



Meet Our New President Robert Sartor Class of 1982

Hello Assumption Alumni:

Robert Sartor (class of 1982) here to introduce myself as the new Assumption Alumni President. I am looking forward to leading an amazing committee that is incredibly dedicated to ACS.

Looking back on my years it was an incredible time to be part of this institution. The athletic programs, clubs, drama plays, can food drive were provided me with amazing memories and developed incredible friendships that have lasted for many years.

I joined the Assumption Alumni committee to give back to a school that has provided me with a tremendous experience and training to be a good person. I want to be sure that current and future Assumption Alumni will always be proud of their alma mater.

On a personal note, I have been married to Teresa for 29 years and we have been blessed with 5 children (Heather, Emily, Jack, Harrison and Everett). I am a graduate of the University of Windsor and have worked for Messer Canada for 26 years. I look forward to serving in this role.

Go Raiders!

Robert Sartor (82')



Horace Sheffield III '70

Named Black History Game Changers Honouree

DETROIT -- Rev. Horace Sheffield III can quickly pinpoint the person who most influenced his life - his father, Horace Sheffield Jr.

Sheffield's dad was the president of the Negro American Labor Council and through his activism, formed a close relationship with Martin Luther King Jr. "All of my early childhood was immersed in the civil rights movement," said Sheffield, a Detroit native. "And then, of course, community organizing and political empowerment in the city of Detroit."

For Sheffield, watching his father work tirelessly to promote social change taught him that any obstacle can be overcome with the right attitude and work ethic. "When people make up their mind, organize and stick to it, they can overcome seemingly insurmountable odds," Sheffield said. "You have to be committed to your cause and see it through. I think that's applicable today. Whether that's a personal pursuit or something larger in your community, it really applies to everything."

Sheffield is the first of four Black History Game Changers that the Detroit Red Wings, Detroit Tigers and Comerica Bank are celebrating this year.

"I love this work," Sheffield said. "It goes generations. My mother was an elected official, my grandfather was one of the first Black formative forward-thinkers and my daughter is president of the city council. We've seen the fruit of our labor and what happens when people make a commitment to make things better."

SAVE THE DATE!!

Assumption College Catholic High School

155th Reunion

NOVEMBER 8, 2025

Windsor, Ontario

More information to follow

If you would like to join the planning committee, please email:

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A Blast from the Past: Richard Loreto, Class of '67

By: Kris Kohl



Like many young teens influenced by the overwhelming impact of the Beatles in the early 1960s, Richard Loreto learned to play the guitar at about the time that he started grade 9 at Assumption Collegiate School in 1963. By the summer of 1964, he and ACS fellow student Don Renaud, who played drums, and two other young musicians, formed a band named the Royal Rogues. When everyone in the band is about 15 years old, the probability of successfully landing jobs is low. Undaunted, they kept improving their musical skills and jamming together often.

In 1966, under its new name, John Thomas and the Weapers (yes, Weapers with an “a”), the band started to pick up steam playing at various dances in high schools (including Assumption) and community centres such as the Knights of Columbus and the French Canadian Centre. The Purple Pad in nearby Essex was a venue at which the band played often. The Weapers broke up in the spring of 1967, but Richard was asked to join an emerging Windsor super group, the Blues Train. “Blues Train 1.0” was an eight-piece horn band modeled after American rhythm and blues bands such as the James Brown band.

In a lengthy newspaper article describing Windsor’s local music scene and its performers, John Laycock ended with these words: But most of all, we have the Blues Train....Two years ago, the group was a quintet running a soul show..., but they were too young and innocent-looking to pull it off. In the last six months, though, they’ve really grown. Adding a horn section, the Train moved into Chicago - Blood, Sweat and Tears kind of material.

In recent years, he has immersed himself in learning Italian and researching his family history, going to Italy annually to do research. He has surprised even himself with the rewarding discoveries he has made about his ancestors. Richard’s two young grandsons also occupy much of his time. Richard remembers and appreciates having attended ACH. “I enjoyed my years at Assumption in all respects,” he stated recently. “The emphasis on academic excellence and the association with so many bright students were important factors in my career success. The motto was ‘Teach me goodness, discipline, and knowledge,’ and that is exactly what happened for me.” Richard Loreto is one ACH graduate who has balanced an exciting vocation with a thrilling avocation. We wish him and his family all the best.



Norman Boutet '52, passed away January 2, 2023 following a short illness. Norm is survived by his 4 children, all Assumption alumni: Mike '77, Dave '79, Paul '81 and Nancy '85.

Norman retired from Canadian Rock Salt after many years of service. Over the years, Norman dedicated his time to coaching and administering Minor Hockey and Baseball teams. Norman was a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus, Alphonse Kerckhaert Assembly Council # 2289 , and a past Grand Knight of Mother Theresa Council # 12494.

Norman was a man of devout faith, and was a choir member at O.L.P.H. Church. He will be lovingly remembered by all that knew him as a kind, true gentleman. Norman lived up to the motto “Teach me goodness, discipline and knowledge”.



Rev. Leo Burns '52 - "Here at Presentation Manor in Toronto are: Fr. Jim Carruthers '52, Fr. Wilfred Janisse '52 and Fr Dan '62. Thank you for the Newsletter."

David Paron '55 - "Enjoy reading the Newsletter. Please continue mailing (with thanks)."

Veronica Boretsky - "I very much enjoy reading the Newsletter. Continue to do great work."

Robert G. Ruel '55 - "Hi Guys - I look forward to receiving the Newsletters. I would appreciate any news you have regarding my grad year 1955."

David DuPerron '76 - "To Assumption Alumni Committee. I really enjoy the newsletter and I have enclosed \$25.00 to help pay for expenses and postage. You are doing a great job. Mike Duchene was in my grade - he was always a perfect gentleman and a great supporter of Assumption. All the best to you ALL!"

Ronald Klatt '48 - "Great Class of 1948. I'm 92 years old!!!"

Cecil EAVES Cecil Eaves, 87 yrs, passed away on October 31, 2022, survived by his children Mike (Beth), Paul (Robine), and Murray (Deborah). Cecil was born in Dewberry, Alberta on May 6, 1935. He was a Graduate of Denver University, where he was a member of the 1957 NCAA Hockey Championship team. He received his Master's in Kinesiology at the University of Oregon, and his Doctorate of Kinesiology at Ohio State University. Cecil was a long time professor, coach, and mentor at the University of Windsor. That is where the passion for hockey began for the very successful Eaves hockey family.

Laura Mooney (Niziolek) 1962 – 2023

Laura passed away on March 12, 2023, after battling cancer, surrounded by her loved ones. Beloved wife and best friend to Michael, who was always by her side, recently celebrating 33 years of marriage. Exceptional mother to Ellary and Jared. Best friend to Josette Kett (Thibert). Laura grew up in the U of W neighbourhood on Randolph, near Josette on Askin as well as Domenic Giglio, the Murphy, Broad, and McKenzie families on California, and the Hools on Sunset. We all attended St. Anthony Grade School together, and then Assumption High School, graduating in 1979. She was a very beautiful person, on the inside and outside. She was the most kind, thoughtful, selfless, fun, and caring person. Laura met Mike at ACH, which was the beginning of an incredible life together. Together they operated Lilly Kazilly's restaurant, serving the public for 25 years, including hosting numerous ACH and St. Anthony class reunions. Laura will be deeply missed by Mike, her family, friends, and everyone that was fortunate to meet and know her. Always remembered in our thoughts and in our hearts.

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

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Broughton, Sean Allen	Caira, Pietro	Duchene, Michael
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Praying for loved ones...

Boutette, Norman '52
Chisholm, Bill '50
Courney, Camille - sister of Monica '79
Cronin, George '46
Denomme, Denis E. '55
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Gabriel, William '56
Grossutti, Gilbert - former staff member
Maio, Michael '79 - brother of Mary Jean '85
Malette, Sr. Sue - retired staff 1974-1980
McNamara, Justin '46 - father of Mary '77, Dan '79, Kerry '82 (d.1997)
Niziolek, Laura (Mooney) '79 - wife of Mike '75
Rondot, James '66
Tinkess, Joan - retired staff 1987-1994





Peter Hrastovec

Poet Laureate 2023-2027

Peter Hrastovec was born in Windsor, where he built his career and raised his family. He describes himself as a proud Canadian, and the son of immigrants. A published poet and performing artist in local theatre, Hrastovec is also a practising lawyer. He has experience as a sessional instructor with the University of Windsor's Faculty of Law, and as an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Detroit Mercy. He received his Honours Secondary School Graduation Diploma from Assumption College School, and obtained both his Bachelor of Laws, LL.B., and Bachelor of Arts – English, Language and Literature from the University of Windsor.

“As Windsor’s next poet laureate, I will focus on the beauty of our diversity, the integration and celebration of our multicultural heritage that is as profound as it is endearing. The many voices of our people from all over this planet can be heard as if in a chorus. In this role, I want to be a touchstone to the city’s soul, to help guide and educate our citizenry as well as elevate and promote all the elements that inspire our daily lives. It is here that I learned to ‘give back’ – to contribute and make this place welcoming to others, a place where we celebrate our history and where we build on our successes. Here, we nurture and support talent and revel in an international border – a ribbon of friendship – that is an unparalleled wonder that opens opportunity for all of us. Like the very river within our reach, this city endures; we are obliged to celebrate its glory. I would very much like to play a part in contributing to our continuing ‘work in progress’ – my home, my heart.” - **Peter Hrastovec, Poet Laureate, City of Windsor**

Alumni Association Members

Robert Sartor '82 - President

Michael Duchene '76 - Vice President

Bruno Limarzi '72, Finance Officer

Linda Presello '81- Secretary

Members at large:

Cris Kohl '67

Hunt Hool '79

Lisa Paolatto '81

Paul DeMarco '69

Michael Tremblay '69

Rose Casaccia '83



Assumption Teacher Honoured by Canadian Association of Physicists



Assumption College Catholic High School science teacher **Adam Mills** was honoured with a teaching award by the Canadian Association of Physicists in ceremony Thursday at the school.

Mills was given the 2022 Award for Excellence in Teaching High School/CEGEP Physics in Ontario by officials from the association.

“I am humbled and overjoyed to have been selected as the recipient of the 2022 CAP HS-CEGEP Teaching Award,” Mills said in a release.

“Providing my students with opportunities for them to discover the tricks of nature is a personal passion and this award has further fuelled that fire.”

The CAP Award for Excellence in Teaching High School/CEGEP Physics, which was introduced in 2010, is intended to recognize excellence in teaching physics in Canadian high schools or CEGEPs and to encourage and promote physics at the high school/CEGEP level in Canada.

Mills has served as an innovative science, math and physics teacher for the Windsor Essex Catholic District School Board since 2012. Mills currently teaches International Baccalaureate Physics at Assumption, among other subjects.

Congratulations Mr. Mills on receiving this honour.

Alumni Association

Exciting News!!

Please check out our new online store for Alumni looking for Raider gear! Shipped directly to you home!

<https://shopgpcanada.com/assumption-alumni>



**Assumption College Catholic High School
155th Reunion is coming in 2025!
Stay posted for more information!**





City of Windsor Appoints Next Youth Poet Laureate

Chidera Ikwibe 2019 Alumni

The City of Windsor is proud to announce **Chidera Ikwibe** as the next Youth Poet Laureate serving in the City's Poet Laureate & Storytellers Program. Ikwibe will serve in the position from August 2023 to approximately August 2025.

Ikwibe is an Igbo Nigerian Canadian artist and poet whose work often combines her experiences and cultural identity. Her works often incorporate Nsibidi – an ideographic/pictographic writing system from the south-eastern region of Nigeria and south-western Cameroon. She was the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association (OECTA) winner for the senior playwriting competition for 2018 for a play she wrote about the Nigerian Civil War. She has been published in poetry anthologies such as *Voices # 1*, published by Poetry in Voice, Island Shores Anthology; and in the anthologies *Catch the Whispers* and *Passages of the Heart*, published by the Poetry Institute of Canada.

As an artist and community-builder, Chidera's areas of interest are race and ethnicity, Anti-Black racism, institutional decolonization, poetry as performance, spoken-word radio, Black Diaspora, playwriting, mask making, and mixed media. She is pursuing her Bachelor of Arts (BA) in psychology and BA in English and creative writing at the University of Windsor. Her creative work and professional experience have included roles as a collage poetry instructor with Art Windsor-Essex (AWE), radio show host with CJAM 99.1 FM, and as a poetry instructor with Youth Wellness Hub Windsor. Ikwibe's extensive community engagement and volunteer roles include co-mural painter at **Assumption College School (2019)**.

As Windsor's Youth Poet Laureate, Ikwibe looks forward to serving as an ambassador for the literary arts and artists by incorporating poetry and writing into spaces where they may not be expected. She has a goal of working with youth inside classrooms, newcomer centres and other settings to teach them about poetry and encourage their engagement with the creative and literary arts. Ikwibe sees this role as an opportunity to incorporate the youth from Windsor's diverse and multicultural communities to fully engage newcomers, immigrants and marginalized youth with the literary arts community.



Lou Romano '52 - Served Windsor All His Life

Louis Romano, August 15, 1934 — Sept. 8, 2023

A humble man with an Italian immigrant hard-work ethic, Lou Romano contributed so much to improvements in waste-water treatment in Windsor that a city plant carries his name.

The Lou Romano Water Reclamation Plant at Ojibway Parkway and Sandwich Street was given the name after his retirement as Windsor's director of pollution control.

Born and raised in Windsor, Romano attended Assumption College and graduated from the University of Detroit with a degree in engineering.

A chemical engineer by training, he saw an opportunity to use his background to improve waste-water treatment, said his son Walter Romano '79.

He became so immersed in engineering and pushing new concepts that he passed along his enthusiasm for the field through generations — three grandchildren and a nephew went into engineering.

Romano was always looking to make improvements, said Walter.

"He was a thinker and a very good engineer. I think one of the reasons they named the plant after my dad is he had a lot of revolutionary ideas."

Indeed, Romano travelled the world to glean ways to improve Windsor's approach to water treatment.

The Little River plant's screw pump — an auger-like device that can transport waste water — was an improvement advanced by Romano, Walter said.

He also played a major role in diverting waste-water products from landfills, instead diverting them to composting facilities for use as fertilizer.

"He was willing to push the boundaries in Ontario with respect to some of these ideas," Walter said.

A humble man who loved his grandchildren, Romano was first and always a Windsorite, Walter said.

Born shortly after his parents arrived in Windsor, Romano didn't speak English until he was seven years old. He had a "true immigrant, ethnic upbringing," said Walter, adding his father was a member of the Fogolar Furlan Club of Windsor.

Romano turned down opportunities in other jurisdictions because his lifelong ambition was to serve Windsor, Walter said.

"He didn't just want to go to work and to say, 'I went to work and put in my 40 hours.' Dad was about making a difference and he wanted to make a difference for the city.

He saw it that way. He saw himself as a servant working for the city."

UPCOMING EVENTS

**November 8, 2023 at Assumption College Catholic HS
@ 7:00 p.m.**

**For anyone interested in being a part of the 155th Alumni
Reunion Committee.**

155th Reunion is November 8, 2025 at Caesars Windsor

Sports Reunion

The ACH Alumni is hosting an inaugural reunion on Sunday, November 5th, 2023, at Kurley's AC at 1080 Erie St. E, starting at 1:00 p.m. Come one, come all!!! We want to see you if you played on any of the boys or girls sports teams, if you coached, were a cheerleader, part of the famous PEP band, or if you were a fan or supporter of any team. Come and reminisce about the big games, won or lost. Hope to see you there. Go Raiders!

Assumption High School is Growing

Gr. 9 - 207

Gr. 10 - 213

Gr. 11 - 193

Gr. 12 - 183

Gr. 7 and 8 - 176

ACS Staff - 75

ACCMSS Staff - 15

and still climbing...

**Teach Me
Goodness
Discipline
And
Knowledge**



Remembering Sr. Malette

**MALETTE, Marie-Therese Suzanne (Sue) SNJM (Sr. M. Claire-Michele)
November 23, 1937 - August 16, 2023**

The Sisters of the Holy Names (SNJM), U.S.-Ontario Province, announce the birth into eternal life of Sister Sue Malette on August 16, 2023 at Emara Center- Transition To Betterness in Windsor at the age of 85 years and 66 years of Religious Profession. She was surrounded by her SNJM community, family members from Canada and the U.S.A. and friends.

Sr. Suzanne was the last surviving member of her family. Born to Solanges Gougeon (1970) and Hector (1976), she was raised in Windsor, Ontario with strong French Canadian customs and traditions. Predeceased by siblings: Claire (George Ludowe); Denise (Richard Keeley); Jacqueline; Madeleine (M. Thomson); John (Mila); Claude (Gloria). Survived by many nieces and nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews in the U.S.A., Canada and Mexico. Strong family ties led Sue to plan family reunions at Holy Names Villa in Harrow, Ontario. Many fond memories were shared and connections solidified.

Sue entered the novitiate of the Sisters of the Holy Names in Outremont, QC in 1955 and professed Perpetual Profession on August 5, 1962. From 1957 - 1980, Sue taught in French and English language schools in Essex County, and in Chicago, Illinois. She taught History, Francais and was swim coach for the boys team at Assumption College Catholic High School..

In 1980, Sue began training volunteers for Prison Ministry at the Windsor Jail. This led her to an 11- month Internship in Chaplaincy. She became Roman Catholic Chaplain at Kingston Penitentiary and Joyceville Institution in Kingston, Ontario until 1988. The men from Windsor would say: "Sister, you followed us to the Big House." Sue attended the McKinnon Institute of Massage in Oakland, California and became a certified masseuse. Thus began her ministry as a Holistic Practitioner in 1990-2014. She integrated massage with the Art of Spiritual Companionship. In the 1990-2014. Sister Sue served as Archivist for SNJMs in Ontario. She was a member of the Catholic Archives Group in Ontario and Le Regroupement des Archivistes Religieux across Canada. She participated in the French-Canadian Heritage Society of Michigan and travelled to Longueuil, QC where the SNJM archives are held. She was proud of being a "Malette" and treasured her French Canadian and Mohawk ancestry.

Sue networked with various groups: Interfaith Group in Windsor, ON; Heart of Compassion Faith Community in Windsor/Detroit; SNJM Spiritual Ministries Network in U.S.-Ontario Province; Centering Prayer Group in Windsor; reached out to refugees as early as the 1970s; helped open the "first home" for individuals with HIV/Aids in Oakland, California; spent years supporting persons living with Aids along with their families.

In 2021, Sue moved to Cardinal Place Retirement Residence. Her days were filled with prayer, daily exercise, reading and sharing with other residents. The Windsor Star was a daily companion. SNJM Community feasts and celebrations were always a top priority. Sue wishes to be remembered as: Un Coeur Généreux / Âme sensible/ Pour le prochain/ Elle fait l'impossible/COMPASSION. Her favourite biblical quote, "**Because she has loved much, much will be forgiven her**"

The Sisters of the Holy Names give thanks to: Windsor Regional Hospital (Ouellette Campus) 5th and 7th floor staffs /Dr Tyler Gervais; Cardinal Place Retirement Residence Staff; Transition-to Betterness, Prince Rd; family and support groups.