



President's Message - *Hunt Hool '79*

Hear Ye, Hear Ye! The Assumption Alumni Committee is at its crossroads. We are in need of help. The committee is down to only 8 members to handle all aspects of the Alumni. These include the website, database, Newsletter (writers, editor, and publisher), and monthly meetings attended to discuss matters and activities. It is not that time consuming, but it is with only a few members trying to handle it all. The committee is very saddened to announce the passing of a great member, teacher, writer, friend, and an incredible voice of reason and guidance, Denis Malette. He served on the Alumni committee for 15 years doing amazing work. We all deeply miss him. Father Q. Johnson is doing well in his retirement at Amica, where he enjoys himself by spending many days walking in the park, and with visitors, especially the company of Mary Margaret Parent, retired ACH principal. I keep Fr. Q informed of the committee's meetings and activities, and he keeps saying prayers for us. He did attend his first meeting in May since COVID started, but his attendance is limited, not like his teaching days with ONE day absent in 33 years (and that was for a funeral). WOW! Rick and Lil Dumouchelle continue to do an incredible job managing the website, database and correspondence to alumni members. Linda Presello produces and formats the Newsletter, hard copy and electronic, as well as the mailing of the hard copy. We thank Linda for her hard work. Alumni are encouraged to send in any update, or an article to be published in the Newsletter, especially family updates, work, children, grandchildren, retirements, etc. We love to hear it all! Lastly, an update on the big 150th school reunion at Caesar's that was postponed due to the pandemic. The committee still hopes to have this event, but we are still coming out of COVID, and Caesar's is not hosting large events other than concerts. We continue to monitor the situation, but we encourage all classes to continue to plan and organize their own class reunions, especially milestones of 10, 25, and 50 years. Please contact the Alumni office, and we will assist, particularly with your class list. Trust me, I definitely understand that people are busy with life. Work, family, and activities take up a lot of time. However, joining the Alumni committee is exciting, worthwhile, and rewarding. So please give it some consideration and contact us if you are interested in participating in any way. Thanks for the memories. I will be moving on from my position as President of the ACH Alumni Committee after 16 years. I would like to thank everyone that has served on the committee during this time, and thank all of you, the Alumni, for tolerating my written articles, over the years. I will continue to co-chair the Alumni Golf with Gary Ulicny. It has been a thrill and a great pleasure to serve the Alumni of the greatest High School ever, Assumption High School. Take care, Go Raiders!!



New Health Unit CEO

The new CEO of the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit, **Dr. Ken Blanchette**. Assumption College Catholic High School Alumnus '91

“I wanted to have a greater impact on health-care providers.”

Coming to the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit as its new CEO more than two years into the pandemic, Blanchette said there's lots of hard work ahead after COVID-19 “changed everything” the health unit does.

“This opportunity came up and it was just the natural combination of knowledge, leadership experiences and relationships and partnerships,”

Blanchette most recently worked as the executive director at Connex Ontario, which provides health services to people living with mental health and addictions challenges. He attended Assumption High School and the University of Windsor before opening a chiropractic practice in Michigan, eventually returning home to the Windsor region.

“Staff here and everywhere else in health care, we've had a rough time,” he said. “They've been working hard and diligently. They move mountains. We have to be mindful of where they are, but we also have to look at the newer folks that are coming in and training them.”

Blanchette said he'll also be working with the senior leadership team to make people even more aware of the services the health unit offers, after the pandemic made them synonymous with COVID and vaccines.

“Before COVID, people knew of the health unit, even if you didn't really know exactly what they did,” he said. “When the pandemic hit, everybody knew the health unit but it's really affiliated I believe with pandemic and vaccinations”.

Blanchette said he's also looking forward to the recently announced partnership with the University of Windsor exploring co-location for the health unit, and the new controlled treatment site that will “save lives.”

Denis Malette Catholic Student of the Year Award Winner - Gina Touma '22



"Gina was an absolute blessing to the ACS Community. Her smile is contagious and her faith powerful. Gina truly represents, Teach me Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge. A well deserving recipient. Denis would be proud."

*Mrs. Presello '81
Campus Minister*



My name is Gina Touma, and I am a recent graduate of Assumption College Catholic High School. During my time at Assumption, I was lucky enough to be a part of the Campus Ministry. There was no better way to start the day than reading our school's mission statement and prayer. Holding this position with Campus Ministry allowed me to deepen my faith; often, after morning announcements, I'd find myself in my first period class reflecting on the words and message of the morning prayer. As well, the terms "goodness, discipline, and knowledge" from our school's mission statement are something I would constantly reflect on during my time at Assumption. Even now, I often wonder how I can exemplify "goodness, discipline, and knowledge" even though I moved on to Post-Secondary.. While I have yet to find a definite answer, the best way I can do this is by continuing to manifest the morals and principles the school has taught me, essentially, what it means to be a Raider. There is something special about Assumption students, every day, we are reminded of what it means to be a Raider: someone who is connected to their local and school community, who is entrenched in their faith, and who exhibits the traits of "goodness, discipline, and knowledge".

At Assumption, I was involved with the school community. Since the tenth grade, I have been a member of the school's Student Advisory Council. Being a part of SAC allowed me to participate in school-based activities, but most importantly allowed me to become a leader. Apart from SAC, I was a part of the school's can drive committee, French Club and a Campus Ministry leader. Additionally, my friend and I created the Assumption Her Drive, an initiative that aims to provide underserved women in the Assumption and Windsor-Essex Communities with feminine hygiene products. Starting this initiative allowed me to see Assumption students and Campus Ministry's direct impact on the community. Through the school's efforts, we donated these products with our annual Christmas Basket Project and provided these products to many women in our school community. Things like this make me proud to say that I am an Assumption Graduate. Finally, being a leader within my school community allowed me to hold the position of Student Trustee with the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board for the 2021-2022 school year. Representing the entire student body of the Catholic School Board and Assumption was an experience that I am truly grateful for and will treasure sincerely.

Coming to Assumption and being a part of the IB program has been one of the best decisions of my life. The atmosphere and culture of the school allowed me and continues to let me be the best version of myself. Although I have graduated, I still try to demonstrate the qualities I have learned at Assumption and what it means to be a Purple Raider. Currently, I am continuing my post-secondary education at the University of Windsor, where I study Honors Political Science with a french specialization. In the future, I plan on either attending law school or continuing to further my education by achieving a master's degree. Ultimately, it is the morals that I learned at Assumption and Campus Ministry (Mrs. Presello) that have allowed me to become a better individual and to be met with success in my first year at University.

Thank you Alumni Association for the Scholarship, I am forever grateful.



Jan Pavol TALIGA - *A Grade 11 Student Remembered*

December 7, 2006 - August 14, 2022

Jan Pavol left home, and joined God's angels. Jan Pavol peacefully let go of support for his breathing and his bodily heart quietly stopped. He kept shining on his bed for God's glory. Jan Pavol's life shined and keeps shining for all those he touched. It is with broken hearts that we announce our beloved son, brother, cousin, grandson, nephew and friend has become an Angel in heaven after a valiant and courageous battle with cancer at the age of 15. Beloved son of Daniela and Jan (Mama Danka & Tato Janko). The best big brother of Daniel. The Raider Community lost a fighter. Staff and students stood side by side to support Jan Pavol in an honour guard outside the Church. Recently, his classmates paid tribute in the Assumption Chapel for a special liturgy, led by Campus Minister, Mrs. Linda Presello '81 and by Mr. Joseph Sasso, teacher. Once a Raider, always a Raider. Mr and Mrs. Taliga and brother Daniel attended. Rest in Peace Jan Pavol.

Class of 1950



From Left to Right: **Don Nassr '50** - Chief Psychologist, Bowling Green Kentucky
Chuck Hickey '50 - Well known Essex Lawyer, **Joe Nader '50**, **Bernard McNamara '50** -
 President Allied Automation Systems, Detroit MI, **Jim Guiry '50** - Vice President International
 Nickel, **Bill Neal '50** - Chemical Engineer, Jamaica

Remembering Denis Malette



Denis J Malette passed away on July 12, 2022 at 81 after a long illness. Denis was a special teacher. He molded young students to think critically, discuss important topics and become better persons. He wanted to see students reach their potential. Denis came to Assumption in 1978. I had the privilege of being a student in his class. He brought out the best in all of his students. We are all grateful for that. He was a kind and compassionate person who always gave of his time.

He was always supporting the school teams and was an accomplished team photographer. He was well liked and respected among my fellow students. He was selected by fellow teachers as "Educator of the Year" for 1992-93. After his retirement he was an integral part of the Assumption Alumni Association - writing for the newsletter. As a part of his legacy, an award for an Assumption student will be named in his honour.

Born September 18, 1940, in Wendover, Ontario, near Ottawa, Denis graduated from Corpus Christi High School, Windsor, and from the University of Windsor in 1967.

He served in the Canadian Naval Reserves aboard an ice-vessel in Hudson Bay.

Beginning in the 1970s, Denis taught at St. Clare, Holy Family, and Christ the King elementary schools, and Assumption and Catholic Central high schools.

He served on the Assumption church restoration committee, was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 4386, and Windsor Goodfellows, and generously supported many charities, especially those helping children.

He is survived by sister Regine (Gerard) Dupuis and two brothers, Ghislain (Paul), and Bernard (Michelle), as well as many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Albert and Eugenie, and siblings Jean and Shirley Malette, Pierre, Odette and Gerald Menard, Claude (Rosaline) Malette, and Gilbert and Theresa Malette.

He will be missed and I am grateful to have known him.

Rob Sartor '82

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The Alumni Association will be renaming the Catholic Student of the Year Award to the Denis Malette Memorial Catholic Student of the Year Award.

This is an annual award given to a student dedicated to their Catholic Faith and to the life of the Assumption High School Community. This award is valued at \$1000.



Basilian Fathers

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Celebrating 200 years of Teaching and Preaching Goodness, Discipline, and Knowledge



The Congregation of St. Basil, also known as the Basilian Fathers, is a Roman Catholic community of priests, students for the priesthood, and lay associates focused on Christian education and evangelization.

It was founded in 1822 when ten diocesan priests defied anticlerical laws passed during the French Revolution to bring balanced Christian education to a small village in southern France by operating a seminary. The founders' devotion to work, involvement in the Church, simplicity of their life, and a call to deeper community life continue to inspire the priests of St. Basil today.

1870 - The Basilian Fathers of Toronto are invited to take charge of Assumption Parish and Assumption College. Father Denis O'Connor, CSB becomes the superior of Assumption College and pastor of Assumption Parish. He goes on to become Bishop of London in 1890 and Archbishop of Toronto in 1899. The Basilian Fathers staff the parish continuously since this time.

1954 - Through an act of the Ontario Legislature, Assumption College was renamed Assumption University of Windsor. The new University accepted the non-denominational Essex College, incorporated in 1954. The new non-denominational University included Assumption University as a federated member holding in abeyance its degree granting powers save for the Faculty of Theology. The facilities and teaching faculty of Assumption University were integrated into the University of Windsor.

1962 - The city of Windsor's growth and the increasing demands for higher education, necessitated a further restructuring of the University. Accordingly, the boards of governors and regents of Assumption University and the board of directors of Essex College petitioned the Government of Ontario for the establishment of the University of Windsor. An Act of the Legislature of the Province of Ontario incorporated the University of Windsor on December 19, 1962.

1971 - With the merging of St. Mary's Academy, Assumption High School became a co-educational secondary school within the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board. The Basilian Fathers continued to live in community at the school.

2006 - The Basilians left the school in 2006.

2013 - The Assumption University building was sold to the University of Windsor. The building was renamed Assumption Hall and Assumption University and the Catholic Campus Ministry department and student lounge continue to be housed on the second floor.

2020 - The parish communities of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, St. Alphonsus Parish, Saint Benedict Tridentine Rite Community, and Saint Daniel Comboni Community join together to form the Windsor Heritage Catholic Family of Parishes. The Family of Parishes is placed under the leadership of the Basilian Fathers.

CENTURY CLUB CONTRIBUTIONS

The Century Club is composed 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. The following are individuals who have generously made a contribution. We thank you for your continued support.

**NEW!! ** Contributions can now be made through e-transfer at
ACHALUMNI@gmail.com****

Century Club Contributions

Birch, Michael	Birch, Joseph (in memory of Cecil Birch)	
Broughton, Sean Allen	Comartin, Lois	Donald, Judge Richard
Dondero, Mrs. Mary	Fleming, Lenora	Hool, Hunt
Leveque, Kelly	Masterson, Kevin	McMahon, Joseph
McNamara, Bernard	O'Linn, Michael	Papp, George P.
Paron, Dave	Petho, Louis C. III	Ruel, Robert G.
Ryan, Gary	Schiller, Thomas	Stroia, Eugene

Other Contributions

Caira, Pietro	Duchene, Michael	Dumouchelle, Richard and Liliana
Kefgen, Robert	Limarzi, Bruno	Souliere, Ray

Praying for the Faithfully Departed

Anzolin, Susan '86 - sister of Roger '77, Renzo '80

Chittim, Peter '54

Conn, Gary '75

Dzuro, George '53

Eaves, Cecil - father of Mike '74, Murray '78

Emon, David '80

Jolie, Anne - mother of retired staff member Sr. Lise Jolie

Krause, Dr. Lucjan - father of Richard '87

Malette, Denis - retired ACS Staff

Picard, Claude '76

Provenzano, Salvatore - father of Antonella '81

Quenneville, Claude - son of retired staff member Frank Lepain

Romano, Bernie - father of Terrie '81, Bernie '82, Rob '89

Rosaasen, Jack '74

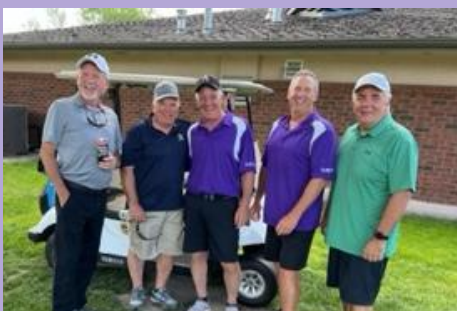
Stewart, Ken - father of Ken Jr '86, Annette '86, Raymond '87, Eddie '88, Michelle '90, Marilyn '90

Timperio, Serina - daughter of Enzo '81



ACS Raider Golf Tournaments

The 42nd annual Assumption Alumni golf tournament was once again blessed by Fr. Sheedy and Fr. Armstrong, with a beautiful day of weather, golf, dinner, and fellowship. Despite COVID restrictions and the renovations of the Roseland Golf & Country Club, an incredible dinner and awards presentation were held at the South Windsor Spago. A huge thank you to Peter Vitti '92, at Spago, and Ettore Taricani '93, Roseland course manager, for helping us make this day a big success. The course was covered in purple and white. Tournament champions were Joe Ivan '76, Tyler Santilli 2015, Mike Niziolek '75, and Brad Fahringer '85. The Norb Rammler (longest drive) award went to Al Timmins '77; the Mary Kulyk award (furthest from #13 pin) was Dino Latella '82; the Galambos Family award (closest to #13 pin) was Rick Smith '76; the John Upham award (honest team) was Duane Parent, Marc Zakoor, Mark Bortolotti, and Tom Kirby, all '75 grads; and the Fr. Armstrong "Sparky" (Spirit) award went to Dave Roberts '75. Thank you to Gary Ulicny '66, for organizing the event. It was quite a sight to see 64 alumni dressed in purple and white sitting together at the long tables at Spago, resembling lunch period in the cafeteria. Thank you to everyone who participated this year. Everyone, including newcomers, are invited back next year, Saturday, June 3rd , 2023.



Boniferro/Landry Memorial Golf

On Saturday, May 7th , 2022, family, friends, and alumni teed the ball up at Kingsville Golf and Country Club in honour of Guy Boniferro '80 and Mark Landry '78. This was the 15th annual memorial golf day in honour of our two friends. A wonderful day of weather, golf, lunch and camaraderie was had by all! Thank you to Kingsville, and Dino Latella '82, for organizing this event. Somehow, the reminiscing and storytelling grows in exaggeration from year to year. See everyone again next year; any newcomers are welcome.

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Richard Loreto, Class of '67

By: **Cris Kohl, '66**

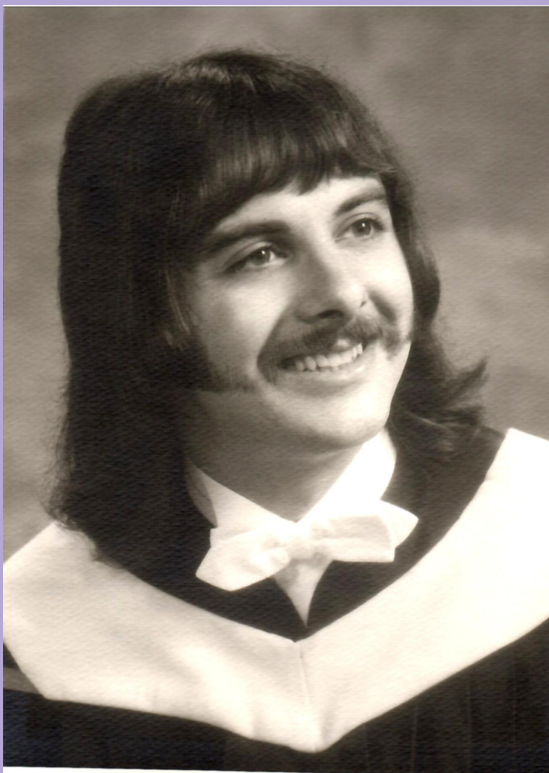
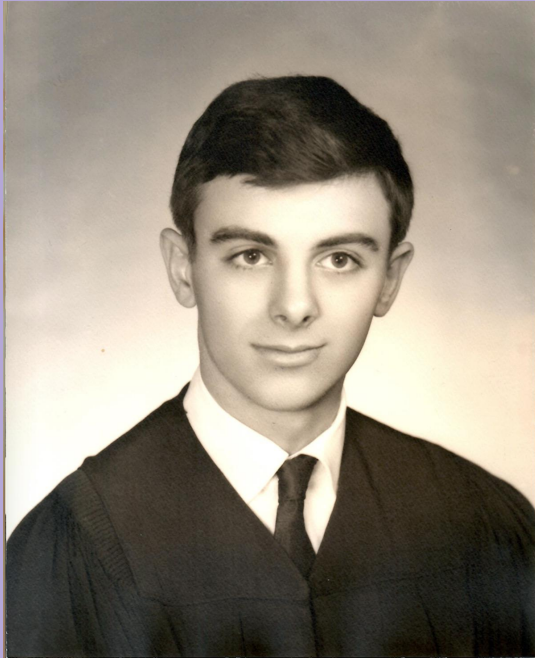
It's interesting to see how Assumption Collegiate School graduates have fared since they left high school. Richard Loreto is retired now, but he has had an interesting and varied life and career.

Richard began his post-secondary-school studies at the University of Windsor in September 1968, immediately upon graduating from grade 13 (yes, they had a grade 13 then) at ACS. Four years later, he graduated with an Honours B.A. in political science, and in 1973, he completed work for a Master of Arts degree in the same subject. In 1984, he finished all of the requirements at the University of Toronto for his Ph.D. degree in political science and public administration.

Between 1977 and 1990, Richard taught courses on Canadian and Ontario politics, local government, and public management and policy at Toronto Metropolitan University, the University of Toronto, and Brock University in St. Catharines. He has produced a number of scholarly and popular publications including one essay on the Ontario cabinet that was included in the 1981 book, *The Government and Politics of Ontario*, edited by Donald C. MacDonald, prompting a political book reviewer in Windsor to describe Richard as "local boy made good in Toronto." Richard is the co-editor (along with the late Dr. Trevor Price from the University of Windsor) of the book, *Urban Policy Issues: Canadian Perspectives* (McClelland & Stewart Inc., 1990.)

During his academic career, Richard developed a part-time consulting practice, but in 1990, he went full-time by forming RAL (his initials) Consulting Limited. As a consultant, he managed a variety of projects ranging from program evaluation to executive education for clients at the federal, provincial, and municipal levels of government. Richard worked for both employer and union clients in the construction industry across Canada and in the United States, carrying out labour market analysis and strategy development projects. He also led major strategy development projects for clients in the mining, electric power, steel, chemical specialty products, and property and casualty insurance industries.

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Richard's Ph.D. dissertation was on the topic of policing in Ontario, and he was consulted on numerous police matters in Ottawa, Halton, Hamilton, and Waterloo, including consultation for the selection of an Ottawa police chief. He lectured on management topics at the Ontario Provincial Police Academy, Ontario Police College, and Canadian Police College. The Hamilton Police Association nominated Richard for the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee medal, which he received in 2012.



His father, Harry Loreto, immigrated to Canada from the Abruzzo Region of Italy at the age of seven in 1930. After service in the Canadian Army during World War II, Harry married Rose Di Minin, and Richard was born in Windsor in 1949. Upon completing his undergraduate studies, Richard married Carol Baleka on August 5, 1972, and before the '70s came to an end, the couple had a son (Michael, today a radiologist in North Bay, ON) and a daughter (Elise, today a physiotherapist in Hamilton, ON). Richard "pulled the plug" on his company and retired in 2019. He and Carol recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

There is another very important aspect to Richard Loreto that is totally separate, distinct, and different from his professional profile and family life: MUSIC, specifically loud rock and roll MUSIC. It forms the bookends of his life. In the late 1960s, while still a student at Assumption, Richard played lead guitar in a series of local bands, culminating in the early 1970s with the accomplished and significant Windsor group called the Blues Train. Today, retired from his long career, he continues to make himself heard by "bending the strings" in two Ontario bands.



Those stories will be told in Part 2 in the next Alumni Newsletter.

Thank You...

After 16 years of leadership, Hunt has passed the torch. Hunt Hool will continue to be an important part of the Alumni Committee. Hunt's spirit and dedication to the Raider Community has been witnessed by many. Lisa Paolotto '81 has stepped down from her position as Secretary, and will also stay on the committee.

We welcome our new President, Robert Sartor '82, Vice-President, Michael Duchene '76, Secretary, Linda Presello '81 and our newest member, Dr. Paul DeMarco '69.

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Assumption Chatter

Mary Ann Pastorius writes: "I'm a custodian with the WECDSB. I worked at Assumption last fall (2021) and the memories it brought back, priceless!!! Right now I'm off work with a non-related work injury. I hope to be able to return to work this fall. I have two adult children and two grandchildren. Family is the best! I really enjoy receiving and reading the Alumni newsletter.

Rev. L.D. Burns, '52 writes: " I was a staff member from 1959-62. I knew Jack Hool, Kevin Masterson, Bob Kefgen, Chuck Hickey, Fr. Q. Johnson, George McMahon, Fr. Harrison, Larry Roberts, Joe Alessi, etc.. Thanks for the bulletin."

Correction! Jane Maciel-Curran '78 is alive and well!

An error was made in the last newsletter that Jane had passed away. We are so happy to hear that she is still with us. Our apologies!!

Alumni Association Members

Robert Sartor '82 - President
Michael Duchene '76 - Vice President
Bruno Limarzi '72, Finance Officer
Linda Presello '81- Secretary
Members at large:
Fr. Q. Johnson C.S.B.
Paul DeMarco '69
Cris Kohl '67
Hunt Hool '79
Lisa Paolotto '81

Assumption High School Numbers

ACS Students - 700
ACCMS Students - 152
IB HS Diploma Students - 180
IB Middle Year Students - 159
International Students -30
Temp. International Students - 29
Dormitory Students - 12
ACS Staff - 72
ACCMS Staff - 13

