather of Andrew and Anthony. Dennis was predeceased by his parents, Robert and Rosemary Kelly and his sister, Roberta Smith. Visitation was at Czopek Funeral Directors, 2157 Oak St, Wyandotte, and funeral services were held at St. Pius X Church in Southgate, MI. Interment at Our Lady of Hope Cemetery.

Dennis was a very accomplished athlete during his days at Assumption High School. Many may remember him playing football and basketball. Dennis attended class reunions, sharing fond memories with other classmates and teachers. We will sadly miss you. Bless you.

**FENN, Howard Harmon, class of 1947,** at the age of 81 years, of Mission Viejo, CA, passed away on July 16, 2011, while recovering from hip surgery. He was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan on August 10, 1929, the only son of Clare and Agnes Fenn. He married Dorothy Karin Robertson January 31, 1959. She passed March 20, 2010, following a long illness. A longtime resident of Orange County, CA, Mr. Fenn was a graduate of Assumption College, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, and the University of Notre Dame before enlisting in the U.S. Army in 1952. After receiving a commission from Officers Candidate School at Ft. Sill, OK, Second Lt. Fenn was honorably discharged in 1954 after two years of active duty. In the late fifties, Mr. Fenn began a long-term career as an Orange County probation officer. He was proud of the connection between his alma mater and his faith. He will be remembered for his love of church and family and is survived by his three children, Deborah Fenn, Patricia, and Roderick Fenn of Mission Viejo; one son-in-law, Jerald; one grandson, Ian; and two granddaughters, Mallory and Alana.



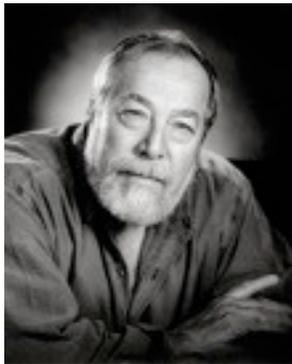
**GREGSON, Anthony "Tony", '56**

at 71 years, died peacefully in his sleep at his home. Beloved husband of the late Jackie (2007). Sadly missed by his step-sons Robert & Rose Booth and the late Greg (2009). Tony graduated from the University of Toronto in 1963 with a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy (BScPhm) and spent 39 years serving the Windsor Area at various locations as a well respected Pharmacist. At Tony's request, cremation will take place. A private family service will be held at a later date.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

- Copland, Hugh -1950
- McBrayne, Carol (Benoit) - 1982
- Moser, Chuck - 1948
- Naccarato, Maria – Mother of John Naccarato, Ret. teacher
- Pellarin, Pietro – Father of Steve 1982, David 1985
- Rocco, Gus - 1961



**HEBERT, Ray ('Moe') '56**, passed peacefully on July 22, 2011 at 73 years of age with his loving family by his side. Cherished husband of Carol for 35 years. Loving father of Shelley Hebert (Brimner), Michael Hebert, Tracie Gignac (Richard), Christopher Utley (Cheryl) and the late Suzanne (Kurt). Treasured Papa of Justin, Jarrod, Jenna, Alex, Rachel, Cory, Callan, Jordan, Gabe, Maxx and the late Jessica. Dear brother of the late Gerard (Gail), Rene (Shirley), Victor (Eleanor), Barbara Swegles (George), Philip (Norma), and Joanne Hebert. He will be sadly missed by many nieces and nephews. In 1970, Raymond took his passion for photography and established Hebert Studio, on the corner of Ottawa and Hall, which he successfully ran for 40 years. Raymond received his Master of Photography degree in both Canada and the United States, and also served on numerous photography boards. He was an avid sports fan and especially loved the Detroit Tigers, but his greatest passion was his family.



**MCBRAYNE, Carol Lynn (nee Benoit) '82** died peacefully at The Carpenter Hospice, Burlington on Saturday, February 12, 2011 at the age of 46 years, after a brave fight with cervical cancer. Beloved wife of Scott and loved Mom of Christopher and Ethan. Predeceased by her parents Tom and Claire Benoit. Cherished sister of Anne Benoit (Dan Gravel), Theresa (Brad) Curran, Dana and the late Steven Benoit, and Joe Benoit (Bev). Loved daughter-in-law of Marilyn and the late Douglas McBrayne, and dear sister-in-law of Randy (Rachel) McBrayne, Cheryl (Philip) Powers, and Debbie (Gavin) Dawson. Carol will also be missed by many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Note from Charlotte Courtland, '82: "I was one of her best friends and I miss her terribly. Also, Gord Johnston of '82 has passed away of a heart attack within the same week as Carol. Let us all pray for their families."



**ROURKE, Byron '56** It is with great sadness that we share the loss of Byron, our loving husband, father, father-in-law, and grandfather who died peacefully on August 10, 2011, at the age of 72.

Loving husband of Carolyn (nee Walling) with whom he shared 47 years of marriage. Beloved father to Phil '81, Sean '83, Damon '86 and Bernie '89; father-in-law to Heather, Kathy, Jacinthe and Nicole; and grandfather to Serena, Sarah, Siobhan, Aedan, Brendan, Claude, Vincent, Charlie, and Maddie. Widely regarded as one of North America's pre-eminent child-clinical neuropsychologists, Byron was Professor of Psychology and University Professor at the University of Windsor from 1965 until his retirement in 2004. Through his pioneering research, teaching, mentoring and countless other contributions to the university and the Department of Neuropsychology at the Regional Children's Centre at Windsor Western Hospital, Byron helped to improve the lives of thousands of children in Windsor and around the world dealing with learning disabilities. Byron received many prestigious awards, including membership as a Fellow in the Royal Society of Canada (1997) and investiture into the Order of Canada (2010). He loved life to its fullest and was passionate about philosophy, photography, travel and music, and a tireless advocate for the Windsor community and a more peaceful world.

**JANSEN, Rev. Adrian Peter, '41.** Born July 23, 1919 in Rotterdam, Holland to parents Peter Jansen and Anna Francoise. Fr. Jansen was called home to be with his Lord and Saviour on July 4, 2011 at Hotel Dieu Grace Hospital at the age of 91 years. Loving brother to Harry Jansen of LaSalle and his late wife Lorraine (2009). Predeceased by brothers and sisters; Anna Verhelst (Andrew), Rena Allen (Melvin), Peter Jansen (Carmen), Twin sister Dorothy Brinich (Frank), and Theodore Jansen. Survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews in Michigan, Seattle, Vermont and California. From the age of five, Fr. Jansen dreamed of becoming a priest, while growing up and attending Holy Name of Mary Church. Fresh out of high school, he entered into the seminary. His only break was when he served as a medic aboard the H.M.C.S. Laetitia in the Pacific during the Second World War. Immediately after the war, he continued his religious studies at St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario. On June 7, 1952, at the age of 32, Fr. Jansen was ordained into the priesthood at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica and began his appointment with the Roman Catholic Diocese of London. He served the following parishes and ministries faithfully to God; Associate Pastor, St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Windsor (1952- 1954); Priest-Chaplain at Hotel Dieu Hospital, Windsor (1954-1958); Associate Director of Pontifical Work for Priestly Vocations (1958); Teacher at Corpus Christi High School, Windsor (1958-1964); Director of Sarnia area Regis Clubs (1964); Associate Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Sarnia (1964-1966); Pastor, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Mount Carmel (1966-1968); Pastor, St. Benedict's Church, Sarnia (1968-1970); and Director of Holy Family Retreat House, Oxley (1970-1988) until his retirement on July 20, 1988. May God bless his soul and grant eternal rest onto him.



**SHMYR (Swanson), Elsie (retired teacher)** Passed away peacefully on August 5th, 2011 at Huron Lodge. Elsie graduated from The University of Saskatchewan in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science (Chemistry)

degree. After having four children, she returned to The University of Windsor in the late 1960's and obtained her Bachelor of Home Economics degree and her Ontario teacher's degree. She taught home economics in Centennial and Assumption High Schools until she retired. She enhanced her children's lives with an appreciation of music, dance, arts and the sciences. She enjoyed driving to Leamington to get fresh produce and homemade bread and taking long walks on the beach, and along the boardwalk at Point Pelee National Park.

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