

The Grapevine

NOVEMBER 2017

Message From Our President—Hunt Hool '79

Dear Alumni:

Here we go again! It is the start of another school year at Assumption High School, Fall 2017. Where do the years go? U2 is celebrating their 30th anniversary of the Joshua Tree tour. I was at the Silver Dome concert in 1987. Television shows are mostly remakes. Joe Louis Arena is no longer, and the new Little Caesar's Arena is in full swing. Times are changing.

I would like to express our deepest sympathies Shelley Polewski '78, and Charlene Yates '77 for the unexpected and sudden passings of their husbands, Ted, '78, and Shawn '77. These losses really rock everyone's world. Two great Assumption high school sweetheart romances and long lasting marriages. Please pray for them and their families. We also note and send our condolences to the family of William Bridgeman, class of '44.

The Alumni Committee has had a great year, thanks to your financial contributions. Alumni has provided sponsorships to several events this past school year. Including, Model UN, ACS Band as well as our first Scholarship Winner, Catherine Pham. (see page 2) The Alumni Association and Assumption High School were able to share the cost to repair and restain the Altar, Cross, Ambos and Credence Table.

Lastly, once again the 2020 Reunion! It is only 3 years away. Please consider volunteering yourself and/or classmates as your class contact in organizing for the Reunion. Please contact the Alumni office.

Best wishes to all Alumni in the upcoming holiday season and throughout the new year – 2018!



Bonifero/Landry Golf Tournament



L to R: Justin Hool, Tim Reid, Hunt Hool '79 and Rob Biasutto '79

Bonifero/Landry Golf Outing

Once again, family and friends gathered together and teed it up at Kingsville Golf and CC, in memory of Guy Bonifero, '80, and Mark Landry, '78. An absolutely beautiful day was shining on 20 golfers during 9 holes of play, while sharing stories of our experiences with Guy and Mark.

Next Spring, the Newsletter will confirm the date for this annual outing, most likely being on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. All are invited, please contact the Alumni office if you are interested. A huge thank you to Dino Latella '82, for hosting and organizing this special event.

Celebrating

150 Years

of
**Goodness,
Discipline
and
Knowledge**

November 7, 2020

**Assumption
College Catholic
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Save the Date

The Windsor Public Library board announced Wednesday the branch, which will contain the city's automotive archives and has been designed with an automotive theme, will be called the W.F. Chisholm Branch.

Library CEO Kitty Pope said when current Rose City Ford owner John Chisholm and his wife Sophia approached the library with the idea of sponsoring the branch in honour of his father, "we quickly realized that Bill's inspirational career is perfectly aligned" with the new branch's automotive theme.

In a news release, John Chisholm said he's thrilled about establishing a legacy for his father, who was born in Nova Scotia in 1932 and moved to Windsor at the age of 10.

The Chisholms declined to state the amount of their donation. Sophia said in an email that, while it's significant, "the amount contributed is a mere drop in the bucket when compared to the love and respect that we hold for our father. He is a prince of a gentleman with a heart of gold, and we are just so very happy that we could pay tribute to dad in such a relevant and enduring manner."

Bill Chisholm, now 84, was hired as a brake tester on the Chrysler assembly line and worked his way up to become national sales manager for Chrysler Canada. He resigned and pursued his dream of running a car dealership when he was 41. After moving to Kitchener to own a Chrysler dealership he moved his family back to Windsor and opened Rose City Ford in 1981 in the midst of a brutal recession.

The business grew to become one of the most high-performing and respected Ford dealerships in the country, according to Sophia. Her father-in-law retired and sold the business to his son John in 1996.

The new branch — in South Walkerville and Remington Park — is slated to open in the fall of 2017.



The new \$2.5-million library branch being built at South Walkerville's Optimist Community Centre will be named after the founder of Rose City Ford, Bill Chisholm '50



Catherine Pham—Winner of The ACS Catholic Student Award 2017



Mr. and Mrs. Pham, Catherine, '17 and Bishop Robert Kasun

Dear Assumption Alumni Committee: My name is **Catherine Pham**. I sincerely thank you for sponsoring the Catholic Student of the Year Award and I am extremely honoured to be the recipient of this Award.

I will keep God in my heart as I am also in the Vietnamese Eucharist Youth Society and will become a division leader soon. This award will be helpful in paying my University tuition. I am currently in my first

year at the University of Windsor for Mechanical Engineering. I began wanting to become an engineer in Grade 10 and focused on achieving the best I could academically and socially. By the end of the four years of my undergrad, I plan to go to graduate school to pursue a Masters. From working hard and being the best person I can be will pay off in the long run.

On *Saturday October 28* of this year, I was given the privilege to attend the Father Fogarty's 34th Annual Awards dinner. Through the Alumni Association's support, I was able to enjoy the guest speakers and the food that was provided. Meeting the Bishop of the Diocese of Toronto was an opportunity that was given, thanks to the Alumni Association and the Catholic Education Foundation of Ontario. At the Father Fogarty's Dinner, as the awardees were presented, the recipient achievements and contributions to society were announced.

Upon hearing the accomplishments of other students from all over Ontario, it encouraged me to bring the qualities and objectives of Catholic education back to Windsor. Overall, it was an enjoyable dinner that inspired me to become a better role model for the future generation of students with Catholic Education.

"Teach Me: Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge"

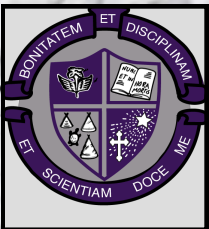
Countdown to the 150th Anniversary Celebration—2020

Assumption College High celebrates 150 years of
"Goodness, Discipline, and Knowledge",
at the Reunion on Saturday, November 7th, 2020.

Only 3 years until the big celebration, but don't wait until the last months or weeks to organize your class.

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

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



Find us on



Looking for individuals from each Grad Year to begin a facebook page. Great way to connect, stay connected and receive information.

Send a friend re-request and please let us know your Graduation Year.

**Those classes that already have a facebook page,
please let us know so we can spread the word.**

Please send a request to "ACH Alumni Association"

ACH Alumni Association Windsor On — Like us on facebook! Be our friend!



TERRY BACHYNSKI '75

Terry Bachynski '75 holds part of his medal collection at home in Glenora, Alberta. The local runner is about to attempt his 60th marathon. An Edmonton runner is about to complete a lifetime goal of finishing 60 marathons in time for his 60th birthday.

Bachynski and his wife, Laura, have travelled to Ontario for the MEC Toronto Road Race Six, a festival including races for the marathon, half marathon, 10K and 5K distances.

In honour of their father's milestone birthday, all four of Terry's children committed to train for a marathon and run the event by his side. Unfortunately, injuries interrupted their training, forcing all but one of the siblings to downgrade their distances "I think it's amazing they're even going to run," Laura said.

"When I was at their stage of life, I was not even exercising, so it's amazing they've done this," Terry added.

Terry ran his first marathon in Calgary 20 years ago in July of 1997, after a friend of his suggested he pick up the sport. He was working in Fort McMurray at the time and was struggling to find opportunities to play competitive squash there. He ended up loving the marathon and trained seriously for more races.

When he was 45, he ran his 15th marathon and thought about trying to run 50 before he turned 50. That goal seemed too ambitious, so he landed on 60 before 60, which would require him to run three marathons a year. He even entered some ultra-marathons, including the 125-kilometre Death Race ultra-marathon in Grand Cache.

Over the years, he has run the Red Deer Marathon 15 times and Edmonton 10 times. He has also travelled to more exotic locations, battling strong winds in Dublin, taking in fireworks and a sunrise in Honolulu, listening to bands along the roads of Las Vegas and watching a fellow runner crawl up Heartbreak Hill in Boston.

He has run back-to-back marathons and used his hobby to raise money and awareness for the Arthritis Society.

Other than one fractured bone in his foot, he's remained relatively injury-free for the past two decades, likely thanks to lifting weights and working on core strength between runs.

His personal best for the distance is 3:15, which he achieved twice: in Red Deer and Dublin. Congratulations Terry!

Century Club Contributions

Thank you

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. Thank you for your continued support.

Contributions can be sent to:

Assumption College Catholic High School
1100 Huron Church Rd., Windsor Ontario, N9C 2K7
Attention Alumni Association

Century Club List

Birch, Cecil M.
Birch, Joseph T.
Birch, Michael A.
Carey, Thomas
Chisholm, William
Class of '77
Clement, Dr. Leo
Devine, John
DiGioia, Lisa
Donald, Judge Richard Harold
Dondero, Mrs. Mary
(in Memory of Tom)

Century Club List

Duchene, Michael
Dupont, Frank
Hickey, Charles
The Hool Family
Klamt, Ronald
Limarzi, Bruno
Mascarin, A.J. Nish
McTavish, William
Pageau, John
Ray, Lea
Rivard, Richard
Zakoor, Phillip Sr.

Other Contributors

Caira, Pietro
DuPerron, David
Matz, Joe



ACH Alumni Golf

The 37th Annual Alumni golf tournament was another great tournament held on another beautiful day, no doubt provided by Fathers Sheedy and Armstrong! This year's gift was a purple hoodie, supplied by Great Promotions, out of London, Ontario, which is perfect for wearing around town on cool nights to show off our purple. It was a great sight to see purple and white covering Roseland Golf Course and a great time was had by all, as always.

This year's tournament winners...drum roll please... Joe Ivan '76, Frank Iatonna '75, Brad Fahringer '85, and Mike Valcke '74. Surprise, surprise! Winner of the "Sparky Award" is the Parent Family, Colleen '78, Duane '75, Karen and Randy '74.

Mark your calendars for next year for Saturday, June 2, 2018 at Roseland Golf Course. See you there!

Ovil Lesperance '32—102 Years Young—Looking at his ACS Yearbook



At 102, Ovil Lesperance '32 has no shortage of stories to tell and he'll tell them to anyone who'll listen.

On Tuesday, that anyone was Mayor Drew Dilkens. Dilkens dropped in on Lesperance at his Roseland Drive home as part of the mayor's plan to meet with as many city centenarians as he can. Tuesday, as part of the Windsor's 125th birthday celebrations and senior's month, city hall released the names of 37 centenarians like Lesperance.

"As part of our city's birthday, I wanted to go out and meet all those folks," Dilkens said. "For me, this is exciting and fascinating to hear about the history of the city and what things were like here when they were young."

The list includes 27 women and 10 men. Olinda Mascarini, who now lives in LaSalle, is the oldest at

107. The list includes former Miss Windsor Elmira Frenette, 101, who still has photos and news clippings from her victory in 1935. When the Detroit-Windsor tunnel was officially opened in 1930, Robert Johnson, now 100, participated in the ceremony as a boy scout. Jack Ingram, 104, delivered meat when he was 13 and went on to open his own meat store. Later, he opened JH Ingram Furniture.

These residents are living links to our rich and varied history," Dilkens said. "They are important contributors to what Windsor is today. Recognizing their milestone birthdays during the city's 125th anniversary is a privilege."

Lesperance still lives in the home backing on to the Roseland Golf Course he built in 1948.

"I remember seeing Sammy Davis Jr. golfing on the 15th hole one day when I was in my backyard years ago," he said. Up until last year, Lesperance regularly played golf. Lesperance still drives and has just renewed his licence. He stays social playing a lots of cards and still has breakfast with his buddies every Thursday morning.

"There's only five of us that go for breakfast now," he said. "It used to be 12 of us."

He's seen both the Ambassador Bridge and the Windsor Tunnel being built and was quick to ask Dilkens about the new bridge, pointing out it was "taking a long time." Dilkens presented the long-time Spitfires fan with a ball hat along with a letter from the city recognizing his milestone.

Lesperance was born in Hotel Dieu-Grace hospital on January 25, 1915 and has lived in Windsor his entire life. "I hold the record for my birth," he said, with a laugh. "I weighed 14 pounds."

In 1946 Lesperance married Marie, who died in 2005. He worked as a busdriver until retiring at age 65. He has four children, 13 grand children and 13 great-grand children.

He loved to visit the dance halls downtown with his wife, Marie, and in particular enjoyed a place called the Bucket of Blood. "It was a regular dance hall," he said. "We used to go and dance. I don't know how it got that name, maybe they had something rough going on there, I don't know." Sitting in his living room, he shared some of his memories of diving into the Detroit River with friends during prohibition to retrieve whisky bottles tossed overboard by rum runners. Lesperance's son, Jerome, said some of his dad's favourite stories surround the days of prohibition.

"He loves to talk about going to the blind pigs which are the illegal drinking halls," Jerome said. "And he talks about the old Rendezvous which used to have a secret room in the middle during prohibition. If you knew the people you could go inside that room and drink and gamble." The stories are endless and the memories priceless. Jerome believes his dad has stayed healthy by keeping active. But Lesperance said the secret to his longevity is really quite simple.

"I drink red wine everyday," he said. "I guess I just took really good care of myself."



Dr. Binh Vu: Fusing Art and Science in Medicine



As a general practitioner in Woodstock for 27 years, **Dr. BinhVu`83** considers himself to be an old-school, do-it-all type of physician. Running a comprehensive general practice allows him to do everything from delivering babies to providing palliative care. But his approach can be considered slightly different than most.

Dr. Vu is a firm believer that field of medicine is a mixture of both art and science. “As a doctor, you have to understand the science of human life,” he says. “But when you treat people, you have to really use art to heal them.”

The art, he says, comes in the form of establishing trust, building a positive influence and having a good relationship with his patients in order to achieve a common goal. “This multi-faceted aspect of medicine attracted me to the field,” he said.

But Dr. Vu was also drawn to the field through his bloodline. Family influence began with his father, who was trained as a nurse practitioner, then became medical officer in the army in Vietnam with a role to transport the wounded for the south army. As well, his grandfather and great uncles practised Oriental medicine. But entering the field was a journey for Dr. Vu.

When he was studying high school in Vietnam, a war broke out in 1975 where the north took over the south part of Vietnam, and Dr. Vu says his “life really changed.”

“My father was put in prison for a couple of years, and when he was released, we weren’t welcome there. So we escaped on a boat,” he said. “We landed in a refugee camp in Indonesia, and then the United Nations took us in and provided for us.”

Eventually, Vu and his family applied and were accepted into Canada in 1982. Having already completed half of his first year of medical school in Vietnam, upon arriving in Canada, he completed his training at Western University.

“Escaping Vietnam was very difficult; being with 100 people on a small boat for 10 days facing death,” he said. “Then we stayed in a refugee camp in poverty conditions for six months.”

In that time, Dr. Vu says he devoted every minute of his time to learning English so that I would be ready for school in Canada.

“I was helped by many good people around me,” he said. “A lot of people who knew I wanted to realize my dream helped me along the way by encouraging me and helping me in any way that they could.”

Dr. Vu says he owes gratitude to the Government of Canada for accepting his family, to the teachers who supported him along his journey, **to the priests at Assumption High School in Windsor who assisted with his tuition**, and to Dr. Ross McElroy whom he locumed with in Woodstock prior to setting up his own practice.

“I was a very committed student; I devoted all my life to studying and doing extra reading,” he said. “My goal was to learn everything to the best of my ability and then apply it. I always had that mentality going into medicine.”

While accomplishing his dream involved a difficult journey, Dr. Vu says he wouldn’t trade it for anything.

“My love for my job is what drives me,” he said. “Being able to see patients through their life journeys allows me to experience a whole spectrum of life.”

Focusing on the art behind medicine and being just one player in the nation’s broader health-care team is what keeps driving Dr. Vu’s practice.

“We’re all part of this mosaic picture. Every one of us is a tiny piece in that, and we’re all important,” he said. “Each piece is supported by the pieces around it.”

Alumni Chatter...

Pageau, John Eugene `45 writes...

“BIG 90 this year—healthy and happy. Active volunteer in activities in Oakpark Riverstone Retirement Communities including reader for weekly Mass.

Enjoy the newsletter.”

Dr. Binh Vu `83 writes...Dear Mr. and Mrs. Dumouchelle, I hope you are both well. It has been a few years since we last talked. There is a profile of the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Spotlight on Health, monthly newsletter did on me. Sr. Kathleen Lichti nominated me to be profiled. I thought it may be good for you to know that I have always held you dear to my heart. (see page 7)

Martin Jos Kubanek `54...To everyone, I am 82 years old and in excellent health and have an excellent memory. I may live to 100 years old. I am a child of God before I was born in March 1935. I am a miracle baby. I died on the operating table at Brown's hospital in Providence, Rhode Island, U.S.A. My Mother was a witness. Say hi to everyone, Amen.”

Leslie Spickett `82 writes...Ernest Spickett `47 father of Leslie started the Assumption tradition in which all of his seven children followed in his footsteps. Leslie `82 the

youngest studied *Child and Youth Worker*, and has been an *Educational Assistant in the Life Skills Room at Assumption for 20 of her 30 year career.* Leslie believes in the *ACS Mission Statement, “Teach Me Goodness Discipline and Knowledge”* and tries to live it daily. Leslie states, “the students at ACS have made me a better person.”

Alumni Remembered

Fuerth, Fr. Patrick

Givlin, Sr. Leona (former staff member)

McDougall, Steve—Husband of Retired Math Dept. Head, Rosemary.

Polewski, Ed `78

(husband of Shelly `78)

Polewski, Emily – Mother of Ted `77, Ed `78, (Deceased) Mark `81 and Steve `82

Renaud, Barb—Wife of retired staff member Ray `63

Yates, Shawn `77 – (husband of Charlene)brother of John `72, Brian `89, Karen `90

Rev. Patrick William Fuerth

Jun 28, 1942 - Aug 27, 2017



Born on June 28, 1942 and passed away into God's loving arms on August 27, 2017 at 75 years of age. Son of the late Lawrence and Mildred Fuerth (Murphy). Loving brother of Thomas (Ruth Ann Croft), Justice Stephen (Betty Kuchta), Gregory (Denise Chevalier). Cherished uncle of Shaun (Kolleen), Ryan, Wes (Becky), Ben (Karen), Alex (Kassandra), Justin and Eric. Great uncle of Laura, Jared, Brendan, Kayla, Mackenzie and Isabelle. Father Patrick was ordained on

May 27, 1967 at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica in London. He was the assistant Pastor at St. Michael's in Leamington followed by studies in Europe for 3 years for his PhD. Upon his return, he taught at St. Peter's Seminary and was appointed Rector from 1986-1995. He then served as Pastor at St. Gregory the Great in St. Clair Beach (1995-2004) and finally returned to St. Michael's in Leamington from 2004 until his retirement in January 2017. Father Patrick was heavily involved with Retrouvaille for many years. He was the Episcopal Vicar for the Essex Deanery of the Diocese of London until July 2016 and was an honorary 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus. Father Patrick had always championed social justice causes including work with migrant farmers in Essex County and supported the Diocese of London Refugee Ministries. He will always be remembered for his love of music and spending time gardening.



Our thoughts and prayers are with our Alumni's Family and

Morencie '74, partners taking over Nantais Sports

Article from *The Windsor*



One of those frequent chats over the store counter started the ball rolling.

“It was a while ago,” Morencie recalled. “Tommy was talking about selling and I said, “Would you be interested if we were interested? We might like a shot at this.”

One of Morencie’s former football players with the AKO Fratmen ran a trophy business in Oldcastle with a couple of partners and that group bought Trophy Boys. “We thought it best if we sold to someone who knew the business,” said Morencie who now owns the Fratmen as well. “We’re really excited about this.

“We’re still dealing with a lot of the same people, schools, principals, Windsor minor football,” he added. “The people who

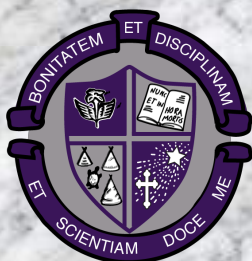
need trophies are the people who need equipment.” For a time, Morencie and his partners considered running both Trophy Boys and Nantais but then realized “that’s double lunacy. Trophy Boys is a very busy business. This is going to be a change of pace.”

A change of pace is welcomed by Jones as well. At 71, he’s the same age as the store he runs. Russ Nantais opened in 1946 on Wyandotte and operated it for many years with his younger brother, Lee. Lee took the helm in 1980 and Jones took over from him 10 years later. Jones joined the staff in 1969.

“I was coaching baseball in South Windsor minor which Lee ran,” Jones recalled. “They had an opening at the store and said you know sports do you want the job.” Jones has customers who span three and sometimes four generations. “Kids I coached bring their grandkids in and in some cases they’re great grandkids,” he said. “And when they come in, they still call me Coach.”

To survive against large chains, Jones joined a buying group known as Source for Sports in order to offer competitive pricing and that’s why it’s now Nantais Source for Sports. “It’s almost impossible to be independent,” Customer service has always set them apart. “We still play catch with people in the store,” he said. “We just move the racks back to make sure the glove feels good on their hand.”

The new ownership is going to keep the two long-serving employees who work with Jones and the store’s name won’t change either. “It’s a west-end icon,” Morencie said. “We’re going to work hard on marketing the business. We’re not getting into too many things, we’re going to do five or six sports and knock them out. “We always want to be known as the mom-and-pop-type business where you can get a couple of rolls of tape or a couple of thousand dollars worth of equipment,” Jones said.



SAVE THE DATE!
November 7, 2020
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Mass, Fellowship, Food, Sports, Memories and More!!!

Assumption College Catholic High School— 150th Anniversary
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

2017 Catherine Pham	1999	1981 Denise Hebert	1963	1945
2016	1998	1980	1962	1944
2015 Phil Klimski	1997 Vanessa Shields	1979 Panontin Sisters	1961	1943
2014	1996	1978 Tom Moscicki/Geri Soulliere Pamela Hartford	1960	1942
2013	1995	1977 Mark Doust	1959	1941
2012 Laura Limarzi	1994	1976 Michael Duchene/Mike Harris	1958	1940 Cecil Birch
2011	1993	1975 Peter Hrastovec	1957	
2010	1992	1974 Harold Remark	1956	
2009	1991	1973	1955 Pat McHugh/Barry McDonald	
2008	1990	1972 Dave Gruska	1954	
2007	1989	1971 Dr. Sidney Siu	1953 Hunt Hool (d. Jack Hool)	
2006	1988	1970	1952	
2005 Anacleto D'Alessandro	1987	1969	1951	
2004	1986	1968	1950 John Rouble	
2003	1985	1967 Chris Kohl	1949	
2002	1984	1966 Gary Ulicny	1948	2018 Evan Tanovich
2001	1983 Chuck Thompson	1965	1947	2019 Jessica Rindlisbacher
2000	1982 Rob Sartor	1964	1946	2020

150th Anniversary Reunion

The Alumni Association needs your help!
We are looking for volunteers to communicate with your classmates for the 150th Reunion,
to be held November 7th, 2020.

On page 10, you will find the chart of all the Grad years.

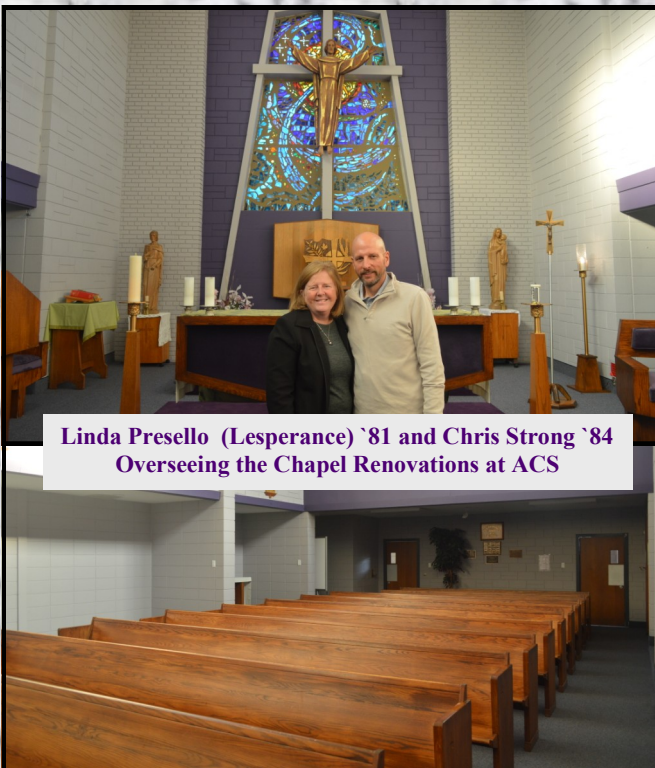
As you can see, there are many spots available.
If you would like to take the **lead** for your year, we are asking that you please contact
Linda Presello '81, Campus Minister at Assumption College Catholic High School at:
lindapresello@mytools2go.ca

As a **lead**, your responsibility will be to contact classmates (a list will be provided)
and update them with information as it becomes available through the Alumni Committee.

Be creative, the possibilities are endless.

We are also looking for Alumni to help with the overall planning of this very special weekend
of festivities. Together we will celebrate, goodness, discipline and knowledge.

There will be a meeting in the spring (TBA) for those interested!



**Linda Presello (Lesperance) '81 and Chris Strong '84
Overseeing the Chapel Renovations at ACS**

Chapel Renovations

The Chapel at Assumption College Catholic High School has
been under renovation since June 1017.

We are looking for individuals or Grad Years to financially
support the project to it's completion. Tax receipts will be
issued upon request.

If you would like to donate, please call or email
Linda Presello at: Linda_presello@wecdsb.on.ca or
519-256-7801 Ext 2213

Here are some of the unfinished items:

- PA System—mics, lapel mic, speakers, sound board etc
- Kneelers—all kneelers need new padding and covers
- Processional Cross and Candles
- Altar Lines
- Tree of Life—In Remembrance

Approximate cost for each of the above is \$1000-\$1500

